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- 1. India recently announced its first-ever results-based environmental award to reward measurable reductions in air, water, and land pollution. What is the name of this award?**
(A) Green India Award
(B) Earth Excellence Award
(C) Zero Prize
(D) Swachh Bharat Green Prize
(E) Climate Action Award
- 2. Which Indian state announced the launch of CM Shri Schools modeled on the PM Shri Schools initiative?**
(A) Punjab
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Haryana
(E) Maharashtra
- 3. Which railway zone recently launched the next-generation Rail Parcel App?**
(A) Northern Railway
(B) South Central Railway
(C) Western Railway
(D) Eastern Railway
(E) Southern Railway
- 4. Which country partnered with India to launch the €20 million Large Grant project under the International Climate Initiative (IKI) for climate resilience?**
(A) France
(B) Germany
(C) Canada
(D) Norway
(E) Sweden
- 5. Which state police launched 'Operation Crackdown' to dismantle cybercrime networks?**
(A) Telangana
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Karnataka
(D) Maharashtra
(E) Tamil Nadu
- 6. Which is the highest honour of the Israeli Parliament that was recently conferred on PM Narendra Modi?**
(A) Speaker of the Knesset Medal
(B) Order of Jerusalem
(C) Israel Prize
(D) Friendship Medal of Israel
(E) Grand Collar of the State of Palestine
- 7. Where is the Government of India launching the CBDC-based Food Subsidy Distribution Pilot under PMGKAY?**
(A) Delhi
(B) Bengaluru
(C) Chennai
(D) Puducherry
(E) Hyderabad
- 8. Who has been appointed as the new CEO of Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOEC) effective April 1, 2026?**
(A) Pralhad Joshi
(B) Ruchir Punjabi
(C) Baroruchi Mishra
(D) Mahipal Dhanda
(E) Sanjay Kumar Srivastava
- 9. The Union Health Ministry of India is set to launch a nationwide vaccination programme targeting which age group for HPV vaccination?**
(A) 10-year-old girls
(B) 12-year-old girls
(C) 14-year-old girls
(D) 16-year-old girls
(E) 18-year-old girls
- 10. Who inaugurated the three-day Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela 2026 at the IARI campus, Delhi?**
(A) Piyush Goyal
(B) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(C) Ramesh Chand
(D) Narendra Singh Tomar
(E) Narendra Modi

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(VOCABULARY)

1. Fillip - Excitement

Meaning: something which acts as a stimulus or boost to an activity.

Synonyms: stimulus, stimulation

Antonyms: curb, stopped, limit, brake, confinement

Usage: "the halving of car tax would provide a fillip to sales"

2. Becalmed - Stranded

Meaning: leave (a sailing ship) unable to move through lack of wind.

Synonyms: stranded, stuck, marooned

Antonyms: active, mobile, moving

Usage: "both boats hung on before the whole fleet was becalmed south of Rampholme"

3. Tumbled - Rapid decline in amount or value

Meaning: fall rapidly in amount or value.

Synonyms: plummet, plunge, dive

Antonyms: rise,

Usage: "property prices tumbled"

4. Slump - heavy and limited fall

Meaning: sit, lean, or fall heavily and limply.

Synonyms: flop, flump, collapse

Antonyms: stand up, sit up

Usage: "she slumped against the cushions"

5. Science of heredity – Genetics

6. One who eats human flesh – Cannibal

(MISSPELT WORDS)

Find the correctly spelt word.

7.(A) Disappearance (B) Dissappearance (C) Disappaerance (D) Disappearance

8.(A) Evenescence (B) Evanascence (C) Evanescence (D) Evanesance

(IDIOMS AND PHRASES)

9. All bets are off:

Meaning: That which seemed certain or foreseeable in the future is now completely unpredictable.

Example: If all bets are off, then agreements that have been made no longer apply

10. up the spout

Meaning: No longer working or likely to be useful or successful.

Example: If something has gone up the spout, it has gone wrong or been ruined.



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POLITY

1. Consider the following statements:

1. The Constitution of 1950 envisaged a Supreme Court with one Chief Justice and 7 puisne Judges.
2. The number of SC judges was increased by the Parliament and currently, there are 34 judges including the Chief Justice of India (CJI).

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

2. Consider the following statements:

1. Supreme Court and high court judges are not appointed to various posts in tribunals and commissions, after their retirement.
2. President can remove a judge when parliament approves with a majority of the total membership of each house in favour of impeachment.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

3. Consider the following statements:

1. Parliament or State Legislature can declare a seat vacant if the member is absent from the session for a period of 120 days without permission.
2. The total members in the Legislative Council should not be less than (According Article 171).

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

4. Consider the following statements:

1. Financial Emergency can be proclaimed under the Article 356.
2. Salary and allowances of employees of any class

can be reduced when a financial emergency is declared.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

5. Consider the following statements:

1. Local self-government is elected by the State Election Commission.
2. Election Commission does not conduct election to Speaker of Lok Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

6. Consider the following statements:

1. Article 243 D provides that seats shall be reserved for the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes.
2. The aim of Panchayati Raj is to develop local self-governments in districts, zones and villages.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

7. Consider the following statements:

1. President has powers to nominated 2 members from Anglo-Indian community if the President feels that their community is not adequately represented.
2. According to Article 80, there will be a Parliament for the Union, consisting of the President and two Houses - Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha.

Which of the statements given above is/are not correct?

- (A) 1 only (B) 2 only
(C) Both 1 and 2 (D) Neither 1 nor 2

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Key Banking Terminology

- **Bank Rate**
 - **Definition**
 - The rate at which the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) provides long-term loans to commercial banks is called the **Bank Rate**.
 - It is an important instrument of monetary policy.
 - **Effects of Increase in Bank Rate**
 - Commercial banks will borrow less from RBI.
 - Banks' capital and liquidity will decrease.
 - Loans will become costlier (interest rates will rise).
 - Investment and consumption expenditure will decline.
 - Market demand will decrease.
 - Prices of goods and services may fall.
 - It helps in controlling inflation.
 - **Effects of Decrease in Bank Rate**
 - Commercial banks will borrow more from RBI.
 - Liquidity in the market will increase.
 - Loans will become cheaper (interest rates will fall).
 - Investment and consumption will increase.
 - Demand will rise.
 - Prices of goods and services may increase.
 - Economic activities will get a boost.
- The rate at which commercial banks borrow short-term funds from the RBI is called the **Repo Rate**.
- It is different from the Bank Rate and is used for short-term lending.
- **Effects of Increase in Repo Rate**
 - Banks will borrow less from RBI.
 - Liquidity in the market will decrease.
 - Loans will become expensive.
 - Demand and investment will decline.
 - Inflation will be controlled.
- **Effects of Decrease in Repo Rate**
 - Banks will borrow more from RBI.
 - Market liquidity will increase.
 - Interest rates will decline.
 - Investment and consumption will rise.
 - Economic growth will be encouraged.
- **Reverse Repo Rate**
 - The rate at which the RBI borrows short-term funds from commercial banks is called the **Reverse Repo Rate**.
 - Its objective is to control excess liquidity in the market.
 - **Effects of Increase in Reverse Repo Rate**
 - Banks will deposit more funds with RBI.
 - Liquidity in the market will decrease.
 - It helps in controlling inflation.
 - **Effects of Decrease in Reverse Repo Rate**
 - Banks will deposit less money with RBI.
 - Market liquidity will increase.
 - Investment and demand will rise.



DAILY GENERAL AWARENESS QUIZ

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1. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) celebrated its 29th Foundation Day on 20 February 2026. In context to the same tell us, Which one of the following is NOT a key function of TRAI?

- (A) Tariff regulation
- (B) Ensuring fair competition
- (C) Infrastructure development
- (D) Consumer protection

2. India and Nepal sign a new MoU to strengthen cooperation in forests, wildlife, biodiversity conservation and climate change. In context to the same tell us, Which of the following states does not share a border with Nepal?

- (A) Uttarakhand
- (B) Bihar
- (C) Sikkim
- (D) Himachal Pradesh

3. ESIC marks 75th Foundation Year at Bharat Mandapam, launches Swasthya Rath. In context to the same tell us, Under the ESI Act, 1948 applicable establishments must employ at least how many persons?

- (A) 5 employees
- (B) 10 employees
- (C) 15 employees
- (D) 20 employees

4. 7th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs at Vigyan Bhawan focuses on railway security. In context to the same tell us, which authority is responsible for the administration of the GRP?

- (A) Ministry of Railways
- (B) Railway Board
- (C) Central Investigation Bureau
- (D) State Government

5. Prime Minister Narendra Modi receives the Speaker of the Knesset Medal in Jerusalem. In context to the same tell us, The Knesset is the:

- (A) Legislature of Israel
- (B) Executive of Israel
- (C) Judiciary of Israel
- (D) Local government body

6. India Launches CBDC-Based Food Subsidy Pilot under PMGKAY in Puducherry Using Digital Rupee. Consider the following statements about India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) and the Digital Rupee:

(1) The Digital Rupee (e₹) is issued by commercial banks and represents a liability of the bank.

(2) Retail CBDC (e₹-R) allows instant peer-to-peer and peer-to-merchant transactions via digital wallets.

(3) Wholesale CBDC (e₹-W) is intended for large-value interbank transactions and government securities trading.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (A) Only (1) and (3)
- (B) Only (1) and (2)
- (C) Only (2) and (3)
- (D) None of the above

7. India Explores Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) to Achieve Circular Economy and Net-Zero by 2070.

Consider the following statements about Carbon Capture and Utilisation (CCU) in India:

(1) CCU technologies capture CO₂ emissions and convert them into useful products like fuels, chemicals, and building materials.

(2) Unlike Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS), CCU permanently stores CO₂ underground.

(3) India has allocated Rs 20,000 crore in the Union Budget 2026-27 to support CCUS development in key industries.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (A) Only (1) and (3)
- (B) Only (1) and (2)
- (C) Only (2) and (3)
- (D) None of the above

8. NITI Aayog Unveils 'AI for Inclusive Societal Development' Study to Empower India's Informal Workers.

Consider the following statements about workers in India:

(1) Informal workers are covered under the Unorganised Workers' Social Security Act, 2008 and guaranteed minimum wages under Article 21.

(2) Formal workers have social security benefits, and Article 39(a) directs equal pay for equal work.

(3) The Code on Social Security, 2020, integrates protections for both formal and informal workers.

Which of the above is/are correct?

- (A) Only (1) and (3)
- (B) Only (1) and (2)
- (C) Only (2) and (3)
- (D) None of the above

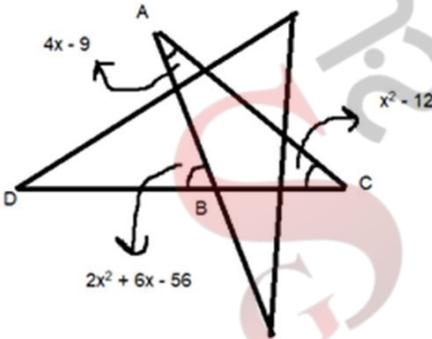
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1. Two numbers are respectively 25% and 29 cm. What is the value of $(\operatorname{cosec}C - \tan B)$ 40% more than a third number. The ratio of the first two numbers respectively is.
- (A) 5:8 (B) 25:28
(C) 35:38 (D) 15:8

2. Abhishek got 24% marks and failed by 72 marks while Anand got 64% marks and got 108 marks above the passing marks. If Poornima got 244 marks then find the percentage (correct to one decimal place) of marks obtained by her.
- (A) 56.6% (B) 53.3%
(C) 55.5% (D) 54.2%

3. In the given diagram, the angles are represented in degrees as shown. Find $\angle ABC$.



- (A) 156° (B) 166°
(C) 150° (D) 148°

4. When $(4^{66} - 1)$ is divided by '7', the remainder is
- (A) 0 (B) 1
(C) 5 (D) 2

5. In $\triangle ABC$, $\angle A = 90^\circ$, $AB = 20$ cm and $BC =$
- (D) -1

6. If '9505xy' is a six digit number which is divisible by 77, then find the value of 'x + y'
- (A) 13 (B) 11
(C) 9 (D) 12

7. The value of 50-paise coins, 25-paise coins and Re. 1 coins placed in a bag are in the ratio of 40:36:45, respectively. Find the number of 25-paise coins in the bag if total number of coins in the bag is 1076.
- (A) 640 (B) 144
(C) 288 (D) 576

8. The perimeter of two similar triangles ABC and PQR is 127 cm and 189 cm, respectively. If $AB = 6.35$ cm, then find the length of PQ.
- (A) 9.25 cm (B) 9.65 cm
(C) 9.15 cm (D) 9.45 cm

9. The angles of elevation and depression to the top and bottom of a tower from a pole of length 240 metres are 30° and 60° , respectively. Find the length of the tower.
- (A) $240(\sqrt{3} + 1)$ metres (B) 320 metres
(C) $240(\sqrt{3} - 1)$ metres (D) 300 metres

10. If $a + b + c = 6$ and $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 234$, then $ab + bc + ca = ?$
- (A) 5 (B) 8
(C) 25

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DAILY REASONING QUIZ

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- How many letter – pairs are there in the word 'CRITICAL' which has as many letters in both forward direction and the backward direction, as there are between them as per English alphabetical order?
 (A) One (B) Two
 (C) Three (D) Four
- Select the correct mirror image of the given figure when the mirror is placed at the right side of the given figure.

 (A) (o ! p r) o ε n
 (B) (o i b r) o ε n
 (C) (o i p r) o ε n
 (D) n 3 o (b q ! c)
- Read the given statements and conclusions carefully. Assuming that the information given in the statements is true, even if it appears to be at variance with commonly known facts, decide which of the given conclusions logically follow(s) from the statements.
Statements: All Stump are Tree
 A few Tree are Green
 A few Stump are Brown
Conclusions: I. A few Tree are Brown
II. A few Stump are Green
 (A) Only conclusion I follows
 (B) Both conclusions I and II follow
 (C) Neither conclusion I nor II follows.
 (D) Only conclusion II follows
- Four numbers have been given out of which three are alike in a certain manner and one is different. Select the one that is different.
 (A) 107 (B) 521
 (C) 233 (D) 601
- Study the given pattern carefully and select the number that can replace the question mark [?] in it.

32	24	76
38	66	109
18	54	?

 (A) 63 (B) 52
 (C) 73 (D) 97
- Select the correct combination of mathematical signs that can sequentially replace the * signs and balance the given equation.
 $12 * 36 * 9 * 5 * 10 = 22$
 (A) ÷, ×, +, - (B) ×, ÷, +, -
 (C) +, ÷, ×, - (D) -, ×, +, ÷
- 'Kyiv' is related to 'Ukraine' in the same way as 'Madrid' is related to '
 (A) Portugal (B) France
 (C) Spain (D) Ireland
- In a certain code language, 'HARMONY' is coded as 'BINOPSZ'. How will 'PROBLEM' be coded in the same language?
 (A) CFVNPQS (B) CFMNPQS
 (C) AFNPQSX (D) CFONIOS
- Identify the letter – cluster that does not belong to the following series.
 QAJ, SXL, UUN, WRO, YOR, ALT
 (A) ALT (B) YOR
 (C) WRO (D) SXL

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MAP OF THE DAY-BHARAT

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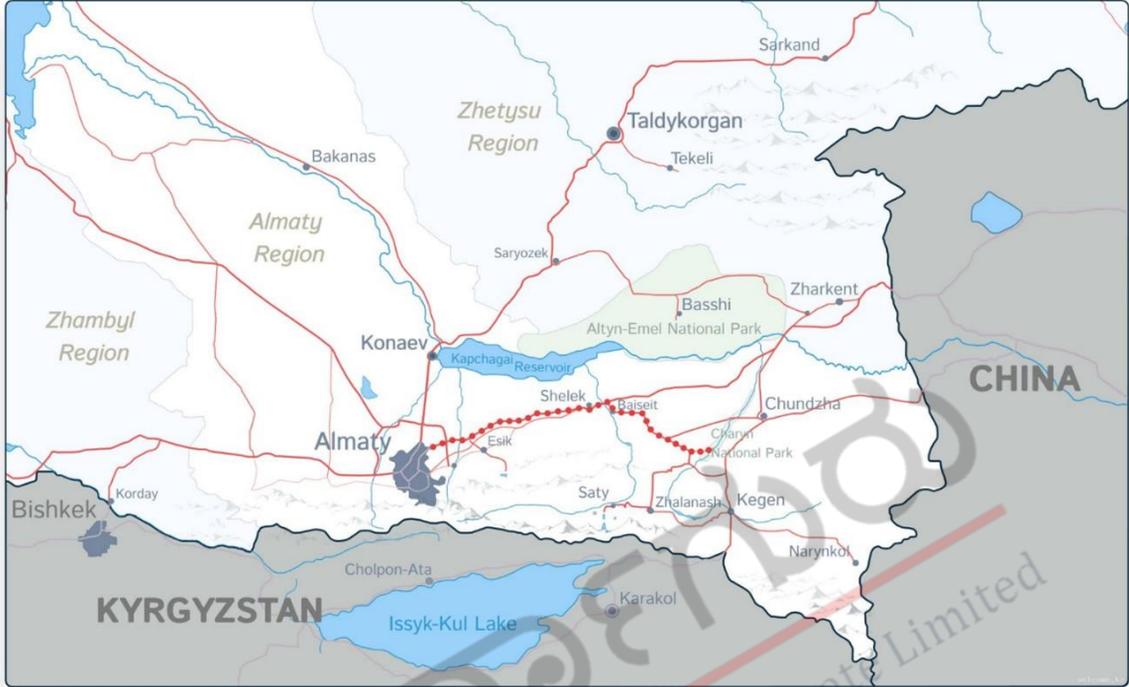


Hooghly Delta

- **Hooghly Delta** is part of the **Ganges-Brahmaputra Delta**, formed by the **Hooghly River**, the westernmost distributary of the **Ganges**.
- The delta begins at the **Farakka/Giria bifurcation** in **Murshidabad**, splitting the **Ganges** into the **Padma** and **Bhagirathi-Hooghly** channels.
- Upper reaches are called **Bhagirathi**, becoming the **Hooghly** after joining the **Jalangi River** at **Nabadwip**.
- The delta is fed by tributaries from the **Chota Nagpur Plateau**, including **Damodar**, **Ajay**, **Rupnarayan**, and **Haldi rivers**.
- The Hooghly Delta is divided into **three physiographic zones**: moribund, mature, and active, based on river **activity**.
- **Moribund Delta** areas like **Murshidabad** and **Nadia** have **oxbow lakes** and rivers losing connection with the main channel.
- **Mature Delta** in **Kolkata** and **North 24 Parganas** features heavily **silted rivers** and nearly complete **land formation**.
- **Active Delta** in **South 24 Parganas** shows ongoing **land formation** and **frequent flooding**, merging into the **Sundarbans**.
- Legal recognition: In a landmark move, the **Hooghly River** and **Ganges** were granted **legal personhood** to protect their ecosystem.
- The delta is integrated into **National Waterway-1 (NW-1)**, connecting **Haldia to Allahabad (1,620 km)**.



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Charyn Canyon

- **Charyn Canyon** is also called **Sharyn Canyon**, located on the **Charyn River** in Kazakhstan.
- The canyon is approximately **200 km east of Almaty**, near the **Kazakh–Chinese border**, and stretches **154 km in length**.
- It is part of **Charyn National Park**, established on **23 February 2004**, within **Uyгур, Raiymbek, and Enbekshikazakh districts** of Almaty Region.
- **Charyn River** is 393 km long, originates from the **Tian Shan mountains**, and flows through **semi-arid regions** before reaching the canyon.
- The canyon has a **depth ranging from 150 to 300 meters** in various locations along the river.
- **Charyn Canyon** consists of five main parts: **Valley of Castles, Temirlik Canyon, Yellow Canyon, Red Canyon, and Bestamak Canyon**.
- **Valley of Castles (Dolina Zamkov)** is famous for its **unique rock formations** resembling castles.
- **Relic Forest**, located 20 km from the canyon, contains the **Sogdian ash**, a tree dating back to the **Ice Age**, along with **willow, poplar, and barberry**.
- The **Temirlik River** originates in the **Ketmen Range**, also called **Uzynkara (long mountain)**, and carries red clay and rock deposits.



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Finance Commission – 2

The **16th Finance Commission**, headed by **Arvind Panagariya**, has submitted its report covering the **2026–31 award period**. Presented in **Parliament along with the Union Budget 2026–27**.



Expository: -

Disqualification conditions:

- A member may be disqualified due to **mental incapacity** or **insolvency**.
- Conviction for **moral offences** can lead to removal.
- Conflicting **financial interests** affecting impartiality are grounds for disqualification.

Tenure and reappointment:

- The term of office is fixed by **Presidential order** for each Commission.
- Members are eligible for **reappointment** after resignation.
- Tenure conditions ensure both **continuity** and **institutional independence**.

14th Finance Commission (2015–2020):

- Chaired by **Y. V. Reddy**, it marked a major shift in **tax devolution**.
- Increased States' share in divisible taxes to **42 percent**.
- Emphasised reduction of **revenue deficit** and fiscal consolidation.
- Recommended **3 percent fiscal deficit** target for States.

- Supported rationalisation of **Centrally Sponsored Schemes**.
- Constituted on **31 December 2023** by the President of India.

- Encouraged implementation of **Goods and Services Tax (GST)**.
- Introduced a shift from **entitlement-based transfers** to **compliance-linked fiscal discipline**.

15th Finance Commission (2021–2026):

- Headed by **N. K. Singh**, it operated during a period of **economic transition**.
- Its recommendations were presented with the **Union Budget 2026–27**.
- Covered a six-year award period due to **GST implementation** and fiscal uncertainty.
- Emphasises performance incentives, fiscal responsibility, and **outcome-based federalism**.

- Focused on **fiscal stability** and quality of **public expenditure**.
- Contemporary significance:

- The Finance Commission strengthens **economic unity** while respecting State autonomy.
- It plays a crucial role in India's **developmental federal structure**.

- Considered demographic performance and **population control** in devolution formula.
- Its evolving approach reflects changing priorities like **sustainability, urban finance, and local governance**.

16th Finance Commission (2026–2031):

- Addressed challenges arising from **GST compensation** and revenue volatility.
- The Commission remains central to achieving **balanced growth** and long-term fiscal stability.
- Chaired by **Arvind Panagariya**, former Vice-Chairman of **NITI Aayog**.



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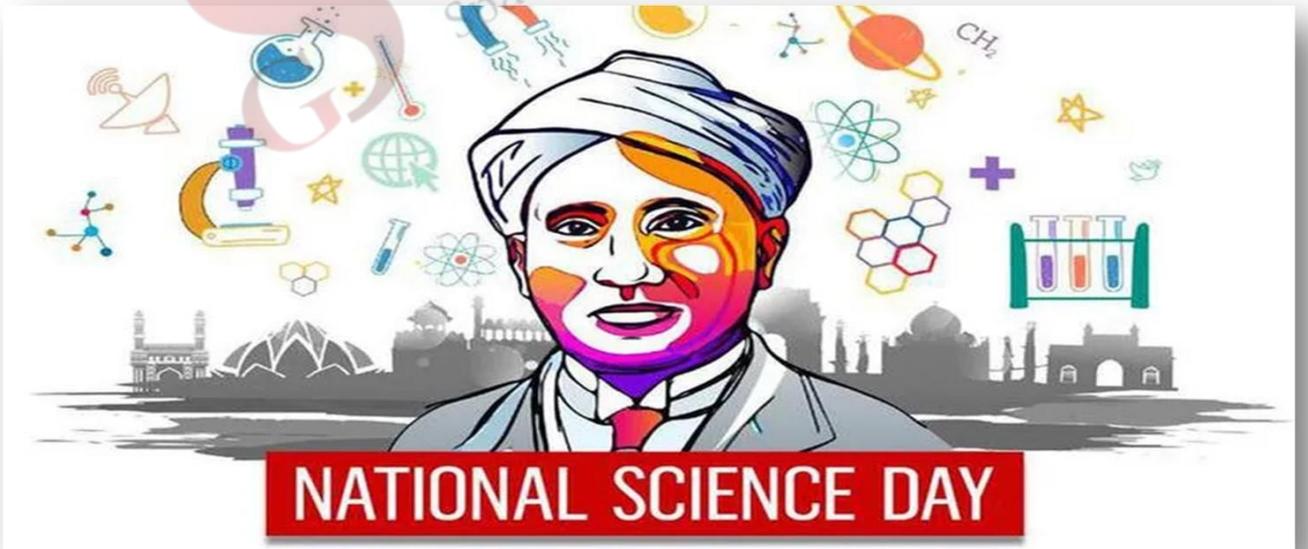
National Science Day (NSD) is celebrated every year on 28 February to commemorate the discovery of the 'Raman Effect'. The Government of India designated 28 February as the National Science Day (NSD) in 1986. On the same day Sir C.V. Raman announced the discovery of the 'Raman Effect', for which he was awarded the Nobel Prize in 1930.

1944 - Ravindra Jain - Famous music composer and singer of Indian Hindi cinema.

1963 - Dr. Rajendra Prasad (freedom fighter, jurist, first President of India)

2005 - Million Dollar Baby won four Oscars.

2008 - The then Governor of Uttar Pradesh T.P. Rajeshwar gave his assent to the VAT bill.



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- **Puducherry** to host **CBDC-based Food Subsidy Pilot** under PMGKAY.
- **Baroruchi Mishra** appointed as **new CEO** of Hindustan Oil Exploration Company (HOEC).
- **14-year-old girls** targeted in nationwide **HPV vaccination programme** by Health Ministry.
- **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** inaugurates the **Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela 2026** at IARI, Delhi.

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