

International News

- **26th SCO Summit held in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic**
 - **Context:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 26th Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit in Bishkek.
 - **Key Highlights:**
 - 2026 marks the **25th anniversary** of the founding of the SCO.
 - India reinforced its core SCO framework based on three pillars: **Security, Connectivity, and Opportunity.**
 - India announced it will host the first **SCO Civilisation Dialogue Forum.**
 - The summit adopted the Bishkek Declaration, 4 MoUs, and over 20 strategic decisions regarding climate action, nuclear safety, and anti-drug initiatives.
- **18th BRICS Summit Host Preparation**
 - UN Secretary-General António Guterres confirmed his participation in the upcoming 18th BRICS Summit scheduled to be hosted by India in New Delhi.

National News

- **India Notifies Semicon 2.0 Scheme with ₹1,27,500 Crore Outlay**
 - **Details:** The Government of India officially notified **Semicon 2.0**, the second phase of the flagship Semicon India Programme managed by the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM).
 - **Six Key Pillars:** Semiconductor Design, Fabrication (Fabs), ATMP/OSAT (Assembly, Testing, Marking, and Packaging), Chip Equipment & Raw Materials, R&D Infrastructure, and Talent Development.

- **National Test House (NTH) Celebrates 115th Foundation Day**
 - Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the new NTH regional complex in Bengaluru along with specialized testing labs across India: Coal Testing Facility (Kolkata), Solar Water Heater Testing Facility (Chennai), and Utensils Testing Lab (Jaipur).
- **Sugar Stock Limits Imposed**
 - The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution lowered the domestic sugar stock holding limit for traders and wholesalers to 2,000 Quintals to prevent hoarding and stabilize retail prices.

Economics, Banking & Finance

- **India's Q1 FY27 (April-June 2026) GDP Growth at 7.8%**
 - **Data Release:** National Statistical Office (NSO) reported India's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) grew at **7.8%** in the first quarter of FY27, outperforming broad analytical estimates despite global commodity headwinds.
- **NIPL Partners with Uzbekistan's NIPC for UPI Expansion**
 - NPCI International Payments Ltd. (NIPL) signed a commercial agreement with the National Interbank Processing Centre (NIPC) of Uzbekistan to enable cross-border QR-based digital payments and remittance linkages.
- **India's Coconut Product Exports Surge 62% in FY26**
 - Exports reached **₹7,038.35 crore** (\$794.7 million). India remains the world's largest coconut producer, accounting for **31.24%** of global output. Top producing states: Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Andhra



Pradesh (comprising over 91% of national output).

- **Critical Minerals: India-Zambia Talks Revived**
- State-run Khanij Bidesh India Ltd (KABIL) initiated advanced discussions with Zambia to acquire strategic copper and cobalt mining assets to strengthen domestic electric vehicle and clean-energy supply chains.

Defense & Technology

- **TASL and Javelin Joint Venture (JJV) Sign MoU for Missile Co-Production**
- Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) partnered with JJV (Lockheed Martin & Raytheon) to co-produce the **Javelin Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM)** system in India, establishing assembly and component manufacturing capabilities.
- **Army's T-72 and T-90 Main Battle Tank Overhaul Facility Expansion**
- A new Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility capability was authorized to handle 80 tanks annually to complement the existing 150-tank annual overhaul capacity at Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF), Avadi.
- **GNANI AI Selected for Indian AI Mission**
- Bengaluru-based DeepTech entity GNANI AI was selected among 12 domestic companies under the IndiaAI Mission to develop native Large Language Models (LLMs).

Appointments, Awards & Honors

- **Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026:**
- **Tommy Koh (Singapore):** Recognized for veteran diplomatic leadership and international law advocacy.

- **Bo Kyi (Myanmar):** Awarded for human rights activism and political prisoner assistance.
- **Runa Khan (Bangladesh):** Recognized for humanitarian service and grassroots development via Friendship NGO.
- **FPAI Indian Football Awards 2026:**
- **Indian Footballer of the Year:** Lallianzuala Chhangte (Mohun Bagan Super Giant).
- **Young Player of the Year:** Sanan Mohammed K. (Jamshedpur FC).
- **Women's Young Player of the Year:** Sanfida Nongrum.

Government Schemes & MoUs

Scheme / MoU	Sector / State	Objective & Key Details
Annappoorani Super Six Scheme	Welfare / Tamil Nadu	Provides subsidized domestic LPG cylinders to eligible low-income families to reduce household energy costs.
Middle East Energy 2026 MoU (EEPC)	Commerce & Energy / UAE	EEPC India established the India Pavilion in Dubai featuring 45 energy exporters showcasing grid & renewable transmission technologies.

Important Days, Art & Culture

- **National Nutrition Week (1–7 September):** Annual observation launched to raise awareness about balanced diets, malnutrition eradication, and community health.
- **International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances (UN context):** Marks the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention with the 2026 theme "Victims first. Actions now."

Exam-Oriented Practice Questions (MCQs)

Q1. What is the total financial outlay approved for the newly notified Semicon 2.0 scheme in India?

- (A) ₹76,000 crore
- (B) ₹1,00,000 crore
- (C) ₹1,27,500 crore
- (D) ₹1,50,000 crore

Correct Answer: (C) ₹1,27,500 crore

Explanation: The Government of India notified the Semicon 2.0 scheme with a total outlay of ₹1,27,500 crore to expand chip manufacturing, materials, R&D, and equipment packaging capabilities.

Q2. Where was the 26th Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) summit held in 2026?

- (A) New Delhi, India
- (B) Astana, Kazakhstan
- (C) Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
- (D) Tashkent, Uzbekistan

Correct Answer: (C) Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Explanation: The 26th SCO Summit took place in Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic, marking the 25th anniversary of the organization's inception.

Q3. Which Indian defense enterprise signed an MoU with the Javelin Joint Venture (JJV) for the co-production of the Javelin ATGM system?

- (A) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- (B) Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)
- (C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- (D) Larsen & Toubro Defense

Correct Answer: (B) Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL)

Explanation: TASL partnered with JJV (Raytheon & Lockheed Martin) to set up final assembly and component sourcing facilities in India for the Javelin missile system.

Q4. What was India's GDP growth rate for the Q1 (April–June) of FY27 as released by the NSO?

- (A) 6.7%
- (B) 7.2%
- (C) 7.8%
- (D) 8.1%

Correct Answer: (C) 7.8%

Explanation: According to the National Statistical Office (NSO), India's economy grew at 7.8% in the first quarter of FY27.

Q5. Who among the following won the Indian Footballer of the Year award at the FPAI Football Awards 2026?

- (A) Sunil Chhetri
- (B) Lallianzuala Chhangte
- (C) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- (D) Sahal Abdul Samad

Correct Answer: (B) Lallianzuala Chhangte

Explanation: Mohun Bagan star winger Lallianzuala Chhangte was named Indian Footballer of the Year at the FPAI Indian Football Awards 2026.

National & International Affairs

Q1. The 4th Indo-German Environment Forum was hosted in which city on September 1, 2026?

- (A) Berlin
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Munich
- (D) Bengaluru

Answer: (B) New Delhi

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Detailed Explanation:

The 4th Indo-German Environment Forum was held in **New Delhi** under the theme **"Together For More Resilience."** The bilateral forum focuses on enhancing cooperation between India and Germany on critical areas such as climate change mitigation, biodiversity conservation, sustainable urban development, and environmental governance.

Q2. Which two Indian states signed a bilateral agreement regarding the water-sharing pact of the Sone River?

- (A) Bihar and Jharkhand
- (B) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
- (C) Odisha and Chhattisgarh
- (D) Madhya Pradesh and Bihar

Answer: (A) Bihar and Jharkhand

Detailed Explanation:

The state governments of **Bihar and Jharkhand** signed an agreement to resolve longstanding water distribution issues and finalize the **Sone River Water-Sharing Pact**. The Sone River is a major southern tributary of the Ganges, originating near Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh before flowing through Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Bihar.

Q3. Which state/UT will host its first-ever international film festival titled 'Rang-e-Cinema' from September 7 to 10, 2026?

- (A) Ladakh
- (B) Himachal Pradesh
- (C) Jammu & Kashmir
- (D) Uttarakhand

Answer: (C) Jammu & Kashmir

Detailed Explanation:

The Information and Public Relations Department of **Jammu and Kashmir** is organizing **'Rang-e-Cinema'**, the union territory's first international film festival. The event features participation from **41 countries**, with over 135 entries shortlisted to highlight regional, national, and international cinema.

Q4. Kyrgyzstan hosted which international summit where Prime Minister Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian?

- (A) 18th BRICS Summit
- (B) 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit
- (C) 44th ASEAN Summit
- (D) 20th G20 Summit

Answer: (B) 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit

Detailed Explanation:

Kyrgyzstan hosted the **26th SCO Summit** in Bishkek. On the sidelines of the summit, PM Modi held his first formal bilateral meeting with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian to discuss regional connectivity, including the Chabahar Port development and the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC).

Q5. India and Uzbekistan set a target to expand their bilateral trade turnover to which amount

by 2030 during recent high-level bilateral discussions?

- (A) \$2 Billion
- (B) \$3 Billion
- (C) \$5 Billion
- (D) \$10 Billion

Answer: (C) \$5 Billion

Detailed Explanation:

Following bilateral talks between PM Narendra Modi and President Shavkat Mirziyoyev, India and Uzbekistan agreed to establish a long-term framework for the **supply of uranium to India** and targeted expanding two-way trade to **\$5 billion by 2030**.

Defense & Security News

Q6. What class of vessel is INS Nipun, which was recently commissioned into the Indian Navy?

- (A) Kalvari-class Submarine
- (B) Nistar-class Diving Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel
- (C) Visakhapatnam-class Guided Missile Destroyer
- (D) Nilgiri-class Stealth Frigate

Answer: (B) Nistar-class Diving Support and Submarine Rescue Vessel

Detailed Explanation:

INS Nipun is a **Nistar-class Diving Support Vessel (DSV)** commissioned by the Indian Navy. Built indigenously, INS Nipun is equipped with specialized deep-sea diving systems, submarine rescue apparatus, and Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) capabilities.

Q7. India signed a \$93 million defense deal with the United States to acquire approximately 100 units of which anti-tank guided missile system?

- (A) Spike ATGM

- (B) FGM-148 Javelin
- (C) BGM-71 TOW
- (D) NLAW

Answer: (B) FGM-148 Javelin

Detailed Explanation:

The Indian Army signed a \$93 million agreement with the US for nearly **100 FGM-148 Javelin ATGMs**. The Javelin is a fire-and-forget, man-portable anti-tank missile with top-attack capability. Concurrently, Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) signed an MoU with joint manufacturer Raytheon-Lockheed Martin for future in-country co-production.

Q8. India secured "Dialogue Partner" status in which 6th-generation international fighter aircraft development project?

- (A) FCAS (Future Combat Air System)
- (B) GCAP (Global Combat Air Programme)
- (C) NGAD (Next Generation Air Dominance)
- (D) PAK FA Project

Answer: (B) GCAP (Global Combat Air Programme)

Detailed Explanation:

India was officially granted **Dialogue Partner status in the Global Combat Air Programme (GCAP)**. GCAP is a joint multi-national initiative between the **UK, Italy, and Japan** to develop a 6th-generation stealth fighter jet. Dialogue partner status allows India strategic observation without full developer co-investment commitments at present.

Q9. Where is the CISF and Drone Federation of India (DFI) setting up a dedicated Counter-Drone Centre of Excellence under their new MoU?

- (A) Hyderabad, Telangana
- (B) Behror, Rajasthan

(C) Pune, Maharashtra

(D) Pathankot, Punjab

Answer: (B) Behror, Rajasthan

Detailed Explanation:

The Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) and the Drone Federation of India (DFI) signed an MoU to establish a **Counter-Drone Centre of Excellence in Behror, Rajasthan**. The facility will focus on drone detection testing, threat mitigation protocols, SOP formulation, and drone forensics.

Q10. What is the annual overhaul capacity of the newly established indigenous facility for Indian Army's T-72 and T-90 Main Battle Tanks?

(A) 40 tanks/year

(B) 80 tanks/year

(C) 150 tanks/year

(D) 230 tanks/year

Answer: (B) 80 tanks/year

Detailed Explanation:

To augment India's Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) capabilities for armored vehicles, a new facility was established to overhaul **80 T-72 and T-90 tanks annually**. Combined with the Heavy Vehicles Factory (HVF) in Avadi (150 tanks/year capacity), India can now overhaul 230 tanks annually to meet Army operational needs.

Economics, Banking & Finance

Q11. According to RBI data released in September 2026, India's foreign exchange (forex) reserves touched an all-time record high of:

(A) \$650.5 billion

(B) \$698.2 billion

(C) \$729.3 billion

(D) \$810.4 billion

Answer: (C) \$729.3 billion

Detailed Explanation:

India's foreign exchange reserves scaled a historical high of **\$729.3 billion**. The surge was boosted by strong foreign portfolio investment (FPI) inflows, capital accumulation, and RBI's dollar liquidity swap operations, providing approximately 11 months of import cover.

Q12. What was India's GDP growth rate recorded in the First Quarter (Q1) of Financial Year 2026-27 (FY27)?

(A) 6.7%

(B) 7.2%

(C) 7.8%

(D) 8.1%

Answer: (C) 7.8%

Detailed Explanation:

Official data revealed that **India's real GDP grew by 7.8% in Q1 FY27** (April-June quarter). Growth was propelled by robust expansion in manufacturing, government capital expenditure, resilience in services, and rising domestic demand.

Q13. The Ministry of Finance's Public Private Partnership Appraisal Committee (PPPAC) approved six railway corridor projects spanning 647 km under which procurement model?

(A) Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC)

(B) Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) Toll

(C) Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM)

(D) Swiss Challenge Model

Answer: (C) Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM)

Detailed Explanation:

The PPPAC approved **6 railway freight corridors (647 km total)** under the **Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM)**. Under HAM, the government funds 40% of the project cost in annuity installments during construction, while the private developer finances the remaining 60%, mitigating financial risk for private investors.

Q14. National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) launched a sectoral weather derivative index named:

- (A) WEATHERCHENNAI
- (B) MONSOONSOUTH
- (C) RAINCHENNAI
- (D) CLIMATEINDIA

Answer: (C) RAINCHENNAI

Detailed Explanation:

NCDEX introduced **RAINCHENNAI**, a specialized weather derivative product. Weather derivatives enable corporations, agricultural businesses, and financial institutions to hedge against financial risks associated with adverse rainfall and weather fluctuations.

Q15. Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL) reached a deployment milestone of installing over how many smart domestic PNG meters across India?

- (A) 15.5 Lakh
- (B) 25.0 Lakh
- (C) 44.5 Lakh
- (D) 60.0 Lakh

Answer: (C) 44.5 Lakh

Detailed Explanation:

EESL announced it has successfully installed **over 44.5 lakh smart Piped Natural Gas (PNG) meters** across Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Delhi, Haryana, Rajasthan, and A&N Islands. The

initiative builds an integrated digital ecosystem with CGD (City Gas Distribution) operators.

Appointments & Corporate News

Q16. Who succeeded Tim Cook to officially take over as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Apple on August 31 / September 1, 2026?

- (A) Luca Maestri
- (B) John Ternus
- (C) Craig Federighi
- (D) Jeff Williams

Answer: (B) John Ternus

Detailed Explanation:

John Ternus, former Senior Vice President of Hardware Engineering, took charge as **Apple CEO**, following Tim Cook stepping down from the leadership role.

Q17. Peyman Kargar was designated to join which Indian auto manufacturer as its CEO and Director?

- (A) Hero MotoCorp
- (B) TVS Motor Company
- (C) Bajaj Auto
- (D) Tata Motors

Answer: (B) TVS Motor Company

Detailed Explanation:

Automotive industry veteran **Peyman Kargar** was appointed to take over as **CEO and Director of TVS Motor Company**.

Q18. Ashish Shelar was elected as the President of which premier sports governing organization in September 2026?

- (A) Esports Federation of India (ESGF / ESFI)
- (B) Amateur Kabaddi Federation of India
- (C) Wrestling Federation of India

(D) Boxing Federation of India

Answer: (A) Esports Federation of India (ESGF / ESFI)

Detailed Explanation:

Maharashtra Minister Ashish Shelar was elected **President of the Esports Federation (ESGF)** to promote structural governance and grassroots development of competitive esports in India.

Sports News

Q19. Who was awarded the FPAI 'Indian Footballer of the Year 2026' (Men's category) by the Football Players' Association of India?

- (A) Sunil Chhetri
- (B) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu
- (C) Lallianzuala Chhangte
- (D) Sahal Abdul Samad

Answer: (C) Lallianzuala Chhangte

Detailed Explanation:

Mizoram-born winger **Lallianzuala Chhangte** was named **FPAI Indian Footballer of the Year 2026**. **Manisha Kalyan** won the Women's Footballer of the Year award, while **East Bengal FC** was recognized as the **ISL Champions**.

Q20. At 15 years and 157 days, who became the youngest batsman in Duleep Trophy history to score a half-century?

- (A) Musheer Khan
- (B) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi
- (C) Ayush Mhatre
- (D) Angkrish Raghuvanshi

Answer: (B) Vaibhav Sooryavanshi

Detailed Explanation:

Young prodigy **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** created history by scoring a 42-ball half-century in the **Duleep Trophy** at the age of **15 years and 157**

days. He surpassed the 57-year-old record set by **Laxman Singh** (16 years and 23 days in 1969).

Q21. Northeast India's first Swimming National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) is being established in which state under a tripartite agreement signed between SAI, BAI, and SAA?

- (A) Manipur
- (B) Assam
- (C) Meghalaya
- (D) Nagaland

Answer: (B) Assam

Detailed Explanation:

The Sports Authority of India (SAI), Badminton Association of India (BAI), and Sports Authority of Assam (SAA) signed a tripartite pact to set up **Northeast India's first Swimming National Centre of Excellence (NCoE)** at the **Amingaon Sports Complex, Kamrup, Assam**.

Q22. Which international football icon formally announced retirement from international football in late August / September 1, 2026?

- (A) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (B) Lionel Messi
- (C) Luka Modrić
- (D) Ángel Di María

Answer: (B) Lionel Messi

Detailed Explanation:

Argentine World Cup-winning captain **Lionel Messi** officially retired from international football, wrapping up a decorated international career featuring **World Cup, Copa América, and Olympic titles**.

Q23. In their opening Women's Asia Cup 2026 fixture, the Indian women's cricket team defeated which country by 94 runs?

- (A) Sri Lanka
- (B) Bangladesh
- (C) Thailand
- (D) Malaysia

Answer: (C) Thailand

Detailed Explanation:

India began their **Women's Asia Cup** campaign with a dominant **94-run victory against Thailand**. India posted 159/9 powered by Shafali Verma's 64 runs, before restricting Thailand to 65 runs.

Government Schemes & MoUs

Q24. Fisheries infrastructure projects valued at ₹36.49 crore were launched in Puducherry under which umbrella flagship scheme?

- (A) PM Gati Shakti
- (B) PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)
- (C) PM KISAN
- (D) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana

Answer: (B) PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)

Detailed Explanation:

Under **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**, fisheries development projects worth **₹36.49 crore** were launched in Puducherry. The project focuses on cold chain facilities, modernization of fishing harbors, and cooperative seaweed farming.

Q25. Which mobile application was officially launched during the 115th Foundation Day celebrations of the National Test House (NTH) in Bengaluru?

- (A) NTH Parikshan
- (B) NTH Suvidha
- (C) NTH Quality Mitra

- (D) NTH Standard App

Answer: (B) NTH Suvidha

Detailed Explanation:

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi presided over the **115th Foundation Day of National Test House (NTH)** and launched the **"NTH Suvidha" app**. NTH also inaugurated testing facilities for coal in Kolkata, solar water heaters in Chennai, and cookware in Jaipur.

Q26. Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and C-DOT signed a 5-year agreement to establish what critical infrastructure?

- (A) 6G Innovation Hub
- (B) End-to-end Optical Network Testbed
- (C) Quantum Satellite Station
- (D) Submarine Cable Terminal

Answer: (B) End-to-end Optical Network Testbed

Detailed Explanation:

DoT and C-DOT partnered to build an **End-to-end Optical Network Testbed** over 5 years. This facility will test high-capacity optical switching, quantum key distribution (QKD) security layer integrations, and next-gen telecom equipment.

Important Days, Awards & Science

Q27. The International Day of the Victims of Enforced Disappearances is observed globally on which date?

- (A) 29 August
- (B) 30 August
- (C) 1 September
- (D) 2 September

Answer: (B) 30 August

Detailed Explanation:

Observed annually on **30 August**, the year 2026 marked the **20th anniversary of the UN Convention on Enforced Disappearances** under the slogan "**Victims first. Actions now.**"

Q28. National Small Industry Day in India is celebrated every year on:

- (A) 28 August
- (B) 30 August
- (C) 1 September
- (D) 5 September

Answer: (B) 30 August

Detailed Explanation:

National Small Industry Day is observed annually in India on **30 August** to recognize the contribution of Small Scale Industries (SSI) to economic growth and employment generation. (Note: National Sports Day is observed on 29 August in memory of Major Dhyan Chand).

Q29. Which government department was selected for the 'Rajbhasha Utkrishtta Sammaan 2025-26' for promoting Hindi official language implementation?

- (A) DARPG (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances)
- (B) Department of Financial Services
- (C) NITI Aayog
- (D) Department of School Education

Answer: (A) DARPG

Detailed Explanation:

The **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)** was selected for the **Rajbhasha Utkrishtta Sammaan 2025-26** for outstanding progress in adopting and promoting Rajbhasha (Hindi) in official work.

Q30. NASA launched the Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope aboard which launch vehicle?

- (A) NASA SLS Block 1
- (B) SpaceX Falcon Heavy
- (C) ISRO LVM3
- (D) Ariane 6

Answer: (B) SpaceX Falcon Heavy

Detailed Explanation:

NASA's **Nancy Grace Roman Space Telescope** was launched aboard a **SpaceX Falcon Heavy rocket**. The mission aims to investigate dark energy, exoplanetary systems, and infrared astrophysics with a field of view 100 times greater than the Hubble Space Telescope.