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Q1. Where did the 4th edit on of the India–Egypt Joint Special Forces Exercise ‘Cyclone-IV’ commence in April 2026?

- (a) Cairo
- (b) Alexandria
- (c) Anshas
- (d) Giza

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Anshas

Solut on:

- The 4th edit on of Exercise ‘Cyclone-IV’ began on April 9, 2026, in Anshas, Egypt
- It was conducted at the Rangers Forces Headquarters
- The exercise is a joint special forces drill between India and Egypt
- It focuses on enhancing interoperability and joint mission planning
- Training is conducted in desert and semi-desert terrain condit ons

Informat on Booster:

- Durat on: 9 days (April 9–17, 2026)
- Indian cont ngent: 25 personnel from Indian Army Special Forces
- Egypt an cont ngent: Egypt an Special Forces Group and Rangers Forces
- Key object ve: Exchange of tact cs, techniques, and procedures

Addit onal Knowledge:

Egypt:

Capital: Cairo.

Currency: Egypt an Pound

Q2. Which organizat on launched the ‘Arogya Van’ init at ve along Nat onal Highways in April 2026?

- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (b) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Educat on
- (c) Nat onal Highways Authority of India
- (d) NITI Aayog

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer

(c) Nat onal Highways Authority of India (NHAI)

Solut on

- The ‘Arogya Van’ init at ve was launched by the Nat onal Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
- It aims to develop medicinal plant corridors along highways to promote biodiversity and tradit onal medicine

Informat on Booster

- Phase 1 coverage: 62.8 hectares (17 sites)
- Trees to be planted: ~67,462
- States covered include:
 - Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka
 - Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra

Addit onal Knowledge

- Includes 36 medicinal plant species such as:
- Neem, Amla, Jamun
- Promotes Ayurveda and indigenous medicine
- Plantat on sites:
- Toll plazas
- Highway interchanges

Q3. Who was the veteran Congress leader and former Union Minister who passed away in April 2026, popularly known as 'Dalu Babu'?

- (a) Priya Ranjan Dasmunsi
- (b) Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury
- (c) Abu Hasem Khan Chowdhury
- (d) Pranab Mukherjee

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer

- (c) Abu Hasem Khan Chowdhury

Solut on

- Abu Hasem Khan Chowdhury, popularly known as 'Dalu Babu', passed away on April 9, 2026
- He was a veteran Congress leader from West Bengal and served as Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare

Informat on Booster

- Age: 88 years
- Const tuency: Malda South (MP: 2009–2019)
- MLA: Kaliachak (1996–2006)

Addit onal Knowledge

- Served as District Congress President for 15 years
- Became MP af er demise of Ghani Khan Choudhury

Q4. Who was appointed as the Chairman & Managing Director (CMD) of Bharat Petroleum Corporat on Limited in April 2026 by the Appointments Commit ee of the Cabinet (ACC)?

- (a) G. Krishnakumar
- (b) Sanjay Khanna
- (c) Suresh Kumar
- (d) Rajiv Kapoor

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Sanjay Khanna

Solut on:

- The ACC approved the appointment of Sanjay Khanna as CMD of BPCL in April 2026
- He succeeded G. Krishnakumar af er his ret rement
- He was previously serving as Director (Ref neries) in BPCL
- His tenure will cont nue unt l May 31, 2029

Information on Booster:

- Appointing authority: Appointments Committee of the Cabinet
- BPCL status: Maharatna PSU
- Ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

Additional Knowledge:

- BPCL is one of India's leading oil and gas companies
- Maharatna status provides greater financial autonomy to PSUs
- CMD is the top executive position in a PSU
- ACC is responsible for senior-level appointments in the Government of India

Q5. The Integrated Air Drop Test-02 (IADT-02), conducted by Indian Space Research Organisation in April 2026, is associated with which mission?

- (a) Chandrayaan-3
- (b) Aditya-L1
- (c) Gaganyaan
- (d) RISAT

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Gaganyaan

Solution:

- IADT-02 was conducted as part of the Gaganyaan mission
- The test aimed to validate the crew module's parachute-based landing system
- It ensured safe descent and recovery of astronauts during re-entry
- The test was carried out at Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota

Information on Booster:

- Test name: Integrated Air Drop Test-02 (IADT-02)
- Location: Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
- Crew module weight: ~5.7 tonnes
- Conducted with: Indian Air Force helicopter

Additional Knowledge:

- Gaganyaan is India's first human spaceflight mission
- ISRO is the national space agency of India
- The mission aims to send astronauts into low Earth orbit

Q6. World Homeopathy Day is observed annually on which date to mark the birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann?

- (a) April 5
- (b) April 7
- (c) April 12
- (d) April 10

Ans.(d)

Sol. Correct Answer: (d) April 10

Solut on:

- World Homeopathy Day is observed every year on April 10
- The day marks the birth anniversary of Samuel Hahnemann
- He is regarded as the founder of homeopathy
- The observance promotes awareness about homeopathic medicine

Informat on Booster:

- 2026 Theme: “Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health”
- Observed globally every year
- In India, organised under Ministry of AYUSH
- First of cially commemorated in India: 2016

Addit onal Knowledge:

- Central Council for Research in Homoeopathy (CCRH) promotes research in homeopathy
- Ministry of AYUSH deals with tradit onal systems of medicine
- Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi hosts major government events
- Homeopathy is based on the principle of “like cures like”

Q7. Which company launched the AI model ‘Muse Spark’ in April 2026?

- (a) Google
- (b) Microsof
- (c) Amazon
- (d) Meta Plat orms

Ans.(d)

Sol. Answer

- (d) Meta Plat orms

Solut on

- The AI model ‘Muse Spark’ was launched by Meta Plat orms
- It is designed to enhance AI capabilit es and strengthen Meta’s posit on in the global AI race

Informat on Booster

- Type: Mult modal AI model
- Capabilit es:
- Text, image, reasoning tasks

• Modes:

- Instant
- Thinking
- Contemplat ng

Addit onal Knowledge

- Will replace Llama-based chatbots
- Deployment on plat orms:
- WhatsApp
- Instagram
- Facebook
- Focus areas:
- Advanced reasoning
- User experience integrat on

Q8. According to the Tracxn Report 2026, what was India's global rank in tech funding in FY26?

- (a) 2nd
- (b) 3rd
- (c) 4th
- (d) 5th

Ans.(c)

Sol. Answer

- (c) 4th

Solut on

- As per the Tracxn Report 2026, India ranked 4th globally in tech funding in FY26
- It stood behind the USA, UK, and China in total funding

Informat on Booster

- Total funding: USD 11.7 billion
- Decline: 18% from FY25
- Increase: 20% over FY24

Addit onal Knowledge

- Top Indian cit es:
- Bengaluru (33%)
- Mumbai (21%)
- Unicorns created: 6

129 acquisit ons recorded, showing a decline from previous year

- Bengaluru led funding share (33%), followed by Mumbai (21%)

Q9. Telangana's AI hub 'Aikam' signed an MoU with which university in April 2026 to boost AI innovat on and research?

- (a) University of Oxford
- (b) Deakin University
- (c) Stanford University
- (d) University of Toronto

Ans.(b)

Sol. Correct Answer: (b) Deakin University

Explanat on:

- Telangana's AI innovat on hub Aikam signed an MoU with Deakin University to promote AI research, innovat on, and skill development.
- The collaborat on aims to combine global research expert se with local infrastructure to develop ethical and scalable AI solut ons.
- A key outcome is the establishment of India's f rst AI-focused skill development center named Aikam–DHRITI near Hyderabad.
- The init at ve focuses on building an AI-ready workforce and support ng startups through advanced research.

Information on Booster:

- Aikam is Telangana's dedicated AI innovation hub.
- The MoU was signed at the Telangana Secretariat in Hyderabad.
- The partnership will set up the 'Aikam-Deakin Hub for Research in Intelligent Technology & Innovation (DHRITI)'.
- Focus areas include:
 - Applied AI research
 - Skill development
 - Startup ecosystem support
- The hub will be developed near the proposed Bharat Future City.

Q10. Which regulatory body approved PPFAS AMC to sponsor a pension fund under the National Pension System (NPS) in April 2026?

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India
- (b) Reserve Bank of India
- (c) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
- (d) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

Ans.(c)

Sol. Correct Answer: (c) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority

Explanation:


- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) approved PPFAS AMC to sponsor a pension fund under the National Pension System (NPS).
- PFRDA is the statutory regulator responsible for regulating and promoting pension schemes in India.
- The approval allows PPFAS to establish a separate pension fund company for managing retirement investments.
- This move enhances competition and efficiency in managing long-term retirement savings.

Information on Booster:

- PFRDA operates under the Ministry of Finance.
- NPS was launched in 2004 (for government employees) and expanded to all citizens in 2009.
- Pension funds under NPS invest in:
 - Equity (EQ)
 - Government Securities (G-Secs)
 - Corporate Bonds (CBs)
- Subscribers can choose and switch their pension fund managers.

Additional Knowledge:

- NPS is a market-linked, defined contribution pension scheme.
- It provides retirement income through systematic savings during working years.
- Each subscriber is allotted a Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN).



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