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National News

Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026 notified: The Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the Citizenship (Amendment) Rules, 2026, introducing the electronic Overseas Citizen of India (e-OCI) card alongside the physical card. The rules amend the Citizenship Rules, 2009 framed under the Citizenship Act, 1955, and create a centralized digital database of OCI holders.

India's FY26 GDP estimated at 7.6%: MoSPI has revised India's real GDP growth estimate for FY26 upward to 7.6% (earlier 7.4%). Nominal GDP growth is pegged at 8.6%. Q2 grew 8.4% and Q3 (Oct-Dec 2025) 7.8%. India remains the fastest-growing major economy for the fourth consecutive year.

ISRO unveils new Gaganyaan technology: On 27 May 2026, ISRO officially unveiled a new technological advancement aimed at enhancing the safety and mission duration of India's human spaceflight programme Gaganyaan, with improved life-support systems and orbital manoeuvring capabilities.

International News

G7 2026 Leaders' Summit at Évian-les-Bains: France holds the G7 Presidency for 2026 and will host the Leaders' Summit from 15-17 June 2026 at Évian-les-Bains. Key agenda items: Ukraine, Middle-East crisis, AI governance, global trade.

WHO chief in Kinshasa: The WHO Director-General arrived in Kinshasa, DRC on 29 May 2026 to review the response to a rare Ebola virus outbreak. Ring-vaccination drives have been launched.

Russian drone hits Romania: A Russian drone from an overnight attack on Ukraine crashed into an apartment building in eastern Romania on 29 May 2026, injuring two civilians — a serious NATO-territory spillover incident.

Shangri-La Dialogue 2026: The IISS-hosted Asia-Pacific security forum in Singapore is underway, with delegates from India, US, China, Japan and ASEAN debating Indo-Pacific security and global conflicts.

News related to Indian Banking and Finance

RBI repo rate unchanged at 5.25%: The MPC kept the repo rate at 5.25%, SDF at 5.00% and MSF/Bank Rate at 5.50% — a 50-bps LAF corridor. Stance remains 'neutral'. The February 2026 review had cut the repo rate by 25 bps.

Emirates NBD to acquire 74% in RBL Bank: RBI has approved UAE-based Emirates NBD's proposal to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank for approximately USD 3 billion — the largest foreign investment in an Indian bank.

Term Money Market widened: RBI has allowed NBFCs, corporates, HFCs and All-India Financial Institutions to participate in the Term Money Market.

Fraud compensation framework: RBI announced a framework to compensate customers up to ₹25,000 for small-value fraudulent digital transactions.

RBI penalties: Monetary penalties imposed on Union Bank of India, Central Bank of India, Bank of India and fintech Pine Labs for regulatory non-compliance (■3.1 lakh to ■95.4 lakh).

News related to International Banking and Finance

IMF cuts global growth forecast to 3.1%: Revised down from 3.4%, citing the Middle-East war, energy-price volatility and tariff-related trade frictions.

G7 Finance Ministers' Communiqué, Paris (19 May 2026): G7 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors met on 18-19 May 2026 in Paris with the heads of the IMF and World Bank, focusing on energy markets, Ukraine support and debt distress in low-income countries.

IMF and World Bank resume Venezuela relations: Both institutions resumed engagement with Venezuela after a 2019 freeze. Venezuela has requested access to USD 5 billion in SDRs.

African debt-service strain: African governments are spending nearly one-fifth of revenues on interest in 2025; four out of five spend more on debt-service than on health or education.

International Sports Events

French Open 2026 — Day 7 (30 May): Women's & Men's Singles Third Round and Doubles Second Round. Felix Auger-Aliassime headlines Court Philippe-Chatrier; reigning champion Coco Gauff (4 seed) meets Anastasia Potapova. Earlier this week, João Fonseca beat Novak Djokovic in a five-set epic.

IPL 2026 Final — 31 May, Ahmedabad: Royal Challengers Bengaluru (5th IPL final) vs Rajasthan Royals at Narendra Modi Stadium. RR defeated Gujarat Titans in Qualifier 2.

Shangri-La Dialogue: Bilateral defence dialogues at the Singapore forum run through the weekend; India's Defence Minister addresses the plenary on Indo-Pacific maritime security.

Major National or International Appointments

New Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India: Lt General N.S. Raja Subramani (Retd) appointed CDS on 9 May 2026; he will also be Secretary, Department of Military Affairs.

Canara Bank — Govt Nominee Director: Shalini Pandit appointed on 14 May 2026.

IFFCO-MC Crop Science: Dileep Sanghani elected Chairman.

BEL HR Head: Ambrish Tripathi appointed to lead Human Resources at Bharat Electronics Ltd (14 May 2026).

Other key office-holders: Sanjay Malhotra (RBI Governor), Challa Sreenivasulu Setty (SBI Chairman), Satish Kumar (Chairman & CEO, Railway Board), N. Kalaiselvi (DG, CSIR).

Resignation or Dismissal

Senegal governance crisis: Senegal's Prime Minister was sacked, followed within 48 hours by the resignation of the Speaker of Parliament — creating a leadership vacuum.

UK Ministerial reshuffle: A series of UK ministerial resignations in May 2026 — including Miatta Fahnbulleh — triggered a Cabinet reshuffle. New Parliamentary Under-Secretaries include Nesil Caliskan (Housing), Natalie Fleet (Home Office), Catherine Atkinson (Justice) and Preet Kaur Gill (Health & Social Care).

Major Inventions and Discoveries

118 new exoplanets confirmed: University of Warwick astronomers confirmed 118 new exoplanets plus ~2,000 candidates using machine learning on NASA TESS data (announced 3 May 2026).

Artemis II flyby success: NASA's Artemis II crewed lunar flyby launched in April 2026 — the first crewed flight beyond Low Earth Orbit since Apollo 17 (1972), and the first to carry a person of colour, a woman and a non-US citizen beyond LEO.

NASA Glenn — new lightweight material: Engineers at NASA's Glenn Research Center developed a new material that could help astronauts pack significantly lighter for future Moon missions.

CSIRO — 110+ new marine species: Australia's CSIRO classified over 110 new marine species — sea anemones, rays, crabs, sponges — from deep-sea surveys.

Practice MCQs (SSC / Bank PO Pattern)

Q1. At what rate did the RBI keep the policy repo rate in its May 2026 monetary policy review?

- (a) 5.00%
- (b) 5.25%
- (c) 5.50%
- (d) 6.00%
- (e) 6.50%

Answer: (b) 5.25%

Q2. Which UAE-based bank received RBI approval to acquire up to 74% stake in RBL Bank for around USD 3 billion?

- (a) Mashreq Bank
- (b) First Abu Dhabi Bank
- (c) Emirates NBD
- (d) Abu Dhabi Commercial Bank
- (e) Dubai Islamic Bank

Answer: (c) Emirates NBD

Q3. Who has been appointed as the new Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) of India in May 2026?

- (a) Lt General Manoj Pande (Retd)
- (b) Lt General Anil Chauhan (Retd)
- (c) Lt General N.S. Raja Subramani (Retd)
- (d) Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari (Retd)
- (e) Admiral R. Hari Kumar (Retd)

Answer: (c) Lt General N.S. Raja Subramani (Retd)

Q4. According to MoSPI's revised estimate, what is India's expected real GDP growth for FY26?

- (a) 6.8%
- (b) 7.0%
- (c) 7.4%
- (d) 7.6%
- (e) 8.0%

Answer: (d) 7.6%

Q5. Astronomers from which university recently confirmed 118 new exoplanets using machine-learning on TESS data?

- (a) University of Cambridge
- (b) University of Oxford
- (c) University of Warwick

■ (d) Harvard University

■ (e) MIT

Answer: (c) University of Warwick

Sources: PIB, MoSPI, RBI (rbi.org.in), IMF (imf.org), World Bank, European Council (consilium.europa.eu), Roland-Garros, ESPNcricinfo/IPLT20, NASA, ISRO, WHO.

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