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# Revision



Q. . Which of the following firms, currently preparing for an Initial Public Offering (IPO), is the parent company of the digital credit platform 'Kissht'?

- A. OnEMI Technology Solution ✓
- B. Indo-MIM
- C. Astha Spintex
- D. Kusumgar



Q. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a compounding order on Kakinada Seaports Limited for violating which specific section of the Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), 1999?

- A. Section 10
- B. Section 15
- C. Section 13
- D. Section 18



Q. The new Ashok Leyland plant in Lucknow, which opened in January 2026, holds the distinction of being Uttar Pradesh's first factory specialized in producing:

- A. Hybrid passenger cars
- B. Electric buses ✓
- C. Hydrogen fuel-cell trucks
- D. Diesel commercial vehicles

Chennai

Static +  
hindi



Q. What is the core technology behind the newly released 'PhonePe PG Bolt' that allows users to complete card transactions with a single click?

- A. QR-based payments
- B. Biometric authentication
- C. Device tokenisation ✓
- D. Blockchain ledger



Q. The e-Port Clearance Portal, designed to unify and streamline shipping protocols throughout the country, was introduced under which government initiative?

- A. One Nation–One Port Process ✓
- B. Sagarmala Programme
- C. Maritime India Vision 2030
- D. National Logistics Policy



Q. Where did the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) carry out its latest successful long-duration ground evaluation of hypersonic engine technology?

- A. Scramjet Connect Pipe Test (SCPT) Facility ✓
- B. National Aerospace Test Range
- C. Integrated Test Range
- D. Hypersonic Wind Tunnel Facility



Q. During his January 2026 visit to India, Irish Minister Colm Brophy focused on enhancing bilateral ties primarily in which sectors?

A. Defence manufacturing and nuclear energy

B. Trade, education, healthcare, and migration ✓

C. Space technology and climate finance

D. Maritime security and blue economy



Q. Which European official met with India's Piyush Goyal in Brussels for critical discussions regarding the India–EU Free Trade Agreement (FTA)?

- A. Ursula von der Leyen
- B. Josep Borrell
- C. Valdis Dombrovskis
- D. Maroš Šefčovič ✓



Q. Which neighboring state expressed formal opposition to the Malayalam Language Bill, 2025, citing potential impacts on its linguistic minority populations?

- A. Karnataka
- B. Tamil Nadu
- C. Andhra Pradesh
- D. Telangana



Q. A global climate study published in 2025 revealed that ocean heat absorption reached an unprecedented high of:

- A. 23 Zetta Joules
- B. 15 Zetta Joules
- C. 10 Zetta Joules
- D. 5 Zetta Joules



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# Business / Economy News



✓  
Indian banking sector shows  
strong post-pandemic  
performance: SBI

भारतीय बैंकिंग क्षेत्र ने महामारी के  
बाद मजबूत प्रदर्शन दिखाया:  
एसबीआई



### 1. Overall Growth Trend

Bank assets rose from 77% of GDP (FY21) to ~94% of GDP (FY25). ✓

Total banking assets increased from ₹23.6 lakh crore (FY05) to ₹312 lakh crore (FY25).

Reflects strong post-pandemic revival and deeper financial intermediation.

### 2. Deposits & Credit Expansion

Deposits: ₹18.4 lakh crore (FY05) → ₹241.5 lakh crore (FY25)

Advances (Credit): ₹11.5 lakh crore (FY05) → ₹191.2 lakh crore (FY25)

Since FY21, credit growth > deposit growth

### 3. Credit-Deposit (CD) Ratio

FY21: 69%

FY25: 79%

Incremental CD ratio often above 100% → liquidity stress risk

Optimal CD ratio (SBI estimate): 76%–80%

### 4. Public & Private Banks

Public Sector Banks (PSBs) regaining market share in advances

Due to better asset quality, higher capital, and improved balance sheets

Handwritten notes:  
100%  
77  
94%



Private banks still stronger in capital buffers

### 5. CASA (Low-Cost Deposits)

Overall CASA ratio stable at ~37%

Private banks: CASA share improved

Foreign banks: CASA share declined

### 6. Asset–Liability Risk

35% of advances lie in 1–3 year maturity bucket

Creates mismatch with deposits

Increases prepayment risk & ALM (Asset–Liability Management) stress

### 7. Unsecured Lending Risk

Unsecured loans:

₹2 lakh crore (FY05)

₹47 lakh crore (FY25)

Share rose from 17.7% → 24.5%

PSBs hold ~50% of this risky exposure



## 8. Capital & Stability

PSBs: CRAR improved strongly (FY21–FY25)

Private banks: Some decline in CRAR in FY25 → emerging stress

## 9. Sectoral Exposure

Exposure to real estate & capital markets: ₹50 lakh crore

Equals ~27% of total advances

Private banks have ~50% of this exposure

## 10. Employment & Contingent Liabilities

Bank employment almost doubled in 20 years

Share of officers increased → skill-intensive banking

Contingent liabilities rose 18 times since FY05 (mainly forex forwards)

## 11. Regional Credit Imbalance

South, West & North India dominate credit

East & North-East lag behind

Many states show low CD ratio → weak credit absorption

Few districts dominate deposits & credit → uneven banking development



Q. According to SBI, what is the optimal Credit–Deposit (CD) ratio for Indian banks?

- A. 60%–70%
- B. 70%–75%
- C. 76%–80%
- D. 85%–90%



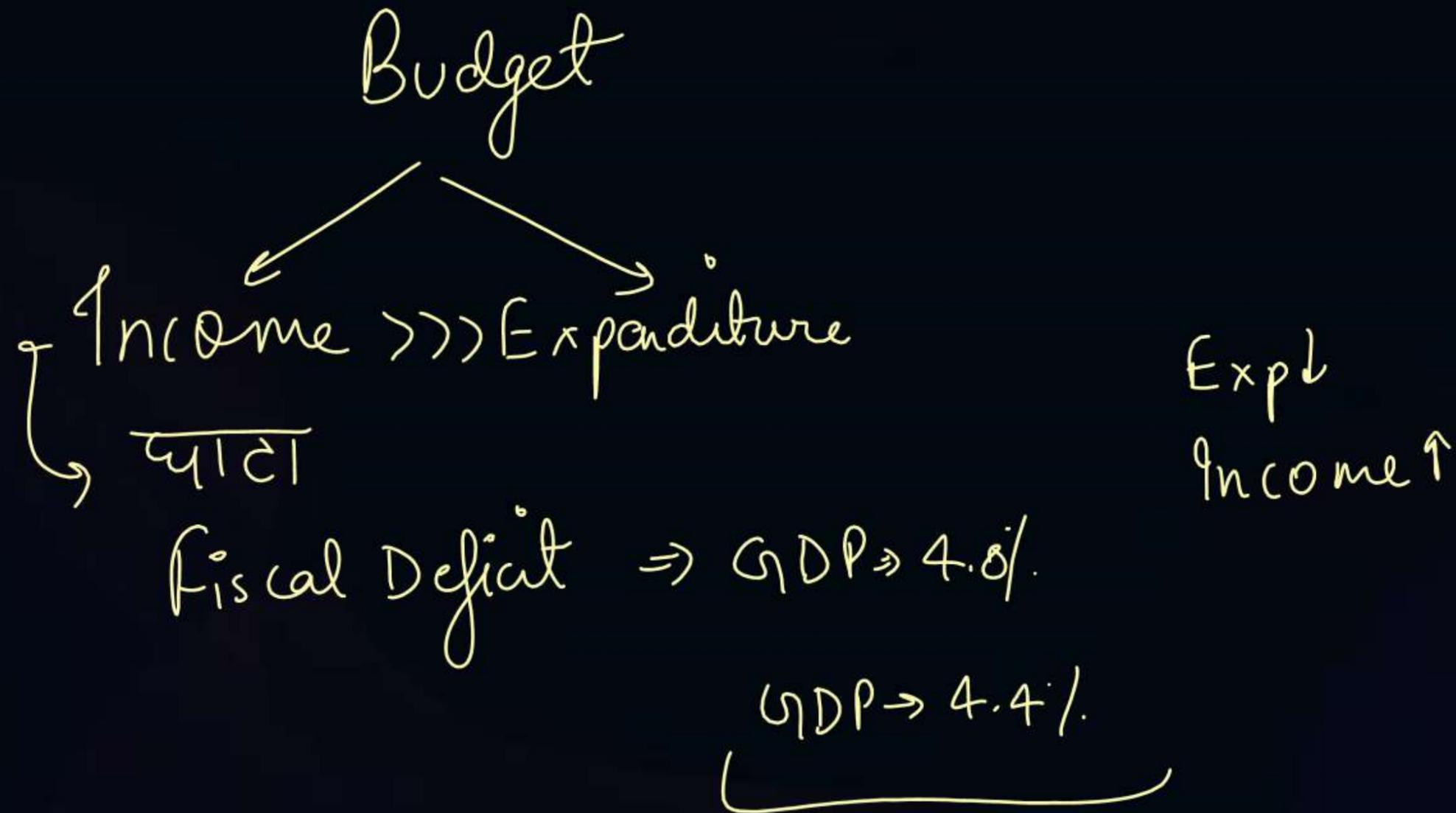
Q. What does CASA in banking stand for?

- A. Cash and Savings Account
- B. ~~Current Account and Savings Account~~
- C. Credit and Savings Account
- D. Current Account and Special Account



Govt to achieve fiscal deficit target of 4.4 pc in FY26 may even better if PwC

सरकार वित्तीय वर्ष 26 में 4.4 प्रतिशत का राजकोषीय घाटा लक्ष्य हासिल कर लेगी, शायद इससे बेहतर भी करेगी:  
PwC





### 1. Fiscal Deficit Target ✓

Government likely to meet 4.4% of GDP fiscal deficit in FY26

It may even improve to 4.3% of GDP

### 2. Nominal GDP Revision

Nominal GDP growth revised from 10.1% to 8%

Absolute GDP values remain close to Budget estimates, so deficit ratio remains stable

### 3. FY25 Performance

Fiscal deficit achieved: 4.8%

Target was 4.9% of GDP → Government over-achieved

### 4. Budget Estimate for FY26

Fiscal deficit pegged at ₹15.69 lakh crore

Equivalent to 4.4% of GDP

### 5. Reason for Lower GDP Growth

Lower WPI inflation, especially:

Food prices



Crude oil prices

Reduced GDP deflator narrowed nominal–real growth gap

### 6. Impact on Tax Revenue

Estimated gross tax shortfall: ₹1.9 trillion

After GST cess: ₹0.75 trillion (₹75,000 crore)

### 7. GST Compensation Buffer

Centre has unused GST compensation cess of ₹0.5 trillion

### 8. Government Spending Trend

Revenue expenditure: 2% lower than budget

Capital expenditure: Almost 100% of target

### 9. Final Outlook

Lower tax revenue will be offset by lower spending

Fiscal deficit target still safely achievable

158  
98



Q. What fiscal deficit level for FY26 is India expected to achieve according to PwC?

- A. 4.8%
- B. 4.6%
- C. 4.4% ✓
- D. 5.0%



Q. Fiscal deficit refers to —

- A. Difference between exports and imports
- B. Government borrowing from RBI
- C. Excess of total government expenditure over total revenue (excluding borrowings) ✓
- D. Total tax collected by government



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Techno Paints ropes in Sachin Tendulkar as Brand Ambassador

टेक्नो पेंट्स ने सचिन तेंदुलकर को ब्रांड एंबेसडर के रूप में जोड़ा



### 1. Brand Ambassador Appointment

Sachin Tendulkar appointed as Brand Ambassador for 3 years

Replaces Mahesh Babu, who was appointed in 2023 for two years

### 2. IPO Plan

Company plans to raise ₹500 crore through an IPO in FY26

Funds will support expansion and capacity building

*Initial Public Offerings*

### 3. Company Profile

Founded in 2001 ✓

Operating for 25 years ✓

Headquarters: Hyderabad ✓

Employees: 450+ ✓

Trained painters: 5,000+ ✓

### 4. Current Operations

Present in 8 states:

Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi, Odisha, Chandigarh



Ongoing projects: 175

School painting projects in Telangana: 26,065 schools

### 5. Manufacturing & R&D

R&D Centre: Hyderabad

Manufacturing facility: Pashamylaram

New integrated plant to be set up at Maheswaram (Rangareddy district)

### 6. Expansion Plan

3 new manufacturing units

One in Telangana (Maheswaram)

One in North India

One in West India

Total investment: ₹200 crore

### 7. Market Expansion

New states by end of this year:

Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh



Exports to begin this year

Middle East entry after March 2026

### 8. Financial Targets

Expected revenue FY25: ₹450 crore

Target revenue FY30: ₹2,000 crore



Q. Who has been appointed as the brand ambassador of Techno Paints in 2026?

A. Virat Kohli

B. MS Dhoni

C. Sachin Tendulkar ✓

D. Rohit Sharma



Q. What does IPO stand for?

- A. Indian Public Offer
- B. Initial Purchase Order
- C. Investment Public Option
- D. Initial Public Offering ✓



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**CII proposes blueprint for CPSE  
privatisation**

**सीआईआई ने सीपीएसई निजीकरण के  
लिए ब्लूप्रिंट प्रस्तावित किया**



### 1. Budget Proposal for FY 2026–27

CII proposed a calibrated privatisation strategy for non-strategic CPSEs

Suggested phased disinvestment as an interim measure

### 2. Change in Terminology

The term 'Disinvestment' removed from Budget documents

Replaced with "Miscellaneous Capital Receipts"

FY26 target under this head: ₹47,000 crore

### 3. Funds Raised So Far (FY26)

Through stake sale: ₹8,700 crore

Through asset monetisation: ₹18,800 crore

### 4. Potential from Disinvestment

Reducing government stake to 51% in 78 listed PSEs could unlock ₹10 lakh crore

### 5. Four-Pronged Strategy by CII

(i) Demand-based Privatisation

Identify PSEs after gauging investor interest

(ii) 3-Year Privatisation Pipeline



⇒ Gov 100% share

21% sell → Disinvestment

51% sell → Privatisation



Government should publish a rolling 3-year list

(iii) Institutional Framework

Dedicated privatisation body with:

Ministerial Board

Advisory Board

Professional management team

(iv) Calibrated Disinvestment

Reduce government stake:

First to 51%

Later to 33–26%

## 6. Economic Impact

Can unlock ₹10 lakh crore

Funds to support:

Infrastructure

Fiscal consolidation

Economic growth



Q. According to CII, how much money can be unlocked by reducing government stake to 51% in 78 listed PSEs?

- A. ₹4.6 lakh crore
- B. ₹5.4 lakh crore
- C. ₹4.7 lakh crore
- D. ₹10 lakh crore ✓





Q. What does CPSE stand for?

- A. Central Public Sector Enterprise ✓
- B. Corporate Public Sector Entity
- C. Central Private Sector Enterprise
- D. Company Public Stock Exchange

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New Delhi  
Rajiv Meherani → President  
CII ⇒ Confederation of Indian Industry



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**TATA**  
**TATA POWER**

Tata Power acquires 100 pc stake  
In Jejuri Hinjewadi Power  
Transmission

टाटा पावर ने जेजुरी-हिंजवाडी पावर  
ट्रान्समिशन में 100 प्रतिशत हिस्सेदारी  
अधिग्रहित की



### 1. Acquisition Details ✓

Tata Power Company Ltd acquired 100% equity stake in Jejuri Hinjewadi Power Transmission Limited (JHPTL)

Acquisition cost: ₹2.42 crore

### 2. Nature of the Company ✓

JHPTL is a Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)

Formed for Intra-State Transmission Project in Maharashtra

Incorporated on 28 March 2025

Operates under BOOT (Build-Own-Operate-Transfer) model

Comp. ⇒

### 3. Regulatory Compliance

Deal executed under Regulation 30 of SEBI (LODR) Regulations, 2015

Approval received from Ministry of Power

Not a related-party transaction

No Tata Power promoter or group interest in JHPTL

### 4. Project Infrastructure

Construction of 115 km of 400 kV double-circuit transmission line



Connects Jejuri – Hinjewadi

Includes 400 kV GIS line bays at both substations

### 5. Commercial Operations

Expected to start within 24 months from acquisition date

### 6. Strategic Importance

Improves:

Power evacuation

Transmission capacity

Load handling

Reduces congestion

Supports industrial and urban growth in Pune region



Q. Tata Power acquired Jejuri Hinjewadi Power Transmission Limited for how much amount?

- A. ₹115 crore
- B. ₹24.2 crore
- C. ₹42 crore
- D. ₹2.42 crore



Q. Under which model was JHPTL established?

- A. PPP
- B. EPC
- C. BOOT (Build-Own-Operate-Transfer)
- D. BOT



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# States News



Jharkhand's Ayushman Arogya  
Locator wins SKOCH Award  
2025

झारखंड का आयुष्मान आरोग्य लोकेटर  
ने स्कॉच अवॉर्ड 2025 जीता

— Ayushman Bharat  
↳ 2018  
↳ BPL ⇒ 5 lakh insurance



### 1. Award Achievement ✓

Jharkhand won the SKOCH Award 2025

For its digital healthcare platform Ayushman Arogya Locator  
Award presented on 11 January 2026 in New Delhi

### 2. Implementing Authority

Initiative under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

Implemented by Jharkhand Health Department

Award received by Vidyānand Sharma Pankaj, Mission Director-cum-Additional Secretary,  
ABDM

### 3. About Ayushman Arogya Locator

A citizen-friendly digital platform

Helps people find nearby healthcare facilities through Google search

Provides:

Photos

Directions

Contact details



Services available

#### 4. Coverage & Reach

Mapping completed up to Health Sub-Centre level

Ensures health facility visibility even in rural & remote areas

#### 5. Benefits of the Initiative

Improves transparency in healthcare

Enhances access to verified health information

Supports timely medical treatment

Helps underserved populations

#### 6. Awarding Body

SKOCH Group

Evaluates initiatives based on:

Governance

Innovation

Public impact

Ceremony held at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi



Q. Jharkhand received the SKOCH Award 2025 for which digital health initiative?

- A. Ayushman Arogya Locator ✓
- B. Health ID Portal
- C. Ayushman Bharat App
- D. e-Hospital Jharkhand



Q. The SKOCH Awards are given for excellence in which field?

- A. Sports and culture
- B. Defence and security
- C. Literature and journalism
- D. Governance, innovation and public service delivery ✓



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# Sports News



✓  
SG Pipers Win Inaugural  
Women's Hockey India League  
Title In Shootout Thriller

एसजी पाइपर्स ने शूटआउट थ्रिलर में  
पहला महिला हॉकी इंडिया लीग  
खिताब जीता



### 1. Final Result

Winner: SG Pipers ✓

Runner-up: Shrachi Bengal Tigers

Match ended 1–1 in regulation time

SG Pipers won 3–2 in penalty shootout

Venue: Ranchi

### 2. Goal Scorers

Shrachi Bengal Tigers:

Lalremsiami (from assist by Sushila Chanu)

SG Pipers:

Preeti Dubey (53rd minute equaliser)

### 3. Key Performer in Shootout

Bansari Solanki (SG Pipers)

Made 3 crucial saves, including a penalty stroke

### 4. Prize Money

SG Pipers won ₹1.5 crore as champions. ✓



Shrachi Bengal Tigers received ₹1 crore as runners-up.

Ranchi Royals finished third and won ₹50 lakh.

### 5. Individual Awards

Player of the Tournament: Navneet Kaur (SG Pipers) – ₹20 lakh

Top Scorer: Agustina Gorzelany (Shrachi Bengal Tigers) – ₹5 lakh

Best Goalkeeper: Bansari Solanki (SG Pipers) – ₹5 lakh

Upcoming Player: Sunelita Toppo (SG Pipers) – ₹5 lakh

### 6. Special Highlight

Sunelita Toppo, a player from Odisha, won the Upcoming Player of the Tournament award, highlighting Odisha's growing contribution to Indian hockey.



Q. Who was named Player of the Tournament in the Women's Hockey India League 2025–26?

- A. Sunelita Toppo
- B. Agustina Gorzelany
- C. Preeti Dubey
- D. Navneet Kaur ✓



Q. The Women's Hockey India League is governed by which national body?

A. BCCI

B. SAI

C. IOA

D. Hockey India ✓



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# Science / Tech News



Chinese researchers develop  
"smart eyes" for grazing robots  
चीनी शोधकर्ताओं ने ग्रेजिंग रोबोट्स के  
लिए "स्मार्ट आंखें" विकसित कीं



### 1. Major Scientific Breakthrough

Chinese scientists have developed a lightweight AI model to recognise beef cattle behaviour using quadruped robot video in grassland pastures, improving herd feeding and management efficiency.

### 2. Developed By ✓

The model MASM-YOLO was created by the Agricultural Information Institute of the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences.

### 3. Research Publication

The study was published in the international journal Computers and Electronics in Agriculture.

### 4. Purpose of the Technology

The system helps in:

Disease diagnosis

Estrus (heat) detection

Calving prediction

Health monitoring of cattle



## 5. Key Technical Features

MASM-YOLO integrates:

Multi-Scale Focus and Extraction Network

Adaptive Decomposition and Alignment Head

Technologies to handle low light, motion blur, and animal overlap

## 6. Importance

Works in real time on mobile grazing robots

Balances high accuracy with low computing power

Supports the future of robot-assisted livestock management



Q. MASM-YOLO, recently in news, is related to which field?

- A. Weather forecasting
- B. Crop disease detection
- C. Cattle behaviour recognition using AI ✓
- D. Soil fertility mapping



Q. Estrus in animals refers to —

- A. Digestion cycle
- B. Reproductive heat period ✓
- C. Growth phase
- D. Disease condition



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# International News



✓ Ethiopia launches construction of Africa's largest airport

इथियोपिया ने अफ्रीका के सबसे बड़े हवाई अड्डे का निर्माण शुरू किया



## 1. Project Launch

Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed launched construction of Bishoftu International Airport

Location: Near Bishoftu town, Oromia region, about 40 km southeast of Addis Ababa

## 2. Strategic Importance

The project is part of Ethiopia's plan to:

Sustain rapid aviation growth

Strengthen its role as Africa's leading air transport hub

\*  
Currency  
↳ Birr.

## 3. Passenger Capacity

First phase (in 4 years): 60 million passengers per year

Full completion: 110 million passengers per year

Capital  
↳ Addis Ababa

## 4. Need for New Airport

Addis Ababa Bole International Airport has a capacity of 25 million passengers annually

It is expected to reach full capacity soon due to rising air traffic

## 5. First Phase Infrastructure

The new airport will include:

Two large passenger terminals



African Union :

55 member states

↳ João Lawrence  
↳ Chairperson



Two parallel runways

Parking for 180 aircraft

Hotel and cargo terminal

Cargo handling capacity of 1.5 million tonnes per year

Aircraft maintenance hub

#### 6. Connectivity

A multi-lane modern highway connecting the airport to Addis Ababa

A 38-km high-speed railway

Train speed: 120 to 200 km per hour

#### 7. Implementing Authority

Project led by Ethiopian Airlines Group

Announced by CEO Mesfin Tasew



Q. Ethiopia has launched the construction of Africa's largest airport at which place?

- A. Bishoftu
- B. Mekelle
- C. Addis Ababa
- D. Dire Dawa



Q. Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia, is also the headquarters of which international organisation?

- A. African Union
- B. United Nations
- C. World Bank
- D. Arab League



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# National News



ISRO launches PSLV-C62 mission  
carrying 'Anvesha' satellite

इसरो ने 'अन्वेषा' सैटेलाइट ले जाने वाला  
PSLV-C62 मिशन लॉन्च किया



### 1. Launch Overview

Launch Vehicle: PSLV-C62

Launch Site: Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota

Launch Pad: First Launch Pad (FLP)

Orbit: Sun-Synchronous Polar Orbit (SSO)

Payloads: Anvesha / EOS-N1 + 15 other satellites

First ISRO launch of 2026

### 2. About Anvesha (EOS-N1)

Developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Type: Earth Observation Satellite

Purpose: High-resolution imaging to map enemy positions with high accuracy

### 3. Commercial & Industry Role

Mission executed by NewSpace India Limited (NSIL)

It is the 9th dedicated commercial EO satellite mission

Dhruva Space (Hyderabad) contributed 7 satellites

Dhruva Space built 4 satellites (3 for customers, 1 for itself)



Their satellites are for low-data-rate communication, usable by amateur radio operators

#### 4. PSLV Milestone

This was the 64th launch of PSLV

PSLV has earlier launched:

Chandrayaan-1

Mangalyaan (Mars Orbiter Mission)

Aditya-L1

#### 5. Related ISRO Launch (Dec 24)

LVM3 launched BlueBird Block-2 for AST SpaceMobile (USA)

Designed to provide direct high-speed cellular broadband to smartphones

It was the heaviest payload ever launched to Low Earth Orbit by LVM3



Q. The Anvesha (EOS-N1) satellite launched by PSLV-C62 is primarily meant for which purpose?

- A. Weather forecasting
- B. Deep-space communication
- C. High-resolution Earth observation for defence
- D. Navigation and GPS



Q. Which ISRO launch vehicle has earlier carried Chandrayaan-1 and Mangalyaan?

- A. Gaganyaan LVM3
- B. GSLV Mk-II
- C. PSLV
- D. SSLV



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**PM Modi holds delegation-level talks  
with German Chancellor Friedrich  
Merz in Gandhinagar**

**पीएम मोदी ने गांधीनगर में जर्मन चांसलर  
फ्रेडरिक मर्ज़ के साथ प्रतिनिधिमंडल स्तर  
की बातचीत की**



### 1. Venue & Occasion

Meeting held at Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar (Gujarat). ✓

German Chancellor Friedrich Merz made his first official visit to India.

Marks an important phase as India–Germany Strategic Partnership completed 25 years.

### 2. Key Areas of Discussion

Trade and Investment

High-end Technology Cooperation

Defence Collaboration

Green & Sustainable Development

Science and Research

Regional and Global Issues

### 3. Sabarmati Ashram Visit

Leaders paid tribute at Sabarmati Ashram.

Visited Hriday Kunj, Mahatma Gandhi's residence.

Observed charkha (spinning wheel) activity.

Emphasised truth, ahimsa, simplicity, and self-reliance.



Chancellor Merz wrote that Gandhi's belief in freedom continues to inspire the world.

#### 4. International Kite Festival, Ahmedabad ✓

Held at Sabarmati Riverfront.

3-day festival with:

135 kite flyers from 50 countries

900+ participants from India and Gujarat

Special features:

Night kite flying (13 January)

Heritage havelis

Dedicated Kite Museum

Special attraction: Kites based on 'Operation Sindoor' theme



France +  
Poland +  
Germany ✓  
Weimar\*  
Triangle  
1991

USA ⇒ Greenland  
Denmark  
Europe



Q. The meeting between PM Narendra Modi and German Chancellor Friedrich Merz was held at which place?

- A. Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar
- B. Raj Bhavan, Ahmedabad
- C. Sabarmati Ashram
- D. India Habitat Centre, New Delhi



Q. 'Hriday Kunj', visited by the two leaders, is associated with which national leader of India?

- A. Jawaharlal Nehru
- B. Subhas Chandra Bose
- C. Mahatma Gandhi
- D. Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel



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**EAM Jaishankar Concludes France,  
Luxembourg Visit, Boosts India-  
Europe Engagement**

**विदेश मंत्री जयशंकर ने फ्रांस, लक्जमबर्ग  
यात्रा समाप्त की, भारत-यूरोप सहयोग को  
बढ़ावा दिया**



### 1. Purpose of the Visit

External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar visited France and Luxembourg, reflecting India's growing engagement with Europe.

### 2. Engagements in France

Met French President Emmanuel Macron

Held bilateral talks with Foreign Minister Jean-Noel Barrot

Discussions focused on:

Innovation and technology

Startups

Health and education

Mobility

Under the India–France Year of Innovation

### 3. Strategic Cooperation

Both sides discussed cooperation in:

Defence and security

Space



Civil nuclear energy

Maritime security

Economy

Global developments

#### 4. Conference of Ambassadors

Dr Jaishankar addressed the 31st Conference of Ambassadors of France

He was the first non-European Foreign Minister to be Guest of Honour

He highlighted:

Global shifts

Importance of strategic autonomy

#### 5. India–Weimar Meeting

Participated in the first India-Weimar Foreign Ministers' Meeting

Included France, Germany and Poland

Focused on strengthening India–Europe and India–EU relations

#### 6. Visit to Luxembourg

Met Prime Minister Luc Frieden



Held talks with Deputy Prime Minister & Foreign Minister Xavier Bettel

### 7. Key Discussion Areas in Luxembourg

Political cooperation

Trade and investment

Financial services

Innovation and digital technology

Space cooperation

People-to-people ties

Regional and global issues

### 8. Interaction with Indian Community

Dr Jaishankar addressed the Indian diaspora

Appreciated their role in strengthening India-Luxembourg relations

### 9. Overall Significance

The visit highlighted the growing convergence of interests between India and Europe in the changing global order.



Q. Dr S. Jaishankar was the first non-European Foreign Minister to be Guest of Honour at which event?

- A. EU Parliament Session
- B. Munich Security Conference
- C. G-7 Summit
- D. Conference of Ambassadors of France



Q. Which of the following countries is a founding member of the European Union?

- A. France
- B. Poland
- C. Luxembourg
- D. Germany



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# Awards / Honours News



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Leonardo DiCaprio's 'One Battle After Another' sweeps five awards at Golden Globe

लियोनार्डो डिकैप्रियो की 'वन बैटल आफ्टर अनदर' ने गोल्डन ग्लोब में पांच अवॉर्ड जीते



### 1. Event Overview

83rd Golden Globe Awards 2026 held at Beverly Hilton, Los Angeles.  
Honoured excellence in films, television, and podcasts (for the first time).  
Cinematic and Box Office Achievement category featured for the third time.

### 2. Major Film Winners

Best Film (Comedy): One Battle After Another – Leonardo DiCaprio  
Best Supporting Actress: Teyana Taylor (One Battle After Another)  
Best Director & Best Screenplay: Paul Thomas Anderson (One Battle After Another)  
Best Film (Drama): Hamnet – Chloé Zhao  
Animated Film Wins: K-Pop Demon Hunters (Netflix) – 2 awards

### 3. Special Categories

Best Podcast: Good Hang – Amy Poehler  
Cinematic & Box Office Achievement: Sinners – Warner Bros. Pictures



Q. Which film won Best Film (Comedy) along with Best Director and Best Screenplay at the 83rd Golden Globe Awards 2026?

- A. Hamnet
- B. Sinners
- C. K-Pop Demon Hunters
- D. One Battle After Another



Q. Where are the Golden Globe Awards traditionally held?

- A. Madison Square Garden, New York
- B. Beverly Hilton, Los Angeles
- C. Dolby Theatre, Los Angeles
- D. Royal Albert Hall, London



Tunisian filmmaker Zoubeir Jlassi  
win world's largest AI Film Award

ट्यूनीशियाई फिल्म निर्माता जुबैर जलासी ने  
दुनिया का सबसे बड़ा AI फिल्म अवॉर्ड जीता



### 1. Winner & Film

Winner: Zoubeir Jlassi (Tunisian filmmaker)

Winning Film: Lily

Prize Money: US \$1 million

Award presented by Sheikha Latifa bint Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum

### 2. About the Award & Event

Presented during the 1 Billion Followers Summit (4th edition)

Held in Dubai from January 9 to 11

Theme: 'Content for Good'

Organised by UAE Government Media Office

Partnered with Google Gemini

### 3. Participation & Selection Process

3,500 films submitted

30,000+ participants from 116 countries

40-member expert jury reviewed 400+ hours of content

100 films shortlisted



Films had to use at least 70% generative AI tools

12 films selected for public voting

5 finalists, from which Lily emerged winner

#### 4. Story of the Film Lily

Focuses on a lonely archivist.

A doll stuck on his car links him to a hit-and-run victim.

The doll becomes a spiritual symbol of guilt and redemption.

He confesses to the police and reunites the doll with the injured child.

Promotes humanitarian values and responsible storytelling through AI.



Q. Who won the world's largest AI Film Award 2025 for the film Lily?

- A. Zoubeir Jlassi
- B. Chloe Zhao
- C. Paul Thomas Anderson
- D. Amy Poehler



Q2. Which company collaborated in organising the World's Largest AI Film Award?

- A. Google Gemini
- B. Microsoft
- C. Meta
- D. Amazon



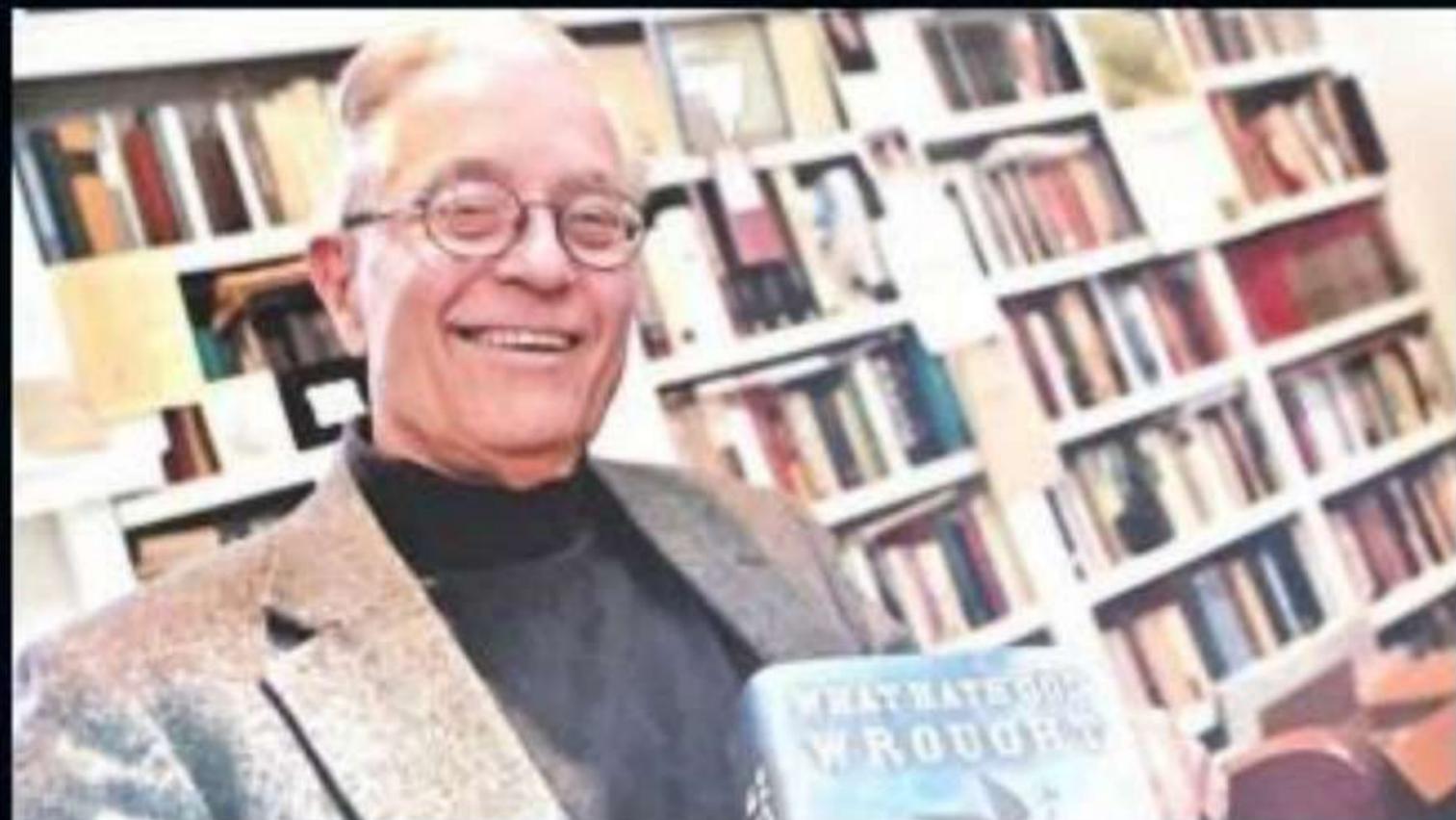
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# Obituaries News



**Pulitzer Prize-winning historian  
Daniel Walker Howe dead at 88**

**पुलित्जर पुरस्कार विजेता इतिहासकार  
डेनियल वॉकर होवे का 88 साल की उम्र में  
निधन**



### 1. Death of Daniel Walker Howe

Daniel Walker Howe, renowned American historian, died

Age: 88 years

He was Professor Emeritus at UCLA (University of California, Los Angeles)

### 2. Major Achievement

Won the Pulitzer Prize in 2008

For his book "What Hath God Wrought"

### 3. About the Book

Covers the period 1815 to 1848 in U.S. history

From the War of 1812 to the Seneca Falls Convention

Explains America's transformation during:

Industrialisation

Expansion westward

Rise of modern politics

### 4. Key Themes of the Book

Manifest Destiny (westward expansion)



Rise of Andrew Jackson

Growth of modern political parties

Increasing conflict over slavery

### 5. Origin of the Book Title

"What Hath God Wrought" comes from the first telegraph message (1844)

### 6. Historical Context

Period saw:

Growth of newspapers and books

Expansion of roads, canals, bridges

Debate over federal infrastructure projects

Resistance from southern slave-holding states

### 7. Place in American History Series

Part of Oxford University Press's American history series

Other famous books include:

Freedom from Fear

The Battle Cry of Freedom



Q. Daniel Walker Howe, who died recently, won the Pulitzer Prize for which book?

- A. What Hath God Wrought
- B. Freedom from Fear
- C. The Battle Cry of Freedom
- D. Manifest Destiny



Q. The Seneca Falls Convention of 1848 is associated with —

- A. Women's rights movement
- B. Abolition of slavery
- C. American Civil War
- D. American independence



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# Static Booster



What is the legal case against Maduro — and why has he claimed to be a 'prisoner of war'?

मद्रुरो के खिलाफ कानूनी मामला क्या है - और उन्होंने खुद को 'युद्धबंदी' क्यों बताया है?



## 1. Arraignment in U.S. Court

Ousted Venezuelan leader Nicolás Maduro pleaded not guilty in a New York court. Charges include drug trafficking, weapons offences, and conspiracy. Maduro claimed he was “kidnapped” and called himself a “prisoner of war”. Proceedings were conducted briefly, with Maduro speaking in Spanish.

## 2. Nature of the Allegations

The 25-page U.S. indictment alleges a cocaine-trafficking conspiracy dating back to 1999.

Accused include:

Nicolás Maduro

His wife Cilia Flores

His son Nicolás Ernesto Maduro Guerra

Other Venezuelan leaders and accomplices

Prosecution claims links with violent narco-terrorist groups.

Allegations rely on long-term intelligence inputs and witness testimonies, some of which are classified.



### 3. Specific Charges Detailed

Maduro allegedly:

Provided law enforcement cover and logistical support for cocaine shipments.  
Enabled cocaine transport through Venezuela knowing it would reach the U.S.  
Between 2006–08, he allegedly sold diplomatic passports to drug traffickers.  
His wife is accused of accepting bribes and kickbacks for safe drug shipments.  
His son allegedly transported suspected drug packages via private flights.

### 4. Tren de Aragua Gang Angle

Hector Guerrero Flores (Niño Guerrero), leader of Tren de Aragua, is indicted.  
Former U.S. President Donald Trump accused the gang of violence in the U.S.  
The indictment does not explicitly link Maduro to direct coordination with the gang leader.

### 5. 'Prisoner of War' Claim and Legal Complexity

Maduro's POW claim implies his capture was a military action, not a criminal arrest.  
If recognised as a POW:



Treatment governed by the Geneva Convention

No criminal sentencing

Release at end of conflict

Legal experts believe U.S. courts will treat the case as a criminal prosecution.

The claim may still complicate jurisdiction and proceedings.

## 6. Legal Outlook

Trial could take several years due to classified evidence.

Refusal to recognise court jurisdiction may obstruct proceedings.

Experts suggest international law arguments are unlikely to prevail over domestic criminal law.



Q. Nicolás Maduro's claim of being a "prisoner of war" primarily invokes which legal framework?

- A. Rome Statute of the ICC
- B. United Nations Charter
- C. Geneva Convention
- D. Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations



Q. Which of the following best describes the legal status of a Prisoner of War under international law?

- A. Tried under domestic criminal law
- B. Detained indefinitely without rights
- C. Automatically extradited after conflict
- D. Protected from criminal prosecution for personal guilt

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