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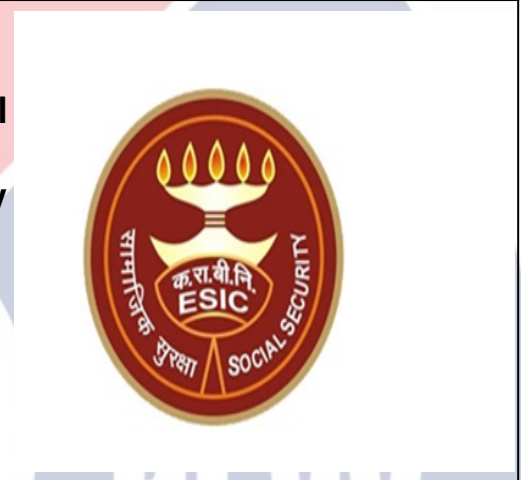
## 1. Central Excise Day -

Central Excise Day is celebrated every year on 24 February in India. This day is dedicated to honor the contribution of the Central Excise Department and to make taxpayers aware of the tax system. This day is celebrated on the anniversary of the Central Excise and Salt Act-1944. Central Excise has been a major method of indirect tax collection in India.



## 2. 74th Foundation Day of Employees' State Insurance Corporation -

Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the two-day regional dialogue on the Foundation Day of Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC). The event was attended by Shri Gilbert F Hougbo, Director General, International Labour Organisation (ILO) as the keynote speaker. The dialogue is organised by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and ESIC in collaboration with the Global Alliance and ILO, with support from the Confederation of Industry and Indian Employers' Association.



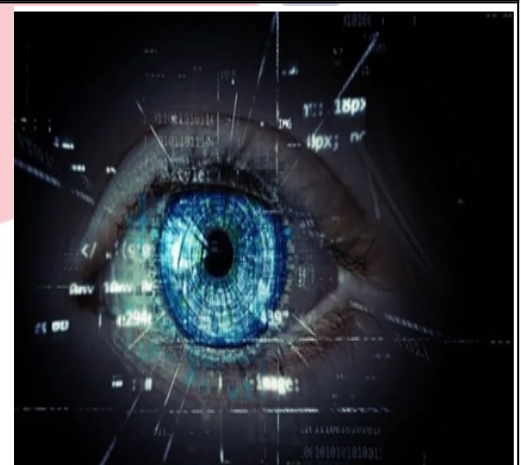
## 3. Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela

Union Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the "Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela-2025". The fair was organized from 22nd to 24th February 2025 at Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), New Delhi. The theme of the fair this year is "Unnat Krishi - Vikasit Bharat".



## 4. Nayanamritam

The Kerala government has launched an Artificial Intelligence (AI)-assisted chronic eye disease screening programme called 'Nayanamritham' 2.0. Through this initiative, the Kerala government has integrated AI into the public health system to provide advanced eye screening to people across the state. Nayanamritham 2.0 aims to detect serious eye diseases at an early stage.



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## 5. India ranks first in the world in raising the most funds through IPO in the year 2024 -

According to the Indus Valley Report 2025, India has emerged as the global leader in terms of IPOs in 2024. Indian companies raised \$19.5 billion through IPOs in 2024, which is 23% of the total IPO money raised globally. The report has been prepared by Mumbai-based Bloom Benchers Advisors Pvt Ltd.



## 6. Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Global Investment Summit -

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Investors Summit 2025 in Bhopal, announcing 18 new industrial policies. The main objective of this summit is to transform Madhya Pradesh into an industrial and investment hub. The summit saw the participation of leading industrialists and global investors, highlighting India's role in the global supply chain, especially in the aerospace industry.



## 7. India - Japan Joint Military Exercise - "Dharma Guardian" - 2025

A contingent of the Indian Army has left for Japan to participate in the sixth edition of the India-Japan military exercise "Dharma Guardian". The military exercise was conducted at the East Fuji Maneuver Training Area in Japan from 24 February to 9 March 2025. 'Dharma Guardian' is an annual military exercise between India and Japan.



## 8. India won three titles at the 2025 Uganda Badminton Championship-

Indian badminton players performed brilliantly at the Uganda International Challenge 2025 Badminton Championship and won three titles. The championship was held at the Lugogo Indoor Arena in Kampala, the capital of Uganda, from 19-23 February 2025. India won titles in men's singles, mixed doubles and men's doubles.





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## 1. When is the Central Excise Day observed?

- A - 24 February                      B - 25 February  
C - 21 February                      D - 16 February

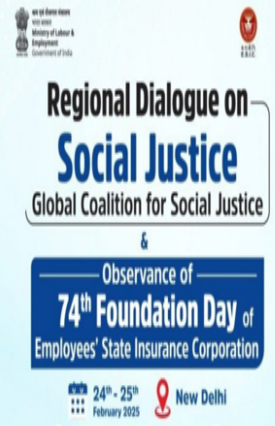
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## 2. When was the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) established?

- A - 1952                                      B - 1965  
C - 1971                                      D - 1983

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## 3. By what other name is the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) known?

- A - Agricultural Institute                      B - Kushinagar Institute  
C - Pusa Institute                              D - Magadh Institute

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## 4. Nayanamritam 2.0 is an initiative of which state government?

- A - Maharashtra                              B - Kerala  
C - Rajasthan                                      D - Chhattisgarh

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**5. According to a recent report, which country's companies raised the most money through initial public offerings (IPOs) in 2024?**

- A - America  
B - India  
C - Japan  
D - China

According to the Indus Valley Report 2025, India has emerged as the global leader in terms of IPOs in 2024, with Indian companies raising \$19.5 billion, representing 23% of global IPO funding. The report has been prepared by Bloom Benchers Advisors Pvt Ltd. A total of 268 IPOs came up in India in 2024, of which 90 were listed on the main board and 178 on the small and medium enterprises (SME) segment.



**6. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurate the Global Investor Summit?**

- A - Jaipur  
B - Indore  
C - Bhopal  
D - New Delhi

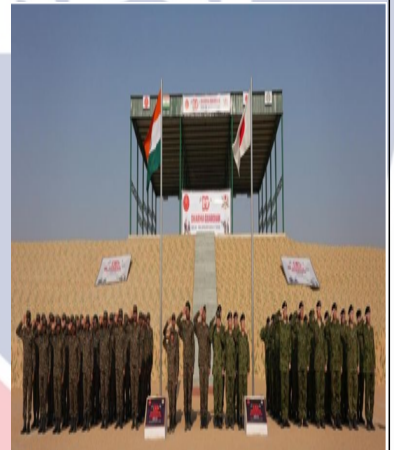
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**7. The military exercise 'Dharma Guardian' is conducted between which countries?**

- A - India and Nepal  
B - India and America  
C - India and Sri Lanka  
D - India and Japan

A contingent of Indian Army has left for Japan to participate in the 6th edition of "Dharma Guardian" military exercise held at East Fuji Exercise Area, Japan. This annual exercise is held between India and Japan and is held alternately in both the countries.



**8. Who won the men's singles title of the Uganda International Challenge 2025 Badminton Championship?**

- A - Manraj Singh  
B - Ishika Jaiswal  
C - Lauren Lam  
D - Amaan Mohammed

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## One Liner

1. When was GST implemented in India - **July 1, 2017**
2. When was the International Labor Organization established - **1919**
3. What was the theme of Pusa Krishi Vigyan Mela-2025 - "**Advanced Agriculture-Developed India**"
4. Where is the world's first government AI-powered eye screening program being operated - **Kerala (India)**
5. Which institution/company released the Indus Valley Report-2025 - **Mumbai-based Bloom Bechers Advisors PVT.Ltd**
6. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Global Investor Summit, how many new industrial policies were announced in this summit - **18 new industrial policies**
7. Which joint military exercise is being organized between the armies of India and Japan - '**Dharma Guardian**'
8. Who won the mixed doubles title of Uganda International Challenge 2025 Badminton Championship - "**Indian pair of Ishaan Bhatnagar-Shri Nidhi Narayanan**"
9. In which state of India is Jhumoir dance performed - **Assam**
10. Who is the author of the book "Life on Mars - Collected Stories" is - **Namita Gokhale**

