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Q1. In March 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated two new sections of which metro lines as part of the Delhi Metro expansion projects worth about ₹18,300 crore in New Delhi?

- (a) Blue Line and Red Line
- (b) Yellow Line and Green Line
- (c) Pink Line and Magenta Line
- (d) Violet Line and Orange Line

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Pink Line and Magenta Line

Solution: In March 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for several infrastructure projects worth ₹33,500 crore in New Delhi. A major component of these projects was the Delhi Metro expansion, costing about ₹18,300 crore.

- Under this expansion, two new sections of the Pink Line and Magenta Line were inaugurated.
- The inauguration of the Majlis Park–Maujpur Babarpur corridor extended the Pink Line to about 71.56 km.
- This expansion helped complete a circular metro connectivity across the city, improving urban transportation and connectivity.

Information Booster :

- The Pink Line (Line-7) of the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation is one of the longest lines of the Delhi Metro.
- The Pink Line is also called the “Ring Line” because it forms a circular route around Delhi.
- During the same event, PM Modi also virtually laid the foundation stone for the Kota–Bundi Greenfield Airport in Kota.
- The GPRA (General Pool Residential Accommodation) programme was also launched to redevelop old government housing colonies in Delhi.

Q2. In March 2026, the Indian Space Research Organisation signed an agreement with which organisation to strengthen cooperation in Earth Observation Missions and support the upcoming Fluorescence Explorer (FLEX) mission?

- (a) NASA
- (b) Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA)
- (c) European Space Agency (ESA)
- (d) Roscosmos

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) European Space Agency (ESA)

Solution: In March 2026, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) and the European Space Agency signed a new agreement titled “ESA–ISRO Arrangement concerning Joint Calibration and Validation Activities and Scientific Studies for Earth Observation Missions.”

- The agreement aims to improve the accuracy and reliability of satellite data used for climate monitoring, environmental research, and Earth science studies.
- It was signed virtually by M. Ganesh Pillai and Simonetta Cheli.
- The collaboration will enhance global climate monitoring, environmental analysis, and disaster management by providing more precise satellite data.

Information Booster:

- The ISRO–ESA cooperation began in 1978 and was renewed in 2002 to expand collaboration in space research.
- The partnership covers areas such as:
 - Earth observation missions
 - Satellite navigation systems
 - Ground station support
 - Human spaceflight missions
- Support for missions like Chandrayaan Programme and Aditya-L1.
- The agreement supports ESA's Fluorescence Explorer (FLEX), which will monitor global vegetation health by measuring chlorophyll fluorescence.
- FLEX is part of ESA's Earth Explorer programme focused on studying Earth's environment and climate system.

Q3. In March 2026, who was appointed as the third Supreme Leader of Iran by the Assembly of Experts following the death of Ali Khamenei?

- (a) Ebrahim Raisi
- (b) Mojtaba Khamenei
- (c) Hassan Rouhani
- (d) Ali Larijani

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Mojtaba Khamenei

Solution: In March 2026, Mojtaba Khamenei was appointed as the third Supreme Leader of Iran after the death of his father Ali Khamenei in airstrikes. The appointment was made by the Assembly of Experts, the constitutional body responsible for selecting and supervising the Supreme Leader.

- Prior to the appointment, Alireza Arafii served as the interim Supreme Leader.
- After a decisive vote by the members of the Assembly of Experts, Mojtaba Khamenei officially assumed the position.

Information Booster :

- The Supreme Leader is the highest political and religious authority in Iran.
- The Supreme Leader oversees the armed forces, judiciary, and key state institutions.
- The first Supreme Leader of Iran was Ruhollah Khomeini (1979–1989).
- Ali Khamenei served as the second Supreme Leader from 1989 to 2026, making him one of the longest-serving leaders in the Middle East.
- The Assembly of Experts is an 88-member elected clerical body responsible for appointing, supervising, and if necessary dismissing the Supreme Leader.

Q4. Lance Havildar (Retd.) K.G. George, who passed away in March 2026, was awarded which gallantry award for his bravery during the 1965 India–Pakistan War?

- (a) Param Vir Chakra
- (b) Ashoka Chakra
- (c) Maha Vir Chakra
- (d) Vir Chakra

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) Vir Chakra

Solution: In March 2026, K. G. George, a veteran of the Indian Army, passed away in Kottayam at the age of 95.

- He served in the Corps of Signals, responsible for military communications.
- During the 1965 India–Pakistan War, he risked his life to establish a crucial communication link between the Brigade Headquarters and forward battalions under enemy attack.
- For displaying extraordinary courage and devotion to duty, he was awarded the Vir Chakra, India's third-highest wartime gallantry award.
- He later retired from the Indian Army as a Lance Havildar.

Information Booster (Exam-Oriented Facts):

- Vir Chakra is awarded for acts of bravery in the presence of the enemy during wartime.
- India's wartime gallantry awards are ranked as:
 - Param Vir Chakra – 1st
 - Maha Vir Chakra – 2nd
 - Vir Chakra – 3rd
- The Corps of Signals of the Indian Army was established on 15 February 1911 and plays a key role in military communication and information systems.

Q5. What was the theme of International Women's Day 2026 celebrated on 8 March 2026?

- (a) DigitALL: Innovation and Technology for Gender Equality
- (b) Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow
- (c) Women in Leadership: Achieving an Equal Future
- (d) Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls

Solution: International Women's Day (IWD) is observed every year on 8 March worldwide to celebrate the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women and to promote gender equality and women's rights.

- The theme of International Women's Day 2026 was "Rights. Justice. Action. For ALL Women and Girls."
- The day is officially observed by the United Nations, which began celebrating it in 1975, declared as International Women's Year.
- 8 March 2026 marked the 51st year of the UN's official observance of the day.

Information Booster :

- In December 1977, the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 8 March as the UN Day for Women's Rights and International Peace.
- The global commemoration in 2026 was held at the UN Headquarters in New York City.
- The event coincided with the 70th Commission on the Status of Women, the world's largest annual forum on gender equality and women's rights, held from 9–19 March 2026.
- In India, national celebrations were organised in New Delhi in the presence of Droupadi Murmu.

Q6. In March 2026, the Reserve Bank of India approved the appointment of Ketan Merchant as the interim CEO of which bank?

- (a) Paytm Payments Bank
- (b) Airtel Payments Bank
- (c) Fino Payments Bank
- (d) India Post Payments Bank

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Fino Payments Bank

Solution: In March 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved the appointment of Ketan Merchant, the Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Fino Payments Bank, as the interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO).

- He will perform the responsibilities of Managing Director (MD) and CEO under the provisions of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The appointment is temporary for a maximum period of four months from the date of RBI approval.
- He succeeded Rishi Gupta, who stepped aside following his arrest in connection with alleged GST violations.

Information Booster :

- The board also appointed Anup Agarwal as the Interim Chief Financial Officer (CFO) effective 6 March 2026 for up to four months.
- In December 2025, the RBI granted in-principle approval for Fino Payments Bank to convert into a Small Finance Bank.
- The bank has been given 18 months to complete the transition from a payments bank to a Small Finance Bank.
- Payments Banks in India mainly focus on digital payments, remittances, and small savings accounts but cannot provide large loans like regular commercial banks.

Q7. During the State Visit of Alexander Stubb to India from 4–7 March 2026, India and Finland elevated their bilateral ties to which of the following partnerships?

- (a) Strategic Partnership for Defence Cooperation
- (b) Strategic Partnership for Digitalisation and Sustainability
- (c) Comprehensive Economic Partnership
- (d) Indo-Nordic Security Partnership

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Strategic Partnership for Digitalisation and Sustainability

Solution: In March 2026, the President of Finland Alexander Stubb paid a four-day State Visit to India (4–7 March 2026) at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The visit aimed to strengthen cooperation between the two countries in emerging and future-oriented sectors.

- During bilateral discussions, both sides elevated India–Finland relations to a Strategic Partnership for Digitalisation and Sustainability.
- The partnership focuses on digital technologies, sustainability, innovation, and trade cooperation.
- Key future-technology areas identified include Artificial Intelligence (AI), Quantum Computing, Green Hydrogen, and 6G technology.

Information Booster:

- This was Alexander Stubb's first visit to India as the President of Finland.
- He met Droupadi Murmu, C. P. Radhakrishnan, and Subrahmanyam Jaishankar during the visit.
- President Stubb attended the Raisina Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi as the Chief Guest and keynote speaker.
- The theme of Raisina Dialogue 2026 was "Samskara – Assertion, Accommodation, Advancement."
- The Raisina Dialogue is India's premier geopolitical and strategic affairs conference, organised annually by the Observer Research Foundation in collaboration with the Ministry of External Affairs.

Q8. In March 2026, which state secured the first position in India in the implementation of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) 2.0, according to the Progress Dashboard released by the National Crime Records Bureau?

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Assam
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Uttarakhand

Solution: In March 2026, Uttarakhand ranked first in India in the implementation of the Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) 2.0 with a score of 93.46 on the ICJS/CCTNS Progress Dashboard released by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) with data updated till January 2026.

- Haryana ranked second with 93.41 points.
- Assam ranked third with 93.16 points.
- Sikkim and Madhya Pradesh followed with 91.82 and 90.55 points respectively.
- The achievement is attributed to the leadership of Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, who closely monitored the implementation of the new criminal laws.

Information Booster (Exam-Oriented Facts):

- ICJS (Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System) integrates different pillars of the criminal justice system for seamless information sharing.
- Under ICJS 2.0, Uttarakhand implemented the "One Data, One Entry" mechanism for digital data integration.
- ICJS integrates platforms such as:
 - Police: Crime and Criminal Tracking Network & Systems
 - Courts: e-Courts
 - Prisons: e-Prisons
 - Prosecution: e-Prosecution
 - Forensic: e-Forensics
- The implementation also supported the rollout of the three new criminal laws:
 - Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS)
 - Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS)
 - Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA)

Q9. In March 2026, Romania officially became a member of the International Solar Alliance after depositing the Instrument of Ratification of its Framework Agreement with which ministry of the India?

- (a) Ministry of Power
- (b) Ministry of External Affairs
- (c) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- (d) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Ministry of External Affairs

Solution: In March 2026, Romania formally ratified the Framework Agreement of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) by depositing its Instrument of Ratification with the Ministry of External Affairs.

- The instrument was submitted by Sena Latif to P. S. Gangadhar.
- This ratification officially confirmed Romania's membership in the ISA.
- Romania had earlier signed the ISA Framework Agreement in December 2023, becoming the 118th country to join the alliance.

Information Booster:

- The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is a global initiative to promote solar energy deployment and energy access.
- ISA was launched in 2015 by Narendra Modi and François Hollande during the Paris Climate Conference 2015.
- The headquarters of ISA is located in Gurugram.
- The alliance focuses on solar energy cooperation, technology transfer, and financing for solar projects, especially in tropical countries.

Q10. In March 2026, Pramod Sawant presented the budget of approximately ₹30,195 crore for which financial year in the Goa Legislative Assembly?

- (a) FY25
- (b) FY26
- (c) FY27
- (d) FY28

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) FY27

Solution: In March 2026, Pramod Sawant, the Chief Minister of Goa, who also holds the finance portfolio, presented his 7th state budget worth ₹30,195 crore for the Financial Year 2026–27 (FY27) in the Goa Legislative Assembly in Panaji.

- The budget projected a revenue surplus of ₹1,666 crore.
- It focused on strengthening healthcare, education, infrastructure, tourism, and employment generation in the state.

Information Booster :

- Goa's GSDP for FY27 is projected at ₹1.31 lakh crore.
- Per capita GSDP is estimated at ₹8.18 lakh, one of the highest among Indian states.
- Fiscal deficit is estimated at ₹3,895 crore (2.9% of GSDP), staying within limits of the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act, 2003.

- Major sectoral allocations include:
- Health Sector: ₹2,217 crore (including Goa Medical College and Hospital)
- Roads and Bridges: ₹1,237 crore
- Drinking Water Department: ₹1,009 crore
- Tourism Sector: ₹385 crore
- Power Sector: ₹467 crore for smart electricity meters
- Climate Change Fund: ₹10 crore allocation.



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