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1. India ranks third in Fintech funding

India has ranked third globally after the US and the UK in terms of FinTech startup funding in the first quarter of 2025. During this period, India's FinTech startups received a total funding of \$366 million, with \$187 million raised in March alone. FinTech generally means bringing technological innovation to financial services, which is happening through startups in areas such as banking, insurance, investment, payments and loans.



2. Central Government launches 'ZooWIN Portal'

The Union Health Ministry has launched the ZooWIN Portal to monitor the availability of anti-rabies vaccine (ARV) and anti-snake venom (ASV) in the country in real time. This digital portal will help in ensuring better coordination among the health care system, especially in rural and deprived areas. The ZooWIN portal has been developed by the National Center for Disease Control (NCDC) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, with technical support from the United Nations Development Program (UNDP).



3. India's largest petrochemical plant to be built in Odisha

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has announced the establishment of a world-class petrochemical complex at Paradip in Odisha with an investment of ₹61,077 crore. This is IOCL's largest investment at a single location till date and is considered a major step towards strengthening India's petrochemical sector.



4. Reserve Bank of India (RBI) cuts repo rate by 0.25% for the second time

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has made a major change in its monetary policy for 2025-26 by cutting the repo rate by 0.25% and changing the policy stance from neutral to liberal. This decision was taken by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) in view of global economic uncertainties, which is expected to make loans cheaper in the country and give impetus to economic activities.



5. IIM Ahmedabad to open its campus in Dubai

In a historic initiative in the field of Indian higher education, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ahmedabad and the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT) have announced the establishment of their first overseas campuses in Dubai, United Arab Emirates (UAE). Earlier, IIT Delhi has already established its campus in Abu Dhabi.



6. Government approves 26 Rafale M fighter jets for Indian Navy

In a major move towards enhancing the Indian Navy's firepower, the Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the purchase of 26 Rafale Marine fighter jets from France. The deal is worth over Rs 63,000 crore and is believed to be the Indian government's biggest fighter jet purchase deal till date.



7. 9th edition of three-day Global Technology Summit begins in New Delhi

The 9th edition of the three-day Global Technology Summit was inaugurated by External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar in New Delhi on 10 April 2025. The conference is being held from 10 to 12 April and is jointly organized by the Ministry of External Affairs and New Delhi-based think tank Carnegie India. The summit is India's premier dialogue platform on geotechnology.



8. Mahavir Jayanti 2025

Mahavir Jayanti will be celebrated on 10 April 2025. This festival is celebrated on the thirteenth day of Shukla Paksha of Chaitra month according to the Hindu calendar. It is the birthday of Lord Mahavir, the last (24th) Tirthankara of Jainism, who is known as the main preacher and organizer of Jainism. Lord Mahavir was born in 599 BC in Kundalpur (present-day Bihar).





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1. What position did India hold in fintech startup funding in the first quarter of 2025?

- A - Third
- C - Fifth

- B - Fourth
- D - Seventh

In the first quarter of 2025, India ranked third after the US and the UK in fintech startup funding. During this period, Indian fintech startups received a total funding of \$366 million, with \$187 million raised in March alone. Late-stage funding has increased by 47%. The banking tech segment received the highest funding of \$108 million, while insurance and investment tech are also attracting investors.

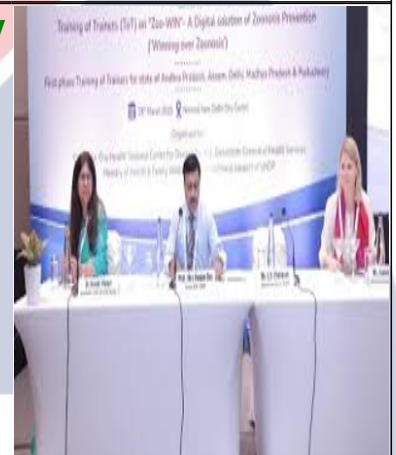


2. Which portal has been launched by the Central Government recently to monitor the real-time availability of anti-rabies and anti-snake venom vaccines?

- A - Health Portal
- C - Genome Portal

- B - ZooWIN Portal
- D - India Portal

The Union Health Ministry has launched the ZooWIN portal for real-time monitoring of availability of anti-rabies vaccine (ARV) and anti-snake venom (ASV). It has been developed by the National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) in collaboration with UNDP. It is currently running as a pilot project in Delhi, Madhya Pradesh, Assam, Puducherry and Andhra Pradesh.



3. Where is India's largest petrochemical plant being set up?

- A - Rajasthan
- C - Odisha

- B - Madhya Pradesh
- D - Delhi

Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) has announced to set up a world-class petrochemical complex at Paradip in Odisha at a cost of ₹61,077 crore, the company's largest single location investment to date. The project will produce high-demand products such as phenol, polypropylene, isopropyl and high-density polyethylene used in pharmaceuticals, packaging, automobile, and construction sectors.



4. How much has RBI reduced the repo rate in its April 2025 monetary policy?

- A - 0.25%
- C - 1.5%

- B - 0.05%
- D - 1%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reduced the repo rate by 0.25% in the monetary policy for 2025-26 and has liberalised the policy stance from neutral to accommodative, which is expected to boost economic activity through cheap credit. This decision has been taken keeping in mind the global economic uncertainties.



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1. Which country ranked first in the first quarter of Fintech Startup Funding 2025 - **America**
2. Recently, 'Zoovin Portal' was launched by which Union Ministry to monitor the availability of anti-rabies vaccine and anti-snake vaccine in real time - **Union Health Ministry**
3. Recently, India's largest petrochemical plant was announced to be built in Odisha, this plant is being built by which limited company - **IOCL (Indian Oil Corporation Limited)**
4. RBI has reduced the growth rate forecast of the Indian economy in its monetary policy of April 2025 to how much - **from 6.7% to - 6.5%**
5. In which Indian cities will India and UAE jointly set up ship repair facilities? - **Kochi (Kerala) and Vadinar (Gujarat)**
6. Which company manufactures Rafale marine fighter aircraft - **French aerospace company Dassault Aviation**
7. What was the theme of the 9th edition of the Global Technology Summit - 2025? - **Sambhavna**
8. Where was Lord Mahavir, the 24th Tirthankara of Jainism, born? - **Kundalpur (present-day Bihar)**
9. Which country has recently proposed the formation of a global climate council before COP-30 - **Brazil**
10. What was the name of Lord Mahavir's father - **Siddhartha**

