

March 2026 Current Affairs

Q1. Which state government presented its budget with an allocation of ₹2.23 lakh crore for FY 2026-27, marking a 10.28% increase?

Ans: Haryana; CM Nayab Singh Saini presented the budget on March 26, 2026.

Q2. What is the capital expenditure (as % of total) allocated in Haryana Budget 2026-27?

Ans: 12.6%; ₹28,205 crore capital expenditure out of ₹2.23 lakh crore.

Q3. Which state ranked first in NITI Aayog's Fiscal Health Index 2026?

Ans: Odisha; scored 73.1, followed by Goa (54.7) and Jharkhand (50.5).

Q4. What is the fiscal deficit target for Maharashtra Budget 2026-27?

Ans: 2.7% GSDP; ₹1,50,491 crore fiscal deficit with ₹7.69 lakh crore total outlay.

Q5. PM Narendra Modi inaugurated which metro corridor connecting 12.3 km with 10 new stations?

Ans: Pink Line (Majlis Park–Maujpur-Babarpur section); completing India's first fully operational Ring Metro corridor.

Q6. How many km does Delhi Metro Phase-V Golden Line extension span with airport connectivity?

Ans: To Indira Gandhi International Airport Terminal-1; laying foundation for expanded metro network infrastructure.

Q7. Which state launched 'Dark Sky Park' at Kolli Hills for astro-tourism?

Ans: Tamil Nadu; ₹1 crore investment with 3 advanced telescopes and solar-powered infrastructure.

Q8. In which village did Maharashtra declare itself 'caste-free' through a Gram Sabha resolution?

Ans: Soundala; Ahilyanagar district, approximately 350 km from Mumbai, under Sarpanch Sharad Argade.

Q9. What is the fine amount in Soundala village for caste-based discrimination?

Ans: ₹500; along with ₹11,000 support for widow remarriage under 'caste-free' initiative.

Q10. Which portal did Maharashtra launch for integrated disability welfare schemes?

Ans: Divyang Sahayak Portal; India's first fully integrated online platform with 11 modules for persons with disabilities.

Q11. How many women and girls participated in the International Women's Day Lezim dance record in Maharashtra?

Ans: 9,111; at Savalaram Maharaj Sports Complex in Dombivli, breaking previous Guinness World Record of 7,338.

Q12. What is the maximum imprisonment period for forced religious conversions under Maharashtra's Freedom of Religion Bill 2026?

Ans: 10 years; for repeat offenders with additional fine of ₹5 lakh for vulnerable groups.

Q13. Which West Bengal ADB-funded projects worth ₹4,648 crore were approved for education and ICDS?

Ans: Two major projects; 70% ADB, 30% State funding following 70:30 model for infrastructure strengthening.

Q14. Which river masterplans are being developed under West Bengal's 'Nodi Bandhan' programme worth ₹200 crore?

Ans: Ichhamati and Jalangi rivers; addressing transboundary cooperation with Bangladesh under environmental degradation programme.

Q15. Which three towns did Rajasthan rename to reconnect with historical heritage?

Ans: Mount Abu (Aburaj), Kaman (Kamvan), Jahazpur (Yagyapur); reconnecting modern names with regional heritage.

Q16. Which 20-year MoU did Nagaland sign for weather forecasting and atmospheric research?

Ans: With India Meteorological Department; X-band Polarimetric Doppler Weather Radar at Dimapur Government College.

Q17. What is the innovation fund allocation in Gujarat's STI Policy 2026-2031?

Ans: ₹1,000 crore; targeting 1 lakh research professionals and 1,000 IP filings annually by 2031.

Q18. How much semiconductor ecosystem investment did Gujarat receive from Japan, South Korea, and Malaysia?

Ans: ₹1,600 crore; including Horiba Group's R&D centre and Hotayi Electronic's ₹250 crore facility.

Q19. Which state successfully launched its first sounding rocket near Dholera on March 15, 2026?

Ans: Gujarat; developed by Omspace, reaching ~3 km altitude with carbon fibre technology under Make in India.

Q20. What is the estimated budget for Gujarat's 'Lake and Air Watch' initiative?

Ans: ₹10 crore; monitoring air quality in 17 municipal corporations and 152 municipal areas using satellite technology.

Q21. How many high-demand citizen services were digitalized under Gujarat's Sugam Digital Gujarat Initiative?

Ans: 20 services; including Caste Certificates, Income Certificates, Ration cards under Digital Gujarat Portal.

Q22. What is the funding amount for Telangana's SERP Challenge Fund for rural entrepreneurship?

Ans: ₹12.66 crore; promoting 300+ women and young entrepreneurs through TBIS, T-Hub, WE Hub partnership.

Q23. When was the Indiramma Family Life Insurance Scheme announced in Telangana Budget 2026?

Ans: Launch on June 2, 2026; providing ₹5 lakh insurance coverage per family for 1.15 crore families.

Q24. Which German railway company signed ₹200 crore MoU with Uttar Pradesh for rail infrastructure?

Ans: RAILONE GmbH; modernizing rail infrastructure through technology transfer and global best practices adoption.

Q25. What Guinness World Record did Varanasi set for tree planting?

Ans: 2,51,446 saplings in one hour; surpassing China's 2018 record of 1,53,981 saplings using Miyawaki technique.

Q26. What is the loan amount World Bank provided to Uttar Pradesh for Clean Air Transition?

Ans: USD 299.66 million; installing 200 air quality monitoring stations and transitioning 700 brick kilns.

Q27. Which university in Uttar Pradesh launched CoE in Smart Healthcare with NVIDIA Blackwell GPU?

Ans: Chandigarh University; 168 GB memory powered system supporting 5 AI startups over two years.

Q28. What platform did UP CM launch on March 24, 2026 for ease of doing business?

Ans: Nivesh Mitra 3.0; integrating 530+ services from 43 departments with AI-based chatbot assistance.

Q29. Which fort hill in Uttar Pradesh was declared National Geo-Heritage Site by GSI?

Ans: Kalinjar Fort Hill, Banda district; recognizing Eparchaean Unconformity representing 2.5 billion-year-old formations.

Q30. What is the compensation increase for wildlife attack deaths in Andhra Pradesh under Project HANUMAN?

Ans: ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh; with 100 GPS-enabled vehicles and 4 Wildlife Rescue Centers deployment.

Q31. Which award did Sikkim Police receive in March 2026?

Ans: President's Police Colour Award; one of highest distinctions recognizing sustained excellence and professionalism.

Q32. Who was selected from Sikkim for World Youth Parliament 2026?

Ans: Stuti Pradhan; recognized for parliamentary debate excellence and state winner of Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025.

Q33. What is the proposed social media ban age limit in Karnataka Budget 2026-27?

Ans: Under 16 years; potentially making Karnataka first Indian state with age-based social media restrictions.

Q34. What score did Uttarakhand secure in ICJS 2.0 implementation on CCTNS Progress Dashboard?

Ans: 93.46; securing first position nationally under CM Pushkar Singh Dhami's leadership on criminal law implementation.

Q35. What is the name of cyber safety protocol introduced by Kerala for schools?

Ans: Cyber Safety Protocol 2026; developed by KITE with 13 objectives protecting students from AI-generated misinformation.

Q36. What elevation did Assam achieve in inland waterway projects under IWAI worth ₹526 crore?

Ans: Elevated road corridor and cruise terminals; linking Pandu Port to NH-27 for logistics and river tourism boost.

Q37. How much funding did Chirag Paswan inaugurate for Common Incubation Centre at Tezpur University?

Ans: ₹2.35 crore; supporting self-help groups, FPOs, startups in food processing technology and compliance.

Q38. Which GI-tagged product was exported to London for first time from Assam on March 2, 2026?

Ans: Karbi Anglong Ginger; flagged off by Agriculture Minister Atul Bora at Krishi Bhawan, Guwahati.

Q39. How many cattle shelters will be established under Chhattisgarh's Gaudham Yojana?

Ans: 1,460 shelters; 10 per Development Block accommodating ~200 cattle each with ₹10-35 daily feed assistance.

Q40. Which two milk processing plants will be established under Himachal Pradesh and NDDB MoU?

Ans: At Nahan and Nalagarh; 20,000 litres per day capacity with Dhagwar automated plant processing 1.5 lakh litres daily.

Q41. What is the focus of Himachal Pradesh's cannabis (hemp) farming pilot project?

Ans: Medicinal and industrial uses; addressing global demand for potential economic benefits and agricultural diversification.

Q42. Which village in Odisha is set to become the first smart village under CSIR initiative?

Ans: Kusunpur, Kendrapada district; population ~700 with CSIR institutions implementing climate-resilient sustainable solutions.

Q43. Which state retained top position in Fiscal Health Index 2026?

Ans: Odisha; with 73.1 score demonstrating strong fiscal management and controlled fiscal deficits.

Q44. What is the investment amount for Punjab Sikhya Kranti 2.0 educational reform programme?

Ans: ₹3,500 crore; 6-year duration with World Bank providing ₹2,500 crore and Punjab Government ₹1,000 crore.

Q45. How many varieties of tulips are featured in Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, Srinagar?

Ans: 70-75 varieties; across 74 acres with 1.8 million tulips inaugurated by CM Omar Abdullah on March 16.

Q46. Which Union Minister assumed charge as NCBC Chairperson in March 2026?

Ans: Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti; former Union Minister of State with extensive social welfare and governance experience.

Q47. What version of RAJMARG PRAVESH portal was launched by Nitin Gadkari on February 25, 2026?

Ans: Version 2.0; digitalizing No Objection Certificates for fuel stations, wayside amenities along National Highways.

Q48. How many digital tools were soft-launched for Census-2027 by Amit Shah?

Ans: 4 tools; Houselisting Block Creator Web App, House Listing Officer Mobile App, Self-Enumeration Portal, Management System.

Q49. What are the names of Census-2027 mascots launched by Union Minister Amit Shah?

Ans: Pragati (female) and Vikas (male); developed by C-DAC under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Q50. Which scheme dedicated by President Droupadi Murmu provides ₹61,000 government deposit maturing to ₹1.25 lakh?

Ans: Delhi Lakhpati Bitiya Scheme; part of 'Sashakt Nari Samridh Delhi' women-centric welfare programme.

Q51. What is the transportation benefit under Saheli Pink Smart Card in Delhi?

Ans: Free public transport; for women in DTC buses, Delhi Metro, and RRTS as per scheme directive.

Q52. How much cash per consumer does Free LPG Cylinder Scheme provide in Delhi?

Ans: ₹853; transferred via Direct Benefit Transfer during Holi and Diwali celebrations annually.

Q53. How many women beneficiaries are pending disbursement under Delhi's Meri Poonji Mera Adhikaar scheme?

Ans: 1.75 lakh; clearing backlog of Ladli Scheme disbursement to eligible women beneficiaries.

Q54. What is the purpose of BEE Star Label Mobile Application launched by Manohar Lal Khattar?

Ans: Energy efficiency details; scanning QR codes on appliances to provide energy consumption information.

Q55. Which app did Indian Railways launch on International Women's Day for sexual harassment reporting?

Ans: SHINE (Sexual Harassment Incident Notification for Empowerment); enabling confidential workplace complaint submission.

Q56. What technology does PureAir Tower in New Delhi use for air purification?

Ans: Photosynthetic microalgae; absorbing CO₂, particulate matter, NO_x equivalent to 15 mature trees per tower.

Q57. Which three digital initiatives were launched during NDSA office inauguration in New Delhi?

Ans: NDSA website with GIS, NETRA (AI-enabled platform), Rashtriya Bandh Suraksha Darpan visualization platform.

Q58. What was the cost of Noida International Airport (Jewar) Phase I inauguration on March 28, 2026?

Ans: ₹11,200 crore; with 3,900-metre runway, net-zero emissions design, 12 million annual passenger capacity.

Q59. What is the membership count for Asia-Africa Agri Alliance launched as Section 8 NPO?

Ans: Over ten nations; focusing on trade, agricultural cooperation, investment, and technology exchange between regions.

Q60. When did Department of Posts launch '24 Speed Post' premium express service?

Ans: March 17, 2026; next-day (D+1) guaranteed delivery across six metro cities with OTP-based secure delivery.

Q61. Which brand did Ministry of Tribal Affairs launch for tribal artisans' global reach?

Ans: RISA: Timeless Tribal; enhancing global reach and income of tribal artisans through cultural product promotion.

Q62. What feature did SBI Securities launch under Infinity8 initiative for women investors?

Ans: Women's Mode; on mobile app with goal-based investment journeys and simplified tools based on 6,000+ feedback.

Q63. When did FM Nirmala Sitharaman launch PRARAMBH 2026 income tax awareness campaign?

Ans: March 2026; nationwide campaign for Income Tax Act 2025 implementation effective April 1, 2026.

Q64. What is the key feature of Income Tax Website 2.0 launched during PRARAMBH?

Ans: AI-enabled chatbot Kar Saathi; providing compliance assistance and taxpayer guidance for new tax regime.

Q65. Which ministers jointly launched PRISM-SG Portal on March 26, 2026?

Ans: Nitin Gadkari (MoRTH) and Ashwini Vaishnaw (Railways); reducing ROB approval timelines from 12 to 3-4 months.

Q66. When did Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers observe Janaushadhi Saptah 2026?

Ans: March 1-7, 2026; theme "Jan Aushadhi – affordable and trustworthy, good health with savings" for generic medicines.

Q67. Which ministry organized National Arogya Fair 2026 showcasing traditional medicine systems?

Ans: Ministry of AYUSH; inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu at Shegaon, Buldhana, Maharashtra showcasing 7 systems.

Q68. What is the duration of Tribes Art Fest announced by Ministry of Tribal Affairs?

Ans: March 2-13, 2026; at Travancore Palace, New Delhi showcasing tribal arts, music, culture, and commerce.

Q69. Which festival was held March 13-15 at Bikaner House by Ministry of Tribal Affairs?

Ans: Living Roots Festival; showcasing tribal cultural heritage and traditional practices of indigenous communities.

Q70. What is the festival held March 18-30 at Sunder Nursery announced by Ministry?

Ans: Bharat Tribes Fest; celebrating tribal community contributions and cultural significance nationwide.

Q71. What was the theme of BEE 25th Foundation Day celebration in 2026?

Ans: BEE@25; celebrating Bureau of Energy Efficiency's contributions to energy efficiency and conservation.

Q72. When did Central Warehousing Corporation celebrate its 70th Foundation Day?

Ans: In March 2026; at Bharat Mandapam with record turnover of ₹2,776.88 crore in FY24-25.

Q73. What is the theme of National Science Day 2026 marking 40th observance?

Ans: Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat; commemorating 1928 Raman Effect discovery by C.V. Raman.

Q74. How many women participated in Maharashtra's International Women's Day Lezim record event?

Ans: 9,111; breaking previous Guinness World Record of 7,338 at Dombivli simultaneously.

Q75. What is the total area of Indira Gandhi Memorial Tulip Garden, Srinagar?

Ans: 74 acres; Asia's largest tulip garden with 1.8 million tulips showcasing spring tourism season.

Q76. Which initiative did India and Germany launch for climate resilience worth EUR 20 million?

Ans: Climate Resilience Initiative; strengthening ecosystem-based adaptation in Himalayas, Western Ghats, North-East India.

Q77. Who was named chairman of Hindi Advisory Committee for Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers?

Ans: Jagat Prakash Nadda; Union Minister appointed to lead newly reconstituted Hindi Advisory Committee.

Q78. Which military exercise did Southern Air Command conduct across Lakshadweep and Minicoy?

Ans: Exercise Kalari Leap; involving Armed Forces Special Operations Division and Indian Coast Guard.

Q79. When did Indian Air Force conduct Exercise Vayushakti-26 at Pokhran Field Firing Range?

Ans: February-March 2026; with President Droupadi Murmu as Chief Guest observing 130+ aircraft participation.

Q80. What is the cost of defence procurement contracts signed including ALH Mk-III and VL-Shtil missiles?

Ans: ₹5,083 crore; ₹2,901 crore for HAL ALH Mk-III and ₹2,182 crore for Russian VL-Shtil missiles.

Q81. Which shipyard signed contract for four 500-tonne self-propelled fuel barges with Indian Navy?

Ans: Shoft Shipyard, Thane, Maharashtra; supporting naval logistics under Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Q82. When did DRDO conduct flight trials of VSHORADS missile system?

Ans: February 27, 2026; from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, successfully intercepting aerial targets.

Q83. When was INS Anjadip, third ASW SWC, commissioned at Chennai?

Ans: February 28, 2026; with 77-metre length, 1,400 tonnes displacement, over 80% indigenous content built by GRSE.

Q84. What is the length and capacity of restored Chungthang-Lachen Axis and Taram Chu Bridge?

Ans: 28 km axis and 400-foot suspension bridge; restored by Border Roads Organisation after 2023 GLOF damage.

Q85. Which port did INS Sudarshini arrive at after Suez Canal transit on Lokayan-26 expedition?

Ans: Alexandria, Egypt; marking maritime cooperation and cultural exchange between India and Egypt nations.

Q86. What is Operation Sankalp's maritime security mission objective launched by Indian Navy in 2019?

Ans: Safeguarding Indian merchant ships; through naval patrols in Gulf of Oman and Gulf of Aden regions.

Q87. Who will become GOC-in-C of Western Command succeeding Lt Gen M.K. Katiyar?

Ans: Lt Gen Pushpendra Pal Singh; Parachute Regiment officer from Pawan, Meghdoot operations background.

Q88. When did DRDO and Indian Navy test Air Droppable Container 'ADC-150'?

Ans: February 21- March 1, 2026; four in-flight release trials from P-8I aircraft off Goa coast.

Q89. What is the range and endurance of indigenous long-range strike drone 'Project KAL'?

Ans: 1,000 km range with 3-5 hours endurance; comparable to Shahed-class drones for precision strikes.

Q90. When did Union Minister Rajnath Singh release 'Defence Forces Vision 2047' roadmap?

Ans: March 10, 2026; outlining strategy for future-ready integrated military by 2047 with advanced technologies.

Q91. Which personnel from Sri Lanka Naval Academy were trained by INS Tarangini?

Ans: 3 officers and 26 trainees; completing sail training deployment for professional development.

Q92. What is the focus of Indian Army Central Command's first Strategic Communication Conclave?

Ans: ~500 attendees discussing strategic communication architecture and weaponization of narratives below war threshold.

Q93. Which Iranian warship was struck by US submarine near Sri Lanka EEZ?

Ans: IRIS Dena; killing 80+ sailors while returning from MILAN-2026 naval exercise near Visakhapatnam.

Q94. What is the funding amount for DRDO research project on organophosphorous compound antidotes?

Ans: ₹99.15 lakh; 36-month research project with Bharathiar University under DIA-CoE collaboration.

Q95. Which exercise strengthened US-South Korea regional security cooperation?

Ans: Freedom Shield 2026; ~18,000 South Korean troops and US forces counter-threat coordination in Korea.

Q96. Where is world's first autonomous maritime shipbuilding centre being constructed?

Ans: Juvvaladinne Fishing Harbour, Nellore, Andhra Pradesh; integrating robotics and AI into key production processes.

Q97. How much funding was announced for Integrated Aqua Park in Anantnag, Jammu and Kashmir?

Ans: ₹100 crore; during National Conference on Cold Water Fisheries at SKICC, Srinagar.

Q98. Which Model Guidelines were released for cold-water fisheries development?

Ans: MG-CWF (Model Guidelines for Development of Cold-Water Fisheries); covering scientific seed stocking and aquaculture.

Q99. What is the framework name for India's maritime cooperation initiative launched in March 2026?

Ans: IOS SAGAR (Indian Ocean Ship); with 16 IONS nations under India's IONS chair, MAHASAGAR framework.

Q100. Which frigate participated in Exercise Kakadu 2026 in Australia?

Ans: INS Nilgiri; won Kakadu Shield Trophy during sporting events in Darwin, Australia port phase.

Q101. When did PM Narendra Modi visit Israel at PM Benjamin Netanyahu's invitation?

Ans: February 26-27, 2026; paying tribute at Yad Vashem Memorial, addressing Israeli Parliament.

Q102. What medal did PM Modi receive from Israeli Parliament Speaker Amir Ohana?

Ans: Medal of the Knesset; first Indian PM to address Israeli Parliament (Knesset).

Q103. What partnership was announced between India and Israel during PM Modi's visit?

Ans: Special Strategic Partnership for Peace, Innovation, and Prosperity; covering defence, security, cybersecurity, trade, technology.

Q104. When did India-EU agree on Most Favoured Nation status for five years?*

Ans: February 27, 2026; following India-EU Free Trade Agreement finalized January 2026.

Q105. What tariff reduction percentage did India-EU FTA eliminate on traded goods?*

Ans: 96.6% by value; saving €4 billion for European companies, doubling EU exports to India.

Q106. When did Canadian PM Mark Carney visit India during his first official trip?*

Ans: February 27- March 2, 2026; holding talks at Hyderabad House for CEPA negotiations.

Q107. What bilateral trade target did India-Canada set by 2030?*

Ans: USD 50 billion; across pharmaceuticals, iron, steel, seafood, cotton, electronics, chemicals sectors.

Q108. When did RBI and Bank of Japan renew bilateral swap arrangement?*

Ans: February 28, 2026; Third Amendment maintaining USD 75 billion two-way currency swap facility.

Q109. Which country became first in Americas to eliminate leprosy as public health problem?*

Ans: Chile; verified by WHO becoming 61st country globally, 6th in Americas eliminating NTD.

Q110. What is the leprosy prevalence rate definition for elimination status?*

Ans: Below 1 case per 10,000 population; under WHO definition of disease elimination.

Q111. Which UK nation legalized water cremation (alkaline hydrolysis)?*

Ans: Scotland; first UK nation with 84% public support for green cremation alternative.

Q112. What temperature and duration does alkaline hydrolysis process use?*

Ans: 150°C for 90 minutes; accelerating natural decomposition, reducing emissions seven times vs flame cremation.

Q113. When and where was Mobile World Congress 2026 held?*

Ans: March 2-5, 2026 at Fira Barcelona Gran Via; theme "The IQ Era" emphasizing AI integration.

Q114. Which Union Minister represented India at Mobile World Congress 2026?*

Ans: Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia; at GSMA Ministerial Programme and Main Stage discussions.

Q115. What is the net worth of Elon Musk as per Hurun Global Rich List 2026?*

Ans: USD 792 billion; retaining world's richest person status for 5th time in 6 years.

Q116. How many billionaires does India have according to Hurun Global Rich List 2026?*

Ans: 308 billionaires; ranking 3rd globally after USA and China with 57 new entrants.

Q117. What is Mukesh Ambani's net worth in rupees per Hurun Report 2026?*

Ans: ₹9.8 lakh crore; India's richest person, Asia's richest individual.

Q118. When will Indonesia ban social media for children under 16?*

Ans: March 28, 2026; requiring age verification on TikTok, YouTube, Instagram, Facebook.

Q119. Who is set to become Nepal's Prime Minister after 2026 elections?*

Ans: Balendra 'Balen' Shah; leader of Rastriya Swatantra Party, Gen Z protests-backed candidate.

Q120. Which Indian cricketer was featured in Mattel's Barbie Dream Team 2026?*

Ans: Smriti Mandhana; first Indian cricketer featured honoring global women icons.

Q121. When did Finland President Alexander Stubb visit India?*

Ans: March 4-7, 2026; 4-day State Visit elevating ties to Strategic Partnership.

Q122. What strategic partnership was elevated between India and Finland?*

Ans: Strategic Partnership for Digitalisation and Sustainability; focusing on AI, Quantum Computing, Green Hydrogen, 6G.

Q123. When did President Stubb attend 11th Raisina Dialogue as Chief Guest?*

Ans: March 5-7, 2026; keynote speaker at Delhi's flagship geopolitics conference.

Q124. Which country ratified International Solar Alliance Framework Agreement on March 14, 2026?*

Ans: Romania; through Ambassador Sena Latif submission, becoming 119th ISA member country.

Q125. What is the market value of Indo-CIS Pharma-Nutraceutical Corridor launched?*

Ans: USD 7-10 billion; for Eurasian healthcare market access through India-Uzbekistan partnership.

Q126. When is Pharma Eurasia 2026 commercial launch scheduled?*

Ans: May 20-22, 2026 in Tashkent; marking commercial rollout of pharma-nutraceutical corridor.

Q127. What investment did Reliance Industries announce for US refinery?*

Ans: USD 300 billion; building first new major oil refinery in nearly 50 years at Port of Brownsville, Texas.

Q128. What is the processing capacity of Reliance's Brownsville refinery?*

Ans: 1.2 billion barrels of US shale oil; producing 50 billion gallons refined petroleum worth USD 175 billion.

Q129. When was Jose Antonio Kast sworn in as Chile's 38th President?*

Ans: March 19, 2026; Union Minister Kirti Vardhan Singh represented Gol at National Congress.

Q130. Which Indian military exercise was conducted with USA and partners in Guam?*

Ans: Exercise Sea Dragon 2026; ASW exercise at Andersen Air Force Base with India, Japan, Australia, New Zealand.

Q131. How many institutions from Northeast India signed LoI for Japan Academic Consortium?*

Ans: 22 institutions; led by IIT-Guwahati with Gifu University during Japan-Northeast Academic Industry Symposium.

Q132. Which official led India-Vietnam tribal development cooperation?*

Ans: Union Minister Jual Oram; co-chaired with Vietnam's Minister Dao Ngoc Dung in New Delhi.

Q133. Which chamber signed MoU for India-Canada business cooperation?*

Ans: ASSOCHAM and Indo Canada Chamber of Commerce (ICCC); enhancing trade and investment.

Q134. What is the purpose of MSDE MoU with GATI Foundation?*

Ans: Global skill mobility framework; positioning India as global skills capital by 2047.

Q135. What initiative did DEPwD sign with Coalition of the Willing?*

Ans: India's first integrated life-cycle support model for hearing impaired persons.

Q136. How much funding did Oil India Limited allocate for MP tribal healthcare?*

Ans: ₹86.27 lakh; strengthening CHCs and PHCs in Rajgarh district under NSTFDC partnership.

Q137. Which startup partnership did T-Hub sign with Japan External Trade Organisation?*

Ans: JETRO collaboration; bolstering India-Japan deep-tech startup cooperation in March 2026.

Q138. What focus areas did T-Hub-JETRO partnership target?*

Ans: Pharma, medical equipment, space, aerospace, defence, mobility, smart infrastructure, AI, IoT.

Q139. What CCU technology partnership did NCB sign with TraceXero Technologies?*

Ans: Carbon Capture and Utilisation technology; converting cement emissions into graphite and graphene.

Q140. What percentage of global CO₂ does cement industry contribute?*

Ans: Nearly 7%; making cement sector major target for CCU technology development.

Q141. Which streaming format did FIFA introduce with YouTube for World Cup 2026?*

Ans: First 10 minutes live on YouTube; redirecting to official broadcasters after initial viewing window.

Q142. When is FIFA World Cup 2026 scheduled?*

Ans: June 11- July 19, 2026; hosted by USA, Canada, Mexico with 48 teams, 104 matches.

Q143. Which nations did India initiate trade negotiations with in March 2026?*

Ans: Philippines (PTA) and Maldives (FTA); to strengthen bilateral trade relationships.

Q144. What is India's export growth to Philippines in 2024-25?*

Ans: 3.11% increase to USD 2.16 billion; declining imports 17.8% to USD 1.17 billion.

Q145. When did Argentina officially withdraw from WHO?*

Ans: After one-year notification effective March 2026; following President Javier Milei's February 2025 announcement.

Q146. Which law did Brazil implement for minors' social media access in 2026?*

Ans: Age-restricted accounts requiring legal guardian linking; targeting children under 16 with identity verification.

Q147. What penalties did Brazil impose for social media age restriction violations?*

Ans: Fines up to 50 million reais; account suspensions or complete bans overseen by ANPD.

Q148. Who became Nepal's first transgender woman Member of Parliament?*

Ans: Bhumika Shrestha; elected under proportional representation with Rastriya Swatantra Party (March 2026).

Q149. What is Fitch Ratings' India GDP growth forecast for FY26?*

Ans: 7.5%; revised upward from 7.4% in December 2025 estimate.

Q150. What FY27 GDP growth projection did Fitch Ratings revise for India?*

Ans: 6.7%; compared to 6.4% previous December 2025 estimate with moderation in first half.

Q151. What global merchandise trade growth does WTO project for 2026?*

Ans: 1.9%; down from 4.6% in 2025 due to geopolitical tensions and tariff effects.

Q152. What merchandise trade recovery projection did WTO forecast for 2027?*

Ans: 2.6%; improvement from 2026 slowdown with continued normalization trajectory.

Q153. How many total billionaires does Hurun Global Rich List 2026 report?*

Ans: 4,020 billionaires; first time exceeding 4,000 with 578 new billionaires added annually.

Q154. Who is the world's richest woman in Hurun Global Rich List 2026?*

Ans: Alice Walton; Walmart heir with USD 134 billion net worth.

Q155. What is Roshni Nadar Malhotra's ranking among India's richest women?*

Ans: India's richest woman; first to enter overall top three billionaires globally.

Q156. When was World Happiness Report 2026 released?*

Ans: March 20, 2026; by Wellbeing Research Centre, University of Oxford.

Q157. Which country topped World Happiness Report 2026 for 9th consecutive year?*

Ans: Finland; with strong social welfare, institutional trust, education, healthcare, work-life balance.

Q158. What score did India achieve in World Happiness Report 2026?*

Ans: 4.536; ranked 116th out of 147 nations, facing social support and governance challenges.

Q159. When did India and Indonesia announce Prambanan Temple restoration collaboration?*

Ans: March 16, 2026 in Jakarta; using anastylosis archaeological conservation technique.

Q160. What century was Prambanan Temple built dedicated to Hindu Trimurti?*

Ans: 9th century; by Sanjaya dynasty, largest Hindu temple complex in Indonesia.

Q161. When did India and Italy hold 9th Foreign Office Consultations?*

Ans: March 20, 2026 in New Delhi; reviewing JSAP 2025-29 implementation.

Q162. What new dialogue did India-Italy agree to initiate?*

Ans: First Maritime Security Dialogue (MSD); strengthening bilateral maritime cooperation framework.

Q163. When did India and Bhutan sign UPU-UI cross-border remittance MoU?*

Ans: March 19-22, 2026 in Thimphu; strengthening postal sector cooperation.

Q164. When did INS Nilgiri participate in Exercise Kakadu 2026?*

Ans: March 2026 in Australia; 17th edition with 19 nations, 6,000 personnel participation.

Q165. Which trophy did INS Nilgiri crew win during Exercise Kakadu 2026?*

Ans: Kakadu Shield Trophy; during sporting events at Darwin demonstrating maritime strength.

Q166. What score did Pakistan receive in Global Terrorism Index 2026?*

Ans: 8.574; ranked most terrorism-affected with 1,139 deaths, 1,045 incidents in 2025.

Q167. What India's ranking in Global Terrorism Index 2026?*

Ans: 13th with 6.428 score; followed by Afghanistan 11th with 6.678.

Q168. What percentage increase did terrorist incidents show from 2020 to 2025?*

Ans: Nearly sixfold increase; while deaths declined 28% to 5,582 marking global improvement.

Q169. Which IIT achieved 21st global ranking in Engineering – Mineral and Mining?*

Ans: IIT-ISM Dhanbad, Jharkhand; in 16th QS World University Rankings by Subject 2026.

Q170. How many Indian institutions entered top-50 subject rankings?*

Ans: 27 positions across 12 institutions; India becoming fourth-largest higher education system by entries.

Q171. Which river-linking project did UNESCO raise concerns about?*

Ans: Aghanashini-Vedavathi project; urging strict World Heritage conservation norms compliance.

Q172. How much water does Aghanashini-Vedavathi project plan to divert?*

Ans: ~35 thousand million cubic feet; raising ecological alteration and livelihood concerns.

Q173. When was 6th BRICS CCI WE Summit and WE Awards held?*

Ans: March 21-23, 2026 in New Delhi; celebrating women's empowerment and entrepreneurship.

Q174. What is the name of mission launched during BRICS WE Summit?*

Ans: Mission ShakthiSAT; promoting women's participation in space, science, advanced technology.

Q175. When did WTO MC14 ministerial conference take place?*

Ans: March 26-29, 2026 in Yaoundé, Cameroon; 160+ countries with India raising food security.

Q176. Which high-level summit did UN organize for ocean protection?*

Ans: High Seas Summit (January 2027) in New York; based on BBNJ Treaty implementation.

Q177. When was India invited as partner nation to G7 Summit 2026?*

Ans: June 15-17, 2026 in France; showing India's global strategic importance.

Q178. What is the theme of 11th Raisina Dialogue 2026?*

Ans: Samskara (assertion, accommodation, advancement); India's flagship geopolitics conference.

Q179. How many countries participated in 11th Raisina Dialogue 2026?*

Ans: 110+ countries; organized by Observer Research Foundation and Ministry of External Affairs.

Q180. When did PM Modi inaugurate 11th Raisina Dialogue 2026?*

Ans: March 5, 2026; with Finland President Alexander Stubb as Chief Guest.

Q181. How much penalty did RBI impose on Mahindra & Mahindra Financial Services?

Ans: ₹11.50 lakh; for breach of Fair Practices Code and grievance redressal deficiencies.

Q182. What violation caused RBI to penalize Manappuram Finance?

Ans: Non-compliance with KMP compensation guidelines; requiring Remuneration Policy revision.

Q183. How much fine did RBI impose on HSBC India?

Ans: ₹31.80 lakh; for non-compliance on inoperative accounts and unclaimed deposits.

Q184. What is the penalty amount for Cashfree Payments violations?

Ans: ₹3.10 lakh; for non-compliance with Payment Aggregator and Payment Gateway guidelines.

Q185. How much foreign exchange reserves did RBI have by February 27, 2026?

Ans: Record \$728.49 billion; driven by rising gold reserves and foreign currency assets.

Q186. Which bank received RBI approval as NBFC Miscellaneous Umbrella Organisation?

Ans: NUCFDC; enabling private equity placement to 200+ persons for Urban Co-operative Banks.

Q187. When do revised RBI dividend payout norms take effect?

Ans: April 1, 2027; linking dividend to CET1 capital ratios with 10 buckets.

Q188. What is the maximum dividend payout cap irrespective of CET1 bucket?

Ans: 75% of Profit After Tax; with banks below 8% CET1 barred from dividend.

Q189. What is the theme of Digital Payments Awareness Week 2026?

Ans: Thoda Dhyani Se; highlighting online payment safety with multi-media campaign.

Q190. In which state did RBI conduct pilot digital payments awareness programme?

Ans: Maharashtra; with ~10 lakh participant involvement in DPAW 2026.

Q191. Which RBI medium-term strategy was approved for 2026-29?

Ans: Utkarsh 3.0; during 622nd Central Board Meeting in Patna under Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

Q192. How many NBFCs had CoR cancelled by RBI in February 2026?

Ans: 36 NBFCs; including Excellence Broking, Jibraltar Traders, Bahubali Leasing, Wintech Telecom.

Q193. How much government bonds did RBI purchase through OMO in March 2026?

Ans: ₹1 lakh crore; injecting liquidity, stabilizing yields, supporting banks.

Q194. How much green infrastructure bonds did Bank of Baroda raise?

Ans: ₹10,000 crore; first bank in India raising this amount via Series-I long-term bonds.

Q195. What is the coupon rate on Bank of Baroda's green bonds?

Ans: 7.1% annual; with 7-year maturity and 3x base size subscription (₹16,415 crore bids).

Q196. Which account did Bank of Baroda launch for women customers?

Ans: bob Women Sapphire Savings Account; with ₹10 lakh cancer care coverage, ₹1 lakh MAB.

Q197. What loan amount did Bank of Baroda secure from MUFG and HSBC?

Ans: \$500 million five-year syndicated term loan; with 13 Asian market investors participation.

Q198. What UPI-linked facility did Bank of Baroda launch for women SHGs?

Ans: Overdraft credit line on UPI; up to ₹5,000 for verified women SHG members.

Q199. How much Tier-2 bonds did State Bank of India raise?

Ans: ₹6,051 crore; at 7.05% coupon with 10-year tenor, ~2x bids from 47 investors.

Q200. Which two credit cards did HDFC Bank and Swiggy co-brand in March 2026?

Ans: Swiggy BLCK and Swiggy Orange HDFC Bank Credit Cards; with 10% and 5% cashback.

Q201. Who was named MD & CEO of Yes Bank effective April 6, 2026?

Ans: Vinay Muralidhar Tonse; 3-year term succeeding Prashant Kumar.

Q202. What previous position did Vinay Tonse hold at SBI?

Ans: MD (Retail Business & Operations); from November 2023 to November 2025.

Q203. Which exclusive account did Yes Bank launch for women?

Ans: YES Essence Salary Account; with ₹5 lakh health insurance and free locker facility.

Q204. What LAMF facility did South Indian Bank launch?

Ans: Loan Against Mutual Funds; starting at 9.99% per annum via smallcase partnership.

Q205. When did South Indian Bank launch EPF payment facility via SIBerNet?

Ans: March 12, 2026; enabling employers to remit EPF contributions online via EPFO.

Q206. What wealth management platform did Federal Bank launch?

Ans: Fed Wealth; first Wealth Hub in Kochi offering investment solutions and alternative investments.

Q207. Which AMC distribution agreement did Central Bank of India sign?

Ans: Canara Robeco AMC partnership; February 7, 2026 for mutual fund products distribution.

Q208. What novel service did Jio Payments Bank introduce?

Ans: Cardless UPI Cash Withdrawal; at BC points without debit cards or ATMs.

Q209. How much ADB loan did IIFL Home Finance secure?

Ans: USD 300 million; USD 150 million ADB, USD 150 million parallel loans for affordable housing.

Q210. What parallel lenders joined IIFL's USD 300 million loan?

Ans: MUFG (Japan), Emirates NBD (UAE), Sampath Bank (Sri Lanka), Hatton National Bank (Sri Lanka).

Q211. What green home percentage did IIFL allocate from ADB loan?

Ans: At least 25% for green-certified affordable homes supporting sustainable housing.

Q212. How much NCD deal did Motilal Oswal Home Finance secure?

Ans: USD 100 million; in March 2026 with ADB for affordable housing finance expansion.

Q213. When did NHB launch 'Gruh Sugam Portal'?

Ans: March 26, 2026; digitalizing home loan access for defence personnel, paramilitary, government employees.

Q214. How much funding did German DEG and Citi provide to Shriram Finance?

Ans: USD 76 million; DEG USD 46 million, Citi ₹260 crore for financial inclusion.

Q215. What funding focus did Shriram receive from DEG and Citi?

Ans: MSMEs, women borrowers, Electric Vehicles, underserved areas for inclusive mobility.

Q216. When did L&T Finance become UNGC signatory?

Ans: March 2026; aligning with UNGC principles on human rights, labour, environment.

Q217. Which insurance partnership did Axis Max Life sign?

Ans: Saarathi Finance for MSME credit-linked insurance; group credit life protection.

Q218. What requirement did RBI relax for AU Small Finance Bank?

Ans: NOFHC requirement applies only if bank establishes additional group financial services entity.

Q219. How much investment did Avenir announce for Sammaan Capital acquisition?

Ans: ₹8,850 crore; acquiring 41.23% stake, expandable to 63.36% via open offer.

Q220. What status was Avenir acquiring of Sammaan Capital pending?

Ans: SEBI approval; Avenir Abu Dhabi-based investment company for acquisition finalization.

Q221. How much mutual fund market size does SEBI regulate?

Ans: ₹81 lakh crore; with major industry reforms addressing solution-oriented discontinuation.

Q222. What exit load did SEBI introduce for Life Cycle Funds?

Ans: 3% (1 year), 2% (2 years), 1% (3 years); incentivizing longer holding periods.

Q223. What minimum tenure does SEBI mandate for Life Cycle Funds?

Ans: 5 years; maximum 30 years in multiples of 5 with automatic glide path strategy.

Q224. When did SEBI permit mutual funds intraday borrowing operations?

Ans: April 1, 2026; with formal policies for unit repurchase, interest, dividend payments.

Q225. What borrowing limit did SEBI set for mutual funds intraday operations?

Ans: Not exceeding guaranteed same-day receivables from GoI, RBI, CCIL, specified securities.

Q226. How many nominees can SEBI allow per demat/MF account?

Ans: Maximum 4 nominees; capping previous unlimited nomination structure.

Q227. What social impact fund investment limit did SEBI reduce?

Ans: ₹2 lakh to ₹1,000 for individuals; promoting grassroots social impact investing.

Q228. How many fraudulent apps did SEBI report removing?

Ans: 1.3 lakh+ misleading apps; including 66 fake trading apps under fraud prevention.

Q229. What initiative did SEBI launch for app verification?

Ans: Verified App Label initiative; displaying verified badge on Google Play Store.

Q230. Which index-based hybrid fund did Edelweiss AMC launch?

Ans: Edelweiss Nifty LargeMidcap250 Plus 8–13 yr G-sec 70:30 Index Fund; India's first fully passive hybrid.

Q231. What asset allocation does Edelweiss hybrid index fund maintain?

Ans: 70% equities, 30% government securities; with automatic monthly rebalancing.

Q232. When is Edelweiss hybrid fund NFO scheduled?

Ans: March 18- April 01, 2026; minimum investment ₹100 with ₹1 multiples.

Q233. When did Lakshya AMC receive SEBI approval?

Ans: March 2026; sponsored by Wealth First Portfolio Managers, first AMC in Ahmedabad.

Q234. Which gold ETF ranked 6th globally in fund inflows?

Ans: Nippon India ETF Gold BeES; only Indian ETF in global top 10 with USD 1,085.2 million inflows.

Q235. How much gold does Nippon India Gold ETF hold?

Ans: 36.2 tonnes; with 6.6 tonnes gold equivalent recent inflows.

Q236. When did Bharti Airtel and Google launch secure RCS messaging?

Ans: February 2026; with AI-powered spam filters through Google Messages on Android.

Q237. What features did Airtel-Google RCS platform introduce?

Ans: Real-time identity validation, multi-tiered threat detection, malicious domain filtering.

Q238. Which AI-backed app did Jio Finance launch?

Ans: Finsider; agentic AI platform offering hyper-personalized financial services.

Q239. How many payment-related features does Jio Finance's Finsider app offer?

Ans: Loans, credit cards, insurance, UPI, FDs, digital gold, mutual funds, tax planning, savings accounts.

Q240. When did Gnani.ai and Razorpay launch agentic AI collections platform?

Ans: February 27, 2026; enabling real-time UPI payments during live calls.

Q241. What conversion rate did PayU-GoKwik C2C stack address?

Ans: Checkout drop-offs and payment failures; through integrated conversion intelligence.

Q242. When was CRED authorized as Payment Aggregator by RBI?

Ans: March 2026; under Payment and Settlement Systems Act enabling direct merchant onboarding.

Q243. What world-first did Razorpay unveil at FTX 2026?

Ans: AI-Powered Agent Studio; built using Claude Agent SDK from Anthropic.

Q244. What abandoned cart recovery percentage did Razorpay's Agent Studio target?

Ans: Agentic AI for abandoned cart recovery, subscription recovery, dispute resolution.

Q245. Which AI did PayU partner for multilingual voice payments?

Ans: CoRover.ai's BharatGPT; supporting 100+ Indian languages and dialects.

Q246. Which travel fintech launched Scapia Pay app?

Ans: Scapia; in-application UPI with RuPay credit card rewards integration.

Q247. When did PhonePe launch RuPay 'On-The-Go' national common mobility card?

Ans: March 2026; contactless transit payments with ₹2,000 max chip balance.

Q248. How many countries does NPCI operate UPI acceptance?

Ans: 8+ countries; UAE, Singapore, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, France, Mauritius, Qatar.

Q249. When did IRDAI propose Ind AS adoption for all insurers?***

Ans: Effective April 1, 2026; with parallel reporting FY26, retrospective from FY27.

Q250. Which two insurance entities received IRDAI final approval?

Ans: Allianz Jio Reinsurance (50:50 JV), Kiwi General Insurance (WestBridge Capital); total 35 general insurers.

Q251. What health restoration feature did Shriram General Insurance launch?

Ans: Shri Health Suraksha 2.0; unlimited restoration within policy year with 250% cumulative bonus.

Q252. What percentage growth rate did health insurance sector show?

Ans: Around 9%; with total premiums ₹1.2 lakh crore+ in 2024-25.

Q253. What claims paid ratio improvement did health insurance show?

Ans: 87.50% in 2024-25; up from 66% in 2022-23 for faster claim settlement.

Q254. Who was appointed MD & CEO of HDFC ERGO General Insurance?

Ans: Parthanil Ghosh; effective April 16, 2026 (subject to IRDAI approval).

Q255. How long is Parthanil Ghosh's insurance sector experience?

Ans: 16+ years; with 30+ years total financial services background.

Q256. When will Lloyd's of London launch operations in GIFT City?

Ans: March 2026; establishing statutory insurance and reinsurance entity under IFSCA review.

Q257. What is Sri Lanka's first Blue Bond dual listing location?

Ans: NSE IX at GIFT City, Gujarat; DFCC Bank Plc LKR 3 billion bond (February 2026).

Q258. Which Cyprus-based firm became first overseas NSE IX listing?

Ans: Ellinas Finance; dual listing with Cyprus Stock Exchange for equity issuance.

Q259. What services does Ellinas Finance provide in lending portfolio?

Ans: Private equity funding, investor services, business financing across Cyprus and beyond.

Q260. How many exchanges globally can India INX Global Access connect to?

Ans: 135+ exchanges in 33 countries; with HSBC IBU referral-based access model.

Q261. What is the remittance limit under Liberalised Remittance Scheme via India INX?

Ans: USD 250,000 per FY; RBI's regulatory limit for overseas investment access.

Q262. When will Pine Labs launch stablecoin-backed prepaid card?

Ans: By April 2026; across 9 countries excluding India, China due to regulatory restrictions.

Q263. How many countries will receive Pine Labs' stablecoin prepaid card?

Ans: 9 countries in Middle East, Africa, Southeast Asia; real-time stablecoin-local currency conversion.

Q264. What GDP series change did NSO implement for FY26 figures?

Ans: 2011-12 base → 2022-23 base year; presenting revised growth estimates with quarterly coverage.

Q265. What is India's real GDP growth at new 2022-23 base for FY26?

Ans: 7.6%; at ₹322.58 lakh crore with 8.6% nominal growth of ₹345.47 lakh crore.

Q266. What CAD percentage did India record in Q3 FY26?

Ans: 1.3% of GDP; \$13.2 billion vs \$11.3 billion in Q3 FY25.

Q267. What merchandise trade deficit did India record in Q3 FY26?

Ans: \$93.6 billion; vs \$79.3 billion in Q3 FY25 showing increased import surge.

Q268. What remittance inflows did India receive in Q3 FY26?

Ans: \$36.9 billion; sustaining diaspora contribution to external stability.

Q269. How much total exports did India achieve in Apr-Feb 2025-26?

Ans: \$790.86 billion; 5.79% growth with merchandise exports \$402.93 billion.

Q270. What services exports growth did India record in Apr-Feb period?

Ans: 10.23% increase to \$387.93 billion; strong services sector performance.

Q271. What was India's merchandise trade deficit in Apr-Feb 2025-26?

Ans: \$310.60 billion; increased from \$261.80 billion in previous comparable period.

Q272. What services trade surplus did India achieve in Apr-Feb?

Ans: \$200.96 billion; offsetting merchandise deficit through services strength.

Q273. How many FTAs has India signed covering how many countries?

Ans: 9 FTAs covering 38 countries; including EU, EFTA, UK, Oman, New Zealand, USA.

Q274. When did India sign trade agreement with USA?

Ans: February 7, 2026; interim trade agreement as comprehensive negotiation progresses.

Q275. What MPS at listing did Ministry of Finance revise?

Ans: 5% to 2.5%; facilitating large-scale IPOs while maintaining market liquidity.

Q276. How many MPS categories did revised framework expand to?

Ans: From 3 to 6 categories; based on post-issue capital size stratification.

Q277. When does CBIC's EMI Scheme operate?

Ans: April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028; clearing goods without immediate Customs duty.

Q278. What monthly payment mode does EMI Scheme enable?

Ans: Monthly deferred import duty payment; under Deferred Payment of Import Duty Rules 2016.

Q279. When did RBI approve SBI MF's stake acquisition in RBL, Bandhan Bank?

Ans: March 2026; up to 9.99% paid-up share capital within one-year completion period.

Q280. What authorities approved State Street's Groww acquisition?

Ans: Competition Commission (March 2026); for State Street Global Advisors Inc. acquisition.

Q281. What investment did Meta make in Reliance Enterprise Intelligence?

Ans: ₹256.6 crore; acquiring 30% stake at ₹10 per share for 25.65 crore shares.

Q282. What is the focus of Reliance Enterprise Intelligence?

Ans: Enterprise AI solutions and digital intelligence capabilities; strengthening AI infrastructure.

Q283. How many PMJDY accounts were opened by February 2026?

Ans: 57.78 crore; with ₹2,94,702 crore deposits, 55.8% women accounts.

Q284. What maximum loan limit does Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana provide?

Ans: Up to ₹20 lakh per unit; with ₹39.48 lakh crore sanctions for 57.26 crore loans.

Q285. When did CGSMFI-2.0 scheme become effective?

Ans: March 20, 2026; facilitating increased MFI credit flow with 60% guarantee cover.

Q286. How many borrowers are expected to benefit from CGSMFI-2.0?

Ans: ~36 lakh borrowers; through Member Lending Institution support until June 30, 2026.

Q287. What validity did MCGS-MSME scheme introduction announce?

Ans: January 2025 launch with March 2026 revisions; continuous enhancement for MSME credit.

Q288. What guarantee percentage does MCGS-MSME provide?

Ans: 60% guarantee to MLIs; for loans up to ₹100 crore for plant machinery purchase.

Q289. What is the inflation target for 2026-31 period?

Ans: 4% unchanged; under Flexible Inflation Targeting framework with 2-6% tolerance band.

Q290. How much GDP growth did CRISIL project for FY27?

Ans: 7.1%; down from 7.6% FY26 due to inflation and external challenges.

Q291. What retail inflation did CRISIL forecast for FY27?

Ans: 4.3%; up from 2.5% FY26 reflecting cost pressures.

Q292. How much industrial CapEx did CRISIL project for FY27-FY31?

Ans: ~₹9.1 lakh crore annually; supporting growth and investment pipeline.

Q293. What FY27 GDP forecast did Nomura lower to?

Ans: 7%; from previous 7.1% citing West Asia conflict risks to energy.

Q294. What inflation did Nomura forecast for FY27?

Ans: 4.5%; raised 70 bps from 3.8% reflecting cost pressures.

Q295. What CAD percentage did Nomura project for FY27?

Ans: 1.6% of GDP; from previous 1.2% due to external headwinds.

Q296. What CY26 GDP growth did Goldman Sachs lower?

Ans: 5.9%; from 7% pre-Iran war scenario impacting energy supply risks.

Q297. What CY26 CPI inflation did Goldman Sachs forecast?

Ans: 4.6%; vs 3.9% previous estimate reflecting cost escalation.

Q298. What CAD percentage did Goldman Sachs project for CY26?

Ans: 2% of GDP; widening from previous estimates due to import pressures.

Q299. How much did S&P Global lift India FY27 forecast?

Ans: 40 basis points to 7.1%; with 20 bps improvements for FY28, FY29.

Q300. What CPI inflation did S&P Global forecast for FY27?

Ans: 4.3%; up from 2.5% FY26 reflecting inflation trajectory.

Q301. What FY27 GDP did OECD revise downward?

Ans: 6.1%; from 6.2% citing global uncertainty in 'Testing Resilience' report.

Q302. What global growth did OECD lower for 2026?

Ans: 2.9%; in 2026 and 3% for 2027 from 3.1% previous.

Q303. What FY27 GDP did ASSOCHAM project?

Ans: Above 7%; driven by strong demand and rising investments.

Q304. How much did India's retail inflation jump in February 2026?

Ans: 3.21%; from 2.74% in January showing food, clothing pressures.

Q305. What food weight change did CPI series implement?

Ans: From 45.86% to 36.75%; with 2024 base year food weight reduction.

Q306. What WPI inflation did NSO report for February 2026?

Ans: 2.13%; fourth consecutive month of increases driven by food, manufacturing.

Q307. What core sector growth did India achieve in February 2026?

Ans: 2.3%; with steel 7.2%, cement 9.3% but crude, natural gas declined.

Q308. How many merchant bankers did NSE select for its IPO?

Ans: 20 structured competitive merchant bankers; approved by NSE IPO Committee.

Q309. How many law firms did NSE appoint for IPO?

Ans: 8 leading firms; covering legal and regulatory aspects of IPO process.

Q310. When did Nashik Municipal Corporation list Green Municipal Bond?

Ans: March 9, 2026 on NSE, Mumbai; Maharashtra's first ULB green bond.

Q311. What fund allocation did Nashik bond focus on?

Ans: Renewable energy, waste management, clean transportation, water, climate resilience.

Q312. What platform did HDFC Securities launch for F&O trading?

Ans: NxtOption; simplifying advanced options trading for retail investors.

Q313. What strategies does NxtOption enable trading?

Ans: Straddles, strangles, iron condors; with Greek analytics dashboard.

Q314. What is the effective date of Income Tax Act 2025 digital taxation framework?

Ans: April 1, 2026; with Significant Economic Presence threshold ₹2 crore.

Q315. What SEP user threshold did Income Tax Act 2025 define?

Ans: 3 lakh users; as alternative SEP definition alongside ₹2 crore threshold.

Q316. How much World Bank loan did Uttar Pradesh secure?

Ans: USD 299.66 million; for Clean Air Transition Programme with 10-year maturity.

Q317. How many air quality monitoring stations will World Bank-funded UP project install?

Ans: 200 new air quality monitoring stations; across UP urban areas.

Q318. How many JICA ODA loan agreements were signed?

Ans: Four agreements worth ₹16,420 crore; for healthcare, agriculture, metro projects.

Q319. How much did JICA allocate for Bengaluru Metro Rail Phase 3?

Ans: 102,480 million JPY; covering 44.65 km elevated metro extension.

Q320. How much did IFC provide to DCM Shriram via sustainability-linked NCDs?

Ans: USD 90 million; for downstream chemicals expansion and agri-business capex.

Q321. How much did public sector banks earn from third-party financial products?

Ans: Over ₹28,000 crore in last 5 years; from insurance, MF, credit cards, demat.

Q322. Which public bank earned highest from third-party product sales?

Ans: SBI with ₹17,043.49 crore; significantly ahead of Punjab National Bank.

Q323. How much have private banks earned from minimum balance penalties?

Ans: Over ₹11,000 crore in FY2022-23 to FY2024-25; HDFC Bank ₹3,800 crore+.

Q324. Which bank did not charge minimum balance penalties?

Ans: SBI; waived penalties since March 2020 for all account categories.

Q325. How much did Mahindra & Mahindra Financial face as RBI penalty?

Ans: ₹11.50 lakh; under RBI Act Section 58G for Fair Practices Code violations.

Q326. What compliance requirement did Manappuram Finance need?

Ans: KMP compensation guidelines compliance with Remuneration Policy mandatory deferral.

Q327. How much forex reserves has India accumulated by Feb 27, 2026?

Ans: Record \$728.49 billion; driven by gold and foreign currency asset growth.

Q328. How many digital lending apps has MeitY blocked for fraud?

Ans: RBI launched DLA directory July 1, 2025; MeitY can block fraudulent apps.

Q329. How much open market operations did RBI conduct?

Ans: ₹1 lakh crore government bonds purchase in March 2026; injecting liquidity.

Q330. What is the new MPS at listing in revised framework?

Ans: 2.5%; down from 5%, facilitating large IPOs while maintaining liquidity.

Q331. How many merchant bankers did NSE select for IPO process?

Ans: 20 competitive merchant bankers; approved for structured selection.

Q332. What is bank dividend payout cap under revised RBI norms?

Ans: 75% irrespective of CET1 bucket; with tiered payout structure.

Q333. When do revised dividend norms become effective?

Ans: April 1, 2027; with immediate implementation for new dividend policies.

Q334. How many NBFC licenses did RBI cancel?

Ans: 36 NBFCs; 16-24 February 2026 with 9 voluntary surrenders.

Q335. What is the maximum dividend payout for banks above 20% CET1?

Ans: Up to 100% of adjusted PAT; subject to overall 75% cap.

Q336. What borrowing limit percentage does SEBI allow for mutual funds?

Ans: Not exceeding guaranteed same-day receivables; from GoI, RBI, CCIL, specified securities.

Q337. What is the nomination capping under SEBI streamlined norms?

Ans: Maximum 4 nominees per demat/MF account; down from unlimited structure.

Q338. How many SEBI board members sit as Whole-Time Members?

Ans: 4 WTM's post-KV Ramana Murthy appointment; alongside chairperson and 4 part-time members.

Q339. What is the minimum MAB for bob Women Sapphire Savings Account?

Ans: ₹1 lakh; exclusive women-only account with comprehensive health benefits.

Q340. How much health insurance does bob Women Sapphire offer?

Ans: ₹10 lakh cancer care coverage for ages 18-60; free doctor consultations for 6 family members.

Q341. What syndicated loan did Bank of Baroda secure?

Ans: \$500 million five-year term loan; via IFSC Banking Unit in GIFT City.

Q342. How many institutional investors participated in BoB syndicated loan?

Ans: 13 investors across Asian markets; Taiwan, South Korea, Japan, Singapore.

Q343. What is the maximum OD limit under BoB UPI credit line for women SHGs?

Ans: ₹5,000; accessible via UPI for verified women SHG members with PMJDY accounts.

Q344. When did SBI raise Tier-2 Basel III bonds?

Ans: March 2026; ₹6,051 crore at 7.05% coupon 10-year tenor with 5-year call.

Q345. How many qualified institutional investors bid for SBI bonds?

Ans: 47 qualified institutional investors; pension, provident funds, mutual funds, banks.

Q346. What cashback does Swiggy BLCK HDFC Card offer?

Ans: 10% on Swiggy, max 5% on entertainment/travel/e-commerce; ₹48,000 annual savings.

Q347. What membership benefit does Swiggy Orange HDFC Card include?

Ans: 12-month Swiggy One BLCK membership; with 5% Swiggy cashback.

Q348. When does Yes Bank appoint Vinay Tonse as MD & CEO?

Ans: April 6, 2026; 3-year term succeeding Prashant Kumar.

Q349. Which RCS spam feature did Airtel-Google introduce?

Ans: AI-powered spam filters, real-time identity validation, multi-tiered threat detection.

Q350. What payment methods does Razorpay Agent Studio automate?

Ans: Abandoned cart recovery, subscription recovery, settlement reconciliation, dispute resolution.

Q351. How many Indian languages does BHASHINI support?

Ans: 36 Indian languages; with 23 voices and 35 international languages support.

Q352. What governance assurance did Reliance provide on green ammonia supply?

Ans: Samsung C&T long-term SPA USD 3 billion; 15-year supply from FY2028-29.

Q353. How many GPUs did Chandigarh University CoE obtain?

Ans: 168 GB memory NVIDIA Blackwell architecture; enabling high-end AI research.

Q354. What is Bharat Petroleum's LPG ATM innovation?

Ans: India's first LPG ATM; round-the-clock automated cylinder distribution in Gurugram.

Q355. What payment methods does LPG ATM enable?

Ans: UPI and debit card digital payments; with Mobile OTP customer verification.

Q356. What approval timeline reduction does PRISM-SG Portal achieve?

Ans: From ~12 months to 3-4 months; for Road Over Bridge approvals and inspections.

Q357. Who was appointed as Iran's interim Supreme Leader on March 1, 2026?

Ans: Ayatollah Alireza Arafai; Deputy AoE Chairman serving until Assembly appoints successor.

Q358. What interim leadership structure did Iran implement?

Ans: Three-member Interim Leadership Council; President Pezeshkian, Chief Justice Mohseni-Ejei, Ayatollah Arafai.

Q359. Who was appointed President of Jio Platforms International Business?

Ans: Dan Bailey; 35+ years experience from Schroders, Citi, Morgan Stanley, Deutsche Bank TMT.

Q360. When did ACC reappoint Dr Rajeev Singh Raghuvanshi as DCGI?

Ans: March 2026 for second tenure extension; 1-year contract from February 1, 2026.

Q361. How many governors were appointed by President Murmu on March 6, 2026?

Ans: 9 governors/LGs across states and UTs; including Bihar, Maharashtra, Telangana reshuffles.

Q362. Who became Governor of Bihar replacing Arif Mohammed Khan?

Ans: Lt Gen Syed Ata Hasnain; as per President's appointment directive.

Q363. Which state got new Governor Jishnu Dev Varma?

Ans: Maharashtra; transferred from Telangana, replacing departing incumbent.

Q364. Who assumed charge as Director General of Naval Armament?

Ans: B.P. Singh; 1994 batch INAS officer with 30+ years experience.

Q365. When did Børge Brende step down as WEF President and CEO?

Ans: March 1, 2026; Alois Zwinggi appointed interim successor.

Q366. What was Børge Brende's previous international role?

Ans: Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs (2013-2017); Minister Trade, Industry (2004-2005).

Q367. Who was appointed Chief Justice of Madras High Court?

Ans: Justice Sushrut Arvind Dharmadhikari; under Article 217(1) Constitution.

Q368. How many Chief Justices has Madras HC had including Dharmadhikari?

Ans: 55th Chief Justice; established August 1862.

Q369. What background does Justice Dharmadhikari have?

Ans: Standing Counsel for Gol, IT Department, RBI (2000-2015); Judge Kerala, Madhya Pradesh HCs.

Q370. When did RBI approve Ketan Merchant as interim CEO of Fino Payments Bank?

Ans: March 2026; succeeding arrested Rishi Gupta for up to 4 months.

Q371. Who was appointed interim CFO of Fino Payments Bank?

Ans: Anup Agarwal; effective March 6, 2026 for up to 4 months.

Q372. When did Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth assume Vice Chief of Army Staff?

Ans: April 1, 2026; as GOC-in-C Southern Command, replacing Lt Gen P.P. Singh.

Q373. What is Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth's commission year?

Ans: December 1986; Armoured Corps officer with Mathura XXI Strike Corps command.

Q374. When did Phanindranath Kakarla assume CEO & MD of ARCIL?

Ans: March 8, 2026; following board-approved succession plan from Pallav Mohapatra.

Q375. What previous role did Kakarla hold at ARCIL?

Ans: President (joined April 2, 2025); transitioning to CEO & MD position.

Q376. When did Rahul Bhatia become interim CEO of IndiGo?

Ans: March 2026; following Pieter Elbers resignation as airline faces operational challenges.

Q377. Who became first woman Chief of functional nuclear power plant in India?

Ans: RM Nachammai; Chief Superintendent Kaiga Generating Station Units 3&4 March 15, 2026.

Q378. How many years of nuclear experience does RM Nachammai have?

Ans: 35+ years; in nuclear plant operations, Electrical & Electronics Engineer background.

Q379. Which cricketer was appointed Uniqlo brand ambassador in India?

Ans: Jasprit Bumrah; Indian fast bowler with LifeWear philosophy campaign focus.

Q380. When was KV Ramana Murty appointed SEBI Whole-Time Member?

Ans: March 2026; 3-year tenure from assumption date, 1991-batch IDAS officer.

Q381. What was KV Ramana Murty's previous finance role?

Ans: Additional Controller General of Defence Accounts in MoD; part-time SEBI board member.

Q382. Who was appointed Co-opted Member of ICAI's SRSB?

Ans: CA P.V. Narayana Rao; March 23, 2026 for term 2026-27.

Q383. Which state appointed Manjeet Singh as Special Observer for Assembly elections?

Ans: Assam; 1988-batch IAS officer (Rajasthan cadre) for April 9, 2026 elections.

Q384. When are Assam Assembly elections and vote counting scheduled?

Ans: April 9, 2026 elections; May 4, 2026 vote counting date.

Q385. Who was appointed Chairman of reconstituted Hindi Advisory Committee?

Ans: Jagat Prakash Nadda; Union Minister with Vice-Chairperson Anupriya Patel.

Q386. When did Atanu Chakraborty resign from HDFC Bank as Part-Time Chairman?

Ans: March 19, 2026; citing ethical concerns and differences over bank practices.

Q387. Who was appointed interim Part-Time Chairman of HDFC Bank?

Ans: Keki Mistry; for 3-month duration, current Kedaara Capital Operating Advisor.

Q388. What is Keki Mistry's experience background?

Ans: Four decades in housing finance, banking, financial services; HDFC Life Chairman.

Q389. When was Vikram Doraiswami appointed as India's Ambassador to China?

Ans: March 2026; 1992-batch IFS officer strengthening India-China diplomatic ties.

Q390. Which state did City Union Bank appoint Ravindra Jadeja as brand ambassador?

Ans: Kumbakonam, Tamil Nadu-headquartered bank; 2-year agreement March 16, 2026.

Q391. What is the appointment duration of Ravindra Jadeja as CUB brand ambassador?

Ans: 2-year agreement; through Baseline Ventures India Private Limited management.

Q392. When did Balendra Shah become Nepal's youngest Prime Minister?

Ans: March 27, 2026 at age 35; RSP party with 182/275 seats majority.

Q393. Who did Balendra Shah succeed as Nepal's Prime Minister?

Ans: Sushila Karki (Interim PM); after RSP's March 5, 2026 election victory.

Q394. Who assumed NCBC Chairperson role in March 2026?

Ans: Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti; former Union Minister of State for social welfare.

Q395. Who was appointed NCBC Member alongside Sadhvi Niranjana Jyoti?

Ans: Mrs Kiran Umesh Mahalle; former Amravati Municipal Corporation Mayor.

Q396. When did T.N. Natarajan take charge as SAIL Director (Commercial)?

Ans: March 2026; with 32+ years experience transforming marketing strategy.

Q397. When did Krishna Kumar Thakur assume NMDC Director (Personnel)?

Ans: March 2026; with 20+ years HR experience in large-scale organizations.

Q398. Who took charge as NCSC Member in March 2026?

Ans: Dr Partha Biswas; Ph.D Defence & Strategic Studies, post-doctoral ICSSR fellow JNU.

Q399. Which cricketer was appointed BHIM Payments App brand ambassador?

Ans: MS Dhoni; by NPCI BHIM Services Limited for digital payments promotion.

Q400. When did Jose Joseph Kattoor assume South Indian Bank Part-Time Chairmanship?

Ans: March 23, 2026; 3-year term following RBI approval, succeeding V.J. Kurian.

Q401. What was Jose Joseph Kattoor's previous role?

Ans: RBI Executive Director (retired 2023); Enforcement, Corporate Strategy, Currency Management departments.

Q402. Which musician was appointed Yamaha Music India brand ambassador?

Ans: A.R. Rahman; March 2026 for Yamaha Corporation Japan's musical instrument promotion.

Q403. How many global leaders were featured in TIME Women of the Year 2026?

Ans: 16 global leaders; including Safeena Husain, Reshma Kewalramani, Reshma Saujani.

Q404. What is Safeena Husain's non-profit organization name?

Ans: Educate Girls; recognized for education advocacy and women empowerment.

Q405. When is TIME Women of the Year Leadership Forum scheduled?

Ans: March 10, 2026 at Los Angeles; honoring distinguished 16 global women leaders.

Q406. Which airport won 2025 Airport Service Quality Award for Best Arrivals?

Ans: Mangaluru International Airport; second consecutive year (2024, 2025) recognition.

Q407. How many airports globally were selected in best arrivals category?

Ans: Only 6 airports worldwide; based on real-time passenger feedback assessment.

Q408. When is Airport Experience Summit 2026 scheduled for award presentation?

Ans: August 31- September 4, 2026 in Istanbul; ASQ awards ceremony.

Q409. Who became first Indian economist to win University of Chicago Alumni Award?

Ans: Dr K.V. Subramanian; since award establishment in 1941.

Q410. What positions did KV Subramanian hold in government?

Ans: Chief Economic Advisor (2018-2021); IMF Executive Director; ISB Finance Professor.

Q411. Who was appointed Laureus Ambassador after Olympic achievements?

Ans: Simone Biles; 7-time Olympic gold medallist, most decorated gymnast in history.

Q412. How many Laureus Sportswoman of the Year Awards did Simone Biles win?

Ans: Four-time winner; first woman appointed as Laureus Ambassador.

Q413. Which sport team earned first-ever Laureus World Team of the Year nomination?

Ans: India women's national cricket team; following ICC Women's World Cup 2025 victory.

Q414. What Guinness World Record achievement did Bokaro Steel Plant earn?

Ans: BIS certification for 4 new steel grades ISC 440-550 LA; expanding HSLA production.

Q415. What electrical steel type did Bokaro produce for first time?

Ans: 0.5 mm IS 18316 LS Grade NGO Electrical Steel; 1,100 tonnes for EV motors.

Q416. Which actress won Best Actress at Telangana Gaddar Film Awards?

Ans: Rashmika Mandanna; for Telugu film "The Girlfriend" (2025) role as Bhooma Devi.

Q417. What celebrates did Mattel's Barbie Dream Team 2026 honor?

Ans: International Women's Day; with global female role models' dolls in likenesses.

Q418. How many Oscar categories were honored at 98th Academy Awards 2026?

Ans: 24 categories; at Dolby Theatre Hollywood on March 15, 2026.

Q419. Which film won 6 Oscars at 98th Academy Awards?

Ans: One Battle After Another; directed by Paul Thomas Anderson, winning Best Picture.

Q420. Who became first woman to win Best Cinematography Oscar?

Ans: Autumn Durald Arkapaw; historic achievement in 98th Academy Awards 2026.

Q421. What is the new Oscar category introduced at 98th Awards?

Ans: Achievement in Casting; inaugural winner Cassandra Kulukundis for "One Battle After Another".

Q422. How many nominations did "Sinners" receive at Oscars 2026?

Ans: 16 nominations; most nominations of the ceremony (vs 6 wins for "One Battle After Another").

Q423. Who won Best Actor at 98th Academy Awards?

Ans: Michael B. Jordan; for role in "Sinners" film.

Q424. Who won Best Actress at Oscars 2026?

Ans: Jessie Buckley; for "Hamnet" becoming first Irish actress to win award.

Q425. What achievement did Jawed Ashraf receive on March 18, 2026?

Ans: France's Legion of Honour Commandeur rank; first Indian Ambassador with this honour.

Q426. Who presented France's Legion of Honour to Jawed Ashraf?

Ans: Thierry Mathou, French Ambassador; in presence of NSA Ajit Doval, New Delhi.

Q427. Who was conferred Honorary Knight Commander of Order of British Empire?

Ans: Natarajan Chandrasekaran, Tata Sons Chairman; March 2026 for India-UK business relations.

Q428. Who presented Chandrasekaran's KBE honour?

Ans: Lindy Cameron, British High Commissioner; on behalf of King Charles III.

Q429. How many previous Indian recipients have received KBE honour?

Ans: Limited recipients; including Jamshed Irani (1997), Ratan Tata (2009), Ravi Shankar (2001).

Q430. Who was named 2026 Stockholm Water Prize Laureate?

Ans: Kaveh Madani; Director UN University Institute, age 44, youngest recipient in 35-year history.

Q431. What achievement earned Kaveh Madani Stockholm Water Prize?

Ans: Water governance and crisis management contributions; first UN official, first former politician.

Q432. Which institution won 'Initiative of the Year' award at Central Banking Awards?

Ans: Reserve Bank of India; for '.bank.in' domain rollout combating cyber frauds.

Q433. When did RBI launch '.bank.in' domain?

Ans: February 2025; exclusive domain for RBI-licensed banks only.

Q434. Who was appointed IDRBT registrar for domain rollout?

Ans: Institute for Development and Research in Banking Technology; sole registrar.

Q435. Which BCCI award did Roger Binny receive?

Ans: Colonel C.K. Nayudu Lifetime Achievement Award; joint recipient with Rahul Dravid.

Q436. Who won Best International Cricketer (Men) Polly Umrigar Award?

Ans: Shubman Gill; 983 Test runs, 490 ODI runs in 2024-25 season.

Q437. How many ODI centuries did Smriti Mandhana score in 2025?

Ans: 5 centuries; winning Best International Cricketer (Women) award fifth time.

Q438. Who won Best International Debut award in BCCI Naman Awards 2026?

Ans: Harshit Rana (Men) and N Sree Charani (Women); recognizing breakthrough performances.

Q439. How many volcanic summits did Bhupathiraju Anmish Varma climb for Guinness Record?

Ans: 7 volcanic summits; in 92 days 4 hours 45 minutes (male category record).

Q440. Where did Bhupathiraju start and conclude volcanic summits expedition?

Ans: Mount Elbrus (Oct 23, 2024) to Mount Sidley, Antarctica (Jan 23, 2025).

Q441. When was Guinness World Record officially recognized for Bhupathiraju?

Ans: February 6, 2026; certificate presentation March 17, 2026 in Delhi.

Q442. Which Indian actress received Women Empowerment Award at House of Commons UK?

Ans: Rituparna Sengupta; National Film Awardee honored during International Women's Day event.

Q443. What National Film Award did Rituparna Sengupta win?

Ans: Best Actress for "Dahan" (1998) directed by Rituparno Ghosh.

Q444. When did Kalpana Soren receive Women Empowerment Trailblazer Award?

Ans: March 2026 at BRICS CCI WE Summit; for grassroots empowerment contributions.

Q445. What is Kalpana Soren's political position?

Ans: Member of Legislative Assembly from Gandey, Jharkhand; recognized for women-led development.

Q446. Which bank received National Award for SHG-Bank Linkage 2024-25?

Ans: Karnataka Grameena Bank (KGB); extended ₹2,835 crore to 80,904 SHGs.

Q447. Who presented the SHG-Bank Linkage award?

Ans: Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister; at National Conference in Hyderabad, Telangana.

Q448. How much did SBI earn from third-party financial products in 5 years?

Ans: ₹17,043.49 crore; highest among public sector banks.

Q449. What is Shah Rukh Khan's net worth in Hurun Rich List 2026?

Ans: USD 1.3 billion; making debut in billionaire list with self-made wealth.

Q450. What sources comprise Shah Rukh Khan's billionaire wealth?

Ans: Red Chillies Entertainment, brand endorsements, film distribution rights.

Q451. How many women billionaires globally were self-made in Hurun Report 2026?

Ans: 150 self-made women billionaires; combined wealth USD 470 billion.

Q452. In how many decades did self-made women billionaires double in count?

Ans: Last decade; from 75 (2015) to 150 (2026), reflecting entrepreneurship growth.

Q453. Who is world's richest self-made woman per Hurun Report?

Ans: Diane Hendricks, age 78 (USA); USD 24 billion net worth from ABC Supply.

Q454. Which country dominates self-made women billionaires ranking?

Ans: China with 78; accounting for more than half of global 150 count.

Q455. What did R Vairamuthu receive for literary excellence?

Ans: 60th Jnanpith Award 2025; third Tamil writer after Akilan, Jayakanthan.

Q456. What is the Jnanpith Award cash prize amount?

Ans: ₹11 lakh; including Vagdevi statue and citation for outstanding literary contribution.

Q457. When was Sahitya Akademi Award 2025 announced?

Ans: March 2026; recognizing excellence in 24 Indian languages with 24 award winners.

Q458. How much cash award does each Sahitya Akademi winner receive?

Ans: ₹1 lakh; with engraved copper plaque originally designed by Satyajit Ray.

Q459. What book earned William Dalrymple Mark Lynton History Prize 2026?

Ans: "The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World"; reframing global history.

Q460. How much prize money does Mark Lynton History Prize offer?

Ans: USD 10,000; for outstanding historical writing with scholarly excellence emphasis.

Q461. Which animated film won Best Director at New York Short Animation Festival 2026?

Ans: CHYIMI; directed by Partha Sarathi Mahanta, senior Assam police officer.

Q462. When was Kailash Satyarthi's book 'Karuna: The Power of Compassion' launched?

Ans: March 2026; by SMGC with Harper Collins India, with Justice Surya Kant present.

Q463. What concept did Satyarthi introduce in 'Karuna' book?

Ans: Compassion Quotient (CQ); scientific approach to measure and increase individual compassion.

Q464. Which Bengali writer was selected for Saraswati Samman 2025?

Ans: Ramkumar Mukhopadhyay; for novel 'Hara Parbati Katha' (2020).

Q465. When is Saraswati Samman 2025 award presented?

Ans: March 2026; 35th edition recognizing 10-year published works.

Q466. How much is Saraswati Samman cash prize?

Ans: ₹15 lakh; with citation and plaque for outstanding literary contributions.

Q467. How many languages are covered by Sahitya Akademi Awards?

Ans: 24 Indian languages; representing Constitution Schedule VIII linguistic diversity.

Q468. What award distribution showed for Sahitya Akademi 2025?

Ans: 8 poetry, 4 novels, 6 short stories, 2 essays, 2 memoirs, 1 autobiography, 1 criticism.

Q469. Which cricket match did India win with 96-run victory margin?

Ans: T20 World Cup final 2026; defeated New Zealand 255/5 to 159 at Ahmedabad.

Q470. Who was named Player of the T20 World Cup 2026 series?

Ans: Sanju Samson; 89-run match-winning knock in final.

Q471. How many sixes did Sanju Samson hit in T20 World Cup final?

Ans: 8 sixes; along with 5 fours in 46-ball 89-run match-winning innings.

Q472. What is India's T20 World Cup title count?

Ans: 3 titles; 2007, 2024, 2026 becoming first team to successfully defend title.

Q473. How much prize money did India win?

Ans: USD 3 million (₹27.48 crore); combined with ICC prize money.

Q474. How much BCCI cash reward did Team India receive?

Ans: ₹131 crore; distributed among players, coaching, support staff, selectors.

Q475. Which Oscars category did Priyanka Chopra present?

Ans: Best International Feature Film; alongside Spanish actor Javier Bardem.

Q476. What feature did one Oscars-winning film demonstrate?

Ans: One Battle After Another; won Best Picture with 6 Oscars total.

Q477. What is India's sports economy valuation in 2025?

Ans: \$2.13 billion (₹18,864 crore); 4% YoY growth from ₹16,633 crore 2024.

Q478. What percentage of Indian sports economy does cricket contribute?

Ans: ~89% (₹16,704 crore); dominating nation's sports economy significantly.

Q479. What is India's sports economy media spending share?

Ans: 51% of total market; largest contributor to sports economy revenue.

Q480. When did China become India's third-largest export destination?

Ans: February 2026; with exports increasing 32.4% to \$1.67 billion.

Q481. How many sixes did Shubman Gill score to break T20 WC record?

Ans: Multiple centuries in various formats; scoring 983 Test, 490 ODI runs in 2024-25.

Q482. How many times did Smriti Mandhana win Best International Cricketer award?

Ans: 5 times; creating record as consistent performer in Women's cricket.

Q483. What distinction did Deepti Sharma achieve?

Ans: Highest wicket-taker in Women's ODIs; recognized at BCCI Naman Awards 2026.

Q484. How much has Mumbai contributed as billionaire hub?

Ans: 95 billionaires; largest city contributor to India's 308 billionaire count.

Q485. What healthcare sector distinction did Hurun Report highlight?

Ans: 53 new billionaires from healthcare sector; highest among all sectors.

Q486. What gender representation does Hurun Report show for women billionaires?

Ans: 481 women (14%); up from 13.4% in 2025 on Forbes list.

Q487. When did Border Roads Organisation inaugurate three inland waterways projects?

Ans: February 26, 2026 at Dibrugarh, Assam; on National Waterway-2 (Brahmaputra).

Q488. What are the three inland waterway projects inaugurated?

Ans: Bogibeel Customs & Immigration Complex, Dhubri Customs & Immigration Complex, renovated IWAI Heritage Building.

Q489. When did Southern Air Command conduct Exercise Kalari Leap?

Ans: February 2026 across Lakshadweep, Minicoy archipelago in Arabian Sea.

Q490. Which military units participated in Exercise Kalari Leap?

Ans: Armed Forces Special Operations Division (AFSOD) and Indian Coast Guard (ICG).

Q491. What aircraft did IAF deploy in Exercise Kalari Leap?

Ans: AN-32 transport, Mi-17V5 helicopters, Su-30MKI fighter jets for operations.

Q492. When did Indian Air Force conduct Exercise Vayushakti-26?

Ans: February 2026 at Pokhran Field Firing Range, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

Q493. How many aircraft participated in Exercise Vayushakti-26?

Ans: Over 130 aircraft; including Rafale, Su-30 MKI, Mirage-2000, MiG-29, Jaguar, Hawk, transport aircraft.

Q494. Who attended Exercise Vayushakti-26 as Chief Guest?

Ans: President Droupadi Murmu; accompanied by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

Q495. What unique feature marked Exercise Vayushakti-26?

Ans: First time defined operational storyline; simulated live combat theatre with day-and-night operations.

Q496. What defence contract cost did Ministry of Defence announce?

Ans: ₹5,083 crore; for ALH Mk-III and VL-Shtil missiles procurement.

Q497. How much did HAL contract for ALH Mk-III helicopters cost?

Ans: ₹2,901 crore; 6 Advanced Light Helicopters (Maritime Role) for Indian Coast Guard.

Q498. What missile contract did Russia sign with India?

Ans: ₹2,182 crore for VL-Shtil surface-to-air missiles with associated equipment.

Q499. What signature event occurred at Indian Navy contract signing?

Ans: 4 self-propelled 500-tonne fuel barge contract with Shoft Shipyard, Thane.

Q500. Which integration requirement does fuel barge support?

Ans: Indian Navy logistics operations; supplying fuel to INS and submarines in harbours.

Q501. When did Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurate Central Facility for Recombinant Cells and Sensors?

Ans: March 1, 2026 at BRIC-RGCB, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala as National Science Day event.

Q502. What is the capital outlay for Central Facility for Recombinant Cells?

Ans: ₹60 crore; supporting drug discovery, Medical Genomics, Agri-Genomics research.

Q503. What is the total outlay for cGMP facility at BRIC-RGCB?

Ans: ₹80 crore in two phases; supporting pharmaceutical and biomedical manufacturing.

Q504. Who authored "Quantum Physics: One Hundred Magical Years" released by Minister Singh?

Ans: V.P.N. Nampoori; highlighting quantum physics research and history developments.

Q505. When did Dr Jitendra Singh launch India's first State Innovation Mission?

Ans: March 2026 at Agartala, Tripura; at Hapania International Exhibition Center.

Q506. What is the focus of Tripura's State Innovation Mission?

Ans: Long-term institutional framework for inclusive, robust, region-specific innovation ecosystems.

Q507. What initiative did Tripura CM Dr Manik Saha launch?

Ans: T-NEST (Tripura: Nurturing Entrepreneurship and Startups); first premier incubation hub.

Q508. What is District Innovator Fellowship in Tripura?

Ans: One of India's first DIF programs; identifying and supporting grassroots innovators.

Q509. What policy announcement did Tripura government make?

Ans: State Artificial Intelligence Policy; promoting AI-based development and digital transformation.

Q510. When did Delhi CM Rekha Gupta launch 'CM Jan Sunwai Portal'?

Ans: March 2026; centralized grievance redressal platform with mobile application.

Q511. How many submission channels does CM Jan Sunwai Portal offer?

Ans: 4 channels; online portal, mobile app, helpline 1902, offline at CMO.

Q512. What three-tier mechanism does grievance portal implement?

Ans: Grievance Redressal Officer, Appellate Authority, Final Appellate Authority structure.

Q513. What coverage tracking feature does portal provide?

Ans: Unique reference ID for complaint tracking; SMS updates at every stage of resolution.

Q514. When did DRDO conduct VSHORADS flight trials?

Ans: February 27, 2026 from Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, Odisha coast.

Q515. What is VSHORADS designed to neutralize?

Ans: Low-altitude aerial threats; fighter aircraft, helicopters, UAVs, drones.

Q516. How many flight trials did VSHORADS successfully complete?

Ans: 3 consecutive flight trials; successfully intercepting and destroying target simulations.

Q517. When was INS Anjadip commissioned?

Ans: February 28, 2026 at Chennai Port, Tamil Nadu by Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi.

Q518. What is INS Anjadip's length and displacement specifications?

Ans: 77 metres length, 1,400 tonnes displacement with water-jet propulsion reaching 25 knots.

Q519. What indigenous content percentage does INS Anjadip feature?

Ans: Over 80%; built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.

Q520. What role does INS Anjadip serve?

Ans: Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC); "Dolphin Hunter" nickname.

Q521. When did Secretary MeitY launch 30 kW integrated drive system for EVs?

Ans: March 2026 at IIT Madras, Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Q522. What technology does EV drive system use?

Ans: Wide Band Gap (WBG)-based; Silicon Carbide MOSFET power modules integration.

Q523. What motor architecture does IDS employ?

Ans: Interior Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor (IPMSM); with SiC power electronics.

Q524. What is the power density benefit of new EV drive system?

Ans: High power-density compact unit; reducing import dependency on EV powertrains.

Q525. When did Maharashtra launch Saksham Skill Census?

Ans: March 2026 at RD National College, Bandra West, Mumbai.

Q526. What is India's first Saksham Skill Census focus?

Ans: AI-powered skill evaluation for youth aged 18-40 years; improving employability.

Q527. How many youth were surveyed in initial Saksham phase?

Ans: 55,000 houses; in H-West ward of Mumbai with hyperlocal skill mapping.

Q528. What technology does Saksham Skill Census employ?

Ans: Advanced AI technology and Geographic Information System (GIS) mapping.

Q529. When did IBM launch Sangam Infrastructure Innovation Center?

Ans: March 2026 at India Systems Development Lab (ISDL), Bengaluru, Karnataka.

Q530. What is Sangam center's primary focus?

Ans: Advanced infrastructure engineering and AI development; collaborative innovation hub.

Q531. Who leads Sangam center operations?

Ans: Virendra Somwanshi; experienced wealth management professional appointed as center lead.

Q532. What partnership model does Sangam employ?

Ans: Bringing together IBM architects, ISDL specialists, partners, ISVs, GSIs ecosystem.

Q533. When did Ministry of Culture launch Indian Culture Portal Version 2.0?

Ans: March 2026 at Kartavya Bhawan, New Delhi by Secretary Vivek Aggarwal.

Q534. What is ICP 2.0's architecture improvement?

Ans: React-based frontend and Drupal backend; modern architecture improving speed, scalability.

Q535. What AI chatbot does ICP 2.0 integrate?

Ans: Bharti; connected to Bhashini platform supporting 22 Indian languages.

Q536. How many cultural categories are curated in ICP 2.0?

Ans: 46 curated cultural categories; with 3D walkthroughs and 360-degree virtual tours.

Q537. Which two new earthworm species were discovered in Silent Valley National Park?

Ans: Moniligaster girishi and Drawida reynoldsi; increasing India's moniligastrid count to 95.

Q538. Where is Silent Valley National Park located?

Ans: Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve (NBR) of Western Ghats, Kerala.

Q539. What journal published the earthworm species discovery?

Ans: Peer-reviewed journal Zootaxa; in March 2026.

Q540. How many Western Ghats moniligastrid earthworms exist?

Ans: 70 out of 95 total species; concentrated in Western Ghats biodiversity hotspot.

Q541. Which new blind fish species was discovered in Assam?

Ans: Gitckak nakan; aquifer-dwelling (phreatobitic) fish in hand-dug well.

Q542. Where was Gitckak nakan discovered in Assam?

Ans: Assam village hand-dug well; first aquifer-dwelling fish in Northeast India.

Q543. What is the maximum size of Gitckak nakan fish?

Ans: 2 centimetres; miniature fish with translucent body lacking skin pigment.

Q544. What unique skull feature does Gitckak nakan lack?

Ans: Skull roof covering; brain covered only by skin rather than bone.

Q545. What geological age fossils were found showing earliest animals?

Ans: 541 million-year-old Precambrian rocks; with evidence of soft-bodied sea sponges.

Q546. What chemical biomarkers indicated earliest animal presence?

Ans: Steranes; molecular biomarkers from sterols associated with demosponges.

Q547. Which journal published earliest animal discovery findings?

Ans: Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences; MIT and research collaboration.

Q548. What technology did scientists use for ancient animal detection?

Ans: Google Earth Engine data processing; Sentinel-2 optical, Sentinel-1 SAR imagery analysis.

Q549. When did ISRO and ESA sign Earth observation missions agreement?

Ans: March 2026; virtually signed ESA-ISRO arrangement for joint calibration.

Q550. What is the FLEX mission focus area?

Ans: Fluorescence Explorer satellite; measuring chlorophyll fluorescence for vegetation health.

Q551. How long does FLEX mission monitor global vegetation?

Ans: Comprehensive Earth observation; supporting climate monitoring and vegetation studies.

Q552. When did AquaAirX introduce AVATAAR amphibious drone?

Ans: March 2026; India's first amphibious drone for air-underwater ISR operations.

Q553. What acronym is AVATAAR?

Ans: Amphibious Vehicle for Autonomous Tactical Aerial & Aquatic Reconnaissance.

Q554. What sensors does AVATAAR drone carry?

Ans: Imaging sonar, Doppler Velocity Logger, acoustic communication modem, LED lights, cameras, USBL.

Q555. What Technology Readiness Level has AVATAAR achieved?

Ans: TRL-6; functional prototype tested in operational environments.

Q556. When did USA Air Force test Minuteman III ICBM?

Ans: February 2026; designated GT-255/Glory Trip 255 from Vandenberg Space Force Base.

Q557. What distance did Minuteman III missile travel in test?

Ans: ~4,200 miles; striking target zone near Kwajalein Atoll, Marshall Islands.

Q558. What is Minuteman III's operational range?

Ans: ~6,000 miles; with travel speed exceeding Mach 23.

Q559. How many Minuteman III missiles remain on alert in USA?

Ans: ~400 missiles; deployed across Montana, North Dakota, Wyoming.

Q560. When did researchers develop sunlight-driven plastic waste conversion?

Ans: March 2026 at University of Waterloo, Canada; converting plastic to acetic acid.

Q561. What conversion technology does plastic-to-acetic method employ?

Ans: Photocatalysis system; using sunlight as primary energy source.

Q562. What conversion temperature does plastic waste method require?

Ans: Room temperature; without extreme heat or toxic chemicals.

Q563. Which plastic types were tested in conversion method?

Ans: Polyethylene (PE), PET, polypropylene (PP), polyvinyl chloride (PVC).

Q564. What is global annual acetic acid production volume?

Ans: Over 17 million tonnes; primarily using fossil fuels (natural gas, coal).

Q565. When did Union Minister review OTEC plant in Lakshadweep?

Ans: March 2026; examining seawater intake, deep-sea pipeline, turbine systems.

Q566. What technology does OTEC plant utilize?

Ans: Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion; temperature difference between warm surface and cold deep water.

Q567. What implementing ministry supports OTEC plant project?

Ans: Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES) and National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT).

Q568. What depth does OTEC pipeline draw seawater from?

Ans: >1,000 metres; bringing cold seawater for desalination and power generation.

Q569. What desalination capacity does OTEC plant target?

Ans: 100 cubic metres/day; producing drinking water using deep-sea water.

Q570. What is the OTEC pipeline length in Lakshadweep?

Ans: 8 km; high-density polyethylene pipeline for seawater intake operations.

Q571. When was IISc Moonshot Project on Brain Co-Processors launched?

Ans: March 2026; funded by Pratiksha Trust under Senapathy Gopalakrishnan initiative.

Q572. What is brain co-processor's primary function?

Ans: Decode neural signals, process via AI, send feedback to brain; enhancing/restoring brain function.

Q573. What patient group is first-phase brain co-processor targeting?

Ans: Stroke survivors; developing non-invasive neural co-processor for sensorimotor feedback.

Q574. What second-phase brain co-processor focuses on?

Ans: Minimally invasive co-processor; restoring sensorimotor coordination in chronic MCA stroke.

Q575. How many IISc faculty support brain research initiatives?

Ans: 20+ faculty members; in Brain, Computation and Data Science initiative.

Q576. When did SEBI form high-level technology roadmap panel?

Ans: March 2026; chaired by Dr D B Phatak, IIT Bombay Professor Emeritus.

Q577. What panel purpose does SEBI technology roadmap serve?

Ans: Preparing short-term and long-term technology roadmaps for securities market ecosystem.

Q578. What SEBI surveillance tool was developed internally?

Ans: SEBI Sudarshan; real-time system monitoring unauthorized digital market activity.

Q579. What AI-based SEBI system reviews market advertisements?

Ans: SEBI R(AI)DAR; reviewing securities market advertisements for compliance.

Q580. When did Forest Survey of India halt Anavaran deforestation alerts?

Ans: March 2026; ending fortnightly alerts via AI-based portal system.

Q581. How long did Anavaran portal operate?

Ans: January 2024- October 2025; providing near-real-time deforestation alerts.

Q582. What satellite imagery did Anavaran use?

Ans: Sentinel-2 optical imagery; Sentinel-1 SAR data for forest cover detection.

Q583. How many deforestation alerts did Anavaran issue total?

Ans: 12,351 alerts; averaging 561/month between January 2024-October 2025.

Q584. Which states recorded highest deforestation alerts?

Ans: Punjab, Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Uttarakhand, Assam, Tripura.

Q585. When did ISRO conduct CE20 cryogenic engine hot test?

Ans: March 2026; 165-second sea-level hot test at IPRC, Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.

Q586. What thrust did CE20 engine test achieve?

Ans: 22 tonne thrust; enhanced from previous 19-tonne operations.

Q587. What protection system was used in CE20 test?

Ans: Nozzle Protection System (NPS); controlling flow separation effects.

Q588. What LVM3 stage will uprated CE20 support?

Ans: Cryogenic Stage C32 development; enhancing LVM3 payload capability.

Q589. How many hot tests has tested CE20 completed?

Ans: 20 hot tests record; enabling multiple technology qualifications on single engine.

Q590. When did Gujarat launch its first sounding rocket?

Ans: March 15, 2026 at Bavaliyari village near Dholera.

Q591. Which company developed Gujarat's sounding rocket?

Ans: Omspace Rocket and Exploration Private Limited (OSRE); Ahmedabad-based.

Q592. What altitude did Gujarat sounding rocket reach?

Ans: Nearly 3 kilometres; single-stage sub-orbital rocket achievement.

Q593. What payload did Gujarat sounding rocket carry?

Ans: Mini-satellite for weather data collection; built with carbon fibre advanced composites.

Q594. What approvals did Gujarat rocket launch receive?

Ans: Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre (IN-SPACe); supporting Gujarat Spacetech Policy.

Q595. When did IIT Guwahati develop MXene-based material?

Ans: March 2026; for hydrogen fuel production and seawater desalination.

Q596. What is MXene-based material's hydrogen evolution performance?

Ans: 12 millivolts overpotential; outperforming platinum-based catalysts.

Q597. What desalination rate did MXene-based Janus evaporator achieve?

Ans: 3.2 kilograms per square metre per hour; operating 5 days continuously.

Q598. What drinking water standards did MXene desalination meet?

Ans: International standards; demonstrating sustainable water treatment capability.

Q599. What publication featured IIT Guwahati's MXene research?

Ans: "Advanced Functional Materials" journal; demonstrating material's dual capabilities.

Q600. When did India test indigenous Floating LiDAR Buoy System?

Ans: March 2026 off Muttom, Tamil Nadu coast by National Institute of Ocean Technology.

Q601. What is Floating LiDAR Buoy's measurement altitude?

Ans: Up to 300 metres above sea level; providing comprehensive wind profile data.

Q602. What advantage does floating LiDAR provide vs traditional tools?

Ans: Measures wind profiles unlike traditional coastal towers; comprehensive real-time data.

Q603. What benefit reduces dependency on imported technology?

Ans: Indigenous development supporting India's self-reliance in scientific innovation.

Q604. What weather applications does floating LiDAR support?

Ans: Enhanced forecasting accuracy, cyclone tracking, climate change studies support.

Q605. What renewable energy applications benefit from floating LiDAR?

Ans: Offshore wind energy modeling, assessment, optimization of generation.

Q606. When did Reliance Industries sign green ammonia supply deal?

Ans: March 2026; binding SPA with Samsung C&T for 15-year supply.

Q607. What is the green ammonia supply value?

Ans: Over USD 3 billion; marking largest off-take agreement globally.

Q608. When does green ammonia supply commence?

Ans: Second half of FY2028-29; fully integrated clean energy ecosystem in India.

Q609. What mission does green ammonia supply align with?

Ans: National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM); achieving net-zero emissions by 2035.

Q610. What is the global context of green ammonia market?

Ans: First in series of global offtake agreements; supporting clean energy transition.

Q611. When did Shipping Corporation sign green vessel contract?

Ans: March 2026 with Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.

Q612. What vessel type is SCI constructing?

Ans: Green methanol dual-fuel Platform Supply Vessel (PSV); 3,000 Deadweight Tonnage.

Q613. Why is green methanol vessel significant?

Ans: First alternative-fuel vessel in SCI fleet; India's first methanol dual-fuel PSV.

Q614. What dual-fuel technology does PSV employ?

Ans: Methanol dual-fuel capability; operating on conventional marine fuel and green methanol.

Q615. What emission reduction does methanol dual-fuel provide?

Ans: Reduced emissions through green methanol utilization; supporting net-zero goals.

Q616. When did ICAR-CMFRI initiate deep-sea survey?

Ans: March 2026 in Arabian Sea; studying seamount fisheries cephalopods.

Q617. What cephalopods is ICAR-CMFRI studying?

Ans: Squid, cuttlefish, octopus; analyzing diversity, ecology, distribution, biology.

Q618. What is the deep-sea expedition funding?

Ans: ₹4.986 crore for two-year duration; funded by Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Q619. Which institution partners in deep-sea research?

Ans: National Institute of Technology (NIT), Surathkal; developing AI-based species identification.

Q620. What does deep-sea expedition aim to develop?

Ans: AI tools for automated cephalopod species identification; conservation strategy insights.

Q621. When did Netflix launch Eyeline Studios in Hyderabad?

Ans: March 2026; global production and innovation studio network expansion.

Q622. What global network centers does Eyeline Studios include?

Ans: Los Angeles, Vancouver, Seoul, London, and newly Hyderabad studio.

Q623. What sectors does Eyeline Studios support?

Ans: Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics (AVGC) ecosystem strengthening.

Q624. What partnership focus does Eyeline Studios pursue?

Ans: Strengthening India's role in global production pipelines, talent development promotion.

Q625. When did ISRO expand student involvement in space missions?

Ans: March 2026; expanding satellite design and payload development opportunities.

Q626. What mentorship support does U R Rao Satellite Centre provide?

Ans: Technical mentorship from ISRO scientists to universities for satellite development.

Q627. How many student satellites has IN-SPACE authorized?

Ans: 17 student satellites and payloads; with 11 successfully launched.

Q628. What programs strengthen space education in India?

Ans: RESPOND Programme, Space Technology Minor Course (AICTE-approved).

Q629. How much annual allocation does India provide for space science outreach?

Ans: ~₹10 crore; for space science outreach and student programs.

Q630. What facility purpose do Space Technology Incubation Centres serve?

Ans: Collaborative research and indigenous space technology development enabling.

Q631. What governance framework did Government establish for rare earth magnets?

Ans: Pilot plant at ARCI, Hyderabad; under Department of Science and Technology.

Q632. What magnet type did Gol establish production for?

Ans: Neodymium-Iron-Boron (Nd-Fe-B) rare earth permanent magnets; end-to-end manufacturing.

Q633. What rare earth magnet applications exist?

Ans: Electric vehicles, renewable energy systems, advanced electronics manufacturing.

Q634. What manufacturing advantage does ARCI pilot plant offer?

Ans: End-to-end process from strip-cast to finished sintered magnets; self-reliant system.

Q635. What strategic benefit does rare earth magnet manufacturing provide?

Ans: Reducing import dependence, strengthening India's global rare earth supply chain position.

Q636. When was new cockroach species discovered in Maharashtra?

Ans: March 2026; *Neoloboptera peninsularis* in Deccan Peninsula agricultural areas.

Q637. Where was *Neoloboptera peninsularis* found?

Ans: Nathachiwadi, Pune, Maharashtra; agricultural area of Deccan Peninsula.

Q638. What journal published cockroach species discovery?

Ans: "Records of Zoological Survey of India" journal; using integrative taxonomy.

Q639. What methodology identified new cockroach species?

Ans: Integrative taxonomy combining morphology, genitalic study, DNA barcoding, phylogenetic analysis.

Q640. What is first DNA-based cockroach identification significance?

Ans: First in India; marking advanced species identification methodology adoption.

Q641. How many cockroach species now exist in India?

Ans: 190 species; ~3.8% of global cockroach diversity.

Q642. How many *Neoloboptera* species are found in India?

Ans: 3 species total; newest *peninsularis* species endemic to India.

Q643. When did IIT-Kharagpur and PRL study lunar titanium-rich basalts?

Ans: March 2026; published in *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta*.

Q644. What TiO₂ percentage do lunar basalts contain?

Ans: Up to 18% TiO₂; compared to <2% in Earth volcanic rocks.

Q645. What experimental conditions did researchers simulate?

Ans: Lunar interior conditions; up to 700 km depth inside Moon.

Q646. What mission planning benefit does lunar basalt research provide?

Ans: Supporting future lunar missions planning; including India's Chandrayaan-4 (2028).

Q647. When did Agnikul test 3D-printed booster engine 'Agnite'?

Ans: March 2026 at Agnikul Launchpad (ALP-01), Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Q648. What is Agnite engine's unique manufacturing feature?

Ans: Fully 3D printed rocket engine; reducing manufacturing time from 7 months to 7 days.

Q649. What cost reduction does 3D printing provide?

Ans: One-tenth of traditional manufacturing costs; improving production efficiency significantly.

Q650. What manufacturing scale did Agnikul achieve?

Ans: Full metre-long rocket engine; large-scale 3D printing capability demonstration.

Q651. When did National Biodiversity Authority constitute Expert Committee?

Ans: March 2026; on Invasive Alien Species under Biological Diversity Act 2002.

Q652. Who chairs Invasive Alien Species Expert Committee?

Ans: Dhananjai Mohan, former Uttarakhand Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.

Q653. Who is Expert Committee Co-Chair?

Ans: A. Biju Kumar, Vice Chancellor Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies.

Q654. What is committee tenure duration?

Ans: Two-year tenure; focusing on invasive species threat assessment.

Q655. What will committee prepare?

Ans: Consolidated national invasive alien species list; prioritizing high-risk species.

Q656. What strategies will committee recommend?

Ans: Prevention, control, eradication, ecological restoration science-based strategies.

Q657. When did Central Electricity Authority release National Generation Adequacy Plan?

Ans: March 2026 during Bharat Electricity Summit; covering 2026-27 to 2035-36.

Q658. What installed capacity increase does CEA project?

Ans: 520 GW to 1,121 GW by 2035-36; nearly doubling capacity.

Q659. What will be solar capacity by 2035-36?

Ans: 509 GW (45% share); leading renewable energy capacity expansion.

Q660. What coal-based capacity is projected?

Ans: 315 GW (28% share); maintaining significant thermal generation base.

Q661. What wind power capacity is forecasted?

Ans: 155 GW (14% share); supporting renewable energy transition.

Q662. When did Elon Musk unveil Terafab semiconductor project?

Ans: March 2026; jointly operated by Tesla and SpaceX with xAI involvement.

Q663. Where will Terafab manufacturing facility be located?

Ans: Austin, Texas; manufacturing in-house AI chips for robotics, AI, space technologies.

Q664. What technology node will Terafab initially produce?

Ans: Advanced 2-nanometre chips; initial technology process entry point.

Q665. What is Terafab project investment estimate?

Ans: USD 20-25 billion; massive semiconductor manufacturing infrastructure investment.

Q666. What monthly wafer production does Terafab target?

Ans: 1 million chip wafers per month; vs TSMC's 140,000 2-nm monthly capacity.

Q667. What annual computing power will Terafab support?

Ans: 100-200 GW annual computing power; substantial AI infrastructure deployment.

Q668. When was wild kiwi species "Actinidia indica" discovered?

Ans: March 2026 in Arunachal Pradesh; near Ziro Valley at 1,725 metres elevation.

Q669. What elevation zone does Actinidia indica grow?

Ans: 1,725 metres; transition zone between temperate and subtropical forests.

Q670. What global Actinidia species count did discovery increase?

Ans: To 56 species globally; with few found in India previously.

Q671. What biodiversity characteristic zone does discovery highlight?

Ans: Eastern Himalayas high biodiversity zone; with favourable climatic conditions.

Q672. When was desert moss Syntrichia caninervis identified for Mars?

Ans: March 2026; published in The Innovation journal.

Q673. What extreme conditions can Syntrichia caninervis survive?

Ans: Extreme dehydration, freezing temperatures, intense radiation; highly adaptable.

Q674. What cellular water loss can desert moss sustain?

Ans: Over 98% water loss; entering dormant state resuming photosynthesis with moisture.

Q675. How was desert moss tested in Martian conditions?

Ans: High CO₂, low pressure, UV radiation; survived several days with regeneration.

Q676. What cellular repair systems enable moss resilience?

Ans: Efficient cellular repair systems recovering damage lethal to other organisms.

Q677. When was BHASHINI's multilingual governance initiative launched?

Ans: March 2026; BHASHINI-PFRDA for pension services multilingual accessibility.

Q678. How many Eighth Schedule languages does BHASHINI support?

Ans: All 22 languages; including Hindi, Bengali, Telugu, Marathi, Tamil, Urdu, Sanskrit.

Q679. What infrastructure does BHASHINI provide?

Ans: Digital Public Infrastructure; with AI models for real-time translation.

Q680. What interfaces does BHASHINI support?

Ans: Voice-enabled interfaces; speech-to-text and text-to-speech technologies.

Q681. When did Indian Air Force initiate 'Vayu Baan' project?

Ans: March 2026; issuing Request for Proposal for autonomous helicopter-launched drone.

Q682. What stand-off distance does 'Vayu Baan' drone provide?

Ans: 50+ km stand-off engagement distance; protecting aircrew from MANPADS range.

Q683. What is 'Vayu Baan' drone deployment mechanism?

Ans: Mid-flight release from moving helicopter; unfolding wings, activating propulsion.

Q684. How many countries have this helicopter-drone capability?

Ans: 3 countries; USA, China, and newly India with Vayu Baan development.

Q685. When did IIT Ropar's ANNAM.AI deploy weather stations?

Ans: By March 30, 2026; 100 AI-based weather stations across Punjab.

Q686. What weather information do ANNAM stations provide?

Ans: Hyperlocal real-time weather data; improving sowing, irrigation, crop protection decisions.

Q687. Who funds ANNAM.AI Centre of Excellence?

Ans: Ministry of Education support; digital public good farmer assistance.

Q688. What states plan ANNAM.AI expansion?

Ans: Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Odisha, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra.

Q689. When did NCW partner Truecaller for digital safety?

Ans: March 2026; launching "TrueCyberSakhi" digital safety toolkit.

Q690. What cyber threats does TrueCyberSakhi address?

Ans: Spam, phishing, impersonation, harassment, financial fraud coverage.

Q691. What educational features does toolkit include?

Ans: Interactive modules, quizzes, self-assessment tools for cyber threat awareness.

Q692. What special service did NCW establish?

Ans: 24x7 helpline guidance; with Truecaller's Government Directory Service verification.

Q693. When did NASA announce Artemis Program Lunar Gateway cancellation?

Ans: March 2026; shifting focus to \$20 billion lunar surface base.

Q694. What cost and timeline did NASA announce for lunar base?

Ans: \$20 billion investment; step-by-step approach similar to Apollo Program.

Q695. What nuclear spacecraft did NASA announce?

Ans: Space Reactor 1 Freedom; nuclear electric propulsion for Mars missions.

Q696. When will Space Reactor 1 Freedom launch?

Ans: Before 2028; nuclear-powered Mars mission with helicopter deployment.

Q697. What Mars landing timeline did NASA target?

Ans: By 2028; ambitious moon astronaut landing under revised Artemis approach.

Q698. When did Jammu & Kashmir clinch first-ever Ranji Trophy title?

Ans: February 28, 2026 vs Karnataka at Hubballi, KSCA Rajnagar Stadium.

Q699. What was Jammu & Kashmir's championship margin?

Ans: 291-run first-innings lead in five-day drawn final determining victory.

Q700. How many Ranji Trophy teams have won since inception?

Ans: 19th team; debut 1959-60 Ranji Trophy inception.

Q701. Who was Player of Tournament in Ranji Trophy 2025-26?

Ans: Auqib Nabi; taking 62 wickets for J&K.

Q702. How many wickets did Auqib Nabi take in final?

Ans: 5/54; dismantling Karnataka's middle order.

Q703. Who was highest scorer in Ranji Trophy 2025-26?

Ans: Abdul Samad (J&K); 748 runs at 57 average.

Q704. What centuries did J&K batsmen score in second innings?

Ans: Qamran Iqbal 160*, Sahil Lotra 101; extending championship lead to 633.

Q705. When did Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya unveil Cycling League logo?

Ans: March 2026; world's first franchise-based road cycling league.

Q706. How many franchises does Cycling League feature?

Ans: 8 city or region-based franchises; 10 cyclists per team composition.

Q707. What team composition does Cycling League mandate?

Ans: 2 international riders, 2 junior cyclists, remaining professional riders.

Q708. What race formats does Cycling League conduct?

Ans: Criterium races, team time trials, mass start events across three stages.

Q709. When did Alyssa Healy retire from international cricket?

Ans: February 2026; after memorable final ODI in Hobart.

Q710. What score did Healy achieve in final ODI?

Ans: 158 runs off 98 balls; leading Australia to 409/7 victory.

Q711. How many centuries did Healy hit in final ODI?

Ans: 3 fifties within single innings; 49, 30, 16-ball milestones.

Q712. How many runs did Healy score in last over?

Ans: 23 runs in single over; vs spinner Sree Charani in highest chase.

Q713. What is Alyssa Healy's ODI career statistics?

Ans: 125 ODIs, 3,619 runs at 83 average; 8 centuries, 19 half-centuries.

Q714. What unique strike rate did Alyssa Healy achieve?

Ans: 100.69 strike rate; demonstrating aggressive batting approach.

Q715. When did MCA name Wankhede Stadium stand after Ravi Shastri?

Ans: March 2026; Level 1 Stand below Press Box named recognition.

Q716. What career span did Ravi Shastri achieve?

Ans: All-rounder, former captain, head coach, commentator; long-standing Mumbai association.

Q717. Which gates were named after cricket legends?

Ans: Gate 3 (Dilip Sardesai), Gate 5 (Diana Edulji), Gate 6 (Eknath Solkar).

Q718. What playing records did Dilip Sardesai achieve?

Ans: 30 Tests, 179 First-Class matches; opening/middle-order batting.

Q719. Who was Diana Edulji in cricket history?

Ans: Former India women's team captain; pioneering female cricket leadership.

Q720. What fielding expertise did Eknath Solkar demonstrate?

Ans: Exceptional close-in fielding specialist; defensive prowess recognition.

Q721. When did Indian Army retain Khelo India Winter Games team championship?

Ans: March 2026; defending title successfully at Winter Games 2026.

Q722. How many total medals did Indian Army win?

Ans: 23 medals; 9 gold (8 golds in Gulmarg leg).

Q723. Who finished as Winter Games runners-up?

Ans: Himachal Pradesh; 14 total medals (6 gold, 7 silver, 1 bronze).

Q724. What third position did team achieve?

Ans: Haryana; 7 total medals (4 gold, 1 silver, 2 bronze).

Q725. What mascot represents Khelo India Winter Games?

Ans: Sheen-E-She (Snow Leopard); symbolizing resilience and adaptability.

Q726. Which authority manages Khelo India Winter Games?

Ans: Jammu & Kashmir Sports Council and Sports Authority of India.

Q727. When did Khelo India Winter Games first leg conclude?

Ans: January 20-26, 2026 in Ladakh; inaugural leg location.

Q728. When did Sanju Samson score match-winning T20 World Cup chasing innings?

Ans: During T20 World Cup 2026; 89-run match-winning knock in final.

Q729. What chase total did India pursue successfully?

Ans: 256 runs target vs New Zealand; scoring 255/5.

Q730. What position did India's chase occupy in T20 WC history?

Ans: Third-highest successful chase in T20 World Cup history.

Q731. When did Lakshya Sen reach All England Open 2026 semi-finals?

Ans: March 2026 at Utilita Arena Birmingham; defeating Li Shi Feng.

Q732. How did Lakshya defeat Li Shi Feng?

Ans: In straight games; demonstrating dominant badminton performance.

Q733. What status does Lakshya hold in All England tournament?

Ans: India's only contender in prestigious BWF Super 1000 tournament.

Q734. When did India win T20 World Cup title 2026?

Ans: March 8, 2026 at Narendra Modi Stadium, Ahmedabad.

Q735. How many T20 World Cup titles has India won total?

Ans: 3 titles; 2007, 2024, 2026 becoming first team to defend.

Q736. What prize pool did ICC announce for tournament?

Ans: USD 13.5 million; India won USD 3 million (₹27.48 crore).

Q737. When was tournament held?

Ans: February 7- March 8, 2026; hosted by BCCI and Sri Lanka Cricket.

Q738. How much BCCI cash reward did India team receive?

Ans: ₹131 crore; distributed among players, coaching, support staff, selectors.

Q739. How much was BCCI reward compared to 2024 T20 World Cup?

Ans: ₹6 crore higher than ₹125 crore previous reward.

Q740. When did George Russell win 2026 Australian Grand Prix?

Ans: March 8, 2026 at Albert Park Circuit, Melbourne.

Q741. What team did George Russell drive for?

Ans: Mercedes-AMG Petronas Formula One Team; 1-2 finish with teammate.

Q742. Who finished second with George Russell?

Ans: Kimi Antonelli; Mercedes teammate in full-season F1 debut.

Q743. Who finished third at Australian Grand Prix?

Ans: Charles Leclerc; Ferrari completing podium positions.

Q744. What Formula 1 regulation era began with F1 2026?

Ans: New technical regulation era; featuring power unit changes.

Q745. What power balance did F1 2026 regulations implement?

Ans: 50:50 split between Internal Combustion Engine (ICE) and Electric Power Unit (EPU).

Q746. What is George Russell's F1 Grand Prix win count?

Ans: 6 wins; with 2026 Australian Grand Prix victory.

Q747. What is Mercedes Grand Prix victory count?

Ans: 132 victories; with 61st one-two finish at Australian GP.

Q748. When did Jasprit Bumrah complete 500 international cricket wickets?

Ans: During T20 World Cup 2026 semifinal vs England at Wankhede.

Q749. What dismissal achieved Jasprit Bumrah's 500-wicket milestone?

Ans: Dismissing Harry Brook; T20 World Cup semifinal target.

Q750. How many Test wickets does Jasprit Bumrah have?

Ans: 234 wickets; in 52 matches achieving milestone.

Q751. How many ODI wickets did Bumrah take?

Ans: 149 wickets; in 89 matches international cricket.

Q752. What T20I wicket count does Bumrah possess?

Ans: 117 wickets; in 94 matches T20 international play.

Q753. When did Bumrah debut in international cricket?

Ans: January 23, 2016 vs Australia, Sydney; starting two-decade journey.

Q754. Which Indian legends join Bumrah in leading wicket-taker category?

Ans: Anil Kumble (953), Ravichandran Ashwin (765), Harbhajan Singh (707).

Q755. When did India women's hockey team qualify for World Cup 2026?

Ans: Before semifinals; securing dominant qualification position.

Q756. What victory margin did India achieve in qualifying match?

Ans: 4-1 vs Wales in Pool B; Navneet Kaur hat-trick scorer.

Q757. Who scored multiple goals in India's qualification match?

Ans: Navneet Kaur; 3 goals at 29th, 34th, 55th minutes.

Q758. Who else scored in women's hockey qualification match?

Ans: Sakshi Rana; 7th minute goal.

Q759. What pool position did India finish?

Ans: Top of Pool B; with superior goal difference advantage.

Q760. When did Lakshya Sen finish runner-up at All England 2026?

Ans: March 2026; losing to Taiwan's Lin Chun-Yi in closely contested final.

Q761. What was Lakshya Sen's final match score?

Ans: 15-21, 20-22; narrow losses to Lin Chun-Yi in consecutive games.

Q762. What is Lakshya's head-to-head record vs Lin Chun-Yi?

Ans: 5 consecutive losses; across international competitions.

Q763. Which Indian players won All England men's singles titles?

Ans: Prakash Padukone (1980), Pullela Gopichand (2001); only two winners.

Q764. When did Shailesh Kumar win gold in men's high jump T63?

Ans: World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026; New Delhi event.

Q765. What height did Shailesh Kumar jump?

Ans: 1.84 metres; personal best 1.91 metres capability.

Q766. What status does Shailesh Kumar hold?

Ans: Reigning world champion; gradually recovering from left knee injury.

Q767. What major competition is Shailesh Kumar targeting?

Ans: Asian Para Games; as main season competition focus.

Q768. When did India and New Zealand launch centenary sports cooperation?

Ans: March 2026; marking 100 years of sporting relations.

Q769. When did India-New Zealand sports relations begin?

Ans: 1926; Indian Army hockey team touring New Zealand.

Q770. Which sports were prioritized in cooperation programme?

Ans: Rugby, rowing, canoeing, sailing, athletics, cycling.

Q771. What high-level meeting finalized sports cooperation?

Ans: New Delhi meeting; Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya with New Zealand delegation.

Q772. Who led New Zealand sports delegation?

Ans: Chris Bishop, Associate Minister for Sport; finalizing cooperation details.

Q773. When will India host Asia Cup Archery 2027 second leg?

Ans: March 2027; marking India's first international archery event in 22 years.

Q774. When did India last host major archery championship?

Ans: 2005; Asian Archery Championships in Delhi.

Q775. What was decision process for Asia Cup hosting?

Ans: Archery Association of India Secretary General meeting with World Archery Asia President.

Q776. What is Asia Cup Archery 2026 schedule?

Ans: Opening leg Bangkok (21-26 March 2026), second leg Delhi, final leg China.

Q777. When will World Para Athletics Grand Prix 2026 – New Delhi be held?

Ans: March 11-13, 2026 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi.

Q778. How many athletes participated in World Para Athletics?

Ans: ~257 athletes from 8 countries; India fielding ~219 athletes.

Q779. How many international classification slots were available?

Ans: 74 international classification slots; 39 physical impairments, 29 vision, 6 intellectual.

Q780. What is World Para Athletics Grand Prix purpose?

Ans: Key qualifying event; offering classification and performance opportunities.

Q781. What Paralympic preparation does Grand Prix serve?

Ans: Qualifying for 2026 World Championships and 2028 LA Paralympics.

Q782. When was Cycling League of India unveiled?

Ans: March 2026; world's first franchise-based professional road cycling league.

Q783. How many cycling teams comprise Cycling League?

Ans: 8 city/region-based franchises; 10 cyclists per team structure.

Q784. What race formats does Cycling League feature?

Ans: Criterion races, team time trials, mass start races.

Q785. What 3-stage competition structure does Cycling League employ?

Ans: Three stages culminating in grand finale; featuring diverse race formats.

Q786. What development goals does Cycling League support?

Ans: Developing cycling talent, attracting international participation, enhancing global presence.

Q787. When was first Khelo India Tribal Games announced?

Ans: March 2026; by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

Q788. Which state hosts first Khelo India Tribal Games 2026?

Ans: Chhattisgarh; from March 25- April 6, 2026.

Q789. Which cities host Khelo India Tribal Games?

Ans: Raipur, Jagdalpur, Sarguja; across three Chhattisgarh locations.

Q790. How many medal sports feature in Tribal Games?

Ans: 7 medal sports; Athletics, Football, Hockey, Weightlifting, Archery, Swimming, Wrestling.

Q791. What percentage tribal population justifies Chhattisgarh selection?

Ans: Over 32% tribal population; strong tribal cultural connection.

Q792. How many participants are expected at Tribal Games?

Ans: Over 6,000 participants; including ~2,300 athletes from across India.

Q793. What tribal sports preservation emphasis exists?

Ans: Special focus on indigenous sports like Mallakhamb and Kabaddi.

Q794. When did LeBron James break NBA games-played record?

Ans: March 2026; appearing in 1,612th regular season game vs Orlando Magic.

Q795. What previous games-played record did LeBron break?

Ans: Robert Parish's 1,611 games (held since 1997).

Q796. What is LeBron James' age and career span?

Ans: Age 41 across 23 seasons; demonstrating exceptional longevity.

Q797. How did Lakers perform in LeBron's record game?

Ans: 105-104 victory vs Orlando Magic; Luke Kennard buzzer-beater.

Q798. What winning streak did Lakers extend?

Ans: 9-game winning streak continuation; demonstrating team momentum.

Q799. When was Arundhati Reddy named ICC Women's Player of Month?

Ans: March 2026; for February 2026 performance period.

Q800. What achievement earned Arundhati ICC Player of Month?

Ans: Leading wicket-taker in T20I series vs Australia; 8 wickets in 3 matches.

Q801. What was Arundhati's bowling average in Australia series?

Ans: 10.87 bowling average; demonstrating exceptional performance consistency.

Q802. What was Arundhati's economy rate?

Ans: 7.25 runs per over; controlling bowling performance.

Q803. What career-best performance did Arundhati achieve?

Ans: 4 wickets for 22 runs in Sydney; setting personal milestone.

Q804. Who was ICC Men's Player of Month for February 2026?

Ans: Sahibzada Farhan; following ICC T20 World Cup 2026 performance.

Q805. How many runs did Sahibzada Farhan score in tournament?

Ans: 383 runs in 7 matches; averaging 76.60.

Q806. What strike rate did Farhan maintain?

Ans: 160.25 strike rate; demonstrating aggressive batting approach.

Q807. How many centuries did Farhan score?

Ans: 2 centuries; breaking Virat Kohli's T20 WC single-edition record.

Q808. How many half-centuries did Farhan record?

Ans: 2 half-centuries; alongside 2 century achievements.

Q809. What record did Farhan become first to achieve?

Ans: First batter scoring two centuries in single T20 WC edition.

Q810. When was India's World Indoor Athletics Championships hosting finalized?

Ans: March 2026 during Toruń, Poland meeting.

Q811. Which venue will host WIAC 2028?

Ans: Kalinga Indoor Athletics Stadium (KIAS), Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Q812. What edition number is WIAC 2028?

Ans: 22nd edition; first time India hosting World Indoor Athletics.

Q813. What Asian milestone does India hosting represent?

Ans: 4th Asian nation hosting WIAC; after Japan, Qatar, China.

Q814. When and where is WIAC 2026 being held?

Ans: March 20-22, 2026 in Toruń, Poland; 21st edition.

Q815. What location is WIAC 2030 awarded?

Ans: Astana, Kazakhstan; 23rd edition location.

Q816. What broader competitions is India preparing to host?

Ans: Commonwealth Games 2030 and Olympic Games 2036.

Q817. When is Zero Discrimination Day observed?

Ans: March 1st globally; theme 2026 "People First".

Q818. What symbol represents Zero Discrimination Day?

Ans: Butterfly; symbolizing freedom and transformation.

Q819. When did Zero Discrimination Day observance start?

Ans: First observed 2014; initiated by UNAIDS 2013.

Q820. What focus areas does Zero Discrimination Day emphasize?

Ans: Equality, inclusion, human rights promotion advocacy.

Q821. What discrimination types does the observance address?

Ans: Gender, religion, disability, and multiple intersecting discriminations.

Q822. When is World Civil Defence Day observed?

Ans: March 1st; organized by International Civil Defence Organisation (ICDO).

Q823. What is 2026 World Civil Defence Day theme?

Ans: Environmental risk management; addressing climate-related disaster preparedness.

Q824. What historical significance marks March 1?

Ans: ICDO Constitution adoption date March 1, 1972.

Q825. When is World Seagrass Day observed?

Ans: March 1st annually; declared by UNGA 2022.

Q826. When was World Seagrass Day first observed?

Ans: First observed 2023; raising marine ecosystem awareness.

Q827. What ecosystem importance does Seagrass Day address?

Ans: Marine biodiversity support and climate change mitigation.

Q828. When is Civil Accounts Day observed in India?

Ans: March 1st; marking ICAS foundation 1976.

Q829. What observance significance does Civil Accounts Day mark?

Ans: 50th observance in 2026; linked to India's financial reforms.

Q830. Which ministry oversees Civil Accounts Day?

Ans: Ministry of Finance; celebrating Indian Civil Accounts Service.

Q831. When is World Hearing Day observed?

Ans: March 3rd annually; marking ear care awareness.

Q832. What is 2026 World Hearing Day theme?

Ans: Hearing care for children; addressing youth hearing health.

Q833. When did World Hearing Day start as observance?

Ans: Renamed 2016; previously Ear Care Day (2007).

Q834. What health focus does World Hearing Day promote?

Ans: Hearing loss awareness and hearing health advocacy.

Q835. When is World Wildlife Day observed?

Ans: March 3rd annually; declared UNGA 2013.

Q836. When was first World Wildlife Day observed?

Ans: 2014; first international wildlife day observance.

Q837. What is 2026 World Wildlife Day theme?

Ans: Medicinal & Aromatic Plants; addressing conservation importance.

Q838. What focus area does Wildlife Day promote?

Ans: Biodiversity conservation and wildlife protection advocacy.

Q839. When is National Security Day observed in India?

Ans: March 4th annually; honoring security forces.

Q840. What first occurrence marks National Security Day?

Ans: First observed 1972; recognizing police, army, security personnel.

Q841. When is National Safety Day observed?

Ans: March 4th; marking official establishment 1972.

Q842. What period does Safety Week cover?

Ans: March 4-10; starting with National Safety Day.

Q843. What sector focus does Safety Day promote?

Ans: Workplace safety culture and accident prevention.

Q844. When is World Obesity Day observed?

Ans: March 4th annually; addressing global obesity crisis.

Q845. What is World Obesity Day 2026 theme?

Ans: "8 Billion Reasons to Act"; mobilizing action emphasis.

Q846. What organization established World Obesity Day?

Ans: World Obesity Federation; promoting healthy lifestyle.

Q847. When is World Engineering Day observed?

Ans: March 4th; declared UNESCO 2019.

Q848. When was World Engineering Day first observed?

Ans: 2020 first observance; supporting engineering advancement.

Q849. What is World Engineering Day theme?

Ans: Smart Engineering & Innovation; sustainable development focus.

Q850. When is Disarmament Awareness Day observed?

Ans: March 5th; declared by UNGA 2022.

Q851. When was Disarmament Awareness Day first observed?

Ans: 2023 first observance; promoting peace advocacy.

Q852. What focus does Disarmament Day promote?

Ans: Peace and anti-weapons awareness globally.

Q853. When is Jan Aushadhi Diwas observed in India?

Ans: March 7th; promoting generic medicines access.

Q854. What scheme does Jan Aushadhi Diwas support?

Ans: PMBJP (Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana).

Q855. When did Jan Aushadhi observance begin?

Ans: 2019; annual healthcare affordability awareness campaign.

Q856. When is International Women's Day observed?

Ans: March 8th; celebrating women's achievements globally.

Q857. What is International Women's Day theme 2026?

Ans: Rights, Justice, Action; gender equality focus.

Q858. When was first UN observation of Women's Day?

Ans: 1975; marking international observance beginning.

Q859. When is Women Judges Day observed?

Ans: March 10th; declared by UNGA 2021.

Q860. When was Women Judges Day first observed?

Ans: 2022 first observance; promoting women judicial participation.

Q861. When is CISF Raising Day observed?

Ans: March 10th; marking CISF establishment 1969.

Q862. What does CISF stand for?

Ans: Central Industrial Security Force; under Ministry of Home Affairs.

Q863. What is CISF Raising Day focus?

Ans: Industrial security and organizational accomplishments recognition.

Q864. When is No Smoking Day observed?

Ans: Second Wednesday of March; started UK 1984.

Q865. What does No Smoking Day promote?

Ans: Tobacco cessation and quit smoking encouragement.

Q866. When is World Kidney Day observed?

Ans: Second Thursday of March; highlighting kidney health.

Q867. What is World Kidney Day 2026 theme?

Ans: Kidney Health for All; kidney disease awareness.

Q868. When did World Kidney Day observance begin?

Ans: 2006 first observance; global kidney health initiative.

Q869. When is World Rotaract Day observed?

Ans: March 13th; celebrating Rotaract movement.

Q870. When was Rotaract movement established?

Ans: 1968 establishment; youth service organization.

Q871. What does Rotaract Day emphasize?

Ans: Youth leadership and community service.

Q872. When is World Sleep Day observed?

Ans: Before spring equinox (March 21); sleep health awareness.

Q873. When did World Sleep Day begin?

Ans: 2008 first observance; promoting sleep awareness.

Q874. When is Pi Day observed?

Ans: March 14th; celebrating 3.14 mathematical constant.

Q875. When is International Day of Mathematics observed?

Ans: March 14th; declared UNESCO 2019.

Q876. What is International Day of Mathematics theme?

Ans: Mathematics & Hope; development role emphasis.

Q877. When is Rivers Day observed?

Ans: March 14th; started 1997 (Brazil meeting).

Q878. What does Rivers Day focus on?

Ans: River conservation and water security.

Q879. When is Consumer Rights Day observed?

Ans: March 15th; inspired by John F. Kennedy 1962 speech.

Q880. When was first Consumer Rights Day observed?

Ans: 1983 first observance; consumer protection advocacy.

Q881. What is Consumer Rights Day 2026 theme?

Ans: Safe Products; consumer protection emphasis.

Q882. When is Islamophobia Day observed?

Ans: March 15th; declared by UNGA 2022.

Q883. When was Islamophobia Day first observed?

Ans: 2023 first observance; religious tolerance promotion.

Q884. When is National Vaccination Day observed?

Ans: March 16th; marking first polio vaccine 1995.

Q885. When did India achieve polio-free status?

Ans: 2014; through vaccination programme success.

Q886. What does Vaccination Day promote?

Ans: Immunization awareness and disease prevention.

Q887. When is Ordnance Factory Day observed?

Ans: March 18th; marking first factory 1801 Kolkata.

Q888. What is Ordnance Factory Day significance?

Ans: Defence production and DPSU organization focus.

Q889. When were ordnance factories reorganized?

Ans: 2021; into DPSU entities.

Q890. When is Global Recycling Day observed?

Ans: March 18th; started by BIR 2018.

Q891. What is Global Recycling Day theme?

Ans: Think Opportunity; recycling and sustainability promotion.

Q892. When is World Oral Health Day observed?

Ans: March 20th; dental health awareness.

Q893. When did World Oral Health Day start?

Ans: 2007 first observance; oral health promotion.

Q894. What is World Oral Health Day theme?

Ans: Happy Mouth = Happy Mind; mental-oral health connection.

Q895. When is International Happiness Day observed?

Ans: March 20th; declared UN 2012.

Q896. When was International Happiness Day first observed?

Ans: 2013 first observance; well-being awareness.

Q897. When is World Sparrow Day observed?

Ans: March 20th; started 2010 bird conservation.

Q898. What does World Sparrow Day focus on?

Ans: Bird conservation and sparrow species protection.

Q899. Which country leads World Sparrow Day initiative?

Ans: India; bird conservation movement leadership.

Q900. When is World Forestry Day observed?

Ans: March 21st; declared UNGA 2012.

Q901. What is World Forestry Day theme?

Ans: Forests & Economies; forest conservation emphasis.

Q902. When is Poetry Day observed?

Ans: March 21st; declared UNESCO 1999.

Q903. What does Poetry Day promote?

Ans: Literature and culture celebration.

Q904. When is Down Syndrome Day observed?

Ans: March 21st; declared UN 2011.

Q905. What does Down Syndrome Day address?

Ans: Inclusion and disability awareness.

Q906. When is World Water Day observed?

Ans: March 22nd; first observed 1993.

Q907. What is World Water Day theme?

Ans: Water & Gender; water crisis emphasis.

Q908. When is World Meteorological Day observed?

Ans: March 23rd; marking WMO formation 1950.

Q909. What does Meteorological Day focus on?

Ans: Climate awareness and weather science.

Q910. When is Shaheed Diwas observed?

Ans: March 23rd; honoring freedom fighters.

Q911. Who are honored on Shaheed Diwas?

Ans: Bhagat Singh, Rajguru, Sukhdev; independence struggle.

Q912. When is World TB Day observed?

Ans: March 24th; first observed 1983.

Q913. What is World TB Day theme?

Ans: End TB; tuberculosis awareness.

Q914. When is Slavery Remembrance Day observed?

Ans: March 25th; declared UNGA 2007.

Q915. What does Slavery Remembrance Day focus on?

Ans: Human rights awareness and dignity.

Q916. When is World Theatre Day observed?

Ans: March 27th; started by ITI 1961.

Q917. What is World Theatre Day theme?

Ans: Culture of Peace; peace promotion.

Q918. When is Earth Hour observed?

Ans: March 28th; started by WWF 2007.

Q919. What is Earth Hour focus?

Ans: Lights off campaign; environmental awareness.

Q920. When did Mansukh Mandaviya release "Mahatma: A Great Communicator"?

Ans: March 2026 at Gandhi Darshan, Rajghat, New Delhi.

Q921. Who authored "Mahatma: A Great Communicator" book?

Ans: Dr Dhiraj Kakadia, Additional Director General of Akashvani.

Q922. What is book's primary focus area?

Ans: Mahatma Gandhi's life with communication skills emphasis during freedom struggle.

Q923. In which languages was the book published?

Ans: Hindi, English, and Gujarati; by Navajivan Trust.

Q924. When did Vice President release Tamil heritage publications?

Ans: March 2026 at Uparashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

Q925. How many Tamil publications were released?

Ans: 16 books published by Publications Division.

Q926. How many Tamil titles were included?

Ans: 14 Tamil titles; covering regional heritage topics.

Q927. What topics do released Tamil publications cover?

Ans: Rameswaram, Ramanujar, Nadukal tradition, Arikaimedu, Bakthi literature.

Q928. In which languages are publications available?

Ans: English, Hindi, and Tamil language editions.

Q929. When was R Vairamuthu selected for Jnanpith Award?

Ans: March 2026; selected for 60th Jnanpith Award 2025.

Q930. What is R Vairamuthu's profession?

Ans: Renowned Tamil poet and lyricist.

Q931. How many Tamil writers have won Jnanpith Award previously?

Ans: 2 writers; P.V. Akilan (1975), Jayakanthan (2002).

Q932. What is Jnanpith Award cash prize?

Ans: ₹11 lakh; with Vagdevi bronze statue and citation.

Q933. What does Vagdevi statue represent?

Ans: Goddess Saraswati; symbolizing literary and cultural excellence.

Q934. When do Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025 announcement occur?

Ans: March 2026; recognizing 24 Indian language literature.

Q935. How many award categories exist in Sahitya Akademi?

Ans: 8 categories; poetry, short stories, novels, essays, memoirs, autobiography, criticism.

Q936. Which novelist won English category award?

Ans: Navtej Sarna; for "Crimson Spring" novel.

Q937. Which memoirist won Hindi category award?

Ans: Mamta Kalia; for "Jeete Jee Allahabad" memoir.

Q938. Which critic won Tamil category award?

Ans: Sa Tamilselvan; for "Thamiz Sirukathaiyin Thadangaal" criticism.

Q939. Which poet won Bengali category award?

Ans: Prasun Bandyopadhyay; for "Shrestha Kabita" poetry.

Q940. Which poet won Sanskrit category award?

Ans: Sadhu Bhadreshdas; for "Prasthanacastustaye Brahmaghosah" poetry.

Q941. When was William Dalrymple awarded Mark Lynton History Prize?

Ans: March 2026; for "The Golden Road" historical work.

Q942. What book title earned William Dalrymple the award?

Ans: "The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World".

Q943. What prize money does Mark Lynton award offer?

Ans: USD 10,000; recognizing historical writing excellence.

Q944. Who administers Mark Lynton History Prize?

Ans: Nieman Foundation for Journalism and Columbia University.

Q945. What approach does Dalrymple's book employ?

Ans: Placing ancient India at centre of global history with scholarship.

Q946. What concept does "The Golden Road" introduce?

Ans: Golden Road concept; India's historical global trade role.

Q947. When was animated film 'CHYIMI' honored at New York Festival?

Ans: March 2026; at New York Short Animation Festival.

Q948. What award did CHYIMI film receive?

Ans: Best Director Award; recognizing direction excellence.

Q949. Who directed CHYIMI animated film?

Ans: Partha Sarathi Mahanta; senior police officer, Inspector General Assam.

Q950. What does CHYIMI film represent?

Ans: Indian and Assamese animation storytelling global recognition.

Q951. When did Indian Railways launch Rail Tech Policy 2026?

Ans: March 2026; as part "52 Reforms in 52 Weeks" initiative.

Q952. What technology focus does Rail Tech Policy emphasize?

Ans: Advanced technology adoption with startups, industry, academic institutions collaboration.

Q953. What initiatives does Rail Tech Policy promote?

Ans: AI-based safety systems (elephant detection, fire detection, fog obstruction).

Q954. What is Rail Tech Portal purpose?

Ans: Digital platform for innovative proposal submission and transparent approval.

Q955. What is e-Railway Claims Tribunal (e-RCT)?

Ans: Digitized claim settlement process; online filing, tracking, faster adjudication.

Q956. What e-RCT digitization timeline is planned?

Ans: 23 benches digitization within 12 months.

Q957. When did India launch first hydrogen fuel cell passenger vessel?

Ans: March 2026 at Namoo Ghat, Varanasi.

Q958. Who flagged off hydrogen fuel cell vessel?

Ans: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal; marking green maritime achievement.

Q959. What is hydrogen vessel significance?

Ans: First fully indigenous hydrogen fuel cell vessel; green maritime transition milestone.

Q960. When did Ashmolean Museum return Thirumankai Alvar idol?

Ans: March 2026; to Shri Soundararaja Perumal Temple restoration.

Q961. What period is Thirumankai Alvar idol from?

Ans: 16th century; important Hindu religious artifact.

Q962. What does idol return represent?

Ans: Cultural cooperation, ethical restitution, India's heritage artifact reclamation efforts.

Q963. When was Gandhi bust unveiled in Montana?

Ans: March 2026 at Mike Mansfield Center.

Q964. Who gifted Gandhi bust to Montana?

Ans: Government of India; reflecting cultural diplomacy.

Q965. What does Gandhi bust symbolize?

Ans: Peace and non-violence message; India-US cultural ties strengthening.

Q966. When will Khurda-Balangir Railway Line completion occur?

Ans: Nearing completion; pending since pre-Independence period.

Q967. What is Khurda-Balangir line project cost?

Ans: ₹5,000 crore investment; connecting five Odisha districts.

Q968. What viaduct record will railway achieve?

Ans: 4.77-km viaduct; India's second-longest after Bogibeel Bridge.

Q969. When was Hatti Risala Festival observed?

Ans: March 2026; celebrating 138 years of tradition.

Q970. What does Hatti Risala Festival feature?

Ans: Decorated elephant procession, revdis distribution, cultural heritage celebration.

Q971. When will Nitish Kumar resign as Bihar CM?

Ans: March 2026; to contest Rajya Sabha elections.

Q972. How many terms did Nitish Kumar serve as CM?

Ans: Over ten terms; more than two decades governance.

Q973. When did Assam export Karbi Anglong Ginger to London?

Ans: March 2, 2026; GI-tagged product first export.

Q974. Who flagged off ginger export?

Ans: Assam Agriculture Minister Atul Bora; at Krishi Bhawan Guwahati.

Q975. What is ginger export significance?

Ans: Boosting farmer income, promoting Assam's agricultural identity globally.

Q976. When was 2,600-year-old Etruscan tomb discovered?

Ans: March 2026 in central Italy; San Giuliano archaeological site.

Q977. What location is Italian archaeological site?

Ans: 70 km northwest of Rome; 2,600-year-old tomb.

Q978. How many skeletons were found in tomb?

Ans: 4 skeletons on carved stone beds; deliberate burial positioning.

Q979. How many artifacts were discovered?

Ans: 100+ artifacts; ceramic vases, iron weapons, bronze, silver jewelry.

Q980. What preservation condition exists in tomb?

Ans: Exceptional preservation (sealed 2,000+ years); unlike many looted tombs.

Q981. What dating indicates Etruscan tomb period?

Ans: 7th century BCE; preliminary examination requiring DNA testing confirmation.

Q982. When was Stenothoe lowryi marine amphipod discovered?

Ans: March 2026 at Arjyapalli, Odisha Ganjam district.

Q983. Who led Stenothoe lowryi discovery research?

Ans: Shesdev Patro, Berhampur University Assistant Professor.

Q984. What is Stenothoe lowryi's previous geographic distribution?

Ans: Previously reported only from Malaysia; distribution largely unknown.

Q985. What journal published amphipod species discovery?

Ans: "Journal of the Marine Biological Association of the UK".

Q986. What is Stenothoe lowryi's size?

Ans: ~5 mm length; small crustacean species.

Q987. What ecological role do amphipods serve?

Ans: Important marine food web component; small crustacean species.

Q988. What earlier discovery did Berhampur University make?

Ans: Grandidierella geetanjalee from Chilika Lagoon (January 2025).

Q989. When was Purple Fest observed at Rashtrapati Bhavan?

Ans: March 2026; celebrating Divyangjan talents and achievements.

Q990. How many Divyangjan visited Amrit Udyan?

Ans: 8,000+ Divyangjan; exclusive day celebration for persons with disabilities.

Q991. What programs did Purple Fest feature?

Ans: Interactive games, learning sessions, awareness stalls, entertainment programmes.

Q992. Who attended Purple Fest as Chief?

Ans: President Droupadi Murmu; at Open Air Theatre, President's Estate.

Q993. What cultural performances were presented?

Ans: Music, dance, creative acts; by Divyangjan artists.

Q994. What observance goal did President emphasize?

Ans: Encouraging persons with disabilities to move forward with confidence.

Q995. When did Bokaro Steel receive BIS certification?

Ans: March 2026; for 4 new steel grades.

Q996. What steel grades received certification?

Ans: ISC 440 LA, ISC 470 LA, ISC 510 LA, ISC 550 LA.

Q997. What production expansion does certification enable?

Ans: High Strength Low Alloy cold-rolled steel production expansion.

Q998. What electrical steel product did Bokaro produce?

Ans: 0.5 mm IS 18316 LS Grade NGO Electrical Steel; 1,100 tonnes.

Q999. What applications does electrical steel serve?

Ans: Electric motors, generators, transformers, hybrid/EV rotors.

Q1000. When did Indian Standard expand approved grades?

Ans: Previously covered up to ISC 410; now expanded with new grades.