

# **TechForbes**

## **March 2025 Current Affairs**

**Q. Which five new spiritual corridors have been announced by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in the state?**

**Answer:** Prayagraj–Vindhyachal–Kashi; Prayagraj–Ayodhya–Gorakhpur; Prayagraj–Lucknow–Naimisharanya; Prayagraj–Rajapur–Chitrakoot; Prayagraj- Mathura- Vrindavan and Shuk Teerth corridor.

**Q. Naimisharanya Dham is situated in which district of Uttar Pradesh?**

**Answer:** Sitapur

**Q. Who is the founder of the Nath Sampradaya in India?**

**Answer:** Guru Matsyendranath

**Q. According to the second revised estimate of the National Statistics Office (NSO), what was the real gross domestic product (GDP) growth rate of the Indian economy in 2024-25?**

**Answer:** 6.5 percent.

**Q. Which country is the fastest-growing major economy in the world?**

**Answer:** India

**Q. What was the growth rate of the real gross domestic product (GDP) of the Indian economy in 2023-24?**

**Answer:** 9.2 percent. It was the second-highest growth rate in the last 12 years. In 2021-22, the growth rate was 9.7 percent.

**Q. What was the growth rate of the real gross domestic product (GDP) of the Indian economy in the first nine months of the 2024-25 fiscal year?**

**Answer: 6.1 percent.**

**Q. The National Statistic Office (NSO) comes under which ministry of the government of India?**

**Answer: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation**

**Q. Who is Ursula von der Leyen, who visited India recently?**

**Answer: President of the European Commission. She is from Germany.**

**Q. Where was the 2nd India-EU Trade and Technology Council meeting held?**

**Answer: New Delhi on 28 February 2025.**

**Q. Which country/group is the largest trading partner of India?**

**Answer: The European Union.**

**Q. How many countries are the members of the European Union?**

**Answer: 27 European countries.**

**Q. What is the interest rate for the Employees Provident Fund deposits for 2024-25?**

**Answer: 8.25 %, same as last year.**

**Q. The Employees Provident Fund Organisation comes under which ministry of the government of India?**

**Answer: Union Ministry of Labour and Employment**

**Q. When was the Employees Provident Fund (EPF) launched in India?**

**Answer: 1951**

**Q. When was the Employees Pension Scheme (EPS) launched?**

**Answer: 1995**

**Q. When was the Employees' Deposit Linked Insurance Scheme (EDLI) launched?**

**Answer: 1976.**

**Q. Who has released the " India Country Economic Memorandum, Becoming a HighIncome Economy in a Generation" report?**

**Answer: World Bank**

**Q. According to the World Bank, what shall be the Indian economy growth rate to achieve a developed country status by 2047?**

**Answer: Average annual growth rate of 7.8 percent.**

**Q. According to the World Bank, what type of economy is India?**

**Answer: Low- Middle- Income Country**

**Q. Which team has won the 2024-25 Ranji Trophy?**

**Answer: Vidarbha. In the final, Vidarbha was declared winner over Kerala due to its first inning lead. It was the 3rd Ranji Title for Vidarbha.**

**Q. Where was the final of the 2024-25 season Ranji Trophy held?**

**Answer: Vidarbha Cricket Stadium, Nagpur, from 26 February- 2 March 2025.**

**Q. Which sport is the Ranji Trophy related to?**

**Answer: Cricket. It is the premier domestic cricket championship. It was started in 1934-1935, and Mumbai won the inaugural Trophy.**

**Q. Who was the captain of the Vidarbha team that won the 2024-25 season Ranji Trophy?**

**Answer: Akshay Wadkar**

**Q. Who won the singles title of the 2025 Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger Tennis Tournament?**

**Answer: Brandon Holt of the United States of America. He defeated Shintaro Mochizuki of Japan in the final.**

**Q. Who won the doubles title of the 2025 Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger Tennis Tournament?**

**Answer: Anirudh Chandrasekar of India and Ray Ho of Chinese Taipei (Taiwan). They defeated Blake Bayldon and Matthew Christopher Romios's duo of Australia in the final.**

**Q. On which type of surface was the 2025 Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger Tennis Tournament held?**

**Answer: Hard Court.**

**Q. Which ministry of the government of India has launched the Swavalambini initiative?**

**Answer: The Union Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) in collaboration with NITI Aayog**

**Q. What is the aim of the Swavalambini initiative of the government of India, launched in collaboration with NITI Aayog?**

**Answer: To train the women in the Higher Educational institutions to start their businesses.**

**Q. Who is implementing the Swavalambini initiative of the government of India?**

**Answer: The National Institute for Entrepreneurship and Small Business Development, under the the ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.**

**Q. Where was the tri-service Desert Hunt exercise conducted?**

**Answer: Jodhpur Air Force Station from 24-28 February 2025.**

**Q. What is the name of the Special Force of the Indian Air Force?**

**Answer: Garud Commando Force. It was established in 2004.**

**Q. What is the name of the Special Force of the Indian Navy?**

**Answer: The Marine Commando Force (MARCOS), set up in 1987.**

**Q. Who organized the Desert Hunt exercise in February 2025?**

**Answer: Indian Air Force. It was a Tri-Service Special Force exercise.**

**Q. Who won the doubles title of the 2025 Chilean Open tennis tournament?**

**Answer: Rithvik Bollipalli (India) & Nicolas Barrientos (Colombia). In the final they defeated**

**the Argentinian pair of Andres Molteni and Maximo Gonzalez.**

**Q. Who won the men's singles title of the 2025 Chile Open tennis tournament?**

**Answer: Laslo Djere of Serbia. He defeated Sebastian Baez of Argentina.**

**Q. Where is Santiago, which was in the news recently?**

**Answer: Capital of South America country Chile.**

**Q. Where was the 7th meeting of the National Board for Wildlife held?**

**Answer: 3rd March 2025 at Sasan Gir in the Junagadh district of Gujarat. It was chaired by**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as he is the Chairperson of the Board.**

**Q. What was the theme of the 2025 World Wildlife Day?**

**Answer: Wildlife Conservation Finance: Investing in People and Planet. It is observed on the**

**3rd of March every year.**

**Q. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi lay the foundation stone of the National Referral Centre for Wildlife?**

**Answer: Junagadh, Gujarat**

**Q. After how many year/years is the census conducted of Asiatic lions in the Gir National Park in Gujarat?**

**Answer: Every 5 years. The next census will be held in 2025.**

**Q. Which state in India has the maximum riverine dolphins in the country?**

**Answer: Uttar Pradesh, followed by Bihar, West Bengal, and Assam.**

**Q. When was the National Board for Wildlife set up in India?**

**Answer: 2003 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.**

**Q. Who won the singles title of the 2025 Dubai Open ATP 500 tennis tournament?**

**Answer: Stefanos Tsitsipas of Greece. In the final, he defeated Canadian Felix Auger-Aliassime.**

**Q. Who won the doubles titles of the 2025 Dubai Open ATP 500 tennis tournament?**

**Answer: Pair of Yuki Bhambri of India and Australian Alexei Popyrin. In the final, they defeated the pair of Henry Patten (Britain) and Harri Heliövaara (Finland).**

**Q. Which central public sector enterprise (CPSE) has become the 25th Navratana?**

**Answer: Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC).**

**Q. Which public sector company has been accorded the 26th Navratana central public sector enterprise (CPSE) status?**

**Answer: Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)**

**Q. Which was the first central public sector enterprise (CPSE) under the Union Ministry of Railway to get Navratna status?**

**Answer: Concor in 2014.**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the Indian Railway Finance Corporation (IRFC)?**

**Answer: New Delhi**

**Q. Who is the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Railway Catering**

**and Tourism Corporation Ltd. (IRCTC)?**

**Answer: Manoj Kumar Dubey**

**Q. Where was the Visitors Conference 2024-25 held?**

**Answer: At Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on 3rd & 4th March 2025.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the Visitors Conference 2024-25?**

**Answer: President Droupadi Murmu. It is always inaugurated by the President of India.**

**Q. Which act of Parliament makes the President of India the Visitor of the Central Institutes of Higher Education?**

**Answer: Central Universities Act 2009. At present President is a Visitor of 184 Central Institutes of Higher Education.**

**Q. In how many categories are the Visitor's Awards given?**

**Answer: Three categories- Innovation, Research, Technology Development.**

**Q. Who was honoured with the Visitor's Award for Innovation for 2023?**

**Answer: Professor Saripella Srikrishna of the Banaras Hindu University.**

**Q. Where was the 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific meeting 2025 held?**

**Answer: Jaipur from 3-5 March 2025.**

**Q. What was the theme of the 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific meeting 2025?**

**Answer: Realizing Circular Societies Towards Achieving SDGs and Carbon Neutrality in Asia-Pacific.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific meeting 2025?**

**Answer: Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar.**

**Q. Who organised the 12th Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific meeting 2025?**

**Answer: Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the United Nations Centre for Regional Development (UNCRD), and the Institute for Global Environmental Strategies, Japan.**

**Q. When was the first meeting of the Regional 3R and Circular Economy Forum in Asia and the Pacific held?**

**Answer: The first meeting was held in Tokyo in 2009.**

**Q. India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote cooperation in the field of Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) sector with which country?**

**Answer: Nepal**

**Q. Who is Pradeep Yadav, who visited India in March 2025?**

**Answer: Minister of Water Supply, Government of Nepal**

**Q. India is building the Jaynagar-Bijalpura-Bardibas rail network to connect India with which country?**

**Answer: Nepal. Jaynagar is in Bihar, and Bijalpura-Bardibas is in Nepal.**

**Q. In which state of India does Raxaul lie, from where a rail network to Kathmandu, Nepal, is proposed to be built?**

**Answer: Bihar**

**Q. Where is Vanatara, the world's largest wildlife rescue, conservation and rehabilitation centre located?**

**Answer: Jamnagar, Gujarat.**



**Q. Who inaugurated the world's largest wildlife rescue, conservation, and rehabilitation center, Vantara?**

**Answer: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 4th March 2025.**

**Q. Where is the world's largest hospital for elephants situated?**

**Answer: Vantara, Jamnagar, Gujarat**

**Q. Who has established the world's largest wildlife rescue, conservation, and rehabilitation center, Vantara?**

**Answer: Reliance Industries and the Reliance Foundation**

**Q. Where is the world's largest integrated oil refinery complex at a single site located?**

**Answer: Jamnagar, Gujarat. It is the refinery of Reliance Industries Limited.**

**Q. Who has been sworn in as the Chancellor of Austria in March 2025?**

**Answer: Christian Stocker of the Austrian People's Party.**

**Q. In which country a government was formed in March 2025, after five months of the general election?**

**Answer: Austria**

**Q. What is the capital of Austria?**

**Answer: Vienna**

**Q. What is the currency of Austria?**

**Answer: Euro**

**Q. What is the name of the Parliament of Austria?**

**Answer: Federal Assembly**

**Q. Who chaired the 9th meeting of the Mission Steering Group (MSG) of the National Health Mission (NHM)?**

**Answer: Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare J P Nadda in New Delhi on 4th March**

**2025.**

**Q. When was the National Health Mission launched in India?**

**Answer: 2013. It includes the National Rural Health Mission and National Urban Health Mission**

**Q. What was the Total Fertility Rate of India in 2019-21?**

**Answer: 2.0**

**Q. The Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme is operational in how many districts of the country?**

**Answer: All 748 districts of the states and the Union Territories of the country.**

**Q. How much will Jio Financial Service Limited pay to the State Bank of India to buy its entire stake in the Jio Payment Bank?**

**Answer: Rs 104.54 crore for 17.8 % stake of SBI in Jio Payment Bank.**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the Jio Payment Bank?**

**Answer: Mumbai**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of Jio Financial Service Limited?**

**Answer: Mumbai**

**Q. Who is the regulator of the Payment Banks in India?**

**Answer: Reserve Bank of India**

**Q. How many Payment Banks are operating in India?**

**Answer: Five: Airtel Payments Bank, Fino Payments Bank, India Post Payments Bank, NSDL Payments Bank, and Jio Payments Bank**

**Q. Who has been appointed as the Chief Executive Officer of the Government eMarketplace (GeM)?**

**Answer: Ajay Bhadoo, who is also the additional secretary, Department of Commerce**

**Q. Under which ministry of the government of India comes the Government eMarketplace (GeM)?**

**Answer: Department of Commerce Union Ministry of Commerce.**

**Q. When was the Government e-Marketplace (GeM) Portal launched?**

**Answer: 9th August 2016**

**Q. What is the name of the National Public Procurement Portal of India?**

**Answer: Government e-Marketplace (GeM). It is 100% owned by the government of India.**

**Q. Who released the Wealth Report 2025?**

**Answer: London, United Kingdom-based real estate consultancy firm Knight Frank.**

**Q. What was the rank of India in the world for having the maximum number of High Net-Worth individuals (HNWIs), as per the Wealth Report 2025?**

**Answer: Fourth after the United States of America (905,413), China (471,634), Japan (122,119), and India (85,698).**

**Q. How many billionaires were in India in 2024, as per the Wealth Report 2025?**

**Answer: 191 as compared to 165 in 2023, an increase of 26.**

**Q. What was the position of India in the world on the criteria of the combined wealth of billionaires as per the Wealth Report 2025?**

**Answer: Third after the United States of America (\$ 5.7 trillion), Mainland China (\$1.34 trillion) and India with \$950 billion.**

**Q. Where will India's first integrated Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (API), Green**

**Hydrogen, and 2G Ethanol be set up?**

**Answer: The Baddi-Barotiwala-Nalagarh area in the Solan district of Himachal Pradesh.**

**Q. By when does Himachal Pradesh aim to become the first green state of India?**

**Answer: March 2026**

**Q. When did the government of India launch the Pradhan Mantri JI-VAN Yojana?**

**Answer: 2019**

**Q. Where was India's first 2G Ethanol biorefineries set up?**

**Answer: Panipat, Haryana. It was set up by Indian Oil Corporation Limited and inaugurated**

**in August 2022.**

**Q. Which country hosts the annual Sea Dragon military exercise?**

**Answer: The United States Navy's 7th fleet near Guam in the Western Pacific Ocean. It started in 2019.**

**Q. How many countries are participating in the 2025 Sea Dragon military exercise?**

**Answer: United States Navy, Indian Navy, Japan Maritime Self-Defence Force (JMSDF), Republic of Korea Navy (South Korea), and the Royal Australian Air Force.**

**Q. What is the primary focus of the annual Sea Dragon military exercise?**

**Answer: It focuses on anti-submarine warfare.**

**Q. Which Indian Navy aircraft participated in the 2025 Sea Dragon military exercise?**

**Answer: 8PI Poseidon Maritime Patrol and Reconnaissance aircraft. It is being held from 4-**

**19 March 2025 in Guam.**

**Q. The government has approved the Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib Ji ropeway in which state?**

**Answer: Uttarakhand. It is 12.4 km long and being built at the cost of Rs Rs 2,730.13 crore.**

**Q. What is the length of the recently approved Soneprayag to Kedarnath ropeway to be built in Uttarakhand?**

**Answer: 12.9 km**

**Q. Where is Mukhwa Temple dedicated to Goddess Ganga?**

**Answer: Uttarkashi in Uttarakhand. It is the winter abode of Goddess Ganga.**

**Q. What term has been coined by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to promote winter tourism in Uttarakhand?**

**Answer: Dham Tapo Tourism**

**Q. Which ministry implements the National Ropeway Development Programme?**

**Answer: Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. It is being implemented by the National Highway Logistics Management Limited.**

**Q. Sharath Kamal announced his retirement from which sports?**

**Answer: Table Tennis**

**Q. When was Sharath Kamal honoured with the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award?**

**Answer: 2022**

**Q. Who was the first Indian male table tennis player to win a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games?**

**Answer: Sharath Kamal in the 2006 Melbourne Commonwealth Games**

**Q. Who holds the record for winning the maximum men's table tennis titles in the National Championship?**

**Answer: Sharath Kamal, 10 times.**

**Q. Who received the Honorary Order of Freedom of Barbados Award on behalf of Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

**Answer: Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles Pabitra Margherita, on 6th March 2025.**

**Q. Who is Mia Amor Mottley, who was in the news recently?**

**Answer: The Prime Minister of Barbados**

**Q. Who represented India at the swearing-in ceremony of the Uruguayan President Yamandu Orsi?**

**Answer: Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles Pabitra Margherita**

**Q. Which country/countries was/were visited by the Union Minister of State for External**

**Affairs and Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, in February/March 2025?**

**Answer: Uruguay, Bahamas, Barbados, and Nicaragua.**

**Q. Who has been conferred with the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024 India award?**

**Answer: Nitin Kamath, founder and CEO of Zerodha Limited.**

**Q. Who has been conferred with the Lifetime Achievement award of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024 India award?**

**Answer: KV Kamath, Independent Director and Non-executive Chairman of the Jio Financial Service Limited.**

**Q. Who has been conferred with the Special Jury Award of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024 India award?**

**Answer: Dr S. Somnath, former Chairman of the Indian Space Research Organisation**

**(ISRO).**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of Ernst & Young Global Limited?**

**Answer: London, England**

**Q. Who gave the prize to the various winners of the EY Entrepreneur Of The Year 2024 India award?**

**Answer: Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav.**

**Q. Where was the 24th World Sustainable Development Summit 2025 held?**

**Answer: New Delhi from 5-7 March 2025.**

**Q. What was the theme of the 24th World Sustainable Development Summit 2025?**

**Answer: Partnerships for Accelerating Sustainable Development and Climate Solutions.”**

**Q. Who inaugurated the 24th World Sustainable Development Summit 2025?**

**Answer: Union Minister of Environment, Forest, and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav.**

**Q. Who organised the 24th World Sustainable Development Summit 2025?**

**Answer: The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)?**

**Answer: New Delhi**

**Q. Which prize is also known as the Nobel prize of Computer Science?**

**Answer: A.M. Turing Award**

**Q. Who has won the 2024 A.M. Turing Award?**

**Answer: The American duo of Andrew G. Barto and Richard S. Sutton.**

**Q. When was the A.M. Turing Award started?**

**Answer: It was instituted by the Association for Computing Machinery (ACM) in 1966.**

**Q. Who is considered the father of Computer Science?**

**Answer: British mathematician Alan Mathison Turing.**

**Q. Where was the Shaurya Vedanam Utsav held by the Union Defence Ministry in March 2025?**

**Answer: Motihari in the East Champaran District of Bihar on 7 & 8 March 2025.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the Shaurya Vedanam Utsav in Bihar in March 2025?**

**Answer: Arif Mohammed Khan, Governor of Bihar.**

**Q. Where was the English author of Nineteen Eighty-Four and Animal Farm, George Orwell, born?**

**Answer: Motihari, Bihar. He was born Eric Arthur Blair and became famous by his literary name, George Orwell.**

**Q. Where is the Ashokan Pillar “Stambh dharma lekh” situated?**

**Answer: Motihari, Bihar.**

**Q. Which state government has launched Project Hifazat to protect women and children from violence?**

**Answer: Punjab government on 7th March 2025 at Chandigarh**

**Q. What is the name of the government of India’s umbrella scheme for the safety, security, and empowerment of Women?**

**Answer: Mission Shakti**

**Q. Mission Shakti of the government of India is administered by which ministry?**

**Answer: Ministry of Women and Child Development.**

**Q. What is the name of the central government scheme under which state governments are provided funds to take care of children as per the provisions of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015?**



**Answer: Mission Vatsalya under the Ministry of Women and Child Development.**

**Q. After how many years/years is the Theatre Level Operational Exercise (TROPEX) conducted by the Indian Navy?**

**Answer: Every two years. The first was held in 2003. The 2025 edition was held from January to March 2025.**

**Q. Which wings of the Indian Armed Forces participated in the 2025 TROPEX exercise?**

**Answer: Indian navy, Indian Army, Indian Air Force and the Indian Coast Guard..**

**Q. India won the 6th Asian Women Kabaddi Championship 2025 by defeating which team in the final?**

**Answer: Iran**

**Q. Which country hosted the 6th Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship in 2025?**

**Answer: Iran at its capital city of Tehran from 6-8 March 2025.**

**Q. Apart from India, which other team has won the Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship?**

**Answer: South Korea won the 4th Asian Championship held at Busan, South Korea, in 2016.**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the Asian Kabaddi Federation?**

**Answer: Tehran, Iran**

**Q. How many teams participated in the 6th Asian Women's Kabaddi Championship 2025?**

**Answer: Seven: India, Iran, Iraq, Malaysia, Thailand, Nepal, and Bangladesh.**

**Q. Which wildlife reserve has been notified as the 58th Tiger Reserve of the Country?**

**Answer: Madhav National Park of Madhya Pradesh, notified on 9th March 2025..**

**Q. In which district of Madhya Pradesh is the Madhav National Park located?**

**Answer: Shivpuri district.**

**Q. Which state has the maximum number of Tiger Reserves under Project Tiger?**

**Answer: Madhya Pradesh has 9 tiger reserves - Ratapani, Kanha, Pench, Bandhavgarh, Satpura, Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve, Panna, Sanjay-Dubri, and Madhav National Park.**

**Q. When did the government of India launch the centrally sponsored scheme Project Tiger?**

**Answer: 1973**

**Q. Which lakes are found in the Madhav National Park, Madhya Pradesh?**

**Answer: Sakhya Sagar and Madhav Sagar.**

**Q. Where was the final of the 9th ICC Champions Trophy 2025 held?**

**Answer: Dubai International Stadium in Dubai, United Arab Emirates on 9th March 2025.**

**Q. Who were the Indian captains under whom India has won the ICC Champions Trophy?**

**Answer: Sourav Ganguly (2002), MS Dhoni (2013), Rohit Sharma (2025)**

**Q. India defeated which team in the final of the 9th ICC Champions Trophy 2025?**

**Answer: New Zealand by 4 wickets. The New Zealand team captain was Mitchell Santner.**

**Q. Who was the Player of the Tournament of the 9th ICC Champions Trophy 2025?**

**Answer: Rachin Ravindra of New Zealand. Rohit Sharma was the man of the match in the final.**

**Q. In which category was Dr Jayshree Vencatesan, co-founder of the Care Earth Trust, included in the 2025 'Women changemakers in the world of wetlands' released by the**

**Ramsar Secretariat?**

**Answer: Wise use of Wetlands**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the Ramsar Secretariat?**

**Answer: Gland, Switzerland**

**Q. How many women are honoured for their efforts in wetlands conservation in the annual 'Women changemakers in the world of wetlands' released by the Ramsar Secretariat?**

**Answer: 12 women from the world. The first list was released in 2024.**

**Q. Where is the Pallikaranai Marsh situated in India?**

**Answer: Chennai, Tamil Nadu.**

**Q. Where was the 12th edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan joint military exercise Khanjar held?**

**Answer: Kryzystan from 10-23 March 2025.**

**Q. When was the first edition of the India-Kyrgyzstan joint military exercise Khanjar held?**

**Answer: 2011 and held annually since 2015. It is held alternatively in India and Kyrgyzstan**

**Q. What is the capital of Kyrgyzstan?**

**Answer: Bishkek**

**Q. When was the Indian Army's Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) established?**

**Answer: 1966**

**Q. Siddhant Banthia, who was in the news recently, belongs to which sports?**

**Answer: Tennis player**

**Q. Who won the doubles title of the ATP Rwandan Challenger 2025 tennis**

**tournament?**

**Answer: Pair of Siddhant Bhanthia of India and Bulgarian Alexander Donski. They defeated**

**Geoffrey Blancaneaux of France and Zdenek Kolar of Czechia in the final.**

**Q. Who won the singles title of the ATP Rwandan Challenger 2025 tennis tournament?**

**Answer: Valentin Foyer of France. He defeated Guy Den Ouden of the Netherlands in the final.**

**Q. Where is Kigali, which was in the news recently?**

**Answer: Capital of the African country of Rwanda.**

**Q. Who is Princess Astrid, who visited India in March 2025?**

**Answer: She was the head of Belgium's Economic Mission which visited India from 1-8 March 2025.**

**Q. What is the capital of Belgium?**

**Answer: Brussels**

**Q. What is the largest commodity to be exported from India to Belgium?**

**Answer: Gems and Jewellery**

**Q. Which Indian cities were visited by Belgium's Economic Mission during their visit to India in March 2005?**

**Q. Which state government has launched the Mukhyamantri Balika Samriddhi Yojana and the Mukhyamantri Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana in March 2025?**

**Answer: Tripura government. It was launched by Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare and President of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Jagat Prakash Nadda in Agartala on**

**9 March**

**2025.**

**Q. Who is Dr Manik Saha, who was in the news recently?**

**Answer: Chief Minister of Tripura since 2022.**

**Q. Where is Agartala, which was in the news recently?**

**Answer: Capital of Tripura**

**Q. How much amount will be invested by the Tripura government in the name of the girl child under the Mukhyamantri Balika Samriddhi Yojana?**

**Answer: 50,000 for girl child born in state in BPL family and will get Rs 10 lakhs when she turns 18 years of age.**

**Q. Under which scheme will the Tripura government provide free scooty to 140 meritorious girls of higher secondary school?**

**Answer: Mukhyamantri Kanya Atmanirbhar Yojana**

**Q. Who won the open section of the FIDE 2025 World Junior Chess Championship title?**

**Answer: Grandmaster Pranav Venkatesh of India.**

**Q. Where was the FIDE 2025 World Junior Chess Championship held?**

**Answer: Petrovac, Montenegro, from 26 February to 7 March 2025.**

**Q. Who is the seventh Indian to win the World Junior Chess Championship?**

**Answer: Grandmaster Pranav Venkatesh. The others are Vishwanathan Anand in 2017, Pentala Harikrishna in 2004, Abhijeet Gupta in 2008. Koneru Humpy in 2001, Harika Dronavalli in 2008 and Divya Deshmukh in 2024.**

**Q. What age group of chess players can participate in the FIDE World Junior Championship?**

**Answer: Below 20 years of age.**

**Q. Who won the women's section of the FIDE 2025 World Junior Chess Championship title?**

**Answer: Anna Shukhman of Russia**

**Q. Who is Ararat Mirzoyan, who visited India in March 2025?**

**Answer: Foreign Minister of Armenia.**

**Q. How many memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between India and Armenia during Armenia's foreign minister visit to India in March 2025?**

**Answer: Two. MoU for regulation of medical products; Cooperation between the Foreign Ministry of both countries.**

**Q. What is the capital of Armenia?**

**Answer: Yerevan**

**Q. Which country is the largest buyer of Indian arms and ammunitions?**

**Answer: Armenia.**

**Q. World first Armenian Journal Azardar was published in which Indian city in 1774?**

**Answer: Chennai, earlier known as Madras.**

**Q. The government of India has allowed the free import of Urad pulse till –?**

**Answer: 31st March 2026. It was extended by one year.**

**Q. Which state is the largest producer of Urad pulse in India?**

**Answer: Madhya Pradesh, followed by Andhra Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, and Maharashtra.**

**Q. Which country is the largest supplier of Urad pulse to India?**

**Answer: Canada followed by Russia.**

**Q. Which state is the largest producer of lentil (Masur) in India?**

**Answer: Uttar Pradesh followed by Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal , Bihar and Jharkhand.Q5.**

**Q. How much custom duty has been imposed by the government on the import of lentils (masur) pulse?**

**Answer: 10 %.**

**Q. Which country is the largest supplier of yellow peas to India?**

**Answer: Russia followed by Canada. The government has extended duty free import till 31st May 2025.**

**Q. Which institution has released the 7th World Air Quality Report 2024?**

**Answer: Switzerland-based Air technology company IQAir.**

**Q. How many countries were ranked in the 7th World Air Quality Report 2024?**

**Answer: 138 countries.**

**Q. What was India's rank in the world as the most polluted country as per the 7th World Air Quality Report 2024?**

**Answer: 5th most polluted country in the world after Chad, Bangladesh, Pakistan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.**

**Q. In which state lies the Byrnihat, which has been declared the most polluted city in the world by the 7th World Air Quality Report 2024?**

**Answer: Meghalaya**

**Q. Which country has conferred its highest civilian award, "The Grand Commander of the Order of the Star and Key of the Indian Ocean," to Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

**Answer: Mauritius. He is the first Indian and 5th global leader to receive the award.**

**Q. In March 2025, Prime Minister Modi was the chief guest of the National Day celebration of which country?**

**Answer: Mauritius. It became Independent on 12 March 1968 from the United Kingdom. Modi was the chief guest in 2015 also.**

**Q. Who is Navin Ramgoolam, who received Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the Airport when he visited Mauritius in March 2025?**

**Answer: Prime Minister of Mauritius**

**Q. How many Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between India and Mauritius during Prime Minister Modi's visit to Mauritius in March 2025?**

**Answer: eight**

**Q. In which country is the Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam International Airport situated?**

**Answer: Port Louis, the capital of Mauritius.**

**Q. What is the currency of Mauritius?**

**Answer: Mauritian Rupee**

**Q. Who won the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025?**

**Answer: Hockey Jharkhand. It defeated Hockey Haryana in the final.**

**Q. Where was the 15th Hockey India Senior Women National Championship 2025 held?**

**Answer: Tau Devi Lal Complex in Panchkula, Haryana, from 1-12 March 2025.**

**Q. Which is the most successful team in the Hockey India Senior Women National Championship?**



**Answer: Indian Railways has won it eight times.**

**Q. When was Hockey India set up?**

**Answer: 2009.**

**Q. According to the International Astronomical Union (IAU), how many moons does the planet Saturn have?**

**Answer: 274. 128 new moons were discovered recently.**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the International Astronomical Union (IAU)?**

**Answer: Paris, France. It was set up in 1919.**

**Q. Which was the first moon to be discovered outside Earth's Moon?**

**Answer: Galileo discovered four moons of Jupiter - Io, Europa, Ganymede, and Callisto in**

**1610.**

**Q. Which planet in our solar system has no moon?**

**Answer: Venus and Mercury. Total moons in our solar system 416-Saturn has 274, followed**

**by**

**Jupiter with 95, Uranus 28, Neptune 16, Mars 2, and Earth 1.**

**Q. Who won the 2024 Hockey India's Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year (Men) award?**

**Answer: Indian hockey team captain Harmanpreet Singh. It was his 2nd award.**

**Q. Who won the 2024 Hockey India's Balbir Singh Sr. Award for Player of the Year (Women) award?**

**Answer: The Indian women's Hockey team goalkeeper, Savita Punia. She also won the Goalkeeper of the Year award.**

**Q. Who won the 2024 Hockey India's Major Dhyan Chand Lifetime Achievement Award?**

**Answer:** The 1975 Men's Hockey Team that won the World Cup in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, in 1975. Ajit Pal Singh was the captain of the side.

**Q. Where was the 7th Hockey India Annual Award ceremony held?**

**Answer:** New Delhi on 15th March 2025.

**Q. Which is the oldest Hockey Tournament in India?**

**Answer:** The Beighton Cup Hockey Tournament started in 1895.

**Q. Which team won the 3rd Women's Premier League Cricket Tournament 2025?**

**Answer:** Mumbai Indians won it by defeating Delhi Capitals in the final by eight runs.

**Q. Where is Brabourne Cricket Stadium located?**

**Answer:** Mumbai

**Q. Which award is given to the highest run scorer in an edition of the Women's Premier League cricket tournament?**

**Answer:** Orange Cap. It was given to Nat Sciver-Brunt of Mumbai Indians in the 2025 edition.

**Q. The Purple cap is given to which player in the Women's Premier League cricket tournament?**

**Answer:** Highest wicket taker. In the 2025 edition, it was given to Amelia Kerr of Mumbai Indians.

**Q. Apart from Mumbai Indians, which other team has won the Women's Premier League Cricket Tournament?**

**Answer:** Royal Challengers Bengaluru in 2024, while Mumbai Indians won it in 2023 and

**2025.**

**Q. Which Central Bank of the world has won the 2025 Digital Transformation Award of London's Central Banking?**

**Answer: Reserve Bank of India for its Saarthi and Pravaah digital initiatives.**

**Q. Which digital initiative was launched by the Reserve Bank of India to digitise its whole operation?**

**Answer: Saarthi which went live in January 2023.**

**Q. Which digital initiative was launched by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to enable an institution to submit regulatory applications to the RBI?**

**Answer: Pravaah, it went live in May 2024.**

**Q. Who developed the Saarthi and Pravaah digital initiative of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

**Answer: It was developed in-house by the RBI.**

**Q. Which state of India has levied Rs 50 per person on tourists visiting the state from March 2025?**

**Answer: Sikkim for a stay of 30 days in the state. Children below 5 years and government officials are exempted.**

**Q. Which dynasty ruled Sikkim before its merger with India in 1975?**

**Answer: Namgyal dynasty. Its Buddhist priest-king was known as the Chogyal.**

**Q. Who is the Chief Minister of Sikkim?**

**Answer: Prem Singh Tamang**

**Q. Who organises the Raisina Dialogue?**

**Answer: New Delhi based Think Tank Observer Research Foundation in partnership with the**

**Ministry of External Affairs.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the 10th edition of the Raisina Dialogue?**

**Answer: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and New Zealand's Prime Minister Christopher Luxon. It was held from 17-19 March 2025 in New Delhi.**

**Q. What was the theme of the 10th Raisina Dialogue?**

**Answer: Kālachakra - People, Peace and Planet.**

**Q. What does Raisina Hills symbolically represent in the Indian governance system?**

**Answer: It is the place where the British built the new capital of British India and it symbolically represents the seat of Government of India.**

**Q. Who is Christopher Luxon who visited India in March 2025?**

**Answer: Prime Minister of New Zealand, visited India from 16-20 March 2025.**

**Q. How many agreements were signed between India and New Zealand during the New**

**Zealand Prime Minister's visit to India in March 2025?**

**Answer: Five - defence, forestry, education, horticulture and sports.**

**Q. What is the capital of New Zealand?**

**Answer: Wellington**

**Q. Which Indian cities were visited by Christopher Luxon during his visit to India in March 2025?**

**Answer: New Delhi and Mumbai**

**Q. The flightless bird Kiwi is found in which country?**

**Answer: New Zealand.**

**Q. Who has been sworn in as the 24th Prime Minister of Canada recently?**

**Answer: Mark Carney**

**Q. In March 2025 a person who was the chief of the central bank of two countries was appointed the Prime Minister of which country?**

**Answer: Canada, Prime Minister Mark Carney was the Chief of the Bank of Canada and Bank of England.**

**Q. What is the capital of Canada?**

**Answer: Ottawa**

**Q. the 49th parallel is the international boundary between which countries?**

**Answer: Canada and the United States of America .**

**Q. Anita Anand and Kamal Khera have been appointed as cabinet ministers in which country?**

**Answer: Prime Minister Mark Carney's government in Canada**

**Q. In March 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's podcast with whom was released?**

**Answer: American computer scientist and artificial intelligence researcher Lex Fridman.**

**Q. Who was the first to conduct a podcast with Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**

**Answer: Nikhil Kamath, founder of Zerodha Company.**

**Q. What is the name of the social media platform owned by American President Donald Trump's company?**

**Answer: Social Truth**

**Q. Who gave the award to the winners of the 19th Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism 2025?**

**Answer: President Droupadi Murmu**

**Q. Where was the award function of the 19th Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence**

**in Journalism 2025 held?**

**Answer: New Delhi on 19 March 2025**

**Q. Who founded the Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism?**

**Answer: The Indian Express Group. The award is administered by the Ramnath Goenka Foundation. It was started in 2015.**

**Q. Who is the author of the book 'Swadeshi Steam: V.O. Chidambaram Pillai and the Battle against the British Maritime Empire'?**

**Answer: A.R. Venkatachalapathy**

**Q. The Indian Navy conducts bilateral annual naval exercise Varuna with which country's Navy?**

**Answer: French Navy. The 23rd edition was held in the Arabian Sea from 19-22 March.**

**Q. Indian Army conducts Frinjex military exercises with which country's Army?**

**Answer: France**

**Q. The Charles De Gaulle aircraft carrier which was in the news recently belongs to which country's Navy?**

**Answer: France. The aircraft carrier participated in the 23rd edition of the Varuna exercise**

**2025 with the Indian Navy.**

**Q. In which city of India is the first green waste processing plant being set up in Public Private Partnership mode?**

**Answer: Indore, Madhya Pradesh. It has been set up by the Indore Municipal Corporation**

**with Astronomical Industries Private Limited.**

**Q. What is the goal of the second phase of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban?**

**Answer: It was launched on 1st October 2021 and aims to achieve “Garbage Free” status for**

**all cities of the country by 2026.**

**Q. Which country co-hosted the 14th meeting of ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting (ADMM) - Plus Experts Working Group (EWG) on Counter-Terrorism along with Malaysia?**

**Answer: India in New Delhi on 19 March 2025. India was co-hosting it for the first time.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the 14th meeting of ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting (ADMM) - Plus Experts Working Group (EWG) on Counter-Terrorism 2025?**

**Answer: Indian Defence Secretary Rajesh Singh.**

**Q. Who has assumed the co-chairmanship of the ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting (ADMM) - Plus Experts Working Group (EWG) on Counter-Terrorism for the 2025-2028 cycle?**

**Answer: India and Malaysia from Russia and Myanmar.**

**Q. In which year India will host a Field Training Exercise for the ASEAN Defence Ministers’ Meeting (ADMM) - Plus Experts Working Group (EWG) on CounterTerrorism?**

**Answer: in 2027**

**Q. Which organisation has launched the Samarth Incubation Programme?**

**Answer: Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) for startups in the telecommunications and Information Technology (IT) sectors.**

**Q. Under which ministry of the government of India does the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) come?**

**Answer: Union Ministry of Communication**

**Q. When was the Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DoT) established?**

**Answer: 25 August 1984**

**Q. What was the rank of India in the World Happiness Report 2025?**

**Answer: 118. Last year it was ranked 126.**

**Q. How many countries were ranked in the World Happiness Report 2025?**

**Answer: 147**

**Q. When was the first World Happiness Report released?**

**Answer: 2012 and the 13th edition of the report was released in 2025.**

**Q. Who releases the annual World Happiness Report?**

**Answer: University of Oxford's Wellbeing Research Centre in partnership with Gallup and**

**the United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network.**

**Q. Which country has ranked as the most unhappy country in the world by the 2025**

**World Happiness Report?**

**Answer: Afghanistan. Finland was the happiest country in the world for the 8th consecutive**

**year.**

**Q. Which is the first State Legislative Assembly in India to broadcast its proceedings in sign language?**

**Answer: Punjab Legislative Assembly**

**Q. Who is Dr Baljit Kaur who was in the news recently?**

**Answer: She is the Minister for Social Security, Women, and Child Development of the Punjab government.**

**Q. When is the Sign Language Day observed in India?**

**Answer: 23rd September. It is observed as International Sign Language Day.**



**Q. When was the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act was passed in India?**

**Answer: 2016**

**Q. Who is the speaker of the Punjab Legislative Assembly?**

**Answer: Kultar Singh Sandhwan**

**Q. Where was the Purple Fest 2025 held?**

**Answer: Rashtrapati Bhavan on 21 March 2025.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the Purple Fest 2025?**

**Answer: President Droupadi Murmu.**

**Q. Who organised the Purple Fest 2025?**

**Answer: Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in association with the Rashtrapati Bhavan.**

**Q. Purple colour is associated with which social movement?**

**Answer: disability advocacy movement**

**Q. What is the name of the recently launched government of India's initiative to promote Indian Biotech startups?**

**Answer: BioSaarthi**

**Q. Who released the India Bioeconomy Report 2025?**

**Answer: Union Minister for State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi.**

**Q. Who prepares the India Bioeconomy Report 2025?**

**Answer: Bengaluru-based non-profit organisation Association of Biotechnology Led Enterprises - ABLE.**

**Q. Which is the first state in India to adopt the government of India's BIO-E3 Policy—**

**Biotechnology for Economy, Employment, and Environment - framework?**

**Answer: Assam**

**Q. Anahat Singh, who won the singles title of the SRFI Indian Tour 2025 held in Chennai, belongs to which sport?**

**Answer: Indian female Squash player**

**Q. Who won the men's singles title of the SRFI Indian Tour 2025 held in Chennai in March 2025?**

**Answer: Veer Chotrani of India. He defeated Melvil Scianimanico of France in the final.**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)?**

**Answer: Chennai, Tamil Nadu**

**Q. Who is the President of the Squash Rackets Federation of India (SRFI)?**

**Answer: Anil Wadhwa.**

**Q. Who is the first person from Chhattisgarh to get the prestigious Jnanpith Award?**

**Answer: Eminent Hindi writer Vinod Kumar Shukla. He was selected for the 59th Jnanpith Award 2024.**

**Q. Jnanpith Award is related to which field?**

**Answer: Literature, it is given to lifetime work in any Indian language including English. The**

**first winner was Malayalam writer GS Kurup in 1965.**

**Q. Who was the first Hindi writer to get the prestigious Jnanpith Award?**

**Answer: Sumitranandan Pant in 1968. A total of 12 writers in Hindi have won the prize including the 2024 winner Vinod Kumar Shukla.**

**Q. Who was the first woman to win the Jnanpith Award?**

**Answer: Ashapura Devi (Bangla) in 1976**

**Q. Which government/organisation gives the prestigious Jnanpith Award?**

**Answer: Bhartiya Jnanpith Trust. It is a private organisation.**

**Q, According to a recent report of the International Monetary Fund (IMF), in which year the Indian economy will overtake Japan to become the world's fourth largest economy?**

**Answer: 2025. It also expects India to overtake Germany in 2027 to become the third-largest**

**economy after the United States and China.**

**Q. According to a recent International Monetary Fund (IMF) report which major economy recorded a 0% growth rate during 2015-2025?**

**Answer: Japan**

**Q. How many countries are members of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?**

**Answer: 189**

**Q. Where was the sixth edition of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain Scheme 2025 launched?**

**Answer: Panchkula, Haryana on 22 March 2025. It was for the first time that it was launched**

**outside New Delhi.**

**Q. How many districts will be a focus area under the sixth edition of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain Scheme 2025?**

**Answer: 148 water-stressed districts of India**

**Q. Who has launched the Jal-Jangal-Jan: Ek Prakritik Bandhan Abhiyan?**

**Answer: Union Minister of Jal Shakti in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Environment,**

**Forest and Climate Change at Panchkula, Haryana on 22 March 2025.**

**Q. What is the theme of the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain Scheme 2025?**

**Answer: Peoples' Action for Water Conservation - Towards Intensified Community Connect**

**Q. Which ministry of the government of India has launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan:**

**Catch the Rain Scheme 2025?**

**Answer: Union Minister of Jal Shakti in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Environment,**

**Forest and Climate Change and the Haryana government.**

**Q. Which is the 28th legislature of India to join the National e-Vidhan Application**

**(NeVA)?**

**Answer: Delhi legislature**

**Q. Which state legislature was the first to implement the National e-Vidhan**

**Application (NeVA)?**

**Answer: Nagaland in 2022.**

**Q. Who is the Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs?**

**Answer: Kiren Rijiju**

**Q. Who is the Speaker of the Delhi Legislative Assembly?**

**Answer: Vijender Gupta.**

**Q. When was the Micro Small and Medium Enterprises Development (MSMED) Act implemented in India?**

**Answer: The MSMED Act was enacted in 2006 and came into force on 2nd October 2006.**

**Q. What are the new criteria on which micro-enterprises are defined in the country?**

**Answer: The maximum investment limit by the enterprise in plant and machinery shall be up**

**to Rs 2.5 crores and turnover in a fiscal year shall not be more than Rs 10 crore.**

**Q. What are the new criteria on which small enterprises are defined in the country?**

**Answer: The investment limit by the enterprise in plant and machinery shall be more than Rs**

**2.5 crores and up to Rs 25 crore. The maximum turnover in a fiscal year shall be more than**

**Rs 10 crore up to Rs 100 crore.**

**Q. What are the new criteria on which medium enterprises are defined in the country?**

**Answer: The investment limit by the enterprise in plant and machinery shall be more than Rs**

**25 crore and up to Rs 125 crore. The maximum turnover in a fiscal year shall be more than**

**Rs 100 crore up to Rs 500 crore.**

**Q. When will the new definition of the MSME Enterprises come into effect?**

**Answer: 1 April 2025.**

**Q. Who has been appointed as the new Finance Secretary to succeed Tuhin Kanta Pandey?**

**Answer: Ajay Seth. He is also the Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, Union Ministry**

**of Finance.**

**Q. Under which act the government of India can issue one rupee note?**

**Answer: Coinage Act 2011.**

**Q. Who signs the one rupee notes in India?**

**Answer: Finance Secretary, Union Ministry of Finance.**

**Q. What is the name of the maiden India-Africa maritime Naval exercise to be held in April 2025?**

**Answer: 'Aikeyme' which in Sanskrit means unity. It will be held from 13-18 April 2025. It is**

**being co-hosted by the Indian Navy and the Tanzania Peoples' Defence Force.**

**Q. How many African countries Navy will participate in the inaugural India-Africa maritime Naval exercise to be held in April 2025?**

**Answer: 10 - Tanzania, South Africa, Kenya, Eritrea, Comoros, Djibouti, Madagascar, Mauritius, Seychelles, and Mozambique.**

**Q. How many countries Navy personnel apart from India are taking part in the first Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) Sagar initiative of the Indian Navy?**

**Answer: Nine - Sri Lanka, Maldives, Kenya, Madagascar, Comoros, Mozambique, Mauritius, South Africa and Seychelles.**

**Q. Which Indian Ship will be deployed by the Indian Navy under its Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) Sagar of the initiative of the Indian Navy?**

**Answer: INS INS Sunayna.**

**Q. What is the percentage increase in the salary of the member of Parliament as approved by the government of India in March 2025?**

**Answer: 24 %. It has been increased from Rs one lakh per month to Rs 1.24 lakh per month.**

**Q. The Salary, Allowances, and Pension of Members of Parliament Act was enacted in which year?**

**Answer: 1954**

**Q. The salaries and allowance of the member of Parliament is linked to which inflation Index?**

**Answer: Cost of Inflation Index released by the government of India.**

**Q. In March 2025 the pensions of the members of the Parliament has been increased to –?**

**Answer: Rs 31,000 per month. It was Rs 25,000 per month earlier.**

**Q. When was last time the the salary and allowance of the member of Parliament increased?**

**Answer: April 2018**

**Q. Where will the annual FATF Private Sector Collaborative Forum 2025 Meeting take place ?**

**Answer: Mumbai from 25-27 March 2025.**

**Q. Who is hosting the 2025 FATF Private Sector Collaborative Forum meeting?**

**Answer: Reserve Bank of India in collaboration with the Department of Revenue, Union Ministry of Finance.**

**Q. Who is Ms. Elisa de Anda Madrazo who visited India recently?**

**Answer: President of Financial Action Task Force (FATF)**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) located?**

**Answer: Paris, France**

**Q. Where was the 7th Act East Business Show 2025 held?**

**Answer: Shillong ,Capital of Meghalaya from 25-27 March 2025.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the 7th Atc East Business Show 2025?**

**Answer: Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma**

**Q. Who organizes the Act East Business Show?**

**Answer: Kolkata based Indian Chambers of Commerce. It was held in 2014,2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 ,2021 and 2025.**

**Q. When was the Act East Policy launched by the government of India?**

**Answer: 2014. It seeks to promote trade and investment with ASEAN and Indo-Pacific countries.**

**Q. Which countries are members of the BBIN?**

**Answer: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India and Nepal.**

**Q. How much forest land has been diverted for non-forest use in the country between 2014-15 and 2023-24?**

**Answer: 1,734 square kilometres of forest land**

**Q. Which state in India has diverted the maximum forest land for non-forest land between 2014-15 and 2023-24?**

**Answer: Madhya Pradesh, 385.52 square kilometres of forest land was diverted.**

**Q. How much forest land for non-forest land was diverted in Rajasthan between 2014-15 and 2023-24?**

**Answer: 87.96 square kilometres**

**Q. Who is Bhupendra Yadav, who was in the news recently?**

**Answer: Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change**

**Q. Which country in March 2025 announced its decision to join the New Development Bank?**

**Answer: Indonesia**



**Q. How many countries are members of the New Development Bank?**

**Answer: Eight - Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Bangladesh, the United Arab Emirates, and Egypt.**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the New Development Bank?**

**Answer: Shanghai, China**

**Q. What was the earlier name of the New Development Bank?**

**Answer: BRICS Bank, set up in 2015.**

**Q. Who is the President of the New Development Bank?**

**Answer: Dilma Rousseff of Brazil**

**Q. What is the forecasted growth rate of the real gross domestic product (GDP) of India in the 2025-26 financial year by the S&P Global?**

**Answer: 6.5%. Earlier, it had projected a growth rate of 6.7%.**

**Q. What is the projected growth rate of India in 2025-26 according to the Reserve Bank of India?**

**Answer: 6.7%**

**Q. What was the growth rate of the Indian economy in 2024-25?**

**Answer: 6.4%**

**Q. The Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme covers how many districts of Uttar Pradesh?**

**Answer: 74 out of 75 districts of the state. In March 2025, it was extended to 15 districts of the state.**

**Q. Where was the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) launched?**

**Answer: Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh, by Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru on 24 February 1952.**

**Q. What is the maximum wage ceiling under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme of the Employees' State Insurance Corporation?**

**Answer: Rs 21,000 per month**

**Q. How many districts of the country are covered under the Employees' State Insurance (ESI) scheme as of March 2025?**

**Answer: 689 out of 788 districts.**

**Q. The Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) comes under which ministry of the government of India?**

**Answer: Ministry of Labour and Employment.**

**Q. Where is Chandipur, from where indigenously developed missiles are tested by DRDO?**

**Answer: It is in Balasore, the district of Odisha.**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of Bharat Dynamics Limited, which is manufacturing the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) being developed by the DRDO?**

**Answer: Hyderabad, Telangana**

**Q. What is the range of the Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VLSRSAM) being developed by the DRDO for the Indian Navy?**

**Answer: up to 50 kilometers.**

**Q. How many medals were won by the Indian team at the SepakTakraw World Cup 2025?**

**Answer: Seven - one gold, one silver, and five bronze medals. Men's team won gold in**

**the Regu category.**

**Q. Where was the SepakTakraw World Cup 2025 held?**

**Answer: Patna, Bihar from 20-25 March 2025.**

**Q. By what name is the Sepaktakraw sport famous in India?**

**Answer: Kick Volleyball**

**Q. How many teams participated in the SepakTakraw World Cup 2025?**

**Answer: 21 countries team**

**Q. Which country is the birthplace of Sepaktakraw sport?**

**Answer: Malaysia**

**Q. How much monetary penalty was imposed by the RBI on HDFC Bank in March 2025 for non-compliance with the Know Your Customer (KYC) guidelines?**

**Answer: Rs 75 lakhs**

**Q. How much monetary penalty was imposed by the RBI on Punjab and Sindh Bank in March 2025 for non-compliance with the RBI's regulatory guidelines?**

**Answer: Rs 68.20 lakhs.**

**Q. What is the tagline of the Punjab and Sindh Bank?**

**Answer: Where Service is a way of life**

**Q. Where is the headquarters of the HDFC Bank?**

**Answer: Mumbai**

**Q. Where was the 3rd edition of the SourceX India 2025 held?**

**Answer: New Delhi from 26-28 March 2025.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the 3rd edition of the SourceX India 2025?**

**Answer: Santosh Kumar Sarangi, Director General of Foreign Trade (DGFT),**

**Q. Who organised the 3rd edition of the SourceX India 2025?**

**Answer: Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO) under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry.**

**Q. Who is the President of the Federation of Indian Export Organisations (FIEO)?**

**Answer: Ashwini Kumar**

**Q. What was the name of the tri-service military exercise conducted in Arunachal Pradesh in March 2025?**

**Answer: Prachand Prahar**

**Q. Who hosted the Prachand Prahar military exercise held in Arunachal Pradesh in March 2025?**

**Answer: Eastern Command of the Indian Army**

**Q. According to the Hurun Global Rich List 2025, which country has the maximum number of billionaires in the world?**

**Answer: The United States of America with 870 billionaires, China has 823, and India at third position with 284.**

**Q. Which city has replaced Mumbai as Asia's billionaire capital?**

**Answer: Shanghai of China (92 billionaires), Beijing of China is in second place with 91 billionaires, and Mumbai at 3rd place with 90 billionaires.**

**Q. According to the Hurun Global Rich List 2025, which city has become the world's billionaire capital?**

**Answer: New York, the United States (129 billionaires), followed by London, Shanghai, Beijing, and Mumbai.**

**Q. Who is the first Indian to be included in the Hurun Global Rich List 2025 top 10**

**wealthiest women of the world?**

**Answer: Roshini Nadar of HCL Technologies at the 5th rank. She is also the richest woman**

**and the third richest in India.**

**Q. Who is the richest Indian as per the Hurun Global Rich List 2025?**

**Answer: Mukesh Ambani. Elon Musk of the USA is the richest person in the world.**

**Q. Which Indian origin American has been confirmed as the Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) of the United States?**

**Answer: Dr Jay Bhattacharya who was born in Kolkata, West Bengal.**

**Q. Which Indian origin American has been appointed as the Senior White House Policy Advisor on Artificial Intelligence by American President Donald Trump?**

**Answer: Sriram Krishnana, born in Chennai.**

**Q. Who is the first woman of Indian origin to become the second lady of the United States?**

**Answer: Usha Vance who is the wife of the American Vice-President JD Vance..**

**Q. What is the name of the Submarine which sank off the coast of Egypt killing six foreign tourists?**

**Answer: Sindabad.**

**Q. Where is Hurghada, which was recently in the news?**

**Answer: It is a tourist resort in Egypt along the Red Sea coast where a tourist submarine sank killing six foreign tourists.**

**Q. Why is the Red Sea called Red?**

**Answer: Due to the presence of cyanobacteria called Trichodesmium erythraeum, which turns the normally blue-green water a reddish-brown.**

**Q. Who called Egypt a gift of the Nile?**

**Answer: Greek historian Heredotus.**

**Q. In which district of Punjab lies the Jhajjar- Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary?**

**Answer: Rupnagar district**

**Q. The Punjab government will set up the state's first leopard safari in which wildlife sanctuary?**

**Answer: Jhajjar- Bachauli Wildlife Sanctuary**

**Q. Which state in India has the largest Leopard population?**

**Answer: Madhya Pradesh followed by Maharashtra, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.**

**Q. On which day is the Universal Acceptance Day observed worldwide?**

**Answer: 28th March**

**Q. What was the theme of the 3rd Universal Acceptance Day?**

**Answer: Connecting the Unconnected - Building a Multilingual Internet for Viksit Bharat.**

**Q. When was the first Universal Acceptance Day observed worldwide?**

**Answer: 28th March 2023.**

**Q. Where was the 14th edition of the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise Indra 2025 held?**

**Answer: Chennai, Bay of Bengal**

**Q. When was the first edition of the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise Indra held?**

**Answer: 2003**

**Q. After how many years/years is the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise Indra held?**

**Answer: It is a biennial exercise.**

**Q. What is the code name of the operation launched by the government of India to**

**help earthquake victims of Myanmar?**

**Answer: Operation Brahma**

**Q. Where was the epicenter of the earthquake that hit Myanmar and Thailand on 28 March 2025?**

**Answer: 7.7 magnitude earthquake epicenter was near Mandalay, Myanmar.**

**Q. Who is General Min Aung Hlaing who was in the news recently?**

**Answer: He is the ruler and military dictator of Myanmar.**

**Q. Who inaugurated the National Environment Conference 2025 held in New Delhi?**

**Answer: President Droupadi Murmu on 29 March 2025**

**Q. Who organised the National Environment Conference 2025?**

**Answer: National Green Tribunal**

**Q. The National Green Tribunal has how many Zonal Benches?**

**Answer: Five - North - Delhi; South - Chennai; Central- Bhopal; East - Kolkata; North-Pune.**

**The Principal bench is in New Delhi.**

**Q. Who is the chairperson of the National Green Tribunal?**

**Answer: Justice Prakash Shrivastava**

**Q. Who was the chief guest of the valedictory session of the National Environment Conference 2025?**

**Answer: Vice -President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar**

**Q. Who won the women's title of the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event?**

**Answer: Anahat Singh of India. She defeated Hong Kong's Helen Tang in the final.**

**Q. Who won the men's title of the Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event?**

**Answer: Egypt's Kareem El Torkey. He defeated Indian Abhay Singh in the final.**

**Q. Where was the first Professional Squash Association (PSA) Copper Squash tournament held in India?**

**Answer: Indian Open 2025 PSA Copper event in Mumbai.**

**Q. In which Summer Olympics will Squash be included for the first time?**

**Answer: 2028 Los Angeles Summer Olympics.**

**Q. Which country organises the multinational INIOCHOS Air Force exercise?**

**Answer: Hellenic Air Force (Greece Air Force). 2025 edition from 31 March -11 April 2025.**

**Q.After how many year/years is the multinational INIOCHOS Air Force exercise held?**

**Answer: every year since 2015.**

**Q. When was the first time the Indian Air Force participated in the multinational INIOCHOS Air Force exercise?**

**Answer: 2023 and it is participating in the 2025 edition also.**

**Q. What is the capital of Greece?**

**Answer: Athens**



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