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## NATIONAL NEWS

### Krishi Sakhi Initiative



To strengthen women farmers empowerment the Agriculture Insurance Company of India (AIC) has

launched the Krishi Sakhi Initiative in 2026. This step aligns with the United Nations declaration of 2026 as the International Year of the Woman Farmer. This initiative focuses on improving awareness about crop insurance and financial protection and to boosting their participation in agriculture.

#### Key Points:-

The initiative will provides access to crop insurance schemes and encourage women farmers to join formal agricultural systems.

It also promotes awareness about risk management and resilience building. By empowering them with knowledge and resources it seeks to ensure long term sustainability in agriculture.

## NATIONAL NEWS

### India Notifies New Income Tax Rules Under 2025 Act



The New Income Tax Rules 2026 are notified and which will come into effect from April 1, 2026. These rules are part of the broader

reforms in India's tax compliance system. It set to replace older procedures under the new

Income-tax Act, 2025. The reforms are focus on improving transparency, strengthening reporting standards and modernizing taxation for digital and cross-border businesses.

**Key Points:-**

The rules are focus on the better reporting systems and clear definitions across various taxation areas.

These changes ensure that the businesses and taxpayers should follow uniform compliance standards.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Record 150 Self-Made Women Billionaires in 2026**



The number of self-made women billionaires worldwide has reached a record 150 in 2026. This numbers are

according to the latest Hurun report. Their combined wealth has surged to \$470 billion and it is marking a sharp rise driven by various sectors. In World, China continues to dominate the list also new entrants highlight the expanding base of entrepreneurship. China maintained the top sport in rankings with 78 billionaires. This numbers are accounting for more than half of the total. The United States follows with 40 but on the side other countries lag far behind.

**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**Climate Change Could Reduce Physical Activity Worldwide By 2050**



A recent study published in The Lancet Global Health warns that rising temperatures because of climate change could significantly reduce physical activity levels worldwide by the 2050. For India the impact is expected to be higher than the global. As extreme heat limits the outdoor movement this will lead to may reduce exercise and increasing risks of lifestyle diseases.

**Key Points:-**

The report highlights that extreme heat conditions discourage walking, exercising and outdoor work specially during peak daytime hours.

This tends to reduced calorie expenditure and increased sedentary lifestyles.

**APPOINTMENTS**

**Krishna Kumar Thakur Appointed as Director (Personnel) at NMDC**



A 1998 batch officer Krishna Kumar Thakur has assumed charge as Director (Personnel) at NMDC Limited. NMDC is India's largest iron ore producer. He joined services as Indian Railway Personnel Service officer. He brings over two decades of experience in human resource management across Indian Railways

and public sector enterprises. As coming from strong background HR administration and policy implementation he is expected to play a key role in improving employee engagement and productivity.

## AWARDS

### Chairman of Tata Group N Chandrasekaran Received the KBE Honor



The prestigious Knighthood of the United Kingdom has been awarded to Tata Group Chairman N

Chandrasekaran. He honored for his contribution to strengthening India-UK business relations. He received the Knight Commander of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire (KBE) at an official ceremony in New Delhi. The honor was presented on behalf of King Charles III.

## STATE NEWS

### SRMIST honours scientists in advanced materials research



The SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST) has honoured leading scientists in the field

of advanced materials research as part of the second International Conference on Advanced Functional Materials and Devices organised by its Nanotechnology Research Centre. Among the awardees were Ramaswamy Murugavel of IIT

Bombay, Srinivasan Natarajan of Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, Kanishka Biswas of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru, and S Balakumar of University of Madras.

## Detailed Analysis of Recent Current Affairs: Multiple Choice Format

### Q.1. Recently, the Union Cabinet approved the Small Hydropower Development Scheme for which period?

- A. 2025-26 to 2029-30
- B. 2026-27 to 2030-31
- C. 2024-25 to 2028-29
- D. 2027-28 to 2031-32

1. B

The Union Cabinet has approved the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme for the period 2026-27 to 2030-31. The scheme, with an outlay of ₹2,584.60 crore for projects with a capacity of approximately 1,500 MW, aims to promote clean energy in rural and remote areas.

### Q.2. With which country did India recently increase cooperation in tribal and ethnic development?

- A. Thailand
- B. Vietnam
- C. Indonesia
- D. Malaysia

2. B

India has stepped up cooperation with Vietnam in tribal and ethnic development. Following a high-level ministerial meeting in New Delhi, the two countries approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation in livelihood promotion, sustainable agriculture, skill development, cultural protection and forest products, further deepening the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.

**Q.3. Recently, CMFRI launched a deep-sea expedition in which sea?**

- A. Bay of Bengal
- B. Arabian Sea
- C. Red Sea
- D. Mediterranean Sea

3. B

The Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (CMFRI) has launched a special research expedition to study deep-sea seamount fisheries resources in the Arabian Sea (Eastern Arabian Sea). The mission aims to study the diversity and ecology of cephalopods (squid, cuttlefish, and octopus).

**Q.4. Which state recently became the leader in textile exports in the financial year 2024-25?**

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Karnataka

4. C

Tamil Nadu has become India's largest textile exporter, surpassing Gujarat and Maharashtra. Tamil Nadu has become India's largest textile exporter with exports worth \$7,997.17 million in 2024-25, surpassing Gujarat and Maharashtra.

**Q.5. How many billionaires under the age of 30 were recently listed according to Forbes 2026?**

- A. 25
- B. 30
- C. 35
- D. 40
- 5. C

According to the Forbes 2026 report, 35 billionaires under the age of 30 are on the list, with a combined net worth of \$92.4 billion. These 35 young people represent approximately 1% of the 3,428 billionaires worldwide, many from tech startups (especially AI) and some from inherited wealth.

**Q.6. Which country was recently declared the happiest country in the World Happiness Report 2026?**

- A. Denmark
- B. Norway
- C. Finland
- D. Sweden

6. C

Finland has once again been ranked the happiest country in the world in the World Happiness Report 2026. This is the ninth consecutive year that Finland has topped the list. Published by the Wellbeing Research Centre, the report also highlights the negative impact of social media, especially on young people.

**Q.7. Which organization recently postponed its decision to ban government officials from attending sporting events?**

- A. IOC
- B. FIFA

C. WADA

D. BCCI

7. C

The World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) has postponed a decision on whether to ban government officials from major sporting events whose countries do not pay their dues to WADA. The decision has now been postponed until at least after this year's World Cup, with WADA set to consider the matter in September.

**Q.8. Where was the 622nd Central Board Meeting of the RBI recently held?**

A. Mumbai

B. Delhi

C. Patna

D. Kolkata

8. C

The 622nd meeting of the Central Board of Directors of the Reserve Bank of India was held in Patna. The meeting was chaired by Governor Sanjay Malhotra. Deputy Governors T. Rabi Shankar, Swaminathan J., Poonam Gupta, and Shirish Chandra Murmu, as well as other board members and government representatives, also attended.

**Q.9. Recently, the RBI imposed a fine on Cashfree Payments India Pvt Ltd for violations related to which sector?**

A. NBFC norms

B. Payment Aggregators & Gateways

C. Forex regulations

D. Banking license

9. B

The RBI has imposed a penalty of ₹3.1 lakh on Cashfree Payments India Private Limited for

non-compliance with regulations governing payment aggregators (PAs) and payment gateways (PGs). This action was taken due to non-compliance with regulatory and legal requirements relating to unauthorized/erroneous debits from escrow accounts.

**Q.10. On which topic did the RBI recently form a working group?**

A. Cryptocurrency

B. Digital Lending

C. Inflation Control

D. Rural Banking

10. B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has constituted a Working Group on Digital Lending, including loans through online platforms and mobile apps. Based on its recommendations, the RBI has issued Regulatory Guidelines on Digital Lending, which aim to strengthen the regulatory framework for digital lending, including loans through mobile apps, enhance customer protection, and ensure a safe and secure digital lending system.

**Q.11. Recently, the RBI approved Bain Capital to invest in which company?**

A. Bajaj Finance

B. Manappuram Finance

C. Muthoot Finance

D. LIC Housing Finance

11. B

The RBI has approved Bain Capital to invest approximately ₹4,385 crore and take joint control of Manappuram Finance Ltd. Bain Capital's stake in Manappuram Finance could increase from approximately 18% to 41.66%

following the deal, which is expected to be completed by March 31, 2026.

**Q.12. Through which medium did SBI recently raise ₹6,051 crore?**

- A. Equity shares
- B. Tier-2 bonds
- C. Debentures
- D. Mutual funds

12. B

State Bank of India (SBI) has raised ₹6,051 crore by issuing Basel III-compliant Tier II bonds. The funds, raised at a coupon rate of 7.05% for a tenor of 10 years, will be used to expand the business and strengthen the bank's capital base.

**Q.13. Which company recently launched India's first hybrid passive index fund?**

- A. HDFC AMC
- B. ICICI Prudential
- C. Edelweiss AMC
- D. SBI Mutual Fund

13. C

Edelweiss Asset Management Company launched India's first hybrid passive index fund. Called Edelweiss Nifty LargeMidCap250 Plus 8-13 Year G-Sec 70:30 Index Fund, the fund invests in a mix of 70% equities and 30% government securities, offering a cost-effective, rules-based investment option that automates asset allocation.

**Q.14. Which cricketer was recently appointed as the brand ambassador of City Union Bank?**

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Ravindra Jadeja

D. KL Rahul

14. C

City Union Bank has officially appointed Indian cricketer Ravindra Jadeja as its primary brand ambassador. The announcement was made through a regulatory filing in accordance with applicable disclosure norms. This development represents a strategic branding initiative by the bank aimed at strengthening its visibility and connecting with its large customer base across India.

**Q.15. Which facility did Jio Payments Bank recently launch at its BC points?**

- A. Loan disbursement
- B. UPI cash withdrawal
- C. Insurance services
- D. ATM services

15. B

Jio Payments Bank has launched a UPI-based cash withdrawal feature at its Business Correspondent (BC) touchpoints. This allows customers to withdraw cash from their Bank Mitra (BC) without a debit card or ATM, simply by scanning a QR code.



**Historical and Technical Events of 24<sup>th</sup> march 2026**

**1807: Abolition of slavery in the British Empire.**



In 1807, thanks to the zealous efforts of the Anti-Slavery Society, the British Parliament declared the slave trade

illegal. The Slavery Abolition Bill was passed by both houses of Parliament and received royal assent on 29 August 1833, but it did not come into force until 1 August 1834. On that date slavery was abolished throughout the British Empire. Yet, despite this ban, there were many exceptions to its automatic application in royal possessions.

**1821: The Greek War of Independence begins.**



1821 marked the beginning of the Greek War of Independence, which lasted from 1821 to 1829, and

ended in 1830 with the establishment of the independent state of Greece.

On March 1821, Bishop Germanos of Patras hoisted the flag of revolution over the monastery of Agia Lavra in the Peloponnese, which is celebrated as Greek Independence Day.

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**1896: The modern Olympic Games begin in Athens, the capital of Greece.**



Athens 1896 Olympic Games, athletic festival held in Athens that took place in April, 1896.

The Athens Games were the first event of the modern Olympic Games. The inaugural games of the modern Olympics featured 280 athletes, all men, from 12 nations.

**1898: Sister Nivedita initiated into celibacy by Swami Vivekananda.**



In 1898, on March, Swami Vivekananda initiated Margaret Noble into celibacy and named her "Nivedita", which means "devoted to

God". In November 1898, she opened a school for girls in the Bagbazar area of Calcutta. She wanted to educate girls who were deprived of even basic education. She invited Sister Nivedita to help her in this project. And Sister Nivedita's noble heart was quick to respond to her suggestion to work for Indian women and she dedicated her life to this cause.

**1655: Titan, Saturn's largest moon, is discovered.**



Dutch astronomer Christiaan Huygens discovered Titan, Saturn's largest moon, on March, 1655. Nearly 300 years later, in 1944,

Dutch-American astronomer Gerard Kuiper discovered a feature of Titan that makes it

extraordinary: this distant moon actually has an atmosphere.

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