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1. The total size of the Indian mutual fund industry (approximately what value)? **Ans: ₹78 lakh crore**
2. The amount received by nominees from life insurance policies is generally exempt from taxes under which section of the Income Tax Act, 1961? **Ans: Section 10(10D)**
3. Which major company did Mahindra & Mahindra enter the life insurance sector in a Joint Venture (JV) with? **Ans: Canada's largest insurer Manulife**
4. Which South African cricketer, described as an 'Iron Man,' led the team to a famous win at Eden Gardens? **Ans: Temba Bavuma**
5. What is the total number of demat accounts India currently has? **Ans: 21 crore**
6. Which entity developed the eSHRAM portal for creating a National Database of Unorganized Workers, seeded with Aadhaar? **Ans: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)**
7. Which major infrastructure project team did PM Modi ask to document their experiences in a 'Blue Book' of project lessons? **A: India's first bullet train project.**
8. Which non-profit organization is hosting a 3-day international conference focused on open dialogue and collective action in suicide prevention? **Ans: Connecting Trust**
9. Which naval vessel, an anti-submarine warfare shallow-water craft, is scheduled to be commissioned on November 24? **Ans: 'Mahe'**
10. The Indian Army and [Indian Air Force] (IAF) are set to induct how many indigenous drone detection and interception systems? **Ans: 16 anti-drone systems**
11. The [National Aeronautics and Space Administration] (NASA) recently reported finding how many alien planets? **Ans: 126 Alien Planets**
12. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced allowing loans against the pledge of which specific precious metal deposits? **Ans: Silver deposits**
13. What mandatory document must policyholders immediately submit due to regulatory changes enforced by the [Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India] (IRDAI)? **Ans: Permanent Account Number (PAN)/Form 60**
14. The [Life Insurance Corporation of India] (LIC) Jeevan Utsav plan guarantees an annual payout equivalent to what percentage of the Sum Assured? **Ans: 10% of Sum Assured**
15. Which new plan launched by [Life Insurance Corporation of India] (LIC) features guaranteed additions and maturity age options between 18-25 years? **Ans: Amritbal**
16. What was the historic low retail inflation rate recorded in October 2025 in the current Consumer Price Index (CPI) series? **Ans: 0.25%**
17. What is the newly reduced application fee for obtaining a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in India? **Ans: Rupees 1,000**

18. What was the original fee for obtaining a Geographical Indication (GI) tag before the recent 80% reduction? **Ans: Rupees 5,000**

19. What is the total financial outlay approved for the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) over six years (FY 2025–26 to FY 2030–31)? **Ans: Rupees 25,060 crore**

20. What is the approved allocation for the expansion of the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Exporters (CGSE)? **Ans: Rupees 20,000 crore**

21. Which two sub-schemes will the Export Promotion Mission (EPM) operate through? **Ans: Niryat Protsahan and Niryat Disha**

22. Which organization released the Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) during the Conference of the Parties (COP) 30 in Belem, Brazil? **Ans: Germanwatch**

23. What was India's ranking in the long-term Global Climate Risk Index (CRI) covering the period 1995–2024? **Ans: 9th**

24. What royalty rate was approved by the Union Cabinet for the critical mineral Zirconium? **Ans: 1%**

25. What royalty rate was approved for Graphite containing 80%+ fixed carbon? **Ans: 2% of Average Selling Price (ASP) (ad valorem)**

26. Which Hungarian-British author won the 2025 Booker Prize for the novel "Flesh"? **Ans: David Szalay**

27. What is the prize money awarded to the winner of the Booker Prize? **Ans: Fifty thousand Pounds (£50,000)**

28. Which film was selected as Palestine's official entry for the 98th Academy Awards in the Best International Feature Film category? **Ans: Palestine 36**

29. Which place in North Wales was selected by the United Kingdom (U.K.) to build its first mini/small modular nuclear power station? **Ans: Wylfa**

30. Who was appointed as the first-ever woman to head the United Nations (UN) Tourism Organization? **Ans: Sheikha Nasser Al Nowais**

31. Who was appointed as the new United States (U.S.) Ambassador to India and Special Envoy to South and Central Asia? **Ans: Sergio Gor**

32. Which Union Minister attended the World Peace Prayer Festival held in Thimphu, Bhutan? **Ans: Dr. Virendra Singh**

33. What is the 18-digit unique identification number issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)? **Ans: Unique Document Identification Number (UDIN)**

34. With which organization did the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for real-time verification of Unique Document Identification

Number (UDIN)? **Ans: Army Purchase Organisation (APO), Directorate General of Supplies and Transport (DGST), Indian Army**

35. What percentage was India's carbon emission rise expected to be in 2025, according to the Global Carbon Project? **Ans: 1.4%**

36. What is the annual volume of India's Carbon Dioxide (CO₂) emissions (2024), making it the third-largest emitter? **Ans: 3.2 billion tonnes**

37. Who was elected as the 12th Director-General of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)? **Ans: Khaled El-Enany**

38. India and Nepal amended the Treaty of Transit to allow rail-based freight movement between Joghani (India) and which location in Nepal? **Ans: Biratnagar**

39. November 11 is celebrated as National Education Day to commemorate the birth anniversary of which person? **Ans: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**

40. Which city in Brazil hosted the 3rd International Ayurveda Conference on November 14–15, 2025? **Ans: São Paulo**

41. Where will the forthcoming World Health Organization (WHO)–Ministry of Ayush Global Summit on Traditional Medicine be held in December 2025? **Ans: New Delhi**

42. Which South American country was the first to officially recognize Ayurveda? **Ans: Brazil**

43. Since its launch on January 1, 2025, how many users has the e-Jagriti platform registered? **Ans: Over two lakh users**

44. Which country accounted for the major participation in Non-Resident Indian (NRI) complaints filed on the e-Jagriti platform with 146 cases? **Ans: United States**

45. The e-Jagriti platform's secure transactions integrate with which two payment gateways? **Ans: Bharat Kosh and PayGov gateways**

46. Which public sector undertaking built the Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)? **Ans: Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi**

47. How many hectares of the Saranda forest area did the Supreme Court direct the Jharkhand government to declare as a wildlife sanctuary? **Ans: 31,468.25 hectares**

48. Which critically endangered species endemic to the Saranda forest was mentioned in the Supreme Court case? **Ans: Endemic sal forest tortoise**

49. Which type of snake was recorded with the first case of albinism in Assam? **Ans: Checkered keelback (Fowlea piscator), also called the Asian water snake**

50. Which two beaches in Odisha received the International Blue Flag Certification for the 2025-26 cycle? **Ans: Puri Golden Beach and Sunapar Beach**

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51. Which state became the first in India to implement the amended Bharat Net Scheme statewide? **Ans: Punjab**

52. Which country was elected to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) International Coordinating Council of the Man and the Biosphere Programme (MAB) for the 2025–2029 term? **Ans: Oman**

53. What percentage decrease was observed in India's Tuberculosis (TB) incidence from 2015 to 2024, according to the World Health Organization (WHO) Global TB Report 2025? **Ans: 21%**

54. What was the year-on-year (Y-o-Y) growth rate of banking system deposits in the fortnight ended October 31? **Ans: 9.7 per cent**

55. Which day is designated by the United Nations General Assembly as World Diabetes Day? **Ans: 14 November**

56. What date has been designated as the International Day for Tolerance by the United Nations General Assembly? **Ans: 16 November**