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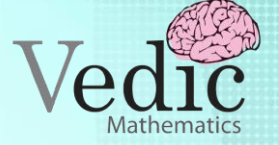
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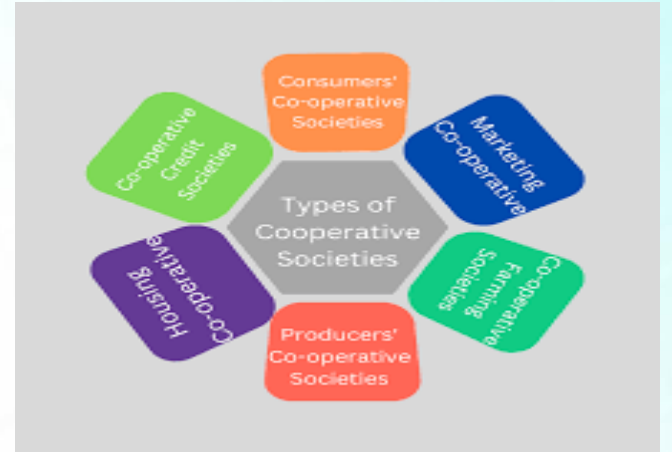
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NATIONAL NEWS

India's rank in Cooperative Network



It is impressive to see how the Indian cooperative sector has scaled. Transitioning from local grassroots movements to a **global powerhouse** representing over a quarter of the world's cooperatives is no small feat. This "bottom-up" economic model is clearly becoming the backbone of India's rural resilience.

The Scale of Impact

The sheer volume of participation—**32 crore members**—highlights that this isn't just about business; it's about financial inclusion. By aggregating small-scale resources, cooperatives provide the leverage individual farmers often lack.

Metric	Current Status (2025)
Total Cooperatives	8.5 Lakh+
Membership Base	~32 Crore
Global Share	27% of all cooperatives





Metric	Current Status (2025)
Export Value	₹5,500 Crore+

organizations marks a new era where "Sahakar se Samriddhi" (Prosperity through Cooperation) is moving from a slogan to a measurable economic reality.

Modernizing the Backbone: PACS & Digitalization

The focus on **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)** is perhaps the most critical structural change. By digitalizing these societies, the government is essentially plugging the "leaky bucket" of rural finance.

- **Transparency:** Digital records reduce the risk of fraud and mismanagement.
- **Efficiency:** Faster loan processing for farmers who need capital for seeds and fertilizers.
- **Diversification:** Modern PACS are becoming "Multi-Service Centers," handling everything from storage to Jan Aushadhi Kendras.

The New Frontiers

- **White Revolution 2.0:** Building on the legacy of Amul, this initiative aims to expand milk procurement to uncovered villages, targeting a massive boost in dairy exports.
- **Global Presence:** With exports exceeding ₹5,500 crore, Indian cooperatives are no longer just feeding the village; they are competing on the international stage, proving that a cooperative can be as professional and profitable as a private corporation.

Key takeaway: The shift from manual, localized entities to digitalized, export-oriented

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. As of 2025, what percentage of the world's total cooperatives are located in India?

- A) 15%
- B) 21%
- C) 27%
- D) 32%

2. Approximately how many members are covered by cooperatives in India, according to the provided data?

- A) 8.5 Crore
- B) 18 Crore
- C) 32 Crore
- D) 55 Crore

3. What is the primary focus of the "White Revolution 2.0" initiative?

- A) Digitalization of credit societies
- B) Increasing milk production
- C) Enhancing wheat exports
- D) Water conservation in rural areas



4. What has been a major digital reform aimed at improving transparency in the agricultural credit sector?

- A) Privatization of rural banks
- B) Digitalization of Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)
- C) Elimination of national cooperative bodies
- D) Implementation of crypto-currency in farming

5. What is the approximate value of exports generated by India's cooperatives as per the recent findings?

- A) ₹2,500 crore
- B) ₹3,200 crore
- C) ₹5,500 crore
- D) ₹8,500 crore

Answer Key

Question	Answer
1	C) 27%
2	C) 32 Crore
3	B) Increasing milk production
4	B) Digitalization of PACS
5	C) ₹5,500 crore

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India-EU Free Trade Agreement Called Mother of Deal Signed 16th Summit



The conclusion of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA) on **January 27, 2026**, indeed marks a tectonic shift in global economics. Often dubbed the **"Mother of All Deals,"** this agreement successfully bridges the world's largest democracy with its largest single market after a staggering 19-year negotiation journey.

By aligning two regions that control **25% of global GDP**, the pact provides a vital alternative to traditional trade routes and bolsters India's "China-Plus-One" strategy.

Key Outcomes of the 16th India-EU Summit

The deal is far more than a simple reduction in taxes; it's a strategic partnership covering goods, services, and climate cooperation.

Feature	Impact & Details
Market Access	The EU will provide duty-free access to over 99% of Indian exports by trade value.



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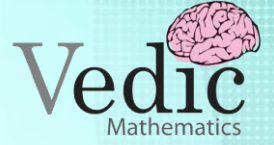
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Feature	Impact & Details
Labor-Intensive Boost	Zero tariffs on \$33 billion worth of exports, including textiles, leather, and gems.
Automobile Quotas	A calibrated system where India reduces duties on luxury EU cars (from 110% to as low as 10%).
Professional Mobility	Easier visas for Indian IT professionals, students, and even AYUSH (traditional medicine) practitioners.
Strategic Safeguards	India successfully excluded dairy and sensitive agricultural sectors to protect local farmers.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. During which summit was the formal conclusion of the India-EU FTA negotiations announced?

- A) 10th India-EU Summit
- B) 14th India-EU Summit
- C) 16th India-EU Summit
- D) 20th India-EU Summit

2. Who was the host of the summit where this historic trade breakthrough occurred in January 2026?

- A) Ursula von der Leyen
- B) Narendra Modi
- C) Charles Michel
- D) Emmanuel Macron

3. Together, India and the European Union represent what percentage of the global GDP?

- A) 15%
- B) 25%
- C) 33%
- D) 50%

4. What are the primary objectives of the comprehensive India-EU Free Trade Agreement?

- A) Increasing military cooperation and border security

Beyond Trade: Mobility and Defense

One of the most significant "fine print" victories at the summit was the **Mobility Pact**.

- EU Legal Gateway:** A new office in New Delhi (set for April 2026) will act as a one-stop help desk for Indian professionals and students.
- Security Partnership:** Alongside the FTA, both sides signed their first **Security and Defence Partnership**, signaling deeper military and maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

Why it matters now: This agreement provides a crucial buffer against global supply chain volatility. For Indian MSMEs, it's a "quality upgrade" moment, as meeting strict EU standards (like the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism) will eventually make Indian products more competitive in the US and Japanese markets as well.



B) Reducing tariffs, easing market access, and boosting investments

C) Establishing a common currency between the two regions

D) Restricting digital services to protect local industries

5. How much of global trade is represented by the combined economic power of India and the EU?

A) Nearly one-half

B) Nearly one-quarter

C) Nearly one-third

D) Nearly one-tenth

Answer Key

Question	Correct Option
1	C) 16th India-EU Summit
2	B) Narendra Modi
3	B) 25%
4	B) Reducing tariffs, easing market access, and boosting investments
5	C) Nearly one-third

Summary Table: India-EU Economic Profile

Category	Statistic
Global GDP Share	25%

Category	Statistic
Global Trade Share	~33.3% (One-third)
Negotiation Duration	Nearly 20 years

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India Makes Historic Debut as Partner Country at Gulfood 2026 in Dubai



This historic participation at **Gulfood 2026** (held from January 26–30, 2026) is a massive statement of intent. For the first time in the event's 31-year history, India took center stage as the **Country Partner**, signaling its evolution from a bulk commodity exporter to a high-value global food hub.

The timing is perfect, as it leverages the momentum from the **India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)**, which has already slashed duties on most Indian agri-products.

Key Highlights of India's Participation

The scale of this year's presence is unprecedented, with the Indian pavilion doubling in size compared to 2025.

Feature	Details
Exhibition Space	1,434 square metres (largest ever for India).
Total Exhibitors	161+ exhibitors representing 25 Indian states.
Key Venues	Dubai World Trade Centre (Beverages & Startups) and Dubai Exhibition Centre, Expo City (World Food & Sustainability).
Independent Presence	An additional 500+ Indian companies are participating independently.

Why it matters: The Gulf region is the largest destination for India's agricultural exports. By moving into the "Partner Country" role, India is effectively rebranding itself as a reliable, innovation-driven provider for global food security, rather than just a supplier of raw staples.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. For the first time in how many years of Gulfood's history is India participating as a "Partner Country"?

- A) 15 years
- B) 21 years
- C) 31 years
- D) 40 years

2. Which organization is leading the national participation of India at Gulfood 2026?

- A) FICCI
- B) APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority)
- C) NABARD
- D) FSSAI

3. The Gulfood 2026 event is being hosted across which two major venues in Dubai?

- A) Dubai Mall and Burj Khalifa
- B) Dubai World Trade Centre and Dubai Exhibition Centre (Expo City Dubai)

Major Innovations & Initiatives

- The BHARATI Pavilion:** A new flagship initiative by APEDA (Bharat's Hub for Agritech, Resilience, Advancement and Incubation) featuring **8 high-potential startups** showcasing "Farm to Foreign" tech and innovative products.
- GI-Tag Showcase:** A dedicated culinary zone curated by **Celebrity Chef Harpal Singh Sokhi**, featuring over **10 varieties of GI-tagged rice** (like Kala Namak from UP and Joha from Assam) to promote regional identity.
- Investment Push:** A high-level delegation from the **Ministry of Food Processing Industries (MoFPI)** and **Invest India** is using the platform to attract global capital into India's cold chains and logistics.

- C) Jumeirah Beach Centre and Al Maktoum Hall
D) Global Village and Dubai Frame

4. What is the total area covered by the Indian Pavilion at Gulfood 2026, reflecting its "doubled" size from the previous year?

- A) 750 square metres
B) 1,100 square metres
C) 1,434 square metres
D) 2,500 square metres

5. What is the name of APEDA's flagship initiative showcased at the event to promote export-ready agri-food startups?

- A) AGRI-INDIA Pavilion
B) BHARATI Pavilion
C) KRISHI-EXPORT Pavilion
D) STARTUP-BHARAT Pavilion

Answer Key

Question	Correct Option
1	C) 31 years
2	B) APEDA
3	B) Dubai World Trade Centre & Dubai Exhibition Centre
4	C) 1,434 square metres
5	B) BHARATI Pavilion

SPORTS

Nat Sciver-Brunt Creates History with First Century in WPL



This moment will forever be etched in the history of the **Women's Premier League (WPL)**. On **January 26, 2026**, Mumbai Indians' star all-rounder **Nat Sciver-Brunt** ended a three-season-long wait by smashing the tournament's **first-ever century**.

The feat was achieved during a high-stakes Match 16 at the **BCA Stadium (Kotambi) in Vadodara**, where Sciver-Brunt's masterclass led Mumbai to a 15-run victory over the league-leading Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB).

The Milestone Innings

After nearly four editions without a single hundred (the previous highest being 99), Sciver-Brunt's knock was a display of pure dominance and tactical precision.

- **Final Score:** \$100^*\$ (unbeaten)
- **Balls Faced:** 57
- **Boundaries:** 16 fours and 1 six

- **Strike Rate:** 175.44
- **Key Partnership:** A massive **131-run stand** with Hayley Matthews (\$56\$), which resurrected Mumbai's innings after an early wicket.

- A) Smriti Mandhana
- B) Nat Sciver-Brunt
- C) Harmanpreet Kaur
- D) Sophie Devine

Match Context & Significance

The performance wasn't just about the record; it was a "clutch" moment for the defending champions, Mumbai Indians, who were facing a must-win scenario to keep their playoff dreams alive.

Match Detail	Information
Opponent	Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB)
MI Score	199/4 (20 overs)
RCB Score	184/9 (20 overs)
Result	MI won by 15 runs
Player of the Match	Nat Sciver-Brunt

2. Which team was Nat Sciver-Brunt representing when she achieved this historic feat?

- A) Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- B) UP Warriorz
- C) Mumbai Indians
- D) Delhi Capitals

3. Against which opponent was the first-ever WPL century scored?

- A) Gujarat Giants
- B) Royal Challengers Bengaluru
- C) Delhi Capitals
- D) UP Warriorz

A Narrow Escape: Despite Sciver-Brunt's historic ton, the game turned into a thriller due to a valiant **90 off 50 balls** by RCB's **Richa Ghosh**. However, Mumbai's bowling depth eventually held the line.

4. In which city was the high-pressure league match held where this record was broken?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Vadodara
- D) Delhi

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. Who became the first player in the history of the Women's Premier League (WPL) to score a century?

5. In which edition of the Women's Premier League did a batter finally breach the century milestone?

- A) WPL 2023
B) WPL 2024
C) WPL 2025
D) WPL 2026

Answer Key

Question	Correct Option
1	B) Nat Sciver-Brunt
2	C) Mumbai Indians
3	B) Royal Challengers Bengaluru
4	C) Vadodara
5	D) WPL 2026

Quick Highlights: WPL History

- Player:** Nat Sciver-Brunt (England/Mumbai Indians)
- Venue:** Vadodara, Gujarat
- Significance:** This marks the first hundred in the tournament since its inception in 2023, ending a three-year wait for an individual three-figure score.

AWARDS

Indian Doctor Wins Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025



In a significant milestone for Indian public health, **Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya** was honored with the prestigious **Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025** in January 2026. This international award recognizes researchers who bridge the gap between complex academic data and real-world implementation, ensuring that scientific discovery translates into life-saving public policy.

Dr. Lahariya is the **first and only Indian** to receive this global recognition, selected from a competitive pool of over 2,000 nominations worldwide.

Why the Recognition Matters

The award was conferred under the **"Impact Beyond Academia"** category. This specific honor highlights research that doesn't just sit in journals but actively shapes how governments deliver healthcare.



Key Contributions Noted:

- Vaccination Programs:** His primary research has been instrumental in refining India's immunization strategies, making them more inclusive for marginalized populations.
- Primary Healthcare (PHC):** His work has focused on strengthening the "frontline" of medicine—ensuring that primary health centers are equipped to handle chronic and infectious diseases effectively.
- Conditional Cash Transfers:** He has studied the impact of financial incentives on maternal and child health, helping to prove that targeted economic support can drastically improve nutritional outcomes.

Global Standing and Soft Power

Dr. Lahariya's background as a former staff member of the **World Health Organization (WHO)** and his current role as a practicing physician and policy researcher allow him to navigate both the clinical and administrative worlds.

Strategic Impact: This recognition reinforces India's growing role in **global health governance**. By producing research that is applicable to other low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), India is increasingly seen as a leader in affordable, scalable healthcare solutions.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1. Which country received international recognition in 2025 for its significant contribution to global health research and evidence-based governance?

A) United States

B) India

C) Brazil

D) South Africa

2. The 2025 award honored an Indian public health expert for ensuring research went beyond "academic boundaries." What was the primary goal of this research?

A) Increasing the profit margins of pharmaceutical companies

B) Establishing private hospitals in urban centers

C) Directly influencing public policy and healthcare outcomes

D) Developing luxury wellness retreats

Award Feature	Details
Prize Name	Wiley Research Heroes Prize 2025
Recipient	Dr. Chandrakant Lahariya
Core Philosophy	"Sahakar se Samridhi" via evidence-based governance
Global Selection	One of only 5 researchers selected worldwide





3. The international recognition of the Indian doctor highlights India's growing role in which of the following?

- A) Traditional herbal medicine marketing
- B) Evidence-based global health governance
- C) Aerospace medical technology
- D) Telemarketing for health insurance

4. According to the news, the prestigious award was given based on work that bridges the gap between:

- A) Rural and urban architecture
- B) Academic research and real-world public policy
- C) Sports science and agricultural development
- D) Military medicine and corporate finance

Answer Key

Question	Correct Option
1	B) India
2	C) Influencing public policy and healthcare outcomes
3	B) Evidence-based global health governance
4	B) Academic research and real-world public policy

BANKING/ECONOMY

ZET Secures NPCI Approval to Enable UPI Payments via RuPay Credit Cards



The approval for ZET (formerly OneCode) to function as a **Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)** is a pivotal move for India's "credit-invisible" population. By securing this license from the NPCI in **December 2025** and going fully live in **January 2026**, ZET has effectively turned everyday UPI scans into a tool for building a credit history.

This is a strategic shift: while players like PhonePe and Google Pay use UPI for broad customer acquisition, ZET is using it to provide **"Credit on UPI"** specifically for Bharat's underserved middle-income segment.

Key Features of ZET UPI

The integration allows users to link their **RuPay credit cards** (often backed by a small Fixed Deposit) directly to the UPI interface.





Feature	Details
Technology Stack	Powered by Juspay and enabled through RBL Bank .
Primary Target	Adults with limited credit history (the "credit-invisible" 40 crore).
Incentive	Flat 2% cashback on all UPI transactions for ZET Plus subscribers.
User Base	~10 lakh eligible users; 75% are first-time credit card holders.

to hit **₹100 crore** shortly, signaling a massive appetite for credit-linked digital payments.

Industry Note: This move aligns with the broader trend of "Credit on UPI," which is expected to be the next big growth engine for Indian fintech, potentially surpassing traditional debit-based UPI in total value over the next few years.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1 Which organization recently granted approval to the fintech company ZET to operate as a Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)?

- A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- B) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)
- D) Ministry of Finance

Answer: C) National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)

2 What specific role has ZET been authorized to fulfill following the NPCI approval?

- A) Digital Wallet Issuer
- B) Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)
- C) Payment Gateway Aggregator
- D) Credit Rating Agency

Answer: B) Third-Party Application Provider (TPAP)

The Strategic "Why"

For a user earning between ₹15,000 and ₹50,000 who might not qualify for a standard bank credit card, this system creates a virtuous cycle:

- Low Barrier Entry:** Users get a secured credit card backed by an FD as low as **₹2,000**.
- Daily Habits:** They use this credit line for routine UPI payments (tea, groceries, fuel).
- Data-Driven Underwriting:** ZET uses this transaction data to build a dynamic risk profile, helping users eventually qualify for larger, unsecured loans.
- Credit Score:** Timely repayments for these small UPI transactions help users build a **750+ CIBIL score** rapidly.

Market Impact

Within just **20 days of its launch** in January 2026, nearly **75% of ZET's card customers** had already linked their cards to the UPI feature. The company projects monthly transaction volumes



3What is the primary significance of ZET's entry into the UPI ecosystem as mentioned in the text?

- A) It is the first company to eliminate UPI transaction fees.
- B) It focuses on integrating credit card functionality with UPI.
- C) It is launching a new physical currency note.
- D) It is replacing traditional banking apps entirely.

Answer: B) It focuses on integrating credit card functionality with UPI.

4ZET is primarily described as what type of fintech company?

- A) Insurance-focused
- B) Crypto-focused
- C) Credit-focused
- D) Ed-tech focused

Answer: C) Credit-focused

STATE NEWS

Global Tourism Summit 2026



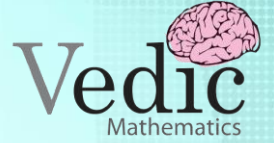
The **Tamil Nadu Global Tourism Summit 2026** is set to be a landmark event for the state's hospitality and infrastructure sectors. Scheduled to take place on **February 2 and 3, 2026**, in the UNESCO World Heritage town of **Mahabalipuram**, the summit aims to position Tamil Nadu as a premier destination for both global travelers and high-value private investment.

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin will officially inaugurate the summit at the **Four Points by Sheraton**, marking the first time the state has hosted a tourism event of this international scale.

Strategic Objectives & Themes

Under the theme "**Explore. Evolve. Elevate.**", the summit is designed to shift Tamil Nadu's tourism identity from purely heritage-based to a multi-dimensional "experience economy."

Focus Area	Key Initiatives
New Destinations	Development of 40 new "hidden gem" destinations across the state.
Blue Economy	Promotion of coastal tourism, surfing, and homestays in fishing hamlets to benefit local communities.
Special Authorities	Formation of a Special Area Development Authority for Mahabalipuram and Kanniyakumari to ensure world-class infrastructure.
Investment Goal	Part of the broader roadmap to make Tamil Nadu a \$1 trillion economy by 2030.



Key Focus Segments

The summit will act as a marketplace for Public-Private Partnerships (PPP) in several high-growth niches:

- **Cruise & Coastal Tourism:** Leveraging Tamil Nadu's long coastline for luxury cruises and water sports.
- **MICE Tourism:** Expanding facilities for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, and Exhibitions.
- **Wellness & Medical:** Strengthening the state's existing lead in medical value travel.
- **Eco-Tourism:** Creating sustainable forest trails and wildlife sanctuaries with minimal ecological impact.

Industry Impact: The government has recently passed the **Tamil Nadu Special Area Development Authorities Bill, 2026**, which earmarks **₹300 crore** for modern infrastructure in major hubs, ensuring that the investments attracted during the summit have the necessary physical support to succeed.

Digital & Youth Integration

A significant portion of the summit is dedicated to the **"Tourism Tech"** sector. By inviting tourism-oriented startups, the state hopes to modernize booking experiences and use AI for personalized travel itineraries, creating new employment opportunities for the state's youth.

Knowledge Check for Proficiency

1 In which location is the Tamil Nadu Global Tourism Summit 2026 scheduled to be held?

- A) Chennai
- B) Madurai
- C) Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram)
- D) Coimbatore

Answer: C) Mahabalipuram (Mamallapuram)

2 What is the primary objective of organizing the Tamil Nadu Global Tourism Summit 2026?

- A) To host a cultural dance competition.
- B) To promote tourism investment and growth within the state.
- C) To celebrate the anniversary of the state's formation.
- D) To limit international travel to heritage sites.

Answer: B) To promote tourism investment and growth within the state.

3 Which group of stakeholders is the summit specifically designed to bring together?

- A) Local students and teachers only.
- B) Policymakers, global investors, industry leaders, and developers.
- C) Agricultural researchers and farmers.
- D) Professional athletes and sports coaches.

Answer: B) Policymakers, global investors, industry leaders, and developers.





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4 According to the announcement, what is one of the specific goals regarding "tourist arrivals"?

- A) To reduce the number of arrivals to prevent overcrowding.
- B) To maintain current levels without change.
- C) To attract new-age investments and increase arrivals.
- D) To shift all arrivals to neighboring states.

Answer: C) To attract new-age investments and increase arrivals.

5 The summit is being positioned as a "global platform" to showcase what?

- A) Tamil Nadu's manufacturing capabilities.
- B) Tamil Nadu's tourism strengths.
- C) The state's textile industry.
- D) New space technology developments.

Answer: B) Tamil Nadu's tourism strengths.



DETAILED ANALYSIS OF RECENT CURRENT AFFAIRS: MULTIPLE CHOICE FORMAT

Q.1. Who will be honored with the Bharatendu Harishchandra Lifetime Achievement Award at the Banaras Literature Festival 2026?

- A. Jaideep Mehta
- B. Pooja Tripathi
- C. Saumya Sharma
- D. Namita Gokhale

1. D

The Banaras Literature Festival has announced the winners of the second Banaras Lit Fest Book Awards 2026. These awards honor outstanding writing in English, Hindi, and other Indian languages. Renowned authors, poets, and translators were honored for their outstanding literary work. The awards also recognized lifetime contributions and young literary talent. The winners will be honored during the Banaras Lit Fest, which will be held from January 30 to February 1, 2026.

Q.2. In which city was the Granth Kutir recently inaugurated to raise awareness among citizens about India's rich cultural and literary heritage?

- A. Ujjain
- B. New Delhi
- C. Patna
- D. Bhopal

2. B





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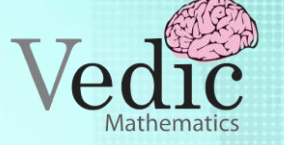
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President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Granth Kutir inside Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi. The center houses a collection of approximately 2,300 books and rare manuscripts in 11 Indian languages, and aims to showcase India's ancient literary heritage to the public.

Q.3. Under the 'Chief Minister's Health Scheme' recently launched by the Punjab government, how much amount of free treatment will be provided per family?

- A. ₹5 lakh
- B. ₹7.5 lakh
- C. ₹10 lakh
- D. ₹15 lakh

3. C

The Aam Aadmi Party government in Punjab launched the Mukhyamantri Sehat Yojana (MMSY). Under this scheme, every family in the state receives free hospital treatment up to ₹10 lakh. AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal and Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann distributed cards related to the scheme to some eligible beneficiaries.

Q.4. Who recently received the Indira Gandhi Peace, Disarmament and Development Prize 2025?

- A. Malala Yousafzai
- B. Graça Machel
- C. Angela Merkel

D. Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

4. B

Graça Machel, a renowned human rights activist and social worker from Mozambique, will receive the prestigious Indira Gandhi Prize for Peace, Disarmament and Development for the year 2025. She has been awarded the prize for her outstanding contributions in the fields of education, children's rights, healthcare and humanitarian work.

Q.5. Elias Pasha recently passed away at the age of 61. Which sport was he associated with?

- A. Football
- B. Javelin Throw
- C. Table Tennis

D. Judo

5. A

Former Indian football player and East Bengal defender Ilyas Pasha has passed away after a prolonged illness at the age of 61. He was a prolific footballer who represented Karnataka and Bengal in the Indian Football League and Santosh Trophy in the 1980s and 90s.

Q.6. Recently, the Goa government signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which company to strengthen digital connectivity?

- A. OneWeb
- B. ISRO
- C. Starlink





D. Amazon Kuiper

A. 45%

6. C

B. 60%

The Goa government has signed an MoU with Elon Musk's company, Starlink Satellite Communications, to strengthen digital connectivity in the state, provide internet access in remote areas, and improve disaster management. Under this agreement, Starlink will be used to provide high-speed satellite-based internet service to government schools, health centers, and remote areas.

C. 65%

D. 73%

8. D

Q.7. With which force did the Uttarakhand government recently sign an MoU under the 'Swasth Seema Abhiyaan' initiative?

A. BSF

B. ITBP

C. SSB

D. Assam Rifles

7. B

The Uttarakhand government has taken a major step to strengthen healthcare facilities in border areas. The state government signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) under a new initiative called the "Swasth Seema Abhiyan." The agreement aims to provide better medical services to people living in remote border villages.

Q.8. Recently, by how much percentage did FDI inflow into India increase to USD 47 billion by 2025?

According to a report by the United Nations (UNCTAD), foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India are projected to increase by 73% to USD 47 billion in 2025. This growth is primarily driven by large-scale investment in the manufacturing and services sectors (IT, finance, R&D), which will strengthen India's integration with global supply chains.

Q.9. Who was recently awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Disaster Management Award 2026 in the 'Individual Category'?

A. Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority

B. Lieutenant Colonel Seeta Ashok Shelke

C. Dr. Pramod Sawant

D. General Anil Chauhan

9. B

In the 'Individual Category', Lieutenant Colonel Sita Ashok Shelke has been awarded the Subhash Chandra Bose Aapda Prabandhan Puraskar 2026. She was given the award for her outstanding contribution to the Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) operations during the floods and landslides in Wayanad, Kerala in 2024.





Q.10. What type of platform is Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL)?

- A. Stock Exchange
- B. Payment Bank
- C. TReDS Platform
- D. Insurance Platform

10. C

Receivables Exchange of India Limited (RXIL), India's first Trade Receivables Discounting System (T-redis) platform, has declared an interim dividend of 21.6% on its shares. This is a historic move as RXIL becomes the first T-redis platform in India to return capital to its shareholders, demonstrating the platform's maturity, strong financial position and commitment to supporting MSMEs.

Q.11. Who has recently been appointed as the part-time chairman of IndusInd Bank?

- A. Sunil Mehta
- B. Shaktikanta Das
- C. Arijit Basu
- D. Urjit Patel

11. C

IndusInd Bank has appointed former SBI MD Arijit Basu as its new part-time chairman. The appointment will be effective January 31, 2026, and will serve for three years after Sunil Mehta completes his term.

Q.12. Which city recently became the first in Uttar Pradesh to achieve 100% scientific processing of municipal solid waste under the Swachh Bharat Mission Urban?

- A. Noida
- B. Varanasi
- C. Lucknow
- D. Prayagraj

12. C

Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh, recently became the first city in the state to achieve scientific processing of 100% of its municipal solid waste under the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban (SBM-Urban). With this achievement, Lucknow has achieved the status of a "Zero Fresh Waste Dump" city, managing approximately 2,100 rifle tonnes of waste daily through modern facilities like the Shivri waste-to-energy plant.

Q.13. Where was the newly discovered amphibian species 'Gezenophis valmiki' recently found?

- A. Eastern Ghats
- B. Western Ghats (Maharashtra)
- C. Himalayas
- D. Andaman Islands

13. B

The newly discovered amphibian species, Gegenophis valmiki, was found in the Valmiki Plateau region of Satara district in the northern





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Western Ghats of Maharashtra. It is a rare, underground, limbless caecilian species.

Q.14. During the recent visit of Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares to India, Spain formally joined which initiative?

- A. International Solar Alliance (ISA)
- B. Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
- C. Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI)
- D. Global Biofuels Alliance (GBA)

14. C

Spanish Foreign Minister José Manuel Alberes handed the 'Declaration of Accession' to External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, formally joining the Indo-Pacific Ocean Initiative (IPOI). As part of the accession process, Spain and India agreed to upgrade their relationship to a "Strategic Association," the highest level of diplomatic partnership offered by India.

Q.15. The 'Military Kronos Mission Policy Framework' recently released by CDS General Anil Chauhan focuses on how many pillars?

- A. Three
- B. Four
- C. Five
- D. Six

15. B

CDS General Anil Chauhan released the "Military Quantum Mission Policy Framework," which

focuses on four (4) specific pillars. This framework emphasizes four specific areas—quantum communication, quantum computing, quantum sensing and metrology, and quantum materials and devices—to integrate quantum technology into the Indian Armed Forces.

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