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1. Controversy over depriving Harvard University of \$2.3 billion in funding

In April 2025, the Trump administration suspended nearly \$2.3 billion in federal funding to Harvard University after the institution rejected demands that demanded major changes to its internal policies. These demands included discontinuing diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) programs, implementing a merit-based system, and proposing an audit of ideologies.



2. Mamata Banerjee will inaugurate the Jagannath temple in Digha

The state of West Bengal is preparing for an important religious and cultural event on 30 April 2025. The inauguration ceremony of the Jagannath Dham temple in Digha will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. This grand event is being seen as a high-profile event in the state, which will be attended by various dignitaries of the state, leaders, film personalities, industrialists and about 12,000 to 14,000 devotees.



3. New initiative of social justice in Telangana, sub-categorization of Scheduled Castes begins

The Telangana government took a historic decision on 14 April 2025 to implement Scheduled Caste (SC) sub-categorization. The decision was taken on the occasion of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Jayanti and an official government order was also issued on the same day under the "Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalization of Reservation) Act, 2025".



4. Solar revolution begins in Nagaland, solar panels will be installed on rooftops

Nagaland has taken a significant step towards environmental protection and energy self-sufficiency by launching the Nagaland Solar Mission. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio announced this initiative in 2025 in sync with the Prime Minister's "Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme". The main objective of this scheme is to promote rooftop solar power systems in the state and to move every household towards clean energy.



5. Changes in University System in Odisha: Amendment Act 2024 implemented

The Odisha Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024 has introduced significant changes in the state's higher education system. This new Act provides universities with a lot of autonomy, allowing them to take decisions independently in their recruitment processes and administrative functions. Now universities will be able to recruit teachers according to their needs, which was earlier under the control of the government.



6. Tata Power and NTPC will jointly set up 200 MW solar power plant

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) and NTPC Limited have signed an important agreement under which both the companies will jointly develop a 200 MW clean energy project. Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) has been signed for this project. The project will be spread across multiple locations in India and is planned to be completed in 24 months.



7. India's GDP growth estimated to reach 6.5% in FY26: Crisil's warnings

Crisil has projected India's GDP growth for FY26 at 6.5%, reflecting a positive outlook for the country's economy. This forecast is being seen mainly as a potential economic boost due to monetary easing, tax relief and normal monsoon. Crisil says that these factors will stimulate economic activity and GDP will improve.



8. world art day 2025

Art promotes creativity, innovation and cultural diversity for people around the world and it plays a vital role in sharing knowledge, encouraging curiosity and dialogue. Art has always embodied these qualities and will always remain so if we continue to support an environment where the freedom of artists and art is promoted and protected.





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1. What was the major demand the Trump administration made of Harvard?

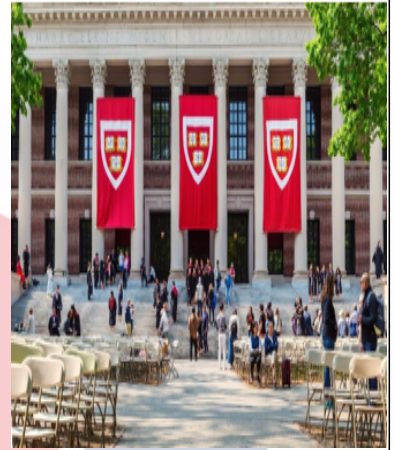
A - Cancel admission of all international students

B - Enforce ban on pro-Palestinian protesters

C - Implement a merit-based admission system

D - Increasing diversity in faculty

In April 2025, the Trump administration suspended nearly \$2.3 billion in federal funding to Harvard University after the university refused the administration's demands.



2. On which date will the Jagannath Dham temple be inaugurated?

A - 25 April 2025

B - 30 April 2025

C - 1 May 2025

D - 27 April 2025

The inauguration of the Jagannath Dham temple at Digha in West Bengal on April 30, 2025 will be a grand religious and cultural event, which will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee. 12,000 to 14,000 people are expected to attend the event, including dignitaries, politicians, film personalities and industrialists.



3. When did the Telangana Government implement the sub-classification of Scheduled Castes?

A - 26 January 2025

B - 8 March 2025

C - 14 April 2025

D - 1 August 2024

The Telangana government took a historic step on 14 April 2025, the birth anniversary of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, by implementing the sub-categorization of Scheduled Castes (SC). The decision was implemented through a government order under the "Telangana Scheduled Castes (Rationalization of Reservation) Act, 2025".



4. With which scheme was the Nagaland Solar Mission launched?

A - Prime Minister Ujjwala Scheme

B - Prime Minister Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme

C - Prime Minister's Agricultural Irrigation Scheme

D - Prime Minister's Self-Reliant India Scheme

The Nagaland government has launched the Nagaland Solar Mission, taking a historic step towards environmental protection and energy self-sufficiency. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio announced the scheme in 2025 in sync with the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme.



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5. By what amount has the age limit of vice-chancellors been increased under the Odisha Universities (Amendment) Act, 2024?

- A - 70 years
- B - 75 years
- C - 65 years
- D - 60 years

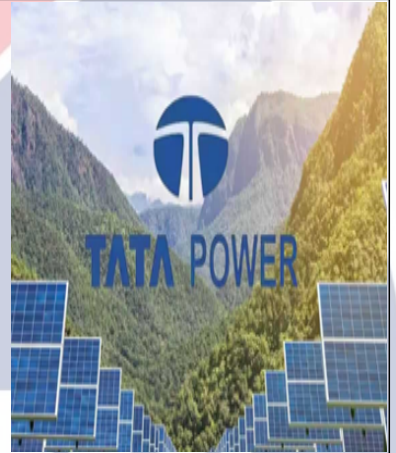
The Odisha University (Amendment) Act, 2024 has made significant changes in the state's higher education system. Under this Act, universities have been given more autonomy in recruitment processes and administrative functions, allowing them to recruit teachers according to their needs.



6. How much will the 200 MW clean energy project increase the renewable energy capacity of Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited?

- A - 9 GW
- B - 10.9 GW
- C - 12 GW
- D - 15 GW

Tata Power Renewable Energy Limited (TPREL) and NTPC Limited have signed a Power Purchase Agreement (PPA) to develop a 200 MW clean energy project. The project will be spread across various locations in India and is planned to be completed in 24 months. The project will increase TPREL's renewable energy capacity to 10.9 GW and generate around 1,300 million units (MU) of electricity every year.



7. According to CRISIL, what is India's GDP growth forecast in Financial Year 2026 (FY26)?

- A - 5.5%
- B - 6.0%
- C - 6.5%
- D - 7.0%

Crissil has projected India's GDP growth for FY26 at 6.5%, reflecting a positive economic outlook. The main reason for this growth is monetary easing, tax relief, and normal monsoon conditions, which will boost economic activity. However, this estimate may be affected due to potential risks of US tariff hikes, as it may negatively impact investor sentiment and reduce investment.



8. When is World Art Day celebrated?

- A - 1st April
- B - 15th April
- C - 5th May
- D - 20 March

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One Liner

1. When was the \$2.3 billion funding to Harvard University stopped - **April 2025**
2. Which temple did Mamata Banerjee inaugurate in Digha - **Jagannath Temple**
3. Which state started sub-classification of Scheduled Castes - **Telangana**
4. Who launched the Solar Energy Mission in Nagaland in 2025 - **Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio**
5. What is the objective of the Odisha University Amendment Act 2024 - **To give autonomy to universities**
6. How many megawatts of solar power project will Tata Power and NTPC set up together - **200 MW**
7. For which year, CRISIL estimated India's GDP growth to be 6.5% - **2026 (FY26)**
8. When is World Art Day celebrated - **April 15**
9. India's semiconductor industry aims to achieve how many billion dollars in revenue by 2030 - **\$80 billion**
10. 'Venom Map' is part of the study of which institution - **IISc (Indian Institute of Science)**

