

Nandyal Banking Coaching Center - Daily News Dated 5 Dec 2025

1. Which institution released the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) for the period 2025-2030? **Ans: Reserve Bank of India (RBI)**
2. What is the core framework (five objectives) upon which the National Strategy for Financial Inclusion (NSFI) 2025-30 is built? **Ans: Panch-Jyoti**
3. India achieved what percentage of ethanol blending in petrol for the ethanol supply year 2024-25 (Nov-Oct)? **Ans: 19.2%**
4. What is India's revised target year for achieving 20% ethanol blending in petrol under the amended Biofuel Policy (2022)? **Ans: 2026**
5. What was the total value of transactions processed by the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) platform in November 2025? **Ans: ₹26.32 lakh crore**
6. What was the Year-on-Year (YoY) growth recorded in the volume of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions in November 2025? **Ans: 32%**
7. Which specific item of silver jewellery constitutes the largest share of hallmarked products by category, often found in the 800 purity grade? **Ans: Payal / anklets**
8. What is the initial blending target set by the Government of India for Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) by the year 2027? **Ans: 1%**
9. What is the newly designated name for the complex that will house the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) under the Central Vista Redevelopment project? **Ans: Seva Teerth**
10. Which government-launched ride-hailing app is intended to free commercial vehicle drivers from dependence on private taxi companies? **Ans: Bharat Taxi**
11. Which organization, registered under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies (MSCS) Act, 2002, will operate the upcoming 'Bharat Taxi' app? **Ans: Sahakar Taxi Co-operative Ltd**
12. Which national financial regulator introduced the "Single Window Automatic & Generalised Access for Trusted Foreign Investors (SWAGAT-FI)" framework? **Ans: Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)**
13. What is the extended validity period approved by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) for the continuance of Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) registration? **Ans: 10 years**
14. Which two new plans were recently introduced by the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) of India? **Ans: Protection Plus and Bima Kavach**
15. Which recently launched plan by the Life Insurance Corporation (LIC) is categorized as a non-par, linked, individual savings plan? **Ans: Protection Plus**
16. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) recently approved a \$650 million policy-based loan to support India's mission concerning which renewable energy initiative? **Ans: Rooftop solar adoption**

17. What is the target year by which the Asian Development Bank (ADB) loan aims to expand clean energy access for 10 million households in India? **Ans: 2027**

18. Which Small Finance Bank (SFB) received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to transition into a Universal Bank? **Ans: AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)**

19. Which prominent Indian sportsperson, captain of the Indian Women's Cricket Team, was appointed as Punjab National Bank's (PNB's) first-ever female brand ambassador? **Ans: Harmanpreet Kaur**

20. Which two actors were recently appointed as the brand ambassadors for AU Small Finance Bank (AU SFB)? **Ans: Ranbir Kapoor and Rashmika Mandanna**

21. Which country is co-chairing the 22nd India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Military & Military Technical Cooperation (IRIGC-M&MTC) with India? **Ans: Russia**

22. Where was the 14th Edition of the India-Maldives Joint Military Exercise 'EKUVERIN' conducted in December 2025? **Ans: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala**

23. What is the meaning of the term 'EKUVERIN' in the Dhivehi language, referencing the India-Maldives joint military exercise? **Ans: Friends**

24. The 10th edition of the India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise "Garuda Shakti" commenced at which location in Himachal Pradesh? **Ans: Special Forces Training School (SFTS), Bakloh**

25. The 8th edition of Exercise Garuda, a bilateral Indo-French air exercise, concluded at which location in France? **Ans: Air Base 118, Mont-de-Marsan**

26. Which entity signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Reliance Jio to deploy a telecom-based safety alert system across National Highways (NHs)? **Ans: National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)**

27. Which new, highest-risk category was introduced by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) in the updated 'National Seismic Zonation Map' under the revised 'Earthquake Design Code 2025'? **Ans: Zone VI**

28. After the recent update to the 'National Seismic Zonation Map,' approximately what percentage of India's landmass now falls under moderate-to-high seismic hazard zones (Zones III, IV, V, and VI)? **Ans: 61%**

29. Which three cities in Uttarakhand received approval from the Centre for the installation of new Doppler Weather Radars (DWRs)? **Ans: Haridwar, Pantnagar, and Auli**

30. The Passport Verification Record (PVR) has been enabled on which secure, cloud-based platform under the Digital India programme? **Ans: DigiLocker**

31. What is the revised Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth forecast for Financial Year (FY) 2026 projected by the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)? **Ans: 7.3 per cent**

32. Which traditional food product from Darjeeling was officially granted the Geographical Indication (GI) tag? **Ans: Darjeeling Mandarin Orange**

33. Which five products from Tamil Nadu, including Woraiyur cotton sari and Thooyamalli rice, recently received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag? **Ans: Woraiyur cotton sari, Kavindapadi nattu sakkarai, Namakkal makkal pathirangal, Thooyamalli rice variety, and Ambasamudram choppu saman**

34. The maximum limit for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in Public Sector Banks (PSBs) currently stands at what percentage? **Ans: 20%**

35. The National Culture Fund (NCF) was set up in which year as a Trust under the Charitable Endowment Act, 1890? **Ans: 1996**

36. What is the new repo rate set by the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI's) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) after the 25 basis point cut in December 2025? **Ans: 5.25 per cent**

37. How many elements from India are currently inscribed on the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization's (UNESCO's) Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity? **Ans: 15**

38. Which Austrian national was appointed as the United Nations (UN) Resident Coordinator in India effective December 1, 2025? **Ans: Stefan Priesner**

39. The term of which Public Sector Undertaking (PSU) Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Arun Kumar Singh, was extended until December 6, 2026? **Ans: Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)**

40. Which major Indian airport became the country's first facility with over 40 million passengers to be certified as 'water-positive'? **Ans: Indira Gandhi International (IGI) Airport**

41. The Delhi International Airport Limited (DIAL) received accolades for achieving scope I water neutrality under the framework set by which two organizations? **Ans: NITI Aayog-Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)**

42. Under the Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma scheme, how many beneficiaries were registered as of December 1, 2025? **Ans: 30 Lakh**

43. Which portal provides end-to-end resolution, redressal, and remedies for the grievances of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs)? **Ans: CHAMPIONS' portal**