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National News

- The Union Government approved the **Aastha Van** scheme, a five-year, **■3,000-crore** programme to conserve and restore nearly **15,000 sacred groves** across India.
- India and **New Zealand** elevated their bilateral relationship to a **Strategic Partnership**, deepening cooperation in trade, defence and education.
- Union Home Minister **Amit Shah** inaugurated the **Jayaprakash Narayan Public Library** in the NDMC area of New Delhi.
- The **Urban Flood Risk Management Programme (UFRMP)** approved **■3,076 crore** for flood-resilient infrastructure and early-warning systems across seven vulnerable metro cities, after the July 2026 Mumbai floods.

International News

- The **NATO Summit at Ankara** reaffirmed collective defence under Article 5 and pledged **€70 billion** in military aid to Ukraine for 2026.
- **Pakistan and the United States** held negotiations in Washington D.C. on a proposed **Agreement on Reciprocal Trade**.
- The **UN High-Level Political Forum (HLPF) 2026**, held under ECOSOC, continued its review of the Sustainable Development Goals through 15 July.

News Related to Indian Banking and Finance

- The **RBI Monetary Policy Committee** retained the **repo rate at 5.25%** with a neutral stance; SDF at 5.00% and MSF and Bank Rate at 5.50%.
- The RBI projected **real GDP growth of 6.9%** and **CPI inflation of 4.6%** for FY 2026-27.
- The **State Bank of India** board approved raising up to **■60,000 crore** in FY27 via bonds and Basel III AT1 and Tier-2 instruments.
- **NPCI** reported record UPI activity in May 2026 — **■29.9 lakh crore** in value and **23.2 billion** transactions.
- **SEBI** introduced new rules for sharing real-time market price data with third parties to curb misuse.

News Related to International Banking and Finance

- India recorded a **current account surplus of \$4.7 billion** in April 2026, reversing a \$4.8 billion deficit a year earlier.
- **Foreign Direct Investment** into India more than doubled to **\$11.4 billion**, with net FDI at \$7.4 billion.
- **UPI** is now accepted in **nine countries**; the India–Nepal cross-border P2P remittance link (UPI–NPI) is operational since 6 June 2026.

International Sports Events

- **Jannik Sinner** won the **Wimbledon 2026** men's singles title, beating **Alexander Zverev** 6-7, 7-6, 6-3, 6-4 — his fifth Grand Slam and a successful defence.
- The **ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026** was hosted in England across June–July 2026.
- The **England vs India** Test series (1–19 July 2026) continued as a marquee red-ball contest.

Major National or International Appointments

- **HDFC Bank** named **Puneet Sharma** as its new Chief Financial Officer, effective 1 December 2026.
- The HDFC Bank board is set to recommend the reappointment of **Sashidhar Jagdishan** as Managing Director & CEO.
- **Lt Gen N. S. Raja Subramani** is the **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** and **Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan** the **Chief of Naval Staff** in recent defence leadership changes.

Resignation or Dismissal

- Union Minister **George Kurian** resigned from the Union Council of Ministers after his Rajya Sabha term expired; President **Droupadi Murmu** accepted the resignation.

Major Inventions and Discoveries

- **DRDO** flight-tested the **Pinaka Long Range Guided Rocket (LRGR-120)** at ITR Chandipur — an indigenous precision-guided rocket with a range up to **120 km**, using INS and NavIC guidance.
- **ISRO** qualified the **Main Parachute** for the **Gaganyaan G1** uncrewed flight through comprehensive drop tests.
- The **ISRO–CNES TRISHNA** mission will deliver high-resolution thermal-infrared imaging of land and coastal zones.
- China's **Tianwen-2** probe reached the near-Earth asteroid **Kamo'oalewa**, releasing its first image on 6 July 2026.

Practice Questions (SSC / Bank PO Pattern)

Q1. The RBI Monetary Policy Committee retained the repo rate at what level in its 2026-27 policy?

- (a) 6.00%
- (b) 5.25%
- (c) 5.50%
- (d) 4.90%

Ans: (b) 5.25%

Q2. The newly approved ₹3,000-crore 'Aastha Van' scheme aims at the conservation of what?

- (a) Mangrove forests
- (b) Sacred groves
- (c) Wetlands
- (d) Urban parks

Ans: (b) Sacred groves

Q3. Who won the men's singles title at Wimbledon 2026?

- (a) Alexander Zverev
- (b) Carlos Alcaraz
- (c) Jannik Sinner
- (d) Novak Djokovic

Ans: (c) Jannik Sinner

Q4. What is the approximate range of the DRDO-tested Pinaka LRGR-120 guided rocket?

- (a) 40 km
- (b) 75 km
- (c) 120 km
- (d) 200 km

Ans: (c) 120 km

Q5. India elevated its ties to a Strategic Partnership with which country in July 2026?

- (a) Australia
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Canada

Ans: (b) New Zealand