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National

National Organ Transplant Games 2026 Opened at Talkatora Stadium

1 November 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the National Organ Transplant Games 2026 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi, calling organ donation a Mahadaan.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the National Organ Transplant Games 2026 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi, on 1 November 2026.
- The Games were organised by the Renal Care Foundation, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and NOTTO, which works under the Union Health Ministry.
- 570 transplant recipients and donors held Tadasana together, and the World Book of Records, New Delhi, certified it as the largest such gathering.
- The Vice-President brought out the 'Zindagi Dobara' calendar and honoured the medal winners of the World Transplant Games 2025 at Dresden, Germany.
- He called organ donation a Mahadaan and said one donor who has died can save as many as eight lives.

Event	National Organ Transplant Games 2026 (NOTG 2026)
Inaugurated by	Vice-President of India Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
Date	1 November 2026
Venue	Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi
Organisers	Renal Care Foundation, Sir Ganga Ram Hospital and NOTTO
Nodal body	National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
World record	570 transplant recipients and donors holding Tadasana together
Record certified by	World Book of Records, New Delhi

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PAC Chairpersons Conference to Open in Thiruvananthapuram

1 November 2026 · National

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will open the Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees at Thiruvananthapuram on 3 November 2026, on audit and accountability.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate the Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees at Thiruvananthapuram on Tuesday, 3 November 2026
- The theme is 'Audit, Accountability and Good Governance - The Evolving Role of the PAC'
- The two-day conference ends on Wednesday, 4 November 2026, with a valedictory session addressed by the Speaker
- K. C. Venugopal, Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee of Parliament, will deliver the welcome address at the inaugural session
- Keralam Chief Minister V. D. Satheesan, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh and Assembly Speaker Thiruvanchoor Radhakrishnan will grace the opening

Event	Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislatures
Inaugurated by	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
Date of inauguration	Tuesday, 3 November 2026
Venue	Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam
Theme	'Audit, Accountability and Good Governance - The Evolving Role of the PAC'
Duration	Two days, concluding on Wednesday, 4 November 2026
Chairperson, PAC of Parliament	K. C. Venugopal, who will deliver the welcome address
Chief Minister of Keralam	V. D. Satheesan

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Bengaluru-Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express Flagged Off

1 November 2026 · National

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the SMVT Bengaluru-CSMT Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express on 1 November 2026, running six days a week.

- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the SMVT Bengaluru-CSMT Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express on 1 November 2026
- The train leaves Bengaluru at 19:45 and reaches Mumbai at 11:55 the next day; from Mumbai it leaves at 20:10 and reaches Bengaluru at 12:00
- It runs six days a week and halts at Anantapur, Guntakal, Raichur, Yadgir, Wadi, Kalaburagi, Solapur, Pune and Kalyan
- Vande Bharat Sleeper services started on the Howrah-Guwahati route in January 2026; the Varanasi-New Delhi sleeper was flagged off a day earlier
- Railway works worth about Rs 52,000 crore are under way in Karnataka, and accidents fell from 135 to 16 after Kavach was rolled out

Train	SMVT Bengaluru - CSMT Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express
Flagged off by	Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw
Date	1 November 2026
Also present	Pralhad Joshi, H. D. Kumaraswamy, V. Somanna, Shobha Karandlaje
Timings	Leaves Bengaluru 19:45, reaches Mumbai 11:55; leaves Mumbai 20:10, reaches Bengaluru 12:00
Frequency	Six days a week; no Monday service from Bengaluru, no Tuesday service from Mumbai
States covered	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Maharashtra
First sleeper route	Howrah-Guwahati, January 2026

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Gadkari Performs Bhoomipujan of Sindi Railway Logistics Park

1 November 2026 · National

Nitin Gadkari performed the bhoomipujan of the 150-acre Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Sindi Railway in Vidarbha on 1 November 2026 to lift exports.

- Nitin Gadkari performed the bhoomipujan of the Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Sindi Railway on 1 November 2026
- It is being developed by National Highways Logistics Management Limited, a special purpose vehicle of NHAI, along with the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority
- The park spreads over 150 acres near Sindi Railway station, on the Nagpur-Wardha district border
- Cotton, cotton lint, yarn, oranges and vegetables from Vidarbha will be exported through JNPA, and goods for Bangladesh will go via Haldia in Kolkata
- Freight per container is expected to fall from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 1 lakh, and a customs office will come up at Sindi Railway

Project	Multi-Modal Logistics Park (MMLP), Sindi Railway
Bhoomipujan performed by	Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari
Date	1 November 2026
Location	Sindi Railway, on the Nagpur-Wardha district border
Developers	National Highways Logistics Management Limited (an SPV of NHAI) with the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, through AMARA TRANZ Solution
Area	150 acres near Sindi Railway railway station
Goods to be exported	Cotton, cotton lint, yarn, textiles, oranges and vegetables of Vidarbha
Freight per container	Expected to drop from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 1 lakh

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Sacred Piprahwa Buddha Relics Reach Tawang Monastery in Arunachal

2 November 2026 · National

The Piprahwa relics of Shakyamuni Buddha reached Tawang Monastery on 2 November 2026, opening a three-centre exposition in Arunachal Pradesh.

- The sacred Piprahwa relics of Shakyamuni Buddha reached Tawang on 2 November 2026 from the National Museum, New Delhi
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu received them at Gaden Namgyal Lhatse, the Tawang Monastery, with Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat present
- The exposition is organised by the Ministry of Culture with the Arunachal Pradesh government, the International Buddhist Confederation and the National Museum
- The relics travel to Tawang Monastery, TGL Monastery in Bomdila and the Golden Pagoda in Namsai, returning to New Delhi on 21 November 2026
- The relics come from Piprahwa in Uttar Pradesh, a site linked to ancient Kapilavastu, and the opening coincided with Lhabab Duchen

Event	Exposition of the sacred Piprahwa relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
Arrived at	Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang Monastery), Arunachal Pradesh
Received by	Pema Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh
Union Minister present	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Culture and Tourism
Organisers	Ministry of Culture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, International Buddhist Confederation and National Museum
Centres	Tawang, Bomdila and Namsai
Period	31 October to 21 November 2026
Relic site	Piprahwa, Uttar Pradesh, associated with ancient Kapilavastu

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JanHIT: First National Orientation of Tribal Healers at Hyderabad

2 November 2026 · National

The Tribal Affairs Ministry and ICMR-NIHR held the first National Orientation Programme for Tribal Healers on 1 and 2 November 2026 at Kanha Shanti Vanam.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar held the first National Orientation Programme for Tribal Healers on Public Health under the JanHIT initiative
- The two-day programme was held on 1 and 2 November 2026 at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad, on the opening day of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada
- It was inaugurated by Manish Thakur, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and Dr Sanghamitra Pati, Director of ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar
- About 550 tribal healers nominated by state tribal welfare departments from nine States and Union Territories attended the first phase
- Three training modules covered communicable and vector-borne diseases, non-communicable diseases, mental health, snakebite referral, oral health and newborn care

Programme	First National Orientation Programme for Tribal Healers on Public Health
Initiative	Janjatiya Health Institutional Transformation (JanHIT)
Organisers	Ministry of Tribal Affairs with ICMR-National Institute of Health Research, Bhubaneswar
Venue and dates	Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad, on 1 and 2 November 2026
Inaugurated by	Manish Thakur, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and Dr Sanghamitra Pati, Director, ICMR-NIHR
Participants	About 550 tribal healers from nine States and Union Territories
Occasion	First day of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada

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DPIIT Clears Over 99 Per Cent Grievances in Special Campaign 6

2 November 2026 · National

DPIIT disposed of more than 99 per cent of public grievances and closed about 83 per cent of identified e-files under Special Campaign 6 held in October 2026.

- DPIIT, under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, implemented Special Campaign 6 on the guidance of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
- The implementation phase ran from 2 to 31 October 2026 and was preceded by a preparatory phase from 15 to 30 September 2026
- As on 28 October 2026 the department had disposed of over 99 per cent of public grievances and more than 80 per cent of grievance appeals
- It closed around 83 per cent of the identified e-files, and cleared more than 50 per cent of references from the Prime Minister's Office
- About 75 per cent of references from the Cabinet, the Inter-Ministerial Committee and State Governments were also disposed of

Department	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Campaign	Special Campaign 6, under the guidance of DARPG
Preparatory phase	15 to 30 September 2026
Implementation phase	2 to 31 October 2026
Public grievances disposed	More than 99 per cent, as on 28 October 2026
E-files closed	Around 83 per cent of identified e-files
Other disposals	Over 50 per cent of PMO references, about 75 per cent of Cabinet, IMC and State Government references, over 80 per cent of grievance appeals

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FRRO Offices in India Rise to 20; Amit Shah Sets 2027 Target

2 November 2026 · National

The Home Ministry said India now has 20 Foreigners Regional Registration Offices, with Amit Shah directing one in every state capital by the year 2027.

- The number of Foreigners Regional Registration Offices in India has gone up to twenty, and Union Home Minister Amit Shah has directed that every state capital have one by 2027
- Jaipur, Chandigarh and Guwahati got offices during 2025, and two more started this year at Aizawl in Mizoram and Amravati in Andhra Pradesh
- Kohima in Nagaland, Agartala in Tripura and Bhubaneswar in Odisha have been newly notified as FRRO locations
- The e-FRRO platform offers 35 online services, among them registration, visa extension and visa conversion
- The Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 consolidated four earlier laws and made the Bureau of Immigration the main immigration agency, assisted by FRROs

Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs
Total FRROs in India	20
Directive	FRRO in every state capital by 2027, given by Union Home Minister Amit Shah
Five new capitals since 2025	Jaipur, Chandigarh, Guwahati (2025); Aizawl, Mizoram and Amravati, Andhra Pradesh (this year)
Newly notified	Kohima (Nagaland), Agartala (Tripura), Bhubaneswar (Odisha)
All 20 locations	Ahmedabad, Amravati, Amritsar, Aizawl, Agartala, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Calicut, Chennai, Cochin, Chandigarh, Delhi, Guwahati, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Kohima, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Mumbai, Trivandrum
Online services on e-FRRO	35
Governing law	Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025 (consolidated four earlier laws)

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TRAI Cuts Telecom Appeal Window to 15 Days in New Rules

2 November 2026 · National

TRAI issued the Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, cutting the appeal window to 15 days and opening complaint centres all day.

- TRAI has issued the Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, rewriting the grievance route for telecom and internet subscribers
- The rules cover internet service providers with more than ten thousand subscribers on the last day of the preceding financial year; the turnover test of five crore rupees has been dropped
- Complaint centres must now be available round the clock instead of 16 hours, with human assistance for at least sixteen hours a day
- The time to file an appeal after a complaint is closed has been cut from 30 days to 15 days, and the appellate authority must decide within 15 days
- A five-point feedback survey, a Consumer Grievance Redressal Oversight Committee and financial disincentives for non-compliance have been introduced

Regulation	Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
Issued by	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Applies to	Internet service providers with more than ten thousand subscribers
Criterion dropped	Annual turnover above five crore rupees
Complaint centre hours	Round the clock, against 16 hours earlier; human help at least sixteen hours daily
Appeal window	Cut from 30 days to 15 days
Appellate decision	Within 15 days of receiving the appeal
Feedback scale	Five points, from Fully Satisfied to Totally Dissatisfied

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DLC Campaign 5 Targets Over Two Crore Digital Life Certificates

2 November 2026 · National

DoPPW held a mega camp with SBI at New Delhi under the nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 5, which targets over two crore certificates from pensioners.

- The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has set a target of more than two crore digital life certificates under the nationwide DLC Campaign 5
- A mega camp was held with the State Bank of India at the NDCC Convention Centre, New Delhi
- Secretary Nivedita Shukla Verma said face authentication lets a pensioner generate a certificate on a smartphone without visiting a bank
- SBI facilitated about 25 lakh digital life certificates during the previous year's campaign and is now holding camps across 115 cities
- Joint Secretary Dhrubajyoti Sengupta urged pensioners to use the campaign facilities and spread the word on digital services

Campaign	Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5
Run by	Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Target	More than two crore digital life certificates
Partner bank	State Bank of India
Mega camp venue	NDCC Convention Centre, New Delhi
SBI camps	Special DLC camps across 115 cities
Last campaign	SBI helped generate about 25 lakh certificates
Secretary, DoPPW	Nivedita Shukla Verma

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AIIMS Rajkot Gets Rs 39 Crore Advanced Radiotherapy Facility

2 November 2026 · National

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda opened an advanced radiotherapy facility built for about Rs 39 crore at AIIMS Rajkot on 2 November 2026 under the PMSSY.

- Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda dedicated the Advanced Radiotherapy Facility at AIIMS Rajkot to the nation on 2 November 2026
- The facility cost about Rs 39 crore and was set up under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)
- It is expected to serve a catchment of about 1.54 crore people across Saurashtra and to handle 500 to 700 cases a year initially
- Its equipment includes a High Energy Linear Accelerator, a Wide Bore CT Simulator and a High Dose Rate Brachytherapy Unit; the department has run since 29 May 2026
- Nadda said 18 of 22 AIIMS institutions are operational and that about 37.7 crore people have been screened for oral cancer since 2018

Facility	Advanced Radiotherapy Facility, AIIMS Rajkot, Gujarat
Inaugurated by	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda on 2 November 2026
Cost	About Rs 39 crore
Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)
Catchment	About 1.54 crore people across 11 Saurashtra districts
Case load	500 to 700 patients a year initially
Equipment	High Energy Linear Accelerator (LINAC), Wide Bore CT Simulator, High Dose Rate (HDR) Brachytherapy Unit
Operational since	29 May 2026 (Department of Radiation Oncology)

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Health Ministry Proposes New Import Gateways for Drugs

3 November 2026 · National

The Health Ministry proposed amending Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945 to add inland container depots, an SEZ and Noida airport as drug import points.

- The Union Health Ministry has proposed amending Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945, the rule that lists authorised entry points for importing drugs, medical devices and cosmetics.
- The inland container depots proposed are Sonipat, Piyala and Harsaru in Haryana, Dadri in Uttar Pradesh, Gandhidham/Mundra in Gujarat, Sanath Nagar and Thimmapur in Telangana, and Whitefield in Bengaluru.
- SEZ Bommasandra in Karnataka and Noida International Airport in Uttar Pradesh are also on the list, the airport for drugs imported by air.
- Inland container depots at Dhannad and Tihi in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, are already among the authorised import gateways.
- Clearance closer to warehouses and factories is expected to cut inland transport distances, logistics costs and delays; objections go to the Under Secretary (Drugs Regulation).

Proposed by	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Rule to be amended	Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945
Covers	Import of drugs, medical devices and cosmetics
New ICDs in Haryana	Sonipat, Piyala and Harsaru
New ICD in Uttar Pradesh	Dadri
New ICD in Gujarat	Gandhidham/Mundra
New ICDs in Telangana	Sanath Nagar and Thimmapur, Hyderabad
New sites in Karnataka	ICD Whitefield, Bengaluru and SEZ Bommasandra

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PM Modi Opens Pune Metro Hinjawadi-Shivajinagar Line

3 November 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the PPP-built Hinjawadi-Shivajinagar line of the Pune Metro and laid the foundation stone for fresh metro work in Pune.

- The newly dedicated Pune Metro line runs between Hinjawadi and Shivajinagar, connecting Pune's largest IT hub to the metro network
- The line has been built on the public-private partnership (PPP) model, which the Prime Minister held up as a model for other cities
- India's first metro ran in 1984; in 2014 only five cities had one, and the network is now about 1,200 km across 26 cities
- More than a crore people travel by metro in India each day, placing the Indian network among the world's three largest
- Over 680 km of metro lines are under construction in Maharashtra, with investment of more than Rs 2.5 lakh crore in the state

Event	Dedication of a new Pune Metro line and foundation stone for further metro projects
New line	Hinjawadi to Shivajinagar, Pune
Built under	Public-private partnership (PPP) model
Date	3 November 2026
First metro in India	1984
Metro cities	5 in 2014, 26 now
Network length	About 1,200 km
Under construction in Maharashtra	More than 680 km

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TRAI Issues Telecom Interconnection Third Amendment Rules 2026

3 November 2026 · National

TRAI released the Telecommunication Interconnection (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026, effective 1 January 2027, moving interconnection to LSA level and to IP.

- TRAI has issued the Telecommunication Interconnection (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026, which take effect from 1 January 2027
- Interconnection moves from LDCA and SDCA level to Licensed Service Area (LSA) level, with existing traffic to migrate in phases within three years
- All new interconnections must be IP-based, and existing E1 or TDM based POIs must switch to IP within three years
- Interest on delayed interconnection payments is capped at the State Bank of India one-year MCLR plus two percent
- Bank guarantee validity and the reassessment interval have been extended from six months to twelve months

Regulations	Telecommunication Interconnection (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026
Issued by	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Date of release	3 November 2026
Effective from	1 January 2027
Amends	Telecommunication Interconnection Regulations, 2018
Enabling provision	Section 11(1)(b) of the TRAI Act, 1997
New interconnection level	Licensed Service Area (LSA)
Interest ceiling on late payment	SBI one-year MCLR plus two percent

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Schedule M Amendment Aligns Grade A Limits With WHO Norms

4 November 2026 · National

The Union Health Ministry has proposed amending Schedule M of the Drugs Rules, 1945, to align microbial limits in Grade A clean areas with WHO norms.

- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed amending Schedule M of the Drugs Rules, 1945, to revise microbial contamination limits for Grade A clean areas
- The proposal was issued through gazette notification G.S.R. No. 953(E), dated 28 October 2026
- The new limits are drawn from WHO Technical Report Series (TRS) No. 1044, Annexure 2, on Good Manufacturing Practices for sterile pharmaceutical products
- Grade A areas are the critical zones where open products, containers and already sterilised components are handled in sterile manufacturing
- Any microbial growth detected in a Grade A area will become a trigger for investigation, and objections and suggestions have been invited from the public

Proposal	Amendment to Schedule M of the Drugs Rules, 1945
Notification	G.S.R. No. 953(E), dated 28 October 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Aligned with	WHO Technical Report Series (TRS) No. 1044, Annexure 2
Subject	Microbial contamination limits in Grade A clean areas
Standard	WHO Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) for sterile pharmaceutical products
Announced on	4 November 2026
Comments to	Under Secretary (Drugs Regulation), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, New Delhi

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Cabinet Extends Fast Track Special Courts Scheme to 850 Courts

4 November 2026 · National

The Union Cabinet extended the Fast Track Special Courts scheme for five more years with an outlay of Rs 3,788.04 crore, taking it from 779 to 850 courts.

- The Fast Track Special Courts scheme, including exclusive POCSO courts, is continued for five years from 01.04.2026 to 31.03.2031.
- The outlay is Rs 3,788.04 crore: a Central share of Rs 2,353.15 crore, funded from the Nirbhaya Fund, and a State and UT share of Rs 1,434.89 crore.
- The number of courts rises from 779 at present, of which 399 are exclusive POCSO courts, to 850, with new districts chosen on case pendency.
- Each court gets a dedicated judicial officer, an exclusive Special Public Prosecutor and six support staff; 29 States and UTs take part.
- Launched on 2 October 2019, the scheme has disposed of 4,02,457 cases and is implemented by the Department of Justice.

Scheme	Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs)
Continuation period	01.04.2026 to 31.03.2031 (five years)
Total outlay	Rs 3,788.04 crore
Central share	Rs 2,353.15 crore, from the Nirbhaya Fund
State and UT share	Rs 1,434.89 crore
Courts	To rise from 779 to 850
Exclusive POCSO courts	399 of the 779 now functional
Staff per court	One judicial officer, one Special Public Prosecutor, six support staff

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Drugs Rules Amendment Proposes Instant Licence Suspension

4 November 2026 · National

The Health Ministry proposed amending the Drugs Rules, 1945, to suspend a manufacturing licence at once when a drug is declared Not of Standard Quality.

- The Health Ministry has proposed amending the Drugs Rules, 1945, to allow immediate suspension of a manufacturing licence for a drug declared Not of Standard Quality.
- Immediate suspension would apply where a Government Analyst's report finds a failure in Assay, Dissolution, Related Substances, Impurities or Sterility.
- Suspension would be lifted only after a Root Cause Analysis and verified Corrective and Preventive Action by the manufacturer.
- Form 13, the Government Analyst's test report, would be endorsed to the DCGI, the State or UT Licensing Authority, the manufacturer and the marketer.
- The proposal follows the 65th Drugs Consultative Committee meeting of 20 December 2024 and the 92nd Drugs Technical Advisory Board meeting of 24 April 2025.

Proposal	Immediate suspension of manufacturing licences for drugs declared Not of Standard Quality
Rules being amended	Drugs Rules, 1945
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Critical parameters	Assay, Dissolution, Related Substances, Impurities, Sterility
Who may suspend	Central Licensing Approving Authority or State Licensing Authority
Condition for revocation	Root Cause Analysis plus verified Corrective and Preventive Action (CAPA)
Form amended	Form 13, the Government Analyst's test report
Report endorsed to	DCGI, State or UT Licensing Authority, manufacturer and marketer

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Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam 2026 Replaces Aircraft Rules of 1937

4 November 2026 · National

The Centre notified the Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam 2026, a code of 220 rules that replaces the Aircraft Rules 1937 and takes effect on 1 January 2027.

- The Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026 were notified under the Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, 2024 and come into force on 1 January 2027.
- The code carries 220 rules in eight chapters with six schedules, replacing the Aircraft Rules, 1937 and Part IX of the Aircraft Rules, 1920.
- Indian aircraft display the nationality mark VT, a hyphen and three assigned capital letters; the DGCA maintains the public aircraft register.
- A deregistration request from an IDERA holder is to be decided in five working days, read with the Protection of Interests in Aircraft Objects Act, 2025.
- Twenty-one offences are punishable with up to two years in jail or a fine of up to one crore rupees; penalties are graded over ten severity levels.

New rulebook	Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026
Parent law	Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, 2024
Replaces	Aircraft Rules, 1937 and Part IX of the Aircraft Rules, 1920
In force from	1 January 2027
Structure	220 rules, eight chapters, six schedules
Licence categories	Twenty-three kinds of licences, ratings and certificates
Nationality mark	VT, followed by a hyphen and three capital letters
Operational airports	166 as of October 2026, against 74 in 2014

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MANAGE Hyderabad Named Centre of Excellence-Skills by MSDE

4 November 2026 · National

The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management, Hyderabad has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence-Skills in the agriculture sector by MSDE.

- The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence-Skills in the agriculture sector by MSDE.
- The Certificate of Recognition was presented at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi on 2 November 2026 by MSDE Secretary Smt Debashree Mukherjee.
- The recognition is valid for a period of three years and lets the institute expand into skilling work.
- MANAGE was established in 1987 and is an autonomous organisation under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- Its programmes include PGDAWM, PGDAEM and a two-year Post-Graduate Diploma in Management in Agri-Business Management.

Institute	National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad
Recognition	Centre of Excellence-Skills (CoE-Skills) in the agriculture sector
Granted by	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Ceremony	Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi, on 2 November 2026
Certificate presented by	Smt Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, MSDE
Validity	Three years
Established	1987

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NHRC Push Sets Up Gender-Neutral Cell in Hyderabad Jail

5 November 2026 · National

After a visit by the NHRC's Special Monitor, the Central Prison in Hyderabad has set up a Gender-Neutral Cell and allowed affirmative clothing for its inmates.

- The Central Prison, Hyderabad has set up a separate Gender-Neutral Cell for persons with diverse gender identities and expressions, the NHRC has been informed.
- The step followed a visit to the prison on 8 October 2026 by the NHRC's Special Monitor for transgender persons and the rights of the LGBTQ+ community.
- The prison authorities have also permitted affirmative clothing for the persons housed in the Gender-Neutral Cell.
- The Superintendent of the Central Prison, Hyderabad reported the compliance to the Commission.
- The Special Monitor's visit stressed implementation of NHRC and Ministry of Home Affairs advisories on the welfare of transgender persons.

Body	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India
Prison	Central Prison, Hyderabad
Facility created	Gender-Neutral Cell for persons with diverse gender identities and expressions
Additional permission	Affirmative clothing for persons housed in the cell
Trigger	Visit by the NHRC's Special Monitor on 8 October 2026
Special Monitor's remit	Matters relating to transgender persons and the rights of the LGBTQ+ community
Advisories cited	Advisories of the NHRC and the Ministry of Home Affairs
Compliance reported by	Superintendent, Central Prison, Hyderabad

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BIS Hallmarking: 65 Crore Gold Articles Carry HUID Code

5 November 2026 · National

More than 65 crore gold articles carried a HUID number as of 15 October 2026, while BIS-registered jewellers rose from 43,153 to 2,36,624 since 2021.

- Over 65 crore gold articles had been hallmarked with a HUID number as of 15 October 2026, since the rule became mandatory in 2021.
- Mandatory gold hallmarking began on 23 June 2021 in 256 districts and now covers 392 districts of the country.
- BIS-registered jewellers grew from 43,153 to 2,36,624 and Assaying and Hallmarking Centres from 948 to 1,565 in this period.
- Silver hallmarking stays voluntary, but a HUID code has been compulsory on hallmarked silver since 1 September 2025; over 90 lakh items carry one.
- Gold has seven caratages under IS 1417, from 9K (375) to 24KS (995), while IS 2112:2025 allows eight silver grades up to 999.

Agency	Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS), the sole hallmarking agency in India
Gold articles hallmarked	Over 65 crore with HUID, as of 15 October 2026
Mandatory from	23 June 2021, in 256 districts
Coverage now	392 districts
Registered jewellers	Up from 43,153 to 2,36,624
Hallmarking centres	Up from 948 to 1,565
HUID	A six-digit alphanumeric code on each article
Gold standard	IS 1417, with seven caratages from 9K (375) to 24KS (995)

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AIIMS Awantipora OPD to Open Before December 2026

5 November 2026 · National

Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda reviewed AIIMS Awantipora on 5 November 2026 and set a December 2026 deadline for OPD services in Jammu and Kashmir.

- Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda reviewed the progress of AIIMS Awantipora in Jammu and Kashmir on 5 November 2026.
- OPD services are targeted to begin before December 2026, IPD services in July 2027 and MBBS classes in the 2027-28 session from June-July 2027.
- Remaining construction is to be completed by March 2027; all major buildings are already finished.
- Procurement was approved for 180 medical equipment items worth Rs 59.41 crore, with Notices of Award issued for 140 items.
- The ministry cleared 652 positions of essential manpower for OPD operations, including 150 security personnel.

Institute	AIIMS Awantipora, Jammu and Kashmir
Reviewed by	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, on 5 November 2026
OPD services	Targeted before December 2026
IPD services	Proposed from July 2027
MBBS classes	Academic session 2027-28, beginning June-July 2027
Construction deadline	March 2027 for remaining works
Medical equipment	180 items approved, worth Rs 59.41 crore
Notices of Award	Issued for 140 of the 180 items

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Metro Network Grows from 248 km in 2014 to Nearly 1,200 km

5 November 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on 5 November 2026 that India's Metro network has grown from 248 km in five cities in 2014 to nearly 1,200 km in 26 cities.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on 5 November 2026 that India had just 248 km of Metro lines across five cities in 2014.
- The Metro network today runs to nearly 1,200 km across 26 cities, a rise of close to five times in route length.
- More than one crore people travel by Metro in India every day, according to the Prime Minister.
- He cited Pune as an example of a city that would have waited years, perhaps decades, for a Metro at the pre-2014 pace of expansion.
- The Prime Minister said the gains go beyond numbers: less time in traffic, more family time, greater productivity and better opportunities.

Statement by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 5 November 2026
Metro length in 2014	248 km
Metro cities in 2014	Five
Metro length now	Nearly 1,200 km
Metro cities now	26
Daily ridership	Over one crore passengers a day
City cited as example	Pune
Benefits listed	Less time in traffic, more family time, greater productivity, better opportunities

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Health Ministry Hits 100% of Special Campaign 6 Targets

5 November 2026 · National

The Union Health Ministry achieved 100 per cent of its Special Campaign 6 targets, run from 2 to 31 October 2026 across 1,62,325 sites in the country.

- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare achieved 100 per cent of the targets set for the Department of Health and Family Welfare under Special Campaign 6.
- The campaign ran from 2 to 31 October 2026 and cleanliness drives were held at 1,62,325 sites across offices and institutions.
- A total of 12,840 public grievances and 6,026 related appeals were disposed of, and 119 references from Members of Parliament were addressed.
- Of 1,25,114 physical files reviewed, 1,20,115 were weeded out, and 32,542 of 37,481 e-files were closed, reclaiming 5,82,449 square feet of office space.
- Disposal of scrap and e-waste earned revenue of over Rs 1 crore, and 19 rules and processes were simplified.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6, on Swachhata and pendency reduction
Period	2 to 31 October 2026
Ministry	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (Department of Health and Family Welfare)
Target achievement	100 per cent
Sites covered	1,62,325
Grievances disposed	12,840, along with 6,026 appeals
MP references	119 addressed
Files	1,20,115 physical files weeded out of 1,25,114 reviewed; 32,542 e-files closed of 37,481 reviewed

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TRAI Moves Interconnect Agreement Register Online from 1 January 2027

6 November 2026 · National

TRAI notified the Register of Interconnect Agreements (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, making online filing compulsory and raising inspection fees from 2027.

- TRAI released the Register of Interconnect Agreements (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026 on 6 November 2026; they take effect from 1 January 2027.
- The amendment updates the Register of Interconnect Agreements Regulations, 1999, framed under Section 11(1)(b)(vii) and (viii) of the TRAI Act, 1997.
- Operators must file interconnect agreements on a TRAI portal in text-searchable PDF; the old printed copy plus floppy/diskette rule is dropped.
- Existing agreements must be filed within fifteen days of 1 January 2027; new agreements and modifications within fifteen days of execution.
- Inspection fee revised to ₹1,500 per hour and copies to ₹500 per page; a graded financial disincentive framework covers violations.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Regulations	The Register of Interconnect Agreements (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026
Released on	6 November 2026
In force from	1 January 2027
Parent regulations	Register of Interconnect Agreements Regulations, 1999
Legal power	Section 11(1)(b)(vii) and (viii), TRAI Act, 1997
Filing window	Fifteen days
Inspection fee	₹1,500 per hour or part thereof

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NHAI Sets Standard Design for Multi-Lane Free Flow Toll Plazas

6 November 2026 · National

NHAI issued guidelines on 6 November 2026 to standardise the design of barrier-less Multi-Lane Free Flow toll plazas on National Highways of four lanes and more.

- NHAI issued guidelines on 6 November 2026 to standardise the design and infrastructure of Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) toll plazas on National Highways of four lanes and above.
- MLFF is barrier-less tolling: vehicles are tolled under gantries without stopping at booths, aiming to end queues and cut fuel use.
- The guidelines cover plaza layout, number of tolling lanes, gantries, road safety features, lighting and signage; MLFF plazas need fewer lanes than conventional ones.
- They apply to all future and under-construction projects: DPR-stage projects add the design to their documents, awarded projects adopt it through contract provisions.
- Electronic Variable Message Signs (VMS) and an administrative building-cum-operations and maintenance centre are provided for at each plaza.

Issued by	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Date	6 November 2026
System	Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF), barrier-less toll collection
Highways covered	National Highways of four lanes and above
Projects covered	All future and under-construction National Highway projects
DPR-stage projects	New design to be built into Detailed Project Report documents
Awarded projects	Changes adopted through applicable contract provisions
User information	Signage and Electronic Variable Message Signs (VMS)

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Piprahwa Buddha Relics Draw 21,000+ Devotees at Tawang Monastery

6 November 2026 · National

Over 21,000 devotees have paid homage to the Piprahwa relics of Shakyamuni Buddha at Tawang Monastery, where the relics are back in Arunachal after 13 years.

- More than 21,000 devotees have visited Tawang Monastery (Gaden Namgyal Lhatse), Arunachal Pradesh, to pay homage to the sacred relics of Shakyamuni Buddha.
- The relics have returned to Arunachal Pradesh after 13 years; they were brought from the National Museum, New Delhi.
- The relics were discovered at Piprahwa in Uttar Pradesh in 1898.
- After Tawang, the relics go to TGL Monastery, Bomdila (8–13 November) and the Golden Pagoda, Namsai (14–20 November), and return to New Delhi on 21 November 2026.
- The Ministry of Culture is organising the exposition with the International Buddhist Confederation and the Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

Venue	Tawang Monastery (Gaden Namgyal Lhatse), Arunachal Pradesh
Devotees so far	More than 21,000
Relics of	Shakyamuni Buddha
Discovered at	Piprahwa, Uttar Pradesh, in 1898
Kept at	National Museum, New Delhi
Back in Arunachal after	13 years
Next venues	TGL Monastery (Lower Gompa), Bomdila, 8–13 Nov; Golden Pagoda, Namsai, 14–20 Nov 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Culture, International Buddhist Confederation, Government of Arunachal Pradesh

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VAJRA-SAT: India's Tabletop Drill on FMD Serotype SAT-1

6 November 2026 · National

DAHD and ICAR-NIVEDI held VAJRA-SAT, a national tabletop exercise in Bengaluru on 4-5 November 2026 to prepare for FMD serotype SAT-1, not yet seen in India.

- VAJRA-SAT was a two-day national tabletop exercise on preparedness for Foot-and-Mouth Disease serotype SAT-1, held in Bengaluru on 4-5 November 2026.
- It was organised by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying with ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru, under the theme 'Detect Early, Confirm Fast, Contain Together'.
- FMD serotype SAT-1 has not been reported in India; it has spread beyond Africa to parts of West Asia, so the drill was a proactive step.
- 83 participants from 25 States, three Union Territories and national institutions, including defence and border guarding agencies, took part.
- A separate meeting on 5 November discussed FMD-free compartmentalisation of semen production centres and semen banks.

Exercise	National Tabletop Exercise 'VAJRA-SAT'
Disease	Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), serotype SAT-1
Status in India	SAT-1 not reported in India; spread from Africa to parts of West Asia
Organisers	Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying with ICAR-NIVEDI, Bengaluru
Dates	4-5 November 2026
Theme	Detect Early, Confirm Fast, Contain Together
Participants	83, from 25 States, three Union Territories and national institutions
Inaugurated by	Dr. Naveena B.M., Animal Husbandry Commissioner

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Pig Breeding: Centre Issues Protocol for AI with Liquid Semen

6 November 2026 · National

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh released a minimum standard protocol for pig semen production and artificial insemination in Sikkim, aimed at the North-East.

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh released the 'Minimum Standard Protocol for Semen Production and SOPs for Artificial Insemination using Liquid Semen in Pigs' on 2 November 2026 in Sikkim.
- The protocol standardises pig semen production, quality assurance, biosecurity, preservation, transport and artificial insemination, with a focus on the North-Eastern Region.
- India's pig population is 9.06 million as per the 20th Livestock Census (2019), or 1.7% of the country's total livestock.
- The North-East accounts for nearly 45% of India's pigs, and indigenous and non-descript pigs make up about 79% of the total.

Publication	Minimum Standard Protocol for Semen Production and Standard Operating Procedures for Artificial Insemination using Liquid Semen in Pigs
Released by	Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Date and place of release	2 November 2026, during a two-day visit to Sikkim
Focus region	North-Eastern Region
Pig population	9.06 million (20th Livestock Census, 2019)
Share of total livestock	1.7%
North-East's share of pigs	Nearly 45%
Indigenous and non-descript pigs	About 79%

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MY Bharat 'Know Your Vote' Campaign Ends, Reaches 1 Lakh Youth

6 November 2026 · National

MY Bharat's 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' campaign ended on 5 November 2026 after 536 Yuva Samvads in 31 States and UTs reached 100,493 youth.

- MY Bharat's 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' campaign ran from 26 October to 5 November 2026 under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- 536 Yuva Samvads were held across 31 States and UTs, reaching 100,493 young people with 536 Youth Icons; the target was 500 institutions.
- On the closing day, 123 Yuva Samvads in 28 States/UTs drew 22,588 youth and 123 Youth Icons.
- The focus was electoral awareness among first-time voters; activities included quizzes, the Loktantrik Pledge and registration on the MY Bharat portal.

Campaign	Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote
Organised by	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
Period	26 October to 5 November 2026
Yuva Samvads	536, in 31 States and Union Territories
Youth reached	100,493
Youth Icons	536
Target	500 universities, colleges and institutions
Closing day	123 Samvads, 28 States/UTs, 22,588 youth

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Steel Ministry Ends SCDPM 6 With 21,164 Files Reviewed

7 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Steel completed the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters 6 in October 2026, reviewing 21,164 files and freeing 17,501 sq ft.

- The Ministry of Steel conducted the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) 6 from 2 October to 31 October 2026
- A total of 21,164 physical files were reviewed, which is 101 per cent of the target, and 17,107 files were weeded out
- Around 17,501 square feet of office space was freed by disposing of scrap, e-waste and redundant files
- The ministry held 301 cleanliness drives against a target of 301 and reported full achievement of public grievance and appeal redressal targets
- Pending matters covered references from MPs, the PMO, VIPs and the Cabinet, State Governments and CPGRAMS cases, with CPSEs taking part

Campaign	Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) 6
Ministry	Ministry of Steel, along with its Central Public Sector Enterprises (CPSEs)
Period	2 October to 31 October 2026
Physical files reviewed	21,164 (101 per cent of the target)
Physical files weeded out	17,107
Cleanliness drives	301, against a target of 301
Office space freed	About 17,501 square feet
Grievances and appeals	Redressal targets achieved in full

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NPPA Caps Trade Margins on 137 Anti-Cancer Drugs

7 November 2026 · National

NPPA has capped trade margins on 137 anti-cancer drugs, so 1031 formulations turn cheaper from 9 November 2026, saving patients Rs 3,502.31 crore a year.

- NPPA has capped trade margins on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs, and the revised maximum retail prices take effect on 9 November 2026
- 76 companies have reported new prices for 1225 formulations covering 121 drugs; 1031 formulations are cheaper and about 600 brands fall by more than half
- The sharpest single reduction is 96.45 per cent, and the yearly saving for patients is estimated at Rs 3,502.31 crore
- The order rests on notification SO 5690 (E) of 17 October 2026, advised by a DGHS expert committee, and holds the trade margin at 30 per cent
- Prices can be checked on the Pharma Sahi Daam app and the NPPA website, while State Drug Controllers monitor chemists, hospitals and institutions

Regulator	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
Parent ministry	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Measure	Trade Margin Rationalisation (TMR) on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs
Effective from	9 November 2026
Notification	SO 5690 (E) dated 17 October 2026
Maximum trade margin	30 per cent
Prices reported	1225 formulations covering 121 drugs, by 76 companies
Formulations made cheaper	1031, of which about 600 brands fall by more than half

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Legislative Department Begins Leadership Interaction Series

7 November 2026 · National

The Legislative Department of the Ministry of Law and Justice has begun an Interaction Series, whose first session was held on 5 November 2026 in New Delhi.

- The Legislative Department, Ministry of Law and Justice, has launched an Interaction Series so senior officers can share experience on leadership and administration
- The first session was held on 5 November 2026 at the legislative training auditorium, Kartavya Bhavan 2, New Delhi, with more than 80 officers and officials present
- Dr. Manoj Kumar, Additional Secretary, chaired the session; Smt. Akali V. Konghay, Additional Secretary, gave the talk
- The theme was Improving Values and Personal Effectiveness in Leadership, and the speaker set out the Five Cs of Purposeful Leadership
- The Five Cs are Consistency, Culture, Contribution, Community and Curiosity, and the series is meant to continue as a standing initiative

Initiative	Interaction Series of the Legislative Department
Ministry	Ministry of Law and Justice
First session	5 November 2026
Venue	Legislative training auditorium, Kartavya Bhavan 2, New Delhi
Chaired by	Dr. Manoj Kumar, Additional Secretary, Legislative Department
Speaker	Smt. Akali V. Konghay, Additional Secretary, Legislative Department
Theme	Improving Values and Personal Effectiveness in Leadership
Framework introduced	Five Cs of Purposeful Leadership: Consistency, Culture, Contribution, Community, Curiosity

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Vice-President Opens Deepotsav 2026 at Ram Ki Paidi, Ayodhya

7 November 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan opened the tenth Deepotsav at Ram Ki Paidi in Ayodhya, where over 30 lakh diyas were planned and 2,100 drones flew.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated Deepotsav 2026 as chief guest at Ram Ki Paidi in Ayodhya on 7 November 2026 and performed the Saryu Aarti at Naya Ghat.
- Deepotsav started in 2017 with over 1.7 lakh lamps and crossed 26 lakh lamps in 2025; the tenth edition planned over 30 lakh diyas at Ram Ki Paidi.
- More than 70 lakh lamps were planned across Ayodhya, while over 2,100 indigenous drones depicted scenes from the Ramayana.
- About 1,000 artists performed, and the Vice-President called the festival a celebration of Jan Bhagidari and an example of Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi.
- Governor Anandiben Patel, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Deputy Chief Ministers Keshav Prasad Maurya and Brajesh Pathak were present.

Event	Deepotsav 2026, the tenth edition
Inaugurated by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan, as chief guest
Venue	Ram Ki Paidi, Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh
Date	7 November 2026
First edition	2017, with over 1.7 lakh lamps
Lamps in 2025	Over 26 lakh
Lamps planned in 2026	Over 30 lakh at Ram Ki Paidi, over 70 lakh in Ayodhya
Drones used	More than 2,100 indigenous drones showing Ramayana scenes

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EPFO Ends Special Campaign 6 With 2,36,021 Grievances Cleared

7 November 2026 · National

EPFO has concluded Special Campaign 6, disposing of 2,36,021 public grievances against a target of 2,05,000 and freeing 68,178 square feet of office space.

- EPFO, under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, concluded Special Campaign 6 held during October 2026, meeting every target set for it.
- It disposed of 2,36,021 public grievances against a target of 2,05,000, which is 15.1 per cent above target.
- CPGRAMS appeals disposed numbered 10,343 against a target of 5,758, a performance 88.1 per cent above target.
- A total of 68,178 square feet of office space was freed against a target of 28,300 square feet, or 140.1 per cent above target.
- EPFO reviewed 41,875 physical files against a target of 28,770 and transferred 1,383 files to the National Archives.

Organisation	Employees Provident Fund Organization (EPFO)
Ministry	Ministry of Labour and Employment
Campaign	Special Campaign 6, conducted in October 2026
Offices involved	Head office, training academies and 21 zonal offices
Grievances disposed	2,36,021 against a target of 2,05,000, 15.1 per cent above target
On EPFiGMS	2,02,984 against a target of 1,80,000
On CPGRAMS	33,037, which is 32.1 per cent above target
CPGRAMS appeals	10,343 against a target of 5,758, 88.1 per cent above target

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Buddha Relics Exposition at Tawang Ends, 31,000 Devotees

8 November 2026 · National

The seven-day exposition of Shakyamuni Buddha’s sacred relics at Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh closed with 31,000 devotees taking darshan.

- The seven-day exposition of Shakyamuni Buddha’s sacred relics at Tawang Monastery, Arunachal Pradesh, ended on 7 November 2026 after 31,000 devotees and visitors had darshan.
- Tawang Monastery’s formal name is Gaden Namgyal Lhatse; the relics were brought there from the National Museum, New Delhi, on 31 October 2026.
- Chief Minister Pema Khandu received the relics at Tawang in the presence of Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- The Ministry of Culture organised the exposition with the Arunachal Pradesh government and the International Buddhist Confederation, New Delhi.
- The Indian Air Force flew the relics to Bomdila for darshan from 8 to 13 November 2026, with the Golden Pagoda at Namsai next from 14 to 20 November 2026.

Event	Exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
Venue	Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang Monastery), Arunachal Pradesh
Footfall	31,000 devotees and visitors over seven days
Relics brought from	National Museum, New Delhi
Organisers	Ministry of Culture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and International Buddhist Confederation
Received at Tawang by	Pema Khandu, Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh
Union Minister present	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Culture and Tourism
Piprahwa relics discovered	1898

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PM Modi Marks First Naxal-Free Diwali With Forces in Bastar

8 November 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with security personnel at the CoBRA Operations Base in Karanpur, Bastar, calling it the first Naxal-free one.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated Diwali with jawans at the CoBRA Operations Base in Karanpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh, on 8 November 2026
- It was described as the first Diwali with every district of India free of Naxalism, and the first year in 47 years without a CRPF on-duty death
- Left-Wing Extremism once held more than 230 districts in nearly 20 states, with attacks running up to 2,000 a year
- The development drive in affected areas built over 15,000 km of roads, over 9,500 mobile towers, nearly 175 Eklavya schools and about 50 ITIs
- A World Bank report released before the festival showed 50 crore Indians had come out of extreme poverty in 12 years

Occasion	Diwali celebrated with security forces
Venue	CoBRA Operations Base, Karanpur, Bastar, Chhattisgarh
Date	8 November 2026
First	First Diwali with every district of India free of Naxalism
CRPF milestone	No CRPF jawan lost on duty in the past year, a first in 47 years
Earlier spread	More than 230 districts in nearly 20 states; up to 2,000 attacks a year
Dantewada 2010	76 CRPF personnel and 44 civilians killed in two separate attacks
Roads built	Over 15,000 kilometres in Left-Wing Extremism affected areas

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Buddha Relics Enshrined at Bomdila Monastery in Arunachal

9 November 2026 · National

The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined at Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, Bomdila, in Arunachal Pradesh for public darshan from 8 to 13 November 2026.

- The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined at Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, on 8 November 2026 for darshan until 13 November 2026.
- The exposition is organised by the Ministry of Culture with the National Museum New Delhi, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International Buddhist Confederation.
- About 4,000 devotees had darshan on the opening day, and the relics were flown in from Tawang by an Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter.
- The relics were received at the Army Helipad, Rupa, by state minister Pasang Dorjee Sona, and two exhibitions were opened at the monastery.
- Next the relics go to the Golden Pagoda, Namsai, from 14 to 20 November 2026, and return to the National Museum, New Delhi, on 21 November 2026.

Event	Exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
Venue	Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery, Lower Gompa, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh
Relics arrived	8 November 2026
Public darshan	8 to 13 November 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Culture with National Museum New Delhi, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and International Buddhist Confederation
Devotees on day one	About 4,000
Brought from Tawang by	Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter
Received at	Army Helipad, Rupa, by Pasang Dorjee Sona, Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Education and Tourism

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/buddha-relics-enshrined-at-bomdila-monastery-in-arunachal/

Legal Affairs Department Weeds Out 15,679 Files in Campaign 6

9 November 2026 · National

The Department of Legal Affairs reviewed 27,289 physical files, weeded out 15,679 and earned Rs 4,71,881 from scrap disposal under Special Campaign 6.

- The Department of Legal Affairs reviewed 27,289 physical files against a target of 13,523 and weeded out 15,679 of them under Special Campaign 6.
- It reviewed 20,572 e-files against a target of 15,188 and closed 17,798 of them.
- Disposal of scrap and e-waste earned the Department Rs 4,71,881, of which about Rs 4.15 lakh came from 1,484 obsolete ICT and electrical items.
- Clearing obsolete records and furniture freed 4,889 square feet of office space, and 30 cleanliness drives were held.
- The Department settled 534 public grievances against a target of 512 and disposed of 58 references from Members of Parliament.

Department	Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters
Physical files reviewed	27,289 against a target of 13,523
Physical files weeded out	15,679
E-files	20,572 reviewed against a target of 15,188; 17,798 closed
Revenue from scrap	Rs 4,71,881
E-waste disposed	1,484 items against a target of 1,418, earning about Rs 4.15 lakh
Office space freed	4,889 square feet

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Agriculture Department Frees 13,553 Sq Ft in Special Campaign 6

9 November 2026 · National

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare freed 13,553 sq ft of office space and earned Rs 32,19,644 from scrap under Special Campaign 6 this year.

- Special Campaign 6 ran in two stages for the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare: preparation from 16 to 30 September and implementation from 2 to 31 October 2026
- The department freed 13,553 sq ft of office space and earned Rs 32,19,644 by disposing of scrap and e-waste
- Against a target of 999 cleanliness sites the department covered 1,179, and disposed of 3,733 e-waste articles against a target of 3,298
- More than 2,000 saplings were planted by field offices, and 21 October 2026 was observed as the department's dedicated campaign day
- A life-size rhinoceros built from circuit boards at NERFMTTI Assam was among the waste-to-wealth models, and the department made 645 social media posts

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters
Department	Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Preparatory stage	16 to 30 September 2026
Implementation stage	2 to 31 October 2026
Dedicated day	21 October 2026
Office space freed	13,553 sq ft
Revenue earned	Rs 32,19,644
Cleanliness sites	1,179 covered against a target of 999

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/agriculture-department-frees-13553-sq-ft-in-special-campaign-6/

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Railways Earns Rs 628.49 Crore from Scrap in Campaign 6

9 November 2026 · National

Indian Railways closed Special Campaign 6 on 31 October 2026 with 628.49 crore rupees earned from scrap, beating its target of 600 crore rupees.

- Indian Railways concluded Special Campaign 6, held from 2 to 31 October 2026, across zones, divisions, production units and railway PSUs.
- Scrap disposal earned 628.49 crore rupees, above the campaign target of 600 crore rupees set for Indian Railways.
- Over one lakh cleanliness drives were conducted and 6,20,121 square feet of space was freed by removing scrap and obsolete material.
- More than 1.50 lakh units of e-waste were disposed of, generating 10.43 crore rupees; e-waste was this edition's focus area.
- Rail Jan Samvad was held simultaneously at 5,884 railway stations on 22 October 2026 for direct passenger feedback.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for disposal of pending matters
Period	2 to 31 October 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Railways / Indian Railways
Scrap sale earnings	628.49 crore rupees
Target	600 crore rupees
Space freed	6,20,121 square feet
E-waste disposed	More than 1.50 lakh units
E-waste earnings	10.43 crore rupees

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Power Ministry Earns Rs 15.74 Crore in Special Campaign 6

9 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Power closed Special Campaign 6 with 342 cleanliness drives, 2,51,757 square feet of office space freed and 15.74 crore rupees earned.

- The Ministry of Power concluded Special Campaign 6, run from 2 to 31 October 2026 across the ministry and its central public sector enterprises.
- It held 342 cleanliness drives, freed 2,51,757 square feet of office space and earned 15,74,20,231 rupees from scrap and e-waste disposal.
- The ministry weeded out 13,282 of 26,885 physical files reviewed and closed 34,525 of 34,572 electronic files reviewed.
- It disposed of 1589 public grievances and 86 grievance appeals, exceeding the targets set for both heads.
- The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare covered 1179 cleanliness sites against a target of 999 and earned 32,19,644 rupees.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for disposal of pending matters
Implementation phase	2 to 31 October 2026
Theme of this edition	Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
Power Ministry: drives	342 cleanliness drives
Power Ministry: space freed	2,51,757 square feet
Power Ministry: revenue	15,74,20,231 rupees, about 15.74 crore rupees
Power Ministry: files	13,282 physical files weeded out of 26,885 reviewed
Power Ministry: grievances	1589 public grievances and 86 appeals disposed of

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Delhi to Get First Yamuna Cruise on National Waterway-110

9 November 2026 · National

Delhi's first recreational Yamuna river cruise, on the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch of National Waterway-110, is to be opened on 10 November 2026.

- Delhi's first recreational river cruise service on the Yamuna will be inaugurated on 10 November 2026 at Sonia Vihar.
- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal will open it with Lt Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta present.
- The service runs on the Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur stretch, and the Yamuna is National Waterway-110 under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India is developing it with the DDA, DTTDC, Delhi Jal Board and the Irrigation and Flood Control Department.
- The cruise will use electric-powered vessels, offered as a demonstration of clean and sustainable inland water transport.

Service	Delhi's first recreational Yamuna river cruise
Inauguration	10 November 2026 at Sonia Vihar, Delhi
Inaugurated by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Also present	Lt Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta
Stretch	Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur on the Yamuna
Waterway status	National Waterway-110, under the National Waterways Act, 2016
Nodal agency	Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)
Partners	DDA, DTTDC, Delhi Jal Board, Irrigation and Flood Control Department

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Buddha's Sacred Relics Draw 11,969 Devotees at Bomdila

10 November 2026 · National

Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha drew 11,969 devotees in two days at the TGL Monastery in Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, with Darshan open till 13 November 2026.

- A total of 11,969 devotees visited the Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery at Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, in the first two days of the exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
- The exposition is organised by the Ministry of Culture with the National Museum New Delhi, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International Buddhist Confederation
- Public Darshan at Bomdila continues until 13 November 2026, with viewing from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM on all scheduled days
- After a ceremonial send-off on 14 November 2026 the Relics go to Namsai, where they will be enshrined at the Golden Pagoda from 14 to 20 November 2026
- The Holy Relics return to the National Museum in New Delhi on 21 November 2026

Event	Exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
Venue	Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery or Lower Gompa, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh
Devotees in first two days	11,969
Organisers	Ministry of Culture with the National Museum New Delhi, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International Buddhist Confederation
Darshan timings	8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Last day at Bomdila	13 November 2026
Next destination	Golden Pagoda, Namsai, from 14 to 20 November 2026
Return to National Museum	21 November 2026

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MoSPI Wraps Up Special Campaign 6 With 1,522 E-Files Shut

10 November 2026 · National

MoSPI closed Special Campaign 6, held from 2 to 31 October 2026, disposing of 48 grievances, shutting 1,522 e-files and freeing 1,982 sq ft of office space.

- MoSPI conducted Special Campaign 6 from 2 to 31 October 2026 across its field, attached, subordinate and autonomous offices in States and Union Territories
- The Ministry disposed of 48 public grievances and 9 public grievance appeals during the campaign
- Of 718 physical files reviewed, 433 were weeded out, while 1,607 e-files were reviewed and 1,522 of them were closed
- Office space of 1,982 sq ft was freed, and the disposal of e-waste and scrap earned revenue of Rs 3,69,819
- A total of 114 cleanliness drives were held, and a One-Day Cleanliness Drive on 7 October 2026 covered about 53 Field Operations Division sites

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Duration	2 to 31 October 2026
Portal used	Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) portal
Grievances disposed	48 public grievances and 9 grievance appeals
Physical files	718 reviewed, 433 weeded out
Electronic files	1,607 reviewed, 1,522 closed
Office space freed	1,982 sq ft
Revenue from e-waste and scrap	Rs 3,69,819

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DRI Seizes Foreign Currency, Tusks, Drugs and E-Cigarettes

10 November 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence announced four seizures on 10 November 2026: foreign currency at Kolkata airport, elephant tusks, amphetamine and e-cigarettes.

- DRI seized foreign currency worth Rs 3.12 crore from seven passengers headed to Bangkok at Kolkata's NSCBI Airport and arrested all seven under the Customs Act with FEMA regulations.
- Two elephant tusks of 29 and 30 inches, weighing about 3.7 kg, were recovered near Sonapur Toll Gate about 27 km from Guwahati under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- A trafficker carrying 6.642 kg of amphetamine from Delhi to Bhopal was arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.
- About 13,000 e-cigarettes worth over Rs 4 crore, mis-declared as Mop Rod, were seized at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Navi Mumbai.
- In financial year 2026-27 the DRI has seized around 3,55,000 e-cigarettes valued at more than Rs 135 crore across four states.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Kolkata airport	Foreign currency worth Rs 3.12 crore seized; seven arrested
Assam	Two elephant tusks, 29 and 30 inches, about 3.7 kg, near Sonapur Toll Gate
Bhopal	6.642 kg amphetamine seized from a bus passenger from Delhi
JNPT, Navi Mumbai	About 13,000 e-cigarettes worth over Rs 4 crore, mis-declared as Mop Rod
Laws applied	Customs Act with FEMA; Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; NDPS Act, 1985; Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019
E-cigarette seizures in 2026-27	About 3,55,000 pieces worth more than Rs 135 crore

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President Murmu Asks IPS Probationers to Rethink Cyber Policing

10 November 2026 · National

President Droupadi Murmu told IPS probationers of the 78 RR 2025 batch at Rashtrapati Bhavan to reorient their approach towards cyber crimes and deep fakes.

- Probationers of the Indian Police Service 78 RR (2025 batch) called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 10 November 2026.
- The President asked the officer trainees to reorient their own approach towards cyber crimes and to sensitise society about how serious such offences are.
- She flagged deep-fake content as a new threat and said police must stay ahead of criminals using state-of-the-art technology.
- Spreading misinformation to create fear was described as a serious emerging problem that smart policing can contain at local, regional and national levels.
- She said real respect comes from performance and an officer's value system, not from the authority that laws and rules confer.

Who	President Droupadi Murmu
Whom she addressed	Probationers of the Indian Police Service, 78 RR (2025 batch)
Venue	Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
Date	10 November 2026
Main appeal	Reorient the police approach towards cyber crimes
New threat named	Deep-fake content and orchestrated disinformation
On authority	Respect comes from performance and value system, not from powers under law

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Special Campaign 6.0: Sports and Ayush Report Their Results

10 November 2026 · National

The Department of Sports and the Ministry of Ayush reported their Special Campaign 6.0 results, settling 120 and 368 public grievances and freeing office space.

- DARPG's Special Campaign 6.0 ran from 2 October to 31 October 2026 and focused on grievance redressal, record management, cleanliness and scientific e-waste disposal.
- The Department of Sports settled 120 public grievances, 15 MP references, 4 state references, 2 PMO references and 3 Parliamentary Assurances during the campaign.
- It reviewed 290 physical files and 340 e-files, cleaned 65 sites, reclaimed 50,605 square feet of space and earned Rs 9,29,946 from scrap disposal.
- The Ministry of Ayush disposed of 368 public grievances and 64 appeals, held 285 cleanliness campaigns and closed 1,610 files.
- Ayush freed 8,741 square feet of office space and earned Rs 1,94,161 in revenue from scrap disposal.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0, run by DARPG
Period	2 October to 31 October 2026
Sports: grievances	120 public grievances, 15 MP references, 3 Parliamentary Assurances
Sports: files	290 physical files and 340 e-files reviewed
Sports: space and scrap	50,605 square feet reclaimed at 65 sites; Rs 9,29,946 earned
Ayush: grievances	368 grievances and 64 appeals disposed
Ayush: records	1,610 files closed; 8,741 square feet freed; Rs 1,94,161 earned
Sports launch event	Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run on 2 October 2026

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Yamuna Recreational Cruise Service Launched in Delhi

10 November 2026 · National

Sarbananda Sonowal opened Delhi's first recreational Yamuna cruise at Sonia Vihar, running a 30-seater electric vessel on the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch.

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Delhi's first recreational Yamuna river cruise at Sonia Vihar on 10 November 2026, with Chief Minister Rekha Gupta present.
- The service uses a 30-seater electric vessel on the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch, covering a round trip of about 6 kilometres.
- The Yamuna is National Waterway-110, notified under the National Waterways Act, 2016; the Inland Waterways Authority of India developed the project.
- Cargo on national waterways grew from 18 million metric tonnes in 2013-14 to 218 million metric tonnes in 2025-26, and overnight cruise vessels from 5 to 26.
- Water freight costs Rs 1.06 per tonne-kilometre against Rs 1.41 by rail and Rs 2.28 by road; MV Ganga Vilas is the Limca Book record holder for the longest river cruise.

Service	Recreational Yamuna River Cruise Service, Delhi
Inaugurated by	Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, with Delhi CM Rekha Gupta
Stretch	Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur, round trip of about 6 km
Vessel	30-seater electric cruise boat
Waterway	National Waterway-110 (Yamuna), National Waterways Act, 2016
Developed by	Inland Waterways Authority of India with DDA, DTTDC, Delhi Jal Board and the Irrigation and Flood Control Department
Waterway cargo	Up from 18 million metric tonnes in 2013-14 to 218 million metric tonnes in 2025-26

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Sales Cross Rs 64.52 Lakh

10 November 2026 · National

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat has recorded cumulative sales of over Rs 64.52 lakh, with more than 130 stalls across seven thematic zones.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi, has recorded sales of about Rs 64.52 lakh
- The sales were recorded between 1 and 9 November 2026 by four corporations: NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC
- The 15-day fair runs until 15 November 2026 and has more than 130 stalls across seven thematic zones
- Its theme is 'Prakash aur Parampara - Jyoti se Jyoti Jalayen' and the zones include Kala Aangan, Prakash Chowk, Pooja Path and Swad Chowk
- The Ministry has held these melas since 2022, benefiting more than 1,000 artisans with free stalls, travel costs and transport support

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
Duration	15-day fair, continuing until 15 November 2026
Cumulative sales	About Rs 64.52 lakh between 1 and 9 November 2026
Stalls	More than 130
Thematic zones	Seven: Kala Aangan, Prakash Chowk, Pooja Path, Sajawat Bazaar, Gharana, Swad Chowk and Manch
Participating corporations	NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC

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India Post Takes Digital Detox 2.0 to 15 IndiGo Flights

10 November 2026 · National

India Post and IndiGo ran Digital Detox 2.0 on 15 flights covering 11 destinations, letting passengers send handwritten Diwali postcards in flight.

- The Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, ran Digital Detox 2.0 with IndiGo on 15 flights covering 11 destinations
- It is the second edition of the in-flight postcard writing activity, held during the Diwali season
- Destinations covered were Chandigarh, Ranchi, Bagdogra, Delhi, Mumbai, Goa, Pune, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Varanasi and Jaipur
- Passengers received Digital Detox kits with postcards, greeting cards, do-it-yourself postcards and specially designed Diwali stickers
- The aim was to revive handwritten communication and encourage mindful use of screens while travelling

Campaign	Digital Detox 2.0, in-flight postcard writing
Edition	Second
Run by	Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications
Airline partner	IndiGo
Flights covered	15
Destinations	11, including Chandigarh, Ranchi, Bagdogra, Varanasi and Jaipur
Kit contents	Postcards, greeting cards, do-it-yourself postcards and Diwali stickers
Occasion	Diwali and the festive travel season

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NCAHP Drafts Provisional Registration Rules for 2026

11 November 2026 · National

The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions has issued draft provisional registration regulations, 2026, and invited comments by 4 December.

- The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions has proposed the Draft Provisional Registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations, 2026
- NCAHP works under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and the draft is framed under the NCAHP Act, 2021
- A provisionally registered professional may reach regular registration through prescribed bridge courses, supervised clinical training, competency assessment and a minimum qualifying examination
- Each provisionally registered professional will get a Provisional Registration Unique Identification Number, or PR UID, under a single online registration system
- Comments, suggestions and objections may be sent to the commission until 4 December 2026, after which the draft will be finalised

Body	National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP)
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Draft regulations	Provisional Registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations, 2026
Parent law	National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021
Released on	11 November 2026
Last date for comments	4 December 2026
Identifier on provisional registration	Provisional Registration Unique Identification Number (PR UID)
Route to regular registration	Bridge courses, supervised clinical training, competency assessment and minimum qualifying examination

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Cabinet Clears 8.449 Km Aqua Line Metro Extension in Noida

11 November 2026 · National

The Union Cabinet approved an 8.449 km Aqua Line extension with 5 stations from Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04, lifting the network to 71.878 km.

- The Union Cabinet approved extension of the Aqua Line metro corridor from Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04
- The corridor is 8.449 km long and will have 5 elevated stations
- After it opens, Noida and Greater Noida will have an active metro network of 71.878 km
- The line offers an interchange with the Blue Line at Noida Sector-61, linking a high-demand corridor
- The project falls under the Noida Metro Rail Project and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Decision	Extension of the Aqua Line metro rail corridor, Noida Metro Rail Project
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Route	Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04
Route length	8.449 km
Stations	5 elevated stations
Network after commissioning	71.878 km of active metro in Noida and Greater Noida
Interchange	Blue Line at Noida Sector-61
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

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CCEA Clears Rs 3,230 Crore Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum Project

11 November 2026 · National

The CCEA approved the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum at the North and South Block complex in New Delhi at a cost of Rs 3,230 crore, with the largest display area globally.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum at a cost of Rs 3,230 crore
- It will come up at the North and South Block complex in New Delhi through adaptive reuse of the buildings
- Built-up area of about 1,78,509 square metres is expected to give it the largest display area in the world
- The first gallery, on the theme of Adornment, is to open in the North Block in the later part of 2027
- Around 18 lakh objects have been identified, including from 52 site museums of the Archaeological Survey of India

Decision	Development of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum (YYBM)
Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Location	North and South Block complex, New Delhi
Project cost	Rs 3,230 crore, appraised by the Public Investment Board
Built-up area	About 1,78,509 square metres
Distinction	Expected to have the largest display area of any museum in the world
Announced by the Prime Minister	18 May 2023
PIB appraisal	27 July 2026

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Special Campaign 6.0 Ends With 51,090 Grievances Disposed

11 November 2026 · National

Special Campaign 6.0 ran from 2 to 31 October 2026, with cleanliness work at 12,08,313 Anganwadi-level institutions and 51,090 grievances settled in one day.

- Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and clearing pending matters in government offices ran from 2 October to 31 October 2026
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development took up cleanliness work at 12,08,313 field institutions, including Anganwadi Centres and Shakti Sadans
- A dedicated one-day event on 30 October 2026 settled 51,090 grievances, and 5,51,653 other activities such as plantation drives were held
- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation disposed of 576 Public Grievances, all 29 appeals, 25 MP references, 3 Parliamentary Assurances and 2 PMO references
- The department closed 100 e-files and held a Safai Mitra Samman ceremony with a health camp on 8 October 2026

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and minimising pendency
Duration	2 October to 31 October 2026
Dedicated one-day event	30 October 2026
Field institutions covered by WCD	12,08,313
Grievances disposed in one-day event	51,090
Other activities taken up	5,51,653
Portals for grievances	POSHAN Tracker, PMMVY and CPGRAMS
DDWS grievances disposed	576, plus all 29 appeals

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NHAI Debars Bijwasan Toll Agency, Imposes Rs 15 Lakh Fine

11 November 2026 · National

NHAI debarred M/s Riddhi Siddhi Associates for one month and fined it Rs 15 lakh after its staff misbehaved with road users at the Bijwasan Fee Plaza.

- NHAI debarred M/s Riddhi Siddhi Associates from its ongoing and future tenders for one month and fined the firm Rs 15 lakh
- The action followed misbehaviour by the agency's staff with road users at the Bijwasan Fee Plaza on NH-248BB on 5 November 2026
- A show cause notice proposes a one-year debarment of the agency and of its owners and directors from future NHAI tenders
- The agency was directed to hand over the fee plaza to a new agency on 14 November 2026
- Under the contract agreement the fee collection agency is responsible for the conduct, discipline and behaviour of its personnel at the plaza

Authority acting	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Ministry concerned	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Agency penalised	M/s Riddhi Siddhi Associates
Penalty	Rs 15 lakh
Debarment ordered	One month from all NHAI tenders
Show cause notice proposes	One year debarment of the agency and its owners and directors
Location	Bijwasan Fee Plaza on NH-248BB
Date of incident	5 November 2026

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CBN Busts Mephedrone Lab in Mau Under Operation Vajra 3.0

11 November 2026 · National

The Central Bureau of Narcotics dismantled a mephedrone laboratory at Mau in Uttar Pradesh, seizing 11.7 kg of the drug and arresting two persons.

- The Central Bureau of Narcotics dismantled a clandestine mephedrone laboratory in the Tajopur Industrial Area of Mau, Uttar Pradesh, under Operation Vajra 3.0
- A joint team of the CBN Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh units acted on 8 November 2026 and recovered 11.7 kg of mephedrone at different stages of processing
- Also seized were 20.9 kg of the precursor 2-bromo-4-methylpropiophenone, 3.5 kg of acetic anhydride and about 119.9 kg or litres of other chemicals and solvents
- Two persons were arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985, and the laboratory equipment was seized and dismantled in full
- During 2026 the CBN has busted six clandestine labs, seizing 130.2 kg of mephedrone and 1,465.4 kg or litres of precursor chemicals with 20 arrests

Agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Ministry of Finance
Operation	Operation Vajra 3.0
Location	Tajopur Industrial Area, Mau district, Uttar Pradesh
Date of action	8 November 2026
Drug seized	11.7 kg mephedrone (MD)
Key precursor	20.9 kg of 2-bromo-4-methylpropiophenone
Other chemicals	3.5 kg acetic anhydride and about 119.9 kg or litres of solvents and reagents
Law applied	NDPS Act, 1985; two arrests

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Bharat Parv 2026 Runs at Ekta Nagar Till 15 November

11 November 2026 · National

Bharat Parv 2026, inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 30 October at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat, runs till 15 November on the theme Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

- Bharat Parv 2026 is being held at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat under the theme Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and continues till 15 November 2026
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the festival on 30 October 2026 as part of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations
- It is organised by the Ministry of Tourism in partnership with Gujarat Tourism and with the support of States and Union Territories
- The Theme Pavilion features 29 States and Union Territories and displays more than 100 One District One Product items along with handicrafts and textiles
- The Food Court offers cuisines of 23 States and Union Territories, with a Studio Kitchen run by NCHMCT and daily performances by artists of 10 States

Festival	Bharat Parv 2026
Venue	Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
Theme	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Organiser	Ministry of Tourism with Gujarat Tourism and the States and UTs
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 30 October 2026
Occasion	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations
Duration	Till 15 November 2026
Theme Pavilion	29 States and Union Territories, over 100 ODOP products

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India Cuts Visa Categories From 13 to 9 in MHA Rationalisation

11 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Home Affairs has cut India's main visa categories from 13 to nine and sub-categories from 49 to 23 to ease travel, study and treatment.

- On 27 August 2026 the Ministry of Home Affairs cut main visa categories from 13 to nine and sub-categories from 49 to 23
- The October 2025 round had already reduced main categories from 22 to 13 and sub-categories from 63 to 49
- The Tourist Visa is renamed Visitor Visa, with V-1 for 30-day stays and V-2 valid for 1, 5 or 10 years
- Application forms for all 23 sub-categories have 65 to 70 per cent fewer fields to fill
- e-Visa runs under 13 sub-categories and is available to nationals of 172 countries

Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs
Date of rationalisation	27 August 2026
Main categories	Reduced from 13 to 9
Sub-categories	Reduced from 49 to 23
Earlier round	October 2025, 22 to 13 main and 63 to 49 sub-categories
Renamed visa	Tourist Visa is now the Visitor Visa
V-1 and V-2	V-1 for 30 days; V-2 valid 1, 5 or 10 years, mountaineering six months
Form fields cut	65 to 70 per cent across all 23 sub-categories

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Sales Cross Rs 73.49 Lakh at Dilli Haat

11 November 2026 · National

Sales at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat INA in New Delhi crossed Rs 73.49 lakh between 1 and 10 November, the Social Justice Ministry said.

- Four national corporations at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 recorded cumulative sales of about Rs 73.49 lakh between 1 and 10 November 2026
- The mela is held at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and runs for 15 days until 15 November 2026
- The participating corporations are NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC
- More than 130 stalls are spread across seven thematic zones on the theme ‘प्रकाश और परंपरा – ज्योति से ज्योति जलाएँ’
- Shilp Samagam Melas have been held since 2022 and have benefited more than 1,000 artisans from SC, OBC and Safai Karamchari communities

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, a 15-day fair
Venue	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Sales	About Rs 73.49 lakh between 1 and 10 November 2026
Corporations	NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC
Stalls	More than 130
Thematic zones	Seven, including Kala Aangan, Prakash Chowk, Pooja Path, Sajawat Bazaar, Gharana, Swad Chowk and Manch
Runs until	15 November 2026

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Buddha's Sacred Relics Draw 50,000 Devotees in Arunachal

12 November 2026 · National

Nearly 50,000 devotees have paid homage to the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha in Arunachal Pradesh, with the Bomdila exposition running till 13 November.

- Nearly 50,000 devotees have so far visited the exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha across Arunachal Pradesh
- The exposition began at Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang) Monastery on 31 October 2026 and closed there on 7 November 2026, drawing more than 31,000 devotees
- The relics reached Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery, also called Lower Gompa, at Bomdila on 8 November 2026 and stay on view till 13 November 2026
- From 14 to 20 November 2026 the relics will be open for public veneration at the Golden Pagoda in Namsai
- The Ministry of Culture is organising the exposition with the National Museum New Delhi, the Arunachal Pradesh government and the International Buddhist Confederation

Event	Exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
State	Arunachal Pradesh
First venue	Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang) Monastery, 31 October to 7 November 2026
Turnout at Tawang	More than 31,000 devotees
Second venue	Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery or Lower Gompa, Bomdila, from 8 to 13 November 2026
Third venue	Golden Pagoda, Namsai, 14 to 20 November 2026
Devotees so far	Nearly 50,000 across the State
Organisers	Ministry of Culture with the National Museum New Delhi, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International Buddhist Confederation

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57th IFFI Goa 2026: WaveX Startup Pavilion Entries Close 13 November

12 November 2026 · National

The 57th International Film Festival of India runs in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026, and entries for the WaveX Startup Pavilion close on 13 November.

- The 57th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026
- Registration for the WaveX Startup Pavilion at WAVES Bazaar closes on 13 November 2026
- The WAVES Bazaar startup showcase will run from 20 to 24 November 2026
- Only DPIIT-registered startups in film, media and allied technology, including AVGC-XR, are eligible
- WaveX is the startup accelerator of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa
Festival dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Startup showcase	WaveX Startup Pavilion at WAVES Bazaar, 20 to 24 November 2026
Registration closes	13 November 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Eligibility	DPIIT-registered startups in film, media and allied technology sectors
AVGC-XR	Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality
Selection	By a selection committee constituted by WaveX

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45th India International Trade Fair to Begin on 14 November

12 November 2026 · National

The 45th India International Trade Fair, themed 'Vikas aur Virasat', will run at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 14 to 27 November 2026 with over 3,500 exhibitors.

- The 45th India International Trade Fair runs from 14 to 27 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, organised by ITPO
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will inaugurate it as chief guest on 13 November 2026
- The theme is 'Vikas aur Virasat', with over 3,500 exhibitors across 17 halls and more than 1,00,000 square metres
- Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are Partner States; Assam, Delhi, Jharkhand and West Bengal are Focus States
- 32 States and UTs, 51 central ministries and bodies and 11 countries are taking part, with around 600 start-ups in the Hall of Inspiration

Event	45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026
Dates	14 to 27 November 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Organiser	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
Theme	Vikas aur Virasat
Inauguration	By Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on 13 November 2026
Partner States	Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh
Focus States	Assam, Delhi, Jharkhand and West Bengal

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Education Minister Launches Three KVS Digital Platforms

12 November 2026 · National

Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched three digital platforms of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in New Delhi, led by the AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra.

- Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched three flagship digital initiatives of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in New Delhi
- The three are the AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra with the 'Samiksha' AI Bot, KVS-Samvaad parent connect app and portal, and the KVS Alumni Connect Portal
- Vidya Samiksha Kendra gives real-time dashboards on attendance, academic performance, school infrastructure and admissions
- KVS-Samvaad lets parents see results and syllabus progress and apply online for Bonafide and CEA certificates and student leave
- All three platforms were developed in-house by the IT Services Cell of KVS headquarters, in line with NEP 2020 and Digital India

Launched by	Union Minister for Education Pralhad Joshi
Organisation	Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Ministry of Education
Platform 1	AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra with the 'Samiksha' AI Bot
Platform 2	KVS-Samvaad Parent Connect App and Web Portal
Platform 3	KVS Alumni Connect Portal
Developed by	IT Services Cell, KVS headquarters
Policy link	National Education Policy 2020 and Digital India
KVS Commissioner	Vikas Gupta

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President Murmu Meets Meritorious EMRS Students

12 November 2026 · National

President Droupadi Murmu met 146 meritorious students and alumni of Eklavya Model Residential Schools at Rashtrapati Bhavan during Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada.

- President Droupadi Murmu interacted with students and alumni of Eklavya Model Residential Schools at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre on 12 November 2026
- The programme was organised by the National Education Society for Tribal Students under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs as part of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada
- The fortnight marks the 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda; Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram gave the welcome address
- 146 students and alumni took part, among them Class X and XII toppers and students admitted to IITs, NITs, National Law Universities, NIFT and government medical colleges
- The President noted the equal number of boys and girls in these schools and felicitated five District Magistrates and the principals of five best-performing schools

Who	President Droupadi Murmu
Event	Interaction with meritorious EMRS students and alumni
Venue and date	Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi, 12 November 2026
Organised by	National Education Society for Tribal Students, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Occasion	Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Participants	146 meritorious students and alumni
Welcome address	Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram
Felicitated	Tribal welfare secretaries of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha, five District Magistrates, principals of five best schools

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Second National Tribal Literary Festival Opens in New Delhi

12 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs opened the second National Tribal Literary Festival at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, during Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada.

- The second National Tribal Literary Festival opened at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Theme: 'From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature'; the two-day festival is part of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is observed on 15 November, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, as declared by the Union Cabinet.
- Union Minister Jual Oram inaugurated it with MoS Durgadas Uikey, NITI Aayog Member Dr Joram Aniya, Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti Chairman Chamu Krishna Shastry and Secretary Ranjana Chopra.
- The Toda language of the Nilgiris has only about 2,000 speakers; K. Vasamalli has built a dictionary of 5,700 words for it.

Event	Second National Tribal Literary Festival 2026
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Theme	From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature
Organiser	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Occasion	Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada
Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas	15 November, birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Inaugurated by	Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram
Partner body named	Sahitya Akademi, for promoting tribal literature

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MoRTH Proposes Rent a Cab Reforms, Fleet Floor Cut to 5

12 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has proposed Rent a Cab reforms cutting the minimum fleet from 50 cabs to 5 and bringing in one electronic licence.

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has proposed Rent a Cab reforms to ease entry, widen rental choice and strengthen passenger safety.
- The minimum fleet falls from 50 cabs to 5, with at least 2 cabs per place of operation, and cabs may be offered with or without drivers.
- A single electronic licence valid across the State or UT at a uniform fee replaces separate main and branch licences; the five-tourist-city branch rule is dropped.
- Licence grant and renewal get a proposed 60-day timeline, while adding or removing cabs or places of operation has a 30-day deemed-approval route.
- Cabs need location tracking and first-aid kits; operators must run a website with 24-hour grievance support, emergency repairs and towing.

Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Reform proposed for	Rent a Cab operators
Minimum fleet	Cut from 50 cabs to 5
Cabs per place of operation	At least 2
Licence	One electronic licence valid across the State or UT at a uniform fee
Licence timeline	60 days for grant and renewal
Deemed approval	30 days for adding or removing cabs or places of operation
Dropped condition	Branches in five tourist cities no longer required

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DIPAM Completes Special Campaign 6 for Swachhata and Pendency

13 November 2026 · National

DIPAM of the Ministry of Finance ran Special Campaign 6 from 2 to 31 October 2026, cleared all 3 VIP references and scrapped e-waste worth Rs 2,01,777.

- DIPAM, a department of the Ministry of Finance, took part in Special Campaign 6 for institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency, held from 2 October to 31 October 2026.
- The preparatory phase ran from 15 to 30 September 2026, when targets were fixed for VIP references, inter-ministerial and PMO references and Parliamentary Assurances.
- All 3 targeted VIP references were disposed of, and of the 8 Parliamentary Assurances taken up, an Implementation Report on 1 went to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats.
- E-waste was scrapped through MSTC Limited for Rs 2,01,777 and two cleanliness campaigns were conducted in the department.
- DIPAM has no attached office, subordinate office or autonomous body under it, so the drive was confined to the department itself.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6, for institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency
Department	Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Preparatory phase	15 to 30 September 2026
Implementation phase	2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
E-waste scrapped	Rs 2,01,777, through MSTC Limited
VIP references	3 targeted, all 3 disposed of
Parliamentary Assurances	8 targeted; Implementation Report on 1 sent to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats

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57th IFFI in Goa to Open on Stories Without Borders Theme

13 November 2026 · National

The 57th International Film Festival of India runs in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 on the theme Stories Without Borders, with Spain as Country of Honour.

- The 57th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 on the theme Stories Without Borders
- Over 1,900 films were submitted from 137 countries and more than 150 international films from 86 countries were selected for screening
- Spain is the Country of Honour and Russia the Partner Country, each represented by four films
- Fatherland by Pawel Pawlikowski opens the festival, I Matter is the Mid-Fest film and We Are All Strangers by Anthony Chen closes it
- The Indian Panorama screens 76 films in 18 languages, opening with Dhurandhar and the Ladakhi non-feature Becoming

Event	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2026
Dates and venue	20 to 28 November 2026, Goa
Theme	Stories Without Borders
Country of Honour	Spain
Partner Country	Russia
Opening film	Fatherland, directed by Pawel Pawlikowski
Closing film	We Are All Strangers by Anthony Chen, from Singapore
Festival Director	Ashutosh Gowariker

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CCPA Fines Ola Rs 10 Lakh Over Pre-Ride Tip Prompts

13 November 2026 · National

The Central Consumer Protection Authority fined Ola operator ANI Technologies Rs 10 lakh for pre-ride tip prompts and ordered the feature to be stopped.

- The CCPA imposed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh on ANI Technologies Private Limited, the operator of Ola, for pre-ride tip or add-on payment prompts
- The order was passed by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare and Commissioner Anupam Mishra, who held the practice a dark pattern and an unfair trade practice
- Ola's own booking data for 1 to 15 June 2026 showed add-on requests were accepted less often, 38% against 62% in Delhi and 39% against 68% in Mumbai
- Suggested amounts rose from the Rs 10 to Rs 40 range in May 2025 to as much as Rs 140, while the interface allowed payments of up to Rs 499
- The design was classified as Confirm Shaming under the Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023

Regulator	Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)
Company penalised	ANI Technologies Private Limited, operator of Ola
Penalty	Rs 10 lakh
Order passed by	Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare and Commissioner Anupam Mishra
Dark pattern identified	Confirm Shaming, under the Dark Patterns Guidelines, 2023
Law applied	Sections 2(28)(iv) and 2(47) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019
Aggregator rule breached	Clause 14.15 of the Motor Vehicles Aggregators Guidelines, 2025
Earlier similar order	Rapido, operated by Roppen Transportation Services, fined the same amount

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PM Modi Launches Rs 15,600 Crore Projects in Bengaluru

13 November 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development works worth over Rs 15,600 crore in Bengaluru, dedicating the Namma Metro Pink Line and a Vande Bharat train.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development projects worth over Rs 15,600 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 13 November 2026
- The Namma Metro Pink Line was dedicated, taking the Bengaluru metro network past 100 kilometres from 17 kilometres in 2014
- Bengaluru became the third city after Delhi-NCR and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region to cross the 100-kilometre metro mark
- A Vande Bharat train linking Karnataka with Goa was flagged off, along with four Amrit Bharat stations and two doubling and electrification works
- Energy works included the Mangaluru LPG project with 80,000 metric tonnes of storage and a Bengaluru CBG plant of 13 tonnes a day

Occasion	Launch of development projects in Bengaluru, Karnataka
Date	13 November 2026
Total worth	More than Rs 15,600 crore
Metro line dedicated	Pink Line of Namma Metro, Bengaluru
Metro milestone	Network crosses 100 km; third after Delhi-NCR and Mumbai Metropolitan Region
New train	Vande Bharat connecting Karnataka with Goa
Amrit Bharat stations	Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagaluru, Sakleshpur, Subrahmanya Road
LPG storage added	80,000 metric tonnes at the Mangaluru LPG project

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PM Joins Prashanti Kutiram Golden Jubilee in Bengaluru

13 November 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the golden jubilee of Prashanti Kutiram in Bengaluru and said Yogasana now has a place in Khelo India and the National Games.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the golden jubilee of Prashanti Kutiram, the S-VYASA yoga campus in Bengaluru, on 13 November 2026
- The jubilee year also marks the birth centenary of H. V. Seshadri, whose mission was nation building through character building
- Yogasana has been recognised in India as a competitive sport with a place in Khelo India and the National Games
- Saudi Arabia has recognised yoga as a sports activity and its sports ministry signed an agreement with the Ministry of AYUSH
- More than 150 Ayurveda training courses are recognised abroad, MoUs signed with 28 countries, and a National Turmeric Board set up

Occasion	Golden jubilee of Prashanti Kutiram, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Institution	S-VYASA, whose campus is Prashanti Kutiram
Date	13 November 2026
Birth centenary marked	H. V. Seshadri
Yogasana	Recognised as a competitive sport, included in Khelo India and the National Games
Ayurveda courses abroad	More than 150 recognised training courses
Ayurveda MoUs	Signed with 28 countries
New body	National Turmeric Board

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MHA Extends Ban on Islamic Research Foundation Under UAPA

13 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Home Affairs extended the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation, led by fugitive preacher Zakir Naik, as an unlawful association under the UAPA.

- The Ministry of Home Affairs extended the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation as an unlawful association under the UAPA on 13 November 2026
- The organisation is led by the fugitive preacher Dr Zakir Naik, who the ministry says has been involved in designs against India
- The ministry cited the spreading of an ideology of terrorism and separatism and the stirring of communal hatred as grounds
- The outfit was also found to be provoking violent unrest and helping absconding terrorists to regroup
- A body declared an unlawful association under the UAPA cannot function, and the declaration has to be extended by a fresh decision

Organisation	Islamic Research Foundation (IRF)
Action	Ban extended as an unlawful association
Law used	Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, UAPA
Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs
Head of the outfit	Dr Zakir Naik, a fugitive preacher
Date	13 November 2026
Grounds cited	Ideology of terrorism and separatism, communal hatred, violent unrest, regrouping of absconding terrorists

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Sales Cross Rs 88.36 Lakh

13 November 2026 · National

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat recorded cumulative sales of Rs 88,36,416 up to 12 November 2026, the Social Justice Ministry said on 13 November.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi recorded cumulative sales of Rs 88,36,416, about Rs 88.36 lakh, up to 12 November 2026
- The fair is organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and runs for fifteen days, closing on 15 November 2026
- More than 130 stalls are arranged across seven themed zones, on the theme Prakash aur Parampara - Jyoti se Jyoti Jalayen
- Four national corporations take part, NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC, serving Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Safai Karamcharis and persons with disabilities
- The ministry has held these fairs since 2022 and they have reached more than 1,000 artisans, with free stalls, travel costs and daily allowances provided

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026
Venue	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Cumulative sales	Rs 88,36,416 up to 12 November 2026
Stalls	More than 130
Themed zones	Seven
Theme	Prakash aur Parampara - Jyoti se Jyoti Jalayen
Closing date	15 November 2026

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Culture Ministry Holds Creative India Meet at Bharat Mandapam

13 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Culture held the Creative India: Collective Possibilities conference at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, inaugurated by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

- The Ministry of Culture convened Creative India: Collective Possibilities at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 13 November 2026
- Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the conference and called India's creative power its real power
- The Ministry's 43 organisations and more than 3,600 protected monuments were described as the public infrastructure of the creative economy
- The National Culture Fund has completed 66 projects with 39 partners since 1996, and Adopt a Heritage engages partners at 66 monuments
- Four sessions were held: Investing in Culture, Culture-Led Spaces, Culturepreneurs, and Technology and Communication

Conference	Creative India: Collective Possibilities
Organiser	Ministry of Culture
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
Culture Secretary	Vivek Aggarwal
Ministry's institutions	43 organisations and over 3,600 protected monuments
National Culture Fund	66 projects with 39 partners since 1996
New agreement	MoU with Google Arts and Culture

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Nadda Reviews RHTC Najafgarh, 94,927 OPD Visits Logged

13 November 2026 · National

Health Minister J. P. Nadda reviewed RHTC Najafgarh, which handled 94,927 OPD patients and 35,985 emergency cases between August and October 2026.

- Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda reviewed the progress of the Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh, which works under the Directorate General of Health Services
- Between August and October 2026 the centre handled 94,927 OPD patients across 10 specialities and 35,985 emergency patients
- It recorded 198 inpatient admissions and 691 surgeries, made up of 101 major and 590 minor procedures
- Of 129 action points under the National Quality Assurance Standards for its three Urban Primary Health Centres, 105 are complete
- Established in 1937, the centre is being upgraded into a 230-bedded hospital and serves Najafgarh, Ujwa and Palam

Institution	Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Najafgarh, New Delhi
Under	Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Reviewed by	Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda
Established	1937
OPD, August to October 2026	94,927 patients across 10 specialities
Emergency cases	35,985 patients
Surgeries	691 in all, 101 major and 590 minor
Quality assurance	105 of 129 NQAS action points completed for three Urban Primary Health Centres

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DoT Holds First All India Official Language Conference

13 November 2026 · National

The Department of Telecommunications held its first All India Conference on Official Language 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.

- The Department of Telecommunications organised its first All India Conference on Official Language 2026 on 13 November 2026 in New Delhi
- The venue was the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre on Janpath and the chief guest was Shri Manish Sinha, Member (Finance), DoT
- The first session covered the use, promotion and enrichment of Hindi and the second dealt with the policies, provisions and tools of Rajbhasha Hindi
- Such conferences follow the spirit of Article 351 of the Constitution, which asks the Union to promote the spread of Hindi
- The Department of Official Language under the Ministry of Home Affairs regularly holds All India and regional conferences on the Official Language

Event	First All India Conference on Official Language 2026
Organiser	Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications
Venue	Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi
Chief guest	Shri Manish Sinha, Member (Finance), Department of Telecommunications
Purpose	Progressive use of Hindi as the Official Language in government work
Sessions	Two, on the use and enrichment of Hindi and on Rajbhasha policies, provisions and tools
Constitutional provision	Article 351, on the directive for development of the Hindi language
Nodal department	Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs

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Swachh Shehar Jodi: Ahmedabad and Sanand Take Rank One

13 November 2026 · National

MoHUA announced the Swachh Shehar Jodi results, with Ahmedabad and Sanand first among 191 mentor mentee city pairs under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

- Ahmedabad and Sanand of Gujarat took rank one in the Swachh Shehar Jodi awards under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
- Indore with Depalpur came second and Tirupati with Kuppam came third, ranked on the combined score of mentor and mentee cities
- Swachh Shehar Jodi was launched on 27 September 2025 linking 70 mentor cities with about 191 mentee cities from 33 States and Union Territories
- The tenth Swachh Survekshan assessed 4,751 urban local bodies on 176 sub indicators using over 3,000 trained field assessors
- President Droupadi Murmu gave away 60 national awards under 7 categories at the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 ceremony in New Delhi

Initiative	Swachh Shehar Jodi, under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Rank 1 pair	Ahmedabad and Sanand, Gujarat
Rank 2 pair	Indore and Depalpur, Madhya Pradesh
Rank 3 pair	Tirupati and Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh
Launched on	27 September 2025, by Manohar Lal
Mentor and mentee cities	70 mentor cities and about 191 mentee cities from 33 States and UTs
Survey edition	10th edition of Swachh Survekshan, for 2025-26

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DRI Seizes 10.8 kg Amphetamine Hidden In Postal Parcel

14 November 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 10.8 kg of amphetamine hidden in the walls of a parcel from Europe at the Foreign Post Office, New Delhi.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 10.8 kg of amphetamine at the Foreign Post Office, New Delhi, from a parcel that had arrived from a European country.
- The parcel was declared as Kleren, meaning clothes, and ordinary garments were indeed packed inside the shipping carton.
- Two plastic pouches were concealed in each of the four sides of the carton, making eight packets of a pink powdery substance in all.
- The packets were seized under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, and an investigation into the wider network is under way.
- The DRI functions under the Ministry of Finance and acted on specific intelligence in this case.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Finance
Seizure	10.8 kg of amphetamine
Place	Foreign Post Office, New Delhi
Origin of parcel	A European country
Declared contents	Kleren, that is, clothes
Concealment	Two pouches in each of the four sides of the carton; eight packets in all
Law invoked	Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985

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Health Pavilion Opens at 45th India International Trade Fair

14 November 2026 · National

NITI Aayog Member Dr M. Srinivas opened the Health Ministry pavilion at the 45th IITF 2026 in New Delhi, themed Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat, with 39 stalls.

- The Union Health Ministry's Health Pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 was inaugurated by Dr M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog
- The fair is organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 14 to 27 November 2026
- The pavilion's theme is Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat, focused on preventive healthcare and youth participation
- It brings together 24 national health programmes and organisations through 39 stalls over 989 square metres on the ground floor of Hall Number 4
- Services on display include Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, eSanjeevani, Universal Immunisation Programme, TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan and Tele-MANAS

Event	45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026
Organiser	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
Venue and dates	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; 14 to 27 November 2026
Health Pavilion theme	Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat
Inaugurated by	Dr M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog
Union Health Secretary	Punya Salila Srivastava
Scale	24 national health programmes, 39 stalls, 989 square metres, ground floor of Hall Number 4
Focus of address	Preventive healthcare and the rising burden of Non-Communicable Diseases

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Indian Panorama 2026 Picks 25 Feature Films for 57th IFFI

14 November 2026 · National

Indian Panorama 2026 has chosen 25 feature films and 20 non-feature films for the 57th IFFI in Goa, with Aditya Dhar's ‘Dhurandhar’ as opening feature.

- Indian Panorama 2026 at the 57th IFFI will screen 25 feature films, five of them in the Mainstream Cinema section, and 20 non-feature films
- The feature films were selected from 404 Indian entries and the non-feature films from 358 entries
- ‘Dhurandhar’ (Hindi) by Aditya Dhar is the opening feature film and ‘Becoming’ (Ladakhi) by Leena Yadav the opening non-feature film
- The 12-member feature jury was headed by Madhur Bhandarkar and the six-member non-feature jury by Himanshu Sekhar Khatua
- Indian Panorama was introduced in 1978; the 57th IFFI runs from 20 to 28 November 2026 in Goa

Event	Indian Panorama 2026, flagship Indian section of the 57th International Film Festival of India
Feature films selected	25, including five in the Mainstream Cinema section
Non-feature films selected	20
Entries received	404 feature films and 358 non-feature films
Opening feature film	‘Dhurandhar’ (Hindi), directed by Aditya Dhar
Opening non-feature film	‘Becoming’ (Ladakhi), directed by Leena Yadav
Feature film jury	12 members, headed by Madhur Bhandarkar
Non-feature film jury	Six members, headed by Himanshu Sekhar Khatua

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‘Fatherland’ Chosen as Opening Film of 57th IFFI in Goa

14 November 2026 · National

Polish director Paweł Pawlikowski's black-and-white drama ‘Fatherland’ has been selected as the opening film of the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa.

- ‘Fatherland’ (‘Ojczyzna’), directed by Paweł Pawlikowski, is the opening film of the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa
- The 57th IFFI runs from 20 to 28 November 2026 and the screening will be the film's India premiere
- The 82-minute black-and-white drama is set in the summer of 1949 and follows writer Thomas Mann and his daughter Erika
- It is a co-production of Poland, Germany, Italy and France, with Sandra Hüller and Hanns Zischler in the lead roles
- The film won Pawlikowski the Best Director Award at Cannes and also travelled to San Sebastián and Telluride in 2026

Opening film	‘Fatherland’ (‘Ojczyzna’)
Director	Paweł Pawlikowski, Poland
Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa
Festival dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Festival theme	‘Stories Without Borders’
Running time	82 minutes, in black and white
Period of the story	Summer of 1949, at the height of the Cold War
Lead actors	Sandra Hüller and Hanns Zischler

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DRI Seizes 20 kg Meth Tablets From Tipper Truck in Assam

14 November 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 20 kg of methamphetamine tablets from a cavity built into a tipper truck in Assam's Cachar district, one arrested.

- The DRI seized 20 kg of methamphetamine tablets, known as yaba, from a tipper truck in Assam on 12 November 2026
- The operation was conducted jointly with personnel of the 38 Battalion of the Assam Rifles after an intelligence input
- The Tata tipper truck was intercepted near Borkhola in Cachar district, where a cavity was found in the right-side panel
- The cavity held 32 packets: 17 brick-shaped packets of one kilogram each and 15 rectangular packets of 200 grams each
- The drugs and the truck were seized under the NDPS Act, 1985 and the occupant of the truck was arrested

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Partner force	38 Battalion of the Assam Rifles
Seizure	20 kg methamphetamine tablets, commonly called yaba
Date of seizure	12 November 2026
Place	Near Borkhola, Cachar district, Assam
Concealment	Cavity in the upper inner portion of the truck's right-side panel, camouflaged with cement and paint
Packets recovered	32 packets: 17 of one kilogram each and 15 of 200 grams each
Field test	NDPS Field Detection Kit indicated the presence of amphetamine

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Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum Approved at Rs 3,230 Crore in Delhi

15 November 2026 · National

The Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum, cleared by the CCEA on 11 November 2026 at Rs 3,230 crore, will turn Delhi's North and South Blocks into galleries.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum on 11 November 2026 at an estimated cost of Rs 3,230 crore, with the Ministry of Culture as the executing body.
- The museum occupies the historic North and South Block Complex in New Delhi, which stayed the seat of government administration until 13 February 2026.
- Display space of more than 1 lakh square metres would put it ahead of the Louvre at 73,000 square metres, the British Museum at 70,000 and the Hermitage at 66,800.
- It is designed for 30,000 visitors a day and 1 crore a year, over a built-up area of about 1,78,509 square metres.
- The Adornment gallery is to open in the North Block late in 2027, with the build running from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.

Project	Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum
Location	North and South Block Complex, New Delhi
Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, on 11 November 2026
Estimated cost	Rs 3,230 crore
Ministry	Ministry of Culture
First announced	18 May 2023, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Built-up area	About 1,78,509 square metres
Visitor capacity	30,000 a day and 1 crore a year

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NITI Aayog to Hold Five Workshops on 25 Years of Governance

15 November 2026 · National

NITI Aayog will open a series of five National Workshops on 17 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam to draw lessons from 25 years of Narendra Modi as Head of Government.

- NITI Aayog will launch five National Workshops from 17 November 2026 on twenty-five years of Narendra Modi as Head of Government
- The first workshop, Leadership as Mission, is at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; the others follow in January, April, July and September 2027
- Narendra Modi became Chief Minister of Gujarat on 7 October 2001 and Prime Minister in May 2014, completing twenty-five years on 7 October 2026
- Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan will launch the Karmayogi Sankalpa on the iGOT Karmayogi platform at the close of the first workshop
- About 900 participants are expected, with 250 taking part directly, among them 150 officers of the Union and State governments

Organiser	NITI Aayog
Series	Five National Workshops on twenty-five years as Head of Government
First workshop	Leadership as Mission, 17 November 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
CM of Gujarat from	7 October 2001
Prime Minister from	May 2014, now in a third successive term
NITI Aayog CEO	Anurag Jain
NITI Aayog Vice Chairman	Ashok Kumar Lahiri

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WAVES Film Bazaar Marks 20th Edition in Goa

15 November 2026 · National

WAVES Film Bazaar, begun by the NFDC in 2007, will hold its 20th edition from 20 to 24 November 2026 at Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon alongside the 57th IFFI.

- WAVES Film Bazaar will hold its 20th edition from 20 to 24 November 2026 at Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon, Goa, alongside the 57th International Film Festival of India
- The market was initiated by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in 2007 to nurture South Asian storytelling
- Its programmes include the Co-Production Market, the NFDC Screenwriters' Lab, the Work-in-Progress Lab, the Viewing Room, Market Screenings, the Producers' Lab and the Knowledge Series
- Films that came through the bazaar include Ship of Theseus, The Lunchbox, Court, Newton, Manto, Cactus Pears and Little Thomas
- The NFDC has extended financial support to more than 300 films across 21 regional languages

Event	20th edition of WAVES Film Bazaar
Dates	20 to 24 November 2026
Venue	Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon, Goa
Held alongside	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
Started by	National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)
Year started	2007
Original aim	Nurturing South Asian storytelling
Key programmes	Co-Production Market, NFDC Screenwriters' Lab, Work-in-Progress Lab, Viewing Room, Market Screenings, Producers' Lab, Knowledge Series

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IFFI 2026 Puts Malayalam Cinema and Prem Nazir in Focus

15 November 2026 · National

The 57th IFFI in Goa will mark the centenary of Prem Nazir with Thulabharam and screen five Malayalam films, with sessions by Basil Joseph and K. S. Chithra.

- The 57th International Film Festival of India runs in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 under the theme Stories without Borders
- Thulabharam, a film linked to the actor Prem Nazir, will be screened as part of the festival's centenary celebrations of Indian cinema figures
- Malayalam selections include Sarvam Maya in Indian Panorama, Ottanjaavalmaram and Ajayante Maranam: Oru Case Study in New Horizon, the short film Switch Off, and Half under Gala Premieres
- Basil Joseph joins an In Conversation session titled The Epic Genres - Mythologies, Superheroes and New Worlds
- Playback singer K. S. Chithra leads a retrospective session in tribute to Asha Bhosle and S. Janaki

Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
Venue and dates	Goa, 20 to 28 November 2026
Theme	Stories without Borders
Centenary screening	Thulabharam, linked to actor Prem Nazir
Indian Panorama feature	Sarvam Maya, directed by Akhil Sathyan
New Horizon films	Ottanjaavalmaram (Shruthi Sharanyam) and Ajayante Maranam: Oru Case Study (Sreehari Haridas)
Non-feature selection	Switch Off, an 11-minute short by Sandeep Francis
Gala Premieres	Half, directed by Samjad

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Amit Shah Launches Bharat Taxi and NHEC Revival in Pune

15 November 2026 · National

Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah did the Bhoomi Pujan for reviving NHEC at Talegaon Dabhade in Pune, launched Bharat Taxi and opened the CRCS western office.

- Amit Shah performed the Bhoomi Pujan for reviving the NHEC multi-state cooperative society at Talegaon Dabhade in Pune district on 15 November 2026
- The closed NHEC industrial complex covers about 110 acres; Shah expects production to restart there before December 2027
- Bharat Taxi, a cooperative-model taxi service, was launched in Pune; its Sarathis keep their whole earnings and were given share certificates
- The CRCS Western Regional Office at Pune will regulate multi-state cooperative societies in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu
- NHEC once exported sugar mills to 11 countries; NDDB, Amul, NCDC, IFFCO, NABARD and IPL backed its revival

Occasion	Bhoomi Pujan of the NHEC revival, launch of Bharat Taxi and inauguration of the CRCS Western Regional Office
Who	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Place	Talegaon Dabhade, Pune district, Maharashtra
NHEC full form	National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited
NHEC land	About 110 acres
Production target	Before December 2027
First board meeting of revived NHEC	9 October 2026
CRCS office jurisdiction	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu

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Akashvani Launches AIR Rising Stars for Artists Under 30

15 November 2026 · National

Akashvani launched the first season of AIR Rising Stars, a chain of 26 concerts from 17 to 30 November 2026 for musicians aged below thirty years.

- Akashvani has launched the first season of AIR Rising Stars, a series of concerts only for musical artists below thirty years of age
- The concerts will be held at 26 locations across the country from 17 to 30 November 2026, one at each participating Akashvani station
- The series is part of the celebrations of ninety years of Akashvani, the radio service of Prasar Bharati
- Cash prizes of Rs 20,000, Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000 go to the three performances with the most YouTube views by 15 January 2027
- Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan, which has completed 67 editions, is meant for Top Grade and A Grade artists, while the new series is only for the young

Initiative	AIR Rising Stars, Season 1
Launched by	Akashvani (All India Radio), under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Dates	17 to 30 November 2026
Locations	26 Akashvani stations across India
Eligibility	Young artists below 30 years of age, graded artists first
Occasion	Celebrations of 90 years of Akashvani
Prizes	Rs 20,000, Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000 for the three most-viewed performances on YouTube by 15 January 2027
Digital platforms	Raagam YouTube channel, NewsOnAir app and Prasar Bharati's WAVES OTT, besides Doordarshan

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International

Kiren Rijiju Attends Raising of 108 Stupas in Bhutan

1 November 2026 · International

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju represented India at the raising and consecration of 108 stupas in Gelephu Mindfulness City, Bhutan, on 1 November 2026.

- Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs Kiren Rijiju represented India at the raising and consecration of 108 stupas at Gelephu Mindfulness City, Bhutan, on 1 November 2026
- The ceremony was led by the King of Bhutan, whose own idea the project was
- Thousands of volunteers raised all 108 stupas in a single day, each 15 metres tall and 108 metres apart along an 11.7 km stretch beside the Aie (Mau) river near the Assam border
- Stupa No. 76 has been dedicated by the King to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his support to the project
- Rijiju visited Bhutan from 31 October to 2 November 2026 and met King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck and Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay

Event	Raising and consecration of 108 stupas, 1 November 2026
India represented by	Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs
Place	Gelephu Mindfulness City, Bhutan, near the border with Assam
Ceremony led by	The King of Bhutan, who conceived the project
Height of each stupa	15 metres
Spacing	108 metres apart
Stretch	11.7 kilometres along the Aie (Mau) river
Built in	A single day, by thousands of volunteers

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India-EU Talks: Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal Meets EC Officials

2 November 2026 · International

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal met three Directors-General of the European Commission in Brussels on trade, market access and the India-EU FTA.

- Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal held high-level meetings with the European Commission in Brussels on trade facilitation, market access and the India-EU Free Trade Agreement
- He met Ditte Juul Jorgensen of DG TRADE, Koen Doens of DG INTPA and Gerassimos Thomas of DG TAXUD
- The DG TAXUD meeting dealt with customs cooperation and the groundwork for implementing the India-EU FTA
- Antwerp, Mumbai and Surat are recognised as major diamond centres, and India and Belgium have named gems and jewellery a key area of cooperation
- A business roundtable with BusinessEurope and the Embassy of India in Brussels was held on 30 October 2026 and was addressed by Ambassador Pranay Verma

Who	Rajesh Agrawal, Commerce Secretary of India
Where	Brussels, Belgium
Ministry	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
DG TRADE	Ditte Juul Jorgensen, Director-General, Trade and Economic Security
DG INTPA	Koen Doens, Director-General, International Partnerships
DG TAXUD	Gerassimos Thomas, Director-General, Taxation and Customs Union
Diamond centres	Antwerp, Mumbai and Surat
Industry roundtable	Hosted by BusinessEurope with the Embassy of India, Brussels, on 30 October 2026

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India Elected ISA President for Third Straight Term

3 November 2026 · International

India has been elected President of the International Solar Alliance for a third consecutive term, Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said at the BRE Summit in New Delhi.

- India has been elected President of the International Solar Alliance for the third consecutive term; France was re-elected Co-President
- The Alliance was set up by India and France in 2015 and now has 130 signatory and member countries
- The USD 200 million Africa Solar Facility has an Indian commitment of about Rs 225 crore, that is USD 25 million
- A USD 300 million Nigeria Distributed Renewable Energy Fund was cited as a model for scaling the approach in Africa
- Three million farmers have been covered through solar energy, with PM-KUSUM and Agri-PV cited as the template

Announcement	India elected President of the International Solar Alliance for a third consecutive term
Co-President	France, re-elected
Announced by	Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy
Occasion	Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, New Delhi
ISA founded	2015, by India and France
Membership	130 signatory and member countries
Africa Solar Facility	USD 200 million, with an Indian commitment of about Rs 225 crore (USD 25 million)
Nigeria fund	USD 300 million Distributed Renewable Energy Fund

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India-Poland Trade Push: Jitin Prasada Visits Warsaw

4 November 2026 · International

Minister of State Jitin Prasada visited Poland on 2 and 3 November 2026 with 12 Indian companies, held three ministerial meetings and opened a forum in Warsaw.

- Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Commerce and Industry and for Electronics and IT, visited Poland on 2 and 3 November 2026 with a delegation of 12 Indian companies.
- The India-Poland Strategic Partnership was established in 2024, during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's landmark visit to Poland.
- Talks with Deputy Prime Minister and Digital Affairs Minister Krzysztof Gawkowski covered artificial intelligence, semiconductors, data centres and cybersecurity.
- The India-Poland Business Forum met at the Polish National Chamber of Commerce (KIG) in Warsaw on 3 November, where Prasada gave the opening address.
- Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk had visited India the previous month, and the India-EU Free Trade Agreement is to take effect in the coming months.

Minister	Jitin Prasada, MoS for Commerce and Industry, and for Electronics and Information Technology
Country visited	Poland
Dates of visit	2 and 3 November 2026
Delegation	12 Indian companies
Strategic Partnership since	2024, during PM Narendra Modi's visit to Poland
Polish leaders met	Deputy PM Krzysztof Gawkowski, Secretary of State Ignacy Niemczycki, Deputy Minister Michal Baranowski
Business Forum venue	Polish National Chamber of Commerce (KIG), Warsaw
Companies toured	Transition Technologies (IT and software engineering) and WB Electronics (defence)

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India to Host Kimberley Process Plenary in New Delhi

5 November 2026 · International

As Kimberley Process Chair for 2026, India held a stakeholder consultation in Luanda before the plenary it will host at Bharat Mandapam from 30 November.

- India chairs the Kimberley Process for 2026, having taken over on 1 January 2026 under the theme Confidence, Compliance and Credibility
- The KP Plenary will be held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 30 November to 4 December 2026, preceded by the New Delhi Diamond Dialogue on 29 November
- This is India's third Chairship of the Process, after 2008 and 2019; Ghana is the present Vice-Chair and the UAE the former Chair
- The African Diamond Producers' Association, founded in Luanda on 4 November 2006, has 15 members and 8 observers, India and Russia being the only non-African ones
- The Certification Scheme traces to UN General Assembly Resolution 55/56 of 2000 and has 60 participants representing 86 countries

KP Chair 2026	India, from 1 January 2026; theme Confidence, Compliance and Credibility
Chair represented by	Yashvir Singh, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce
Plenary	30 November to 4 December 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
KP Forum	New Delhi Diamond Dialogue on 29 November 2026
India's earlier Chairships	2008 and 2019; this is its third time hosting the plenary
Vice-Chair	Republic of Ghana; former Chair, United Arab Emirates
Legal origin	UN General Assembly Resolution 55/56 of 2000
Membership	60 participants covering 86 countries; EU counted as one

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Envoys of Mali, Myanmar, Madagascar, Equatorial Guinea Meet President

6 November 2026 · International

President Droupadi Murmu accepted credentials from the ambassadors of Mali, Myanmar, Madagascar and Equatorial Guinea at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 6 November 2026.

- President Droupadi Murmu accepted credentials from the envoys of four countries at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 6 November 2026.
- The four countries were Mali, Myanmar, Madagascar and Equatorial Guinea.
- U Aye Min Htwe presented his credentials as Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.
- Fatoma Thera (Mali), Mandehatsara Georget (Madagascar) and Miguel Edjang Angue (Equatorial Guinea) were the other three ambassadors.

Date	6 November 2026
Venue	Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
Credentials accepted by	President Droupadi Murmu
Mali	Ambassador Fatoma Thera
Myanmar	Ambassador U Aye Min Htwe
Madagascar	Ambassador Mandehatsara Georget
Equatorial Guinea	Ambassador Miguel Edjang Angue

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India and EU Conclude Horizon Europe Association Talks

7 November 2026 · International

India and the European Union finished negotiations on 7 November 2026 for India's association with Horizon Europe, the EU's flagship research and innovation programme.

- India and the European Union concluded negotiations for India's association with Horizon Europe, the EU's flagship research and innovation programme, announced on 7 November 2026
- Association lets Indian researchers, institutions and industry bid in the programme's funding calls, join European consortia and use advanced research infrastructure
- Pillar II clusters that match India's priorities are health, digital technology, industry and space, climate, energy and mobility, and food and the bioeconomy
- The exploration began after the India-EU Summit of 27 January 2026; formal talks were launched at the Trade and Technology Council ministerial in Brussels on 15 July 2026
- The announcement came from the Ministry of Science and Technology, which links the move to the Viksit Bharat 2047 goal

Programme	Horizon Europe, the European Union's flagship research and innovation programme
Announced by	Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India
Date of announcement	7 November 2026
Summit that opened the exploration	India-EU Summit, 27 January 2026
Meeting that launched formal talks	India-EU Trade and Technology Council ministerial, Brussels, 15 July 2026
Pillar II clusters	Health; digital technology, industry and space; climate, energy and mobility; food and the bioeconomy
Existing framework	India-EU Agreement on Science and Technology Cooperation
Goal cited	Viksit Bharat 2047

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India, Saudi Arabia Sign Haj 2027 Pact; Quota 175,025

9 November 2026 · International

India and Saudi Arabia signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027 at Jeddah on 9 November 2026, fixing the Indian pilgrim quota at 175,025.

- The Bilateral Haj Agreement between India and Saudi Arabia for Haj-2027 was signed in Jeddah on 9 November 2026.
- India's country quota for Haj-2027 has been confirmed at 175,025 pilgrims.
- Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, led the Indian side on a visit that ran from 6 to 9 November 2026.
- The Saudi side was represented by Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, Minister of Hajj and Umrah; the bilateral meeting took place at the Jeddah Superdome.
- The Minister attended the opening of the 6th Hajj Conference and Exhibition on 8 November and met the Deputy Governor of the Makkah Region.

Agreement	Bilateral Haj Agreement between India and Saudi Arabia for Haj-2027
Signed at	Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 9 November 2026
Indian quota	175,025 pilgrims
Indian Minister	Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs
Saudi Minister	Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, Minister of Hajj and Umrah
Venue of bilateral meeting	Jeddah Superdome
Visit dates	6 to 9 November 2026
Conference attended	6th Hajj Conference and Exhibition, Jeddah

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PM Modi Speaks to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

9 November 2026 · International

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke by telephone to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on 9 November 2026 and backed dialogue and diplomacy.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke by telephone with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on 9 November 2026.
- President Zelenskyy shared his perspective on recent developments in the ongoing conflict.
- The Prime Minister reiterated India's consistent position that the conflict must be settled through dialogue and diplomacy, and recalled India's human-centric approach.
- He conveyed India's readiness to contribute to all efforts aimed at a peaceful resolution of the conflict.
- The two leaders also discussed measures to strengthen India-Ukraine bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

Event	Telephone conversation between the Prime Minister of India and the President of Ukraine
Date	9 November 2026
Leaders	Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy
India's stated position	The conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy
India's approach	Human-centric approach, with readiness to contribute to all peace efforts
Other agenda	Strengthening India-Ukraine bilateral cooperation in various sectors

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First BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting Held in Colombo

11 November 2026 · International

The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting at Colombo adopted a Joint Ministerial Statement and the Revised Plan of Action on Public Health 2026-2030.

- The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting was held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 11 November 2026 and unanimously adopted a Joint Ministerial Statement
- The meeting also adopted the Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health (2026-2030) covering surveillance, pandemic preparedness, digital health and One Health
- India will host the BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine at the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar, Gujarat
- An MoU was exchanged for 100 more ambulances for Sri Lanka's 1990 Suwa Seriya service with Indian grant aid of about USD 5.28 million, plus 50 medical kiosks
- The forum will meet once in two years; Thailand offered to host the second meeting in 2028, and the Colombo meeting was chaired by Nalinda Jayatissa

Event	First BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting
Date and venue	11 November 2026, Colombo, Sri Lanka
India represented by	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda
Chaired by	Nalinda Jayatissa, Minister of Health and Mass Media, Sri Lanka
Documents adopted	Joint Ministerial Statement and Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health (2026-2030)
Forum created at	Sixth BIMSTEC Summit, Bangkok, April 2025
Traditional medicine centre	ITRA, Jamnagar, Gujarat
Ambulance MoU	100 ambulances for 1990 Suwa Seriya, grant of about USD 5.28 million

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Jitendra Singh in Italy for Second Science Innovation Dialogue

12 November 2026 · International

Union Minister Jitendra Singh began a visit to Italy from 11 to 15 November 2026 to carry forward the India-Italy Special Strategic Partnership in science and technology.

- Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, is on an official visit to Italy from 11 to 15 November 2026
- The visit takes forward the Special Strategic Partnership decided during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Italy in May 2026
- He is taking part in the Second Science and Innovation Dialogue with Italian Minister of University and Research Anna Maria Bernini
- On 13 November the delegation visits the Elettra Synchrotron facility, ICTP and ICGEB in Trieste
- An event marking World Diabetes Day will be held at the Indian Embassy in Rome on 14 November

Minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Country visited	Italy, 11 to 15 November 2026
Framework	India-Italy Science and Technology Dialogue 2026
Dialogue	Second Science and Innovation Dialogue with Anna Maria Bernini
Partnership	Special Strategic Partnership decided during PM Narendra Modi's Italy visit in May 2026
Institutions visited	Elettra Synchrotron, ICTP and ICGEB in Trieste on 13 November
Ambassador of India to Italy	Vani Rao
Rome event	World Diabetes Day programme at the Indian Embassy on 14 November

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PM Modi to Visit Manila for 23rd ASEAN-India Summit

12 November 2026 · International

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Manila from 16 to 17 November 2026 to join the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit hosted by the Philippines.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Manila, Philippines, from 16 to 17 November 2026, invited by Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.
- He will attend the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit, both held on 17 November 2026
- The Philippines is hosting the summits as the ASEAN Chair for 2026
- 2026 is being observed as the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation; 35 years of Dialogue Relations and five years of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership fall in 2027
- The ASEAN-India Summit will review the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, including the ASEAN-India Plan of Action 2026-2030

Visit	Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Manila, Philippines
Dates	16 to 17 November 2026
Invited by	Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines
Summits	23rd ASEAN-India Summit and 21st East Asia Summit, both on 17 November 2026
Host / ASEAN Chair 2026	Philippines
Theme year	2026 marked as the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation
Roadmap under review	ASEAN-India Plan of Action 2026-2030
Milestones in 2027	35 years of Dialogue Relations and five years of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

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LeadIT 3.0 to Be Launched at COP31 in Antalya

12 November 2026 · International

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav met Indian LeadIT member firms in New Delhi; the third phase of the India-Sweden platform will open at COP31 in Antalya.

- Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav held an interaction with Indian LeadIT member companies and project partners in New Delhi on 12 November 2026
- LeadIT was launched by India and Sweden in 2019 at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York with support from the World Economic Forum
- The platform now has 19 countries and 33 companies as members, including 13 from India; the renewed mandate was announced in May 2026
- LeadIT 3.0 will be launched on 17 November 2026 at the LeadIT Industry Leaders Roundtable during COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye
- Participants included Tata Steel, JSW Steel, SAIL, UltraTech Cement, Dalmia Cement, Volvo Group, SpiceJet and five Indian Institutes of Technology

Who	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Platform	LeadIT, the Leadership Group for Industry Transition
Launched by	India and Sweden, in 2019, at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York
Supported by	World Economic Forum
Membership	19 countries and 33 companies, 13 of them Indian
Renewed mandate	Announced by the Prime Ministers of India and Sweden in May 2026
Next phase	LeadIT 3.0, on 17 November 2026
Where	LeadIT Industry Leaders Roundtable at COP31, Antalya, Turkiye

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India and Italy Plan New Joint Research Call in 2027

13 November 2026 · International

The Second India-Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue ended in Rome, with Dr Jitendra Singh announcing a fresh joint research call planned for 2027.

- The Second India-Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue 2026 concluded in Rome, with Dr Jitendra Singh and Italian Minister Anna Maria Bernini addressing the closing session
- India and Italy will launch a new joint research call in 2027 covering artificial intelligence, high-performance computing, clean energy and advanced biotechnology
- The first inter-governmental science and technology agreement between the two countries was signed in 1978 and renewed on 28 November 2003
- India-Italy relations were elevated to a Strategic Partnership in 2023, followed by the Joint Strategic Action Plan for 2025-2029 announced in November 2024
- More than 150 joint projects have been carried out under the Indo-Italian Executive Programme of Cooperation, whose current edition for 2025-27 was signed on 10 April 2025

Event	Second India-Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue 2026
Venue	Rome, Italy
Indian minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology
Italian minister	Anna Maria Bernini, Minister of University and Research
First S&T agreement	Signed in 1978, renewed on 28 November 2003
Strategic Partnership	India-Italy ties elevated in 2023
Joint Strategic Action Plan	For 2025-2029, announced in November 2024
Joint projects so far	More than 150 under the Executive Programme of Cooperation

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India-Egypt: Piyush Goyal to Co-Chair 7th Joint Trade Committee

14 November 2026 · International

Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal will visit Egypt on 15-16 November 2026 to co-chair the 7th India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee session in Cairo.

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal visits Egypt on 15 and 16 November 2026 for trade, investment and industrial cooperation talks.
- The 7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee will be held in Cairo on 15 November 2026, co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh.
- Bilateral merchandise trade in April-September 2026 was USD 5.04 billion, 64 per cent higher than the same period a year earlier.
- In FY 2025-26 India's exports to Egypt were USD 3.87 billion and imports from Egypt USD 2.60 billion, as per DGCIS.
- More than 140 Indian CEOs will join the Joint Business Council Meeting and the India-Egypt Business Forum; Afreximbank meetings are also planned.

Event	7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee (JTC)
Venue and date	Cairo, 15 November 2026
Visit dates	15 and 16 November 2026
Indian co-chair	Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal
Egyptian co-chair	Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh
Trade, April-September 2026	USD 5.04 billion, up 64 per cent year on year
India's exports, FY 2025-26	USD 3.87 billion
India's imports, FY 2025-26	USD 2.60 billion

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Janakpur Dham-Ayodhya Weekly Train Cleared by Indian Railways

14 November 2026 · International

Indian Railways approved a weekly train joining Janakpur Dham in Nepal with Ayodhya Cantt, a run of about 604 km through Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

- Indian Railways has approved a new weekly train service between Janakpur Dham in Nepal and Ayodhya Cantt. in Uttar Pradesh
- The route covers about 604 kilometres and passes through several towns of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
- The train originates from Janakpur Dham on Saturday and from Ayodhya Cantt. on Monday
- Commercial halts include Jaynagar, Madhubani, Shisho, Sitamarhi, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj, Gorakhpur, Basti, Mankapur and Ayodhya Dham
- Janakpur Dham is revered as the birthplace of Mata Sita and Ayodhya as the birthplace of Prabhu Shri Ram

Service	Weekly train between Janakpur Dham (Nepal) and Ayodhya Cantt. (India)
Approved by	Indian Railways, announced by the Ministry of Railways
Distance	About 604 kilometres
Frequency	Once a week
Originating days	Saturday from Janakpur Dham; Monday from Ayodhya Cantt.
States on the Indian side	Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
Religious link	Janakpur Dham, birthplace of Mata Sita; Ayodhya, birthplace of Prabhu Shri Ram
Announcement date	14 November 2026

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BRICS Film Showcase at 57th IFFI to Screen 21 Films

14 November 2026 · International

The 57th IFFI in Goa will screen 21 films under its ‘Films from BRICS’ package, with Aditya Dhar's ‘Article 370’ as the Indian entry in the line-up.

- The 57th IFFI will screen 21 films under the ‘Films from BRICS’ showcase, drawn from the member countries of the grouping
- India's entry in the package is ‘Article 370’, directed by Aditya Dhar and set against the 2016 Kashmir unrest
- ‘Article 370’ won three honours at the 72nd National Film Awards: Best Film, Best Actress and Best Music
- The package spans Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Iran, Egypt, the UAE, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Bolivia, Nigeria and more
- The festival runs from 20 to 28 November 2026 in Goa with over 150 international films from 86 countries

Package	‘Films from BRICS’ at the 57th International Film Festival of India
Films in the showcase	21
Indian entry	‘Article 370’, directed by Aditya Dhar
Awards won by the Indian entry	Three honours at the 72nd National Film Awards: Best Film, Best Actress, Best Music
Themes of the selection	Democracy, freedom, identity, history and contemporary global concerns
Festival dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Venue	Multiple venues across Goa
Festival scale	Over 150 international films from 86 countries

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India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee Holds 7th Session in Cairo

15 November 2026 · International

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal co-chaired the 7th India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee in Cairo on 15 November 2026, with bilateral trade near US$6.5 billion.

- The 7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee was held in Cairo on 15 November 2026, co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh.
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal reached Cairo on 14 November 2026 with a delegation of more than 130 business leaders and start-ups.
- India-Egypt bilateral trade stands at about US$6.5 billion, with nearly 70 Indian companies in Egypt holding investments of more than US$5 billion.
- Of the 4,000 soldiers buried or commemorated at the Heliopolis War Cemetery in Cairo, 3,727 are Indian, nearly 2,000 from the First World War and around 1,700 from the Second.
- The visit also covers the Joint Business Council, the India-Egypt Business Forum and meetings with Afreximbank and the Egypt-India Startups Forum.

Event	7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee
Venue and date	Cairo, Egypt, on 15 November 2026
Co-chairs	Piyush Goyal and Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh
Egyptian co-chair's post	Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade of Egypt
Bilateral trade	About US$6.5 billion
Indian companies in Egypt	Nearly 70, with investment above US$5 billion
Business delegation	More than 130 business leaders and start-ups
Heliopolis War Cemetery	3,727 Indian soldiers of the 4,000 buried or commemorated

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Spain Is Country of Honour at 57th IFFI in Goa

15 November 2026 · International

Spain has been designated Country of Honour at the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa, which will screen four contemporary Spanish films.

- Spain has been designated the Country of Honour at the 57th International Film Festival of India, held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026
- Four contemporary Spanish films will be screened, with premieres at the world, Asian and Indian levels
- Bitter Christmas (Amarga Navidad) by two-time Oscar winner Pedro Almodovar gets its India Premiere after travelling to Cannes, Toronto and San Sebastian
- Looking For Michael by Juana Macias and Trinidad by Laura Alvea and Jose Ortuno both get their World Premiere at the festival
- The Bad Son (El Mal Hijo), the directorial debut of actor Jaime Lorente, gets its Asia Premiere at the festival

Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
Venue	Goa
Dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Country of Honour	Spain
Spanish films screened	Four contemporary films
India Premiere	Bitter Christmas (Amarga Navidad), directed by Pedro Almodovar
World Premieres	Looking For Michael (Juana Macias) and Trinidad (Laura Alvea and Jose Ortuno)
Asia Premiere	The Bad Son (El Mal Hijo), directed by Jaime Lorente

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Russia Is Partner Country at 57th IFFI with Four Films

15 November 2026 · International

Russia is the Partner Country at the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa, where a four-film package will be shown from 20 to 28 November 2026.

- Russia has been named Partner Country of the 57th International Film Festival of India, which runs in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026.
- The theme of the 57th IFFI is Stories Without Borders, and the Partner Country package has four Russian films.
- Bo Bo by Anastasia Kuzina, Sidney Lumet’s Birthday by Raul Geidarov and Cheryomushki by Herbert Rappaport will have their India premieres at the festival.
- New Home by Nikita Grushin, which runs 101 minutes, will have its world premiere at IFFI 2026.
- Sidney Lumet’s Birthday won the Grand Jury Prize at the Vyborg National Film Festival, and Cheryomushki is a Shostakovich-scored satire set in post-war Moscow.

Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
Dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Host state	Goa
Theme	Stories Without Borders
Partner Country	Russia
Films in the package	Four
World premiere	New Home, by Nikita Grushin (101 minutes)
Award winner in the set	Sidney Lumet’s Birthday — Grand Jury Prize, Vyborg National Film Festival

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Economy

Coal Imports Decline 5.83% in August 2026 to 104.57 MT

1 November 2026 · Economy

India's coal imports fell 5.83% to 104.57 million tonnes in August 2026 from 111.05 MT a year earlier, trimming imports to 19.30% of coal consumption.

- India's total coal imports fell 5.83 per cent in August 2026 to 104.57 million tonnes from 111.05 MT in August 2025, a reduction of 6.48 MT.
- Power sector coal imports declined 6.39 per cent to 21.32 MT, while imported coal-based plants took in 0.98 per cent more at 18.31 MT.
- Coal imported for blending at domestic coal-based plants dropped the most, by 35.23 per cent, from 4.64 MT to 3 MT.
- The share of imported coal in total consumption fell from 21.20 per cent to 19.30 per cent, a decline of 1.90 percentage points.
- Coking coal imports, used by the steel industry, declined 4.18 per cent to 27.30 MT from 28.49 MT.

Total coal imports, August 2026	104.57 million tonnes
Total coal imports, August 2025	111.05 million tonnes
Overall decline	5.83 per cent, or 6.48 MT
Power sector imports	Down 6.39 per cent, from 22.77 MT to 21.32 MT
Imported coal-based plants	Up 0.98 per cent, from 18.13 MT to 18.31 MT
Blending at domestic coal-based plants	Down 35.23 per cent, from 4.64 MT to 3 MT
Share of imports in consumption	19.30 per cent, against 21.20 per cent
Coking coal imports	Down 4.18 per cent, from 28.49 MT to 27.30 MT

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Coal India Turns 51 With Record 67.2 MT Output in October

1 November 2026 · Economy

Coal India marked its 51st Foundation Day on 1 November 2026 after posting its best-ever month, producing 67.2 MT of coal and supplying 70.3 MT in October.

- Coal India Limited, under the Ministry of Coal, completed 51 years on 1 November 2026 and has entered its 52nd year
- October 2026 brought its highest-ever output of 67.2 MT, beating 62.47 MT of October 2024
- Total despatch reached a peak of 70.3 MT and despatch to power stations a peak of 57.1 MT, each up 19 per cent year on year
- Daily rake loading for power plants averaged 310 rakes, ahead of the earlier best of 302.8 rakes a day in March 2025
- Set up on 1 November 1975 with 79 MT in year one, the miner produced 768 MT in 2025-26 and has a target of 815 MT for 2026-27

Company	Coal India Limited (CIL), Ministry of Coal
Occasion	51st Foundation Day, 1 November 2026
Set up on	1 November 1975
Record output, October 2026	67.2 MT (earlier best 62.47 MT, October 2024)
Record total despatch	70.3 MT (earlier best 69.4 MT, March 2026)
Record despatch to power	57.1 MT (earlier best 56.5 MT, May 2024)
Daily rake loading	310 rakes for the power sector, an all-time high
Growth	19 per cent year on year on output and despatch

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Khadi Diwali Fest-2026 Opens at Connaught Place in Delhi

1 November 2026 · Economy

KVIC Chairman Manoj Goel inaugurated the Khadi Diwali Fest-2026 at Palika Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi, on the theme 'Khadi-wali Diwali'.

- KVIC organised the 'Khadi Diwali Fest-2026' at NDMC Palika Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi, on the theme 'Khadi-wali Diwali'
- KVIC Chairman Manoj Goel inaugurated the fest as chief guest and also held a media interaction and a 'Diwali Milan'
- The fest, which began on 31 October, offers 20 per cent off on Khadi products and 10 per cent off on village industry products
- The sector's turnover crossed Rs 1.87 lakh crore in 2025-26 and it employs over 2.04 crore people; the target is Rs 2.51 lakh crore
- KVIC has launched a podcast named 'Baat Khadi Ki' to connect Gen-Z with Khadi, Vocal for Local and Viksit Bharat @ 2047

Event	'Khadi Diwali Fest-2026'
Theme	'Khadi-wali Diwali'
Organiser	Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
Inaugurated by	KVIC Chairman Manoj Goel, as chief guest
Venue	NDMC Palika Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi, opposite Regal Cinema
Began on	31 October
Discounts	20 per cent on Khadi products, 10 per cent on village industry products
Sector turnover	Above Rs 1.87 lakh crore in the financial year 2025-26

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Captive and Commercial Coal Mines Produce 22.03 MT in October 2026

2 November 2026 · Economy

Coal output from captive and commercial mines rose to 22.03 million tonnes in October 2026 from 15.49 MT a year earlier, a year-on-year growth of about 42 per cent.

- Captive and commercial coal mines produced 22.03 MT in October 2026, up from 15.49 MT in October 2025, about 42 per cent year-on-year growth
- Coal dispatch from these mines reached 21.11 MT in October 2026 against 15.48 MT a year earlier, a rise of nearly 36 per cent
- From April to October, production grew from 105.33 MT to 117.23 MT (11.30 per cent) and dispatch from 111.95 MT to 124.86 MT (11.53 per cent)
- The Lohari coal mine in Jharkhand obtained Mine Opening Permission in October 2026 after a wait of several years
- The number of operational captive and commercial coal mines in the country has risen to 87

Ministry	Ministry of Coal
Production, October 2026	22.03 MT, against 15.49 MT in October 2025 (about 42 per cent growth)
Dispatch, October 2026	21.11 MT, against 15.48 MT in October 2025 (about 36 per cent growth)
April-October production	117.23 MT against 105.33 MT, a rise of 11.30 per cent
April-October dispatch	124.86 MT against 111.95 MT, a rise of 11.53 per cent
New mine cleared	Lohari coal mine, Jharkhand, got Mine Opening Permission in October 2026
Operational mines	87 captive and commercial coal mines

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WCL Beats All Three Coal Targets in April-October 2026

2 November 2026 · Economy

Western Coalfields was the only Coal India subsidiary to exceed its production, offtake and overburden removal targets between April and October 2026.

- Western Coalfields Limited was the only Coal India subsidiary to exceed its targets on production, offtake and overburden removal during April to October 2026
- It achieved 102.47% of its production target, 108.82% of its offtake target and 104.56% of its overburden removal target over the seven months
- Production in October rose to 5.93 MT from 3.60 MT a year earlier, a growth of 64.87%, the highest among the major subsidiaries
- Rake loading reached 6,146 rakes up to 31 October against 4,402 a year earlier, and pithead stock fell from 13.034 MT to 4.44 MT
- Profit before tax for April to September 2026 was Rs 1,352.26 crore, a growth of 76.3% over the corresponding period

Company	Western Coalfields Limited (WCL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited under the Ministry of Coal
Distinction	Only CIL subsidiary to exceed targets in all three key parameters during April-October 2026
Target achievement	102.47% production, 108.82% offtake, 104.56% overburden removal
Production (April-October)	32.96 MT, growth of 15.92%
Offtake (April-October)	41.56 MT, growth of 25.54%
Overburden removal	207.95 MCuM, growth of 36.10%
October production	5.93 MT against 3.60 MT, a growth of 64.87%
October offtake	6.67 MT against 4.44 MT, a growth of 50.16%

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50 Coal Mines Win Five-Star Rating for FY 2024-25 at Raipur

2 November 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Coal held the Annual Star Rating Awards for FY 2024-25 at Raipur, where 50 coal mines received Five-Star Ratings and NCL and NTPC topped opencast.

- The Ministry of Coal held its Annual Star Rating Awards Ceremony for FY 2024-25 at Raipur in Chhattisgarh
- A total of 50 coal mines received Five-Star Ratings, and 10 of them placed first, second or third in their categories with scores above 93 per cent
- Northern Coalfields Limited and NTPC won the First Prize in the opencast category and Singareni Collieries Company Limited in the underground category
- Western Coalfields Limited was specially appreciated for the highest number of Five-Star rated mines among Coal India subsidiaries
- The Hackathon on R&D 2026, on the theme NextGen AI for Smart Mining, was also awarded at the ceremony

Programme	Star Rating Programme for coal and lignite mines, Ministry of Coal
Assessment year	FY 2024-25
Venue	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Chief guest	Satish Chandra Dubey, Union Minister of State for Coal and Mines
Five-Star mines	50 mines, of which 10 placed first, second or third with scores above 93 per cent
Opencast First Prize	Northern Coalfields Limited and NTPC
Underground First Prize	Singareni Collieries Company Limited
Special appreciation	Western Coalfields Limited, for the most Five-Star rated mines among Coal India subsidiaries

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India Sets USD 1 Trillion Export Target for Current Year

3 November 2026 · Economy

Piyush Goyal said India has set an export target of USD 1 trillion for the current year after record exports of USD 863 billion in the previous year.

- India has set an export target of USD 1 trillion for the current year, representing growth of about 16 per cent
- Exports in the previous year were the highest ever at USD 863 billion
- Exports reached USD 480 billion in April to September, a growth of 14 per cent, and USD 520 billion is needed in the remaining six months
- The IMF had projected global trade growth at 1.9 per cent in April-May and has since revised it to around 3.5 per cent
- Piyush Goyal spoke at the Young Leaders Discourse Forum at Kirori Mal College, New Delhi, on the goal of a developed India by 2047

Minister	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Occasion	Keynote address, Young Leaders Discourse Forum, Kirori Mal College, New Delhi
Date	3 November 2026
Export target, current year	USD 1 trillion
Highest-ever exports	USD 863 billion in the previous year
April to September exports	USD 480 billion, up 14 per cent
Needed in remaining six months	USD 520 billion
IMF global trade growth projection	1.9 per cent in April-May, since revised to about 3.5 per cent

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Sonowal Plans to Double Coastal Freight Share to 12% by 2047

3 November 2026 · Economy

Ports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said at Puri that coastal and waterway shipping will carry 12% of India's freight by 2047, up from the present 6% share.

- Sarbananda Sonowal said the share of coastal and inland waterway shipping in India's freight will be doubled from 6 per cent to 12 per cent by 2047
- A Puri International Cruise Terminal will be developed by Paradip Port Authority with the Government of Odisha at a likely cost of Rs 1,500 crore
- Coastal cargo at Indian ports has grown from 74 million tonnes to 177 million tonnes in twelve years, a rise of about 140 per cent
- India recorded 462,661 ocean cruise passengers and 212 vessel calls in 2025-26; the Cruise Bharat Mission targets one million passengers by March 2029
- The Coastal Cargo Promotion Scheme and Cruise Bharat Mission together are expected to create over 560,000 jobs and save 16 million tonnes of carbon dioxide

Announced by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Occasion	Consultative Committee meeting on coastal and cruise shipping, Puri, Odisha
Freight share target	Coastal and inland waterway share to rise from 6% to 12% by 2047
New terminal	Puri International Cruise Terminal, by Paradip Port Authority with the Odisha government, Rs 1,500 crore
Two initiatives	Coastal Cargo Promotion Scheme (2026-27 budget) and Cruise Bharat Mission (September 2024)
Coastal cargo	Up from 74 million tonnes to 177 million tonnes in twelve years, about 140% growth
Cruise traffic 2025-26	462,661 ocean cruise passengers and 212 vessel calls
Cruise Bharat Mission target	One million sea cruise passengers and 4 lakh jobs by March 2029

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APEDA Sends Arunachal Kiwi and Kullu Pomegranate to Dubai

3 November 2026 · Economy

APEDA facilitated a trial export of 1.5 MT of kiwi from Ziro in Arunachal Pradesh and 1.3 MT of Sinduri pomegranates from Kullu to Dubai in the UAE.

- APEDA facilitated a trial export of 1.5 metric tonnes of kiwi from Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh, to Dubai, where it was showcased at LuLu Hypermarket, Al Qusais
- The kiwi effort runs under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region with the branding line Kiwi: USP of Arunachal Pradesh
- APEDA also facilitated the export of 1.3 metric tonnes of Sinduri pomegranates from Kullu, Himachal Pradesh, in 650 boxes of 2 kg each, by Amama Exports
- The pomegranates came from the Bhuntar FPO, which has about 600 farmers, and growers earned 50% more than the domestic market price
- India exported APEDA-scheduled products worth about USD 2.59 billion and around 3.81 million tonnes to the UAE in FY 2025-26

Agency	APEDA, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Kiwi export	1.5 MT from Ziro, Arunachal Pradesh, to Dubai
Kiwi retail outlet	LuLu Hypermarket, Al Qusais, Dubai
Kiwi initiative	Kiwi: USP of Arunachal Pradesh, under MDoNER
Kiwi varieties	Hayward, Monty, Allison and Bruno
Pomegranate export	1.3 MT of Sinduri variety from Kullu, Himachal Pradesh
Packing	650 boxes of 2 kg each, by Amama Exports of Uttar Pradesh
Farmer group	Bhuntar FPO, with about 600 farmers

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NLMC Phase II RINL Land Auction Fetches Rs 218 Crore

4 November 2026 · Economy

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- Phase II bids came in 17.96 per cent above the aggregate reserve price of Rs 184.81 crore fixed for those plots
- The highest bid in Phase II was Rs 182,650 per square yard, and one plot drew a premium of 67.65 per cent over its reserve price
- Across both phases 264 parcels fetched Rs 584.33 crore against a combined reserve price of Rs 497.29 crore, an overall premium of 17.50 per cent
- NLMC works under the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance; RINL operates the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant

Auctioning body	National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC)
Ministry	Ministry of Finance, Department of Public Enterprises
Land owner	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), which operates Visakhapatnam Steel Plant
Phase II auction date	3 November 2026, at Visakhapatnam
Parcels sold in Phase II	114
Phase II bid value	Rs 218 crore, against a reserve price of Rs 184.81 crore
Phase II premium	17.96 per cent over the aggregate reserve price
Highest bid in Phase II	Rs 182,650 per square yard

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Railways Freight Loading Hits 145.07 MT in October 2026

4 November 2026 · Economy

Indian Railways loaded a record 145.07 million tonnes of freight in October 2026, up 8.32 per cent on the 133.93 million tonnes carried in October 2025.

- Indian Railways loaded 145.07 million tonnes of freight in October 2026, its highest ever for the month of October, a rise of 8.32 per cent over October 2025
- Food grains loading grew fastest at 26.3 per cent, followed by domestic coal at 16.0 per cent and clinker at 10.4 per cent
- Coal rakes sent to power houses averaged 469.8 a day in October 2026 against 393.2 a day a year earlier, a growth of 19.5 per cent
- Freight loading over April to October 2026 reached 978.78 million tonnes against 935.10 million tonnes a year earlier, a rise of 4.67 per cent
- Passengers carried in October 2026 numbered 64.72 crore, against 63.52 crore in October 2025

Announced by	Ministry of Railways, on 4 November 2026
Freight loaded in October 2026	145.07 million tonnes, the highest ever for October
October 2025 figure	133.93 million tonnes
Year-on-year growth	8.32 per cent
Fastest growing commodity	Food grains, up 26.3 per cent
Domestic coal growth	16.0 per cent
Coal rakes to power houses	469.8 a day, against 393.2 a day a year earlier, up 19.5 per cent
April to October 2026 loading	978.78 million tonnes, against 935.10 million tonnes, up 4.67 per cent

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Cabinet Approves Rs 4,371.10 Crore VISTAR Statistics Scheme

4 November 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet approved VISTAR, a central sector statistics scheme of Rs 4,371.10 crore for 2026-27 to 2030-31 that will run the 8th Economic Census.

- VISTAR, the Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics and Research, is a central sector scheme with an outlay of Rs 4,371.10 crore.
- The scheme period is FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 and it covers all statistical and data management work of MoSPI.
- Its three components are Comprehensive Statistical Operations and Strengthening of Ecosystem, Support for Statistical Strengthening, and the Economic Census.
- MoSPI will conduct 59 surveys in the 16th Finance Commission cycle, against 43 major surveys in the previous round, and launch two new indices.
- The 8th Economic Census will cover non-farm establishments up to Gram Panchayat and Ward level and seed a National Statistical Business Register.

Scheme	Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research (VISTAR)
Type	Central sector scheme
Ministry	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Outlay	Rs 4,371.10 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31
Components	Comprehensive Statistical Operations, Support for Statistical Strengthening, Economic Census
Surveys planned	59, against 43 major surveys earlier
Economic Census	8th Economic Census, up to Gram Panchayat and Ward level

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Jaipur Becomes First City With Co-located Commerce Offices

4 November 2026 · Economy

Piyush Goyal inaugurated Vanijya Bhawan and Udyog Bhawan in Jaipur, the first city to house all Commerce Ministry offices at a single location.

- Piyush Goyal virtually inaugurated Vanijya Bhawan and Udyog Bhawan in Jaipur, making it the first city and first State capital to co-locate all Commerce Ministry offices.
- The minister called for co-locating the offices of all 46 organisations under the Ministry, which currently runs around 500 offices across the country.
- Digitisation, including past records at DGFT Regional Authorities, must be completed by 31 March 2027, and from 1 April 2027 no one should need to visit an office physically.
- Every co-located office must have video conferencing facilities and CCTV cameras linked to a central server at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi.
- Goyal tied the initiative to Viksit Bharat 2047 and to preparing India to become a USD 30 trillion economy by 2047.

Buildings inaugurated	Vanijya Bhawan and Udyog Bhawan, Jaipur
Inaugurated by	Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, virtually
Distinction	First city and first State capital to co-locate all Ministry offices
Departments involved	Department of Commerce and DPIIT
Organisations under the Ministry	46
Offices at present	Around 500
Digitisation deadline	31 March 2027, including past records at DGFT Regional Authorities
No physical visits from	1 April 2027

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SRI Fund Has Backed 824 MSMEs with Rs 21,330 Crore

5 November 2026 · Economy

An MSME Ministry workshop on 4 November 2026 said the SRI Fund has invested Rs 21,330 crore in 824 MSMEs and leveraged nearly Rs 48,000 crore of private money.

- The MSME Ministry held an awareness workshop on the Self-Reliant India (SRI) Fund for women-led MSMEs on 4 November 2026 at Kartavya Bhawan 3, New Delhi.
- Against a government commitment of Rs 10,000 crore, commitments of Rs 8,305 crore have been made and nearly Rs 48,000 crore leveraged from private funds.
- 72 Daughter Funds have been empanelled and Rs 21,330 crore invested in 824 MSMEs, of which about 74 per cent are micro enterprises.
- Udyam and Udyam Assist registrations crossed 10 crore on 30 October 2026, and 37.6 per cent of the registered units are women-owned.
- The Union Budget 2026-27 gave the SRI Fund an extra Rs 2,000 crore for micro enterprises; a new Rs 10,000 crore SME Growth Fund will invest directly.

Fund	Self-Reliant India (SRI) Fund, Ministry of MSME
Occasion	Awareness workshop for women-led MSMEs, 4 November 2026, Kartavya Bhawan 3, New Delhi
Campaign	Yashashvini Campaign for women entrepreneurship
Chaired by	Shri Bharat Khera, Secretary (MSME)
Government commitment	Rs 10,000 crore, with private investment expected at four times
Commitments made	Rs 8,305 crore
Private capital leveraged	Nearly Rs 48,000 crore
Investments	Rs 21,330 crore in 824 MSMEs, about 74 per cent micro

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IMG Clears Monetisation Plans Worth Over Rs 1,100 Crore

5 November 2026 · Economy

An Inter-Ministerial Group has recommended asset monetisation proposals worth over Rs 1,100 crore, mainly surplus CPSE land, to the Alternative Mechanism.

- The Inter-Ministerial Group has recommended asset monetisation proposals involving assets worth over Rs 1,100 crore.
- The IMG is chaired by the Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises, and co-chaired by the Secretary, Department of Telecommunications.
- The proposals mainly cover surplus land and building assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises identified for monetisation.
- The recommendations go to the Alternative Mechanism, the body to which the Union Cabinet has delegated approval of such proposals.
- The National Land Monetization Corporation, set up after a Union Budget 2021-22 announcement, facilitates these transactions.

Recommending body	Inter-Ministerial Group (IMG) on asset monetisation
Chair	Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises
Co-chair	Secretary, Department of Telecommunications
Value of assets	Over Rs 1,100 crore
Nature of assets	Surplus land and building assets of Central Public Sector Enterprises
Approving body	Alternative Mechanism, delegated by the Union Cabinet
Facilitating institution	National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC)
NLMC status	Wholly owned company of the Government of India

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Mines Ministry Opens 9th Critical Mineral Auction Tranche

5 November 2026 · Economy

Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy opened the ninth tranche of critical mineral block e-auctions, offering 20 blocks, along with the third exploration licence round.

- Twenty critical and strategic mineral blocks are on offer in Tranche IX, spread across eight states, with Chhattisgarh contributing the most at five blocks
- Of 100 unique blocks offered in the first eight tranches, 64 were sold, giving a success rate of 64 per cent
- Exploration Licences flow from Section 10BA of the MMDR Act and cover the 29 critical and deep-seated minerals of the Seventh Schedule; eleven blocks were sold in two earlier rounds
- The Mineral (Auction) Third Amendment Rules, 2026, notified on 16 October 2026, cut the technically qualified bidders needed in the second round for Part D minerals from three to two
- Tender documents went on sale on 5 November 2026; purchases close on 1 January 2027 and bids on 7 January 2027

Launched by	G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister for Coal and Mines
Chief guest	Pramod Sawant, Chief Minister of Goa
Tranche IX blocks	20 critical and strategic mineral blocks in eight states
Earlier record	64 of 100 blocks auctioned in eight tranches (64 per cent)
Exploration Licence basis	Section 10BA, MMDR Act; 29 minerals in the Seventh Schedule
Reform notified	Mineral (Auction) Third Amendment Rules, 2026, dated 16 October 2026
Bid deadline	7 January 2027, 17:00 hrs IST
Auction platform	MSTC e-auction platform; Unified Mining Portal for Letters of Intent

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Centre Releases Rs 1,09,019 Crore Tax Devolution Early

5 November 2026 · Economy

The Union Government released a tax devolution instalment of Rs 1,09,019 crore to 28 states on 5 November 2026, five days ahead of the usual date, for the festive season.

- The Union Government released a regular tax devolution instalment of Rs 1,09,019 crore to state governments on 5 November 2026
- The instalment was due on 10 November 2026 but was advanced by five days in view of the festive season
- The aim is to help states speed up capital spending and finance development and welfare expenditure
- A state-wise break-up covering 28 states was published; Uttar Pradesh received the largest amount and Bihar the second largest
- Sikkim received the smallest share, with Goa just above it; devolution is untied money that states may spend as they choose

Amount released	Rs 1,09,019 crore
Date of release	5 November 2026
Normal date	10 November 2026; advanced by five days
Released by	Ministry of Finance, Union Government
Number of states	28
Largest recipient	Uttar Pradesh
Smallest recipient	Sikkim
Reason	Festive season; to accelerate capital spending and development and welfare expenditure

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OMSS (D) Rice Sale Target Doubled to 50 LMT for 2026-27

6 November 2026 · Economy

The Centre doubled the OMSS (D) rice e-auction target to 50 LMT for 2026-27, made weekly stock disclosure compulsory and let five southern states set stock limits.

- The rice sale target under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) for 2026-27 was doubled from 25 LMT to 50 LMT.
- 25 LMT of rice was sold through OMSS (D) e-auctions up to 31 October 2026, against 11 LMT in the same period of the previous year.
- An order of 6 November 2026 makes all rice and paddy stockists declare stocks every Friday on the Food Stock Portal in six categories.
- Violators face action under Sections 6 and 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955.
- Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana may impose rice and paddy stock limits until 31 January 2027; extra Bharat Rice goes to NAFED, NCCF and Kendriya Bhandar.

Scheme	Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic), OMSS (D)
Rice target 2026-27	Raised from 25 LMT to 50 LMT
Sold up to 31 October 2026	25 LMT (11 LMT in the same period a year earlier)
Disclosure order	Dated 6 November 2026; stocks declared every Friday on the Food Stock Portal
Stock categories	Basmati, non-Basmati premium, non-Basmati, parboiled, broken rice and paddy
Penal law	Sections 6 and 7 of the Essential Commodities Act, 1955
States allowed stock limits	Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Telangana
Stock limits valid until	31 January 2027

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NFDB 13th Governing Body Meet in Hyderabad Chaired by Lalan Singh

6 November 2026 · Economy

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh chaired the 13th Governing Body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board in Hyderabad on 5 November 2026.

- The 13th Governing Body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board was held on 5 November 2026 at NFDB, Hyderabad.
- It was chaired by Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and of Panchayati Raj.
- India's fish production has grown from 141.64 lakh tonnes in 2019-20 to 197.75 lakh tonnes, the Minister noted.
- Seafood exports are valued at around ₹70,000 crore, said Fisheries Secretary Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi.
- Fisheries ministers of Telangana, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura attended; Dr. Bijay Kumar Behera is the Chief Executive of NFDB.

Meeting	13th Governing Body Meeting of NFDB
Date	5 November 2026
Venue	Padma Shri Dr. Ayyappan Conference Hall, NFDB, Hyderabad
Chaired by	Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Fish production	141.64 lakh tonnes (2019-20) to 197.75 lakh tonnes
Seafood exports	About ₹70,000 crore
Secretary (Fisheries)	Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi
Chief Executive, NFDB	Dr. Bijay Kumar Behera

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India Sixth-Largest Chemicals Producer, Worth $220 Billion

7 November 2026 · Economy

A PIB backgrounder of 7 November 2026 placed India as the world's sixth-largest chemicals producer, with the sector valued at about USD 220 billion now.

- India is the sixth-largest chemicals producer in the world and the fourth-largest in Asia; the sector is valued at about USD 220 billion and is projected at USD 300 billion by 2030 and USD 1 trillion by 2040
- India is the second-largest manufacturer and exporter of dyes and the third-largest exporter of agrochemicals, with roughly 13,000 large units and 4.45 lakh MSMEs
- Three PCPIRs are operational, at Dahej in Gujarat, Visakhapatnam-Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh and Paradeep in Odisha, drawing Rs 3.4 lakh crore and 3.7 lakh jobs
- The BHAVYA Rasayan scheme, approved in July 2026 with an outlay of Rs 3,030 crore, will create three dedicated chemical parks of at least eight sq km each
- The 14th India Chem 2026 was held in Mumbai from 22 to 24 October 2026 on the theme 'Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub'

Global rank	Sixth-largest chemicals producer in the world, fourth-largest in Asia
Sector value	About USD 220 billion; projected USD 300 billion by 2030 and USD 1 trillion by 2040
Segment strengths	Second-largest manufacturer and exporter of dyes; third-largest exporter of agrochemicals
Industry base	Around 13,000 large-scale units and 4.45 lakh MSMEs
Operational PCPIRs	Dahej (Gujarat), Visakhapatnam-Kakinada (Andhra Pradesh), Paradeep (Odisha)
PCPIR outcomes	Rs 3.4 lakh crore investment, 3.7 lakh jobs, over 2,200 chemical manufacturing units
BHAVYA Rasayan	Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan, approved July 2026; outlay Rs 3,030 crore for three parks over FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31
FDI inflows	Rs 1,04,895 crore during 2014-2026, against Rs 45,240 crore during 2004-2014

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NPPA Cuts MRP of 1,364 Anti-Cancer Formulations from 9 November

9 November 2026 · Economy

Lower retail prices of 1,364 anti-cancer formulations took effect on 9 November 2026 after NPPA capped trade margins on 137 cancer drugs, saving Rs 3,540.38 crore.

- NPPA has capped the trade margin in the maximum retail price of 137 anti-cancer drugs, and the revised prices came into force on 9 November 2026.
- By 8 November 2026, 85 pharmaceutical companies had reported new retail prices for 1,364 anti-cancer formulations covering 121 drugs.
- Prices fell by more than half in 679 brands, and the biggest single reduction reported was 96.45 per cent.
- Consumers are expected to save about Rs 3,540.38 crore every year on these cancer medicines.
- The order follows the recommendations, dated 17 October 2026, of an expert committee set up by the Directorate General of Health Services.

Regulator	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
Comes under	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Drugs under trade margin cap	137 anti-cancer drugs
Formulations repriced	1,364 formulations, covering 121 drugs
Companies reporting new prices	85 pharmaceutical companies (as on 8 November 2026)
Brands cheaper by more than half	679 brands
Steepest reduction reported	96.45 per cent
Expected annual saving	Rs 3,540.38 crore

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Island Fisheries Anchor India's Blue Economy Growth Plan

10 November 2026 · Economy

Lakshadweep gets Rs 175 crore and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Rs 218 crore under PMMSY to build tuna, seaweed and ornamental fisheries in the islands.

- Lakshadweep has been earmarked Rs 175 crore and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Rs 218 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana for fisheries development
- India's coastline measures about 11,099 km and its Exclusive Economic Zone nearly 24 lakh sq km; the two island groups together hold close to 40 per cent of that zone
- Marine fisheries potential within the Exclusive Economic Zone is estimated at 58.6 lakh MT, and the sector supports the livelihoods of nearly 50 lakh fishers
- Seafood exports were valued at about Rs 73,890 crore in 2025-26, and public investment in fisheries since 2015 adds up to Rs 39,272 crore
- A five-year plan aims to double Lakshadweep's tuna output to 50,000 tonnes, and the islands have been notified as a dedicated Seaweed Cluster

Ministry	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Islands in focus	Lakshadweep and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands
PMMSY outlay, Lakshadweep	Rs 175 crore
PMMSY outlay, Andaman and Nicobar	Rs 218 crore
Coastline	About 11,099 km
Exclusive Economic Zone	Nearly 24 lakh sq km; the two island groups hold about 40 per cent
Marine fisheries potential	58.6 lakh MT within the EEZ
Seafood exports, 2025-26	About Rs 73,890 crore

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NLMC to E-Auction 11 Government Flats in Prayagraj

10 November 2026 · Economy

The National Land Monetization Corporation has issued an RFP for the e-auction of 11 government residential flats in Prayagraj, with bidding set for 11 December 2026.

- NLMC released a Request for Proposal on 5 November 2026 for the e-auction of 11 government residential flats in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- The flats lie in three housing schemes: five in Juhi Housing Scheme on Muir Road, four in Parivartan Housing Scheme on Thornhill Road and two in Agnipath Housing Scheme in Civil Lines.
- A pre-bid meeting is set for 20 November 2026 and registration with earnest money deposit closes on 7 December 2026.
- The e-auction will be held on 11 December 2026 from 11 in the morning to 5 in the evening on a digital auction platform.
- NLMC is a wholly owned Government of India company under the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance, created to monetise surplus public land and buildings.

Body	National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC)
Under	Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
Assets offered	11 government residential flats in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
Housing schemes	Juhi (Muir Road), Parivartan (Thornhill Road), Agnipath (Civil Lines)
RFP released	5 November 2026
Pre-bid meeting	20 November 2026
E-auction date	11 December 2026
Mandate	Monetising surplus land and building assets of CPSEs and government entities

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PLI 2.0 for Medical Devices Opens With Rs 2,700 Crore

10 November 2026 · Economy

The Department of Pharmaceuticals invited fresh applications under the medical devices PLI scheme, now extended to 2035-36 with an outlay of about Rs 2,700 crore.

- The Department of Pharmaceuticals invited fresh applications under the PLI scheme for medical devices (PLI-MD) on 10 November 2026, with the scheme extended up to 2035-36.
- About Rs 2,700 crore is available as outlay, and the online application portal is to open within ten days.
- Since 2021-22 the scheme has brought over 60 high-end devices and components into domestic production, with output valued above Rs 16,000 crore.
- Incentives average about 5% for consumables and implants, about 9% for critical components and nascent high-end devices, and 6% for devices now only assembled in India.
- The minimum sales threshold for claiming incentive has been discontinued and the minimum investment requirement trimmed, with applicants allowed three years to set up plants.

Scheme	PLI Scheme for Promoting Domestic Manufacturing of Medical Devices (PLI-MD 2.0)
Ministry	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Extended up to	2035-36
Outlay	About Rs 2,700 crore
Launched in	2021-22
Production so far	Over Rs 16,000 crore, covering more than 60 high-end devices and components
Target segments	Four: consumables and implants, critical components, nascent high-end devices, devices now only assembled
Eased conditions	Minimum sales threshold discontinued; minimum investment requirement trimmed

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MSME Ministry Reviews 4% SC/ST Procurement by CPSEs

10 November 2026 · Economy

The MSME Ministry held a round table with 30 CPSEs to review the mandated 4% procurement from SC/ST micro and small enterprises under the Public Procurement Policy.

- The MSME Ministry held a round table with CPSEs on 5 November 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
- The meeting reviewed the mandated 4 per cent procurement from SC/ST micro and small enterprises under the Public Procurement Policy
- A total of 30 CPSEs took part, including BHEL, BEL, NTPC, AAI, BEML and Coal India Limited
- Public procurement from SC/ST enterprises has risen more than 36 times by the financial year 2025-26 since the National SC-ST Hub Scheme began
- A new Entrepreneur Awareness and Special Vendor Development Program was announced, and GeM has added filters to identify SC/ST sellers

Event	Round table discussion of the MSME Ministry with CPSEs
Date and venue	5 November 2026, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
Mandate reviewed	4 per cent procurement from SC/ST MSEs under the Public Procurement Policy
Chaired by	Ms. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME
CPSEs present	30, including BHEL, BEL, NTPC, AAI, BEML and Coal India Limited
Scheme	National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme
Growth reported	More than 36 times rise in procurement from SC/ST MSEs by FY 2025-26 since inception
New initiative	Entrepreneur Awareness and Special Vendor Development Program

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Cabinet Approves NBS Rates for Rabi 2026-27 on P&K Fertilizers

11 November 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet cleared Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Rabi 2026-27 on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, with a budget need of about Rs 62,370.02 crore.

- The Union Cabinet approved Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Rabi 2026-27 on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers
- The rates are applicable from 01.10.2026 to 31.03.2027 and the nodal ministry is Chemicals and Fertilizers
- The tentative budgetary requirement is about Rs 62,370.02 crore for the season
- This is roughly Rs 24,417.73 crore more than the Rabi 2025-26 budget of Rs 37,952.29 crore
- Government supplies 28 grades of P&K fertilizers, including DAP, at subsidised prices; NBS has run since 01.04.2010

Decision	Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Rabi 2026-27 on P&K fertilizers
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Applicable period	01.10.2026 to 31.03.2027
Budgetary requirement	About Rs 62,370.02 crore
Increase over previous Rabi	About Rs 24,417.73 crore
Rabi 2025-26 budget	Rs 37,952.29 crore
Grades covered	28 grades of P&K fertilizers, including DAP and NPKS grades
NBS scheme in force since	01.04.2010

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DGFT Bans Export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass

11 November 2026 · Economy

The DGFT has moved Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass from free to prohibited for export to feed domestic recyclers and cut import reliance on critical minerals.

- DGFT has prohibited the export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass with immediate effect and until further orders
- Notification No. 49/2026-27 dated 10 November 2026 changed the export policy from Free to Prohibited
- The item falls under ITC(HS) Code 85491400; Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 governs transitional cases
- Black mass is powder from shredded end-of-life batteries holding lithium, cobalt, nickel and manganese
- The step complements the Rs 1,500 crore critical mineral recycling incentive scheme cleared in September 2025

Decision	Export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass prohibited
Authority	Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Department of Commerce
Notification	No. 49/2026-27 dated 10 November 2026
Policy change	From Free to Prohibited, with immediate effect and until further orders
ITC(HS) Code	85491400
Transitional provision	Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023
Minerals recoverable	Lithium, cobalt, nickel and manganese
Linked mission	National Critical Mineral Mission

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Visakhapatnam Port Gets Rs 560 Crore Works and New Promenade

11 November 2026 · Economy

Sarbananda Sonowal dedicated a waterfront promenade at Visakhapatnam Port and laid foundation stones for four fresh works worth about Rs 560 crore.

- Sarbananda Sonowal dedicated the Port Promenade at Visakhapatnam Port and laid foundation stones for four works worth about Rs 560 crore on 11 November 2026
- The promenade runs about 710 metres (2,330 feet) over nearly 5.5 acres from the Venkateswara Temple to the International Cruise Terminal and cost about Rs 19 crore
- Three operation and maintenance contracts for the WQ-1, WQ-1RE, WQ-2, WQ-3 and EQ-3 berths are worth about Rs 580 crore and will employ around 500 local people
- The sewage treatment plant goes from 10 million to 15 million litres a day at about Rs 11 crore, feeding the Harit Sagar green port initiative
- The port handled a record 91.17 million metric tonnes of cargo in 2025-26, its fourth straight year of growth

Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Port	Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh
Value of new works	About Rs 560 crore
Port Promenade	About 710 metres (2,330 feet), nearly 5.5 acres, about Rs 19 crore
Promenade stretch	Venkateswara Temple to the International Cruise Terminal
Berth contracts	WQ-1, WQ-1RE, WQ-2, WQ-3 and EQ-3 berths, about Rs 580 crore
Local jobs	About 500 people
Sewage plant upgrade	10 million to 15 million litres a day, about Rs 11 crore

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Retail Inflation Rises to 6.09% in October 2026, Food at 8.94%

12 November 2026 · Economy

Retail inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index rose to 6.09% in October 2026 while food inflation touched 8.94%, the statistics ministry said on 12 November.

- All-India CPI retail inflation for October 2026 is 6.09% (provisional), measured over October 2025, on base 2024=100
- Rural retail inflation stood at 6.63% and urban retail inflation at 5.41% for the month
- Consumer Food Price Index inflation was 8.94%, with 9.09% in rural areas and 8.68% in urban areas
- Onion led the costliest items of the month while potato recorded the sharpest fall in price
- Prices came from 1,407 urban markets and 1,465 villages, with a 100% response rate in October 2026

Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Month covered	October 2026 (provisional)
CPI inflation	6.09% combined; 6.63% rural, 5.41% urban
Food inflation (CFPI)	8.94% combined; 9.09% rural, 8.68% urban
Base year of series	2024=100
Costliest item	Onion, ahead of garlic and silver jewellery
Price collection	1,407 urban markets and 1,465 villages on a weekly roster of the National Statistical Office
Next release	CPI for November 2026 on 14 December 2026

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MHI Gets 22 Bids for 10 GWh Battery Cell Capacity

12 November 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Heavy Industries received 22 bids for the 10 GWh of grid-scale storage capacity offered under the PLI scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells.

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries received 22 bids for 10 GWh of Advanced Chemistry Cell manufacturing capacity under a global tender
- The 10 GWh is earmarked for Grid-Scale Stationary Storage and is part of the 50 GWh target under the National Programme on ACC Battery Storage
- The Union Cabinet approved the PLI scheme for the programme in May 2021 with an outlay of Rs 18,100 crore
- Bids closed on 10 November 2026 and technical bids were opened on 11 November 2026 through a two-stage Quality and Cost Based Selection process
- Bidders include Reliance Industries, Exide Energy Solutions, JSW Neo Energy, Amara Raja Advanced Cell Technologies and Vikram Solar

Ministry	Ministry of Heavy Industries
Bids received	22
Capacity offered	10 GWh, for Grid-Scale Stationary Storage
Programme	National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage
Overall target	50 GWh of ACC manufacturing capacity
Cabinet approval	May 2021
Outlay	Rs 18,100 crore
RFP floated	15 July 2026 on the Central Public Procurement Portal

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Nutrient-Based Subsidy for Rabi 2026-27 Set at Rs 62,370.02 Crore

12 November 2026 · Economy

The Centre approved Nutrient-Based Subsidy rates for P and K fertilisers for Rabi 2026-27 with a tentative outlay of Rs 62,370.02 crore, up over 64 per cent.

- The Government approved Nutrient-Based Subsidy rates for P and K fertilisers for Rabi 2026-27 on 11 November 2026, valid from 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027.
- The tentative outlay is about Rs 62,370.02 crore, over 64 per cent higher than Rs 37,952.29 crore for Rabi 2025-26.
- Per kg rates: nitrogen 94 rupees 21 paise, phosphorus 66 rupees 11 paise, potassium 12 rupees 38 paise and sulphur 10 rupees 42 paise; the scheme covers 28 grades of P and K fertilisers.
- DAP continues at a fixed Rs 1,350 per bag, with freight subsidy on SSP and subsidy on Ammonium Sulphate also continuing.
- Fertiliser stocks rose from 173.46 lakh tonnes on 10 November 2025 to 235.21 lakh tonnes on 10 November 2026, about 35.6 per cent higher.

Scheme	Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme, in force since 1 April 2010
Season	Rabi 2026-27, from 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027
Approved on	11 November 2026
Tentative outlay	About Rs 62,370.02 crore
Previous Rabi outlay	Rs 37,952.29 crore for Rabi 2025-26
Nutrient rates per kg	Nitrogen 94 rupees 21 paise, phosphorus 66 rupees 11 paise, potassium 12 rupees 38 paise, sulphur 10 rupees 42 paise
Grades covered	28 grades of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers
DAP price	Fixed at Rs 1,350 per bag

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Andhra Pradesh Plans Rs 30,000 Crore Dugarajapatnam Ship Hub

12 November 2026 · Economy

Sarbananda Sonowal said Andhra Pradesh will build a Rs 30,000 crore greenfield shipbuilding cluster at Dugarajapatnam and four new greenfield ports.

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, at the 31st CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, said Andhra Pradesh can become India's maritime gateway to the east.
- A greenfield shipbuilding cluster at Dugarajapatnam has in-principle approval under the National Shipbuilding Mission, with about Rs 30,000 crore investment and 1.2 million gross tonnes annual capacity.
- Four greenfield ports are under construction at Mulapeta, Machilipatnam, Ramayapatnam and Kakinada SEZ; the state's coastline runs about 1,053 kilometres along the Bay of Bengal.
- Visakhapatnam Port handled a record 91.17 million tonnes of cargo in FY 2025-26, roughly 10% above the previous year and its fourth straight year of growth.
- Rs 70,000 crore has been allocated as financing support for shipbuilding, while Sagarmala and the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 envisage Rs 80 lakh crore of investment.

Announced by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Occasion	31st CII Partnership Summit, Visakhapatnam
Shipbuilding cluster	Dugarajapatnam, greenfield, under the National Shipbuilding Mission
Cluster investment	About Rs 30,000 crore
Targeted capacity	1.2 million gross tonnes a year
Project vehicle	Centre-State SPV of Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board and Visakhapatnam Port Authority
Greenfield ports	Mulapeta, Machilipatnam, Ramayapatnam and Kakinada SEZ
State coastline	About 1,053 km along the Bay of Bengal

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NPPA Orders Price Monitoring on 137 Anti-Cancer Drugs

13 November 2026 · Economy

The NPPA has ordered strict monitoring of trade margin rationalisation on 137 anti-cancer drugs whose revised prices took effect on 9 November 2026.

- The NPPA has directed strict monitoring of Trade Margin Rationalisation on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs
- The measure was notified by a Gazette Order dated 17 October 2026 and the revised prices became effective from 9 November 2026
- Revised price lists, based on company submissions up to 11 November 2026, are available on the NPPA website and the Pharma Sahi Daam app and portal
- Manufacturers, retailers, dealers, stockists, hospitals and medical institutions must sell at revised rates and display the updated lists
- Violations attract overcharging proceedings under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, and State Drug Controllers must file Action Taken Reports by 16 November 2026

Regulator	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
Parent body	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Measure	Trade Margin Rationalisation (TMR)
Drugs covered	137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs
Notified by	Gazette Order dated 17 October 2026
Revised prices effective	9 November 2026
Action Taken Report deadline	16 November 2026, by State Drug Controllers
Law for overcharging	Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013

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India's October 2026 Exports Reach US$ 89.99 Billion

13 November 2026 · Economy

India's total exports touched US$ 89.99 billion in October 2026, a rise of 29.90 percent over October 2025, the Commerce Ministry's trade estimate shows.

- Total exports of goods and services stood at US$ 89.99 billion in October 2026, a gain of 29.90 percent over the same month a year earlier
- Total imports for the month were US$ 110.07 billion, higher by 16.58 percent, and stayed above exports through the month
- Goods exports rose to US$ 49.47 billion from US$ 34.11 billion, while services exports are estimated at US$ 40.51 billion
- Exports for April to October of 2026-27 are placed at US$ 568.84 billion against US$ 487.59 billion a year earlier, a growth of 16.66 percent
- Petroleum product exports jumped 140.21 percent to US$ 8.89 billion and electronic goods exports rose 62.70 percent to US$ 6.64 billion

Reference month	October 2026
Total exports	US$ 89.99 billion
Export growth	29.90 percent over October 2025
Total imports	US$ 110.07 billion
Goods exports	US$ 49.47 billion
Services exports	US$ 40.51 billion
Exports, April-October 2026-27	US$ 568.84 billion
Imports, April-October 2026-27	US$ 662.19 billion

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45th India International Trade Fair 2026 Opens at Bharat Mandapam

13 November 2026 · Economy

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal opened the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 at Bharat Mandapam with 3,500 exhibitors and 11 partner countries.

- Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- More than 30 States and Union Territories, over 3,500 exhibitors and 11 countries are taking part in the fair
- The Hall of Inspiration showcases 600 startups, while a One District, One Product Pavilion displays handicrafts, handloom and food products
- Goyal said October exports touched an all time high of nearly 90 billion dollars, with exports of 570 billion dollars in seven months
- Bharat Mandapam will get a new expansion phase that nearly doubles exhibition space, and ITPO will take IITF to overseas markets

Event	45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Organiser	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
Exhibitors	Over 3,500
Countries taking part	11
States and UTs	More than 30
Startups on display	600, in the Hall of Inspiration

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CCI Clears Rasmalai Stake Buy in Yatharth Hospital Chain

14 November 2026 · Economy

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services by Rasmalai Limited of Cyprus.

- The Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited by Rasmalai Limited
- The acquirer, Rasmalai Limited, is incorporated in Cyprus and its principal activity is holding investments
- Rasmalai Limited has no activities or presence in India at present and is indirectly controlled by funds managed or advised by Advent International, L.P.
- The target company operates a network of super-specialty hospitals in India offering healthcare services, diagnostics and advanced medical procedures
- The clearance was announced on 14 November 2026 and allows the proposed combination to go ahead

Regulator	Competition Commission of India (CCI)
Decision	Approval of the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited
Acquirer	Rasmalai Limited, incorporated in Cyprus
Acquirer's business	Holding investments; no activities or presence in India at present
Indirect control	Investment funds managed or advised by Advent International, L.P. and its affiliates
Target	Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited
Target's business	Network of super-specialty hospitals in India with diagnostics and advanced medical procedures
Date of approval	14 November 2026

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India's Exports Climb 16.66% to $568.84 Billion in April-October

14 November 2026 · Economy

India's total exports rose 16.66% to US$ 568.84 billion during April-October of FY 2026-27, with merchandise exports up 21.96% and services up 10.93%.

- Total exports touched US$ 568.84 billion in April-October FY 2026-27, a rise of 16.66% over US$ 487.59 billion a year earlier
- Merchandise exports grew 21.96% and services exports 10.93%; non-petroleum exports rose 18.01% to US$ 259.22 billion
- October alone brought US$ 89.99 billion of exports, up 29.90%, with merchandise surging 45.06% to US$ 49.47 billion
- FY 2025-26 closed at US$ 863.1 billion, the fifth straight year of record Indian exports since FY 2021-22
- Among markets, shipments to Singapore grew 107.50%, to Malaysia 106.87% and to Spain 88.38%

Period covered	April-October, FY 2026-27
Total exports	US$ 568.84 billion, up 16.66%
Year-earlier base	US$ 487.59 billion
Merchandise growth	21.96%
Services growth	10.93%
October exports	US$ 89.99 billion, up 29.90%
FY 2025-26 exports	US$ 863.1 billion (fifth record year in a row)
GDP growth, April-June	7.8%

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Banking & Finance

CCI Clears Kotak Bank Buyout of Deutsche Bank India Unit

4 November 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition of the retail, private banking and wealth management business of Deutsche Bank by Kotak Mahindra Bank.

- The Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition of certain business of Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft by Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited and related transactions.
- The target business is Deutsche Bank retail banking, private banking and wealth management operations run through its branches in India.
- The transfer is on a slump sale basis and as a going concern, meaning the undertaking moves as a working whole for a lump sum.
- Customers of the investment advisory and portfolio management business of Deutsche Investments India Private Limited may be referred to wholly owned subsidiaries of the acquirer.
- Kotak Mahindra Bank is a scheduled commercial bank licensed by the Reserve Bank of India, listed on the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India.

Approval by	Competition Commission of India (CCI)
Acquirer	Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
Seller	Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft (Deutsche Bank AG)
Target business	Retail banking, private banking and wealth management business of Deutsche Bank in India
Mode of transfer	As a going concern on a slump sale basis
Referral arrangement	Clients of Deutsche Investments India Private Limited advisory and portfolio management business
Acquirer status	Scheduled commercial bank licensed by the Reserve Bank of India
Listed on	Bombay Stock Exchange and National Stock Exchange of India

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Cabinet Clears Rs 5,000 Crore CGFMU Corpus for Mudra Loans

11 November 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Union Cabinet extended the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units to 31 March 2031 with a Rs 5,000 crore corpus set to back Rs 12.6 lakh crore of Mudra loans.

- The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units up to 31 March 2031
- The fund gets a corpus of Rs 5,000 crore, expected to back PMMY loans worth Rs 12.6 lakh crore in five years
- The guarantee is routed through the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC)
- Guarantee fee falls from 1 per cent a year to 0.75 per cent a year; Self Help Group rates stay unchanged
- As on September 2026, over 60.36 crore Mudra loans worth Rs 43.34 lakh crore had been sanctioned

Decision	Continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU)
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Extended up to	31 March 2031 (five years)
Corpus	Rs 5,000 crore
Lending enabled	PMMY loans of Rs 12.6 lakh crore over five years
Guarantee routed through	National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC)
Guarantee fee	Reduced from 1 per cent a year to 0.75 per cent a year
SHG guarantee fee	0.25 per cent in the first year, 0.50 per cent thereafter

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Vice President Attends Tamilnad Mercantile Bank 105th Day

11 November 2026 · Banking & Finance

Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the 105th Foundation Day of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank at Thoothukudi on 11 November 2026 and urged wider lending.

- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan graced the 105th Foundation Day celebrations of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank at Thoothukudi on 11 November 2026
- TMB was founded in 1921 as Nadar Bank Limited and now has 632 branches across 17 States and four Union Territories
- The bank serves over 53 lakh customers and records total business of more than Rs 1.30 lakh crore
- The Vice President urged banks to lend responsibly to MSMEs, farmers, small traders, entrepreneurs and women-led enterprises to help realise Viksit Bharat @2047
- Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Part Time Chairman K. Ramachandran and MD and CEO Salee S. Nair were present at the event

Occasion	105th Foundation Day of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)
Date and venue	11 November 2026, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
Chief guest	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Founded as	Nadar Bank Limited, 1921
Branches	632 branches in 17 States and four Union Territories
Customers	Over 53 lakh
Total business	More than Rs 1.30 lakh crore
Tamil Nadu Governor present	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

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Science & Technology

NVS-03 Completes First Orbit Manoeuvre of NavIC Mission

1 November 2026 · Science & Technology

ISRO's NVS-03, the third second-generation NavIC satellite, finished its first orbit-raising burn on 31 October 2026 and is headed for 111.75 degrees East.

- ISRO flew the GSLV-F18/NVS-03 mission on 30 October 2026 at 23:51 hours from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, placing the satellite in a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit.
- The first orbit-raising burn, using the satellite's Liquid Apogee Motor, was completed on 31 October 2026 at 16:48 hours; the target slot is 111.75 degrees East.
- NVS-03 is the third of the five second-generation NavIC satellites (NVS-01 to NVS-05), and the mission was the 20th flight of the GSLV.
- The satellite transmits on the L1, L5 and S bands and carries an atomic clock built in India alongside procured clocks.
- NavIC, formerly the IRNSS, covers India and about 1,500 km beyond its boundary through an open Standard Positioning Service and an encrypted Restricted Service.

Mission	GSLV-F18 / NVS-03
Launch	30 October 2026 at 23:51 hours
Launch site	Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
First orbit manoeuvre	31 October 2026 at 16:48 hours
Target orbital slot	111.75 degrees East
Place in series	Third of five second-generation NavIC satellites
GSLV flight number	20th flight of the GSLV
Satellite mass	About 2,250 kg

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Digi Yatra Begins International Trials at Seven Airports

1 November 2026 · Science & Technology

Digi Yatra has begun trials for international passengers at seven airports from November to December 2026, for Indian nationals holding e-passports.

- Digi Yatra has begun trials for international passengers at seven airports, running from November to December 2026
- The seven airports are Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai and Amritsar
- Eligible travellers are Indian nationals with e-passports flying on select international flights of Air India and IndiGo
- A passenger creates an e-passport based Verifiable Credential on the Digi Yatra app by scanning the MRZ, reading the chip over NFC and taking a selfie
- Digi Yatra has over 26.5 million users and more than 110 million journeys across 39 domestic airports, with 25 more airports planned by 2027

Facility	Digi Yatra, Ministry of Civil Aviation
What is new	First trials for international passengers
Trial period	November to December 2026
Airports	Seven - Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai, Amritsar
Who is eligible	Indian nationals holding e-passports on select international flights of Air India and IndiGo
Touchpoints	Terminal entry, Security Hold Area (SHA) and boarding gate
Credential	e-passport based Verifiable Credential (VC) created on the Digi Yatra app
Technology used	Machine Readable Zone (MRZ) scan and Near Field Communication (NFC) chip reading

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Kishtwar Seismological Observatory Opens; J&K Now Has Four

2 November 2026 · Science & Technology

Dr Jitendra Singh opened a seismological observatory at Kishtwar, the fourth in Jammu and Kashmir, sending real-time data to the National Centre for Seismology.

- A new Seismological Observatory has been inaugurated at Kishtwar in a high seismic zone of Jammu and Kashmir by Dr Jitendra Singh, through the Ministry of Earth Sciences
- Jammu and Kashmir now has four seismological observatories, at Jammu, Srinagar, Udhampur and Kishtwar, with Kishtwar data going live to the National Centre for Seismology in New Delhi
- Doppler Weather Radars in the region have gone from none in 2014 to four, at Banihal, Jot, Jammu and Srinagar, with four more due in 2027 at Doda, Kishtwar, Anantnag and Baramulla
- Automatic Weather Stations have risen from three to twelve and Rain Gauge Stations from nine to fifteen across the five districts
- Weather and agromet advisory services have reached 5,467 beneficiaries, and forecasts are issued down to the panchayat level

Facility	Seismological Observatory, Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir
Inaugurated by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Set up through	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Data goes to	24x7 Earthquake Monitoring Centre, National Centre for Seismology, New Delhi
Observatories in Jammu and Kashmir	Four, at Jammu, Srinagar, Udhampur and Kishtwar
Doppler Weather Radars	None in 2014; four installed at Banihal, Jot, Jammu and Srinagar; four more in 2027 at Doda, Kishtwar, Anantnag and Baramulla
Automatic Weather Stations	From three (Udhampur, Kathua, Ramban) to twelve
Rain Gauge Stations	From nine to fifteen across five districts

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IIA Team Traces Black Hole Behind Bright X-ray Source ULX-8

2 November 2026 · Science & Technology

A 24-year X-ray study led from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics finds NGC 4490 ULX-8 is powered by a black hole feeding above the Eddington limit.

- Indian astronomers have traced the changing X-ray behaviour of NGC 4490 ULX-8, one of the brightest X-ray emitters in a nearby galaxy, over a 24-year span
- Observations from the Chandra, XMM-Newton and Swift space telescopes between 2000 and 2024 were combined, making it one of the longest X-ray studies of this source
- The evidence points to a stellar-mass black hole accreting matter at or near the Eddington limit, the brightness ceiling set by the balance of gravity and radiation pressure
- The team came from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics and the Raman Research Institute, both autonomous institutes of the Department of Science and Technology, along with IUCAA
- Future missions, the European Space Agency's NewAthena and India's proposed XSat, will offer better sensitivity for studying ultraluminous X-ray sources

Object studied	NGC 4490 ULX-8, an ultraluminous X-ray source
Location	Interacting galaxy pair NGC 4490/4485
Observation period	2000 to 2024, about 24 years
Telescopes used	Chandra, XMM-Newton and Swift
Finding	Powered by a stellar-mass black hole accreting at or above the Eddington limit
Lead institutes	Indian Institute of Astrophysics and Raman Research Institute, autonomous institutes of the Department of Science and Technology
Other institutions	IUCAA and IISER Mohali
Authors named	Tarang Vashisht (IISER Mohali) and Aru Beri (Indian Institute of Astrophysics)

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Geothermal Energy: India's First Wells Open in Puga Valley

2 November 2026 · Science & Technology

India's geothermal push rests on the 2025 national policy and the first two wells at Puga Valley in Ladakh; GSI has mapped 381 hot springs and 10 provinces.

- The National Policy on Geothermal Energy was notified in September 2025, with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy as the nodal ministry
- The ONGC Energy Centre commissioned India's first two geothermal wells at Puga Valley in Ladakh in July 2026, each 1,000 metres deep
- Puga Valley lies more than 14,000 feet above sea level and the wells pave the way for a 1-megawatt demonstration geothermal power project
- The Geological Survey of India has mapped 381 hot springs and 10 geothermal provinces; the theoretical prospect is nearly 10,600 MW with 42 promising sites
- Global installed geothermal capacity reached 15.67 GW at the end of 2025, with Indonesia, the United States, the Philippines, Turkiye and New Zealand holding about 67 per cent

Nodal ministry	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
Policy	National Policy on Geothermal Energy, notified in September 2025
First wells	Two wells at Puga Valley, Ladakh, commissioned by the ONGC Energy Centre in July 2026
Well depth	1,000 metres each
Site altitude	More than 14,000 feet above sea level
Next step	India's first 1-megawatt demonstration geothermal power project
Hot springs mapped	381, by the Geological Survey of India
Geothermal provinces	10, including the Himalayan belt, SONATA, Cambay Graben and the West Coast

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Aditya-L1 VELC Finds Solar Eruption Expands Asymmetrically

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Aditya-L1's VELC payload has shown for the first time that a coronal mass ejection expands unevenly and takes an asymmetric shape, not as a round bubble.

- VELC on Aditya-L1 has shown for the first time that a coronal mass ejection expands unevenly and develops an asymmetric shape rather than a symmetric bubble
- Aditya-L1, India's first space-based solar observatory, was launched in September 2023 and operates from the Sun-Earth L1 point with 7 payloads
- The Visible Emission Line Coronagraph is the primary payload and studies the corona in the 530.3 nm green emission line of highly ionised iron
- The study, by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics under the Department of Science and Technology, used the CME of 5 August 2024 and NASA SDO data, and appeared in Astrophysical Journal Letters
- An asymmetric CME shape changes its speed and arrival time at Earth, which matters for forecasting space weather that affects satellites and communications

Spacecraft	Aditya-L1, India's first space-based solar observatory
Launched	September 2023
Station	Sun-Earth L1 point
Payloads	7, with VELC as the primary payload
Primary payload	Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC), an internally occulted coronagraph
Wavelength studied	530.3 nm green emission line of highly ionised iron
Built by	Indian Institute of Astrophysics at MGK Menon Lab, CREST campus, Hosakote, with ISRO support
CME observed	The eruption of 5 August 2024, with NASA SDO data

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NITI Aayog and TEXMiN Sign Critical Minerals Pact

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NITI Aayog and TEXMiN at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad signed a Joint Statement of Intent to build indigenous technology and value chains in critical and strategic minerals.

- NITI Aayog and TEXMiN, the Technology Translation Research Park at IIT (ISM) Dhanbad, signed a Joint Statement of Intent on critical and strategic minerals
- TEXMiN is an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology; the pact aligns with the National Critical Mineral Mission
- Cooperation covers four areas: collaborative research and technology development, technical and strategic studies, policy and institutional support, and capacity building and knowledge exchange
- It was signed during the visit of NITI Aayog Member Prof. Gobardhan Das, who inaugurated the National Symposium on Critical Minerals and Rare Earths (CMRE 2026) on 31 October 2026
- Prof. Das called for moving beyond a mine-centric approach to an integrated value chain and for recovering minerals from coal fly ash, red mud, mine tailings and electronic waste

Agreement	Joint Statement of Intent on the critical and strategic minerals sector
Signatories	NITI Aayog and TEXMiN (Technology Translation Research Park), IIT (ISM) Dhanbad
TEXMiN's parent	An initiative of the Department of Science and Technology
Aligned with	National Critical Mineral Mission (NCMM) and the Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat vision
Signed during	Visit of Prof. Gobardhan Das, Member, NITI Aayog, to IIT (ISM) Dhanbad
Symposium	National Symposium on Critical Minerals and Rare Earths (CMRE 2026), inaugurated 31 October 2026
Host conference	45th Annual National Conference of the Indian Council of Chemists
Four areas	Collaborative research and technology development; technical and strategic studies; policy and institutional support; capacity building and knowledge exchange

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IndiaAI Mission Releases EKA-1 and Dhir Foundation Models

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The IndiaAI Mission released the indigenous foundation models EKA-1 by Soket Labs and Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B by ZenteiQ at a press event held in New Delhi.

- The IndiaAI Mission under MeitY released the indigenous foundation models EKA-1 by Soket Labs and Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B by ZenteiQ at a New Delhi event on 3 November 2026
- EKA-1 has 26.3 billion parameters, was trained on about 7.5 trillion tokens and covers all 22 scheduled Indian languages along with English
- Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B are open-source, offline-capable assistants for secure on-premise use in English and 10 Indian languages
- Both developers were selected under the IndiaAI Innovation Centre (Foundation Models) pillar and used subsidised national AI compute
- The Union Cabinet approved the IndiaAI Mission on 7 March 2024 and it works through seven pillars, among them the AIKosh datasets platform

Mission	IndiaAI Mission
Ministry	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Models released	EKA-1, Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B
EKA-1 developer	Soket Labs Technology and Research Private Limited
Dhir developer	ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations
EKA-1 size	26.3 billion parameters
EKA-1 training data	About 7.5 trillion tokens
EKA-1 languages	All 22 scheduled Indian languages and English

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CSIR and DAKSHIN-RIS Sign Pact for Global South Science

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CSIR and DAKSHIN, the Global South Centre of Excellence at RIS, signed a Letter of Association on 3 November 2026 to share science and technology with partner nations.

- CSIR and DAKSHIN, the Global South Centre of Excellence at RIS, signed a Letter of Association on 3 November 2026
- DAKSHIN stands for the Global South Centre of Excellence and is housed at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
- RIS Director General Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma named healthcare, infrastructure, agriculture, the blue economy and the digital economy as key areas of cooperation
- Dr. Rama Swami Bansal, Head of CSIR's International Science and Technology Affairs Directorate, represented CSIR at the signing
- The pact covers joint policy studies, scaling up of development work, capacity building and the sharing of best practices for South-South cooperation

Signatories	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and DAKSHIN at RIS
Instrument	Letter of Association (LoA)
Date of signing	3 November 2026
DAKSHIN	Global South Centre of Excellence
Host institution	Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
Ministry	Ministry of Science and Technology
CSIR official	Dr. Rama Swami Bansal, Head, International S&T Affairs Directorate
RIS official	Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma, Director General

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TRAI Launches Network Anubhav Platform for Network Quality

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TRAI launched the Network Anubhav Platform, a geospatial dashboard showing user and drive test results for mobile and fixed broadband, with a DND web interface.

- TRAI launched the Network Anubhav Platform, a geospatial and analytical dashboard for user test data and its own independent drive test data.
- User test data comes from TRAI's MySpeed and MyCall apps; results can be seen by service provider, by technology and for cellular or fixed broadband.
- The platform reports percentile speeds: P50 is the median, P80 is used for mobile broadband and P90 for fixed broadband.
- Telecom service providers get a secure interface with call quality, coverage and internet test data, while TRAI uses the aggregate for monitoring.
- Do Not Disturb services are now available through the portal, where consumers can set preferences, file complaints and track their status.

Platform	Network Anubhav Platform
Launched by	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Type	Geospatial and analytical dashboard
Data sources	MySpeed and MyCall apps, and TRAI independent drive tests
Percentiles	P50 median; P80 for mobile broadband; P90 for fixed broadband
Extra feature	Do Not Disturb (DND) web interface
Developer tool	MySpeed SDK for eligible third-party apps

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JNCASR Silicon Chip Carries Terahertz Data at 100 Gbit/s

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JNCASR researchers built a silicon photonic crystal chip that pushes terahertz waves through an engineered barrier at 100 Gbit/s, pointing to 6G circuits.

- JNCASR, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, demonstrated terahertz data transmission of 100 Gbit/s across an engineered barrier on a silicon chip.
- The chip is a silicon photonic crystal of triangular holes patterned like the honeycomb lattice of graphene, with the barrier made by changing hole sizes.
- A single barrier cost only about one to two per cent in loss and two barriers about two to three per cent, far less than an ordinary waveguide.
- Measurements ran over 310 to 360 GHz; the omega-shaped device carried 60 Gbit/s and the power splitter 100 Gbit/s using QAM-32 modulation.
- The study, led by Dr Abhishek Kumar of the Meta Optics Laboratory at JNCASR, was published in the journal Advanced Materials.

Institute	Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR)
Parent department	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Achievement	Terahertz data transmission at 100 Gbit/s across an engineered barrier
Technology	Topological photonics; photonic Klein tunnelling in a silicon photonic crystal
Frequency range tested	310 to 360 GHz
Device speeds	Double-barrier 48 Gbit/s, omega-shaped 60 Gbit/s, splitter 100 Gbit/s
Lead researcher	Dr Abhishek Kumar, Meta Optics Laboratory, JNCASR
Journal	Advanced Materials

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India Plans First Human Deep-Sea Mission to 6,000 m by 2028

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Dr Jitendra Singh told IPRD 2026 in New Delhi that India will send its first human deep-sea mission to depths of up to 6,000 metres by the year 2028.

- India will send its first human deep-sea mission to a depth of up to 6,000 metres by 2028, Dr Jitendra Singh said at IPRD 2026 on 4 November 2026.
- The Matsya submersible of the Samudrayaan Mission is designed to carry three aquanauts to depths of 5,000 to 6,000 metres.
- NIOT Chennai can already conduct trials at 5,000 to 6,000 metres in the Central Indian Ocean Basin, and the Ocean Mineral Explorer surveys hydrothermal sulphide deposits.
- The Research, Development and Innovation Fund of one lakh crore rupees uses a 50:50 equity-based approach to draw private investment into research.
- India targets 100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047, with the sector opened to private participation under the SHANTI Act.

Announcement	First Indian human deep-sea mission to a depth of up to 6,000 metres by 2028
Made by	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Occasion	Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2026, organised by the National Maritime Foundation
Mission and submersible	Samudrayaan Mission; submersible Matsya for three aquanauts at 5,000 to 6,000 metres
Institute	National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai
Trial area	Central Indian Ocean Basin
RDI Fund	One lakh crore rupees, on a 50:50 equity-based approach
Nuclear target	100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047; sector opened to private players under the SHANTI Act

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India Eyes Debris-Free Space by 2030 as Base 1 Opens

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Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated Cosmoserve Space's Base 1 facility at Hyderabad on 5 November 2026 and announced a vision of debris-free space by 2030.

- Dr Jitendra Singh announced a vision of debris-free space by 2030 while opening Base 1, the facility of space startup Cosmoserve Space at VSD Tech Park, Gachibowli, Hyderabad.
- Base 1 covers about 14,800 square feet and holds orbital rendezvous and capture labs, space robotics labs, microgravity simulation platforms and satellite integration clean rooms.
- India's space economy has reached nearly USD 9 billion and is projected to touch USD 40-45 billion in the coming decade.
- The number of Indian space startups has risen from single digits to nearly 450, with NewSpace India Limited and IN-SPACe set up along the way.
- Mission EMBRACE tested soft robotic petals in space in July 2026, within a year of Cosmoserve Space being founded.

Facility	Base 1, for active debris removal and in-orbit servicing
Company	Cosmoserve Space
Location	VSD Tech Park, Gachibowli, Hyderabad (Telangana)
Area	About 14,800 square feet
Inaugurated by	Dr Jitendra Singh, on video from Kartavya Bhawan, New Delhi
Target announced	Debris-free space by 2030
Space economy	Nearly USD 9 billion, projected USD 40-45 billion in the coming decade
Space startups	Nearly 450, up from single digits

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TRAI Recommends New Satellite Network Provider Authorisation

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TRAI recommended a new Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation for 20 years under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, and cleared direct-to-device services.

- TRAI recommends a Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation under Section 3(1)(b) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, for the national area
- The authorisation would last a maximum of 20 years, renewable for up to 20 more, and the holder cannot serve end users directly, only sell SCNaaS to eligible providers
- Spectrum would be assigned administratively for up to five years, extendable by two, in line with the National Frequency Allocation Plan 2025
- IMT-based direct-to-device service is cleared on a non-interference basis in the 600, 700, 800, 900, 1800 and 2100 MHz FDD bands without waiting for WRC-2027
- The authorisation fee is 8 per cent of adjusted gross revenue and the minimum spectrum charge is Rs 3,500 per MHz a year

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
New authorisation	Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation
Legal basis	Section 3(1)(b), Telecommunications Act, 2023
Area and term	National area; up to 20 years, renewable up to 20 years
Service sold	Satellite Communication Network as a Service (SCNaaS); no direct service to users
Spectrum term	Up to five years, extendable by up to two years
Authorisation fee	8 per cent of Adjusted Gross Revenue, no minimum fee
Minimum spectrum charge	Rs 3,500 per MHz a year

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Indian Astronomers Find Star Cluster UBC 63 Is Really Two

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A team led by Indian astronomers using ESA's Gaia data found that the open cluster UBC 63 is in fact two clusters that passed close to each other.

- UBC 63, a galactic open cluster about 4892 light years away, has been shown to be two clusters, now named UBC 63A and UBC 63B
- UBC 63A is about 21 million years old while UBC 63B is about 562 million years old, an age gap that rules out a single origin
- The clusters passed within about 7 parsecs, nearly 23 light years, of each other some 6 million years ago and are now about 26 parsecs apart
- The team used data from the European Space Agency's Gaia mission, machine learning and dynamical simulations on high-performance computers
- Researchers came from Gauhati University, including a DST INSPIRE Senior Research Fellow, and the Indian Institute of Astrophysics; the paper is in the Astronomical Journal

Object	UBC 63, a galactic open cluster
Distance	About 4892 light years from Earth
Finding	Two clusters, UBC 63A and UBC 63B, not one
Ages	UBC 63A about 21 million years; UBC 63B about 562 million years
Closest approach	About 7 parsecs, nearly 23 light years, some 6 million years ago
Present separation	About 26 parsecs, nearly 85 light years; not gravitationally bound
Data source	Gaia mission of the European Space Agency (ESA)
Institutions	Gauhati University and Indian Institute of Astrophysics, with a DST INSPIRE Senior Research Fellow

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Semicon 2.0 Portal Opens; 12 More Units Cleared Under ECMS

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Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Semicon 2.0 application portal for Pillars 2, 3 and 4 and MeitY cleared 12 more ECMS projects worth Rs 7,503 crore of investment.

- Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Semicon 2.0 Web Application Portal on 6 November 2026; applications are open for Pillar 2 (machines and materials), Pillar 3 (fabs) and Pillar 4 (ATMP/OSAT).
- Semicon 2.0 has a Cabinet-approved outlay of ₹1,27,500 crore under the India Semiconductor Mission and is built on six pillars.
- MeitY approved 12 more ECMS applications with investment of Rs 7,503 crore, production of Rs 39,045 crore and 7,127 direct jobs across 7 States.
- Copper foil, cathode active material and specialty ceramics received ECMS approval for the first time.
- ECMS now totals 118 approved applications, 34 products, 16 States, Rs 77,051 crore of investment and 81,755 expected direct jobs.

Portal	Semicon 2.0 Web Application Portal under the Semicon India Programme
Launched by	Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Railways, and Information and Broadcasting
Semicon 2.0 outlay	₹1,27,500 crore under the India Semiconductor Mission
Pillars open for applications	Pillar 2 (machines and materials), Pillar 3 (fabs), Pillar 4 (ATMP/OSAT)
Semicon 1.0	12 projects in six states, investment above Rs 1.64 lakh crore
New ECMS approvals	12 applications, Rs 7,503 crore investment, 7,127 direct jobs
States in this round	Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh
First-time ECMS products	Copper foil, cathode active material, specialty ceramics

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I-STEM and Startup India Portals Linked Through API Integration

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The Office of the PSA and DPIIT linked the Startup India and I-STEM portals by API on 6 November 2026 so recognised startups can find national research facilities.

- On 6 November 2026 the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser and DPIIT launched API integration between the Startup India Portal and the I-STEM portal.
- I-STEM stands for Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facilities Map; as of 6 November 2026 it listed 31,540 equipment items across 4,044 registered institutions.
- The launch was chaired by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser; Single Sign-On is proposed in later phases.
- DPIIT-recognised startups can discover and request research and testing facilities, but host institutions still approve each request.

Initiative	API integration of the Startup India Portal with the I-STEM Portal
Launched on	6 November 2026
Launched by	Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser and DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce and Industry)
Chaired by	Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser
I-STEM full form	Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facilities Map
Equipment listed on I-STEM	31,540
Registered institutions	4,044
Planned feature	Single Sign-On (SSO) in later phases

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TRAI Caps IP Port Charges in Third Amendment Regulations 2026

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TRAI released the Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) Third Amendment Regulations, 2026, capping annual IP port charges from 1 January 2027.

- TRAI released the Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026, which take effect from 1 January 2027.
- The annual ceiling for IP port charges is Rs 5.6 lakh for a 1 Gbps port and Rs 42.3 lakh for a 10 Gbps port.
- The definition of port now covers both the legacy E1 port of 2.048 Mbps and IP ports measured in Mbps or Gbps.
- Earlier port charges came from the 2001 regulation and had last been revised in 2012; the old rates continue to apply to E1 ports.
- A graded financial disincentive of up to Rs 15 lakh per service area applies for each contravention of the specified provisions.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Regulation	Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026
Effective from	1 January 2027
Ceiling, 1 Gbps IP port	Rs 5.6 lakh a year
Ceiling, 10 Gbps IP port	Rs 42.3 lakh a year
Legacy E1 port	2.048 Mbps; earlier charges continue for E1 ports
Parent regulation	Port Charges Regulation of 2001, rates last revised in 2012
Enabling provision	Section 11(1)(b) of the TRAI Act, 1997

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MATSYA-6000 Progress Reviewed at ESSC Meeting

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Jitendra Singh chaired the second general body meeting of the Earth System Sciences Council and reviewed Deep Ocean Mission progress, including MATSYA-6000 dives.

- Dr Jitendra Singh chaired the second General Body Meeting of the Earth System Sciences Council on 10 November 2026 and pressed for citizen-centric science communication.
- The meeting reviewed the 2025-26 annual reports and audited accounts of five institutions: NIOT, INCOIS, NCESS, IITM and NCPOR.
- Under the Deep Ocean Mission, MATSYA-6000 is India’s human submersible rated for a depth of 6,000 metres.
- Indian aquanauts dived to 4,025 metres and 5,002 metres in an Indo-French expedition aboard the submersible Nautile.
- NCPOR reported the 45th Indian Antarctic Expedition with 95 members and the 16th Indian Arctic Expedition, besides Himalayan glacier monitoring.

Meeting	Second General Body Meeting of the Earth System Sciences Council (ESSC)
Chaired by	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Institutions reviewed	NIOT, INCOIS, NCESS, IITM and NCPOR
Submersible	MATSYA-6000, depth-rated for 6,000 metres
Dives completed	4,025 metres and 5,002 metres aboard the French submersible Nautile
Polar expeditions	45th Indian Antarctic Expedition with 95 members; 16th Indian Arctic Expedition
Weather programmes	Mission Mausam, PRITHVI programme and the Bharat Forecasting System

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BRIC Third Foundation Day: India-UK Biomanufacturing LoI

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BRIC marked its third Foundation Day at BRIC-NII, signed a Letter of Intent with the UK Centre for Process Innovation and drew a Wellcome Trust grant.

- BRIC observed its third Foundation Day on 10 November 2026 at BRIC-National Institute of Immunology, with Dr Jitendra Singh as chief guest.
- A Letter of Intent was signed between BRIC and the United Kingdom’s Centre for Process Innovation for cooperation in biomanufacturing and biofoundries.
- The Wellcome Trust announced a grant of up to Rs 21.7 crore for a five-year immersion training programme for more than 250 iBRIC+ PhD scholars.
- India’s bioeconomy has grown from about USD 10 billion to more than USD 195 billion, and biotechnology startups from around 50-60 to more than 11,000.
- BRIC unites 13 premier biotechnology institutions across 11 cities; the iBRIC+ Spotlight Scientist of the Year-2026 awards went to Sunil Laxman, Rashna Bhandari and Bhabatosh Das.

Event	Third Foundation Day of the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC)
Venue	BRIC-National Institute of Immunology
Agreement	Letter of Intent with the UK’s Centre for Process Innovation on biomanufacturing
Grant	Wellcome Trust, up to Rs 21.7 crore for a five-year programme for over 250 iBRIC+ PhD scholars
Bioeconomy	Grown from about USD 10 billion to more than USD 195 billion
Startups	From around 50-60 to more than 11,000
Network	13 biotechnology institutions across 11 cities
Spotlight Scientist 2026	Dr Sunil Laxman (BRIC-inStem), Dr Rashna Bhandari (BRIC-CDFD), Prof Bhabatosh Das (BRIC-THSTI)

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CSIR and SINTEF Hold India-Norway Waste to Resource Dialogue

11 November 2026 · Science & Technology

CSIR, SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway held the India-Norway Dialogue on waste to resource solutions for cement and construction in New Delhi.

- The India-Norway Dialogue on Waste to Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sector was held on 10 November 2026 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- It was organised by CSIR with SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway, and announced by the Ministry of Science and Technology
- India-Norway ties were raised to a Green Strategic Partnership during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Norway in May; Norway's Prime Minister is Jonas Gahr Store
- Cement kiln co-processing was examined for destroying POPs, DDT and PCB-contaminated waste; CSIR-NEERI cited the Stockholm Convention commitments and the 2025 CDW Rules
- Agreed priorities include two to three joint research proposals, pilot projects on hazardous waste treatment and technical guidelines for DDT and PCB waste disposal

Event	India-Norway Dialogue on Waste to Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sector
Date	10 November 2026
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Organisers	CSIR (India) with SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway
Ministry	Ministry of Science and Technology
Bilateral framework	India-Norway Green Strategic Partnership, agreed during the Prime Minister's visit to Norway in May
Norway's Prime Minister	Jonas Gahr Store
CSIR laboratories involved	CSIR-CBRI, CSIR-NEERI, CSIR-CRRI and CSIR-AMPRI

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Villages Without 4G Fall to 11,372 Under Saturation Project

11 November 2026 · Science & Technology

The number of Indian villages without 4G has dropped from 45,180 in 2022 to 11,372 in 2026, a fall of nearly 75 per cent, the DoT said on 11 November.

- Villages without 4G connectivity have come down from 45,180 in 2022 to 11,372 in 2026, a reduction of nearly 75 per cent in four years
- The Department of Telecommunications' 4G Saturation Project was designed to cover 24,680 previously unconnected villages
- BSNL has commissioned 18,291 sites under the 24,680-site rollout plan; in October 2026 they served up to 10,21,048 active users in a day
- Those BSNL sites carried over 1.86 crore GB of data in October 2026, an average of 18.3 GB per user, with about 56 active users per site
- An additional 26,000 mobile network sites have been sanctioned for the next phase of rural coverage expansion

Scheme	4G Saturation Project of the Department of Telecommunications
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Villages without 4G in 2022	45,180
Villages without 4G in 2026	11,372
Reduction	Nearly 75 per cent in four years
Project target	24,680 previously unconnected villages
BSNL sites commissioned	18,291
October 2026 usage	Over 1.86 crore GB, or 18,659,170 GB; 18.3 GB per user

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India Showcases BharatNet at ITU PP-26 Conference in Doha

11 November 2026 · Science & Technology

Minister of State Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani presented India's digital connectivity and cybersecurity approach at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Doha.

- Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Union MoS for Communications and Rural Development, spoke at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference PP-26 in Doha
- He said 2.2 billion people worldwide are still offline and pointed to India's investment of about 15 billion dollars in BharatNet
- Samriddh Gram Centres, a WSIS Prize winner, give villagers healthcare, farm advice, banking and government certificates
- India's technology agenda at the conference covered affordable AI computing, Indian-language AI models, quantum research, 100 5G use-case labs and the Bharat 6G Vision
- He said alerts to banks helped prevent suspected losses of over 5,000 crore rupees from digital fraud

Conference	ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26)
Venue	Doha
Indian representative	Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Union MoS for Communications and Rural Development
Session	High-Level Discussion on Emerging Technologies
People still offline	2.2 billion worldwide
BharatNet investment	About 15 billion dollars
WSIS Prize winner	Samriddh Gram Centres
5G labs	100 use-case labs

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TDB Gives Rs 64.05 Crore for Astrome AI-ELINT Satellite Project

12 November 2026 · Science & Technology

The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with Astrome Technologies for Rs 64.05 crore of RDI Fund support to build an AI-ELINT satellite constellation.

- TDB, under the Department of Science and Technology, signed an agreement with Astrome Technologies of Bengaluru for Rs 64.05 crore
- The support comes from the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund as Optionally Convertible Debt
- Total project cost is Rs 128.11 crore, and the target is to move the technology from TRL 4 to TRL 9
- The AI-ELINT constellation will use microsatellites of the 50 kg class in low Earth orbit for national security
- Three components: an ELINT payload, AI-based ground processing software and inter-satellite communication links

Agreement signed by	Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology
Company	Astrome Technologies Private Limited, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Support	Rs 64.05 crore from the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Total project cost	Rs 128.11 crore
Mode of support	Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD)
Technology readiness	From TRL 4 to TRL 9
Satellite class	Microsatellites of the 50 kg class in low Earth orbit
Sector	Deep technology, with space technology as sub-sector

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COSMOS Planetarium Mysuru: India's First LED Dome Opened

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium in Karnataka, which is described as India's first LED dome planetarium.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium at Mysuru in Karnataka, India's first LED dome planetarium
- He felicitated the Indian Institute of Astrophysics and the University of Mysore for their role in building the planetarium
- He named Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya and Nilakantha Somayaji as great Indian astronomers of the past
- Five Indian students at this year's International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics in Vietnam won four gold medals and one silver
- He said more than 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs have benefited over one crore students across the country

Facility	COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium
Location	Mysuru, Karnataka
Distinction	India's first LED dome planetarium
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Institutions felicitated	Indian Institute of Astrophysics and University of Mysore
Astronomers named	Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya, Nilakantha Somayaji
Olympiad result	Four gold and one silver by five Indian students in Vietnam
Slogan added by PM	Jai Anusandhan, after Jai Vigyan added by Atal Bihari Vajpayee

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Consent Manager Registration Under DPDP Act Comes Into Effect

14 November 2026 · Science & Technology

The Consent Manager registration framework under the DPDP Act, 2023 took effect, and MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan opened the dpbi.gov.in portal for applicants.

- The Consent Manager registration framework under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 came into force on 13 November 2026
- MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan launched the online portal dpbi.gov.in, on which companies apply to the Data Protection Board of India for registration
- Only companies incorporated in India, with a net worth of at least ₹2 crore and proven technical, operational and financial capacity, are eligible
- A Consent Manager gives a Data Principal one interoperable platform to grant, review, manage and withdraw consent, and is answerable to that Data Principal
- The law's remaining provisions, on Data Principals' rights, Data Fiduciaries' duties and the Board's inquiry and penalty powers, start on 13 May 2027

Framework	Registration of Consent Managers under the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023
In force from	13 November 2026
Portal	dpbi.gov.in
Launched by	S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Registering authority	Data Protection Board of India
Minimum net worth	₹2 crore
Who may apply	Companies incorporated in India with technical, operational and financial capacity
Rules	DPDP Rules, 2025

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India Commits 7 Million Euros to Elettra 2.0 Synchrotron, Italy

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India will invest over 7 million Euros across five years from 2026-27 as co-partner in Italy's Elettra 2.0 programme, Dr Jitendra Singh announced.

- India will invest more than 7 million Euros over five years from 2026-27 as a co-partner in Italy's Elettra 2.0 programme
- The announcement was made by Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, at Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste
- The existing India-centric XRD2 and Xpress beamlines will be replaced by micro-XRD for macromolecular crystallography and Xpress Superbend for high-pressure diffraction
- India is the second-largest user of Elettra after Italy, with Indian groups sending more than 1,100 experimental proposals against Italy's 54,140 and France's 1,098
- Indian scientists have worked at Elettra since 1998 and about 50 to 60 travel to Trieste every year

Programme	Elettra 2.0, at Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste, Italy
India's commitment	More than 7 million Euros over five years from 2026-27
Announced by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Beamlines being replaced	XRD2 and Xpress
New beamlines	micro-XRD (macromolecular crystallography) and Xpress Superbend (high-pressure diffraction)
India's rank as user	Second-largest user of Elettra after Italy
Proposals submitted	India more than 1,100; Italy 54,140; France 1,098
Indian participation since	1998

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Adi Vaani Now Translates Nine Tribal Languages Using AI

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Adi Vaani, the AI language platform of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, now offers text translation in nine tribal languages and has passed 35,000 downloads.

- Adi Vaani, launched on 1 September 2025 by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, was developed by a consortium led by IIT Delhi with BITS Pilani, IIIT Hyderabad and IIIT Nava Raipur.
- As on 15 October 2026 it offered text translation in nine tribal languages, worked on 13 languages in all, and had crossed 35,000 Android downloads with about 6,500 monthly users.
- State Tribal Research Institutes have contributed about 13.9 lakh written sentences and nearly 300 hours of speech data; the target is 1,00,000 sentence pairs per language.
- The Working Group on Tribal Languages, which first met on 15 October 2026 under Secretary Ranjana Chopra, discussed making Adi Vaani the National Tribal Language Repository.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, has been observed on 15 November since the Government of India designated it in 2021.

Platform	Adi Vaani, an AI translation and language platform
Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Launched	1 September 2025
Developed by	A national consortium led by IIT Delhi
Text translation	Nine tribal languages as on 15 October 2026
Languages covered in all	13 tribal languages
Downloads	Over 35,000 on Android, about 6,500 monthly users
Community data	About 13.9 lakh sentences and nearly 300 hours of speech from State institutes

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India's Space Economy at USD 9 Billion with 440 Start-ups

15 November 2026 · Science & Technology

A backgrounder of 15 November 2026 says India's space economy stood at about USD 9 billion in August 2026 and registered space start-ups had reached about 440.

- India's space economy was about USD 9 billion in August 2026, against about USD 8.4 billion in 2023, which was roughly 2 percent of the world total
- Registered space start-ups rose from one in 2014 to about 440 by August 2026, with investment of USD 618.5 million by 31 March 2026
- The Union Cabinet cleared space-sector reforms on 24 June 2020, creating IN-SPACe as the single-window agency under the Department of Space
- Automatic-route FDI is allowed up to 74 percent in satellite manufacturing and operation, 49 percent in launch vehicles and spaceports and 100 percent in components
- ISRO launched 399 foreign satellites between 2014 and January 2026, against 35 between 1990 and 2014

Single-window agency	IN-SPACe, autonomous body under the Department of Space
Commercial arm	NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), set up March 2019
Reform date	Union Cabinet approval on 24 June 2020
Space economy	About USD 9 billion in August 2026
Start-ups	About 440 in August 2026, up from one in 2014
FDI caps (automatic route)	74 percent satellites, 49 percent launch vehicles, 100 percent components
Technology Adoption Fund	Rs 500 crore outlay, created February 2025
Venture capital fund	Rs 1000 crore under IN-SPACe

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India and ICTP Set Up Co-operation Fund at Trieste

15 November 2026 · Science & Technology

India and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics have begun the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund, with a Letter of Intent signed by DST at Trieste.

- India and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) have initiated the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund to institutionalise scientific collaboration and researcher mobility
- A Letter of Intent was signed between the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and ICTP at Trieste, Italy
- The signing took place during the visit of Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
- From the Indian side the Letter of Intent was exchanged by Dr Praveenkumar Somasundaram, Head of International Cooperation in DST
- The minister's official visit to Italy ran from 11 to 15 November 2026; ICTP is a global hub in physics, mathematics and related fields

Fund announced	India-ICTP Co-operation Fund
Agreement signed	Letter of Intent (LoI) between DST and ICTP
Full form of ICTP	International Centre for Theoretical Physics
Location of ICTP	Trieste, Italy
Indian minister on visit	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Exchanged by (India)	Dr Praveenkumar Somasundaram, Head of International Cooperation, DST
Dates of Italy visit	11 to 15 November 2026
Aim	Institutionalising scientific collaboration and researcher mobility

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Defence

INS Trishul Calls at Souda Bay, Greece on Mediterranean Tour

1 November 2026 · Defence

Indian Naval Ship Trishul arrived at Souda Bay in Greece on 31 October 2026 during its Mediterranean deployment for engagements with the Hellenic Navy.

- Indian Naval Ship Trishul called at Souda Bay in Greece on 31 October 2026 during an ongoing deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.
- The crew is to engage with the Hellenic Navy, the navy of Greece, and with officials of the Indian Embassy in Athens.
- Planned engagements include professional discussions, cross-deck visits between the two sides and cultural exchanges.
- The crew is to be familiarised with facilities at Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay and the NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre (NMIOTC).
- The ship's crew will pay homage at the Souda Bay War Cemetery, and the vessel stays open to visitors during the port call.

Ship	Indian Naval Ship (INS) Trishul
Port of call	Souda Bay
Country	Greece
Date of arrival	31 October 2026
Deployment area	Mediterranean Sea
Partner navy	Hellenic Navy
Embassy engaged	Indian Embassy in Athens
Facilities to be visited	Naval Support Activity (NSA) Souda Bay and NATO Maritime Interdiction Operational Training Centre (NMIOTC)

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Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Becomes 29th IAF Chief

1 November 2026 · Defence

Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took over as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on 1 November 2026 and set out 'VAYU' as the Air Force's guiding vision.

- Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on 1 November 2026
- He paid homage at the National War Memorial and received a ceremonial Guard of Honour at Air Force Station New Delhi
- He unveiled 'VAYU' as his guiding vision: Vigilance, Victory and Readiness; Aatmanirbharta; Yukti; and Unity of Effort
- An Experimental Test Pilot and Qualified Flying Instructor, he has over 3,500 hours of flying experience
- He has earlier served as CISC at HQ IDS, AOC-in-C of Central Air Command and Vice Chief of the Air Staff

Who	Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM AVSM VM VSM
Appointment	29th Chief of the Air Staff, Indian Air Force
Date of taking over	1 November 2026
First acts of the day	Homage at the National War Memorial; Guard of Honour at Air Force Station New Delhi
Vision announced	'VAYU' - Vigilance, Victory and Readiness; Aatmanirbharta; Yukti; Unity of Effort
JAI stands for	Jointness, Aatmanirbharta and Innovation
Flying experience	More than 3,500 hours; Experimental Test Pilot and Qualified Flying Instructor
Earlier posts	CISC at HQ IDS, AOC-in-C Central Air Command, Vice Chief of the Air Staff

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MoD Signs Rs 53,866.50 Crore Deal for 8 Next Generation Corvettes

2 November 2026 · Defence

The Defence Ministry signed Rs 53,866.50 crore contracts with GRSE and Goa Shipyard on 2 November 2026 for eight Next Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy.

- The Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth Rs 53,866.50 crore with GRSE and Goa Shipyard Limited for eight Next Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy
- GRSE will construct five corvettes and Goa Shipyard Limited will construct three; the contracts were signed at Kartavya Bhawan-2, New Delhi
- It is the first project in which the ships are designed in-house by the Indian Navy and built by defence PSUs chosen through a competitive process
- The ships will carry modern missiles, weapons and sensors for action in the air, surface and sub-surface domains
- The work is expected to create about 72 lakh person-days of jobs in shipyards and 460 lakh person-days in ancillary industries and MSMEs over ten years

Contract value	Rs 53,866.50 crore
What was ordered	Eight Next Generation Corvettes (NGCs) for the Indian Navy
Shipyards	GRSE (five ships) and Goa Shipyard Limited (three ships)
Signed on	2 November 2026 at Kartavya Bhawan-2, New Delhi
Present at signing	Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
First-ever feature	First project with ships designed in-house by the Indian Navy and built by competitively selected defence PSUs
Employment	About 72 lakh person-days in shipyards and 460 lakh person-days in ancillary industries and MSMEs over ten years

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Air Force Schools Adopt ScrollControl Child Digital Safety Plan

2 November 2026 · Defence

The Indian Air Force Educational and Cultural Society has put 42 Air Force Schools on ScrollControl, a child digital safety plan run with ISAC Foundation.

- The Indian Air Force Educational and Cultural Society, under Air Headquarters, has onboarded Air Force Schools onto ScrollControl, a child digital safety programme run through the ISAC Foundation
- 261 teachers from 42 Air Force Schools finished a certification course as Cyber Crime Intervention Officers and can act as first responders in cyber crime cases
- The step was taken during National Cyber Security Awareness Month, and CBSE has asked its affiliated schools to keep Cyber Jagrookta Diwas every month
- Schools on the platform can open cyber clubs, certify pupils, hold parent awareness sittings and earn standing as a Cyber Safe School
- Certified teachers are entered on the National Security Database, with round-the-clock victim help from cyber lawyers, cyber psychologists and forensic specialists

Programme	ScrollControl (Child Digital Safety Programme)
Led by	Indian Air Force Educational and Cultural Society, under Air Headquarters
Partner body	Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) Foundation
Schools onboarded	42 Air Force Schools
Teachers certified	261
Certification	Cyber Crime Intervention Officer
Occasion	National Cyber Security Awareness Month
CBSE direction	Monthly observance of Cyber Jagrookta Diwas

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INS Sudarshini Returns to Kochi After Lokayan 26 Sail Expedition

2 November 2026 · Defence

Sail training ship INS Sudarshini was welcomed back at Kochi on 2 November 2026 after Lokayan 26, a ten-month voyage covering over 22,000 nautical miles.

- INS Sudarshini, a sail training ship of the Indian Navy, returned to Kochi on 2 November 2026 after completing the Lokayan 26 expedition
- Lokayan 26 was a ten-month transoceanic sailing voyage of more than 22,000 nautical miles, flagged off from Kochi on 20 January 2026
- The ship made 17 port calls in 11 countries across Asia, Europe, Africa and North America and crossed the Atlantic twice
- The longest leg sailed entirely under sail covered 2,200 nautical miles in 19 days
- The Flag-in Ceremony was presided over by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Southern Naval Command

Ship	INS Sudarshini, sail training ship of the Indian Navy
Expedition	Lokayan 26, a transoceanic sailing expedition of ten months
Flagged off	Kochi, 20 January 2026
Returned	Kochi, 2 November 2026
Distance	More than 22,000 nautical miles
Port calls	17 ports in 11 countries across Asia, Europe, Africa and North America
Longest sail-only leg	2,200 nautical miles in 19 days, across the Atlantic
Flag-in Ceremony	Presided over by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, FOC-in-C, Southern Naval Command

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Indian Navy Frees Hijacked Fishing Vessel Azini Off Somalia

3 November 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy freed the hijacked fishing vessel Azini off Somalia's north-eastern coast in an operation of over 48 hours, bringing all 20 crew out unhurt.

- The Indian Navy freed the hijacked fishing vessel Azini from armed pirates off the north-eastern coast of Somalia in an operation that ran for more than 48 hours.
- All 20 crew members on board were rescued safely, with no casualties and no injuries.
- A mission-deployed warship and a maritime reconnaissance aircraft located and tracked the boat, then used calibrated non-kinetic measures to stop it escaping.
- Marine Commandos were put into the operation through a precision airdrop by an Indian Air Force C-17 aircraft.
- Pirates could have used the captured boat as a mother ship against merchant shipping; India calls itself First Responder and Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region.

Operation	Rescue of the hijacked fishing vessel Azini
Force	Indian Navy, with Indian Air Force support
Location	Off the north-eastern coast of Somalia
Crew rescued	20, all safe; no casualties or injuries
Duration	More than 48 hours
Platforms	Mission-deployed warship and maritime reconnaissance aircraft
Commando insertion	Precision airdrop by an IAF C-17 aircraft
Threat averted	Use of the vessel as a pirate mother ship

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Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 Opens at Visakhapatnam

3 November 2026 · Defence

The 5th edition of the India-US tri-service HADR exercise Tiger Triumph opened at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam, with the NDRF joining for the first time.

- Tiger Triumph is the bilateral tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise between India and the United States, now in its 5th edition
- The opening ceremony of the 5th edition was held at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam, on 2 November 2026
- This year the exercise is being conducted as a Tabletop Exercise (TTX), a discussion-based drill rather than a field deployment
- A National Disaster Response Force team is taking part in Tiger Triumph for the first time in the 5th edition
- The ceremony was presided over by Rear Admiral Vishal Bishnoi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, and Rear Admiral Joaquin J Martinez de Pinillos, Vice Commander of the US Pacific Fleet

Exercise	Tiger Triumph 2026, 5th edition
Countries	India and the United States
Nature	Bilateral tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise
Format this year	Tabletop Exercise (TTX)
Venue of opening ceremony	Maritime Warfare Centre (MWC), Visakhapatnam
Date of ceremony	2 November 2026
First-time participant	National Disaster Response Force (NDRF)
Presided over by	Rear Admiral Vishal Bishnoi and Rear Admiral Joaquin J Martinez de Pinillos

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Rajnath Singh Chairs Defence Modernisation Meet in Jaisalmer

3 November 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh chaired the MoD Consultative Committee on defence modernisation at Jaisalmer and set a Rs 3 lakh crore production goal for 2029.

- Rajnath Singh chaired the Ministry of Defence Consultative Committee meeting on 'Modernisation of Indian Defence Forces' at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, on 3 November 2026
- The government aims at defence production worth Rs 3 lakh crore and defence exports worth Rs 50,000 crore by 2029
- The defence budget for FY 2026-27 was raised to a record Rs 7.85 lakh crore, including a capital outlay of Rs 2.19 lakh crore
- Defence production rose from Rs 46,429 crore in FY 2014-15 to a record Rs 1.78 lakh crore in FY 2025-26; exports grew from under Rs 2,000 crore in 2014 to about Rs 40,000 crore
- The Indian Army's new 'Asani', 'Bhairav' and 'Shaktiban' platoons were cited as effective for current operational needs

Meeting	Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Defence on 'Modernisation of Indian Defence Forces'
Chaired by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Venue	Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
Date	3 November 2026
Defence budget FY 2026-27	Record Rs 7.85 lakh crore
Capital outlay	Rs 2.19 lakh crore
Defence production	Rs 46,429 crore in FY 2014-15 to Rs 1.78 lakh crore in FY 2025-26
Targets by 2029	Rs 3 lakh crore production and Rs 50,000 crore exports

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INS Sahyadri Ends India-South Korea Navy Drill at Busan

3 November 2026 · Defence

INS Sahyadri concluded the India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise at Busan, drilling with ROKS Munmu the Great in a harbour phase and a sea phase.

- INS Sahyadri concluded the India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise at Busan on 29 October 2026
- The Indian frigate exercised with the Korean warship ROKS Munmu the Great during the sea phase
- The harbour phase had professional discussions, cross-deck visits, operational briefings and Subject Matter Expert Exchanges
- The sea phase covered coordinated navigation, helicopter operations and joint maritime manoeuvres
- The Navy said the engagement supports peace, stability and security in the Indo-Pacific region

Exercise	India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise
Indian ship	INS Sahyadri
Korean ship	ROKS Munmu the Great
Venue	Busan, Republic of Korea
Concluded on	29 October 2026
Phases	Harbour phase and sea phase
Sea phase drills	Coordinated navigation, helicopter operations, joint maritime manoeuvres
Stated purpose	Peace, stability and security in the Indo-Pacific

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Delhi Defence Dialogue 2026 Begins at MP-IDSA in New Delhi

3 November 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh addressed the third Delhi Defence Dialogue at MP-IDSA on the theme of defence reforms, Aatmanirbharta, collaborations and exports.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the third edition of the Delhi Defence Dialogue at MP-IDSA, New Delhi, on 3 November 2026
- The theme of the 2026 dialogue is Defence Reforms, Aatmanirbharta, Collaborations and Exports, described as four pillars of a developed India by 2047
- Defence production reached a record of about Rs 1.78 lakh crore in FY 2025-26 and exports rose to Rs 38,424 crore, reaching more than 80 countries
- The government aims at Rs 3 lakh crore of defence production and Rs 50,000 crore of defence exports by 2029
- MP-IDSA is holding the dialogue over two days, on 3 and 4 November 2026, and also held the first ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum

Event	Third Delhi Defence Dialogue 2026
Host	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA)
Venue and dates	New Delhi, 3 and 4 November 2026
Theme	Defence Reforms, Aatmanirbharta, Collaborations and Exports
Addressed by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
Defence production	Record of about Rs 1.78 lakh crore in FY 2025-26
Defence exports	Rs 38,424 crore, to more than 80 countries
Targets by 2029	Rs 3 lakh crore production and Rs 50,000 crore exports

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India and Sri Lanka Coast Guards Hold 9th Meeting at Mirissa

3 November 2026 · Defence

The 9th High-Level Meeting of the Indian Coast Guard and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard was held at Mirissa in Sri Lanka, with talks on maritime cooperation.

- The 9th High-Level Meeting between the Indian Coast Guard and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard was held at Mirissa, Sri Lanka, on 3 November 2026
- Director General Paramesh Sivamani led the Indian delegation and Rear Admiral Ruwan Rupasena, Director General of the Sri Lanka Coast Guard, led the host side
- Talks covered marine pollution response, search and rescue at sea and enforcement of maritime law
- The two services also discussed ways to widen capacity building and technical assistance to strengthen cooperation at the operational level
- Both sides resolved to coordinate responses to emergencies at sea and to pursue a safe, secure and clean maritime environment in the Indian Ocean Region

Event	9th High-Level Meeting of the Indian Coast Guard and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard
Venue	Mirissa, Sri Lanka
Date	3 November 2026
Indian delegation	Led by Paramesh Sivamani, Director General, Indian Coast Guard
Sri Lankan delegation	Led by Rear Admiral Ruwan Rupasena, Director General, Sri Lanka Coast Guard
Areas of cooperation	Marine pollution response, maritime search and rescue, maritime law enforcement
Also discussed	Capacity building and technical assistance
Shared goal	A safe, secure and clean maritime environment in the Indian Ocean Region

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Cabinet Opens Path for All Agniveers to Become Regular Soldiers

4 November 2026 · Defence

The Union Cabinet created a pathway absorbing all Agniveers in the Defence Forces: 25 per cent as regulars on merit and the rest given two more years.

- The Union Cabinet approved a pathway for the absorption of all Agniveers into the Defence Forces, after four years of the Agnipath Scheme.
- As envisaged earlier, 25 per cent of Agniveers will be offered regular employment in the Defence Forces on the basis of merit.
- The remaining 75 per cent get another engagement period of two years, based on their willingness and the recommendation of the Defence Forces.
- After the two-year period, all Agniveers will be offered enrolment as regular soldiers if they are willing and meet the selection criteria.
- The second engagement period carries higher remuneration, an enhanced Seva Nidhi package and seniority benefits; the Agnipath Scheme will continue.

Decision	Pathway for absorption of all Agniveers in the Defence Forces
Taken by	Union Cabinet
Scheme reviewed	Agnipath Scheme, after four years of implementation
Regular employment at once	25 per cent of Agniveers, on merit
Second engagement	Two years for the remaining 75 per cent, based on willingness
After second engagement	Enrolment of all Agniveers as regular soldiers, subject to willingness and selection criteria
Benefits in second period	Higher remuneration, enhanced Seva Nidhi package, seniority benefits
Ministry	Ministry of Defence

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India-Canada Defence Dialogue Holds First Edition Virtually

4 November 2026 · Defence

India and Canada held the first edition of their bilateral Defence Dialogue virtually on 3 November 2026, with defence industry ties a priority area.

- The inaugural India-Canada Defence Dialogue was held virtually on 3 November 2026 and was announced by the Ministry of Defence the next day.
- Dr. Amit Telang, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Defence, co-chaired it with Mr. Scott Millar, Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy) of Canada's Department of National Defence.
- Defence industrial cooperation emerged as the leading area, while military-technical cooperation and defence research and development were named priority areas.
- The talks drew on the Joint Statement of 2 March 2026 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney.
- Both sides discussed specific deliverables and agreed to remain in touch to carry the proposals forward.

Event	Inaugural India-Canada Defence Dialogue
Date held	3 November 2026
Format	Virtual, through video conference
Indian co-chair	Dr. Amit Telang, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Defence
Canadian co-chair	Mr. Scott Millar, Assistant Deputy Minister (Policy), Department of National Defence
Leading area	Defence industrial cooperation
Priority areas	Military-technical cooperation; defence research and development
Political basis	Joint Statement of 2 March 2026 by PM Narendra Modi and PM Mark Carney

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Rajnath Singh Calls for Maritime Resilience at IPRD 2026

4 November 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh gave the commemorative address at the Indian Navy IPRD 2026 in New Delhi, urging supply chain diversification at sea.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh delivered the commemorative address at the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2026 in New Delhi on 4 November 2026.
- IPRD is the Indian Navy annual apex-level international strategic conference; the three-day 2026 edition began on 3 November and is held with the National Maritime Foundation.
- MAHASAGAR stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019, spans seven interconnected areas of maritime cooperation.
- Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 was described as the blueprint for India maritime transformation, with Sagarmala driving port-led development.

Event	Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2026
Organised by	Indian Navy with the National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
Venue and dates	New Delhi, three-day conference from 3 November 2026
Commemorative address	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, on 4 November 2026
Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
MAHASAGAR	Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative	Announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2019, covering seven connected areas
Maritime blueprint	Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, with port-led development under Sagarmala

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Operation DRISHTI Camp Treats 4,000 Patients at Rairangpur

4 November 2026 · Defence

The Armed Forces Medical Services treated over 4,000 patients and performed 365 sight-restoring eye surgeries at a mega medical camp in Rairangpur, Odisha.

- The Armed Forces Medical Services conducted the 12th edition of Operation DRISHTI at Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj, Odisha, from 2 to 4 November 2026.
- The camp treated over 4,000 patients and performed 365 sight-restoring eye surgeries free of cost.
- Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja, Director General Armed Forces Medical Services, visited the camp on 4 November 2026 and gave medicine kits to eye surgery patients.
- Cardiology saw over 400 patients, conducted 298 ECGs and 406 echocardiograms and marked 29 patients for advanced intervention; Nephrology did 341 ultrasounds.
- Rairangpur is the native place of the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu.

Campaign	12th edition of Operation DRISHTI, a mega multi-speciality medical camp
Conducted by	Armed Forces Medical Services (AFMS)
Place	Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj district, Odisha
Dates	2 to 4 November 2026
Patients treated	Over 4,000
Eye surgeries	365 sight-restoring surgeries
DGAFMS	Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja, who visited the camp on 4 November 2026
Specialities	Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Nephrology, Dermatology, Dental and General Medicine

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INS Sahyadri Reaches Yokosuka for Exercise MALABAR 2026

5 November 2026 · Defence

Indian Navy stealth frigate INS Sahyadri of the Eastern Fleet reached Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan on 4 November 2026 to take part in MALABAR 2026.

- INS Sahyadri, an indigenous guided missile stealth frigate of the Eastern Fleet, arrived at Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan on 4 November 2026 for MALABAR 2026.
- MALABAR 2026 brings together the navies of India, Japan, the United States and Australia.
- The exercise has a harbour phase of professional interactions and coordinated planning, followed by a sea phase involving INS Sahyadri and units of the United States, Australia and Japan.
- The ship was welcomed by the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force, with Vice Admiral Yagi Koji, Commandant of Yokosuka District, and R Madhu Sudan, Deputy Chief of Indian Mission, present.
- The deployment is in line with MAHASAGAR, which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

Exercise	MALABAR 2026, multilateral naval exercise
Indian ship	INS Sahyadri, indigenous guided missile stealth frigate, Eastern Fleet
Port of arrival	Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan
Date of arrival	4 November 2026
Participating navies	India, Japan, the United States and Australia
Host navy	Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF)
Phases	Harbour phase, then sea phase
Present at welcome	Vice Admiral Yagi Koji, Commandant, Yokosuka District; R Madhu Sudan, Deputy Chief of Indian Mission

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INS Tarkash Ends Port Call at Port Louis, Mauritius

5 November 2026 · Defence

INS Tarkash wrapped up its call at Port Louis on 3 November 2026 after joining the 192nd Aapravasi Diwas events and a PASSEX with CGS Valiant.

- INS Tarkash concluded its port call at Port Louis, Mauritius, on 3 November 2026 and has moved to the next phase of its operational deployment
- The ship joined the events for the 192nd Aapravasi Diwas on 2 November 2026 and hosted a cultural exchange on board for Aapravasi Diwas 2026
- Mahend Gungapersad, Mauritius's Minister of Education and Human Resource, was Guest of Honour; India's High Commissioner Anurag Srivastava attended
- The Commanding Officer called on Secretary of Home Affairs Kan Oye Fong and Commissioner of Police Rampersad Sooroojebally, who visited the ship
- The ship held a PASSEX with CGS Valiant and joint Exclusive Economic Zone surveillance with the Mauritius Coast Guard, supported by a Dornier aircraft

Ship	INS Tarkash, Indian Navy
Port	Port Louis, Mauritius
Port call concluded	3 November 2026
Commemoration	192nd Aapravasi Diwas, events on 2 November 2026
Guest of Honour	Mahend Gungapersad, Minister of Education and Human Resource, Mauritius
High Commissioner of India	Anurag Srivastava
Exercise	PASSEX with CGS Valiant of the Mauritius Coast Guard
Joint operation	Exclusive Economic Zone surveillance with the Mauritius Coast Guard, supported by a Dornier aircraft

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DRDO Flight-Tests Pralay Quasi-Ballistic Missile off Odisha

5 November 2026 · Defence

DRDO flight-tested the quasi-ballistic missile Pralay from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast on 5 November 2026, and every test objective was met.

- DRDO flight-tested the quasi-ballistic missile Pralay from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the Odisha coast at about 1110 hrs on 5 November 2026, meeting every test objective
- Research Centre Imarat at Hyderabad developed the missile indigenously along with other DRDO laboratories
- Bharat Dynamics Limited, one of the Development-cum-Production Partners, has produced the system
- The flight was tracked by range instruments deployed by the Integrated Test Range, Chandipur, and was conducted as part of user evaluation trials, so induction is now imminent
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and DRDO Chairman Rajesh Kumar Singh, who is also Defence Secretary, congratulated the teams involved

Missile	Pralay, a quasi-ballistic missile
Tested by	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Launch site	Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the Odisha coast
Time of launch	About 1110 hrs on 5 November 2026
Tracking	Integrated Test Range, Chandipur
Developer	Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad, with other DRDO laboratories
Producer	Bharat Dynamics Limited, a Development-cum-Production Partner
Stage of trial	User evaluation trials; induction imminent

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First BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise Ends at Sri Vijaya Puram

6 November 2026 · Defence

The maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise, hosted by the Andaman and Nicobar Command from 30 October, ended at Sri Vijaya Puram on 3 November 2026.

- The maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise was held from 30 October to 3 November 2026 and culminated at Sri Vijaya Puram.
- It was conducted under the Andaman and Nicobar Command, India's only operational tri-service command, headed by Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty.
- Ships: INS Taragiri, INS Karmuk and INS Saryu (India), UMS King Aung Zeya (Myanmar) and SLNS Gajabahu (Sri Lanka).
- BIMSTEC Secretary General Indra Mani Pandey and National Maritime Security Coordinator Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd) attended.
- The exercise builds on the 4th BIMSTEC Experts Group Meeting on Maritime Security Cooperation held in November 2025; its sea phase ran on 2 and 3 November.

Exercise	Maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise
Dates	30 October to 3 November 2026
Venue	Sri Vijaya Puram, Andaman and Nicobar Islands
Host	Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC)
C-in-C, ANC	Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty
Indian ships	INS Taragiri, INS Karmuk, INS Saryu
Foreign ships	UMS King Aung Zeya (Myanmar), SLNS Gajabahu (Sri Lanka)
BIMSTEC Secretary General	Indra Mani Pandey

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Rahat Mitra: First India-Myanmar Tri-Services HADR Exercise Begins

6 November 2026 · Defence

India and Myanmar began 'Rahat Mitra', their first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise, at Chennai on 5 November 2026 with over 300 personnel from both sides.

- India and Myanmar began their first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise, 'Rahat Mitra', at Chennai on 5 November 2026; it runs from 5 to 6 November.
- The theme is 'Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership'.
- More than 300 personnel from all three services of both countries are taking part.
- The exercise is coordinated under the aegis of the Indian Navy.
- It reflects India's 'Neighbourhood First' policy and the MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) vision.

Exercise	Rahat Mitra
Countries	India and Myanmar
Type	Bilateral tri-services HADR exercise
Edition	First (inaugural)
Venue	Chennai
Dates	5 to 6 November 2026
Theme	Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership
Participants	More than 300 personnel

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Tiger Triumph 2026: India-US HADR Exercise Ends at Visakhapatnam

6 November 2026 · Defence

The fifth edition of the India-US tri-service HADR exercise Tiger Triumph, held from 31 October, closed with a ceremony at Visakhapatnam on 5 November 2026.

- The fifth edition of the India-US tri-service HADR exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 ended with a closing ceremony at Visakhapatnam on 5 November 2026.
- It was conducted from 31 October to 5 November 2026 and comprised a Staff Exercise (STAFFEX) and a Tabletop Exercise (TTX).
- The exercise put special emphasis on joint amphibious operations; the STAFFEX included expert exchanges on cyberspace and medical operations.
- RAdm Vishal Bishnoi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet, and RAdm Joaquin J. Martinez de Pinillos, Vice Commander, US Pacific Fleet, attended the closing ceremony.
- Exercise Tiger Triumph was first conducted in 2019.

Exercise	Tiger Triumph 2026
Partners	India and the United States
Type	Bilateral tri-service HADR exercise
Edition	Fifth
Dates	31 October to 5 November 2026
Closing ceremony	Visakhapatnam, 5 November 2026
Components	Staff Exercise (STAFFEX) and Tabletop Exercise (TTX)
Special focus	Joint amphibious operations

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GRSE Delivers 'Amini' ASW Shallow Water Craft to Indian Navy

6 November 2026 · Defence

Amini, an anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft designed and built by GRSE Kolkata with over 80 per cent indigenous content, joined the Navy on 5 November 2026.

- 'Amini', an Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft built by GRSE Kolkata, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 5 November 2026.
- The craft are built to Indian Register of Shipping classification rules and are among the largest Indian Navy warships propelled by waterjets.
- Armament includes lightweight torpedoes, indigenous rocket launchers and sonars; roles are anti-submarine warfare, coastal surveillance and mine laying.
- The ship is named after Amini Island in Lakshadweep and revives the name of INS Amini, a Petya III class ASW corvette decommissioned in 2002.
- The ship has over 80 per cent indigenous content, in line with Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Ship	Amini
Type	Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC)
Builder	Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
Delivered on	5 November 2026
Classification rules	Indian Register of Shipping (IRS)
Propulsion	Waterjets
Weapons and sensors	Lightweight torpedoes, indigenous rocket launchers, sonars
Named after	Amini Island, Lakshadweep

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IAF SDI Signs MoA with IIT Madras for Secure Airborne Communication

6 November 2026 · Defence

The IAF's Software Development Institute signed an MoA with IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak to build an indigenous digital secure communication system for aircraft.

- The IAF's Software Development Institute (SDI) signed an MoA with IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation, announced on 6 November 2026.
- The aim is the joint design and development of an indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne applications.
- The MoA was signed by Air Vice Marshal Sarabjit Singh, Commandant SDI, and Dr M J Shankar Raman, CEO, IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation.
- Prof V Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras, was present at the signing.
- The joint work on advanced communication and networking algorithms aims to reduce reliance on imported systems, in line with Atmanirbhar Bharat.

IAF unit	Software Development Institute (SDI)
Partners	IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation
Document	Memorandum of Agreement (MoA)
Purpose	Indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne applications
Focus of joint work	Advanced algorithms for communication systems and networking
Signed for IAF by	Air Vice Marshal Sarabjit Singh, Commandant, SDI
Signed for foundation by	Dr M J Shankar Raman, CEO, IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation
Present	Prof V Kamakoti, Director, IIT Madras

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Second Tour of Duty for Agniveers Called a Diwali Gift

7 November 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh termed the Cabinet-cleared Second Tour of Duty a Diwali gift for Agniveers while meeting Air Warriors at Bagdogra.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacted with Indian Air Force personnel at Air Force Station, Bagdogra in West Bengal on the eve of Diwali
- He called the Union Cabinet's approval of the Second Tour of Duty a significant Diwali gift for Agniveers
- Agniveers completing the two-year engagement period may be enrolled as regular soldiers if willing and if they meet the selection criteria
- He asked the forces to strengthen domain awareness, cyber resilience and information integrity against asymmetric warfare, proxy wars, cyber attacks and drone swarms
- Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit and Air Commodore Manish Sharma, Air Officer Commanding at Bagdogra, were present

Who	Raksha Mantri (Defence Minister) Shri Rajnath Singh
Where	Air Force Station, Bagdogra, West Bengal
Occasion	Interaction with Indian Air Force personnel on the eve of Diwali
Main announcement referred to	Union Cabinet's approval of the 'Second Tour of Duty' for Agniveers
Benefit	Agniveers completing the two-year engagement may be enrolled as regular soldiers, subject to willingness and selection criteria
Focus areas named	Domain awareness, cyber resilience and information integrity
Threats listed	Asymmetric warfare, proxy wars, cyber attacks, drone swarms, information operations, narrative management
Chief of the Air Staff	Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

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Rajnath Singh Reviews Trishakti Corps Readiness at Sukna

7 November 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reviewed the Trishakti Corps at Sukna in West Bengal, taking stock of LAC infrastructure and advanced military equipment.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh reviewed the operational preparedness of the Trishakti Corps at Sukna in West Bengal on 7 November 2026.
- He was briefed on infrastructure built along the Line of Actual Control and on the deployment of advanced military equipment and emerging technologies.
- Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth, Eastern Command chief Lt Gen VMB Krishnan and GOC 33 Corps Lt Gen Man Raj Singh Mann were present.
- Addressing a Diwali-eve Barakhana, he called Sukna a vital link in the security architecture of eastern India and a critical hub for forward logistics.
- He described the North-Eastern region as the first edge of India rather than its last edge, since it receives the first rays of the morning sun.

Event	Review of operational preparedness of the Trishakti Corps
Reviewed by	Rajnath Singh, Raksha Mantri
Place	Sukna, West Bengal
Date	7 November 2026
Trishakti Corps	The Army 33 Corps, based at Sukna
Chief of the Army Staff	General Dhiraj Seth
Eastern Command chief	Lt Gen VMB Krishnan
Corps Commander	Lt Gen Man Raj Singh Mann

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Rajnath Singh Celebrates Deepawali With Troops in Sikkim

8 November 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh celebrated Deepawali with Trishakti Corps soldiers in the forward areas of Sikkim and paid homage at the Sherathang War Memorial.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh celebrated Deepawali with Trishakti Corps troops in the forward areas of Sikkim on 8 November 2026
- Trishakti Corps is the Indian Army's 33 Corps; the Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth accompanied the Raksha Mantri
- He paid homage at the Sherathang War Memorial and visited the Baba Harbhajan Singh Memorial in Sikkim
- Soldiers honoured at Sherathang came from Nagaland, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan and Assam, among other parts of India
- Approximately 26,000 names of fallen heroes are inscribed in golden letters at the National War Memorial in New Delhi

Event	Deepawali celebrated with troops in forward areas of Sikkim
Date	8 November 2026
Formation	Trishakti Corps, the Army's 33 Corps
Chief of the Army Staff	General Dhiraj Seth
Eastern Command	Lieutenant General V M B Krishnan, General Officer Commanding-in-Chief
GOC, 33 Corps	Lieutenant General Man Raj Singh Mann
Interaction venue	Sherathang, Sikkim
Memorials visited	Sherathang War Memorial and Baba Harbhajan Singh Memorial

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Exercise Rahat Mitra: India-Myanmar HADR Drill Ends in Chennai

9 November 2026 · Defence

India and Myanmar completed Rahat Mitra, their first bilateral tri-services disaster relief exercise, at Chennai, with the Indian Navy, Army and Air Force taking part.

- Rahat Mitra was the first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise between the defence forces of India and Myanmar, held on 5 and 6 November 2026 and concluded at Chennai
- Personnel of the Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force trained with a visiting delegation of the Myanmar Defence Forces
- A table-top exercise built on a severe cyclone scenario was used to work through joint disaster management protocols and coordinated relief
- The delegation went aboard INS Sukanya for shipborne relief capability, and saw INS Adyar and the Communication Network Centre at Chennai
- Maritime search and rescue was shown by a Chetak helicopter with INS Bitra, and Myanmar officers flew on an IAF ALH for a casualty evacuation drill

Exercise	Rahat Mitra (inaugural edition)
Countries	India and Myanmar
Type	Bilateral tri-services humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise
Dates	5 and 6 November 2026 (two days)
Venue	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Indian participants	Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force
Table-top scenario	A severe cyclone
Ships named	INS Sukanya, INS Adyar and INS Bitra

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INS Surat Reaches Muscat for Naseem Al Bahr Exercise

9 November 2026 · Defence

INS Surat reached Muscat in Oman on 8 November 2026 for the 15th edition of the India-Oman naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr, to be followed by a CORPAT.

- INS Surat arrived at Muscat, Oman, on 8 November 2026 to take part in the 15th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr.
- Naseem Al Bahr, which means Sea Breeze, is held by the Indian Navy with the Royal Navy of Oman and has a harbour phase and a sea phase.
- A Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two navies will be carried out after the exercise ends.
- The port call is in line with India's MAHASAGAR vision - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- The visit builds on the 13th India-Oman Joint Military Cooperation Committee meeting held on 24 November 2025.

Ship	INS Surat (Indian Naval Ship Surat)
Port of call	Muscat, Oman
Date of arrival	8 November 2026
Exercise	Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze), 15th edition
Partner navy	Royal Navy of Oman
After the exercise	Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by the two navies
Vision	MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
Earlier milestone	13th Joint Military Cooperation Committee meeting, 24 November 2025

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INS Chilka to Pass Out Largest Agniveer Batch of 3,300

9 November 2026 · Defence

INS Chilka will hold the passing out parade of its ninth and largest batch of over 3,300 Agniveers and Coast Guard Naviks on 13 November 2026.

- INS Chilka will conduct the passing out parade of the ninth batch of Indian Navy Agniveers and Indian Coast Guard Naviks on 13 November 2026.
- More than 3,300 trainees will pass out, making it the largest batch to complete training at INS Chilka.
- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, will be the chief guest and reviewing officer of the parade.
- The parade marks the end of 16 weeks of ab-initio training covering academics, physical conditioning, swimming, drill and outdoor camp.
- Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command, will preside over the valedictory function, where the bilingual trainees' magazine Ankur will be unveiled.

Establishment	INS Chilka, the Indian Navy's ab-initio training establishment
Event	Passing out parade of the ninth batch of Agniveers and Naviks
Date	13 November 2026
Trainees	More than 3,300, the largest batch from INS Chilka
Services covered	Indian Navy (Agniveers) and Indian Coast Guard (Naviks)
Chief guest and reviewing officer	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
Valedictory function	Presided over by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, FOC-in-C, Southern Naval Command
Training duration	16 weeks of ab-initio training

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UPSC Declares CDS (I) 2026 Final Result; 243 Qualify

10 November 2026 · Defence

The Union Public Service Commission has declared the final result of the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026, with 243 candidates qualifying.

- UPSC has declared the final result of the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026, with 243 candidates in the merit lists
- The 243 qualifiers are made up of three groups of 155, 63 and 25 names for the three training academies
- Admission is to the 162nd (DE) Course at IMA Dehradun, to the Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala, and to Pre-Flying Course No. 221 F(P) at AFA Hyderabad
- Notified vacancies are 100 for IMA (13 for NCC 'C' Army Wing), 26 for INA Ezhimala and 32 for AFA Hyderabad
- At the written stage 2601, 770 and 640 candidates had qualified for IMA, INA and AFA respectively

Examination	Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026
Conducted by	Union Public Service Commission; written test held in April 2026
Candidates in final lists	243 (155 + 63 + 25)
IMA course	162nd (DE) Course, Indian Military Academy, Dehradun
Air Force Academy course	Pre-Flying Training Course No. 221 F(P), Hyderabad
Naval Academy	Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala
Vacancies notified	IMA 100, INA Ezhimala 26, AFA Hyderabad 32
Interviews by	Services Selection Board, Ministry of Defence

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INS Betwa Refit Contract Worth Rs 498.58 Crore Goes to CSL

11 November 2026 · Defence

The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 498.58 crore contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited on 11 November 2026 for the refit and re-powering of INS Betwa.

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth Rs 498.58 crore, about Rs 500 crore, with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the normal refit and re-powering of INS Betwa
- INS Betwa is a Brahmaputra-class frigate of the Indian Navy; the contract was signed in New Delhi on 11 November 2026 with Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh present
- Her steam-based propulsion system will be replaced by a diesel-engine-based system, making this a re-powering rather than an ordinary refit
- A modernised weapon suite will be installed to raise the frigate’s combat capability and operational effectiveness
- More than 50 MSMEs are expected to take part, creating employment across Indian shipbuilding and ancillary industries under Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India

Ship	INS Betwa, a Brahmaputra-class frigate of the Indian Navy
Shipyard	Cochin Shipyard Limited
Contract value	Rs 498.58 crore (about Rs 500 crore)
Scope	Normal refit and re-powering, with a modernised weapon suite
Propulsion change	Steam-based system replaced by a diesel-engine-based system
Signed on	11 November 2026, New Delhi
Present at signing	Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
Industry participation	More than 50 MSMEs expected to be involved

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INS Trishul Wraps Up Egypt Port Call at Safaga Naval Base

11 November 2026 · Defence

INS Trishul completed its call at Egypt's Safaga Naval Base on 9 November 2026, holding joint diving training and talks on Gulf of Suez maritime security.

- INS Trishul concluded its port call at the Safaga Naval Base in Egypt on 9 November 2026 during an ongoing operational deployment
- The visit came after the 11th India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee meeting, which was held in Cairo in April 2026
- India and Egypt signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation in September 2022 and became Strategic Partners in 2023
- The Commanding Officer met Rear Admiral MD Abd El Maksoud, Commander of Egypt's Red Sea Naval Base, for talks on Gulf of Suez security
- The Indian crew visited the Egyptian Naval Ship ENS Port Said (976) and the two navies held joint diving training

Indian ship	INS Trishul, Indian Navy
Base visited	Safaga Naval Base, Egypt
Call concluded on	9 November 2026
Latest defence dialogue	11th India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee, Cairo, April 2026
Defence MoU signed	September 2022
Ties upgraded to Strategic Partnership	2023
Egyptian ship visited	ENS Port Said (976)
Egyptian officer met	Rear Admiral MD Abd El Maksoud, Commander, Red Sea Naval Base

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Sea Vigil-26 Coastal Defence Exercise Begins Across India

11 November 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy began the fifth edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil-26 on 11 November 2026, to run in two phases till 19 November.

- The fifth edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil-26 is being held from 11 to 19 November 2026 with the Indian Navy as lead agency
- It runs in two phases: the Coastal Defence and Security Readiness Evaluation from 11 to 17 November and the Sea Phase on 18 and 19 November
- Sea Vigil was conceptualised in 2018 to validate the maritime security measures put in place after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks
- The exercise covers India's entire coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone and involves all coastal States and Union Territories, the Indian Coast Guard, Coastal Security Police, Customs and fishing communities
- Sea Vigil is a build-up to the Navy's biennial Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX), the two together spanning coastal defence to high seas operations

Exercise	Sea Vigil-26, fifth edition
Nature	Pan-India coastal defence exercise
Lead agency	Indian Navy
Dates	11 to 19 November 2026
CDSRE phase	11 to 17 November 2026
Sea Phase	18 and 19 November 2026
Conceptualised in	2018, after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks
Geographical spread	India's entire coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone

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Naseem Al Bahr 15th Edition Held by India and Oman Navies

11 November 2026 · Defence

India and Oman held the 15th edition of their bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr, with INS Surat and RNOV Al-Mu'azzar in the sea phase drills.

- The Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman conducted the 15th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr, which means Sea Breeze
- The harbour phase held Subject Matter Expert Exchanges on Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Mine Countermeasure Operations and Hydrography
- The sea phase involved Indian Naval Ship Surat and the Royal Navy of Oman vessel Al-Mu'azzar
- Joint Visit, Board, Search and Seizure drills and cross-deck operations were carried out at sea
- The exercise falls under the MAHASAGAR vision: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Exercise	Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze), 15th edition
Participants	Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman
Type	Bilateral maritime exercise
Indian ship	Indian Naval Ship (INS) Surat
Omani vessel	Royal Navy of Oman Vessel Al-Mu'azzar
Harbour phase topics	Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Mine Countermeasure Operations, Hydrography
Sea phase drills	Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) and cross-deck operations
Vision	MAHASAGAR: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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IMNEX-26 India-Myanmar Naval Exercise Begins at Visakhapatnam

11 November 2026 · Defence

The 8th edition of the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise IMNEX-26 is being held at Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026 with INS Rana and INS Sumedha.

- The 8th edition of the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise, IMNEX-26, is being conducted at Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026
- Myanmar Navy Ship UMS King Sin Phyu Shin arrived at Visakhapatnam on 10 November 2026 for the exercise
- INS Rana and INS Sumedha are the Indian ships taking part, and the opening ceremony was held on board INS Rana
- The harbour phase has Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, cross-deck visits, sporting engagements and talks on operational matters
- The sea phase will cover coordinated maritime operations and tactical manoeuvres under the MAHASAGAR vision

Exercise	IMNEX-26, India-Myanmar Naval Exercise, 8th edition
Venue	Visakhapatnam
Dates	10 to 14 November 2026
Myanmar ship	UMS King Sin Phyu Shin
Indian ships	INS Rana and INS Sumedha
Opening ceremony	Held on board INS Rana on 10 November 2026
Phases	Harbour phase and sea phase
Vision	MAHASAGAR: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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Army Chief Dhiraj Seth Opens Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026

11 November 2026 · Defence

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- Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth delivered the Cavalry Memorial Address at the Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on 11 November 2026
- His theme was ‘Vision for Future Warfighting in the Indian Subcontinent’, stressing innovation, technology, agility and the Yoddha at the core of Army transformation
- The two-day symposium is organised by the Cavalry Officers’ Association with the Directorate General of Mechanised Forces
- The book ‘Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace’ by Lt Gen AB Shivane (Retd) was unveiled at the inaugural session
- Lt Gen Prit Pal Singh, Director General Mechanised Forces, gave the keynote on contemporary mechanised warfare in the Indian context

Event	Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026, a two-day symposium
Address	Cavalry Memorial Address by the Chief of the Army Staff
Chief of the Army Staff	General Dhiraj Seth
Theme of the address	Vision for Future Warfighting in the Indian Subcontinent
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Organisers	Cavalry Officers’ Association with the Directorate General of Mechanised Forces
Book unveiled	Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace, by Lt Gen AB Shivane (Retd)
Keynote speaker	Lt Gen Prit Pal Singh, Director General Mechanised Forces

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Rajnath Singh Opens Air Force Commanders' Conference 2026 in Delhi

12 November 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh addressed the Air Force Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on 12 November 2026 and launched AI tools built in-house by the IAF unit UDAAN.

- Rajnath Singh addressed the two-day Air Force Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on 12 November 2026
- Theme of the conference: 'The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation'
- He launched AI applications built by the AI Centre of Excellence of UDAAN for operations, administration and aerospace safety
- UDAAN is the IAF's Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking
- Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit and Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth attended the opening session

Event	Air Force Commanders' Conference, New Delhi (two-day)
Date	12 November 2026
Theme	The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation
Addressed by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Launched	In-house AI applications of the AI Centre of Excellence, UDAAN
UDAAN full form	Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking
AI tools cover	Operations, administration and aerospace safety
Chief of the Air Staff	Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

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Revamped Gallantry Awards Portal Launched in New Delhi

12 November 2026 · Defence

Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth launched the rebuilt Gallantry Awards portal in New Delhi, which now carries Veer Gatha as a dedicated digital section.

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth launched the revamped Gallantry Awards portal in New Delhi on 12 November 2026
- The site is built around the sections Events, Memorials and Museums, Warpedia, Awardees, Gallantrypedia, Media and an interactive Tribute Section
- Veer Gatha's first edition covered roughly 8 lakh students in 4,788 schools; by the fifth edition the count stood above 1.92 crore students in more than 1.9 lakh schools
- Participation abroad covered 28,005 students from 91 CBSE-affiliated schools spread across 18 countries
- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh attended the launch; the portal address is gallantryawards.gov.in

Launched by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth
Ministry	Ministry of Defence
Place and date	New Delhi, 12 November 2026
Portal	gallantryawards.gov.in
Key sections	Events, Memorials and Museums, Warpedia, Awardees, Gallantrypedia, Media, Tribute Section
Veer Gatha first edition	About 8 lakh students, 4,788 schools
Veer Gatha fifth edition	Over 1.92 crore students, 1.9 lakh schools
Participation abroad	28,005 students, 91 CBSE-affiliated schools, 18 countries

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Defence Pensioners Cross 20.48 Lakh Digital Life Certificates

12 November 2026 · Defence

Over 20.48 lakh defence pensioners have filed Digital Life Certificates under National DLC Campaign 5.0, the highest among all participating departments.

- Over 20.48 lakh defence pensioners submitted Digital Life Certificates by 11 November 2026 under DLC Campaign 5.0, the highest among all departments.
- The nationwide campaign runs from 1 to 30 November 2026, coordinated by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, with CGDA leading the defence outreach.
- The network includes 194 SPARSH Service Centres, 4.63 lakh Common Service Centres, 13 partner banks with IPPB and 29 nodal officers, besides about 80 outreach programmes.
- A mega Digital Life Certificate camp will be held at Kochi on 23 November 2026, and more than 80 per cent of certificates are generated through Face ID.
- Under DLC Campaign 4.0 in November 2025 the Defence Accounts Department generated over 20.94 lakh certificates; 35.11 lakh pensioners are onboarded on SPARSH.

Campaign	Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5.0
Duration	1 to 30 November 2026
DLCs by defence pensioners	Over 20.48 lakh as on 11 November 2026
Led by	Controller General of Defence Accounts, Ministry of Defence
Coordinated by	Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Service network	194 SPARSH Service Centres, 4.63 lakh Common Service Centres, 13 partner banks with IPPB, 29 nodal officers
Mega camp	Kochi, 23 November 2026
Technology	Aadhaar-based Face Authentication through the Jeevan Pramaan portal and app

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Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2026 Begins in Sri Lanka

13 November 2026 · Defence

A 170-member Indian contingent left for Sri Lanka for the 12th edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI, to be held at Maduru Oya from 13 to 26 November 2026.

- A 170-member Indian Defence Forces contingent departed on 13 November 2026 for the India-Sri Lanka exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2026
- This is the twelfth edition of the exercise, held at the Army Training School, Maduru Oya in Sri Lanka from 13 to 26 November 2026
- The Indian contingent is drawn mainly from a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles, with other arms and Indian Air Force personnel
- The drill focuses on counter terrorism operations in a semi-urban environment under a United Nations mandate
- MITRA SHAKTI is an annual bilateral exercise conducted alternately in India and Sri Lanka and ends with a validation exercise

Exercise	MITRA SHAKTI 2026, 12th edition
Countries	India and Sri Lanka
Venue	Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka
Dates	13 to 26 November 2026, a 14-day exercise
Indian contingent	170 members, mainly a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles with Indian Air Force personnel
Focus	Counter terrorism operations in a semi-urban environment under a United Nations mandate
Nature	Annual bilateral exercise held alternately in India and Sri Lanka

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INS Sahyadri Leaves Yokosuka After Exercise Malabar 2026

13 November 2026 · Defence

INS Sahyadri, the Navy's indigenous guided missile stealth frigate, sailed out of Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan on 12 November 2026 after Malabar 2026.

- INS Sahyadri, an indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate, left Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan on 12 November 2026 after Exercise Malabar 2026
- Malabar 2026 brought together the navies of India, Japan, the United States and Australia
- The exercise ran in a harbour phase of professional engagements and a sea phase of coordinated maritime operations
- Sea phase drills included anti-submarine warfare, VBSS, maritime interdiction, gunnery, replenishment approaches and cross-deck landings
- The Ministry of Defence tied the deployment to MAHASAGAR, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Exercise	MALABAR 2026
Indian warship	INS Sahyadri, indigenous guided missile stealth frigate
Port left	Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan
Date of departure	12 November 2026
Participating navies	India, Japan, the United States and Australia
Phases	Harbour phase and sea phase
Indian vision cited	MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
Region	Indo-Pacific

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Belgian Navy Chief Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman Visits India

14 November 2026 · Defence

Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman, Commander of the Belgian Navy, made an official visit to India on 14 November 2026 and held talks with the Chief of the Naval Staff.

- Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman, Commander of the Belgian Navy, was on an official visit to India on 14 November 2026
- The visit was aimed at strengthening bilateral maritime cooperation and deepening navy-to-navy engagement between India and Belgium
- He laid a wreath at the National War Memorial and was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour at South Block
- He held talks with Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, on maritime security, operational engagements, training, personnel exchanges and naval technology
- The Ministry of Defence called the visit an important milestone in bilateral navy-to-navy relations

Visitor	Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman, Commander of the Belgian Navy
Date of visit	14 November 2026
Indian officer met	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
Wreath laid at	National War Memorial
Guard of Honour at	South Block
Subjects discussed	Maritime security, operational engagements, training, personnel exchanges and naval technology collaboration
Purpose	Strengthening bilateral maritime cooperation and navy-to-navy engagement
Ministry	Ministry of Defence

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Rajnath Singh Addresses 36th NDE Conference in Hyderabad

15 November 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh on 15 November 2026 addressed the 36th conference on non-destructive evaluation in Hyderabad, asking for indigenous inspection technology.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh addressed the 36th Annual Conference on Non-Destructive Evaluation and Enabling Technologies virtually on 15 November 2026
- The three-day conference is organised by the Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing at Hyderabad in Telangana
- More than 2,000 professionals, researchers, industry experts and students are taking part in the event
- The 15th International Symposium on Non-Destructive Testing in Aerospace is being held along with the annual conference
- He named iDEX and the Technology Development Fund as drivers of defence innovation and called INS Vikrant a landmark of self-reliance

Event	36th Annual Conference on Non-Destructive Evaluation and Enabling Technologies
Held with	15th International Symposium on Non-Destructive Testing in Aerospace
Addressed by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, through a video link
Date	15 November 2026
Organiser	Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing
Venue	Hyderabad, Telangana
Duration	Three days
Participation	More than 2,000 professionals, researchers, experts and students

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IAF's 13 Base Repair Depot Marks Golden Jubilee in Delhi

15 November 2026 · Defence

The Indian Air Force's 13 Base Repair Depot completed fifty years on 15 November 2026 with a seminar on Air Defence 2040 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.

- 13 Base Repair Depot of the Indian Air Force completed fifty years, marked on 15 November 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- The depot was established in 1976 and traces its origin to the Radar and Communication Project Office
- The jubilee seminar was titled 'Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks and Sovereign Sustainment' and was presided over by Air Marshal Yalla Umesh, AOC-in-C, Maintenance Command
- The depot handles repair, overhaul and life cycle support of radar and communication equipment of the air force
- A hydrogen fuel cell was demonstrated successfully to power IAF radars, in partnership with the National Green Hydrogen Mission and NTPC

Unit	13 Base Repair Depot, Indian Air Force
Occasion	Golden jubilee, fifty years of service, marked 15 November 2026
Established	1976
Traces its origin to	Radar and Communication Project Office
Role	Repair, overhaul and life cycle support of radar and communication equipment
Parent command	Maintenance Command, Indian Air Force
Seminar theme	Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks and Sovereign Sustainment
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi

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Army Chief Dhiraj Seth Leaves for Czech Republic Visit

15 November 2026 · Defence

Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth left on 15 November 2026 for an official visit to the Czech Republic from 16 to 19 November 2026 on defence ties.

- Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth is on an official visit to the Czech Republic from 16 to 19 November 2026, announced on 15 November 2026
- He will hold talks with Lieutenant General Petr Cepelka, First Deputy Chief of the General Staff and Deputy Chief of Defence, at General Staff Headquarters in Prague
- The programme includes a wreath laying at the General Staff Headquarters and a call on senior officials of the Czech Ministry of Defence
- He will visit the Defence University at Brno and the NATO Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence Centre of Excellence
- Industry engagements cover AMOS, the Inter-governmental Defence Cooperation Agency, the Defence and Security Industry Association and leading Czech manufacturers

Officer	General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)
Country visited	Czech Republic
Dates	16 to 19 November 2026
Announced on	15 November 2026, by the Ministry of Defence
Principal interlocutor	Lieutenant General Petr Cepelka, First Deputy Chief of the General Staff and Deputy Chief of Defence
Venue of talks	General Staff Headquarters, Prague
University visit	Defence University, Brno
Specialised centre	NATO Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence Centre of Excellence

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Sports

Mandaviya Launches NDTL Extramural Research Grant Policy

3 November 2026 · Sports

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched the NDTL Extramural Research Grant Policy at the 10th WAADS Quality Assurance Managers' Meeting 2026 in New Delhi.

- Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya launched the Extramural Research Grant Policy of the National Dope Testing Laboratory on 3 November 2026 in New Delhi
- It was launched at the 10th World Association of Anti-Doping Scientists (WAADS) Quality Assurance Managers' Meeting 2026, a two-day meeting organised by the NDTL
- The policy aims to promote research and development in advanced detection and prevention of doping; the NDTL Newsletter was also released
- India is to host the Commonwealth Games in 2030 and hopes to host the Olympic Games in 2036, making athlete education and anti-doping testing a priority
- The Minister cited India's fourth place in the Asian Games 2026 medal tally and a record 114 medals at the Asian Para Games 2026

Launched	Extramural Research Grant Policy of the National Dope Testing Laboratory (NDTL)
Launched by	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
Occasion	10th WAADS Quality Assurance Managers' Meeting 2026, New Delhi
WAADS	World Association of Anti-Doping Scientists; President Dr Dorota Kwiatkowska
Organiser	National Dope Testing Laboratory; Director Prof P. L. Sahu
Also released	NDTL Newsletter
Purpose	Research and development in advanced detection and prevention of doping
Hosting plans cited	Commonwealth Games 2030 in India; bid for the 2036 Olympic Games

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India Win Record 114 Medals at Asian Para Games 2026

5 November 2026 · Sports

India's contingent returned from the Asian Para Games 2026 with 114 medals, made up of 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze, against 14 medals in all in 2010.

- India won 114 medals at the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, made up of 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze, against one gold and 14 medals in all at the 2010 edition
- The contingent set five world records and nine Asian records, took all three podium places in four events and won nine gold medals on the final day alone
- Mona Agarwal set a world record in para shooting, Haney bettered his own world record and Sandeep set a world record on his debut at the Games
- Athletes backed by the Target Olympic Podium Scheme won 41 medals and Khelo India athletes won 19; 34 of the 56 women and 36 of the 61 debutants finished on the podium
- The Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme approved recently is worth over Rs 1,800 crore; Avani and Manish already hold quotas for the Los Angeles 2028 Games

Event	Asian Para Games 2026, Aichi-Nagoya
India's medals	114 in all: 30 gold, 35 silver, 49 bronze
Comparison	2010 Para Asian Games: one gold, 14 medals in all
Records	Five world records and nine Asian records
Podium sweeps	All three places in four events
Final day	Nine gold medals won on the closing day
Women athletes	34 of 56 women in the squad won medals
Debutants	36 of 61 first-time athletes won medals

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Sainik Schools National Games 2026 Close at Bijapur

7 November 2026 · Sports

The All India Sainik Schools National Games 2026 closed at Sainik School Bijapur, with Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth giving away the medals and trophies.

- The All India Sainik Schools National Games 2026 closed at Sainik School Bijapur on 7 November 2026, with Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth as chief guest.
- Sainik School Ghorakhal won Junior Boys Basketball, Vikasa Sainik School won Junior Girls Basketball and Sainik School Amaravatinagar won Junior Boys Volleyball.
- Sainik School Jhansi won the Debate Championship while Sainik School Kapurthala won the Quiz Competition.
- Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan addressed the cadets and recalled his own schooling at Sainik School Bijapur.
- The games ran from 3 to 7 November 2026 as a platform for national integration, cultural exchange and mutual understanding among cadets.

Event	All India Sainik Schools National Games (AISSNG) 2026
Venue	Sainik School Bijapur
Dates	3 to 7 November 2026
Chief guest at closing	Sanjay Seth, Raksha Rajya Mantri
Naval chief present	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, an alumnus of the host school
Junior Boys Basketball	Sainik School Ghorakhal
Junior Girls Basketball	Vikasa Sainik School
Junior Boys Volleyball	Sainik School Amaravatinagar

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Anuj Shrivatri Becomes India's 100th Chess Grandmaster

10 November 2026 · Sports

Anuj Shrivatri has become India's 100th chess Grandmaster, taking the country to a century of Grandmasters, a feat Prime Minister Narendra Modi called exceptional.

- Anuj Shrivatri has become India's 100th chess Grandmaster, completing a century of Grandmasters for the country
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Anuj Shrivatri on 10 November 2026 and called the feat exceptional and wonderful
- A tally of 100 Grandmasters was described as reflecting the talent, dedication and hard work of Indian players and the growing popularity of chess among the youth
- Young chess talents are emerging from different parts of the country and making their mark on the global stage
- Grandmaster (GM) is the highest title in chess, and the announcement came through the Prime Minister's Office

Player	Anuj Shrivatri
Milestone	India's 100th chess Grandmaster
Game	Chess
India's Grandmaster tally	100
Greeted by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	10 November 2026

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India Lift Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026 Cricket Title

14 November 2026 · Sports

India's colts won the Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026, a result Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed on 14 November as an outstanding day for Indian cricket.

- India won the Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026, the continent's championship at the under-19 age level in cricket
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called it an outstanding day for Indian cricket on 14 November 2026
- The Prime Minister said he was immensely proud of the young cricketers for the performance that won the title
- He added that their success would inspire several youngsters, and wished the side well for its coming assignments
- The tournament is restricted to cricketers below the age of nineteen, a rung below senior international cricket

Tournament	Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026
Winner	India
Sport	Cricket
Age category	Men's under-19
Level	Continental championship for Asian teams
Date the win was hailed	14 November 2026

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Khelo India Youth Games 2026 Logo and Mascot Neelamani Out

15 November 2026 · Sports

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy released the logo and mascot Neelamani of the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026.

- The 8th Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Telangana from 11 to 22 December 2026 across six host cities, among them Hyderabad, Khammam and Nizamabad
- About 8,000 athletes and participants are expected, and the edition carries 29 disciplines made up of 27 competitive sports and two demonstration events
- Softball joins the Khelo India Youth Games as a competitive sport for the first time; Sailing and Karra Samu appear as demonstration sports
- The mascot is Neelamani, built around four words: Vibrant, Courageous, Agile and Pride
- The tagline of the edition is Khel Ka Junoon, Telangana Ki Jaan Aur Pehchaan, and the logo draws on eight design elements

Event	8th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2026
Host state	Telangana
Dates	11 to 22 December 2026
Host cities	Hyderabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Hanumakonda, Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad
Participants expected	About 8,000 athletes and participants
Disciplines	29 in all: 27 competitive and two demonstration
New competitive sport	Softball
Demonstration sports	Sailing and Karra Samu

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Awards & Honours

Star Rating Awards for Coal Mines to Be Held at Raipur

1 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

The Ministry of Coal will honour the best rated coal and lignite mines of assessment year 2024-25 at the Star Rating Awards in Raipur on 2 November 2026.

- The Ministry of Coal will hold the Star Rating Awards Ceremony for coal and lignite mines on 2 November 2026 at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy is the Chief Guest, Minister of State Satish Chandra Dubey the Guest of Honour and Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai the Special Guest.
- Under the Star Rating Policy for Coal Mines, mines are graded on a scale running from five stars down to no star.
- Assessment and validation are carried out by reviewers appointed by the Coal Controller's Organisation.
- Mines that secured the highest star ratings for the assessment year 2024-25 will be felicitated at the ceremony.

Event	Star Rating Awards Ceremony for coal and lignite mines
Date	2 November 2026
Venue	Raipur, Chhattisgarh
Ministry	Ministry of Coal
Chief Guest	G. Kishan Reddy, Union Minister of Coal and Mines
Guest of Honour	Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines
Special Guest	Vishnu Deo Sai, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh
Coal Secretary	Vikram Dev Dutt

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President's Colour Conferred on Chandigarh Police on Diamond Jubilee

1 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

Union Home Minister Amit Shah handed the President's Colour to the Chandigarh Police at its Diamond Jubilee and inducted 141 new vehicles into the force.

- The President's Colour was conferred on the Chandigarh Police at its Diamond Jubilee on 1 November 2026, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah as chief guest.
- Chandigarh was made a Union Territory and the joint capital of Punjab and Haryana on 1 November 1966, and the force has policed the tri-city area since then.
- A force qualifies for the President's Colour only after more than fifteen years of service, judged on the discipline and dedication of its personnel.
- Chandigarh reports an 85 per cent conviction rate and an average of 140 days to convict, with online charge sheets in 7,590 of the 8,206 FIRs since 4 August 2024.
- 141 new vehicles joined the fleet on the day, and the force has won 145 medals at the All India Police Duty Meet, among them 35 gold.

Honour	President's Colour
Force	Chandigarh Police, on its Diamond Jubilee
Date	1 November 2026
Chief guest	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Also present	Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab and Administrator of Chandigarh
Eligibility	More than fifteen years of service by the force
Chandigarh made a Union Territory	1 November 1966, as joint capital of Punjab and Haryana
Conviction rate	85 per cent, with an average of 140 days to conviction

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Padma Gurmet Gets Wellness Visionary Award for Sowa-Rigpa

3 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa in Leh, received the Wellness Visionary Award for Holistic Healing from CSJM University, Kanpur.

- Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh, received the Wellness Visionary Award for Holistic Healing
- The award was conferred by Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
- It was presented at the 3rd International Conference on Wellness, held from 30 October to 1 November 2026
- The conference was inaugurated by Satish Mahana, Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly
- 42 health professionals from across the country were honoured at the conference

Award	Wellness Visionary Award for Holistic Healing
Awardee	Dr Padma Gurmet
Post held	Director, National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh
Conferred by	Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh
Occasion	3rd International Conference on Wellness, 30 October to 1 November 2026
Inaugurated by	Satish Mahana, Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly
Professionals honoured	42 from across the country
Lecture topic	Significance of Sowa-Rigpa for health and wellness in Himalayan regions

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Railways Wins PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award from VP

5 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan gave the Ministry of Railways the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award on 5 November 2026 for solarising 12,495 buildings.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan presented the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award to the Ministry of Railways on 5 November 2026.
- The award was given at the Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The railways topped the category of Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries and Departments under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana.
- It has fitted rooftop solar on 12,495 of the 15,868 feasible railway buildings, which is 79 per cent, and commissioned 351 MW against a 424 MW target.
- Nationally, 25,984 of 39,135 identified buildings across 77 central ministries and departments have been solarised, about 66 per cent.

Award	PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award
Winner	Ministry of Railways
Presented by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Occasion	Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Category	Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries and Departments
Scheme	PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana
Railway buildings solarised	12,495 of 15,868 identified, or 79 per cent
Capacity commissioned	351 MW against a target of 424 MW

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Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 Awards: President to Honour Cleanest Cities

9 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 10th Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 11 November 2026, honouring India's cleanest cities.

- President Droupadi Murmu will confer the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 11 November 2026
- This is the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan, held on the theme 'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'
- The survey has grown from 73 urban local bodies in 2016 to more than 4,751 cities, and is run by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Cities were assessed on 43 indicators across 10 assessment areas by more than 3,000 trained assessors, with GPS-tracked field visits
- Swachh Shehar Jodi, launched on 27 September 2025, pairs 70 mentor cities with 191 mentee cities across 33 States and Union Territories

Event	Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 (10th edition)
Awards conferred by	President Droupadi Murmu
Date and venue	11 November 2026, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Theme	'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (Department of Urban Development)
Mission	Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban
Union Minister	Manohar Lal, with Minister of State Tokhan Sahu
Coverage	More than 4,751 cities, up from 73 urban local bodies in 2016

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Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 Presented by President Murmu

11 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

President Droupadi Murmu presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, where 60 national awards went to the cleanest cities.

- President Droupadi Murmu presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, in the tenth edition of the urban cleanliness survey
- Navi Mumbai, Surat and Vijayawada were the top three Clean Cities of the Super Swachh League
- GVMC Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur and Lucknow led the million-plus population category of Swachh Shehar
- Swachh Survekshan has grown from 73 cities in 2016 to 4,751 cities, with feedback from 2.70 crore citizens this year
- Cities were marked on 43 indicators across 10 domains by more than 3,000 trained assessors

Event	Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26, the 10th edition
Awards given by	President Droupadi Murmu
Venue	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
National awards	60 awards under five categories
Super Swachh League top 3	Navi Mumbai, Surat, Vijayawada
Million-plus category top 3	GVMC Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur, Lucknow
Clean Himalayan City top 3	Rudrapur, Jammu, Shopian

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PPVFRA Marks 22nd Foundation Day With Saviour Awards

12 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

At the 22nd Foundation Day of PPVFRA, P.K. Mishra said India holds the world’s second largest National Genebank and has bred about 3,000 climate-resilient varieties.

- The 22nd Foundation Day of PPVFRA was held along with the Plant Genome Saviour Award ceremony, addressed by Principal Secretary to the PM Dr P.K. Mishra
- The event also marked 25 years of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Act, 2001; nearly half the registered varieties are farmers’ varieties
- The National Genebank at ICAR-NBPGR is the second largest in the world and around 3,000 climate-resilient crop varieties have been developed
- India has 22 agro-biodiversity hotspots; Koraput in Odisha was recognised by the FAO in 2012 as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System
- Benefit sharing and the National Gene Fund are meant to return value to communities conserving genetic resources

Event	22nd Foundation Day of PPVFRA and Plant Genome Saviour Award ceremony
Addressed by	Dr P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
Law	Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Act, 2001
Milestone	25 years of the Act
National Genebank	At ICAR-NBPGR, second largest in the world
Climate-resilient varieties	Around 3,000 developed under the National Agricultural Research System
Agro-biodiversity hotspots	22 in India
FAO recognition	Koraput, Odisha, in 2012 as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System

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NRIDA Wins U.P. Medal 2025 for Steel Slag Rural Roads

13 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

NRIDA has been selected for the Indian Roads Congress U.P. Medal 2025 for using steel slag on PMGSY roads in Jharkhand, cutting construction cost by 26 per cent.

- NRIDA, under the Ministry of Rural Development, has been selected for the U.P. Medal for Innovative Technology in Roads 2025
- The award is given by the Indian Roads Congress and will be presented on 19 November 2026 at Hyderabad, Telangana, during its 85th Annual Session
- It recognises the use of steel slag in PMGSY-III road works in Jharkhand sanctioned during 2022-23
- The project covered 381.57 km of road and brought down overall construction cost by 26 per cent
- MoRD and NRIDA have sanctioned 1,81,923 km of road works using sustainable technologies, of which 1,39,901 km is complete

Award	U.P. Medal for Innovative Technology in Roads, 2025
Awarded by	Indian Roads Congress (IRC)
Winner	National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Presentation	19 November 2026, annual function of the 85th Annual Session, Hyderabad, Telangana
Reason	Innovative use of steel slag in rural road construction under PMGSY
Project state	Jharkhand, PMGSY-III works sanctioned in 2022-23
Road length	381.57 km

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PM Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026 Portal Opens

13 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

DARPG opened the registration portal for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026, which carry 16 awards in three categories.

- The web portal for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026 was launched by DARPG to begin registration
- The awards carry 16 prizes in three categories: 5 for holistic development of districts, 5 for the Aspirational Blocks Programme and 6 for innovations
- The period of consideration runs from 1 April 2024 to 30 November 2026, and nine new schemes have been added to the district assessment
- The Aspirational Blocks category covers 513 aspirational blocks across 331 districts of India
- Each award carries a trophy, a scroll and an incentive of Rs 20 lakh to be used for public welfare projects or resource gaps

Award	Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026
Nodal department	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Ministry	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Total awards	16, in three categories
Category 1	Holistic Development of Districts under 12 priority sector programmes, 5 awards
Category 2	Aspirational Blocks Programme, 5 awards
Category 3	Innovations for ministries, States, UTs and districts, 6 awards
Period of consideration	1 April 2024 to 30 November 2026

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Venice Award Winner ‘I Matter’ Named Mid-Fest Film at IFFI

14 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

Alina Serban's Venice award winner ‘I Matter’ will have its Indian premiere as the mid-fest film of the 57th IFFI in Goa on 24 November 2026.

- ‘I Matter’ (‘Eu Contez’), written and directed by Alina Serban, will be the mid-fest film of the 57th IFFI in Goa
- The 101-minute drama is a Romania-Germany-Belgium co-production with dialogue in Romanian and Romani
- It premiered in the Venice Spotlight section of the 83rd Venice International Film Festival and won the Armani Beauty Audience Award
- The Indian premiere is scheduled for 4:30 pm on 24 November 2026 at PVR INOX Panjim and PVR INOX Porvorim in Goa
- The film marks the feature-directorial debut of Alina Serban and stars Denisa Farcas as Rebeca

Film	‘I Matter’, original title ‘Eu Contez’
Slot at the festival	Mid-fest film of the 57th International Film Festival of India
Written and directed by	Alina Serban, in her feature-directorial debut
Co-producing countries	Romania, Germany and Belgium
Running time and languages	101 minutes, with dialogue in Romanian and Romani
Award won	Armani Beauty Audience Award at the 83rd Venice International Film Festival
Lead actress	Denisa Farcas, as Rebeca
Indian premiere	4:30 pm on 24 November 2026, PVR INOX Panjim and PVR INOX Porvorim, Goa

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Appointments

Dinesh V. Ganvir Takes Charge as 55th Director General of GSI

1 November 2026 · Appointments

Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir has taken charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India, an attached office of the Ministry of Mines.

- Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir has assumed charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India, an attached office of the Ministry of Mines.
- He joined GSI on 1 July 1994 after a master’s degree in geology from RTMNU University, Nagpur, and has served more than 32 years.
- He was earlier Additional Director General and Head of Department of the Central Region at Nagpur, with additional charge as National Mission Head-II.
- As National Mission Head-II he oversaw the handover of 359 Geological Reports and 377 Geological Memorandums and a five-fold rise in critical mineral investigation.
- His stated priorities are critical and strategic minerals, auction-ready blocks, mineral security, lower import dependence and offshore exploration.

Appointment	55th Director General, Geological Survey of India
Person	Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir
Parent ministry	Ministry of Mines, which GSI serves as an attached office
Joined GSI	1 July 1994
Education	Master's degree in geology, RTMNU University, Nagpur
Experience	More than 32 years, across the Central, North-Eastern and Northern Regions
Previous post	Additional Director General and Head of Department, Central Region, Nagpur; National Mission Head-II
Field work	Thematic mapping in the Western Bastar Craton; gold and diamond exploration in the Sakoli Fold Belt, Maharashtra

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Mehtab Singh Deswal Takes Over as Eastern Air Command Chief

1 November 2026 · Appointments

Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal took over as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command on 1 November 2026.

- Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal, AVSM VM, assumed charge as AOC-in-C of Eastern Air Command on 1 November 2026
- He was commissioned as a fighter pilot in the flying branch of the Indian Air Force on 14 June 1989
- He has over 3,200 hours of flying on various fighter aircraft and is a qualified Pilot Attack Instructor
- He is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy and the National Defence College and served as Air Attache in Pakistan
- Before this appointment he was Senior Air Staff Officer at Headquarters South Western Air Command

Who	Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal, AVSM VM
Appointment	Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command, Indian Air Force
Date	1 November 2026
Commissioned	14 June 1989, flying branch, as a fighter pilot
Flying experience	Over 3,200 hours on several fighter aircraft
Qualification	Pilot Attack Instructor; specialist in strike and air defence roles
Alma mater	National Defence Academy and National Defence College
Previous post	Senior Air Staff Officer, Headquarters South Western Air Command

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Government Schemes

PMMSY Projects Worth Rs 375 Lakh for Sikkim Fisheries

1 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh will launch an SOP for organic fish farming and inaugurate PMMSY projects worth Rs 375 lakh in Sikkim on 2 and 3 November 2026.

- Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh is visiting Gangtok and Mangan districts of Sikkim on 2 and 3 November 2026.
- He is to launch a Standard Operating Procedure for organic fish farming and inaugurate projects worth Rs 375 lakh under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- Kisan Credit Cards are to be given to fish farmers along with cheques under the Mukhya Mantri Matsya Utpadan Yojana (MMMUY).
- Under PMMSY, 34 fisheries production and processing clusters have been notified across the country, including organic fisheries clusters in Sikkim and Meghalaya.
- The visit falls under a structured mechanism for periodic visits by Union Ministers to the Northeastern Region to review programmes and collect field feedback.

Minister	Rajiv Ranjan Singh, also known as Lalan Singh
Portfolio	Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Visit	Gangtok and Mangan districts, Sikkim, on 2 and 3 November 2026
Projects to be inaugurated	Worth Rs 375 lakh under PMMSY
To be launched	Standard Operating Procedure for organic fish farming
Support to farmers	Kisan Credit Cards and cheques under Mukhya Mantri Matsya Utpadan Yojana (MMMUY)
Clusters notified under PMMSY	34 fisheries production and processing clusters across the country
Organic fisheries clusters	Sikkim and Meghalaya

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EPFO Marks 74th Foundation Day With WhatsApp Service Launch

1 November 2026 · Government Schemes

EPFO marked its 74th Foundation Day in New Delhi, where Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya launched PF services on WhatsApp and automatic settlement of dues.

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation observed its 74th Foundation Day on 1 November 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- Union Labour and Employment Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, who chairs the Central Board of Trustees of the EPF, presided and launched the new services.
- EPFO services on WhatsApp let subscribers check their PF balance, last five transactions and passbook through the verified service.
- Aadhaar-verified inoperative accounts with balances up to Rs 1,000 will be settled automatically, helping about one lakh accounts holding some Rs 5 crore.
- EPFO holds a corpus of nearly Rs 32 lakh crore for over 8 crore members and 85 lakh pensioners, and settled claims in 2.57 days on average in October 2026.

Occasion	74th Foundation Day of the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
Date and venue	1 November 2026, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
Presided by	Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment, Chairman of the Central Board of Trustees (EPF)
Central Provident Fund Commissioner	Ramesh Krishnamurthi
Ministry Secretary	Chandra Bhushan Kumar
First launch	EPFO services through WhatsApp: balance, last five transactions, passbook and PMVBRY help
Second launch	Automatic settlement of Aadhaar-verified inoperative accounts with balances up to Rs 1,000
Expected beneficiaries	About one lakh accounts holding roughly Rs 5 crore

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Sikkim Dairy Projects Worth Rs 251.56 Lakh Under White Revolution 2.0

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Dairy and livestock projects worth Rs 251.56 lakh and 57 new dairy cooperative societies are being taken up in Sikkim under White Revolution 2.0.

- Dairy development and livestock infrastructure projects worth Rs 251.56 lakh are being taken up in the Gangtok and Mangan districts of Sikkim
- 57 new Dairy Cooperative Societies are being set up under White Revolution 2.0, and 15 more are being formed in North Sikkim
- A microbiology laboratory for the Sikkim Milk Union comes under the National Programme for Dairy Development, which has sanctioned nine projects of Rs 59.60 crore for the state
- Sikkim produced about 89.35 thousand metric tonnes of milk in 2024-25 with per capita availability of about 352 grams a day
- Rs 7,093.99 lakh has been released under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission since 2014, and Rs 2,763.92 lakh sanctioned for the indigenous Siri cattle breed

Ministry	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Union Minister	Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh)
Districts	Gangtok and Mangan, Sikkim
Project value	Rs 251.56 lakh
New cooperatives	57 Dairy Cooperative Societies under White Revolution 2.0, and 15 in North Sikkim
Milk production	About 89.35 thousand metric tonnes in 2024-25
Per capita milk availability	About 352 grams a day
Rashtriya Gokul Mission	Rs 7,093.99 lakh released since 2014

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VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026 Notified for Rural Jobs

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Rural Development Ministry notified grievance rules under the VB-G RAM G Act, fixing an enquiry limit of seven working days and resolution within 15 days.

- The Ministry of Rural Development has notified the VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026 under the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
- States must build a multi-tier redressal mechanism at Gram Panchayat, Block and District levels, with the District Programme Coordinator overseeing it at district level
- Complaints may be made in person, by speed post with proof of delivery, through the notified Digital Public Infrastructure, or by telephone and helpline
- Enquiry must finish within seven working days and the grievance must be resolved within 15 days, failing which it is escalated to the next higher level
- No grievance can be refused registration on the ground of format, language, manner of submission or any procedural deficiency; appeals follow Schedule I of the 2025 Act

Rules notified	VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026
Full form	Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Tiers	Gram Panchayat, Block and District
District oversight	District Programme Coordinator
Enquiry deadline	Seven working days from the date of receipt
Resolution deadline	15 days from the date of receipt, after which the case is escalated
Appeals	Filed and disposed of under Schedule I to the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025

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Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026 Covers 700 Districts, 50 Lakh Farmers

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The soil health campaign Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026 runs from 22 October to 30 November across 34 States and UTs, over 700 districts and 50,000 villages.

- Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026 runs from 22 October to 30 November 2026 on the theme of soil health and sustainable agriculture, with the tagline Swasth Dhara, Samriddh Kisan
- It covers 34 States and Union Territories, more than 700 districts and 50,000 villages, aiming to reach around 50 lakh farmers
- The campaign envisages 4,150 teams of KVKs and ATMA with over 12,000 scientists and functionaries, 50,000 field demonstrations and 11,750 training sessions
- States must prioritise 100 high fertiliser-consuming districts; the 4R principle of right source, rate, time and place guides balanced nutrient use
- The June 2026 round used 1,657 teams and reached about 1.07 crore farmers and stakeholders, including 92.44 lakh through 1.34 lakh awareness events

Campaign	Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan (KBA) - Rabi 2026
Tagline	Swasth Dhara, Samriddh Kisan
Duration	22 October to 30 November 2026
Coverage	34 States and Union Territories, more than 700 districts, 50,000 villages
Farmers targeted	About 50 lakh
Teams and manpower	4,150 teams of KVKs and ATMA with over 12,000 scientists and functionaries
Activities planned	50,000 field demonstrations and 11,750 structured training sessions
Priority districts	100 high fertiliser-consuming districts

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Soreng in Sikkim Is India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Soreng district in Sikkim is India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under PMMSY, and a certification SOP for the Northeast was launched there.

- Soreng district in Sikkim is India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster launched under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched the Standard Operating Procedure for Organic Certification of Fisheries in the Northeastern region
- Fisheries projects worth 375 lakh rupees were inaugurated under PMMSY for Sikkim, covering hatcheries, feed mills, cold storage, Biofloc and the Recirculatory Aquaculture System
- Thirty-four fisheries production and processing clusters have been notified in the country, with organic fisheries clusters in Sikkim and Meghalaya
- Sikkim has signed an MoU with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police for institutional procurement of locally produced Rainbow Trout

First Organic Fisheries Cluster	Soreng district, Sikkim, under PMMSY
Union Minister	Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Launched	Standard Operating Procedure for Organic Certification of Fisheries in the Northeastern region
Projects inaugurated	Worth 375 lakh rupees under PMMSY for Sikkim
Clusters notified nationwide	34 fisheries production and processing clusters
Organic fisheries clusters	Sikkim and Meghalaya
Focus species	Amur carp, Indian Major Carps (IMC) and trout
MoU for Rainbow Trout	Sikkim with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

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MSDE and Assam Sign MoU for Skill India International Centre

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

MSDE and the Assam government exchanged an MoU for a Skill India International Centre at Guwahati, and declared two PM-SETU ITI clusters at Jorhat and Tinsukia.

- MSDE and the Government of Assam exchanged an MoU at Guwahati for setting up a Skill India International Centre
- Letters of Intent were signed for two PM-SETU ITI clusters at Jorhat and Tinsukia, backed by Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Oil India Limited
- PM-SETU stands for Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
- Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State with independent charge for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, delivered the keynote address
- Assam presented its CM FLIGHT Scheme and its vision for a Global Skill Center, with tourism and hospitality named the key sectors for global jobs

Scheme	PM-SETU: Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
Venue	Guwahati, Assam
MoU	MSDE and Government of Assam, for a Skill India International Centre (SIIC)
ITI clusters	Jorhat, backed by Numaligarh Refinery Limited; Tinsukia, backed by Oil India Limited
Keynote	Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Assam minister	Biswajit Daimary, Minister for Skills, Employment and Entrepreneurship
Focus sector	Tourism and hospitality
State scheme shown	CM FLIGHT Scheme and a Global Skill Center

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Coal Ministry Launches SUVIKALP Mine Repurposing Tool

3 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Coal Controller Organisation has developed SUVIKALP, a digital tool that ranks post-mining land uses for closed and abandoned coal and lignite mines.

- SUVIKALP is a mine repurposing tool developed by the Coal Controller Organisation under the Ministry of Coal
- It is a digital decision-support platform aligned with the Mining Plan Guidelines for Coal and Lignite Mine, 2025
- It ranks post-mining land-use options using a Multi-Criteria Decision-Making method based on TOPSIS
- RECLAIM, its Community Engagement and Development Framework, brings local priorities into project evaluation
- PRISM, the Post-Mining Repurposing Implementation Strategic Model, guides implementation with a knowledge repository

Tool	SUVIKALP, a mine repurposing tool
Developed by	Coal Controller Organisation, under the Ministry of Coal
Nature	Digital decision-support platform
Aligned with	Mining Plan Guidelines for Coal and Lignite Mine, 2025
Ranking method	Multi-Criteria Decision-Making based on TOPSIS
TOPSIS	Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution
RECLAIM	Community Engagement and Development Framework
PRISM	Post-Mining Repurposing Implementation Strategic Model

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Cabinet Clears Rs 2,814 Crore Critical Mineral Capex Scheme

4 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet cleared a Rs 2,814 crore capital expenditure scheme to set up four lithium and nickel processing plants with a 30 per cent subsidy.

- The Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing has an outlay of Rs 2,814 crore and runs from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- Four plants will be funded: two for lithium with a minimum capacity of 30 kt each, and two for nickel with a minimum capacity of 50 kt each.
- The capital subsidy is 30 per cent of eligible investment, capped at Rs 500 crore for a lithium beneficiary and Rs 900 crore for a nickel one.
- Beneficiaries are picked in two stages, technical qualification and then financial bidding, the lowest capital support sought winning for each mineral.
- Cobalt will be recovered as a by-product of nickel production, feeding electric mobility, battery storage, electronics, defence and speciality steel.

Scheme	Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing
Approved by	Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Outlay	Rs 2,814 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 (five years)
Capital subsidy	30 per cent of eligible investment
Plants	Two lithium (30 kt each) and two nickel (50 kt each)
Support cap	Rs 500 crore per lithium beneficiary, Rs 900 crore per nickel beneficiary
Minerals	Lithium and nickel, with cobalt as a nickel by-product

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National SARAS Mela Ends With Rs 12.8 Crore Sales at Vijayawada

4 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The first National SARAS Mela held outside Delhi-NCR closed at Vijayawada with sales of over Rs 12.8 crore and a footfall of more than 12 lakh visitors.

- The first National SARAS Mela outside Delhi-NCR was held at Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, by the Ministry of Rural Development with the Andhra Pradesh government.
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the fair on 15 October 2026; it recorded sales above 12.8 crore rupees and footfall of more than twelve lakh.
- About 1,500 women entrepreneurs from over thirty states and union territories sold through 600 stalls, drawing 45,000 to 50,000 visitors a day.
- Handloom and handicrafts made 75 per cent of sales; the SARAS Shakti Food Court's fifty stalls sold over 1.9 crore rupees worth of food.
- The fair comes under DAY-NRLM and supports the goal of six crore Lakhpati Didis by 2029, a Lakhpati Didi earning at least one lakh rupees a year.

Event	First National SARAS Mela held outside Delhi-NCR
Venue	Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Organisers	Ministry of Rural Development with the Government of Andhra Pradesh
Inaugurated by	President Droupadi Murmu on 15 October 2026
Total sales	Over 12.8 crore rupees
Footfall	More than twelve lakh visitors
Participants	About 1,500 women entrepreneurs through 600 stalls
Parent mission	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/national-saras-mela-ends-with-rs-128-crore-sales-at-vijayawada/

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Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan Launched for Senior Citizens

4 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar launched the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational bonding campaign under AVYAY, in New Delhi.

- Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar launched the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational bonding campaign, in New Delhi on 4 November 2026.
- The campaign runs under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) and follows a 5C model of Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue.
- Vayo SAATHI, a volunteer initiative open to citizens aged 18 and above, stands for Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion.
- Volunteers register on the SCW SAMAVESH Portal or the JEEVAN App and receive a Vayo SAATHI Certificate; a Handbook was also released.
- India population aged 60 and above is projected to grow from about 10 crore in 2011 to 23 crore by 2036.

Campaign	Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational bonding campaign
Launched by	Dr Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment
Date and place	4 November 2026, New Delhi
Parent scheme	Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
5C model	Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue
Vayo SAATHI	Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion
Volunteer eligibility	Citizens aged 18 years and above; registration on SCW SAMAVESH Portal or JEEVAN App
Demographic projection	Population aged 60 and above to rise from about 10 crore in 2011 to 23 crore by 2036

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/vayo-samman-rashtriya-abhiyan-launched-for-senior-citizens/

VB-G RAM G: Centre Marks 22 Fodder and Livestock Works

5 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Rural Development and Animal Husbandry departments issued a joint advisory on 5 November 2026 marking 22 works for fodder and livestock assets.

- The Department of Rural Development and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying issued a joint advisory to all States and Union Territories on 5 November 2026 on fodder security and livestock infrastructure.
- The VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, standing for Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), came into force on 1 July 2026 and guarantees 125 days of wage employment to every rural household.
- Out of the 375 permissible works under the Act, 22 have been marked for fodder cultivation, pasture development, dairy infrastructure and veterinary facilities.
- States should raise spending on fodder and livestock works to at least 5 per cent of total programme expenditure and focus on panchayats where over 30 per cent of the population depends on livestock.
- The material component is capped at 40 per cent at district level, social audit is compulsory, and ICAR-IGFRI's State-specific Fodder Resource Development Plans will guide district and block planning.

Advisory issued by	Department of Rural Development (Ministry of Rural Development) and Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying)
Law used	VB-G RAM G Act, 2025
Full form	Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
In force from	1 July 2026
Employment guarantee	125 days per rural household
Works marked for fodder and livestock	22, out of 375 permissible works
Expenditure goal	At least 5 per cent of total programme expenditure
Livestock-dependence focus	Panchayats with more than 30 per cent livestock-dependent population

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/vb-g-ram-g-centre-marks-22-fodder-and-livestock-works/

Watershed Guidelines: 3rd National Consultation in Nagpur

5 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The third national consultation on the draft National Technical Guidelines for watershed management was held on 4-5 November 2026 at ICAR-NBSS-LUP, Nagpur.

- The third national-level consultation on the draft National Technical Guidelines for improved watershed management was held on 4 and 5 November 2026 at ICAR-NBSS-LUP, Nagpur.
- It was organised by the Department of Land Resources, the National Rainfed Area Authority and the ICAR soil survey bureau under the World Bank-assisted REWARD programme.
- REWARD stands for Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development; Odisha and Karnataka are its project States.
- Watershed project duration was reduced from seven years under WDC-PMKSY 1.0 to five years under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, and the guidelines will feed WDC-PMKSY 3.0.
- Secretary DoLR Dilip Kumar said a flexible framework achieving 80 to 90 per cent of the objectives is better than overly rigid standards.

Event	3rd National Level Consultation on the Draft National Technical Guidelines for Improved Watershed Management
Dates	4 and 5 November 2026 (two-day)
Venue	ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur
Organisers	Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural Development), National Rainfed Area Authority (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare), ICAR soil survey bureau
Programme	World Bank-assisted REWARD programme
REWARD full form	Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development
Secretary, DoLR	Shri Dilip Kumar
CEO, NRAA	Dr Chandra Sekhar Kumar

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CAPEX Scheme Backs Lithium, Nickel Units with Rs 2,814 Crore

5 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet cleared the Rs 2,814 crore CAPEX Support Scheme on 4 November 2026 to set up two lithium and two nickel processing plants in India.

- The CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing has an outlay of Rs 2,814 crore and runs from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- It gives a 30 per cent capital subsidy to four plants, two for lithium of at least 30 kt each and two for nickel of at least 50 kt each.
- Support is capped at Rs 500 crore for each lithium unit and Rs 900 crore for each nickel unit, which works out to Rs 1,000 crore and Rs 1,800 crore.
- The Union Cabinet approved the scheme on 4 November 2026 and it should draw about Rs 10,000 crore of investment into processing.
- A Governing Council chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Mines, picks the beneficiaries; India has identified 24 critical minerals in all.

Scheme	CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing
Approved by	Union Cabinet, on 4 November 2026
Outlay	Rs 2,814 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 (five years)
Subsidy	30 per cent of eligible investment
Plants	Two lithium (at least 30 kt each) and two nickel (at least 50 kt each)
Caps	Rs 500 crore per lithium beneficiary, Rs 900 crore per nickel beneficiary
Administration	Rs 14 crore, or 0.5 per cent of the outlay

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Amended BharatNet: ₹3,189 Crore Pact for 12,769 Telangana Panchayats

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Digital Bharat Nidhi signed an agreement on 6 November 2026 to roll out the Amended BharatNet Program in Telangana, with ₹3,189 crore covering 12,769 Gram Panchayats.

- Digital Bharat Nidhi (DoT) signed an agreement on 6 November 2026 at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi, for the Amended BharatNet Program in Telangana under the State-led model.
- Parties: DBN-DoT, Government of Telangana, TRIICL (the implementing agency), BSNL and Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited (T-Fiber).
- The Centre approved ₹3,189 crore; the project covers 12,769 Gram Panchayats: 1,946 Phase I (ring upgrade), 10,787 Phase II and 36 new panchayats.
- About three lakh rural home fibre connections are expected with Central subsidy support.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Amended BharatNet Program on 4 August 2023; DBN, the former USOF, was renamed under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.

Programme	Amended BharatNet Program (ABP), State-led model
Signed on / at	6 November 2026, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
Parties	DBN-DoT, Government of Telangana, TRIICL, BSNL, T-Fiber
Implementing agency	Telangana Rural Internet Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TRIICL)
Central financial support	₹3,189 crore
Gram Panchayats covered	12,769 (1,946 Phase I + 10,787 Phase II + 36 new)
Home fibre connections expected	About three lakh
ABP approved by Cabinet	4 August 2023

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AB PM-JAY, ABDM Review in Kolkata: West Bengal Is 36th State in Scheme

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

NHA's two-day review of AB PM-JAY and ABDM in Kolkata heard that West Bengal, the 36th State in PM-JAY, has enrolled 4.2 crore beneficiaries since 16 August 2026.

- The National Health Authority held a two-day National Review Meeting on AB PM-JAY and ABDM in Kolkata on 5–6 November 2026, with 15 sessions.
- West Bengal joined AB PM-JAY as the 36th State; since the launch on 16 August 2026 it has enrolled 4.2 crore beneficiaries and treated 2.2 lakh people.
- BODH, the Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI built by TANUH at IISc Bengaluru, evaluates health AI models on Indian datasets.
- The meeting reviewed the National Health Claims Exchange (NHCX) and the National Anti-Fraud Unit (NAFU), and saw demonstrations of Sandbox 2.0 and an Ambient AI Voice Scribe.
- Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal is the CEO of the National Health Authority, which works under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Event	National Review Meeting on AB PM-JAY and ABDM
Organised by	National Health Authority (NHA), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Venue and dates	Kolkata, 5–6 November 2026
Sessions	15
CEO, NHA	Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal
West Bengal in AB PM-JAY	36th State; launched 16 August 2026
West Bengal figures	4.2 crore beneficiaries enrolled, 2.2 lakh treated
BODH	Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI (TANUH, IISc Bengaluru)

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DLC Campaign 5: 40 Lakh Life Certificates in 5 Days, Face Auth at 80%

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Dr Jitendra Singh launched DLC Campaign 5 on 6 November 2026; about 40 lakh digital life certificates came in five days, and face authentication use hit nearly 80%.

- Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5 in New Delhi on 6 November 2026.
- Nearly 40 lakh DLCs were generated in the first five days, against about 25 lakh in the same period last year, a rise of 60 per cent.
- Face authentication's share rose from 61 per cent to nearly 80 per cent; last year 1.17 crore of 1.92 crore DLCs used face authentication.
- The campaign covers nearly 3,000 locations through camps, with doorstep service for pensioners who cannot reach a camp.
- Central government pensioners now number nearly 70 lakh, against about 50 lakh serving employees.

Campaign	Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5
Launched by	Dr Jitendra Singh, 6 November 2026, National Media Centre, New Delhi
Department	Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
Secretary	Nivedita Shukla Verma
DLCs in first five days	Nearly 40 lakh (about 25 lakh last year), up 60%
Face authentication share	From 61% to nearly 80%
Last year	1.17 crore of 1.92 crore DLCs via face authentication
Coverage	Nearly 3,000 locations plus doorstep service

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Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat at Two: Child Marriage Falls to 20.1% in NFHS-6

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

As Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat nears two years, child marriage among women aged 20-24 fell to 20.1% in NFHS-6 from 23.3% in NFHS-5, with a goal of zero by 2030.

- Child marriage among women aged 20–24 fell from 23.3% in NFHS-5 (2019-21) to 20.1% in NFHS-6 (2023-24), a fall of 3.2 percentage points.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat on 27 November 2024, aiming at a child-marriage-free India by 2030 (SDG Target 5.3).
- The campaign has held 6.85 lakh awareness programmes, reached 12.47 crore people and recorded 42.01 lakh pledges; 71,882 CMPOs are listed on the BVMB Portal.
- The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 replaced the Sarda Act of 1929; a child is a male under 21 or a female under 18.
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu recorded the largest fall in child marriage, 10.1 percentage points.

Campaign	Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat (BVMB)
Launched	27 November 2024 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development
Target	Child-marriage-free India by 2030 (SDG Target 5.3)
Prevalence (women 20–24 married before 18)	23.3% in NFHS-5 to 20.1% in NFHS-6
Priority districts	257 high-burden districts
Awareness programmes / reach	6.85 lakh programmes, 12.47 crore participants
Pledges	42.01 lakh
CMPOs on portal	71,882 (59,686 at Gram Panchayat level)

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Special Campaign 6: Record ₹970.33 Crore From Scrap Disposal

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Special Campaign 6, led by DARPG from 2 to 31 October 2026, covered 19,88,826 cleanliness sites and earned ₹970.33 crore from scrap, its best results since 2021.

- Special Campaign 6 ran from 2 to 31 October 2026 with DARPG as the nodal department and posted its best results since the series began in 2021.
- It covered 19,88,826 cleanliness sites (about 71% more than 11,59,783 last year), earned ₹970.33 crore from scrap and freed 277.82 lakh sq ft of office space.
- 9,99,168 public grievances and 40,878 appeals were disposed of; 15,76,828 physical files were weeded out and 7,01,723 e-files closed.
- The Railway Board topped scrap revenue with ₹618.06 crore; the Ministry of Coal freed the most space, over 1.48 crore sq ft.
- E-waste recyclers on GeM rose from 38 to over 200, and schools collected 58.79 lakh e-waste items against a target of 5 lakh.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Institutionalising Swachhata and Minimising Pendency
Period	2 to 31 October 2026
Nodal department	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Series began	2021
Cleanliness sites	19,88,826 (previous year 11,59,783)
Scrap revenue	₹970.33 crore
Office space freed	277.82 lakh sq ft
Public grievances disposed	9,99,168

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Shram Samvad on Labour Codes Held at Dewas in Madhya Pradesh

8 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Labour Ministry and the Madhya Pradesh government held a district-level Shram Samvad on the four Labour Codes at Dewas on 5 November 2026.

- Shram Samvad, a district-level capacity-building and awareness programme on the Labour Codes, was held at Dewas in Madhya Pradesh on 5 November 2026.
- It was organised jointly by the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Madhya Pradesh Labour Department, with the Association of Industries Madhya Pradesh and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
- S.R. Datta, Director in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, presided and gave the keynote address on the features of the four Labour Codes.
- EPFO led a session on the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) and DGLW on the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme.
- More than 100 participants attended, and the ministry distributed a Handbook of Compliance for Employers and a Compilation of Frequently Asked Questions.

Programme	Shram Samvad, district-level capacity-building and awareness programme on Labour Codes
Place and date	Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, on 5 November 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Labour and Employment and Labour Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
Industry partners	Association of Industries Madhya Pradesh and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd
Presided over by	S.R. Datta, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment
Participation	More than 100 employers, industry, legal, HR and finance professionals
Bodies represented	EPFO, ESIC, Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and Directorate General Labour Welfare
Scheme session by EPFO	Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY)

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Crosses Rs 55.46 Lakh in Artisan Sales

9 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat in New Delhi has recorded about Rs 55.46 lakh in sales for artisans from SC, OBC, Safai Karamchari and Divyangjan homes.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 is being held by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi, and runs for fifteen days until 15 November 2026
- Four corporations, NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC, together recorded sales of about Rs 55.46 lakh between 1 and 8 November 2026
- More than 130 stalls are laid out across seven themed zones on the theme 'प्रकाश और परंपरा - ज्योति से ज्योति जलाएँ'
- The Ministry has organised these fairs since 2022, and more than 1,000 artisans from SC, OBC and Safai Karamchari communities have benefited
- Sellers get free stalls, travel expenses, a daily allowance and freight for their goods, while Bharat TULIP links them to e-commerce platforms

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
Duration	Fifteen days, concluding on 15 November 2026
Theme	प्रकाश और परंपरा - ज्योति से ज्योति जलाएँ
Cumulative sales	About Rs 55.46 lakh, from 1 to 8 November 2026
Stalls	More than 130
Thematic zones	Seven

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MY Bharat-NSS Diwali Sneh Milan Covers 153 Institutions

9 November 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat-NSS held Diwali Sneh Milan at 153 institutions with 1,07,494 participations under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan.

- MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme organised Diwali Sneh Milan at 153 institutions, recording 1,07,494 participations.
- It was the eighth weekly intervention under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan and closed the campaign's second month.
- The Nasha Mukt Deepotsav and Sneh Milan gatherings together engaged more than 41,600 participants with lamps, pledges and cultural events.
- Nearly 25,000 people took the Addiction-Free Diwali Sankalp, and over 16,700 volunteers served at old-age homes, orphanages, hospitals and slums.
- Street plays, rangoli and Nasha Mukt songs engaged over 24,100 participants, and more than 1,100 posts and reels used the hashtag NashaMuktYuva.

Programme	Diwali Sneh Milan by MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme
Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Institutions covered	153
Participations	1,07,494
Which intervention	Eighth weekly intervention, closing the campaign's second month
Deepotsav and Sneh Milan	More than 41,600 participants
Cultural programmes	Over 24,100 participants in street plays, rangoli and songs

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NAPDDR: Sultanpur De-addiction Centre Rebuilds a Life

9 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A case put out on 9 November 2026 shows how a Drug De-addiction Centre at Sultanpur, backed under NAPDDR, helped a man leave addiction behind.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment put out the case on 9 November 2026.
- NAPDDR stands for the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction, a programme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The Drug De-addiction Centre (DDAC) at Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh, supported under NAPDDR, treated the man concerned.
- The centre gave medical treatment, medicines, healthcare services, rehabilitation, safe accommodation, counselling, motivation, yoga sessions and emotional guidance.
- After recovery he started his own business and regained financial stability along with social respect.

Scheme	National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Facility	Drug De-addiction Centre (DDAC), Sultanpur
State	Uttar Pradesh
Support given	Medical treatment, medicines, healthcare, rehabilitation, safe accommodation, counselling, motivation, yoga and emotional guidance
Outcome	Recovery from addiction, own business started, financial stability and social reintegration
Date of release	9 November 2026

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NFSC Fellowship Takes SC Scholars to Research Posts

9 November 2026 · Government Schemes

On 9 November 2026 the Social Justice Ministry showed how its National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students carried two scholars into research careers.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment published both accounts on 9 November 2026.
- NFSC stands for the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students, a scheme of that Ministry.
- One beneficiary, now an Assistant Professor, received fellowship support for research expenses, study material and other academic needs.
- On upgradation from Junior Research Fellow to Senior Research Fellow in 2024, he received additional government assistance of about Rs 50,000.
- The second account is of a Scheduled Caste scholar from Tamil Nadu pursuing a doctorate in medical and molecular research at Tampere University, Finland.

Scheme	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Fellowship stages	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) and Senior Research Fellow (SRF)
Additional assistance on upgradation	About Rs 50,000, received in 2024 on moving from JRF to SRF
First beneficiary	A scholar from a rural background, now an Assistant Professor
Second beneficiary	A Scheduled Caste scholar from Tamil Nadu, in the first year of a PhD at Tampere University, Finland
Research field abroad	Experimental cancer research, molecular signalling and therapies for glioblastoma and other brain cancers
Date of release	9 November 2026

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Mushroom Cultivation Powers Rural Livelihoods Across India

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Mushroom farming is lifting rural incomes, with Bihar's Anantpur declared a Mushroom Village and over 250 Jeevika women linked to the trade in Nalanda.

- Anantpur village in Harnaut block of Nalanda district, Bihar, was declared a Mushroom Village by the State Agriculture Department in 2012
- Anita Devi, known as the Mushroom Mahila, set up a spawn production laboratory with a Rs 15 lakh subsidy under the National Horticulture Mission
- By 2023 more than 250 women from Jeevika Self-Help Groups in Nalanda were engaged in mushroom-based livelihood activities
- Training under the Skill Training for Rural Youth scheme at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Guntur, helped Ruthu of Ippatam village earn about Rs 35,000 a month
- Cultivation moves through composting, spawning, casing, pinning, cropping and harvesting, and uses farm waste as the growing medium

Document	PIB Backgrounder on mushroom cultivation
Mushroom Village	Anantpur, Harnaut block, Nalanda district, Bihar; declared in 2012
Mushroom Mahila	Anita Devi of Anantpur
Spawn laboratory subsidy	Rs 15 lakh under the National Horticulture Mission
Producer company	Madhopur Farmers Producers Company Limited
Jeevika women linked by 2023	More than 250 in Nalanda district
Skill scheme	Skill Training for Rural Youth, with SAMETI and MANAGE, Hyderabad
Cultivation stages	Composting, spawning, casing, pinning, cropping, harvesting

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MY Bharat Deepotsav Draws 1.19 Lakh Youth in Week 8 Drive

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat's Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav and Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments in Week 8 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan drew over 1.19 lakh people in 30 States and UTs.

- MY Bharat held 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav - Ek Diya Sankalp Ka' and 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Par Paricharcha' on 6 and 7 November 2026 as Week 8 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan
- Over 1.19 lakh youth and citizens from 30 States and Union Territories took part and pledged support for a Nasha Mukt Bharat
- The Deepotsav leg had 435 programmes and 568 activities with 1,10,101 participants; partners included Brahma Kumaris, EPSI and Heartfulness
- The Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments leg had 85 programmes and 298 activities with 9,526 participants, each NYP aiming at a minimum of 80 youth per block through four sessions
- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) works under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; the campaign is titled 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat'

Organiser	Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan (Week 8)
Activities	Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav - Ek Diya Sankalp Ka, and Nasha Mukt Yuva Par Paricharcha through Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments
Dates	6 and 7 November 2026
Total reach	Over 1.19 lakh youth and citizens across 30 States and Union Territories
Deepotsav figures	435 programmes, 568 activities, 1,10,101 participants
NYP figures	85 programmes, 298 activities, 9,526 participants
NYP design	At least 80 youth per block through four structured sessions

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Coal Gasification Scheme's Round 3 Opens; NTPC Bids in Round 2

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Coal opened Round 3 of the Rs 37,500 crore surface coal and lignite gasification scheme on 10 November 2026 as Round 2 closed with two NTPC bids.

- The Ministry of Coal concluded Round 2 of the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects and opened Round 3 from 10 November 2026.
- The scheme has a total financial outlay of Rs 37,500 crore and was approved by the Union Cabinet on 13 May 2026.
- Round 2 drew just two applications, both from NTPC Limited, proposing urea in one case and methanol with dimethyl ether (DME) in the other.
- The last date for applications under Round 3 is 11 January 2027.
- India's national target is 100 million tonnes of coal gasification capacity by 2030, which this scheme is meant to support.

Scheme	Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects
Ministry	Ministry of Coal
Outlay	Rs 37,500 crore
Cabinet approval	13 May 2026
Round 2 applicant	NTPC Limited, with two applications
End products proposed	Urea; methanol and dimethyl ether (DME)
Round 3 window	Opened 10 November 2026, closes 11 January 2027
National target	100 million tonnes of coal gasification capacity by 2030

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New AIIMS Cross 6 Crore OPD Visits Under PMSSY

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

New AIIMS built under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana recorded over 6 crore OPD consultations in five years since 2021-22, the Health Ministry said.

- The Health Ministry said on 10 November 2026 that new AIIMS under PMSSY crossed 6 crore OPD consultations in the five years from 2021-22, counted up to 31 October 2026.
- Of 22 new AIIMS approved in various phases of PMSSY, 18 are fully functional with OPD, IPD, emergency, trauma, diagnostic, teaching and research services.
- Yearly OPD numbers rose from 50.03 lakh in 2021-22 to 77.95 lakh, 100.52 lakh, 129.98 lakh and 144.96 lakh in 2025-26.
- In 2026-27 the new AIIMS had recorded 97.41 lakh outpatients by October 2026, taking the cumulative total to about 6.01 crore.
- The institutes have also expanded undergraduate, postgraduate and nursing seats and added specialised clinical facilities.

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Milestone	Over 6 crore OPD consultations at new AIIMS since 2021-22, as on 31 October 2026
New AIIMS approved	22
Fully functional	18
OPD in 2021-22	50.03 lakh
OPD in 2025-26	144.96 lakh
OPD in 2026-27 till October 2026	97.41 lakh

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Nasha Mukt Yuva Quiz Crosses 25,607 Participants

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan has drawn over 25,607 participants and stays open until 25 November 2026.

- The 'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz' has crossed 25,607 participants and remains open until 25 November 2026
- It was launched on 26 October 2026 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, and is hosted on the MY Bharat portal
- The quiz has 20 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 10 minutes, with a participation certificate for everyone who submits
- Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on 15 August 2020, began in 272 vulnerable districts and now covers all districts
- Campaign outreach stands at 35.84 crore people, with 39.91 lakh treated and rehabilitated through over 755 de-addiction centres

Initiative	'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz' (online)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Parent campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, launched 15 August 2020
Quiz window	26 October to 25 November 2026
Participation	More than 25,607 citizens
Format	20 multiple-choice questions in 10 minutes, on the MY Bharat portal
Districts covered	Began in 272 vulnerable districts, now all districts
Outreach	35.84 crore people, including 14.33 crore youth and 11.32 crore women

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Vayo SAATHI Volunteer Registration Opens for Citizens 18+

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry has opened Vayo SAATHI volunteer registration for citizens aged 18 and above under the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has opened Vayo SAATHI volunteer registration to all citizens aged 18 years and above
- Vayo SAATHI stands for Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion, and volunteers receive a Vayo SAATHI Certificate
- It is a component of the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational bonding campaign under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
- Registration is through the Senior Citizens Welfare SAMAVESH portal or the JEEVAN mobile app, which stands for Joint Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Assistance Network
- The campaign follows a 5C model - Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue - and covers twelve thematic areas

Initiative	Vayo SAATHI volunteer registration
Full form	Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion
Parent campaign	Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan (National Intergenerational Bonding Campaign)
Umbrella scheme	Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Eligibility	Citizens aged 18 years and above
Registration routes	SCW SAMAVESH portal and the JEEVAN mobile application
Model	5C - Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute, Continue

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Khet Bachao Abhiyan Runs to 30 November for Rabi Crops

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan for Rabi crops is on from 22 October to 30 November 2026, and Union Minister Ram Nath Thakur joined it in West Bengal.

- Khet Bachao Abhiyan is a nationwide campaign for Rabi crops, running from 22 October to 30 November 2026
- Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Ram Nath Thakur joined a campaign programme at Subhasnagar, Swarupnagar Block, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal
- The West Bengal programme was organised by ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology (ICAR-NINFET)
- The Minister urged use of Soil Health Cards for need-based fertiliser application and named Krishi Vigyan Kendras as the extension arm for natural farming
- He also visited the Kolkata Centre of ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), where West Bengal Agriculture Minister Shri Dudh Kumar Mondal was Guest of Honour

Campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan, for Rabi crops
Duration	22 October to 30 November 2026, nationwide
Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
Minister	Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Union Minister of State
Programme venue	Subhasnagar, Swarupnagar Block, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal
Organiser	ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology (ICAR-NINFET)
Also visited	ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), Kolkata Centre
Guest of Honour at Kolkata	Shri Dudh Kumar Mondal, Minister of Agriculture, West Bengal

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Social Justice Ministry Showcases NOS, NAMASTE and NFSC

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment set out gains under the National Overseas Scholarship, the NAMASTE scheme and the NFSC fellowship on 10 November 2026.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment released three beneficiary accounts on 10 November 2026, covering the NOS, NAMASTE and NFSC schemes
- Under the National Overseas Scholarship a Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra got tuition of 39,800 pounds and a maintenance allowance of 9,900 pounds for an MSc at University College London
- NAMASTE stands for National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem and is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- A Pondicherry Municipality sanitation worker given a PPE kit under NAMASTE in 2025 saw monthly income rise from about Rs 12,000 to Rs 16,000-18,000
- The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students has paid a Darjeeling research scholar Rs 18,41,870 since November 2022 as fellowship, House Rent Allowance and contingency

Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
NOS	National Overseas Scholarship, for study abroad
NOS assistance cited	Tuition fees of 39,800 pounds and maintenance allowance of 9,900 pounds, plus airfare, visa fees and insurance
NOS beneficiary's course	MSc in Construction Economics and Management, University College London
NAMASTE	National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem
NAMASTE support	PPE kit with overalls, heavy-duty gloves, gumboots, face mask and safety helmet, with safety training
NAMASTE income change	About Rs 12,000 a month to Rs 16,000-18,000
NFSC	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students

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Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Reaches 35.84 Crore in Six Years

11 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, begun in 272 districts on 15 August 2020, has reached over 35.84 crore people, including 14.33 crore youth, PIB said.

- Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on 15 August 2020 in 272 districts, extended to 372 districts in August 2022 and to all districts from 15 August 2023
- As on 10 November 2026 it had reached over 35.84 crore people, including 14.33 crore youth and 11.32 crore women, with more than 2 lakh Nasha Mukti Mitr enrolled
- It is the flagship awareness programme of NAPDDR, run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; Article 47 of the Constitution is its constitutional basis
- Treatment seekers rose from 2.08 lakh in 2020-21 to over 9.11 lakh in 2025-26; the network has 344 IRCAs, 198 DDACs, 155 ATFs, 71 ODICs and 45 CPLIs
- The national de-addiction helpline is 14446 and NCB's MANAS helpline is 1933; the Union Budget gives NAPDDR Rs 333 crore in 2026-27

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Launched	15 August 2020, in 272 districts most vulnerable to substance use
Nationwide from	15 August 2023, after an extension to 372 districts in August 2022
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Parent scheme	National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme
People reached	More than 35.84 crore as on 10 November 2026, including 14.33 crore youth and 11.32 crore women
Volunteers	More than 2 lakh enrolled as Nasha Mukti Mitr
Treatment network	344 IRCAs, 198 DDACs, 155 ATFs, 71 ODICs and 45 CPLIs

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Stand-Up India Extended to 2031 With Rs 4,111 Crore Corpus

11 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet on 11 November 2026 cleared five more years of Stand-Up India up to 31 March 2031, backed by a credit guarantee corpus of Rs 4,111 crore.

- The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme for five years, up to 31 March 2031
- A credit guarantee corpus of Rs 4,111 crore has been sanctioned for the new term of the scheme
- The scheme targets a minimum of 2.5 lakh fresh women, SC and ST borrowers over the five-year period
- Loans run above Rs 10 lakh and up to Rs 1 crore, covering as much as 85 per cent of project cost
- Since April 2016 the scheme has arranged loans for over 2.75 lakh women, SC and ST entrepreneurs

Decision	Continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Extended up to	31 March 2031 (five years)
Credit guarantee corpus	Rs 4,111 crore
Beneficiary target	Minimum 2.5 lakh entrepreneurs
Target group	Women, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs
Loan band	Above Rs 10 lakh and up to Rs 1 crore
Guarantee cover and fee	85 per cent of the loan; standard guarantee fee of 0.50 per cent

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National Overseas Scholarship Funds SC Student's MSc at UCL

11 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Under the National Overseas Scholarship a Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra received tuition of 39,800 pounds for an MSc at University College London.

- The National Overseas Scholarship is run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for talented students from Scheduled Caste communities
- A 24-year-old Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra received assistance under the scheme in 2025-26
- The award funded an MSc in Construction Economics and Management at University College London in the United Kingdom
- The scholarship covered tuition fees of 39,800 pounds and a maintenance allowance of 9,900 pounds
- Airfare, visa fees, insurance and other admissible academic expenses were also met under the scheme

Scheme	National Overseas Scholarship (NOS)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Beneficiary group	Students from Scheduled Caste communities
Year of assistance	2025-26
Institution	University College London, United Kingdom
Course	MSc in Construction Economics and Management
Tuition fees covered	39,800 pounds
Maintenance allowance	9,900 pounds

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One Nation One Ration Card Reaches All 36 States and UTs

12 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The One Nation One Ration Card scheme now runs in all 36 States and UTs and handles about 3.27 crore portability transactions a month, says a PIB note.

- The One Nation One Ration Card scheme was launched in 2019 by the Department of Food and Public Distribution as a major reform of the Public Distribution System
- ONORC runs in all 36 States and Union Territories and covers every PMGKAY beneficiary, with about 3.27 crore portability transactions a month
- More than 233 crore portability transactions have been recorded since the start, moving over 614 LMT of foodgrains
- Of 20.51 crore ration cards in the central system, 20.27 crore are Aadhaar-seeded; e-KYC was done for 71.52 crore beneficiaries as on 30 September 2026
- The Mera Ration app comes in 13 languages, and 5.50 lakh of the 5.51 lakh Fair Price Shops work with e-PoS devices

Scheme	One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)
Launched	2019, by the Department of Food and Public Distribution
Legal base	National Food Security Act (NFSA), delivered through TPDS
Coverage	All 36 States and Union Territories; 100 per cent of PMGKAY beneficiaries
Monthly portability	About 3.27 crore transactions
Since inception	Over 233 crore transactions, more than 614 LMT of foodgrains
Fair Price Shops	5.51 lakh, of which 5.50 lakh (99.8 per cent) have e-PoS
Mera Ration app	Available in 13 languages

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Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Reaches 35.88 Crore People

12 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan has reached over 35.88 crore people as on 12 November 2026, including 14.35 crore youth and 11.33 crore women, the ministry said.

- Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan has reached over 35.88 crore people as on 12 November 2026, up from about 1.4 crore in 2021
- The drive has connected with more than 14.35 crore youth and 11.33 crore women, and over 2 lakh people have enrolled as Nasha Mukti Mitr
- Launched on 15 August 2020 in 272 districts, widened to 372 districts in August 2022 and extended to all districts from 15 August 2023
- Persons seeking treatment and counselling rose from 2.08 lakh in 2020-21 to over 9.11 lakh in 2025-26, with 198 District De-Addiction Centres now running
- The 2018 national survey had found more than 7 crore people in India affected by substance use disorders

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Launched on	15 August 2020
People reached	Over 35.88 crore as on 12 November 2026
Youth and women reached	Over 14.35 crore youth and 11.33 crore women
Volunteers	Over 2 lakh citizens enrolled as Nasha Mukti Mitr
District coverage	272 districts at launch, 372 from August 2022, all districts from 15 August 2023
Treatment seekers	2.08 lakh in 2020-21 to over 9.11 lakh in 2025-26

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Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 2.0 Feedback Open Till 30 November

12 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Jal Shakti has extended the citizen feedback window on the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 2.0 portal to 30 November 2026, for works reported under the drive.

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti has extended the citizen feedback deadline on the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 2.0 portal to 30 November 2026
- The feedback portal has been open to the public since 26 January 2026
- The water conservation drive was envisioned by the Prime Minister on 6 September 2024 at Surat, Gujarat, to make conservation a Jan Andolan
- More than 1.5 crore rainwater harvesting, recharge, conservation and storage structures had been reported as of 31 May 2026
- Districts, States and UTs are recognised on the basis of completed artificial recharge and storage works, so citizen feedback aids verification

Initiative	Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) 2.0
Ministry	Ministry of Jal Shakti
Feedback deadline	Extended to 30 November 2026
Portal open since	26 January 2026
Vision announced	By the Prime Minister on 6 September 2024 at Surat, Gujarat
Structures reported	More than 1.5 crore as of 31 May 2026
Works covered	Rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge, water conservation and storage
Portal	jsjb.mowr.gov.in

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Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0: First Regional Conference in Tiruchirappalli

12 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil addressed the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 at Tiruchirappalli, with seven southern States and UTs.

- Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil addressed the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.
- The two-day conference was organised by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation with the Government of Tamil Nadu for seven southern States and UTs.
- Participants: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Puducherry and Lakshadweep; it is the first of five planned regional conferences.
- Tap water connections under the Mission, launched in 2019, have reached about 16 crore rural households; the approved Mission timeline runs to December 2028.
- States were urged to complete remaining works by December 2027 where feasible, and NIOT showcased eight Low Temperature Thermal Desalination plants in Lakshadweep.

Event	First Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Venue	Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
Addressed by	Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil
Organisers	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation with the Government of Tamil Nadu
Participants	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Puducherry, Lakshadweep
Series	First of five regional conferences after the Departmental Summit on Water, 1-2 September 2026
Mission launched	2019, for tap water to every rural household
Coverage	About 16 crore rural households with tap water connections

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SHATAYU Portal Lists 30,151 Geriatric Caregivers

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The SHATAYU national directory of the Social Justice Ministry now lists 30,151 trained geriatric caregivers, linking families with elderly care across States and UTs.

- SHATAYU is a digital geriatric care platform of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, launched on 22 May 2026
- The full form is Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility, a national caregiver dashboard and directory
- The national directory lists 30,151 trained caregivers and can be searched by State or Union Territory and by district
- It offers OTP-based callback requests, enrolment tracking and a rating system, with search and callback free of charge
- Four training categories are recognised and the framework is supported by the NISD and the NSDC

Initiative	SHATAYU, Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Launched	22 May 2026, at the National Workshop on Creating a Well-Functioning Care Economy
Caregivers listed	30,151 across States and Union Territories
Search filters	State or Union Territory and district
Training categories	Geriatric Care Provider, Geriatric Caregiver, Wellness Therapist (Elderly), Elderly Care Companion
Training support	National Institute of Social Defence and National Skill Development Corporation
Cost to users	Directory search and callback requests are free

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PLI Draws Rs 2.58 Lakh Crore Investment Across 14 Sectors

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A PIB backgrounder says the Production Linked Incentive scheme has drawn Rs 2.58 lakh crore of investment across 14 sectors, with 791 applications approved by June 2026.

- The Production Linked Incentive scheme covers 14 strategic sectors with a total approved outlay of Rs 1,91,049 crore
- As on 30 June 2026, 791 applications stood approved and actual investment had crossed Rs 2,58,835 crore
- Cumulative production and sales under PLI crossed Rs 23.79 lakh crore and exports were boosted by Rs 15.53 lakh crore
- Over 14.57 lakh direct and indirect jobs were created and Rs 36,754 crore of incentives had been disbursed
- Electronics production rose to Rs 13.11 lakh crore in 2025-26 and 99.2 per cent of mobile phones used in India are now made in India

Scheme	Production Linked Incentive (PLI), introduced in 2020
Sectors covered	14 strategic sectors
Approved outlay	Rs 1,91,049 crore
Approved applications	791 as on 30 June 2026
Actual investment	Rs 2,58,835 crore
Production and sales	Over Rs 23.79 lakh crore
Employment	14.57 lakh jobs, of which 8.81 lakh direct
Incentives disbursed	Rs 36,754 crore

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Nasha Mukt Yuva Quiz Draws 28,876 Participants

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The online Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz has drawn 28,876 citizens as of 13 November 2026 and stays open on the MY Bharat portal till 25 November.

- The Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz had recorded 28,876 participants as of 13 November 2026
- It was launched on 26 October 2026 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and runs till 25 November 2026 on the MY Bharat portal
- The quiz has 20 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 10 minutes, with a participation certificate on submission
- The Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on 15 August 2020 in 272 vulnerable districts and now covers all districts
- The campaign has reached 35.89 crore people, including 14.36 crore youth and 11.34 crore women

Quiz	Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Parent campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Participation so far	28,876 citizens as of 13 November 2026
Quiz window	26 October 2026 to 25 November 2026
Platform	MY Bharat portal
Format	20 multiple-choice questions in 10 minutes
NMBA launched	15 August 2020, initially in 272 vulnerable districts

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NAMASTE Scheme Raises Puducherry Sanitation Worker's Income 50%

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A Puducherry sanitation worker's monthly income rose from Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000 after protective gear and safety training under the NAMASTE Scheme.

- NAMASTE stands for National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem and is run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- A 56 year old sanitation worker with Oulgaret Municipality in Puducherry was covered under the scheme in 2025
- He received a protective kit of overalls, gloves, safety boots, a face mask and a safety helmet, plus safety training
- His monthly income rose from about Rs 8,000 to about Rs 12,000, a rise of 50 per cent
- The scheme links sanitation workers to social security support and aims at a mechanised, safer sanitation ecosystem

Scheme	NAMASTE Scheme
Full form	National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Place in the case	Oulgaret Municipality, Puducherry
Year of coverage	2025
Protective kit	Overalls, gloves, safety boots, face mask and safety helmet
Income before	About Rs 8,000 a month
Income after	About Rs 12,000 a month

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NFSC Fellowship Funds PhD, Scholar Joins Utkal University

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment showed how its National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students funded a PhD in Anthropology in Odisha.

- NFSC stands for the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students, run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- The scholar in the case comes from Narasinghpur in Cuttack district of Odisha and began receiving assistance in 2017
- The support included a fellowship of Rs 16,000 a month along with house rent allowance and contingency assistance
- He completed a PhD in Anthropology with the help of the fellowship, which covered academic, fieldwork and research costs
- He now serves as Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar

Scheme	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Beneficiary's district	Cuttack district, Odisha
Assistance began	2017
Monthly fellowship	Rs 16,000
Other components	House rent allowance and contingency assistance
Degree completed	PhD in Anthropology
Present position	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar

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Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission Backs 4,172 Van Dhan Kendras

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission has sanctioned 4,172 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras linking 12.48 lakh tribal members, with MSP notified for 87 items.

- The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission, begun in 2021-22, organises tribal collectors of minor forest produce into community-owned Van Dhan Vikas Kendras.
- As of March 2026, 4,172 Kendras had been sanctioned and 12.48 lakh tribal members linked; 2,911 are functional with sales of about Rs 168 crore by 31 July 2026.
- Minimum Support Price is notified for 87 minor forest produce items, and TRIFED buys through state agencies at the fixed rate whatever the market pays.
- Since 2013-14 state governments have procured 2,67,954 metric tonnes of minor forest produce worth Rs 693.98 crore under the scheme.
- The Van Dhan Yojana of 14 April 2018 forms the base of the Kendra model; one Kendra covers 15 self-help groups, roughly 300 collectors, 60 per cent of them tribal.

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)
Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Launched	2021-22
Kendras sanctioned	4,172 (as of March 2026)
Members linked	12.48 lakh tribal members
Functional Kendras	2,911, with sales of about Rs 168 crore as on 31 July 2026
MSP notified for	87 items of Minor Forest Produce
Procuring body	TRIFED, through state implementing agencies

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Odisha to Get 5 Lakh PMAY-Gramin Houses, Chouhan Announces

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

At a PMAY-Gramin event in Balangir, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced 5 lakh pucca houses for Odisha and laid an agriculture college foundation.

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced an immediate 5 lakh pucca houses for poor families in Odisha at a PMAY-Gramin state-level programme in Balangir
- Odisha has made 29 lakh women Lakhpati Didi, crossing its target of 27 lakh one year ahead of time, helped by the Subhadra Yojana
- Odisha will get about Rs 4,000 crore this year under the Viksit Bharat-G Ram Ji scheme, with Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh a year for every panchayat
- In the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 1,700 kilometres of roads have been sanctioned for the state
- The foundation stone of a new agriculture college was laid at Balangir, to be developed with the help of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Announcement	5 lakh pucca houses for poor families in Odisha under PMAY-Gramin
Place	Balangir, Odisha
Union Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Rural Development)
Chief Minister present	Mohan Charan Majhi
Lakhpati Didi	29 lakh women in Odisha, against a target of 27 lakh met a year early
Subhadra Yojana	Ten thousand rupees a year to a woman beneficiary
Viksit Bharat-G Ram Ji	About Rs 4,000 crore for Odisha this year; Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh a year per panchayat
PMGSY phase four	1,700 kilometres of roads sanctioned

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Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Regional Meet Ends in Tiruchirappalli

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 ended at Tiruchirappalli, with DDWS Secretary Ashok K. K. Meena stressing community ownership of water.

- The first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 concluded at Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu, hosted by the Government of Tamil Nadu
- Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, led the concluding session and the Jal Arpan Diwas visit to Palamaneri village
- Jal Arpan Diwas marks the formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat, and JJM 2.0 aims at a 24x7 potable water supply from household taps
- Reforms listed include District Technical Units, operation and maintenance policies, digital mapping through Sujalam Bharat and source planning using the Decision Support System
- Five Regional Conferences are planned ahead of a proposed national-level review in February 2027

Event	First Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Venue	Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
Ministry	Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Secretary, DDWS	Ashok K. K. Meena
Mission Director, NJJM	Kamal Kishore Soan, Additional Secretary
Jal Arpan Diwas	Formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat; celebrated at Palamaneri village
Sites visited	Grand Anicut (Kallanai) on the Cauvery river; collector wells and headworks at Vadugakudi
Goal of JJM 2.0	Regular, reliable and safe service, aiming at 24x7 potable water from household taps

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NSS Block-Level Sports Meets Draw 87,481 in Anti-Drug Drive

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

NSS held block-level sports meets in Week 9 of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat campaign, with 992 activities drawing 87,481 participants.

- MY Bharat-NSS held cluster block-level sports meets in Week 9 of the 100-week Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan
- 992 activities were organised and 87,481 student volunteers, youth club members and community members took part
- Reports came from over 130 institutions across 10 Regional Directorates, and 42,190 of the participants were women and girls
- Month 3 of the campaign carries the theme ‘Strong Communities, Healthy Youth’, and each event began with the Nasha Mukt Sankalp pledge
- Kiosks publicised the national de-addiction helpline 14446; the campaign was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 2 August 2026

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan, a 100-week campaign
Organiser	Directorate of MY Bharat-National Service Scheme, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Activity	Cluster of block-level sports meets in Week 9
Month 3 theme	‘Strong Communities, Healthy Youth’
Activities held	992
Participants mobilised	87,481, including 42,190 women and girls
Institutions and directorates	More than 130 institutions across 10 Regional Directorates
De-addiction helpline	14446

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AVYAY Elderly Care to Reach Cantonment Boards Under New MoU

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A DoSJE-DGDE memorandum will take Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana elderly care schemes to cantonment boards, with day care centres and caregiver training.

- DoSJE will sign an MoU with the Directorate General Defence Estates on 16 November to run senior citizen schemes in cantonment boards
- The schemes come under Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY), the Department's umbrella scheme for senior citizen welfare
- New day care centres, strengthened existing centres, senior citizen homes of 25 or 50 beds and geriatric caregiver training for youth are planned
- India's population aged 60 and above is projected to rise from about 10 crore in 2011 to around 23 crore by 2036
- AVYAY components include the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, Elderline (14567) and the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

Agreement	MoU between DoSJE and the Directorate General Defence Estates, Ministry of Defence
Signing date and place	Monday, 16 November, in New Delhi
To be witnessed by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar
Purpose	Running senior citizen welfare schemes under AVYAY in cantonment boards across the country
Facilities planned	New and strengthened day care centres, senior citizen homes of 25 or 50 beds, geriatric caregiver training, awareness camps
Ageing projection cited	Population aged 60 and above to rise from about 10 crore in 2011 to about 23 crore by 2036
Related campaign	Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan on intergenerational bonding, launched 4 November 2026
AVYAY components	Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, senior citizen homes, geriatric caregiver training, Elderline (14567), Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

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TULIP Brand Pushed as 130 Artisans Join 45th IITF 2026

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry's pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 brought over 130 artisans from 19 states and promoted the TULIP brand.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 is in Hall No. 5 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- More than 130 artisans from 19 states are taking part through three Apex Corporations - NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
- TULIP stands for Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme and is the pavilion's main highlight
- TULIP was launched by Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar at the Shilp Samagam Mela at Dilli Haat in New Delhi
- Exhibitors come from Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, Safai Mitras and De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes

Event	45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, ITPO, New Delhi
Pavilion location	Hall No. 5, ground floor
Participation	More than 130 artisans from 19 states
Apex Corporations involved	NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
TULIP full form	Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
TULIP launched by	Dr Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment
TULIP launch venue	Shilp Samagam Mela, Dilli Haat, New Delhi

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Lakhpati Didi Count Reaches 3.76 Crore Against 6 Crore Target

15 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A Rural Development Ministry note of 15 November 2026 puts the Lakhpati Didi tally at 3.76 crore by June 2026, with six crore to be reached by March 2029.

- A Lakhpati Didi is a self-help group member whose household earns at least Rs 1 lakh a year, counted after expenses and expected to last across seasons
- By June 2026, 3.76 crore rural SHG women had crossed the mark and 5.70 crore more were listed as Potential Lakhpati Didis
- The target went from two crore in August 2023 to three crore in February 2024, and to six crore by March 2029 set in February 2026
- An IIM Ahmedabad study of 6,531 respondents in 17 states and union territories found income up 61 percent and savings up 61.7 percent
- DAY-NRLM, begun in June 2011, had 10.13 crore members in 94.40 lakh self-help groups as on 12 November 2026

Initiative	Lakhpati Didi
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Definition	SHG household earning at least Rs 1 lakh a year, after expenses
Achieved	3.76 crore Lakhpati Didis as of June 2026
Potential list	5.70 crore women identified as Potential Lakhpati Didis
Target	Six crore by March 2029, set in February 2026
Parent mission	DAY-NRLM, launched June 2011
SHG network	10.13 crore members in 94.40 lakh SHGs as on 12 November 2026

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EPFO Lounge and ESIC Pavilion Open at IITF 2026 in Delhi

15 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya opened the EPFO Lounge and the ESIC Pavilion at IITF 2026 in Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, for visitors till 27 November.

- Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports, opened the EPFO Lounge and the ESIC Pavilion at IITF 2026
- The stalls are at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, in Hall No. 4, and remain open from 14 to 27 November 2026
- Central Provident Fund Commissioner Ramesh Krishnamurthi and ESIC Director General Ashok Kumar Singh were present at the opening
- The EPFO Lounge has counters for Nidhi Aapke Nikat, e-services, the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, face authentication, pensions and e-Shram
- The ESIC Pavilion gives free blood pressure and blood glucose checks, on-the-spot Aadhaar seeding and QR-code feedback read daily by the Insurance Commissioner

Event	Opening of the EPFO Lounge and ESIC Pavilion at IITF 2026
Inaugurated by	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports
Venue	Hall No. 4, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Open to visitors	14 to 27 November 2026
EPFO Lounge	Ground Floor, Stall No. 8A
ESIC Pavilion	First Floor, Stall No. 4F-05-A
Central Provident Fund Commissioner	Shri Ramesh Krishnamurthi
Director General, ESIC	Shri Ashok Kumar Singh

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Important Days

State Foundation Day Marked by Haryana, Chhattisgarh and MP

1 November 2026 · Important Days

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh on 1 November 2026, which is the State Foundation Day of all three.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings to the people of Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh on their State Foundation Day on 1 November 2026.
- The message to Haryana spoke of the state's history, valour and cultural heritage, and of achievements in agriculture, sport, defence services, industry, education and startups.
- The Chhattisgarh message highlighted tribal culture, natural wealth, folk traditions and archaeological heritage, and development moving ahead as the roots of Naxalism are removed.
- The Madhya Pradesh message pointed to heritage sites of world renown and progress in agriculture, industry, tourism, education, infrastructure and innovation.
- Haryana was praised for athletes adding to the honour of the Tricolour and farmers strengthening the food security of the country.

Occasion	State Foundation Day
Date	1 November 2026
States greeted	Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh
Who extended greetings	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Haryana highlights	Agriculture, sport, defence services, industry, education and startups
Chhattisgarh highlights	Tribal culture, natural wealth, folk traditions and archaeological heritage
Madhya Pradesh highlights	Heritage sites of world renown, tourism, education, infrastructure and innovation
Mode of message	Posts on X

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Biosphere Reserves Day: India Has 18 Reserves, 13 in UNESCO List

2 November 2026 · Important Days

The International Day for Biosphere Reserves falls on 3 November; India has 18 notified reserves, of which 13 are in the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

- The International Day for Biosphere Reserves is observed every year on 3 November, proclaimed by UNESCO
- India has 18 notified biosphere reserves, of which 13 belong to UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves, the highest number in South Asia
- UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme was launched in 1971 and treats these reserves as living laboratories for sustainable development
- Each reserve has a core area, a buffer zone and a transition area; globally they average 18 per cent core, 30 per cent buffer and 52 per cent transition
- The world network has 797 reserves in 145 countries, covering about 5 per cent of the Earth's land but holding over 60 per cent of terrestrial vertebrate species richness

Day	International Day for Biosphere Reserves, 3 November
Proclaimed by	UNESCO
India's reserves	18 notified, of which 13 are in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves
MAB Programme	UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme, launched in 1971
Global network	797 biosphere reserves in 145 countries, about 300 million residents
Zones	Core, buffer and transition; world average 18, 30 and 52 per cent
Three functions	Conservation, sustainable economic development and scientific support
India’s share	One of 17 mega-biodiverse countries, about 7 to 8 per cent of recorded species on 2.4 per cent of the land area

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Ayush Minister Ties Dhanteras to Preventive Healthcare

4 November 2026 · Important Days

Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav asked citizens to make preventive healthcare part of Dhanteras, the festival also marked as Dhanvantari Jayanti, on 4 November 2026.

- Union Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav called on citizens to make preventive healthcare part of Dhanteras in an appeal issued on 4 November 2026
- Dhanteras is also observed as Dhanvantari Jayanti, marking the appearance of Lord Dhanvantari with the Amrit Kalash during the Samudra Manthan
- Lord Dhanvantari is revered as the physician of the gods and is closely associated with Ayurveda, India's traditional science of life and health
- The minister cited the Ayurvedic principle Swasthasya Swasthya Rakshanam, which means protecting the health of a healthy person
- He pointed to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs for community-level Ayush services and linked health-conscious citizens to the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047

Minister	Prataprao Jadhav
Portfolios	MoS (Independent Charge) for Ayush; MoS for Health and Family Welfare
Occasion	Dhanteras, also observed as Dhanvantari Jayanti
Date of appeal	4 November 2026
Mythological origin	Lord Dhanvantari emerged during the Samudra Manthan with the Amrit Kalash
Dhanvantari	Revered as the physician of the gods; linked to Ayurveda
Ayurvedic principle cited	Swasthasya Swasthya Rakshanam, guarding the health of the healthy
Scheme named	Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, for community-level Ayush services

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Uttarakhand Statehood Day: PM Greets Devbhoomi on 9 November

9 November 2026 · Important Days

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of Uttarakhand on their Statehood Day on 9 November 2026, calling Devbhoomi rich in spiritual heritage.

- Uttarakhand observed its Statehood Day on 9 November 2026, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings to all the people of the state in a post on X.
- The Prime Minister called the state Devbhoomi, blessed with spiritual heritage and extraordinary natural beauty.
- His message named the state's scenic mountain landscapes, sacred rivers, the revered Char Dham and its glorious cultural heritage.
- He said the hardworking, talented and progressive people of the state are taking it to new heights of development in every sector.
- He expressed confidence that Uttarakhand would continue to progress rapidly and wished its people happiness, peace and prosperity.

Occasion	Uttarakhand Statehood Day
Date	9 November (observed in 2026 on 9 November)
Greetings extended by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Name used for the state	Devbhoomi, the land of the gods
Features named in the message	Scenic mountain landscapes, sacred rivers, revered Char Dham, glorious cultural heritage
Message shared on	A post on X
Wish conveyed	Happiness, peace and prosperity for the people of the state

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National Entrepreneurship Day 2026: 2.62 Lakh Startups

9 November 2026 · Important Days

National Entrepreneurship Day fell on 9 November 2026, with India counting 2.62 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups and the third largest ecosystem worldwide.

- National Entrepreneurship Day is observed on 9 November, the date on which the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was created in 2014.
- India has 2.62 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups, up from fewer than 500 in 2014, and ranks third among startup ecosystems in the world.
- Over 55,200 startups were recognised in 2025-26, the highest for any single year since 2016, with recognitions up 51.6% year on year.
- Startups had generated more than 25 lakh jobs by October 2026, and about 48% of recognised startups have a woman director or partner.
- The Fund of Funds for Startups has a corpus of 10,000 crore rupees managed by SIDBI, with 12,623 crore rupees committed to 166 AIFs.

Day	National Entrepreneurship Day, 9 November
Why this date	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was established on 9 November 2014
DPIIT-recognised startups	2.62 lakh (fewer than 500 in 2014)
Global rank	Third largest startup ecosystem in the world
Jobs created	More than 25 lakh, up to October 2026
Recognitions in 2025-26	Over 55,200, the highest in a single year since 2016
Women-led share	Over 1.07 lakh startups have a woman director or partner, about 48%
Fund of Funds for Startups	Corpus of 10,000 crore rupees, managed by SIDBI

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Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026 Marks Birsa Munda Anniversary

11 November 2026 · Important Days

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is observing Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada from 1 to 15 November 2026, with over 300 projects for Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.

- Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada is being observed from 1 to 15 November 2026, ending on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on 15 November
- Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas marks the birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda and was designated in 2021
- Over 300 projects will be taken up on the day, with 228 for inauguration and 74 for foundation stone laying
- The Jan-HIT portal with ICMR is India's first tribe-disaggregated health data platform and covers 20 States
- The National FRA Digital Platform will take forest rights claims under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, online end to end

Observance	Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, 1 to 15 November 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas	15 November, birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Designated in	2021
Earlier venues	Ranchi 2021, Khunti 2022 and 2023, Jamui 2024, Dediapada 2025
Projects	Over 300, of which 228 for inauguration and 74 for foundation stones
Jan-HIT portal	Built with ICMR, India's first tribe-disaggregated health data platform, 20 States
National FRA Digital Platform	Forest rights claims under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, end to end

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National Naturopathy Day 2026 Set for 18 November in Karnataka

12 November 2026 · Important Days

The 9th National Naturopathy Day falls on 18 November 2026 at CRIYN, Nagamangala in Karnataka, on the theme 'Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat', says Ayush.

- The 9th National Naturopathy Day will be observed on 18 November 2026 at the Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy, Nagamangala, Karnataka
- The theme for the year is 'Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat', stressing preventive and promotive healthcare and the prevention of obesity
- The five research councils under the Ministry of Ayush together published 653 research papers in the financial year 2025-26
- CCRYN runs 22 units across India, and 200-bed Yoga and Naturopathy hospitals operate at Jhajjar in Haryana and Nagamangala in Karnataka
- The BNYS college at Nisarg Gram, National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune, is the first such college set up under the Central Government

Observance	9th National Naturopathy Day
Date	18 November 2026
Venue	Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy (CRIYN), Nagamangala, Karnataka
Theme	Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Minister of State (Independent Charge)	Shri Prataprao Jadhav
Secretary, Ayush	Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha
Research output	653 papers by five Ayush research councils in FY 2025-26

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Nehru Birth Anniversary Marked at Samvidhan Sadan Central Hall

14 November 2026 · Important Days

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla led floral tributes to former Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at his Samvidhan Sadan portrait on his birth anniversary.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla offered floral tributes at the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on 14 November 2026.
- The portrait was unveiled on 5 May 1966 by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, then the President of India, in a building that was called Parliament House at the time.
- Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, along with sitting and former Members of Parliament, also placed flowers at the portrait.
- Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha Shri Utpal Kumar Singh and Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha Shri P. C. Mody joined the ceremony.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid his own tribute to the former Prime Minister in a message on the platform X that morning.

Occasion	Birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former Prime Minister
Date of tributes	14 November 2026
Venue	Central Hall, Samvidhan Sadan (earlier Parliament House)
Tributes led by	Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla
Portrait unveiled by	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, then President of India
Portrait unveiled on	5 May 1966
Rajya Sabha Leader of the Opposition present	Shri Mallikarjun Kharge
Secretary-General, Lok Sabha	Shri Utpal Kumar Singh

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World Diabetes Day Theme ‘Early Action on Diabetes’ Marked in Rome

14 November 2026 · Important Days

World Diabetes Day, on the theme ‘Early Action on Diabetes’, was marked at the Embassy of India in Rome by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.

- World Diabetes Day was marked at the Embassy of India in Rome with the Indian diaspora in Italy taking part
- The theme of World Diabetes Day this year is ‘Early Action on Diabetes’
- Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, addressed the event
- The Minister stressed lifestyle modification and control of obesity as the basics of managing Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- He cited steps taken since 2014, including the Ministry of Ayush, wellness centres, the International Day of Yoga and Ayushman Bharat

Occasion	World Diabetes Day, observed on 14 November
Theme	‘Early Action on Diabetes’
Venue of the observance	Embassy of India, Rome, Italy
Addressed by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Minister's visit to Italy	11 to 15 November 2026
Core message	Prevention, early detection, timely intervention and strict control of blood glucose
Basics of management	Lifestyle modification, healthy diet, physical activity and control of obesity
Indian measures cited	Ministry of Ayush, wellness centres, International Day of Yoga on 21 June, mass screening and Ayushman Bharat

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Janjatiya Gaurav Divas Marked with Tributes to Birsa Munda

15 November 2026 · Important Days

Tributes were offered to Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Prerna Sthal in the Parliament premises on 15 November 2026, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, a day observed since 2021.

- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is observed every year on 15 November, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
- The day has been kept since 2021 to honour the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters
- Tributes were paid at Birsa Munda's statue at Prerna Sthal in the Parliament premises in New Delhi
- The President, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister, the Lok Sabha Speaker and Arjun Ram Meghwal offered floral tributes
- Birsa Munda's clarion call of Ulgulan became a powerful voice in the struggle for freedom and justice

Day	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas
Date	15 November every year
Marks	Birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Observed since	2021
Venue of tribute	Prerna Sthal, Parliament premises, New Delhi
President	Droupadi Murmu
Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman	C. P. Radhakrishnan
Lok Sabha Speaker	Om Birla

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Environment

National Zoological Park Marks 67th Foundation Day

1 November 2026 · Environment

The National Zoological Park, New Delhi marked its 67th Foundation Day on 1 November 2026 with a doodle activity and the 19th Sunday Bird Walk.

- The National Zoological Park, New Delhi marked its 67th Foundation Day on 1 November 2026 with a doodle activity for visitors
- About 1,500 visitors appreciated or took part in the activity, which was aimed especially at children and families
- The 19th edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP' was held from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM under ornithologist Dr. Paritosh Ahmed
- The 18 participants recorded 46 bird species and observed more than 500 individual birds
- Each bird walk is limited to 20 to 25 participants, with registration open from Monday to Friday on the website and the NZP Saathi app

Institution	National Zoological Park (NZP), New Delhi
Occasion	67th Foundation Day
Date	1 November 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Director	Dr. Sanjeet Kumar
Visitors in doodle activity	About 1,500
Bird walk	19th edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP', 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Expert guide	Dr. Paritosh Ahmed, ornithologist

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PM Surya Ghar, PM-KUSUM Drive Solar Push Towards 500 GW Target

2 November 2026 · Environment

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged India’s solar growth under PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM as the country moves towards a 500 GW renewable energy target.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared an article by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on how India’s solar energy journey is opening up new opportunities
- The growth of solar power in India is credited in the article to steps such as PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM
- The country is working towards a renewable energy target of 500 GW, with solar powered farming, energy storage, manufacturing and green jobs named as the road ahead
- A second article, written by Shri Joshi with Mike Bloomberg, records the growth of renewable energy, the spread of rooftop solar and money going into storage and transmission
- The shift is described as cutting electricity bills, creating jobs and strengthening the country’s energy security

Shared by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Author	Union Minister Pralhad Joshi
Co-author of the second article	Mike Bloomberg
Schemes named	PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM
Renewable energy target	500 GW
Road ahead	Solar powered agriculture, energy storage, manufacturing and green jobs
Areas of expansion	Rooftop solar, storage and transmission
Stated gains	Lower electricity bills, jobs and energy security

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Green Hydrogen Mission: Rs 19,744 Crore for 5 MMT by 2030

2 November 2026 · Environment

A government backgrounder sets out the National Green Hydrogen Mission's Rs 19,744 crore outlay, its 5 MMT target for 2030 and progress on incentives.

- The Union Cabinet approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission in January 2023 with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore, targeting at least 5 million metric tonnes of annual production capacity by 2030
- India's Green Hydrogen Standard, notified in August 2023, allows at most 2 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen on a well-to-gate basis over a twelve-month average
- The SIGHT programme has an outlay of Rs 17,490 crore up to 2029-30 and incentivises both electrolyser manufacturing and hydrogen production
- Incentives cover 3,000 MW a year of electrolyser capacity for 15 companies and 8,62,000 tonnes a year of hydrogen production capacity
- Deendayal Port at Kandla, V.O. Chidambaranar Port at Tuticorin and Paradip Port are recognised hubs, and four Hydrogen Valley Innovation Clusters went to Jodhpur, Odisha, Pune and Kerala

Mission	National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), implemented by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Approved	January 2023 by the Union Cabinet
Outlay	Rs 19,744 crore
Target	At least 5 million metric tonnes a year by 2030, up to 10 MMT with export demand
Green Hydrogen Standard	Notified August 2023; at most 2 kg carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen, well-to-gate, twelve-month average
SIGHT outlay	Rs 17,490 crore up to 2029-30
Electrolyser incentives	15 companies, 3,000 MW per annum
Production incentives	8,62,000 tonnes per annum; about 8,000 tonnes per annum commissioned by February 2026

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Pumped Storage: India Has 7.43 GW Running, 345.38 GW Mapped

2 November 2026 · Environment

India has 7.43 GW of operational pumped storage capacity across 10 projects and has identified 320 sites with a combined potential of 345.38 GW, says a PIB note.

- India had 7.43 GW of operational pumped storage capacity across 10 projects as of August 2026, with 15.87 GW more under construction
- A total of 320 pumped storage sites have been identified with a combined potential of 345.38 GW, including 62 on-stream and 258 off-stream schemes
- The Western Region has the highest potential at 129.72 GW, with Maharashtra alone at 67.36 GW, because of the steep gradients of Western Ghats rivers
- The Central Electricity Authority projects storage needs of 73.93 GW by 2031-32, split as 26.69 GW from pumped storage and 47.24 GW from batteries
- Global pumped storage capacity was 159.8 GW at the end of 2025, led by China, with India fourth at 7.18 GW

Nickname	Water battery, because it stores power using water and gravity
Operational capacity	7.43 GW across 10 projects, as of August 2026
Under construction	15.87 GW across 11 projects; 10.40 GW across 8 more concurred or appraised
Identified potential	345.38 GW at 320 sites: 62 on-stream (56.67 GW) and 258 off-stream (288.71 GW)
Leading region	Western Region, 129.72 GW; Maharashtra 67.36 GW and Gujarat 33.36 GW
CEA storage projection	73.93 GW by 2031-32, of which 26.69 GW pumped storage and 47.24 GW batteries
Planned addition	100.81 GW by 2035-36, taking cumulative capacity to 105.56 GW
Non-fossil capacity	308.027 GW as of September 2026, against a target of 500 GW by 2030

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/pumped-storage-india-has-743-gw-running-34538-gw-mapped/

Agri-Voltaics: India Has 36 Solar-Farming Projects of 37.54 MW

2 November 2026 · Environment

A PIB backgrounder on agri-voltaics says India had 36 operational projects of 37.54 MW as of August 2025, with national potential put between 3,000 and 14,000 GW.

- Agrivoltaics, also called agrisolar or dual-use solar, combines crop cultivation with solar power generation on the same land
- As of August 2025 India had 36 operational agrivoltaic projects with an installed capacity of 37.54 megawatts and 10 pilot projects under development
- National agrivoltaic potential is estimated between 3,000 GW and nearly 14,000 GW, with 47.35 million hectares of restricted cropland found suitable
- PM KUSUM, launched in February 2019, carries central financial assistance of about Rs 34,422 crore; a Centre of Excellence runs under NISE with ICAR-IARI
- Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh hold nearly half the estimated generation potential

Concept	Agrivoltaics, also called agrisolar or dual-use solar: crops and solar power on the same land
Operational projects	36 projects, 37.54 megawatts installed, as of August 2025
Pilot projects	10 under development
National potential	Between 3,000 GW and nearly 14,000 GW
Suitable land	47.35 million hectares of restricted cropland, from a GIS-based screening
Farm income	Could rise from about Rs 60,000 an acre to more than Rs 1 lakh an acre
PM KUSUM	Launched February 2019; central financial assistance of about Rs 34,422 crore
Centre of Excellence	National Institute of Solar Energy with ICAR-IARI; 100-kilowatt system at IARI

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India Lists Climate Finance Priorities for COP31 in Antalya

3 November 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said India will press for predictable climate finance and technology transfer at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya in November 2026.

- UNFCCC COP31 will be held in Antalya, Turkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026, with India taking a solution-oriented approach
- India wants a COP31 decision to start the Climate Finance Work Programme, calling finance an obligation under Article 9.1
- India will work with the G-77 and China, the Like Minded Developing Countries and BASIC, and will take up LeadIT 3.0 with Sweden
- At CBD COP17 in Yerevan, Armenia, India pressed Article 20(2) obligations and benefit sharing on Digital Sequence Information
- At UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, India became Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group and repeated its pledge to restore over 26 million hectares by 2030

Conference	COP31 of the UNFCCC
Venue and dates	Antalya, Turkiye, 9 to 20 November 2026
Indian spokesman	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Finance demand	A decision to commence the Climate Finance Work Programme; finance an obligation under Article 9.1
Groupings	G-77 and China, Like Minded Developing Countries, BASIC
Partnership event	LeadIT 3.0 with Sweden
CBD COP17	Yerevan, Armenia; Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Cali Fund, Article 20(2)
UNCCD COP17	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; India elected Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group

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BRE Summit 2026: Odisha Signs 18 MoUs of Rs 1.17 Lakh Crore

3 November 2026 · Environment

On day two of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, Odisha signed 18 MoUs worth about Rs 1.17 lakh crore for renewable energy projects.

- On the second day of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, Odisha signed 18 MoUs with a proposed investment of about Rs 1.17 lakh crore
- The Odisha agreements were signed before Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo
- Bondada Engineering Ltd signed an MoU with the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board for renewable projects worth about Rs 3,000 crore
- The Next Terawatt ministerial plenary, convened by the International Solar Alliance with CEEW and Energiva Ventures, set a roadmap up to 2050
- The summit drew representatives of more than 130 countries and over 40 ministers, with 13 states and union territories showcasing their potential

Event	Bharat Renewable Energy (BRE) Summit and Expo 2026, day two
Odisha MoUs	18 MoUs of about Rs 1.17 lakh crore
Present for Odisha	Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo
Goa MoU	Bondada Engineering Ltd with Goa-IPB, about Rs 3,000 crore
Ministerial plenary	The Next Terawatt
Convened by	International Solar Alliance with CEEW and Energiva Ventures
Union ministers present	Pralhad Joshi, Manohar Lal Khattar and Shripad Yesso Naik
Roadmap	Up to 2050, aligned with a developed India by 2047

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Cabinet Clears Rs 14,500 Crore VGF for 92 GWh Energy Storage

4 November 2026 · Environment

The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding scheme to build 92 GWh of grid-scale energy storage, including 60 GWh of pumped storage.

- The Union Cabinet approved a Viability Gap Funding scheme of Rs 14,500 crore for grid-scale energy storage from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- It supports 92 GWh of capacity: 60 GWh pumped storage, 30 GWh battery energy storage and 2 GWh from alternative storage technologies.
- Total investment in the projects is estimated at Rs 97,600 crore, and the new capacity equals 170 per cent of present grid-scale storage in India.
- The country is reckoned to need 411 GWh of grid-scale energy storage by 2031-32, and this scheme is a step towards that figure.
- Battery energy storage projects must meet a minimum Domestic Content Requirement of 40 per cent; capacity is allotted by tariff-based competitive bidding.

Scheme	Viability Gap Funding Scheme for Development of Grid-Scale Energy Storage Systems
Approved by	Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Financial support	Rs 14,500 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31
Capacity supported	92 GWh
Split	60 GWh pumped storage, 30 GWh battery storage, 2 GWh alternative technologies
Total investment	Rs 97,600 crore
Requirement by 2031-32	411 GWh of grid-scale energy storage

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I-OECM Guidelines 2026 Released at CBD COP-17 in Yerevan

4 November 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released India's I-OECM Guidelines 2026 at CBD COP-17 in Yerevan, Armenia, supporting the 30x30 biodiversity target.

- Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released the I-OECM Guidelines 2026 at a CBD COP-17 side event in Yerevan, Armenia, on 3 November 2026.
- MoEFCC prepared the guidelines with the National Biodiversity Authority; they cover terrestrial, inland water, and coastal and marine ecosystems.
- Four criteria are mandatory, among them that the area is not already legally protected and does not overlap the World Database on Protected Areas.
- A GEF-8 project of USD 60.79 million runs for 72 months, from 15 May 2026 to 15 May 2032, across six demonstration landscapes and seascapes.
- The project aims to add 3 per cent of India's land and marine area to the conservation estate, over and above the 27 per cent already under protection.

Guidelines	Guidelines for designation of India's Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (I-OECMs) 2026
Released by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Occasion and venue	CBD COP-17 side event, Yerevan, Armenia
Date of release	3 November 2026
Prepared by	MoEFCC in partnership with the National Biodiversity Authority
Side event organisers	MoEFCC, NBA and UNDP
Global target served	Target 3, the 30x30 goal, of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
National target	National Biodiversity Target 3 under NBSAP 2024-2030

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NITI Aayog and GIZ Sign NDC-TIA II Pact on Road Freight

4 November 2026 · Environment

NITI Aayog and GIZ India signed an Implementation Agreement under NDC-TIA Phase II to speed up the decarbonisation of India's road freight sector.

- NITI Aayog and GIZ India signed an Implementation Agreement under NDC-TIA Phase II on 3 November 2026 to accelerate road freight decarbonisation.
- NDC-TIA II is a regional initiative for Asia supported by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Government.
- Its implementing partners include World Resources Institute India, the International Council on Clean Transportation India and Agora Energiewende.
- Electrification of medium-duty and heavy-duty freight vehicles in India is still at an early stage, needing charging infrastructure, new financing and enabling regulation.
- The initiative is to support India's Nationally Determined Contribution targets and its longer-term climate goals in the transport sector.

Agreement	Implementation Agreement under NDC-TIA Phase II
Signatories	NITI Aayog and Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Date of signing	3 November 2026
Full form of NDC-TIA	Nationally Determined Contribution-Transport Initiative for Asia
Supported by	International Climate Initiative (IKI), Government of Germany
Implementing partners	WRI India, ICCT India and Agora Energiewende
Focus	Decarbonisation of India's road freight sector
Gaps identified	Charging infrastructure, innovative financing and enabling regulation

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GRAP Stage-III Invoked in Delhi-NCR as AQI Hits 382

6 November 2026 · Environment

The CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP invoked Stage-III across the entire NCR on 6 November 2026 after Delhi logged a daily average AQI of 382, in the Very Poor band.

- The CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP invoked Stage-III across the entire NCR on 6 November 2026, with immediate effect.
- Delhi's daily average AQI on 6 November 2026 was 382, in the 'Very Poor' category, as per the CPCB's daily AQI bulletin.
- IMD and IITM forecasts warned that air quality could slip into the 'Severe' category in the coming days.
- Stage-III measures are added to the Stage-I and Stage-II actions already in force; NCR Pollution Control Boards and the DPCC must enforce all three stages strictly.
- The Citizen Charter asks people to walk or cycle short distances, avoid coal and wood for heating, and follow hybrid classes for primary schools and work-from-home when instructed.

Decision by	CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP
Date	6 November 2026
Stage invoked	Stage-III of GRAP, in the entire NCR
Delhi's daily average AQI	382 ('Very Poor')
AQI bulletin	Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
Forecast	AQI likely to reach 'Severe' (IMD/IITM)
Stages in force	Stage-I, Stage-II and Stage-III together
Enforcing agencies	Pollution Control Boards of NCR States and DPCC

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E20 Petrol Passes Quality Test in 893 Samples Nationwide

7 November 2026 · Environment

The Petroleum Ministry said on 7 November 2026 that 893 E20 petrol samples drawn in 27 States and Union Territories met the prescribed ethanol standard.

- All 893 E20 petrol samples drawn from depots and retail outlets across 27 States and Union Territories met the prescribed ethanol range of 19 to 21 per cent
- In Karnataka all 56 samples complied, showing 19 to 20 per cent ethanol with an average of 19.30 per cent, against the state's claim of 26 to 31 per cent
- IS 17021 is the Bureau of Indian Standards specification for ethanol-blended motor gasoline; sampling follows the 2005 Motor Spirit Order and the Marketing Discipline Guidelines of 2024
- Since ESY 2014-15 the blending programme has saved over Rs 1.97 lakh crore in foreign exchange, substituted about 316 lakh metric tonnes of crude and avoided about 952 lakh metric tonnes of carbon dioxide
- In ESY 2025-26, ending 31 October 2026, the oil marketing companies blended 1,134 crore litres of ethanol against petrol sales of about 5,673 crore litres

Samples tested	893 E20 samples across 27 States and Union Territories, all within 19 to 21 per cent ethanol
Company-wise samples	Indian Oil 330, Bharat Petroleum 280, Hindustan Petroleum 283
Karnataka result	All 56 samples compliant, 19 to 20 per cent ethanol, average 19.30 per cent
Claim examined	Karnataka department's claim of 26 to 31 per cent ethanol at certain retail outlets
Standard	IS 17021, the BIS specification for ethanol-blended motor gasoline
Monitoring body	Centre for High Technology, under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, through the Quality Coordination Cell
Sampling rules	Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel Order, 2005 under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, with Marketing Discipline Guidelines, 2024
Foreign exchange saved	More than Rs 1.97 lakh crore since ESY 2014-15

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Green Diwali Campaign 2026 Covers 130 NCAP Cities

8 November 2026 · Environment

WWF-India's EIACP centre, backed by the Environment Ministry, ran the Green Diwali Campaign 2026 under Mission LiFE across 130 cities covered by the NCAP.

- The Green Diwali Campaign 2026 ran from 20 October to 8 November 2026 under Mission LiFE, or Lifestyle for Environment
- It focused on the 130 cities covered by the National Clean Air Programme across 24 states and union territories
- WWF-India's EIACP Programme Centre - Resource Partner ran it with support from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Delhi's air was in the Very Poor band as per the Central Pollution Control Board and could reach Severe during the festival
- The CPCB's SAMEER app gives the daily Air Quality Index; CAQM applies the Graded Response Action Plan across the NCR

Campaign	Green Diwali Campaign 2026
Duration	20 October to 8 November 2026
Mission	Mission LiFE, Lifestyle for Environment
Reach	130 cities under the National Clean Air Programme in 24 states and union territories
Organiser	EIACP Programme Centre - Resource Partner, WWF-India
Supported by	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Delhi air quality	Very Poor as per the Central Pollution Control Board, may turn Severe
NCR body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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India Seeks Fair, Ambitious Outcome at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya

10 November 2026 · Environment

India's opening statement at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye, pressed developed countries to meet Article 9.1 climate finance duties and backed equity and CBDR-RC.

- India delivered its opening statement at the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UNFCCC, being held in Antalya, Turkiye
- The statement was delivered by Narendra Bhooshan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- India backed equity and the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) and aligned with G77 and China, LMDC and BASIC
- India underlined Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement, which obliges developed countries to provide financial resources to developing countries
- The COP31 Presidency's vision is a 'COP of Implementation' guided by Dialogue, Consensus and Action; Turkiye and Australia lead the session

Event	31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UNFCCC
Venue	Antalya, Turkiye
COP31 leadership	Turkiye, with Australia
Presidency's vision	A 'COP of Implementation' guided by Dialogue, Consensus and Action
India's statement delivered by	Narendra Bhooshan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Principles invoked by India	Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC)
Groupings India aligned with	G77 and China, Like Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) and BASIC
Finance provision highlighted	Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement

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Medicinal Plants Project Launched in 16 Tribal Hotspots

12 November 2026 · Environment

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and CSIR-NBRI launched a three-year medicinal plants conservation and livelihood project covering 16 tribal hotspots in 13 States and UTs.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and CSIR-NBRI Lucknow launched the project at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, on 12 November 2026
- The three-year project covers 16 tribal hotspots across 13 States and Union Territories, from Kargil in Ladakh to Wayanad in Kerala
- It will document about 200 to 300 medicinal plant species and propagate 30 to 40 rare, endangered and threatened species
- The plan includes 16 community nurseries, 16 seed banks and distribution of 40,000 to 50,000 quality planting materials
- Fieldwork in Sonbhadra in October 2026 covered 146 tribal knowledge holders in 12 villages and 25 live orchid samples

Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Scientific partner	CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow
Launched at	Central University of Odisha, Koraput, on 12 November 2026
Duration	Three years
Coverage	16 tribal hotspots in 13 States and Union Territories
Species to document	About 200 to 300 medicinal plant species
Rare species to propagate	30 to 40 rare, endangered and threatened species
Institutions planned	16 community nurseries and 16 seed banks

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DRI Seizes Red Sanders Worth Rs 7.72 Crore at Chennai Port

12 November 2026 · Environment

The DRI broke a red sanders smuggling syndicate at Chennai Port, seizing about 13,000 kg of logs worth Rs 7.72 crore and arresting three key members.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence intercepted an export container at Chennai Port between 9 and 11 November 2026, before it was loaded, on specific intelligence about a Chennai-based syndicate.
- Examination on 9 and 10 November 2026 revealed 12.87 metric tonnes, about 13,000 kg, of high-grade red sanders logs worth around Rs 7.72 crore, declared as 'Paper Laminate Rolls'.
- The consignment was bound for Malaysia; the syndicate misused a manufacturer-exporter's self-sealing facility and swapped the cargo at a private godown.
- Three key members were arrested and the goods seized under the Customs Act, 1962; a godown search yielded the original cargo, an industrial weighing scale and red sanders traces.
- Red sanders (Pterocarpus santalinus) is listed in CITES Appendix II and Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and its export is banned under the Foreign Trade Policy.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Place	Chennai Port
Dates of action	9 to 11 November 2026, examination on 9 and 10 November
Seizure	12.87 metric tonnes, about 13,000 kg of high-grade red sanders logs
Value	About Rs 7.72 crore
Declared as	Paper Laminate Rolls
Destination	Malaysia
Arrests	Three key syndicate members, under the Customs Act, 1962

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India's Non-Fossil Power Capacity Reaches 308 GW

13 November 2026 · Environment

India's non-fossil power capacity stood at 308 GW, or 55% of a total installed capacity of about 560 GW, a Press Information Bureau backgrounder says.

- India's total installed power capacity is about 560 GW in October 2026, compared with 249 GW in 2014
- Non-fossil sources account for 308 GW as on 31 July 2026, which is 55% of total installed capacity, and India ranks third in the world in renewable capacity
- Solar capacity reached about 175 GW by 31 October 2026, and India was the second-largest solar growth market in 2025 with more than 37 GW added
- PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, with an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore, now covers 65.26 lakh households and has commissioned 19.1 GW of rooftop solar
- Wind capacity stands at 59.20 GW, hydro at 57.49 GW and bio-power at 11.75 GW, while the green hydrogen mission targets 5 MMT a year by 2030

Total installed power capacity	About 560 GW in October 2026, up from 249 GW in 2014
Non-fossil capacity	308 GW as on 31 July 2026, 55% of the total
Global rank	Third in renewable energy installed capacity, fourth in wind
Solar capacity	About 175 GW as on 31 October 2026
Wind capacity	59.20 GW as on 29 October 2026
Hydro capacity	57.49 GW, large and small hydro together
Bio-power capacity	11.75 GW, with 839 CBG plants registered
PM-Surya Ghar outlay	Rs 75,021 crore for one crore households

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Delhi-NCR Air Pollution Review Orders 191 Polluting Units Sealed

14 November 2026 · Environment

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav reviewed Delhi-NCR air pollution action, ordering CPCB to seal 191 non-compliant industries and faster road repair.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired a review of air pollution action by Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan in the NCR
- CPCB was directed to seal 191 polluting industries in non-conforming areas that had not ordered air pollution control devices
- Only 3,221 km of the targeted 5,480 km of NCR roads had been redeveloped; 233 congestion points were identified for immediate action
- 2,298 of 2,345 targeted industries, or 98 per cent, are connected to online continuous emission monitoring, and the remaining 47 have been closed or sealed
- CAQM's PAVAN platform and Delhi's Integrated Command and Control Centre, opened on 5 October 2026, are to drive real-time monitoring

Meeting chaired by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
States reviewed	Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan
CAQM Chairperson	Rajesh Verma; Member Secretary Tarun Pithode
Units ordered sealed	191 polluting industries in non-conforming areas (by CPCB)
Road dust progress	3,221 km redeveloped against a target of 5,480 km
Emission monitoring	2,298 of 2,345 industries (98 per cent) on OCEMS; 47 closed or sealed
Emission norm	50 mg per normal cubic metre for particulate matter
Waste processing gap	6,747 tonnes per day in municipal solid waste capacity

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Fit India Presents Sundays on Cycle at COP31 in Antalya

15 November 2026 · Environment

India's Fit India Movement showcased its Sundays on Cycle ride at COP31 in Antalya, a free weekly event held without a single break since 22 December 2024.

- Fit India presented its Sundays on Cycle initiative at COP31 in Antalya, in a session at the International Solar Alliance Pavilion on the summit's Children, Youth, Education and Skills Day.
- The free community ride has been held every Sunday since 22 December 2024 and has never missed a week.
- Close to 3.7 million people have ridden at more than 30,000 locations in India, and about 400,000 turned out on World Bicycle Day against a plan for 100,000.
- Fit India asked every country, city and partner to hold at least one community-led active morning within a year; the Turkish Cycling Federation signed up first.
- The 100th edition of the ride falls on 29 November, and an impact report on the first 97 editions was released at COP31.

Initiative	Fit India – Sundays on Cycle
Presented at	COP31, Antalya (31st Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC)
Session venue	International Solar Alliance Pavilion, D 610
Launched on	22 December 2024, by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
Organised by	Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Participation so far	Close to 3.7 million riders at more than 30,000 locations
World Bicycle Day turnout	About 400,000 against a plan for 100,000 riders
Linked campaign	Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)

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Delhi Zoo's 21st Sunday Bird Walk Logs 42 Bird Species

15 November 2026 · Environment

The National Zoological Park, New Delhi held the 21st Sunday Bird Walk on 15 November 2026, logging 42 bird species and adding the Northern Shoveler to its checklist.

- The National Zoological Park, New Delhi held the 21st edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP' on 15 November 2026, from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Participants recorded birds of 42 species and counted more than 600 individual birds in the designated area
- The Northern Shoveler (Spatula clypeata) was added to the zoo's bird checklist for the first time in this edition
- The walk was guided by bird expert Vineet Kumar and drew eight participants, including students and wildlife photographers
- Each walk is limited to 20 to 25 people, with compulsory prior registration through the NZP website or the NZP Saathi app

Event	21st edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP'
Venue	National Zoological Park, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Date and timing	15 November 2026, 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Species recorded	42 bird species
Individual birds	More than 600
New checklist addition	Northern Shoveler (Spatula clypeata)
Expert guide	Vineet Kumar, bird expert

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NITI Aayog Launches India S&T Scoreboard for States and UTs

3 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri unveiled the India S&T Scoreboard in New Delhi, a dashboard comparing science and technology across States and UTs.

- NITI Aayog launched the India S&T Scoreboard on 3 November 2026 at the Civil Services Officers' Institute, KG Marg, New Delhi
- It was unveiled by Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, and can be accessed at www.sts.niti.gov.in
- The interactive dashboard gives an integrated view of the science and technology landscape of States and Union Territories for evidence-based policymaking
- It covers higher education institutions, R&D institutions, deep tech startups, incubators, publications and patents, with quality, impact, collaboration and open access indicators
- Indicators are presented across three sectors - academia, government R&D laboratories and industry - and allow side-by-side comparison of States and UTs

Platform	India S&T Scoreboard
Launched by	NITI Aayog
Unveiled by	Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
Date and venue	3 November 2026, Civil Services Officers' Institute, KG Marg, New Delhi
Nature	Interactive dashboard giving an integrated view of the S&T landscape of States and UTs
Three sectors covered	Academia, Government R&D laboratories and Industry
Website	www.sts.niti.gov.in
Guiding principle	Cooperative and competitive federalism; supports the Viksit Bharat@2047 vision

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ASI 2024-25 Reports 9.28 Per Cent Manufacturing GVA Growth

4 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI released Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25 Volume I, showing the manufacturing corporate sector's gross value added growing 9.28 per cent in a year.

- MoSPI released ASI 2024-25 Volume I and Summary Results of the Factory Sector with unit-level data; the factsheet had come on 30 September 2026.
- The manufacturing corporate sector, with over 89 per cent of total GVA, recorded 9.28 per cent GVA growth, 3.45 per cent more factories and 7.57 per cent more persons engaged.
- Net value added per factory in operation rose 6.59 per cent and GVA per person engaged 2.25 per cent, while plant and machinery value grew 7.25 per cent.
- Food products, textiles, basic metals, motor vehicles and wearing apparel together provide over 41 per cent of manufacturing employment.
- Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh hold more than 54 per cent of the country's manufacturing GVA.

Survey	Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024-25
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Publications	Volume I and Summary Results of Factory Sector, with unit-level data
Reference period	April 2024 to March 2025; survey conducted October 2025 to June 2026
Manufacturing GVA growth	9.28 per cent over the previous year, corporate sector
Net value added per factory	Up 6.59 per cent
GVA per person engaged	Up 2.25 per cent
Top five states by GVA	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh

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TRAI Drive Test Rates Mobile Networks in Nuh and Palwal

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TRAI released its July 2026 independent drive test findings for Nuh and Palwal in the Haryana licensed service area, covering 295.2 km of city drive.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test conducted in Nuh and Palwal and adjoining areas of the Haryana Licensed Service Area during July 2026.
- The test ran from 13 to 15 July 2026 and covered 295.2 km of city drive, a 1.8 km walk test and 6 hotspot locations, supervised by TRAI's Regional Office at Jaipur.
- Average download speeds in Nuh were 130.28 Mbps for RJIL, 75.70 Mbps for Airtel, 20.03 Mbps for VIL and 6.78 Mbps for BSNL.
- Average download speeds in Palwal were 212.03 Mbps for RJIL, 105.00 Mbps for Airtel, 40.70 Mbps for VIL and 13.92 Mbps for BSNL.
- Live voice and data sessions were run on 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G networks using SIM cards of all telecom service providers.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
Area tested	Nuh and Palwal cities and adjoining areas, Haryana Licensed Service Area
Dates of testing	13 to 15 July 2026
Coverage of test	City drive 295.2 km, walk test 1.8 km, 6 hotspot locations
Supervised by	TRAI Regional Office, Jaipur
Technologies tested	2G, 3G, 4G and 5G
Highest download, Nuh	RJIL, 130.28 Mbps

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TRAI Drive Test Checks Mobile Quality on Assam Rail Route

9 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI released the findings of an independent drive test over the 515.9 km New Tinsukia-Guwahati railway route in Assam, held on 11 September 2026.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test on the New Tinsukia to Guwahati railway route in the Assam Licensed Service Area.
- The test was conducted on 11 September 2026 over 515.9 km of railway and 2 hotspot locations, supervised by the TRAI regional office at Kolkata.
- The highest average download speed on the route was 110.82 Mbps for RJIL, followed by 42.71 Mbps for Airtel, 15.69 Mbps for VIL and 5 Mbps for BSNL.
- The highest average upload speed was 11.75 Mbps for Airtel, ahead of 8.29 Mbps for RJIL, 5.46 Mbps for VIL and 3.25 Mbps for BSNL.
- Dropped calls were 5 of 166 for Airtel, 9 of 175 for RJIL, 34 of 164 for VIL and 65 of 205 for BSNL.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
Service area	Assam Licensed Service Area
Route	New Tinsukia railway station to Guwahati railway station
Length covered	515.9 km of railway and 2 hotspot locations
Date of test	11 September 2026
Supervised by	TRAI Regional Office, Kolkata
Best download	110.82 Mbps, RJIL

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PLFS Bulletin: LFPR Climbs to 55.5% in July-September 2026

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Labour force participation for persons aged 15 years and above rose to 55.5% in July-September 2026 from 54.6%, and unemployment eased to 5.1%.

- MoSPI released the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin for July-September 2026 on 10 November 2026; it is the sixth bulletin in the series to cover both rural and urban India.
- LFPR for persons aged 15 years and above rose to 55.5% from 54.6% in the previous quarter, with rural LFPR at 58.1% and urban LFPR at 50.4%.
- The Worker Population Ratio improved to 52.7% and the all-India unemployment rate eased to 5.1%, with rural unemployment down to 4.3%.
- Agriculture's share of rural employment rose to 56.7% from 52.9%, while casual labour fell to 21.7% in rural and 10.7% in urban areas.
- An estimated 57.9 crore persons aged 15 years and above were employed in the quarter, including 40.5 crore men and 17.4 crore women.

Report	PLFS Quarterly Bulletin, July-September 2026 (sixth in the rural-urban series)
Released by	National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
LFPR (15+ years)	55.5%, up from 54.6% in April-June 2026
Worker Population Ratio	52.7%, up from 51.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1% overall, 4.3% rural, 6.8% urban
Female LFPR	34.7%, up from 33.2%
Workers estimated	57.9 crore aged 15 years and above (40.5 crore men, 17.4 crore women)
Framework	Current Weekly Status (CWS)

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NITI Aayog Releases Impact Assessment Report on PLI Schemes

12 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

NITI Aayog released the Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes report, prepared with IIM Ahmedabad, covering all 14 sectors with nearly 70 per cent on track.

- NITI Aayog released the report 'Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes' on 12 November 2026, with IIM Ahmedabad as the knowledge partner.
- The study assesses all 14 notified PLI sectors on investment, additional production, exports and employment generation.
- Sectors were sorted into On-Track, Partial Impact, Insignificant Evidence of Impact and Data unavailable; nearly 70 per cent of targeted segments are on track.
- Pharmaceuticals, mobile manufacturing, food processing, telecom, white goods, automobiles and drones showed notable progress, drones being the early success.
- ACC batteries, speciality steel and technical textiles are still building capacity, while high efficiency solar PV module capacity expanded significantly.

Report	Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes
Released by	NITI Aayog
Knowledge partner	Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
Sectors covered	All 14 notified PLI sectors
Parameters	Investment, additional production, exports, employment generation
Outcome categories	On-Track, Partial Impact, Insignificant Evidence of Impact, Data unavailable
Headline finding	Nearly 70 per cent of targeted segments on track
Early success sector	Drones

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WHO Global TB Report 2026: India's TB Deaths Down 38%

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India's tuberculosis mortality has fallen 38% since 2015 and treatment success stands at 94%, says the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 released on 12 November.

- The WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 was released on 12 November 2026 and credits India with a 38% fall in TB mortality since 2015, against a global decline of 35%.
- India's estimated TB death rate fell from 28 per lakh of population in 2015 to 18 per lakh in 2025, and treatment success in drug-susceptible TB is 94%.
- TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan screened over 25 crore people between 7 December 2024 and 8 November 2026, with 11 crore chest X-rays and 3 crore molecular tests.
- Screening found 48.64 lakh new TB patients, of whom 14.97 lakh had no symptoms, and 67,933 panchayats were declared TB free in 2025.
- Domestic resources meet 96% of the TB programme's funding needs; WHO used RGI-SRS data, verbal autopsy work and Ni-kshay records for its mortality estimate.

Report	WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, released 12 November 2026
Fall in TB mortality	38% in India since 2015; global decline 35%
Death rate	28 per lakh of population in 2015 to 18 per lakh in 2025
Treatment success rate	94% in drug-susceptible TB
Domestic funding share	96% of the TB programme's requirement
Cases detected	48.64 lakh, including 14.97 lakh asymptomatic cases
Screening reach	Over 25 crore people; 11 crore chest X-rays; 3 crore NAAT tests
TB-free panchayats	67,933 declared in 2025

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WHO Global TB Report 2026: India's TB Deaths Fall 38%

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India cut tuberculosis deaths by 38% since 2015 and reached a 94% treatment success rate, the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 has recorded.

- India's tuberculosis mortality has fallen 38% since 2015, against a global decline of 35%, as recorded in the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026
- The TB death rate dropped from 28 per lakh population in 2015 to 18 per lakh in 2025, the country's highest-ever reduction
- 94% of patients with drug-susceptible tuberculosis complete treatment successfully under the National TB Elimination Programme
- Intensified screening covered over 25 crore people, using more than 11 crore chest X-rays and 3 crore molecular tests, and found 48.64 lakh cases
- 14.97 lakh of the detected patients had no symptoms, and 67,933 Panchayats were declared TB-free during 2025

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TRAI Bars 1,10,325 Telecom Resources Over Spam in Q2

13 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI barred 1,10,325 telecom resources and blacklisted 374 senders in July-September 2026, its quarterly report on unsolicited commercial communications shows.

- TRAI released the quarterly report on unsolicited commercial communications for July to September 2026, the second quarter of 2026-27
- 1,10,325 telecom resources were barred for fifteen days for a first violation and 13,777 were disconnected for a year for repeat violations
- 374 senders were blacklisted for one year and 3,725 SMS headers were blocked during the quarter
- UCC complaints numbered 1.529 million, of which 92.9 per cent came through the TRAI DND App
- AI based systems flagged about 19.9 billion calls and messages as suspected spam and 4.59 million warnings were issued

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Report	Quarterly highlights of action against UCC, Q2 of FY 2026-27
Period	1 July to 30 September 2026
Calls originated	714.01 billion during the quarter
UCC complaints	1.529 million, about 2.14 for every million calls
Resources barred for 15 days	1,10,325 for a first violation
Resources disconnected for 1 year	13,777 for repeated violations
Senders blacklisted	374 for one year; 3,725 SMS headers blocked

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MoSPI Seeks Feedback on Knowledge Systems Panel Report

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MoSPI has invited public feedback till 12 December 2026 on the Committee on Knowledge Systems report, which frames how to measure knowledge in the economy.

- MoSPI has invited feedback from stakeholders and the public on the report of the Committee on Knowledge Systems till 12 December 2026
- The committee was constituted on 5 May 2026 under the chairmanship of Shri Ratan P. Watal, former Member Secretary of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
- Its Actionable Policy Paper sets out a Knowledge Ecosystem of eight interrelated components and five boundary tests for knowledge products
- It recommends a family of thematic accounts consistent with the System of National Accounts 2025 rather than one aggregate measure
- Priority areas named include human capital, research and development, the creative economy, artificial intelligence systems, data and the digital economy

Ministry	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Committee	Committee on Knowledge Systems, constituted 5 May 2026
Chairman	Shri Ratan P. Watal, former Member Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
Output	Actionable Policy Paper on the Framework for Measuring the Contribution of Knowledge and Knowledge Products to the Economy
Feedback deadline	12 December 2026
Knowledge Ecosystem	Eight interrelated components
Technical Advisory Group	Formed in May 2025 under Dr. R. Balasubramaniam
Initial meeting	Chaired by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser, on 10 February 2025

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Out-of-Pocket Health Spending Falls to 42.7% in 2023-24

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The National Health Accounts 2023-24, released on 15 November 2026, put out-of-pocket health spending at 42.7 percent of the total, down 21.5 points in a decade.

- Out-of-pocket expenditure fell from 64.2 percent of total health spending in 2013-14 to 42.7 percent in 2023-24, a drop of 21.5 percentage points
- Government health expenditure roughly tripled, from Rs 1,29,778 crore to Rs 4,14,196 crore, over the same decade
- Per capita government health spending rose from Rs 1,042 to Rs 2,959, about 2.8 times, and the government share of total health spending gained 14.9 percentage points
- Government spending on primary healthcare reached about Rs 1.53 lakh crore, while social security spending on health went from 6 percent of the total to 11 percent
- NHA 2023-24 is the eleventh round, prepared by the NHA Technical Secretariat at NHSRC on the System of Health Accounts 2011 framework

Report	National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2023-24, the eleventh round
Released by	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on 15 November 2026
Compiled by	NHA Technical Secretariat at the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC)
Framework	System of Health Accounts 2011
Out-of-pocket share	42.7 percent in 2023-24, against 64.2 percent in 2013-14
Fall in OOPE share	21.5 percentage points over the decade
Government health expenditure	Rs 4,14,196 crore in 2023-24, against Rs 1,29,778 crore in 2013-14
Per capita government spending	Rs 2,959, up from Rs 1,042

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Summits & Conferences

Bharat RE Summit 2026 to Open at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

1 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will open the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam on 2 November, on the theme Invest. Innovate. Inspire.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 2 November
- The four-day summit runs from 2 to 5 November 2026 on the theme 'Invest. Innovate. Inspire.'
- Over 130 countries and more than 40 Ministers are expected; nine Country Partners are Australia, Denmark, the European Union, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Norway, Sweden and the United Kingdom
- Thirteen States and Union Territories will showcase their renewable energy potential and investment openings
- It is held alongside the 9th Session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen, with an Expo of over 400 exhibitors

Event	Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 (Bharat RE 2026)
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Dates	2 to 5 November 2026, a four-day summit
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Theme	'Invest. Innovate. Inspire.'
Participation	Over 130 countries and more than 40 Ministers
Country Partners	Nine: Australia, Denmark, European Union, France, Germany, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, United Kingdom
States and UTs	Thirteen, including Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Odisha and West Bengal

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PM Modi Opens Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo in Delhi

2 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo in Delhi, which is also hosting the 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo in Delhi, with Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and Shripad Naik present
- The 9th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance and the fourth conference on green hydrogen are being held alongside the summit
- India has built about 300 GW of its 500 GW non-fossil capacity goal for 2030, and met the Paris pledge of half its capacity from non-fossil sources in 2025, five years early
- Solar module manufacturing capacity has risen from about 2 GW a decade ago to more than 200 GW, with solar cell capacity near 40 GW
- An Africa Solar Facility of 200 million dollars has been proposed to take renewable energy funding and technology to African countries

Event	Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo, Delhi
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Held alongside	9th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance; fourth conference on green hydrogen
Non-fossil target	500 GW by 2030, of which about 300 GW is built
Paris pledge	Half of installed capacity from non-fossil sources, achieved in 2025
Solar module capacity	Over 200 GW, up from about 2 GW a decade ago
Green hydrogen target	50 lakh tonnes a year by the end of the decade
Africa Solar Facility	200 million dollars proposed

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First International Maize Conference Opens in Hyderabad

2 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 1st International Maize Conference began at Hyderabad on the theme of a maize revolution for food, feed, fodder, fuel and sustainability in a changing world.

- The 1st International Maize Conference opened at the JD Convention Centre, Hyderabad, and runs from 2 to 4 November
- Its theme is Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World, abbreviated M4FS
- Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary DARE and Director General ICAR, said India's maize production is about 55 million tonnes and called for 75 million tonnes over the next decade
- He proposed expanding the 4F vision of food, feed, fodder and fuel into 5F by placing farmers at the centre
- Dr D. K. Yadav said 329 maize hybrids had been developed in the past five years and asked for the All India Coordinated Research Project on Maize to be strengthened

Event	1st International Maize Conference
Venue	JD Convention Centre, Hyderabad
Dates	2 to 4 November
Theme	Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World (M4FS)
Present production	About 55 million tonnes
Goal	75 million tonnes in the next decade, with productivity up one-and-a-half times
New idea	4F widened to 5F by adding farmers
Hybrids developed	329 maize hybrids in the past five years

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MoSPI and UN Women Hold National Conference on Gender Statistics

2 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

MoSPI and UN Women held a one-day national conference in New Delhi on 2 November 2026 to carry the findings of Women and Men in India 2025 into policy.

- MoSPI and UN Women organised a one-day National Conference on the theme Gender Data and Statistics: From Evidence to Policy Insights in New Delhi on 2 November 2026
- The conference was built around the findings of Women and Men in India 2025, a flagship publication of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- Four thematic technical sessions covered health and survival, girls' education, women's work and wages, and women's livelihoods, enterprises and financial inclusion
- Shoko Ishikawa, Country Representative of UN Women India, gave the welcome address, and Jean-Eric Paque, EU Ambassador to India, spoke on the EU-India Strategic Partnership
- Shamika Ravi of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister sought better employment quality and state-level analysis of gender statistics

Event	National Conference on Gender Data and Statistics: From Evidence to Policy Insights
Date and venue	One-day conference, 2 November 2026, New Delhi
Organisers	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) with UN Women
Publication discussed	Women and Men in India 2025, a flagship publication of MoSPI
Technical sessions	Four thematic sessions
Welcome address	Shoko Ishikawa, Country Representative, UN Women India
European Union	Jean-Eric Paque, Ambassador of the European Union to India
MoSPI officials	Dalip Singh, DG (Central Statistics); Geeta Singh Rathore, DG (NSS); Supriya Roy and Sunitha Bhaskar, Additional Directors General

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IPRD-2026 Opens in New Delhi on Science and Technology

3 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Indian Navy's Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 began in New Delhi on the theme of science, technology and academic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

- The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026, the Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, opened in New Delhi on 3 November 2026
- The three-day conference is organised with the National Maritime Foundation, the Navy's knowledge partner
- Its theme is 'Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific'
- The inaugural address was given by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi (Retd), NMF Chairman and former Chief of the Naval Staff, followed by National Maritime Security Coordinator Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd)
- A monograph titled 'Sea Blindness and Maritime Heritage in India' was released, and the ambassadorial interaction 'Sahyog Ka Samvaad' was held

Event	Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 (IPRD-2026)
Nature	The Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue
Dates and venue	Began 3 November 2026, New Delhi; a three-day conference
Knowledge partner	National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
Theme	Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
Inaugural address	Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi (Retd), Chairman NMF and former Chief of the Naval Staff
Special address	Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd), National Maritime Security Coordinator
Monograph released	Sea Blindness and Maritime Heritage in India

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Keralam Resolution Adopted at PAC Chairpersons Conference

4 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees at Thiruvananthapuram adopted the Keralam Resolution, with the Lok Sabha Speaker in the chair.

- The Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and State or UT Legislatures was held at Thiruvananthapuram on 3 and 4 November 2026.
- Delegates adopted the Keralam Resolution; Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla gave the valedictory address and representatives of twenty-seven states attended.
- The resolution seeks a digital portal for peer learning among PACs and a digital oversight tool like the Audit Para Monitoring System in every state and UT.
- It asks PACs to consider at least three sittings a month, to form sub-committees for pending audit observations and to fix timelines for Action Taken Notes.
- Om Birla proposed a common digital Audit Monitoring Platform for state legislatures on the lines of the one serving parliamentary committees.

Conference	Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislatures
Venue	Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam
Dates	3 and 4 November 2026, a two-day conference
Document adopted	Keralam Resolution
Valedictory address	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
Lok Sabha PAC Chairman	K. C. Venugopal
Plenary theme	Audit, accountability and good governance, and the evolving role of the PAC
Digital tool sought	Audit Para Monitoring System in all state and UT PACs

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4th Conference of Mining Ministers Begins in Goa

5 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Mines is holding the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers in Goa on 5 and 6 November 2026 with State ministers and senior officials.

- The Ministry of Mines is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers on 5 and 6 November 2026 in Goa.
- The two-day conference brings together Mining Ministers from various States along with senior officials of the Central and State Governments.
- Sessions will cover the progress, opportunities and challenges of the mining sector, with States sharing their experiences, initiatives and best practices.
- The meeting is meant to strengthen mutual engagement and to deliberate on the future growth and development of India's mining sector.
- The Ministry has linked the collective advancement of the mining sector to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Event	4th Conference of Mining Ministers
Organiser	Ministry of Mines, Government of India
Venue	Goa
Dates	5 and 6 November 2026
Duration	Two days
Participants	Mining Ministers of various States and senior officials of the Central and State Governments
Agenda	Progress, opportunities and challenges of the mining sector; sharing of State experiences and best practices
Vision linked	Viksit Bharat

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Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026 Concludes in New Delhi

5 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 closed in New Delhi on 5 November 2026 with over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries attending it.

- The Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 concluded in New Delhi on 5 November 2026, with the valedictory session addressed by Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan.
- It drew over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries, more than 32 international Ministers, over 400 exhibitors, more than 620 speakers and 113 sessions.
- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said India's renewable energy sector has attracted over Rs 15 lakh crore of investment in a decade, nearly Rs 6 lakh crore of it in the last two years.
- The summit also hosted the 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen, and saw 10 MoUs signed.
- India's solar module manufacturing capacity has crossed 225 GW, making it the world's second-largest maker of solar modules.

Event	Bharat Renewable Energy (BRE) Summit and Expo 2026
Venue and date of valedictory	New Delhi, 5 November 2026
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan; Union Minister Pralhad Joshi
Participation	Over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries, over 32 international Ministers
Partners	14 States and UTs, six Chief Ministers, 10 State Energy Ministers, over eight partner countries and the European Union
Sessions	Over 400 exhibitors, more than 620 speakers, 113 sessions, 800 international delegates
Events hosted within	9th International Solar Alliance Assembly; 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen
Investment	Over Rs 15 lakh crore in a decade, nearly Rs 6 lakh crore in the last two years

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Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 Concludes in New Delhi

5 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Indian Navy's three-day Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue closed in New Delhi with over 40 experts from 20 countries debating maritime science and technology.

- The three-day Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026, the Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, concluded in New Delhi on 5 November 2026
- IPRD-2026 was organised with the National Maritime Foundation on the theme Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, across five thematic sessions
- Chief of Defence Staff General NS Raja Subramani gave the Special Address on the concluding day and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh gave the Valedictory Address
- More than forty experts and speakers from twenty countries took part, adding substance to the Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation pillar of the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative
- The dialogue gave clearer expression to India's maritime vision MAHASAGAR, or Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Event	Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 (IPRD-2026)
What it is	The Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue
Venue and date	New Delhi; concluded 5 November 2026 after three days
Organised with	National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
Theme	Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
Sessions	Five professional thematic sessions
Special Address	General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff
Valedictory Address	Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary

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4th Conference of Mining Ministers Ends in Goa; Focus on Exploration

6 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 4th Conference of Mining Ministers ended in Goa on 6 November 2026, with Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy urging faster mineral exploration by Centre and States.

- The 4th Conference of Mining Ministers, a two-day event, concluded in Goa, as reported by the Ministry of Mines on 6 November 2026.
- Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy called for Centre and States to expedite mineral exploration in view of growing demand for critical minerals.
- He also stressed higher State revenue from mining, better mine planning and effective mine closure practices.
- Minister of State Satish Chandra Dubey and Mines Secretary Keshav Chandra attended; States such as Rajasthan, Karnataka and Telangana shared issues on the second day.

Event	4th Conference of Mining Ministers
Venue	Goa
Duration	Two days; conclusion reported on 6 November 2026
Union Minister of Coal and Mines	G. Kishan Reddy
Minister of State for Coal and Mines	Satish Chandra Dubey
Secretary, Ministry of Mines	Keshav Chandra
Key theme	Faster mineral exploration amid rising demand for critical minerals
States on day two	Telangana, West Bengal, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala

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Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027 Set for 4-9 February

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The third Bharat Mobility Global Expo runs from 4 to 9 February 2027 at Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi on the theme Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow.

- The third Bharat Mobility Global Expo will be held from 4 to 9 February 2027 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
- Theme of the edition is Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow; the Curtain Raiser was hosted on 10 November 2026 by the Commerce and Industry and Heavy Industries ministries
- Scale planned: over 1,750 exhibitors, 11 concurrent shows, more than 10 lakh visitors and over 2.5 lakh square metres of space
- Piyush Goyal called it the world's second largest mobility expo and sought at least 25,000 international visitors
- India had reached about 480 billion dollars of exports by September, 48 per cent of its one-trillion-dollar yearly target, with engineering exports up about 22 per cent

Event	Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027, third edition
Dates	4 to 9 February 2027
Venues	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, Delhi
Theme	Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow
Hosted by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the Ministry of Heavy Industries
Exhibitors	More than 1,750
Concurrent shows	11
Expected footfall	More than 10 lakh visitors

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INSA Endorses S20 Joint Statement Ahead of G20 Summit in Miami

12 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Indian National Science Academy endorsed the Joint S20 Statement of G20 science academies, which will go to the G20 before its Miami summit in December.

- INSA, an institution of the Department of Science and Technology, endorsed the Joint S20 Statement of G20 science academies
- The statement was released on 10 November 2026 under the leadership of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences
- It will be placed before the G20 ahead of the G20 Summit at Miami, Florida, in December 2026
- Its theme is the use of Earth observation, remote sensing, early warning systems, digital twins, drones and AI for disaster preparedness
- The statement lists five areas for action, and the Royal Society will lead the S20 process in 2027

Academy	Indian National Science Academy (INSA), an institution of the Department of Science and Technology
Endorsed	Joint S20 Statement of the science academies of the G20 countries
Statement released on	10 November 2026
S20 2026 led by	U.S. National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
To be placed before	The G20, ahead of the G20 Summit at Miami, Florida
G20 Summit	December 2026, Miami, Florida
Subject	Advanced technology for preparedness and response to natural hazards and disasters
Areas for action	Five, from data collection to international and cross-sector collaboration

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31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 Opens in Visakhapatnam

12 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 began in Visakhapatnam on the theme 'Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust, Thought Leadership'.

- The 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 is being held on 12-13 November 2026 at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
- Theme: 'Navigating the New World Order: Trade | Technology | Trust | Thought Leadership'; organised by CII with DPIIT and hosted by the Andhra Pradesh government.
- Amit Shah, Piyush Goyal, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Konidala Pawan Kalyan attended the inaugural session.
- NICDC showcased its three greenfield industrial smart city nodes in the State - Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy - spread over 7,717 acres with investment potential of Rs 31,360 crore.
- Japan's Ambassador Keiichi Ono said 31 Japanese companies in three cities of Andhra Pradesh have generated over 8,000 local jobs.

Event	31st CII Partnership Summit 2026
Venue	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Dates	12-13 November 2026
Theme	Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust, Thought Leadership
Organisers	Confederation of Indian Industry with DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Host	Government of Andhra Pradesh
NICDC nodes shown	Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy
Combined node area	7,717 acres

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Vice-President Addresses 31st CII Partnership Summit Close

13 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the valedictory session of the 31st CII Partnership Summit at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh on 13 November.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the valedictory session of the 31st CII Partnership Summit at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- The theme of the summit was Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust
- He said Andhra Pradesh had attracted 714 investment projects worth over twenty-two lakh crore rupees since June 2024
- The state's Swarna Andhra 2047 vision was described as aligned with the national goal of Viksit Bharat 2047
- Governor S. Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee were among those present

Event	31st CII Partnership Summit
Session addressed	Valedictory session
Venue	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Theme	Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Investment projects cited	714 projects since June 2024
State's vision	Swarna Andhra 2047
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister	N. Chandrababu Naidu

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National Tribal Literary Festival Ends With 27 Languages

14 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs closed its two-day National Tribal Literary Festival in New Delhi on 13 November 2026, with writing in 27 languages read out.

- The National Tribal Literary Festival, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, ran for two days at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, and concluded on 13 November 2026.
- Its theme was From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature, and it was held as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations.
- Writing in 27 languages was represented at the festival, of which 23 were tribal languages.
- Living Roots Originals, developed with the Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS), protects the creative rights of tribal musicians and performers.
- Closing sessions covered the Gond Ramayana, the Bhil Mahabharata, Manipur’s Wari Leeba storytelling tradition and the Khamba-Thoibi epic.

Event	National Tribal Literary Festival (two days)
Organiser	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Concluded on	13 November 2026
Theme	From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature
Languages represented	27, of which 23 were tribal languages
Held as part of	Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations
Initiative highlighted	Living Roots Originals, with the Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS)

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IICA Consultation Urges Policy Shift From Control to Trust

14 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

A high-level IICA stakeholder consultation in New Delhi on public policy and corporate affairs called for a shift in public policy from control to trust.

- IICA, a think tank under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, held a stakeholder consultation on public policy and corporate affairs at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- The theme was ‘Public Policy & Corporate Affairs: Evolving Roles & Professional Development’ and experts called for a shift from control to trust
- IICA Director General and CEO Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh delivered the inaugural theme address
- Deliberations ran in three tracks and drew more than 50 senior representatives from companies, consulting firms, think tanks, academia and civil society
- The meeting backed a multidisciplinary, case-based curriculum with internships in government and ended with a roadmap for IICA

Organiser	Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India
Event	High-level Stakeholder Consultation on ‘Public Policy & Corporate Affairs: Evolving Roles & Professional Development’
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Theme address	Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA
Key message	Public policy must shift from control to trust
Tracks	Three: the function, the evolving role of professionals, and their education and development
Participation	More than 50 senior representatives from industry, consulting, think tanks, academia and civil society

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NIELIT to Host 3rd NCCDFI 2026 Cyber Security Conference

15 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

NIELIT will hold the 3rd National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence in New Delhi on 16 and 17 November 2026 on a Cyber Secure Bharat theme.

- NCCDFI 2026, the third National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence, is on 16 and 17 November 2026 in New Delhi
- The theme is Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future, and the organiser is NIELIT under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- The first edition was held at Kohima in Nagaland in 2024 and the second at Gauhati University in Guwahati in 2025
- The conference is built around ten tracks, from AI Security and Threat Intelligence to Drone and IoT Forensics, Cyber Law and Cloud Security
- The Cyber Kushti 2026 hackathon drew 1,031 teams with 3,093 participants, of whom 923 teams were shortlisted for the first level

Conference	3rd National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence (NCCDFI 2026)
Dates	16 and 17 November 2026
Venue	Dr Ambedkar International Centre, 15 Janpath, New Delhi
Theme	Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future
Organiser	NIELIT, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
First edition	Kohima, Nagaland, 2024
Second edition	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, 2025
Tracks	Ten, including AI Security, Cyber Law and Cloud Security

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Om Birla to Open CWP India Region Meet at Vidhana Soudha

15 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians India Region Conference at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, on 17 November 2026.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurates the CWP India Region Conference at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, on 17 November 2026
- The theme is 'Strong Foundations, Stronger Voices: Inclusive Cyberspace and Mentorship Pathways for New Women Legislators'
- Karnataka Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar delivers the keynote address and Daggubati Purandeswari is Chairperson of the CWP India Region
- Two plenary sessions cover safe cyberspace for women and capacity building with mentorship for women legislators, and UN Women India holds a side event on menopause
- The two-day conference closes on 18 November 2026 with the valedictory address of Karnataka Governor Dr Sudha Yadav

Event	Conference of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) India Region
Venue	Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Dates	17 and 18 November 2026
Inaugurated by	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
Theme	Strong Foundations, Stronger Voices: Inclusive Cyberspace and Mentorship Pathways for New Women Legislators
Keynote address	Karnataka Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar
CWP India Region Chairperson	Daggubati Purandeswari
First plenary	Empowering Women Digitally: Safe Cyberspace, Smart Choices, on 17 November 2026

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Persons in News

President Attends Swami Shraddhanand Martyrdom Centenary

1 November 2026 · Persons in News

President Droupadi Murmu attended the Balidan Shatabdi Samaroh marking 100 years of Swami Shraddhanand's martyrdom at Gurukul, Kurukshetra on 1 November 2026.

- President Droupadi Murmu attended the Balidan Shatabdi Samaroh of Swami Shraddhanand at Gurukul, Kurukshetra, Haryana on 1 November 2026
- The event marked the 100th year of his martyrdom and the President paid tribute to him
- His life moved from Munshiram to Mahatma Munshiram and then to Swami Shraddhanand, dedicated to the Vedas and social upliftment
- He spoke from the platform of the Jama Masjid in Delhi on mutual goodwill and national unity, and opposed untouchability
- He revived the Gurukul system, continuing the cause of Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati, founder of the Arya Samaj

Who attended	President of India Droupadi Murmu
Occasion	Balidan Shatabdi Samaroh of Swami Shraddhanand, 100th year of martyrdom
Venue	Gurukul, Kurukshetra, Haryana
Date	1 November 2026
Earlier names	Munshiram and then Mahatma Munshiram
Known for	Service of the Vedas, reviving the Gurukul system, opposing untouchability
Notable address	From the platform of the Jama Masjid, Delhi, on goodwill and national unity
Arya Samaj founder	Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati

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Bharat Ratna L.K. Advani Enters His 100th Year

8 November 2026 · Persons in News

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted Bharat Ratna and former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani as he entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026.

- Bharat Ratna and former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted him and published an article, in English and Hindi, on Advani's contribution to India.
- The Prime Minister recalled Advani living through Partition, strengthening the Jana Sangh and building the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- He also recalled Advani standing up for democracy during the Emergency and leading the Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra.
- Advani was described as a voracious reader, a prolific writer and a lover of culture and cinema.

Person in news	Lal Krishna Advani
Milestone	Entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026
Civilian honour	Bharat Ratna
Office held	Former Deputy Prime Minister of India
Party work	Strengthened the Jana Sangh and built the Bharatiya Janata Party
Yatra led	Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra
Stood up for democracy	During the Emergency
Other facets	Voracious reader, prolific writer, lover of culture and cinema

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Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Birth Anniversary Marked in Parliament

11 November 2026 · Persons in News

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla led tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on his birth anniversary at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on 11 November 2026.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid floral tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on his birth anniversary on 11 November 2026
- The tribute was offered at Azad's portrait in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, the building earlier known as Parliament House
- Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, sitting and former Members of Parliament also paid tributes
- Secretaries-General Utpal Kumar Singh of the Lok Sabha and P. C. Mody of the Rajya Sabha were present, and a booklet on Azad in Hindi and English was given to the dignitaries
- Azad's portrait was unveiled in the Central Hall by the then President Dr Rajendra Prasad on 16 December 1959

Occasion	Birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
Date	11 November 2026
Venue	Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, earlier Parliament House
Tributes led by	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
Minister present	Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs
Secretary-General, Lok Sabha	Utpal Kumar Singh
Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha	P. C. Mody
Portrait unveiled by	Dr Rajendra Prasad, then President of India

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President Murmu Attends Haryana Hirak Jayanti at Kurukshetra

1 November 2026 · State News

President Droupadi Murmu joined the 'Hirak Jayanti' celebration marking the 60th year of the formation of Haryana at Kurukshetra on 1 November 2026.

- President Droupadi Murmu attended the 'Hirak Jayanti' celebration on the 60th year of the formation of Haryana, at Kurukshetra on 1 November 2026
- She said people from Haryana have contributed in fields ranging from the freedom struggle to social change, democracy, literature and science
- She recalled that the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign was launched from Panipat in January 2015
- The President was happy that the sex ratio at birth in 2025 had risen compared with 2014, and said it should reach parity
- She praised the daughters of Haryana for their achievements at international championships and recalled that the State gave the world the message of the Gita

Occasion	'Hirak Jayanti' (diamond jubilee) celebration, 60th year of the formation of Haryana
Date	1 November 2026
Venue	Kurukshetra, Haryana
Attended by	President Droupadi Murmu
Campaign recalled	'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao'
Launched from	Panipat, in January 2015
Sex ratio at birth	Higher in 2025 than in 2014
Fields of contribution cited	Freedom struggle, social change, democracy, literature and science

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Amit Shah Opens Chandigarh Projects Worth Rs 258 Crore

1 November 2026 · State News

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for projects worth Rs 258 crore of the Chandigarh Administration on 1 November 2026.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for Chandigarh Administration projects worth Rs 258 crore on 1 November 2026
- The works cover education, healthcare, justice, administration, research and innovation
- A City-UT Bus Depot built at a cost of Rs 68 crore was inaugurated, along with Type-3 quarters for police personnel also costing Rs 68 crore
- Punjab Governor and Chandigarh Administrator Gulab Chand Kataria was present at the ceremony
- Chandigarh, Haryana and the Chandigarh Police all came into being on the same day in 1966, completing 60 years in 2026

Who	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah
Where	Chandigarh
Date	1 November 2026
Value of projects	Rs 258 crore, inaugurated and foundation stones laid
Sectors	Education, healthcare, justice, administration, research and innovation
City-UT Bus Depot	Rs 68 crore
Police quarters	Type-3 residential quarters at Rs 68 crore
Administrator of Chandigarh	Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab

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Nadi Sanjivani MoU Signed for Silt Use in Bihar Highways

3 November 2026 · State News

MoRTH and Bihar signed an MoU for scientific desilting of rivers under Nadi Sanjivani, with 243 lakh cubic metres of silt for 16 ongoing highway projects.

- MoRTH and the Government of Bihar signed an MoU for scientific desilting of rivers and use of silt in National Highway projects, named Nadi Sanjivani
- 243 lakh cubic metres of silt will be used in 16 ongoing projects and 835 lakh cubic metres is proposed for 27 future projects
- 39 NHAI projects of about 1,561 km costing about Rs 58,340 crore are under construction in Bihar; 11 more of about 1,982 km and Rs 1,85,200 crore are proposed
- Work will follow the Bihar Water Sources Restoration and Silt Management Policy, 2026, with the Road Construction Department as nodal department
- The National Highway network in Bihar has grown from 4,615 km in 2014 to about 6,500 km at present

Initiative	Nadi Sanjivani
Signatories	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Government of Bihar
Present at signing	Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister, and Samrat Choudhary, Chief Minister of Bihar
Silt for ongoing projects	243 lakh cubic metres in 16 projects
Silt proposed	835 lakh cubic metres in 27 future projects
Nodal department	Road Construction Department, Government of Bihar
Governing policy	Bihar Water Sources Restoration and Silt Management Policy, 2026
Under construction	39 NHAI projects, about 1,561 km, about Rs 58,340 crore

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Sikkim Dairy Gets Microbiology Lab and Churpi Traceability

3 November 2026 · State News

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh opened the Sikkim Milk Union's microbiology laboratory at Gangtok and launched the Churpi Traceability initiative.

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh inaugurated the Sikkim Milk Union's Microbiology Laboratory at Gangtok on 3 November 2026 under the National Programme for Dairy Development
- He launched the Churpi Traceability initiative for the traditional dairy product and Fodder Plus products developed by Farmer Producer Organisations
- Sikkim's milk production rose 79 per cent, from 1.37 lakh litres to 2.45 lakh litres a day, and dairy cooperative societies by 88 per cent, from 389 in 2014-15 to 733 in 2025-26
- A Centre of Excellence for the indigenous Siri cattle breed was announced, to use advanced breeding technologies including IVF
- NDDB will finance and carry out the modernisation of the Mangan dairy plant on the model used in Mizoram

Minister	Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh), Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Place and date	Sikkim Milk Union programme, Gangtok, 3 November 2026
Inaugurated	Microbiology Laboratory of the Sikkim Milk Union under the National Programme for Dairy Development; the Karfectar laboratory virtually
Launched	Churpi Traceability initiative and Fodder Plus products of Farmer Producer Organisations
New societies	Registration certificates to five new Dairy Cooperative Societies
Milk production	Up 79 per cent, from 1.37 lakh to 2.45 lakh litres a day
Cooperative societies	Up 88 per cent, from 389 in 2014-15 to 733 in 2025-26
Supply to consumers	Doubled from 28,000 litres to 56,000 litres a day

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Uttarakhand Police Gets President's Colour, 16th Force in India

6 November 2026 · State News

Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to Uttarakhand Police in Dehradun on 6 November 2026, the 16th force to get it, at the state's foundation day events.

- On 6 November 2026 Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to the Uttarakhand Police in Dehradun, making it the 16th police force in India to receive this highest honour.
- The honour was dedicated to 206 police personnel who made the supreme sacrifice; the force's motto is 'Karm Satyam Shauryam' and its strength has grown from 13,000 to over 26,000.
- Uttarakhand Police topped the country with a score of 93.46 on the CCTNS/ICJS 2.0 dashboard and is the first state police force to scale Mount Everest.
- Uttarakhand was formed on 9 November 2000; at the 2026 Foundation Day, 63 projects worth ₹1,508 crore were launched or inaugurated.
- Uttarakhand was the first state to implement the Uniform Civil Code on the ground; its GSDP has grown 50% since 2022.

Honour	President's Colour to Uttarakhand Police
Presented by	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, in Dehradun on 6 November 2026
Rank	16th police force in India to receive it
Martyrs honoured	206 personnel
Motto	Karm Satyam Shauryam
Force strength	From 13,000 to more than 26,000
CCTNS/ICJS 2.0 score	93.46, first in the country
State formed	9 November 2000

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Amit Shah Reviews Gujarat Internal Security in Ahmedabad

7 November 2026 · State News

Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed Gujarat internal security at Ahmedabad, seeking a tighter watch on the 2,340 km coastline and action on drug kingpins.

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah chaired a high-level review of Gujarat law and order and internal security in Ahmedabad on 7 November 2026.
- Gujarat coastline runs to about 2,340 kilometres and the state borders Pakistan, so the BSF, state police, Coast Guard and central agencies were told to coordinate.
- Under the new criminal laws Gujarat filed 92 per cent of chargesheets within 60 days and 86 per cent within 90 days; over 25,000 forensic cases are pending.
- The capacity of S4C and the 1930 cybercrime helpline is to be raised, and 2,412 illegal foreign nationals have already been deported under special drives.

Event	High-level review of Gujarat law and order and internal security
Chaired by	Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation
Venue	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Date	7 November 2026
Gujarat coastline	About 2,340 kilometres; the state also borders Pakistan
Chargesheets	92 per cent filed within 60 days, 86 per cent within 90 days
Forensic backlog	More than 25,000 pending cases, to be cleared by a special drive
Cybercrime	Capacity of S4C and the 1930 helpline to be enhanced

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Amit Shah Opens Rs 1,400 Crore Ahmedabad Projects

9 November 2026 · State News

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for development works worth about Rs 1,400 crore in Ahmedabad on 9 November 2026.

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for works worth about Rs 1,400 crore in Ahmedabad on 9 November 2026.
- Of the total, about Rs 1,024 crore is Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation work and about Rs 400 crore comes through the Gujarat Roads and Buildings Department and the Government of India.
- A four-kilometre ISKCON overbridge, a pump house for the Bopal-Ghuma area and the Jalasapur Water Treatment Plant were among the projects.
- The target announced is a drug-free India by 31 December 2029, with Gujarat asked to achieve it before 31 December 2028; the drug helpline is 1033.
- Works worth Rs 25,000 crore have been completed in the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency over the past seven years.

Occasion	Inauguration and foundation stones for works of about Rs 1,400 crore, Ahmedabad, 9 November 2026
Who	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Also present	Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat
Split of outlay	About Rs 1,024 crore by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and about Rs 400 crore by the Gujarat Roads and Buildings Department with the Government of India
Drug-free India target	31 December 2029; Gujarat asked to achieve it before 31 December 2028
Drug helpline	1033, with the informant's identity kept confidential
Control room	To start from 1 December, with action within three hours of information
Gandhinagar Lok Sabha	Works worth Rs 25,000 crore completed in the past seven years

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Odisha Millet Roadmap Targets 5 Lakh Hectares by 2047

10 November 2026 · State News

At a national event in Bhubaneswar, ICAR chief M. L. Jat set a target of 5 lakh hectares under millets in Odisha by 2047 with 8 lakh tonnes of output.

- A two-day national event on agro-biodiversity, climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable food systems began at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 10 November 2026.
- ICAR Director General Dr Mangi Lal Jat called for raising Odisha's millet area from 1.79 lakh hectares to 5 lakh hectares by 2047, with output of 8 lakh metric tonnes.
- The Odisha Shree Anna Abhiyan was described as a potential national model for millet-based agricultural transformation.
- Odisha procured 7.5 lakh quintals of ragi in KMS 2024-25 and has a target of 8 lakh quintals for 2025-26.
- The state has documented 163 finger millet landraces, and varieties such as Kalia, Bati, Mami and Bharathi were highlighted for conservation.

Event	Two-day national event on agro-biodiversity conservation, climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable food systems
Venue	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Proposed by	Dr Mangi Lal Jat, Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR
Millet area target	From 1.79 lakh hectares to 5 lakh hectares by 2047
Production target	8 lakh metric tonnes
State campaign	Odisha Shree Anna Abhiyan
Ragi procurement	7.5 lakh quintals in KMS 2024-25; target 8 lakh quintals for 2025-26
Finger millet landraces	163 documented, including Kalia, Bati, Mami and Bharathi

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Buddha's Sacred Relics Reach Golden Pagoda in Namsai, Arunachal

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The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha reached the Golden Pagoda at Namsai on 14 November 2026 for the last phase of the Arunachal Pradesh exposition.

- The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha arrived at Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh on 14 November 2026, beginning the third and final phase of the State exposition at the Golden Pagoda or Kongmu Kham.
- Governor Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retd.) received the Relics at Nalung Helipad and inaugurated the exposition, with Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein present.
- Public darshan at Namsai runs from 14 to 20 November 2026, and the Relics return to the National Museum, New Delhi, on 21 November 2026.
- The exposition began at Tawang Monastery on 31 October 2026 with over 31,000 devotees and continued at Bomdila from 8 to 13 November with over 35,000, taking the total past 66,000.
- Two exhibitions opened at the Golden Pagoda: one by the International Buddhist Confederation on the Piprahwa relics and one curated by the National Museum on Buddhist heritage.

Event	Exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
Final phase venue	Golden Pagoda (Kongmu Kham), Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh
Arrival at Namsai	14 November 2026
Public darshan	14 to 20 November 2026
Received by	Governor Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retd.), at Nalung Helipad
First phase	Tawang Monastery, from 31 October 2026, over 31,000 devotees
Second phase	Bomdila, West Kameng, 8 to 13 November 2026, over 35,000 devotees
Cumulative footfall	More than 66,000 at Tawang and Bomdila

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. From which launch centre was the GSLV-F18/NVS-03 mission flown?

(A) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram
(B) Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota
(C) U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru
(D) Space Applications Centre, Ahmedabad

2. NVS-03 is which satellite of the second-generation NavIC series?

(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Third
(D) Fifth

3. By what percentage did India's total coal imports decline in August 2026 over August 2025?

(A) 4.18 per cent
(B) 5.83 per cent
(C) 6.39 per cent
(D) 35.23 per cent

4. What was the volume of India’s total coal imports in August 2026?

(A) 111.05 million tonnes
(B) 104.57 million tonnes
(C) 27.30 million tonnes
(D) 21.32 million tonnes

5. Which Indian Navy ship called at Souda Bay in Greece on 31 October 2026?

(A) INS Trishul
(B) INS Tabar
(C) INS Trikand
(D) INS Teg

6. Souda Bay, where INS Trishul made a port call, is located in which country?

(A) Italy
(B) Greece
(C) Cyprus
(D) Egypt

7. In which city is the Ministry of Coal holding its Star Rating Awards Ceremony for coal and lignite mines?

(A) Raipur
(B) Ranchi
(C) Bhubaneswar
(D) Nagpur

8. Under the Star Rating Policy for Coal Mines, reviewers who assess and validate the performance of mines are appointed by which body?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Coal Controller's Organisation
(C) Coal India Limited
(D) Central Pollution Control Board

9. Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh observe their State Foundation Day on which date?

(A) 1 October
(B) 1 November
(C) 15 November
(D) 1 May

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10. In his foundation day message, which state did the Prime Minister describe as advancing on development while the roots of Naxalism are being removed?

(A) Jharkhand
(B) Odisha
(C) Chhattisgarh
(D) Telangana

11. Projects worth how much are to be inaugurated under PMMSY during the Union Minister's visit to Sikkim?

(A) Rs 275 lakh
(B) Rs 375 lakh
(C) Rs 475 lakh
(D) Rs 575 lakh

12. How many fisheries production and processing clusters have been notified across the country under PMMSY?

(A) 24
(B) 30
(C) 34
(D) 44

13. At which venue were the National Organ Transplant Games 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
(B) Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi
(C) Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium, New Delhi
(D) Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, New Delhi

14. How many transplant recipients and donors held the Tadasana posture together to set a world record at the National Organ Transplant Games?

(A) 370
(B) 470
(C) 570
(D) 670

15. Which police force was conferred the President's Colour on its Diamond Jubilee on 1 November 2026?

(A) Punjab Police
(B) Haryana Police
(C) Chandigarh Police
(D) Delhi Police

16. A police force becomes eligible for the President's Colour after how much service?

(A) More than 5 years
(B) More than 15 years
(C) More than 25 years
(D) More than 50 years

17. Which Foundation Day did the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation celebrate on 1 November 2026?

(A) 72nd
(B) 73rd
(C) 74th
(D) 75th

18. Inoperative EPF accounts with balances up to which amount will now be settled automatically?

(A) Rs 500
(B) Rs 1,000
(C) Rs 5,000
(D) Rs 10,000

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19. Who has assumed charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India?

(A) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir
(B) Prajith Kumar M. V.
(C) Chandra Bhushan Kumar
(D) Ramesh Krishnamurthi

20. The Geological Survey of India is an attached office of which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(B) Ministry of Coal
(C) Ministry of Mines
(D) Ministry of Science and Technology

21. What was Coal India's highest-ever monthly coal production, recorded in October 2026?

(A) 57.1 MT
(B) 62.47 MT
(C) 67.2 MT
(D) 70.3 MT

22. Coal India Limited was established on which date?

(A) 1 November 1975
(B) 1 November 1973
(C) 1 April 1975
(D) 15 August 1976

23. What is the theme of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026?

(A) 'Invest. Innovate. Inspire.'
(B) 'Energy for All'
(C) 'One Sun, One World, One Grid'
(D) 'Green Growth, Global Good'

24. Bharat RE 2026 is being held alongside which session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly?

(A) 7th Session
(B) 8th Session
(C) 9th Session
(D) 11th Session

25. At how many airports has Digi Yatra started trials for international passengers?

(A) Five
(B) Seven
(C) Nine
(D) Thirteen

26. During the international trial, Digi Yatra is open to passengers flying on select international flights of which airlines?

(A) Air India and IndiGo
(B) Air India and SpiceJet
(C) IndiGo and Akasa Air
(D) Air India Express and Vistara

27. In which city of Bhutan were 108 stupas raised and consecrated on 1 November 2026?

(A) Thimphu
(B) Paro
(C) Gelephu Mindfulness City
(D) Punakha

28. What is the height of each of the stupas raised at Gelephu Mindfulness City?

(A) 11 metres
(B) 15 metres
(C) 76 metres
(D) 108 metres

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29. The 'Hirak Jayanti' celebration attended by President Droupadi Murmu at Kurukshetra marked which milestone for Haryana?

(A) 50th year of its formation
(B) 60th year of its formation
(C) 75th year of its formation
(D) 25th year of its formation

30. From which city of Haryana was the 'Beti Bachao, Beti Padhao' campaign launched, as recalled by the President?

(A) Kurukshetra
(B) Panipat
(C) Rohtak
(D) Gurugram

31. Where is the Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislatures being held?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Thiruvananthapuram
(C) Kochi
(D) Jaipur

32. What is the theme of the Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees?

(A) 'Audit, Accountability and Good Governance - The Evolving Role of the PAC'
(B) 'Strengthening Parliamentary Democracy'
(C) 'Fiscal Federalism and the States'
(D) 'Transparency in Public Expenditure'

33. Who assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on 1 November 2026?

(A) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(B) Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal
(C) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh
(D) Air Marshal Sanjeet Kumar

34. In the 'VAYU' vision announced by the new Chief of the Air Staff, what does the letter 'Y' stand for?

(A) Yudh
(B) Yukti
(C) Yojana
(D) Yatra

35. The Vande Bharat Sleeper Express flagged off on 1 November 2026 connects Bengaluru with which city?

(A) Chennai
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Mumbai
(D) Mangaluru

36. On which corridor did Vande Bharat Sleeper services first begin?

(A) Varanasi-New Delhi
(B) Howrah-Guwahati
(C) Bengaluru-Mumbai
(D) Pune-Kalyan

37. Who assumed charge as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Air Command on 1 November 2026?

(A) Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal
(B) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(C) Air Marshal Paritosh Ahmed
(D) Air Marshal Dinesh Ganvir

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38. In which year was Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal commissioned into the flying branch of the Indian Air Force?

(A) 1985
(B) 1989
(C) 1993
(D) 1997

39. Projects of the Chandigarh Administration inaugurated by the Union Home Minister on 1 November 2026 are worth how much?

(A) Rs 158 crore
(B) Rs 258 crore
(C) Rs 358 crore
(D) Rs 458 crore

40. Who holds the office of Administrator of the Union Territory of Chandigarh, as seen at this function?

(A) The Governor of Haryana
(B) The Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court
(C) The Governor of Punjab
(D) The Union Home Secretary

41. The Balidan Shatabdi Samaroh attended by President Droupadi Murmu at Kurukshetra marked the martyrdom centenary of which reformer?

(A) Swami Vivekananda
(B) Swami Shraddhanand
(C) Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati
(D) Swami Sahajanand

42. By what name was Swami Shraddhanand known earlier in his life?

(A) Munshiram
(B) Mulshankar
(C) Narendranath
(D) Gadadhar

43. Which Foundation Day did the National Zoological Park, New Delhi, mark on 1 November 2026?

(A) 57th
(B) 60th
(C) 67th
(D) 75th

44. How many bird species were recorded during the 19th Sunday Bird Walk at the National Zoological Park?

(A) 26
(B) 36
(C) 46
(D) 56

45. At which place was the bhoomipujan of a Multi-Modal Logistics Park performed on 1 November 2026?

(A) Sindi Railway, on the Nagpur-Wardha district border
(B) Jalna, in the Marathwada region
(C) Bhusawal, in the Jalgaon district
(D) Hingoli, in central Maharashtra

46. Which agency, along with the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority, is developing the Multi-Modal Logistics Park at Sindi Railway?

(A) Container Corporation of India
(B) National Highways Logistics Management Limited
(C) Indian Port Rail and Ropeway Corporation
(D) Rail Vikas Nigam Limited

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47. What is the theme of the 'Khadi Diwali Fest-2026' organised in New Delhi?

(A) 'Khadi for Nation, Khadi for Fashion'
(B) 'Khadi-wali Diwali'
(C) 'Swadeshi Diwali, Sashakt Bharat'
(D) 'Har Ghar Khadi'

48. According to the KVIC Chairman, what was the turnover of the Khadi and village industries sector in the financial year 2025-26?

(A) More than Rs 1.55 lakh crore
(B) More than Rs 1.87 lakh crore
(C) More than Rs 2.51 lakh crore
(D) More than Rs 95,000 crore

49. Who held high-level meetings with European Commission officials in Brussels in early November 2026?

(A) The Foreign Secretary
(B) The Commerce Secretary, Rajesh Agrawal
(C) The Finance Secretary
(D) The Revenue Secretary

50. Which Directorate-General of the European Commission, discussed in the customs and trade facilitation meeting, deals with taxation and the customs union?

(A) DG TRADE
(B) DG INTPA
(C) DG TAXUD
(D) DG GROW

51. The sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha, taken to Arunachal Pradesh, were brought from which institution?

(A) Indian Museum, Kolkata
(B) National Museum, New Delhi
(C) Sarnath Museum, Varanasi
(D) Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad

52. Who received the sacred relics of Lord Buddha at Tawang Monastery?

(A) The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh
(B) Chief Minister Pema Khandu
(C) The Prime Minister
(D) The Chief Minister of Sikkim

53. Dairy and livestock projects of what value are being taken up in the Gangtok and Mangan districts of Sikkim?

(A) Rs 151.56 lakh
(B) Rs 251.56 lakh
(C) Rs 351.56 lakh
(D) Rs 451.56 lakh

54. How many new Dairy Cooperative Societies are being established in Sikkim under White Revolution 2.0?

(A) 15
(B) 27
(C) 57
(D) 75

55. How many Next Generation Corvettes will Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) build under the contracts signed on 2 November 2026?

(A) Three
(B) Four
(C) Five
(D) Eight

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56. What makes the Next Generation Corvette programme a first for Indian warship building?

(A) It is the first warship order placed with a private shipyard

(B) The ships are designed in-house by the Indian Navy and built by defence PSUs chosen through a competitive process

(C) It is the first time foreign designers have been hired for an Indian corvette

(D) It is the first warship project funded entirely by state governments

57. How much coal was produced by captive and commercial mines in October 2026?

(A) 15.49 million tonnes

(B) 21.11 million tonnes

(C) 22.03 million tonnes

(D) 24.86 million tonnes

58. The Lohari coal mine, which received Mine Opening Permission in October 2026, is located in which state?

(A) Odisha

(B) Jharkhand

(C) Chhattisgarh

(D) Madhya Pradesh

59. Under the VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026, within how many days must a grievance be resolved from the date it is received?

(A) Seven working days

(B) 15 days

(C) 30 days

(D) 45 days

60. Who has been made responsible for overseeing grievance redressal at the district level under the new rules?

(A) The District Magistrate

(B) The Chief Executive Officer of the Zila Parishad

(C) The District Programme Coordinator

(D) The Block Development Officer

61. What is the duration of Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026?

(A) 1 June to 30 June 2026

(B) 22 October to 30 November 2026

(C) 1 October to 31 December 2026

(D) 15 September to 30 October 2026

62. Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026 covers how many States and Union Territories?

(A) 28

(B) 31

(C) 34

(D) 36

63. Where was the first National Orientation Programme for Tribal Healers on Public Health held?

(A) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

(B) Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad

(C) Ranchi, Jharkhand

(D) New Delhi

64. Under which initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs was the orientation programme for tribal healers organised?

(A) Janjatiya Health Institutional Transformation (JanHIT)

(B) Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan

(C) Eklavya Model Residential School scheme

(D) Ayushman Arogya Mandir mission

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65. Special Campaign 6, implemented by DPIIT, is run under the guidance of which department?

(A) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(B) Department of Expenditure
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Department of Consumer Affairs

66. What share of public grievances had DPIIT disposed of under Special Campaign 6 as on 28 October 2026?

(A) More than 50 per cent
(B) Around 75 per cent
(C) Around 83 per cent
(D) More than 99 per cent

67. How many Air Force Schools have been brought onto the ScrollControl child digital safety programme?

(A) 24
(B) 36
(C) 42
(D) 61

68. Teachers of Air Force Schools trained under ScrollControl have been certified as which of the following?

(A) Cyber Crime Intervention Officers
(B) Cyber Safety Marshals
(C) Digital Suraksha Officers
(D) Cyber Jagrookta Pracharaks

69. India is working towards a renewable energy target of how much capacity, as named in the article shared by the Prime Minister?

(A) 300 GW
(B) 400 GW
(C) 500 GW
(D) 750 GW

70. Which pair of initiatives is credited with driving the growth of solar power in India?

(A) PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM
(B) PM Ujjwala and PM Gati Shakti
(C) PM Awas and PM Mudra
(D) PM Vishwakarma and PM Poshan

71. After the latest additions, how many Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs) are there in India?

(A) 15
(B) 18
(C) 20
(D) 24

72. Which two state capitals got new FRRO offices this year, having earlier been under the jurisdiction of Kolkata and Hyderabad?

(A) Aizawl and Amravati
(B) Jaipur and Chandigarh
(C) Kohima and Agartala
(D) Guwahati and Bhubaneswar

73. The new Seismological Observatory inaugurated by Dr Jitendra Singh is located at which place?

(A) Udhampur
(B) Kishtwar
(C) Baramulla
(D) Patnitop

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74. Real-time data from the new observatory will be transmitted to the Earthquake Monitoring Centre of which organisation?

(A) India Meteorological Department
(B) National Disaster Management Authority
(C) National Centre for Seismology
(D) Geological Survey of India

75. Which district has been notified as India's first Organic Fisheries Cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?

(A) Mangan, Sikkim
(B) Soreng, Sikkim
(C) Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya
(D) Dibrugarh, Assam

76. What was the value of the fisheries projects inaugurated for Sikkim under PMMSY during the Union Minister's visit?

(A) Rs 125 lakh
(B) Rs 250 lakh
(C) Rs 375 lakh
(D) Rs 525 lakh

77. Over roughly how long a period were the X-ray observations of NGC 4490 ULX-8 tracked in the new study?

(A) 6 years
(B) 12 years
(C) 24 years
(D) 40 years

78. Which limit describes the brightness at which radiation pressure pushing matter outward balances gravity pulling it inward?

(A) Chandrasekhar limit
(B) Eddington limit
(C) Roche limit
(D) Schwarzschild radius

79. What is the outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

(A) Rs 9,744 crore
(B) Rs 17,490 crore
(C) Rs 19,744 crore
(D) Rs 24,000 crore

80. Under India's Green Hydrogen Standard, what is the maximum permitted emission for hydrogen to be called green?

(A) 1 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen
(B) 2 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen
(C) 5 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen
(D) 9 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen

81. Western Coalfields Limited, in the news for exceeding all three of its key operational targets, is a subsidiary of which company?

(A) NTPC Limited
(B) Coal India Limited
(C) Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(D) NLC India Limited

82. What was WCL's coal production in October, against the corresponding month of the previous year?

(A) 4.53 MT, against 3.60 MT
(B) 5.93 MT, against 3.60 MT
(C) 6.67 MT, against 4.44 MT
(D) 7.25 MT, against 5.93 MT

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83. In which city was the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo inaugurated by the Prime Minister?

(A) Mumbai
(B) Delhi
(C) Gandhinagar
(D) Bengaluru

84. Which assembly is being held within the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo?

(A) The 5th Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency
(B) The 9th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance
(C) The 12th Assembly of the World Energy Council
(D) The 7th Assembly of the Global Wind Forum

85. Under the new TRAI regulations, within how many days must a telecom consumer file an appeal after a complaint is disposed of?

(A) 7 days
(B) 15 days
(C) 30 days
(D) 45 days

86. How long must a telecom complaint centre remain available to consumers under the amended regulations?

(A) Eight hours on working days
(B) Sixteen hours on working days
(C) Round the clock on all days of the week
(D) Twelve hours on all days of the week

87. What does PM-SETU stand for?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Skill Education and Technical Upgradation
(B) Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
(C) Pradhan Mantri Students Employment and Training Union
(D) Pradhan Mantri Skill Enhancement for Tribal Upliftment

88. Letters of Intent for PM-SETU ITI clusters at Jorhat and Tinsukia were signed with the support of which two companies?

(A) Indian Oil Corporation and GAIL
(B) Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Oil India Limited
(C) ONGC and Bharat Petroleum
(D) Coal India and NTPC

89. What is the target set under the nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 5?

(A) Over 50 lakh certificates
(B) Over one crore certificates
(C) Over two crore certificates
(D) Over five crore certificates

90. Which bank partnered the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare for the mega camp in New Delhi?

(A) Punjab National Bank
(B) State Bank of India
(C) Bank of Baroda
(D) Reserve Bank of India

91. In which city did the 1st International Maize Conference open?

(A) Ludhiana
(B) Hyderabad
(C) New Delhi
(D) Pune

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92. What maize production figure did the Director General of ICAR ask India to reach over the next decade?

(A) 55 million tonnes
(B) 65 million tonnes
(C) 75 million tonnes
(D) 90 million tonnes

93. On which date is the International Day for Biosphere Reserves observed?

(A) 22 May
(B) 3 November
(C) 5 June
(D) 11 November

94. How many of India's notified biosphere reserves are part of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves?

(A) 11
(B) 13
(C) 18
(D) 21

95. Which Indian Navy ship completed the Lokayan 26 sailing expedition in November 2026?

(A) INS Tarangini
(B) INS Sudarshini
(C) INS Vikrant
(D) INS Shivalik

96. How many port calls and how many countries did the Lokayan 26 deployment cover?

(A) 12 ports in 9 countries
(B) 17 ports in 11 countries
(C) 21 ports in 14 countries
(D) 15 ports in 11 countries

97. How many coal mines were awarded Five-Star Ratings under the Ministry of Coal's Star Rating Programme for FY 2024-25?

(A) 30
(B) 42
(C) 50
(D) 64

98. Which company secured the First Prize in the underground category of the Star Rating awards for FY 2024-25?

(A) Northern Coalfields Limited
(B) Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(C) Western Coalfields Limited
(D) Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

99. India's first two geothermal wells were commissioned in which valley?

(A) Nubra Valley
(B) Puga Valley
(C) Spiti Valley
(D) Suru Valley

100. How many hot springs and geothermal provinces has the Geological Survey of India mapped?

(A) 340 hot springs and 7 provinces
(B) 381 hot springs and 10 provinces
(C) 412 hot springs and 12 provinces
(D) 381 hot springs and 14 provinces

101. How much pumped storage capacity was operational in India as of August 2026?

(A) 4.95 GW
(B) 7.43 GW
(C) 15.87 GW
(D) 26.69 GW

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102. Which region accounts for the highest identified pumped storage potential in India?

(A) Northern Region
(B) Southern Region
(C) Western Region
(D) Eastern Region

103. Which two bodies jointly organised the National Conference on Gender Data and Statistics held in New Delhi on 2 November 2026?

(A) NITI Aayog and UNICEF
(B) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and UN Women
(C) Ministry of Women and Child Development and UNDP
(D) Registrar General of India and the World Bank

104. The findings of which MoSPI publication were discussed at the National Conference on Gender Data and Statistics?

(A) Periodic Labour Force Survey Annual Report
(B) Women and Men in India 2025
(C) National Family Health Survey
(D) Gender Budget Statement

105. Under which scheme was the Advanced Radiotherapy Facility at AIIMS Rajkot set up?

(A) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
(B) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
(C) Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
(D) National Health Mission

106. Approximately how large a population is the Advanced Radiotherapy Facility at AIIMS Rajkot expected to serve?

(A) About 54 lakh people
(B) About 1.54 crore people
(C) About 2.54 crore people
(D) About 15.4 crore people

107. As of August 2025, how many operational agrivoltaic projects did India have and of what installed capacity?

(A) 26 projects of 27.54 megawatts
(B) 36 projects of 37.54 megawatts
(C) 46 projects of 47.54 megawatts
(D) 36 projects of 137.54 megawatts

108. Which of the following is another name used for agrivoltaics?

(A) Floating solar
(B) Dual-use solar
(C) Concentrated solar power
(D) Rooftop solar

109. Which hijacked fishing vessel did the Indian Navy free from armed pirates off the Somali coast?

(A) Azini
(B) Ruen
(C) Lorenzo Putha
(D) Al Kambar

110. How many crew members were rescued when the Indian Navy secured the fishing vessel Azini?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 20
(D) 24

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111. The Health Ministry's proposal to expand authorised drug import gateways amends which rule of the Drugs Rules, 1945?

(A) Rule 43A
(B) Rule 21
(C) Rule 65
(D) Rule 96

112. Which international airport has the Health Ministry proposed to authorise for the import of drugs by air?

(A) Kannur International Airport
(B) Noida International Airport
(C) Mopa International Airport
(D) Shirdi Airport

113. The new Pune Metro line dedicated on 3 November 2026 runs between which two points?

(A) Pimpri and Swargate
(B) Hinjawadi and Shivajinagar
(C) Vanaz and Ramwadi
(D) Katraj and Nigdi

114. Under which model has the newly opened Pune Metro line been built?

(A) Build-own-operate-transfer by the state alone
(B) Fully central government funding
(C) Public-private partnership (PPP)
(D) Foreign sovereign loan model

115. From which date do the Telecommunication Interconnection (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026 take effect?

(A) 1 December 2026
(B) 1 January 2027
(C) 1 April 2027
(D) 3 November 2026

116. Under the amended rules, interconnection shifts to which level?

(A) Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) level
(B) Long Distance Charging Area (LDCA) level
(C) Licensed Service Area (LSA) level
(D) District level

117. Exercise Tiger Triumph is a bilateral tri-service exercise between India and which country?

(A) Japan
(B) France
(C) The United States
(D) Australia

118. Where was the opening ceremony of Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 held?

(A) Southern Naval Command, Kochi
(B) Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam
(C) INS Hansa, Goa
(D) Naval War College, Mumbai

119. Where did Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh chair the Ministry of Defence Consultative Committee meeting on modernisation of the defence forces?

(A) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
(B) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
(C) Pokhran, Rajasthan
(D) New Delhi

120. What is India's defence production target for 2029, as stated by the Raksha Mantri?

(A) Rs 2 lakh crore
(B) Rs 3 lakh crore
(C) Rs 5 lakh crore
(D) Rs 7.85 lakh crore

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121. What were India's highest-ever exports, recorded in the previous year?

(A) USD 778 billion
(B) USD 863 billion
(C) USD 900 billion
(D) USD 1 trillion

122. What is India's export target for the current year?

(A) USD 900 billion
(B) USD 950 billion
(C) USD 1 trillion
(D) USD 1.2 trillion

123. Which is the primary payload of India's Aditya-L1 solar observatory?

(A) Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope
(B) Visible Emission Line Coronagraph
(C) Atmospheric Imaging Assembly
(D) Plasma Analyser Package

124. What did the VELC observations reveal about the coronal mass ejection, for the first time?

(A) That it expanded as a perfectly symmetric bubble
(B) That it expanded non-uniformly and became asymmetric
(C) That it did not move towards the Earth at all
(D) That it carried no ionised iron

125. India has been elected President of the International Solar Alliance for which consecutive term?

(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Third
(D) Fourth

126. In which year was the International Solar Alliance established, and by which two countries?

(A) 2010, by India and Japan
(B) 2015, by India and France
(C) 2018, by India and Germany
(D) 2020, by India and Denmark

127. Where is COP31 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change being held?

(A) Antalya, Turkiye
(B) Yerevan, Armenia
(C) Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
(D) Belem, Brazil

128. Under which article of the climate convention does India hold that providing climate finance is an obligation of developed countries?

(A) Article 4.2
(B) Article 6
(C) Article 9.1
(D) Article 12

129. Which Indian Navy ship concluded the bilateral exercise with the Republic of Korea Navy at Busan?

(A) INS Shivalik
(B) INS Sahyadri
(C) INS Satpura
(D) INS Sumedha

130. The India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise concluded at which port?

(A) Incheon
(B) Busan
(C) Yokosuka
(D) Visakhapatnam

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131. Under which name has the MoRTH and Bihar initiative for scientific desilting and use of silt in highways been launched?

(A) Jal Sanjivani
(B) Nadi Sanjivani
(C) Nadi Jeevan
(D) Silt Shakti

132. How much silt is to be used in ongoing National Highway projects in Bihar under the agreement?

(A) 243 lakh cubic metres in 16 projects
(B) 835 lakh cubic metres in 16 projects
(C) 243 lakh cubic metres in 27 projects
(D) 500 lakh cubic metres in 39 projects

133. Which organisation has developed SUVIKALP, the mine repurposing tool?

(A) Coal India Limited
(B) Coal Controller Organisation
(C) Indian Bureau of Mines
(D) NITI Aayog

134. SUVIKALP ranks repurposing options using a Multi-Criteria Decision-Making method based on which technique?

(A) TOPSIS
(B) SWOT analysis
(C) Monte Carlo simulation
(D) Linear regression

135. Who has been conferred the Wellness Visionary Award for Holistic Healing?

(A) Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa
(B) Satish Mahana, Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly
(C) The Vice-Chancellor of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University
(D) The Director of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences

136. Which university conferred the Wellness Visionary Award, and at which conference?

(A) Banaras Hindu University, at the National Ayush Summit
(B) Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, at the 3rd International Conference on Wellness
(C) University of Jammu, at the Himalayan Health Conclave
(D) University of Delhi, at the 5th International Conference on Wellness

137. Which body launched the India S&T Scoreboard in November 2026?

(A) Department of Science and Technology
(B) NITI Aayog
(C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(D) University Grants Commission

138. Who unveiled the India S&T Scoreboard at its launch in New Delhi?

(A) Abhay Karandikar
(B) Umesh V. Waghmare
(C) Ashok Kumar Lahiri
(D) T. Srinivasa Kumar

139. By 2047, the share of coastal and inland waterway shipping in India's freight movement is to be raised to which level?

(A) 8 per cent
(B) 10 per cent
(C) 12 per cent
(D) 20 per cent

140. Which port authority will develop the Puri International Cruise Terminal with the Government of Odisha?

(A) Visakhapatnam Port Authority
(B) Paradip Port Authority
(C) Kolkata Port Authority
(D) Chennai Port Authority

141. The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) is the apex-level international strategic dialogue of which force?

(A) Indian Army
(B) Indian Navy
(C) Indian Air Force
(D) Indian Coast Guard

142. What is the theme of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026?

(A) Blue Economy and Sustainable Fisheries
(B) Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
(C) Maritime Trade Routes and Shipbuilding
(D) Naval Modernisation and Indigenous Warships

143. The Extramural Research Grant Policy launched in New Delhi in November 2026 belongs to which organisation?

(A) Sports Authority of India
(B) National Anti-Doping Agency
(C) National Dope Testing Laboratory
(D) World Anti-Doping Agency

144. How many medals did India win at the Asian Para Games 2026, as cited by the Union Sports Minister?

(A) 104
(B) 111
(C) 114
(D) 121

145. The Churpi Traceability initiative launched in November 2026 belongs to the dairy sector of which State?

(A) Arunachal Pradesh
(B) Sikkim
(C) Mizoram
(D) Nagaland

146. A Centre of Excellence announced for Sikkim will work on the conservation of which indigenous cattle breed?

(A) Gir
(B) Sahiwal
(C) Siri
(D) Tharparkar

147. TEXMiN, which signed a Joint Statement of Intent with NITI Aayog on critical minerals, is located at which institute?

(A) IIT Kharagpur
(B) IIT (ISM) Dhanbad
(C) IIT Bombay
(D) IIT Madras

148. The NITI Aayog-TEXMiN Joint Statement of Intent is aligned with the objectives of which mission?

(A) National Green Hydrogen Mission
(B) National Critical Mineral Mission
(C) National Quantum Mission
(D) Deep Ocean Mission

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149. How many parameters does the indigenous foundation model EKA-1 carry?

(A) 12.8 billion
(B) 26.3 billion
(C) 45.6 billion
(D) 70.2 billion

150. Which organisation developed the open-source Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B models?

(A) Soket Labs Technology and Research
(B) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
(C) ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations
(D) Bharat Electronics Limited

151. Which institute hosted the third Delhi Defence Dialogue in November 2026?

(A) Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses at Pune
(B) Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses
(C) National Defence College
(D) Centre for Joint Warfare Studies

152. What level did India's defence production reach in FY 2025-26, as stated at the dialogue?

(A) About Rs 1.27 lakh crore
(B) About Rs 1.78 lakh crore
(C) About Rs 2.45 lakh crore
(D) About Rs 95,000 crore

153. Which state signed 18 MoUs worth about Rs 1.17 lakh crore at the BRE Summit and Expo 2026?

(A) Gujarat
(B) Odisha
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Goa

154. The Next Terawatt ministerial plenary at the summit was convened by the International Solar Alliance along with which partners?

(A) NITI Aayog and the World Bank
(B) CEEW and Energiva Ventures
(C) BloombergNEF and IIT Madras
(D) The Asian Development Bank and SECI

155. From which place in Arunachal Pradesh did APEDA facilitate the trial export of kiwi to Dubai?

(A) Tawang
(B) Ziro
(C) Pasighat
(D) Itanagar

156. Which pomegranate variety was exported from Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh to Dubai?

(A) Bhagwa
(B) Kandhari
(C) Sinduri
(D) Ganesh

157. Where was the 9th High-Level Meeting between the Indian Coast Guard and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard held?

(A) Colombo
(B) Mirissa
(C) Trincomalee
(D) Chennai

158. Who led the Indian delegation at the meeting with the Sri Lanka Coast Guard?

(A) Rear Admiral Ruwan Rupasena
(B) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
(C) Paramesh Sivamani
(D) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh

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159. In which year was the India-Poland Strategic Partnership established?

(A) 2014
(B) 2019
(C) 2024
(D) 2026

160. Which Polish Prime Minister visited India shortly before Jitin Prasada's trip to Poland?

(A) Mateusz Morawiecki
(B) Donald Tusk
(C) Andrzej Duda
(D) Krzysztof Gawkowski

161. How much was raised in the second phase of the RINL land e-auction concluded on 3 November 2026?

(A) Rs 184.81 crore
(B) Rs 218 crore
(C) Rs 366.33 crore
(D) Rs 584.33 crore

162. The National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) functions under which of the following?

(A) Ministry of Steel
(B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(C) Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
(D) NITI Aayog

163. How much freight did Indian Railways load in October 2026?

(A) 133.93 million tonnes
(B) 145.07 million tonnes
(C) 978.78 million tonnes
(D) 935.10 million tonnes

164. Which commodity registered the highest percentage growth in railway loading in October 2026?

(A) Domestic coal
(B) Iron ore
(C) Food grains
(D) Finished steel

165. CSIR signed a Letter of Association with DAKSHIN, which is hosted at which institution?

(A) Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
(B) Indian Council of World Affairs
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

166. DAKSHIN, which signed a pact with CSIR, stands for which of the following?

(A) Development Assistance Knowledge Hub for Innovation
(B) Global South Centre of Excellence
(C) Southern Science and Technology Mission
(D) Developing Asia Knowledge Network

167. Dhanteras is also observed as which of the following?

(A) Charak Jayanti
(B) Dhanvantari Jayanti
(C) Sushruta Jayanti
(D) Ashwini Jayanti

168. Who is the Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Ayush who issued the Dhanteras health appeal?

(A) Prataprao Jadhav
(B) Jitin Prasada
(C) Jagat Prakash Nadda
(D) Anupriya Patel

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169. Schedule M, which the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed to amend, belongs to which set of rules?

(A) The Essential Commodities Rules, 1955
(B) The Drugs Rules, 1945
(C) The Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011
(D) The Clinical Establishments Rules, 2012

170. The revised Grade A microbial monitoring requirements proposed for Schedule M are aligned with which World Health Organization document?

(A) Technical Report Series No. 961
(B) Technical Report Series No. 986
(C) Technical Report Series No. 1044, Annexure 2
(D) Technical Report Series No. 1019, Annexure 4

171. What is the total financial outlay of the Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) Rs 1,814 crore
(B) Rs 2,814 crore
(C) Rs 3,814 crore
(D) Rs 4,814 crore

172. Under the scheme, what is the minimum capacity prescribed for each nickel processing plant?

(A) 30 kt
(B) 40 kt
(C) 50 kt
(D) 60 kt

173. VISTAR, the statistics scheme approved by the Union Cabinet, stands for which of the following?

(A) Vision for Statistical Transparency and Reform
(B) Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research
(C) Village Statistics and Rural Analytics Research Initiative
(D) Viksit Bharat Survey Transformation and Reporting Scheme

174. How many surveys will MoSPI conduct under VISTAR during the 16th Finance Commission cycle?

(A) 43
(B) 49
(C) 59
(D) 69

175. What is the total financial support under the Viability Gap Funding Scheme for grid-scale energy storage approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) Rs 9,500 crore
(B) Rs 12,500 crore
(C) Rs 14,500 crore
(D) Rs 18,500 crore

176. Of the 92 GWh of storage capacity supported by the scheme, how much is hydro Pumped Storage Plant capacity?

(A) 2 GWh
(B) 30 GWh
(C) 45 GWh
(D) 60 GWh

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177. What is the total financial outlay approved for the continuation of the Fast Track Special Courts scheme?

(A) Rs 2,353.15 crore
(B) Rs 3,788.04 crore
(C) Rs 1,434.89 crore
(D) Rs 4,788.04 crore

178. How many Fast Track Special Courts are provided for under the extended scheme?

(A) 399
(B) 779
(C) 850
(D) 1,000

179. What share of Agniveers is to be offered regular employment in the Defence Forces on the basis of merit?

(A) 10 per cent
(B) 25 per cent
(C) 50 per cent
(D) 75 per cent

180. How long is the additional engagement period approved by the Cabinet for Agniveers not taken as regulars?

(A) One year
(B) Two years
(C) Three years
(D) Five years

181. Which body launched the Network Anubhav Platform?

(A) Department of Telecommunications
(B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(C) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
(D) Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal

182. On the Network Anubhav Platform, what does the percentile value P50 indicate?

(A) The highest speed ever recorded in an area
(B) The median speed, with half the tests at or above that value
(C) The speed promised by the service provider in its tariff plan
(D) The average of the slowest fifty tests in an area

183. The inaugural India-Canada Defence Dialogue was held on which date?

(A) 2 March 2026
(B) 3 November 2026
(C) 4 November 2026
(D) 1 November 2026

184. Who co-chaired the inaugural India-Canada Defence Dialogue from the Indian side?

(A) Mr. Scott Millar
(B) Dr. Amit Telang
(C) The Defence Minister
(D) The Prime Minister

185. The Guidelines for designation of India's Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (I-OECMs) 2026 were released at CBD COP-17 held in which city?

(A) Cali
(B) Yerevan
(C) Baku
(D) Montreal

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186. To which body must applications for I-OECM recognition be submitted in the first instance?

(A) National Biodiversity Authority

(B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(C) UNEP-WCMC

(D) State Biodiversity Board

187. The Union Health Ministry's proposal for immediate suspension of manufacturing licences for substandard drugs amends which rules?

(A) Drugs Rules, 1945

(B) Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1955

(C) Drug Price Control Order, 1995

(D) Medical Devices Rules, 2017

188. Which of the following is NOT one of the critical parameters on which immediate suspension of a drug manufacturing licence has been proposed?

(A) Assay

(B) Dissolution

(C) Sterility

(D) Packaging weight

189. Which city became the first in India to house all departments and affiliated offices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry at one location?

(A) Lucknow

(B) Jaipur

(C) Bhopal

(D) Ahmedabad

190. How many organisations function under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, as stated at the inauguration?

(A) 28

(B) 36

(C) 46

(D) 56

191. The Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026 replace which earlier rulebook as India's principal civil aviation code?

(A) The Aircraft Act, 1934

(B) The Aircraft Rules, 1937

(C) The Carriage by Air Act, 1972

(D) The Airports Authority of India Act, 1994

192. How many rules does the Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026 contain, and how are they arranged?

(A) 180 rules in six chapters and four schedules

(B) 200 rules in seven chapters and five schedules

(C) 220 rules in eight chapters and six schedules

(D) 260 rules in ten chapters and eight schedules

193. According to the Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25, by how much did the gross value added of the manufacturing corporate sector grow over the previous year?

(A) 6.59 per cent

(B) 7.25 per cent

(C) 9.28 per cent

(D) 2.25 per cent

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194. Which five states accounted for more than 54 per cent of India's manufacturing gross value added in 2024-25?

(A) Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh

(B) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana and Kerala

(C) West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam

(D) Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Delhi

195. Where was the first National SARAS Mela to be organised outside Delhi-NCR held?

(A) Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

(B) Marina Beach, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

(C) Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

(D) Hussain Sagar, Hyderabad, Telangana

196. What were the total sales recorded at the National SARAS Mela 2026?

(A) More than 4.5 crore rupees

(B) More than 8.2 crore rupees

(C) More than 12.8 crore rupees

(D) More than 21.6 crore rupees

197. Which institute developed the silicon chip that carried terahertz data at 100 Gbit/s across an engineered barrier?

(A) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

(B) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research

(C) Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata

(D) Centre for Development of Telematics

198. The silicon photonic crystal used in the JNCASR work was patterned to mimic the lattice of which material?

(A) Diamond

(B) Graphene

(C) Gallium nitride

(D) Sapphire

199. Where was the Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and State or UT Legislatures held, at which the Keralam Resolution was adopted?

(A) Kochi

(B) Thiruvananthapuram

(C) Kozhikode

(D) New Delhi

200. Which digital system does the Keralam Resolution want set up in the Public Accounts Committees of all states and union territories?

(A) Audit Para Monitoring System

(B) Public Financial Management System

(C) National Judicial Data Grid

(D) Integrated Government Online Directory

201. NITI Aayog signed an Implementation Agreement under NDC-TIA Phase II with which organisation?

(A) Japan International Cooperation Agency

(B) Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH

(C) United States Agency for International Development

(D) Agence Francaise de Developpement

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202. Which sector is the focus of the Implementation Agreement signed under NDC-TIA Phase II?

(A) Decarbonisation of road freight
(B) Expansion of metro rail networks
(C) Green hydrogen for fertiliser plants
(D) Offshore wind power generation

203. Who delivered the commemorative address at the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi?

(A) The Chief of the Naval Staff
(B) The Raksha Mantri
(C) The Chief of the Army Staff
(D) The Minister of Earth Sciences

204. MAHASAGAR, cited in the address, stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Heritage and Security Agreement for Growth of Asian Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Alliance for Harbour Safety and Growth of Adjoining Regions
(D) Mission for Advanced Harbour and Sagarmala Growth Across Regions

205. According to Dr Jitendra Singh at IPRD 2026, by which year will India send its first human deep-sea mission to a depth of up to 6,000 metres?

(A) 2026
(B) 2027
(C) 2028
(D) 2030

206. How many aquanauts is the Matsya submersible designed to carry?

(A) Two
(B) Three
(C) Four
(D) Six

207. The Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan has been launched under which umbrella scheme?

(A) Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana
(B) Atal Pension Yojana
(C) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana
(D) Integrated Programme for Older Persons

208. Which of the following is NOT one of the five Cs of the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan?

(A) Connect
(B) Converse
(C) Celebrate
(D) Contribute

209. Which regulator approved the acquisition of a part of Deutsche Bank India business by Kotak Mahindra Bank?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) Competition Commission of India
(D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

210. Which business of Deutsche Bank in India is being acquired by Kotak Mahindra Bank?

(A) Corporate and investment banking
(B) Retail, private banking and wealth management
(C) Custody and fund accounting
(D) Treasury and foreign exchange dealing room

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211. How many sight-restoring eye surgeries were performed at the 12th edition of Operation DRISHTI at Rairangpur?

(A) 198
(B) 298
(C) 365
(D) 406

212. Operation DRISHTI, whose 12th edition was held at Rairangpur, is an initiative of which organisation?

(A) The National Health Mission
(B) The Armed Forces Medical Services
(C) The Indian Red Cross Society
(D) The National Programme for Control of Blindness

213. MANAGE, recognised as a Centre of Excellence-Skills in the agriculture sector, is located in which city?

(A) Pune
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Bhopal
(D) Lucknow

214. Which ministry granted MANAGE the status of Centre of Excellence-Skills in the agriculture sector?

(A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
(D) Ministry of Rural Development

215. Under the VB-G RAM G Act, how many of the permissible works have been marked by the Centre for fodder and livestock-related infrastructure?

(A) 12
(B) 22
(C) 32
(D) 48

216. How many days of wage employment per rural household does the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 guarantee?

(A) 100 days
(B) 125 days
(C) 150 days
(D) 180 days

217. In which State is the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers being held?

(A) Odisha
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Goa
(D) Chhattisgarh

218. The Conference of Mining Ministers held on 5 and 6 November 2026 is which edition of the conference?

(A) Second
(B) Third
(C) Fourth
(D) Sixth

219. The draft National Technical Guidelines for improved watershed management are being prepared under which World Bank-assisted programme?

(A) REWARD
(B) PRANAM
(C) AMRUT
(D) RAFTAAR

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220. At which institute was the third national consultation on watershed management guidelines hosted on 4 and 5 November 2026?

(A) ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
(B) ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur
(C) ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun
(D) National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad

221. At which prison has a separate Gender-Neutral Cell been set up following the intervention of the National Human Rights Commission?

(A) Central Prison, Hyderabad
(B) Tihar Jail, Delhi
(C) Yerawada Central Jail, Pune
(D) Presidency Correctional Home, Kolkata

222. The Gender-Neutral Cell in the Hyderabad prison was set up after a visit on 8 October 2026 by which functionary?

(A) The NHRC's Special Monitor for transgender persons and LGBTQ+ rights
(B) The Chairperson of the NHRC
(C) An amicus curiae appointed by the Supreme Court
(D) A member of the State Human Rights Commission

223. What is the total outlay of the CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing?

(A) Rs 1,500 crore
(B) Rs 2,800 crore
(C) Rs 2,814 crore
(D) Rs 10,000 crore

224. For which two minerals does the CAPEX Support Scheme fund processing plants?

(A) Lithium and cobalt
(B) Lithium and nickel
(C) Nickel and graphite
(D) Cobalt and rare earths

225. From which date did hallmarking of gold jewellery become mandatory in India?

(A) 1 April 2000
(B) 23 June 2021
(C) 1 September 2025
(D) 8 June 2026

226. How many digits does the Hallmark Unique Identification code on a piece of jewellery have?

(A) Four
(B) Six
(C) Eight
(D) Twelve

227. Which ministry received the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award for solarising the largest number of buildings?

(A) Ministry of Power
(B) Ministry of Railways
(C) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(D) Ministry of Defence

228. How much rooftop solar capacity has the Ministry of Railways commissioned, and what was its target?

(A) 351 MW against a target of 424 MW
(B) 424 MW against a target of 500 MW
(C) 251 MW against a target of 351 MW
(D) 500 MW against a target of 600 MW

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229. AIIMS Awantipora, reviewed by the Union Health Minister in November 2026, is in which union territory?

(A) Ladakh
(B) Jammu and Kashmir
(C) Chandigarh
(D) Puducherry

230. What is the value of the medical equipment items for which procurement approval has been conveyed for AIIMS Awantipora?

(A) Rs 19.41 crore
(B) Rs 59.41 crore
(C) Rs 159.41 crore
(D) Rs 594.10 crore

231. How much has the Self-Reliant India Fund invested in MSMEs so far, and in how many enterprises?

(A) Rs 8,305 crore in 824 MSMEs
(B) Rs 21,330 crore in 824 MSMEs
(C) Rs 48,000 crore in 720 MSMEs
(D) Rs 10,000 crore in 1,824 MSMEs

232. Under the SRI Fund structure, how does the Mother Fund invest in micro, small and medium enterprises?

(A) Directly in each enterprise
(B) Only through empanelled Daughter Funds
(C) Through public sector banks
(D) Through state governments

233. Who chairs the Inter-Ministerial Group that recommends asset monetisation proposals?

(A) The Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises
(B) The Cabinet Secretary
(C) The Secretary, Department of Telecommunications
(D) The Union Finance Minister

234. The National Land Monetization Corporation was set up following an announcement in which Union Budget?

(A) Union Budget 2019-20
(B) Union Budget 2020-21
(C) Union Budget 2021-22
(D) Union Budget 2023-24

235. In which city was Base 1, the facility for active space debris removal and in-orbit servicing, inaugurated in November 2026?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Ahmedabad
(D) Thiruvananthapuram

236. By which year has India set the goal of achieving debris-free space, as announced at the opening of the Base 1 facility?

(A) 2028
(B) 2030
(C) 2035
(D) 2040

237. Which Indian Navy warship arrived at Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan for Exercise MALABAR 2026?

(A) INS Shivalik
(B) INS Sahyadri
(C) INS Satpura
(D) INS Kamorta

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238. Exercise MALABAR 2026 is a naval exercise of which group of countries?

(A) India, Japan, the United States and Australia
(B) India, France and the United Arab Emirates
(C) India, Russia and China
(D) India, Singapore and Thailand

239. How many visitors and from how many countries attended the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026?

(A) Over 25,000 visitors from 95 countries
(B) Over 50,000 visitors from 110 countries
(C) Over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries
(D) Over 90,000 visitors from 150 countries

240. According to the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, how much investment has India's renewable energy sector attracted over the past decade?

(A) Over Rs 5 lakh crore
(B) Over Rs 10 lakh crore
(C) Over Rs 15 lakh crore
(D) Over Rs 25 lakh crore

241. According to the Prime Minister's statement of 5 November 2026, how long was India's Metro network in 2014?

(A) 148 km
(B) 248 km
(C) 348 km
(D) 448 km

242. In how many cities does India's Metro network operate at present, as stated by the Prime Minister?

(A) 16
(B) 21
(C) 26
(D) 31

243. TRAI's Independent Drive Test whose findings were released in November 2026 covered which districts?

(A) Nuh and Palwal in Haryana
(B) Alwar and Bharatpur in Rajasthan
(C) Meerut and Baghpat in Uttar Pradesh
(D) Mandi and Kullu in Himachal Pradesh

244. How much city drive distance did TRAI's agency cover during the Independent Drive Test in Nuh and Palwal?

(A) 95.2 km
(B) 195.2 km
(C) 295.2 km
(D) 395.2 km

245. Special Campaign 6, under which the Union Health Ministry met all its targets, was conducted during which period?

(A) 2 to 31 August 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 1 to 30 September 2026
(D) 1 to 31 December 2026

246. How many public grievances were disposed of by the Department of Health and Family Welfare under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 6,026
(B) 9,480
(C) 12,840
(D) 18,240

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247. How many critical and strategic mineral blocks are on offer in the ninth tranche of e-auction launched by the Ministry of Mines?

(A) 15 blocks
(B) 20 blocks
(C) 29 blocks
(D) 64 blocks

248. Under which section of the MMDR Act was the Exploration Licence introduced?

(A) Section 4A
(B) Section 9B
(C) Section 10BA
(D) Section 11D

249. Under which section of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 has TRAI recommended creating the Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation?

(A) Section 2(1)(a)
(B) Section 3(1)(b)
(C) Section 4(4)
(D) Section 10(2)

250. What is the maximum duration recommended for the Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation?

(A) 5 years
(B) 10 years
(C) 20 years
(D) 30 years

251. Where and when will the Kimberley Process Plenary chaired by India be held?

(A) Luanda, Angola, from 3 to 4 November 2026
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 30 November to 4 December 2026
(C) Accra, Ghana, from 29 November 2026
(D) Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in December 2026

252. Which United Nations General Assembly resolution led to the setting up of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme?

(A) Resolution 48/26 of 1993
(B) Resolution 55/56 of 2000
(C) Resolution 60/12 of 2005
(D) Resolution 70/1 of 2015

253. What did a team led by Indian astronomers find about the galactic open cluster UBC 63?

(A) It is the nearest open cluster to the Sun
(B) It is actually two distinct clusters that passed close to each other
(C) It hosts the first planet found outside the Milky Way
(D) It is merging with the Andromeda galaxy

254. What are the approximate ages of UBC 63A and UBC 63B?

(A) 21 million years and 562 million years
(B) 562 million years and 21 million years
(C) 100 million years and 400 million years
(D) 6 million years and 26 million years

255. How much tax devolution did the Union Government release to state governments on 5 November 2026?

(A) Rs 89,086 crore
(B) Rs 1,09,019 crore
(C) Rs 1,78,173 crore
(D) Rs 2,09,019 crore

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256. Why did the Union Government advance the November instalment of tax devolution?

(A) Because the Finance Commission's term was ending

(B) In view of the festive season and to help states accelerate capital spending

(C) To offset a shortfall in GST compensation

(D) Because states had failed to meet borrowing limits

257. At which port did INS Tarkash conclude its port call in November 2026?

(A) Victoria, Seychelles

(B) Port Louis, Mauritius

(C) Colombo, Sri Lanka

(D) Male, Maldives

258. Which edition of Aapravasi Diwas did INS Tarkash join commemorative events for in Mauritius?

(A) 150th

(B) 175th

(C) 192nd

(D) 200th

259. How many medals did India win at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) 94

(B) 104

(C) 114

(D) 124

260. The Asian Para Games 2026, where India won 114 medals, were held at which host city?

(A) Hangzhou

(B) Aichi-Nagoya

(C) Jakarta

(D) Incheon

261. From which site was the quasi-ballistic missile Pralay flight-tested on 5 November 2026?

(A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh

(B) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha

(C) Pokhran, Rajasthan

(D) Thumba, Kerala

262. Which DRDO laboratory developed the Pralay missile indigenously?

(A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

(B) Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad

(C) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

(D) Bharat Electronics Limited

263. What was the theme of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 that concluded in New Delhi?

(A) Blue Economy and Coastal Security

(B) Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific

(C) Maritime Trade and Port Connectivity

(D) Climate Action in Island States

264. The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue is the annual apex-level international strategic dialogue of which service, held with the National Maritime Foundation?

(A) Indian Army

(B) Indian Air Force

(C) Indian Navy

(D) Indian Coast Guard

265. What is the fiscal outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for Semicon 2.0 under the India Semiconductor Mission?

(A) ₹76,000 crore

(B) ₹1,27,500 crore

(C) ₹1,64,000 crore

(D) ₹2,10,000 crore

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266. The Semicon 2.0 Web Application Portal launched in November 2026 opened applications for which pillars?

(A) Pillars 1, 5 and 6
(B) Pillars 1, 2 and 3
(C) Pillars 2, 3 and 4
(D) Pillars 4, 5 and 6

267. How many Gram Panchayats in Telangana are covered under the Amended BharatNet Program agreement signed in November 2026?

(A) 10,787
(B) 12,769
(C) 1,946
(D) 14,500

268. Digital Bharat Nidhi, which signed the BharatNet agreement for Telangana, was earlier known as:

(A) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)
(B) Bharat Broadband Network Limited
(C) National Optical Fibre Network
(D) Telecom Development Fund

269. From which date will TRAI's Register of Interconnect Agreements (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026 come into effect?

(A) 6 November 2026
(B) 1 December 2026
(C) 1 January 2027
(D) 1 April 2027

270. Under the amended regulations, what is the revised fee for inspecting TRAI's Register of Interconnect Agreements?

(A) ₹500 per hour
(B) ₹1,000 per hour
(C) ₹1,500 per hour
(D) ₹2,500 per hour

271. To what level was the rice sale target under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) for 2026-27 raised in November 2026?

(A) 25 LMT
(B) 36 LMT
(C) 50 LMT
(D) 75 LMT

272. Under the order of 6 November 2026, on which day of the week must rice and paddy stockists update their stock positions on the Food Stock Portal?

(A) Monday
(B) Wednesday
(C) Friday
(D) Saturday

273. In the context of highway tolling, what does MLFF stand for?

(A) Multi-Lane Free Flow
(B) Mobile Lane Fee Facility
(C) Multi-Level Fast Flow
(D) Motorway Lane Fare Fixing

274. NHAI's November 2026 guidelines standardising Multi-Lane Free Flow toll plaza design apply to National Highways with how many lanes?

(A) Two lanes and above
(B) Four lanes and above
(C) Six lanes and above
(D) Only Expressways

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275. The sacred relics of Shakyamuni Buddha on exposition at Tawang Monastery in November 2026 were originally discovered at which site?

(A) Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh
(B) Piprahwa, Uttar Pradesh
(C) Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh
(D) Vaishali, Bihar

276. Tawang Monastery, where more than 21,000 devotees paid homage to the Buddha relics in November 2026, is also known by which name?

(A) Gaden Namgyal Lhatse
(B) Rumtek Monastery
(C) Hemis Gompa
(D) Tabo Monastery

277. On 6 November 2026, envoys of which group of countries presented their credentials to President Droupadi Murmu?

(A) Mali, Myanmar, Madagascar and Equatorial Guinea
(B) Mali, Malaysia, Mauritius and Ghana
(C) Myanmar, Mongolia, Madagascar and Gabon
(D) Morocco, Myanmar, Mozambique and Guinea

278. Who presented credentials to the President of India on 6 November 2026 as the Ambassador of Myanmar?

(A) Fatoma Thera
(B) U Aye Min Htwe
(C) Mandehatsara Georget
(D) Miguel Edjang Angue

279. In November 2026 the Uttarakhand Police received the President's Colour. It became the how-manyth police force in India to receive this honour?

(A) 12th
(B) 14th
(C) 16th
(D) 18th

280. Which of the following is the motto of the Uttarakhand Police?

(A) Satyamev Jayate
(B) Karm Satyam Shauryam
(C) Seva Suraksha Shanti
(D) Paritranaya Sadhunam

281. Which State joined Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) as the 36th State, launching the scheme on 16 August 2026?

(A) Odisha
(B) Delhi
(C) West Bengal
(D) Tamil Nadu

282. BODH, presented at the November 2026 review of AB PM-JAY and ABDM, is a platform for which purpose?

(A) Settling health insurance claims between hospitals and insurers
(B) Benchmarking health AI models using Indian datasets
(C) Detecting fraud in hospital claims
(D) Creating ABHA health accounts

283. In the first five days of the Nationwide DLC Campaign 5, launched in November 2026, about how many Digital Life Certificates were generated?

(A) 25 lakh
(B) 40 lakh
(C) 70 lakh
(D) 1.17 crore

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284. During the first five days of DLC Campaign 5, the share of Digital Life Certificates generated through face authentication rose to nearly what level?

(A) 61 per cent
(B) 70 per cent
(C) 80 per cent
(D) 90 per cent

285. The Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat campaign, launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, aims to make India child-marriage-free by which year?

(A) 2027
(B) 2030
(C) 2035
(D) 2047

286. According to NFHS-6 (2023-24), what percentage of women aged 20–24 years were married before the age of 18?

(A) 26.8 per cent
(B) 23.3 per cent
(C) 20.1 per cent
(D) 17.4 per cent

287. The national tabletop exercise 'VAJRA-SAT', held in November 2026, was aimed at preparedness against which disease?

(A) Lumpy Skin Disease
(B) Foot-and-Mouth Disease serotype SAT-1
(C) African Swine Fever
(D) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

288. Which ICAR institute, based in Bengaluru, coordinated the VAJRA-SAT exercise with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying?

(A) ICAR-National Institute of Foot-and-Mouth Disease
(B) ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute
(C) ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics
(D) ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute

289. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), whose 13th Governing Body meeting was held in November 2026, is headquartered in which city?

(A) Kochi
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Visakhapatnam
(D) Bhubaneswar

290. According to the Union Minister at the NFDB meeting, India's fish production has risen from 141.64 lakh tonnes in 2019-20 to about how much?

(A) 175.45 lakh tonnes
(B) 184.02 lakh tonnes
(C) 197.75 lakh tonnes
(D) 210.30 lakh tonnes

291. According to the 20th Livestock Census (2019), what is India's pig population?

(A) 5.12 million
(B) 9.06 million
(C) 12.40 million
(D) 18.30 million

292. Which region accounts for nearly 45% of India's pig population and is the main focus of the new pig artificial insemination protocol?

(A) Eastern coastal region
(B) North-Eastern Region
(C) Western Himalayan region
(D) Deccan plateau

293. The 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' campaign, which ended in November 2026, was organised by which ministry through MY Bharat?

(A) Ministry of Law and Justice
(B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

294. How many young people did the 'Know Your Vote' campaign of MY Bharat reach?

(A) 22,588
(B) 50,036
(C) 100,493
(D) 1,23,500

295. Which department was the nodal department for Special Campaign 6, held in October 2026?

(A) Department of Personnel and Training
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Expenditure
(D) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation

296. How much revenue did Special Campaign 6 generate through the disposal of scrap, including e-waste?

(A) ₹618.06 crore
(B) ₹770.50 crore
(C) ₹970.33 crore
(D) ₹1,120.40 crore

297. Where was the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers, which concluded in November 2026, held?

(A) Bhubaneswar
(B) Goa
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Ranchi

298. At the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy called for faster mineral exploration mainly in view of the growing demand for which category of minerals?

(A) Fuel minerals such as coal
(B) Minor minerals
(C) Critical minerals
(D) Atomic minerals

299. What does the acronym I-STEM, whose portal was integrated with the Startup India Portal in November 2026, stand for?

(A) Indian Scheme for Technology and Engineering Mentorship
(B) Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facilities Map
(C) Integrated Startup Technology Enablement Mission
(D) Indian Society for Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

300. Who chaired the launch of the API integration between the Startup India and I-STEM portals on 6 November 2026?

(A) Dr. Parvinder Maini
(B) Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood
(C) Ateesh Kumar Singh
(D) Dr. Vishal Choudhary

301. Which stage of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was invoked across Delhi-NCR on 6 November 2026?

(A) Stage-I
(B) Stage-II
(C) Stage-III
(D) Stage-IV

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302. Delhi's daily average AQI on 6 November 2026, which led to the invoking of GRAP Stage-III, was:

(A) 328
(B) 382
(C) 412
(D) 450

303. Where did the maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise culminate in November 2026?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Kochi
(C) Sri Vijaya Puram
(D) Chennai

304. Under which command was the maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise conducted?

(A) Eastern Naval Command
(B) Andaman and Nicobar Command
(C) Southern Naval Command
(D) Western Naval Command

305. 'Rahat Mitra', the first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise that began on 5 November 2026, is held between India and which country?

(A) Bangladesh
(B) Sri Lanka
(C) Myanmar
(D) Thailand

306. Where did the India-Myanmar exercise 'Rahat Mitra' commence in November 2026?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Chennai
(C) Kolkata
(D) Port Blair

307. Exercise Tiger Triumph, whose 2026 edition ended at Visakhapatnam on 5 November 2026, is held between India and which country?

(A) Australia
(B) Japan
(C) United States
(D) France

308. Which edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph was held in 2026?

(A) Third
(B) Fourth
(C) Fifth
(D) Sixth

309. Which shipyard designed and built the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft 'Amini', delivered to the Indian Navy on 5 November 2026?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
(D) Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa

310. The ship 'Amini', delivered to the Indian Navy in November 2026, derives its name from an island in which Union Territory?

(A) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(B) Lakshadweep
(C) Puducherry
(D) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

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311. Which unit of the Indian Air Force signed an MoA with IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation in November 2026 for an indigenous airborne secure communication system?

(A) Base Repair Depot
(B) Software Development Institute
(C) Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment
(D) Air Force Academy

312. Who signed the MoA between the IAF and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation on behalf of the foundation?

(A) Prof V Kamakoti
(B) Air Vice Marshal Sarabjit Singh
(C) Dr M J Shankar Raman
(D) Air Chief Marshal of the IAF

313. India concluded association negotiations with the European Union for which programme?

(A) Erasmus Plus
(B) Horizon Europe
(C) Copernicus
(D) Galileo

314. The exploration of India's association with Horizon Europe was launched after a summit held on which date?

(A) 27 January 2026
(B) 15 July 2026
(C) 7 November 2026
(D) 15 August 2025

315. India is the world's how-manieth largest producer of chemicals?

(A) Third
(B) Fourth
(C) Sixth
(D) Ninth

316. What is the total financial outlay of the BHAVYA Rasayan scheme for dedicated chemical parks?

(A) Rs 1,000 crore
(B) Rs 3,030 crore
(C) Rs 5,000 crore
(D) Rs 30,000 crore

317. How many E20 petrol samples were tested and found compliant across 27 States and Union Territories?

(A) 456 samples
(B) 893 samples
(C) 1,250 samples
(D) 2,393 samples

318. Which Bureau of Indian Standards specification applies to ethanol-blended motor gasoline?

(A) IS 1460
(B) IS 2796
(C) IS 17021
(D) IS 15607

319. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacted with Indian Air Force personnel on the eve of Diwali 2026 at which Air Force Station?

(A) Hasimara
(B) Bagdogra
(C) Tezpur
(D) Chabua

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320. Under the 'Second Tour of Duty' approved by the Union Cabinet, what opportunity will Agniveers get after completing their engagement period?

(A) Automatic commission as officers

(B) Enrolment as regular soldiers, subject to willingness and selection criteria

(C) Compulsory transfer to central armed police forces

(D) A lifelong pension without further service

321. The Ministry of Steel conducted the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) 6 during which period?

(A) 1 to 30 September 2026

(B) 2 to 31 October 2026

(C) 15 October to 15 November 2026

(D) 2 to 31 August 2026

322. How many physical files were reviewed by the Ministry of Steel during SCDPM 6, and what share of the target did this represent?

(A) 17,107 files, 95 per cent of target

(B) 21,164 files, 101 per cent of target

(C) 17,501 files, 100 per cent of target

(D) 12,164 files, 110 per cent of target

323. From which date do the revised prices of the 137 anti-cancer drugs take effect?

(A) 1 November 2026

(B) 9 November 2026

(C) 17 October 2026

(D) 1 January 2027

324. Which authority has capped the trade margins on non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines?

(A) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation

(B) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

(C) Drug Controller General of India

(D) Directorate General of Health Services

325. Which department has launched an Interaction Series for its officers and officials?

(A) Department of Legal Affairs

(B) Legislative Department

(C) Department of Justice

(D) Department of Official Language

326. Which of the following is NOT one of the Five Cs of Purposeful Leadership?

(A) Consistency

(B) Curiosity

(C) Competition

(D) Community

327. Who chaired the high-level meeting on Gujarat law and order and internal security held in Ahmedabad?

(A) The Union Defence Minister

(B) The Union Home Minister

(C) The Union Finance Minister

(D) The Chief Justice of India

328. Roughly how long is the Gujarat coastline, as stated at the Ahmedabad security review?

(A) About 1,600 kilometres

(B) About 2,340 kilometres

(C) About 3,214 kilometres

(D) About 1,214 kilometres

329. Who inaugurated the Deepotsav 2026 celebrations at Ram Ki Paidi in Ayodhya?

(A) The President of India

(B) The Vice-President of India

(C) The Prime Minister

(D) The Governor of Uttar Pradesh

330. In which year was the Deepotsav festival at Ayodhya first held?

(A) 2014
(B) 2017
(C) 2019
(D) 2021

331. The Trishakti Corps, whose preparedness was reviewed on 7 November 2026, is headquartered at which place?

(A) Tezpur, Assam
(B) Sukna, West Bengal
(C) Bagdogra, West Bengal
(D) Dimapur, Nagaland

332. Along which boundary was the Defence Minister briefed on infrastructure development during the Sukna visit?

(A) Line of Control
(B) Radcliffe Line
(C) Line of Actual Control
(D) Durand Line

333. Where was the closing ceremony of the All India Sainik Schools National Games 2026 held?

(A) Sainik School Jhansi
(B) Sainik School Bijapur
(C) Sainik School Kapurthala
(D) Sainik School Ghorakhal

334. Which school won the Junior Girls Basketball title at the Sainik Schools National Games 2026?

(A) Sainik School Amaravatinagar
(B) Vikasa Sainik School
(C) Sainik School Ghorakhal
(D) Sainik School Bijapur

335. Special Campaign 6, concluded in October 2026 for grievance disposal and records management, was run by which organisation?

(A) Employees State Insurance Corporation
(B) Employees Provident Fund Organization
(C) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
(D) National Pension System Trust

336. How many public grievances did EPFO dispose of during Special Campaign 6?

(A) 2,05,000
(B) 1,80,000
(C) 2,36,021
(D) 2,02,984

337. At which monastery did the seven-day exposition of the sacred relics of Shakyamuni Buddha conclude on 7 November 2026?

(A) Rumtek Monastery
(B) Tawang Monastery (Gaden Namgyal Lhatse)
(C) Hemis Monastery
(D) Tabo Monastery

338. How many devotees and visitors had darshan of the sacred relics during the Tawang exposition?

(A) 13,000
(B) 21,000
(C) 31,000
(D) 41,000

339. Where was the district-level Shram Samvad programme on the Labour Codes held on 5 November 2026?

(A) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
(B) Dewas, Madhya Pradesh
(C) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
(D) Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

340. Which organisation led the session on the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme at Shram Samvad?

(A) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
(B) Employees' State Insurance Corporation
(C) Directorate General Labour Welfare
(D) Chief Labour Commissioner (Central)

341. Which Bharat Ratna awardee and former Deputy Prime Minister entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026?

(A) Lal Krishna Advani
(B) Murli Manohar Joshi
(C) Jaswant Singh
(D) Shanta Kumar

342. L.K. Advani is credited with leading which yatra?

(A) Bharat Jodo Yatra
(B) Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra
(C) Kanyakumari to Kashmir Ekta Yatra
(D) Dandi Yatra

343. At which base did Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrate Diwali in November 2026?

(A) CoBRA Operations Base, Karanpur
(B) INS Vikrant
(C) Sir Creek
(D) Kargil

344. For the first time in how many years did no CRPF jawan lose his life on duty, as stated in the Prime Minister's Bastar address?

(A) 25 years
(B) 37 years
(C) 47 years
(D) 57 years

345. The Trishakti Corps, which the Raksha Mantri visited in Sikkim on Deepawali, is which Corps of the Indian Army?

(A) 11 Corps
(B) 22 Corps
(C) 33 Corps
(D) 44 Corps

346. Who is the Chief of the Army Staff who accompanied the Raksha Mantri to Sikkim for the Deepawali visit?

(A) General Dhiraj Seth
(B) Lieutenant General V M B Krishnan
(C) Lieutenant General Man Raj Singh Mann
(D) Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai

347. The Green Diwali Campaign 2026 focused on how many cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme?

(A) 102 cities
(B) 115 cities
(C) 130 cities
(D) 150 cities

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348. Which app of the Central Pollution Control Board gives the daily Air Quality Index?

(A) SAMEER
(B) VAYU
(C) PRANA
(D) SWACHH

349. Revised maximum retail prices have been reported for how many anti-cancer formulations, which came into effect on 9 November 2026?

(A) 137
(B) 1,364
(C) 121
(D) 679

350. Which authority capped the trade margins on the maximum retail price of 137 anti-cancer drugs?

(A) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
(B) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(C) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
(D) Directorate General of Health Services

351. In which state is Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, where the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined in November 2026?

(A) Sikkim
(B) Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Himachal Pradesh
(D) Ladakh

352. How were the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha carried from Tawang to Bomdila?

(A) By an Indian Navy ship
(B) By a special train
(C) By an Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter
(D) By an Indian Army convoy from Namsai

353. Uttarakhand Statehood Day is observed on which date?

(A) 1 November
(B) 9 November
(C) 15 November
(D) 20 November

354. Which state did the Prime Minister describe as Devbhoomi, blessed with spiritual heritage and extraordinary natural beauty, in his Statehood Day message?

(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Sikkim
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Jharkhand

355. Which country took part with India in the inaugural tri-services HADR exercise Rahat Mitra?

(A) Bangladesh
(B) Myanmar
(C) Sri Lanka
(D) Thailand

356. Exercise Rahat Mitra, the first India-Myanmar tri-services disaster relief drill, concluded at which city?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Kochi
(C) Chennai
(D) Port Blair

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357. What is the theme of the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan, whose awards for 2025-26 are to be conferred on 11 November 2026?

(A) 'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'
(B) 'Waste to Wealth'
(C) 'Sampoorna Swachhata'
(D) 'Garbage Free Cities'

358. Who will confer the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26, and where?

(A) The Prime Minister, at Bharat Mandapam
(B) The President, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) The Vice-President, at Rashtrapati Bhavan
(D) The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, at Nirman Bhawan

359. INS Surat arrived at Muscat in November 2026 to take part in which bilateral maritime exercise?

(A) Varuna
(B) Naseem Al Bahr
(C) Konkan
(D) Al Mohed Al Hindi

360. The visit of INS Surat to Muscat is in line with which vision of the Government of India?

(A) SAGARMALA
(B) MAHASAGAR
(C) Act East Policy
(D) Neighbourhood First

361. From which date do the Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026 take effect?

(A) 1 October 2026
(B) 1 January 2027
(C) 1 April 2027
(D) 1 January 2026

362. What is the annual ceiling fixed by TRAI for the charge on a 1 Gbps IP port?

(A) Rs 5.6 lakh
(B) Rs 15 lakh
(C) Rs 42.3 lakh
(D) Rs 2.048 lakh

363. How many physical files did the Department of Legal Affairs weed out under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 13,523
(B) 15,679
(C) 20,572
(D) 27,289

364. How much revenue did the Department of Legal Affairs generate through the disposal of scrap during Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 4,71,881
(B) Rs 4.15 lakh
(C) Rs 15,679
(D) Rs 4,889

365. In TRAI's drive test on the New Tinsukia to Guwahati railway route, which operator recorded the highest average download speed?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) RJIL
(D) VIL

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366. TRAI's Independent Drive Test released in November 2026 covered a railway route of what length?

(A) 315.9 km
(B) 415.9 km
(C) 515.9 km
(D) 615.9 km

367. Where is the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 being organised?

(A) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(B) Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
(C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(D) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi

368. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Culture
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

369. How much office space did the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare free under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 9,553 sq ft
(B) 11,553 sq ft
(C) 13,553 sq ft
(D) 15,553 sq ft

370. How much revenue did the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare generate during Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 12,19,644
(B) Rs 22,19,644
(C) Rs 32,19,644
(D) Rs 42,19,644

371. On which date is National Entrepreneurship Day observed in India?

(A) 9 October
(B) 9 November
(C) 19 November
(D) 9 December

372. How many DPIIT-recognised startups does India have, as stated on National Entrepreneurship Day 2026?

(A) 1.62 lakh
(B) 2.62 lakh
(C) 3.62 lakh
(D) 4.62 lakh

373. How much revenue did Indian Railways generate through scrap disposal during Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 528.49 crore
(B) Rs 600 crore
(C) Rs 628.49 crore
(D) Rs 728.49 crore

374. At how many railway stations was Rail Jan Samvad held simultaneously under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 3,884 stations
(B) 4,884 stations
(C) 5,884 stations
(D) 6,884 stations

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375. How much office space did the Ministry of Power free during Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1,51,757 square feet
(B) 2,51,757 square feet
(C) 3,51,757 square feet
(D) 6,20,121 square feet

376. Under which rules did offices of the Ministry of Power dispose of electronic waste during Special Campaign 6?

(A) E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022
(B) Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016
(C) Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2021
(D) Hazardous Waste Rules, 2008

377. The River Yamuna has been designated as which National Waterway?

(A) National Waterway-1
(B) National Waterway-10
(C) National Waterway-110
(D) National Waterway-11

378. On which stretch of the Yamuna has Delhi's first recreational river cruise service been developed?

(A) Wazirabad to Okhla
(B) Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur
(C) Kalindi Kunj to Nizamuddin
(D) Palla to Wazirabad

379. How many trainees will pass out in the ninth batch at INS Chilka, the largest batch from the establishment?

(A) Over 1,300
(B) Over 2,300
(C) Over 3,300
(D) Over 4,300

380. Who will be the chief guest and reviewing officer at the INS Chilka passing out parade?

(A) The Chief of Defence Staff
(B) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
(C) Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena
(D) The Director General, Indian Coast Guard

381. At how many institutions was the MY Bharat-NSS Diwali Sneh Milan organised?

(A) 103 institutions
(B) 133 institutions
(C) 153 institutions
(D) 183 institutions

382. Diwali Sneh Milan was organised under which campaign of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports?

(A) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan
(B) Fit India Movement
(C) Khelo India Yuva Abhiyan
(D) Swachh Bharat Yuva Abhiyan

383. What is India's pilgrim quota under the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027?

(A) 1,25,000
(B) 1,50,000
(C) 175,025
(D) 2,00,000

384. In which city was the India-Saudi Arabia Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027 signed?

(A) Riyadh
(B) Jeddah
(C) Madinah
(D) New Delhi

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385. Development works of about what value were inaugurated or had their foundation stone laid by the Union Home Minister in Ahmedabad on 9 November 2026?

(A) Rs 400 crore
(B) Rs 1,400 crore
(C) Rs 2,500 crore
(D) Rs 25,000 crore

386. By which date has the target of a drug-free India been set, as stated by the Union Home Minister at Ahmedabad?

(A) 31 December 2027
(B) 31 December 2028
(C) 31 December 2029
(D) 31 December 2030

387. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a telephone conversation on 9 November 2026 with the President of which country?

(A) Poland
(B) Ukraine
(C) Hungary
(D) Romania

388. Which position did the Prime Minister of India reiterate during his call with the President of Ukraine?

(A) That the conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy
(B) That India would send troops as peacekeepers
(C) That India would impose trade sanctions
(D) That the dispute should be referred to arbitration by a third country

389. What does the abbreviation NAPDDR stand for?

(A) National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction
(B) National Agency for Prevention of Drug Dependence and Rehabilitation
(C) National Awareness Programme on Drug Danger and Recovery
(D) National Alliance for Prohibition of Drugs and De-addiction Research

390. Which Union Ministry runs the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction?

(A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Home Affairs
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

391. What does the abbreviation NFSC stand for?

(A) National Fund for Scheduled Castes
(B) National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students
(C) National Foundation for Social Change
(D) National Facility for Science Careers

392. Which Union Ministry administers the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Science and Technology

393. Lakshadweep and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands together account for nearly what share of India's Exclusive Economic Zone?

(A) About 15 per cent
(B) About 25 per cent
(C) Nearly 40 per cent
(D) Nearly 60 per cent

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394. Which island territory has been notified as a dedicated Seaweed Cluster?

(A) Lakshadweep
(B) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(C) Daman and Diu
(D) Puducherry

395. Which village in Nalanda district of Bihar was declared a Mushroom Village by the State Agriculture Department?

(A) Anantpur
(B) Harnaut
(C) Madhopur
(D) Ippatam

396. Anita Devi set up her spawn production laboratory with a subsidy from which mission?

(A) National Horticulture Mission
(B) National Food Security Mission
(C) National Livestock Mission
(D) National Bamboo Mission

397. How many devotees visited the TGL Monastery at Bomdila during the first two days of the exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha?

(A) 9,196
(B) 11,969
(C) 13,114
(D) 21,120

398. At which site in Namsai district will the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha be enshrined for public Darshan from 14 to 20 November 2026?

(A) Golden Pagoda
(B) Lower Gompa
(C) Mahabodhi Temple
(D) Tawang Monastery

399. How many electronic files were closed by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1,607
(B) 1,522
(C) 1,982
(D) 433

400. Over which period was Special Campaign 6 of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation conducted?

(A) 2 to 31 October 2026
(B) 1 to 30 September 2026
(C) 7 to 31 October 2026
(D) 2 to 31 November 2026

401. Who has become India's 100th chess Grandmaster?

(A) D Gukesh
(B) Anuj Shrivatri
(C) R Praggnanandhaa
(D) Arjun Erigaisi

402. With Anuj Shrivatri earning the title, the number of chess Grandmasters in India has reached which figure?

(A) 50
(B) 75
(C) 100
(D) 125

403. UNFCCC COP31, at which India delivered its opening statement, is being held in which city?

(A) Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
(B) Antalya, Turkiye
(C) Dubai, UAE
(D) Canberra, Australia

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404. Which Article of the Paris Agreement, highlighted by India at COP31, establishes the obligation of developed countries to provide financial resources to developing countries?

(A) Article 4.2
(B) Article 6.4
(C) Article 9.1
(D) Article 14.1

405. 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav - Ek Diya Sankalp Ka' was organised by which body?

(A) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
(B) Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
(C) National Service Scheme
(D) Sports Authority of India

406. How many participants took part in the 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav - Ek Diya Sankalp Ka' leg of the campaign?

(A) 9,526
(B) 55,430
(C) 1,10,101
(D) 2,45,600

407. As per the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin for July-September 2026, what was the Labour Force Participation Rate for persons aged 15 years and above?

(A) 52.7%
(B) 54.6%
(C) 55.5%
(D) 58.1%

408. According to the PLFS bulletin for July-September 2026, the all-India unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above stood at:

(A) 4.3%
(B) 5.1%
(C) 5.4%
(D) 6.8%

409. What is the total financial outlay of the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects?

(A) Rs 8,500 crore
(B) Rs 18,000 crore
(C) Rs 37,500 crore
(D) Rs 50,000 crore

410. Which company submitted both the applications received under Round 2 of the coal and lignite gasification scheme?

(A) Coal India Limited
(B) NTPC Limited
(C) NLC India Limited
(D) GAIL India Limited

411. The elephant tusks recovered by the DRI near Guwahati were seized under which law?

(A) The Customs Act alone
(B) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
(C) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
(D) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002

412. How many e-cigarettes did the DRI seize at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in the consignment mis-declared as Mop Rod?

(A) 6,000
(B) 7,000
(C) 13,000
(D) 3,55,000

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413. The National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) functions under the administrative control of which department?

(A) Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
(B) Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
(D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

414. How many government residential flats has NLMC offered for e-auction in Prayagraj?

(A) Five
(B) Nine
(C) Eleven
(D) Fifteen

415. Probationers of which service called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 10 November 2026?

(A) Indian Administrative Service
(B) Indian Police Service
(C) Indian Forest Service
(D) Indian Foreign Service

416. Which emerging threat did President Droupadi Murmu specifically flag while addressing the IPS probationers?

(A) Deep-fake content
(B) Counterfeit currency
(C) Human trafficking
(D) Illegal mining

417. Special Campaign 6.0, reported by the Department of Sports and the Ministry of Ayush, was conducted during which period?

(A) 2 October to 31 October 2026
(B) 17 September to 2 October 2026
(C) 1 October to 30 November 2026
(D) 2 October to 31 December 2026

418. How many public grievances did the Ministry of Ayush dispose of under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 120
(B) 285
(C) 368
(D) 1,610

419. The Yamuna has been designated as which national waterway?

(A) National Waterway-1
(B) National Waterway-37
(C) National Waterway-110
(D) National Waterway-97

420. How many passengers can the electric vessel on Delhi's Yamuna cruise service carry?

(A) 20
(B) 30
(C) 45
(D) 60

421. Up to which year has the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for medical devices been extended?

(A) 2027-28
(B) 2030-31
(C) 2032-33
(D) 2035-36

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422. What is the approximate outlay available under the fresh round of the medical devices PLI scheme?

(A) Rs 1,200 crore
(B) Rs 2,700 crore
(C) Rs 5,000 crore
(D) Rs 10,000 crore

423. The new AIIMS whose OPD milestone was announced in November 2026 are set up under which scheme?

(A) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
(B) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
(C) National Health Mission
(D) Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana

424. How many new AIIMS approved under PMSSY are fully functional?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 18
(D) 22

425. What millet area target was proposed for Odisha by 2047 at the Bhubaneswar national event?

(A) 2 lakh hectares
(B) 3.5 lakh hectares
(C) 5 lakh hectares
(D) 8 lakh hectares

426. Which Odisha campaign was described as a potential national model for millet-led agricultural transformation?

(A) Shree Anna Abhiyan
(B) Khet Bachao Abhiyan
(C) Kalia Yojana
(D) Mission Shakti

427. MATSYA-6000, reviewed at the ESSC meeting, is rated to dive to what depth?

(A) 3,000 metres
(B) 4,500 metres
(C) 6,000 metres
(D) 11,000 metres

428. Aboard which submersible did Indian aquanauts complete their deep dives in the Indo-French expedition?

(A) Nautile
(B) Alvin
(C) Shinkai
(D) Jiaolong

429. BRIC signed a Letter of Intent on biomanufacturing with which United Kingdom body?

(A) Centre for Process Innovation
(B) Wellcome Sanger Institute
(C) Royal Society of Biology
(D) UK Research and Innovation

430. According to the minister, India’s bioeconomy has grown to more than what size?

(A) USD 70 billion
(B) USD 120 billion
(C) USD 195 billion
(D) USD 300 billion

431. How many candidates feature in the final merit lists of the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026?

(A) 155
(B) 243
(C) 338
(D) 640

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432. The 162nd (DE) Course named in the CDS (I) 2026 final result belongs to which academy?

(A) Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala
(B) Air Force Academy, Hyderabad
(C) Indian Military Academy, Dehradun
(D) Officers Training Academy, Chennai

433. Which ministry launched the online 'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz'?

(A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) Ministry of Home Affairs

434. When was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched?

(A) 2 October 2019
(B) 15 August 2020
(C) 26 January 2021
(D) 1 April 2018

435. The Vayo SAATHI volunteer initiative is a component of which campaign?

(A) Atal Pension Yojana
(B) Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan
(C) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana
(D) Poshan Abhiyaan

436. What is the minimum age for registering as a Vayo SAATHI volunteer?

(A) 15 years
(B) 16 years
(C) 18 years
(D) 21 years

437. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela held at Dilli Haat?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

438. What were the cumulative sales recorded at Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 between 1 and 9 November 2026?

(A) About Rs 64.52 lakh
(B) About Rs 46.25 lakh
(C) About Rs 64.52 crore
(D) About Rs 13.75 crore

439. Under the Government's Public Procurement Policy, what share of procurement is mandated from SC/ST micro and small enterprises?

(A) 3 per cent
(B) 4 per cent
(C) 20 per cent
(D) 25 per cent

440. Which scheme of the MSME Ministry handholds SC/ST micro and small enterprises for public procurement?

(A) National SC-ST Hub Scheme
(B) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme
(C) Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises
(D) Udyam Registration

441. India Post ran the Digital Detox 2.0 campaign in collaboration with which airline?

(A) Air India
(B) IndiGo
(C) SpiceJet
(D) Akasa Air

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442. Digital Detox 2.0 was conducted on how many flights?

(A) 11
(B) 15
(C) 21
(D) 30

443. Where will the third edition of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo be held in February 2027?

(A) Pragati Maidan and Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(C) Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai
(D) India Expo Mart, Greater Noida

444. What is the theme of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027?

(A) Mobility for All, Mobility for Bharat
(B) Driving Green, Driving Growth
(C) Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow
(D) One Nation, One Mobility

445. Khet Bachao Abhiyan, the nationwide campaign held from 22 October to 30 November 2026, is a drive of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
(D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

446. Which institute organised the Khet Bachao Abhiyan programme attended by Shri Ram Nath Thakur in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal?

(A) ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology
(B) ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education
(C) ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning
(D) ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute

447. What is the full form of the NAMASTE scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment?

(A) National Mission for Safe Toilets and Sanitation
(B) National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem
(C) National Agency for Municipal Sanitation and Training
(D) National Assistance for Manual Scavengers and Their Employment

448. The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC) provides which combination of support to a research scholar?

(A) Only a monthly fellowship amount
(B) Fellowship, House Rent Allowance and a contingency grant
(C) A one-time research grant and a laptop
(D) Tuition fee waiver and hostel accommodation

449. Under which Act has the draft framework for provisional registration of allied and healthcare professionals been framed?

(A) The National Medical Commission Act, 2019
(B) The Clinical Establishments Act, 2010
(C) The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021
(D) The Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947

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450. What is the last date for sending comments, suggestions and objections on the draft provisional registration regulations?

(A) 4 December 2026
(B) 30 November 2026
(C) 11 December 2026
(D) 1 January 2027

451. Which organisations joined CSIR in holding the India-Norway Dialogue on Waste to Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sector?

(A) SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway
(B) Innovation Norway and the Norwegian Polar Institute
(C) Equinor and the Norwegian Mapping Authority
(D) The Norwegian Water Resources Directorate alone

452. Under which bilateral framework, agreed during the Prime Minister's visit to Norway in May, was the waste to resource dialogue held?

(A) Blue Economy Compact
(B) Green Strategic Partnership
(C) Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
(D) Clean Energy Mission Statement

453. In how many districts was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched on 15 August 2020?

(A) 272 districts
(B) 372 districts
(C) 112 districts
(D) All districts of the country

454. Which article of the Constitution of India directs the State to work towards prohibiting intoxicating drinks and drugs injurious to health?

(A) Article 44
(B) Article 45
(C) Article 47
(D) Article 51A

455. Which shipyard has been given the contract for the normal refit and re-powering of INS Betwa?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
(B) Cochin Shipyard Limited
(C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
(D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

456. INS Betwa belongs to which class of frigates of the Indian Navy?

(A) Shivalik class
(B) Talwar class
(C) Brahmaputra class
(D) Nilgiri class

457. Up to which date has the Stand-Up India Scheme been extended by the Union Cabinet?

(A) 31 March 2029
(B) 31 March 2030
(C) 31 March 2031
(D) 31 March 2032

458. What is the size of the credit guarantee corpus approved for the extended Stand-Up India Scheme?

(A) Rs 2,111 crore
(B) Rs 3,111 crore
(C) Rs 4,111 crore
(D) Rs 5,111 crore

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459. What corpus has the Union Cabinet approved for the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units?

(A) Rs 3,000 crore
(B) Rs 4,111 crore
(C) Rs 5,000 crore
(D) Rs 7,500 crore

460. Through which body is the CGFMU guarantee extended to lending institutions?

(A) Small Industries Development Bank of India
(B) National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited
(C) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
(D) Reserve Bank of India

461. What is the tentative budgetary requirement approved for Nutrient Based Subsidy for Rabi 2026-27?

(A) About Rs 37,952.29 crore
(B) About Rs 45,210.50 crore
(C) About Rs 62,370.02 crore
(D) About Rs 74,500.75 crore

462. Since when has the subsidy on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers been governed by the Nutrient Based Subsidy scheme?

(A) 01.04.2008
(B) 01.04.2010
(C) 01.04.2014
(D) 01.04.2016

463. What is the route length of the Aqua Line metro extension approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) 6.349 km
(B) 8.449 km
(C) 11.878 km
(D) 14.449 km

464. After the new corridor is commissioned, what will be the length of the active metro network in Noida and Greater Noida?

(A) 58.429 km
(B) 63.878 km
(C) 71.878 km
(D) 80.327 km

465. What is the estimated project cost of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum approved by the CCEA?

(A) Rs 1,780 crore
(B) Rs 2,230 crore
(C) Rs 3,230 crore
(D) Rs 5,230 crore

466. The Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum will be developed at which location in New Delhi?

(A) Rashtrapati Bhavan complex
(B) North and South Block complex
(C) Red Fort complex
(D) Pragati Maidan complex

467. Under which ITC(HS) code has the export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass been prohibited?

(A) 85069000
(B) 85491400
(C) 81069200
(D) 28459000

468. Which of these minerals is NOT listed among those recoverable from Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass?

(A) Cobalt
(B) Nickel
(C) Manganese
(D) Cadmium

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469. At which Egyptian naval base did INS Trishul conclude its port call on 9 November 2026?

(A) Alexandria Naval Base
(B) Safaga Naval Base
(C) Port Said Naval Base
(D) Suez Naval Base

470. The 11th India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee meeting, referred to as the backdrop to this port call, was held in which city?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Cairo
(C) Safaga
(D) Sharm el-Sheikh

471. Over which period in 2026 was Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and disposal of pending matters conducted?

(A) 1 to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 2 to 31 August 2026
(D) 15 October to 15 November 2026

472. How many grievances were disposed of during the dedicated one-day event held under Special Campaign 6.0 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development?

(A) 12,08,313
(B) 5,51,653
(C) 51,090
(D) 576

473. The Bijwasan Fee Plaza, where the misbehaviour with road users took place, is located on which national highway?

(A) NH-44
(B) NH-248BB
(C) NH-48
(D) NH-9

474. What monetary penalty did NHAI impose on the user fee collection agency at the Bijwasan Fee Plaza?

(A) Rs 5 lakh
(B) Rs 10 lakh
(C) Rs 15 lakh
(D) Rs 25 lakh

475. The National Overseas Scholarship Scheme is administered by which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of External Affairs
(D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

476. Under the National Overseas Scholarship, what amount of tuition fees was met for the student's MSc at University College London?

(A) 9,900 pounds
(B) 19,800 pounds
(C) 29,900 pounds
(D) 39,800 pounds

477. Who unveiled the portrait of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the Central Hall of the building now called Samvidhan Sadan?

(A) Dr Rajendra Prasad
(B) Dr S. Radhakrishnan
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru
(D) Dr Zakir Husain

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478. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad served as independent India's first minister in charge of which portfolio?

(A) Home Affairs
(B) Education
(C) Defence
(D) Finance

479. The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting was held in which city?

(A) Dhaka
(B) Colombo
(C) Bangkok
(D) Kathmandu

480. India announced that it will host the BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine at which institution?

(A) All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi
(B) National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur
(C) Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar
(D) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, Pune

481. Which edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil is being held in November 2026?

(A) Third
(B) Fourth
(C) Fifth
(D) Seventh

482. Exercise Sea Vigil was conceptualised in which year, and in response to which event?

(A) 2016, after the Pathankot attack
(B) 2018, after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks
(C) 2008, immediately after the Mumbai attacks
(D) 2020, after the Galwan clash

483. How many Indian villages were without 4G connectivity in 2026, according to the Department of Telecommunications?

(A) 45,180
(B) 24,680
(C) 11,372
(D) 18,291

484. The 4G Saturation Project of the Department of Telecommunications was designed to cover how many previously unconnected villages?

(A) 24,680
(B) 26,000
(C) 45,180
(D) 10,000

485. Tamilnad Mercantile Bank, which marked its 105th Foundation Day in November 2026, was originally established under which name?

(A) Nadar Bank Limited
(B) Travancore Mercantile Bank
(C) South Indian Bank Limited
(D) Pandyan Bank Limited

486. Who attended the 105th Foundation Day celebrations of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank at Thoothukudi as chief guest?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Vice President of India
(C) The Union Finance Minister
(D) The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

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487. Under which operation did the Central Bureau of Narcotics dismantle the mephedrone laboratory at Mau?

(A) Operation Vajra 3.0
(B) Operation Sagar Manthan
(C) Operation Trishul
(D) Operation Prahar 2.0

488. The Central Bureau of Narcotics, which carried out this operation, works under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Finance
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

489. Under which theme is Bharat Parv 2026 being organised at Ekta Nagar?

(A) Vocal for Local
(B) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(C) Dekho Apna Desh
(D) Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

490. Bharat Parv 2026 is being organised by which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Tourism
(C) Ministry of Textiles
(D) Ministry of Education

491. Who presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Prime Minister
(C) The Vice-President
(D) The Union Home Minister

492. Which city was ranked first among the Clean Cities of the Super Swachh League in Swachh Survekshan 2025-26?

(A) Indore
(B) Surat
(C) Navi Mumbai
(D) Vijayawada

493. After the latest rationalisation, how many main visa categories does India have?

(A) 22
(B) 13
(C) 9
(D) 23

494. Which Indian visa category has been renamed the Visitor Visa?

(A) Business Visa
(B) Tourist Visa
(C) Medical Visa
(D) Miscellaneous Visa

495. Naseem Al Bahr is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

(A) Qatar
(B) Oman
(C) Egypt
(D) Myanmar

496. Which Indian warship took part in the sea phase of the 15th Naseem Al Bahr exercise?

(A) INS Rana
(B) INS Betwa
(C) INS Surat
(D) INS Sumedha

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497. IMNEX-26 is a naval exercise between India and which country?

(A) Maldives
(B) Myanmar
(C) Malaysia
(D) Mozambique

498. Where is the 8th edition of IMNEX being conducted?

(A) Kochi
(B) Port Blair
(C) Visakhapatnam
(D) Mumbai

499. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is observed on 15 November to mark the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Rani Durgavati
(B) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(C) Ropuiliani
(D) Tilka Manjhi

500. Which portal, developed with ICMR, is India's first platform for tribe-disaggregated health data?

(A) Adi Vaani
(B) National FRA Digital Platform
(C) Jan-HIT Portal
(D) PM-JANMAN Portal

501. In which city is the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference PP-26 being held?

(A) Geneva
(B) Doha
(C) Dubai
(D) New Delhi

502. Which Indian initiative, described at PP-26 as a WSIS Prize winner, gives villagers healthcare, farm advice, banking and government certificates?

(A) BharatNet
(B) Bharat 6G Vision
(C) Samriddh Gram Centres
(D) Adi Vaani

503. At which port did Sarbananda Sonowal dedicate a waterfront Port Promenade to the public in November 2026?

(A) Paradip Port
(B) Visakhapatnam Port
(C) Kandla Port
(D) Chennai Port

504. How much cargo did Visakhapatnam Port handle in the 2025-26 financial year?

(A) 71.17 million metric tonnes
(B) 81.17 million metric tonnes
(C) 91.17 million metric tonnes
(D) 101.17 million metric tonnes

505. Who delivered the Cavalry Memorial Address at the Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026 in New Delhi?

(A) The Chief of Defence Staff
(B) The Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth
(C) The Director General Mechanised Forces
(D) The Defence Minister

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506. Which book was unveiled at the inaugural session of the Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026?

(A) Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace
(B) Cavalry at the Crossroads
(C) Steel Fist: The Indian Armoured Corps
(D) Battlespace 2047

507. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela held at Dilli Haat, INA, in New Delhi?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Culture

508. What were the cumulative sales reported at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 between 1 and 10 November 2026?

(A) About Rs 37.49 lakh
(B) About Rs 53.94 lakh
(C) About Rs 73.49 lakh
(D) About Rs 93.47 lakh

509. In which year was the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme launched?

(A) 2015
(B) 2017
(C) 2019
(D) 2021

510. In how many States and Union Territories has the ONORC scheme been implemented?

(A) 28
(B) 31
(C) 34
(D) 36

511. Where will the 9th National Naturopathy Day be observed on 18 November 2026?

(A) Nisarg Gram, Pune
(B) Jhajjar, Haryana
(C) Nagamangala, Karnataka
(D) New Delhi

512. What is the theme of National Naturopathy Day 2026?

(A) Yoga for One Earth, One Health
(B) Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat
(C) Naturopathy for Healthy Ageing
(D) Fit India, Fit Future

513. At which monastery did the exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha begin in Arunachal Pradesh?

(A) Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, Bomdila
(B) Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang) Monastery
(C) Golden Pagoda, Namsai
(D) Urgelling Monastery, Tawang

514. Where will the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha be open for public veneration from 14 to 20 November 2026?

(A) Golden Pagoda, Namsai
(B) Lower Gompa, Bomdila
(C) National Museum, New Delhi
(D) Tawang Monastery

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515. What is the theme of the Air Force Commanders' Conference addressed by the Raksha Mantri in November 2026?

(A) Air Power for Atmanirbhar Bharat

(B) The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation

(C) Jointness, Integration and Theatreisation

(D) Year of Technology Absorption

516. In the Indian Air Force, UDAAN stands for which of the following?

(A) Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking

(B) Unmanned Drone Aviation and Air Navigation

(C) Unified Defence Analytics and Aerospace Network

(D) Udan Digital Aviation and Allied Networks

517. How much support has the Technology Development Board agreed to give Astrome Technologies for the AI-ELINT constellation?

(A) Rs 128.11 crore

(B) Rs 64.05 crore

(C) Rs 46.50 crore

(D) Rs 640.5 crore

518. The AI-ELINT satellite constellation supported by TDB will use microsatellites of which class?

(A) The 10 kg class

(B) The 50 kg class

(C) The 500 kg class

(D) The 1,200 kg class

519. Under the leadership of which academy was the Joint S20 Statement of 2026, endorsed by INSA, released?

(A) The Royal Society

(B) The U.S. National Academy of Sciences

(C) The Chinese Academy of Sciences

(D) The Indian National Science Academy

520. The Joint S20 Statement endorsed by INSA will be presented to the G20 ahead of the G20 Summit to be held at which place?

(A) Johannesburg, South Africa

(B) Miami, Florida

(C) New Delhi, India

(D) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

521. Which edition of the International Film Festival of India is being held in Goa in November 2026?

(A) The 55th edition

(B) The 56th edition

(C) The 57th edition

(D) The 58th edition

522. WaveX, the accelerator behind the startup pavilion at IFFI, belongs to which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

(B) Ministry of Culture

(C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

523. What was India's Consumer Price Index based retail inflation rate for October 2026?

(A) 5.54%

(B) 6.09%

(C) 8.94%

(D) 4.38%

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524. Which base year does the Consumer Price Index series used for the October 2026 release follow?

(A) 2012=100
(B) 2011-12=100
(C) 2024=100
(D) 2020=100

525. On which date was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched?

(A) 2 October 2019
(B) 15 August 2020
(C) 15 August 2023
(D) 26 January 2022

526. In how many districts was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan first launched?

(A) 112 districts
(B) 272 districts
(C) 372 districts
(D) 750 districts

527. What is the theme of the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) Vocal for Local
(B) Vikas aur Virasat
(C) Atmanirbhar Bharat
(D) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

528. Which organisation holds the India International Trade Fair every year?

(A) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
(B) India Trade Promotion Organisation
(C) Directorate General of Foreign Trade
(D) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation

529. Which AI bot is part of the Vidya Samiksha Kendra launched for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan?

(A) Samvaad
(B) Samiksha
(C) Saksham
(D) Sahayak

530. Who launched the three flagship digital initiatives of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The Union Minister for Education
(C) The President
(D) The Commissioner of KVS

531. Which country did Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh visit for the Second Science and Innovation Dialogue?

(A) France
(B) Italy
(C) Germany
(D) Spain

532. Which of these institutions visited by the Indian delegation is located in Trieste, Italy?

(A) Elettra Synchrotron facility
(B) National Physical Laboratory
(C) IKP Knowledge Park
(D) Qmet Tech Foundation

533. Which ministry runs the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

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534. Where did the Prime Minister set out the vision for the nationwide Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari movement?

(A) Surat, Gujarat
(B) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
(C) Jaipur, Rajasthan
(D) Nagpur, Maharashtra

535. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit in which city?

(A) Jakarta
(B) Manila
(C) Hanoi
(D) Kuala Lumpur

536. Which country holds the ASEAN Chair for 2026 and is hosting the ASEAN-India Summit and the East Asia Summit?

(A) Philippines
(B) Singapore
(C) Thailand
(D) Indonesia

537. Who launched the revamped Gallantry Awards portal in New Delhi?

(A) The Defence Secretary
(B) Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth
(C) Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
(D) The Chief of Defence Staff

538. How many schools took part in the fifth edition of Veer Gatha?

(A) 4,788 schools
(B) 48,000 schools
(C) Over 1.9 lakh schools
(D) About 9 lakh schools

539. How many bids did the Ministry of Heavy Industries receive for the 10 GWh of ACC manufacturing capacity?

(A) 10
(B) 18
(C) 22
(D) 50

540. What is the budgetary outlay of the PLI scheme under the National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage?

(A) Rs 10,900 crore
(B) Rs 18,100 crore
(C) Rs 24,000 crore
(D) Rs 76,000 crore

541. The new medicinal plants project of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs covers how many tribal hotspots and in how many States and Union Territories?

(A) 12 hotspots in 10 States and UTs
(B) 16 hotspots in 13 States and UTs
(C) 20 hotspots in 16 States and UTs
(D) 13 hotspots in 16 States and UTs

542. Which research institute is the Ministry of Tribal Affairs working with on this project?

(A) CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow
(B) ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research
(C) Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata
(D) CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

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543. India’s National Genebank, located at ICAR-NBPGR, ranks where in the world by size?

(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Fifth
(D) Tenth

544. Which Foundation Day of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Authority was observed with the Plant Genome Saviour Award ceremony?

(A) 12th
(B) 20th
(C) 22nd
(D) 25th

545. The interaction of the President with meritorious Eklavya Model Residential School students was organised by which body?

(A) National Education Society for Tribal Students
(B) National Council of Educational Research and Training
(C) Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation
(D) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

546. Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Tantia Bhil
(B) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(C) Rani Gaidinliu
(D) Alluri Sitarama Raju

547. LeadIT, the Leadership Group for Industry Transition, was launched by India along with which country?

(A) Norway
(B) Sweden
(C) Denmark
(D) Finland

548. Where will the third phase of LeadIT be launched?

(A) At COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye
(B) At the World Economic Forum in Davos
(C) At the UN Climate Action Summit in New York
(D) At a summit in Stockholm

549. Which institution was the knowledge partner for the report 'Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes'?

(A) IIM Bangalore
(B) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
(C) IIT Delhi
(D) Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

550. How many notified sectors does the NITI Aayog assessment of the PLI route cover?

(A) 10
(B) 12
(C) 14
(D) 16

551. In which city is the 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 being held?

(A) Amaravati
(B) Visakhapatnam
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Chennai

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552. Which three greenfield industrial smart city nodes of Andhra Pradesh were showcased at the NICDC pavilion?

(A) Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy
(B) Krishnapatnam, Amaravati and Tirupati
(C) Orvakal, Kakinada and Nellore
(D) Kopparthy, Anantapur and Guntur

553. What is the tentative outlay for the Nutrient-Based Subsidy on P and K fertilisers for Rabi 2026-27?

(A) Rs 37,952.29 crore
(B) Rs 45,120.50 crore
(C) Rs 62,370.02 crore
(D) Rs 79,640.75 crore

554. Under the Nutrient-Based Subsidy rates for Rabi 2026-27, what is the subsidy on nitrogen per kilogram?

(A) Rs 66.11
(B) Rs 94.21
(C) Rs 12.38
(D) Rs 10.42

555. Where was the second edition of the National Tribal Literary Festival inaugurated?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
(C) Ranchi, Jharkhand
(D) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

556. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, during whose Pakhwada the festival is held, is observed on the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(B) Rani Gaidinliu
(C) Tilka Manjhi
(D) Komaram Bheem

557. Where was the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 held?

(A) Chennai
(B) Tiruchirappalli
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Hyderabad

558. What is the approved timeline for completing the remaining works under Jal Jeevan Mission?

(A) December 2026
(B) December 2027
(C) December 2028
(D) March 2030

559. How many defence pensioners had submitted Digital Life Certificates under DLC Campaign 5.0 as reported on 12 November 2026?

(A) Over 10.24 lakh
(B) Over 20.48 lakh
(C) Over 30.50 lakh
(D) Over 45 lakh

560. Through which portal is Aadhaar-based face authentication for life certificates carried out?

(A) Jeevan Pramaan
(B) SPARSH
(C) DigiLocker
(D) UMANG

561. As per the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, by how much has India's TB mortality fallen since 2015?

(A) 28%
(B) 32%
(C) 38%
(D) 45%

562. What is India's treatment success rate among patients with drug-susceptible tuberculosis?

(A) 84%
(B) 88%
(C) 91%
(D) 94%

563. Under the proposed Rent a Cab reforms, the minimum fleet requirement for an operator has been reduced from 50 cabs to how many?

(A) 2
(B) 5
(C) 10
(D) 20

564. What timeline has been proposed for the grant and renewal of a Rent a Cab licence?

(A) 15 days
(B) 30 days
(C) 45 days
(D) 60 days

565. Where is the proposed greenfield shipbuilding cluster of Andhra Pradesh, approved in principle under the National Shipbuilding Mission, to be set up?

(A) Machilipatnam
(B) Dugarajapatnam
(C) Ramayapatnam
(D) Gangavaram

566. What is the approximate length of Andhra Pradesh's coastline, as highlighted by the Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways?

(A) 974 km
(B) 1,053 km
(C) 1,240 km
(D) 1,600 km

567. Red sanders, seized by the DRI at Chennai Port, is listed in which Schedule of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972?

(A) Schedule I
(B) Schedule II
(C) Schedule III
(D) Schedule IV

568. What was the quantity and value of the red sanders seized by the DRI at Chennai Port?

(A) About 8,000 kg worth Rs 4.50 crore
(B) About 13,000 kg worth Rs 7.72 crore
(C) About 18,000 kg worth Rs 9.20 crore
(D) About 22,000 kg worth Rs 12.40 crore

569. Which department of the Ministry of Finance reported its performance in Special Campaign 6 for institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency?

(A) Department of Economic Affairs
(B) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management
(C) Department of Financial Services
(D) Department of Expenditure

570. Through which organisation was e-waste scrapped during DIPAM's Special Campaign 6, and for what amount?

(A) MMTC Limited, for Rs 3,01,777
(B) NBCC (India) Limited, for Rs 2,01,777
(C) MSTC Limited, for Rs 2,01,777
(D) MSTC Limited, for Rs 5,20,100

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571. According to the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, by what percentage have tuberculosis deaths in India fallen since 2015?

(A) 28%
(B) 35%
(C) 38%
(D) 46%

572. What is India's treatment success rate among patients with drug-susceptible tuberculosis, as noted in the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026?

(A) 76%
(B) 84%
(C) 88%
(D) 94%

573. What is the theme of the 57th International Film Festival of India, to be held in Goa?

(A) Cinema for All
(B) Stories Without Borders
(C) One World, One Screen
(D) Frames of the Future

574. Which country has been named the Country of Honour at the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) Russia
(B) France
(C) Spain
(D) Singapore

575. In which city was the Second India-Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue 2026 held?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Rome
(C) Milan
(D) Florence

576. In which year was the first inter-governmental agreement on science and technology between India and Italy signed?

(A) 1968
(B) 1978
(C) 1991
(D) 2003

577. What penalty has the Central Consumer Protection Authority imposed on ANI Technologies, the operator of Ola?

(A) Rs 1 lakh
(B) Rs 5 lakh
(C) Rs 10 lakh
(D) Rs 25 lakh

578. Which dark pattern did the CCPA identify in the pre-ride payment prompts shown on the Ola app?

(A) Basket Sneaking
(B) Confirm Shaming
(C) Bait and Switch
(D) Drip Pricing

579. Trade Margin Rationalisation has been applied to how many non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs, according to the NPPA direction?

(A) 71
(B) 108
(C) 137
(D) 189

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580. Under which department does the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority function?

(A) Department of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Department of Pharmaceuticals
(C) Department of Consumer Affairs
(D) Department of Biotechnology

581. What was India's non-fossil installed power capacity as on 31 July 2026?

(A) 175 GW
(B) 249 GW
(C) 308 GW
(D) 560 GW

582. What is the total outlay of PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana?

(A) Rs 5,070 crore
(B) Rs 19,744 crore
(C) Rs 35,800 crore
(D) Rs 75,021 crore

583. Development projects of what value were launched by the Prime Minister in Bengaluru on 13 November 2026?

(A) Over Rs 8,400 crore
(B) Over Rs 11,200 crore
(C) Over Rs 15,600 crore
(D) Over Rs 21,000 crore

584. Bengaluru has become the third Indian city whose metro network has crossed 100 kilometres. Which two came first?

(A) Chennai and Kolkata
(B) Delhi-NCR and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region
(C) Hyderabad and Ahmedabad
(D) Kolkata and Hyderabad

585. Yogasana has been recognised in India as a competitive sport and given a place in which events?

(A) Khelo India and the National Games
(B) The Commonwealth Games only
(C) The Asian Games and the Olympics
(D) The National School Games only

586. The golden jubilee attended by the Prime Minister in Bengaluru belonged to which institution?

(A) Prashanti Kutiram of S-VYASA
(B) The Yoga Institute, Santacruz
(C) Kaivalyadhama, Lonavla
(D) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga

587. Under which law has the Ministry of Home Affairs extended the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation?

(A) The National Security Act
(B) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act
(C) The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act
(D) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act

588. The Islamic Research Foundation, whose ban was extended in November 2026, is led by whom?

(A) Masood Azhar
(B) Hafiz Saeed
(C) Dr Zakir Naik
(D) Syed Salahuddin

589. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

(A) Bangladesh
(B) Sri Lanka
(C) Maldives
(D) Nepal

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590. Where is the 12th edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI being conducted?

(A) Army Training School, Maduru Oya
(B) Diyatalawa Military Academy
(C) Foreign Training Node, Aundh
(D) Trincomalee Naval Base

591. How many caregivers does the national directory of the SHATAYU portal feature?

(A) 13,075
(B) 21,480
(C) 30,151
(D) 45,900

592. SHATAYU, the geriatric care platform in the news, is an initiative of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(D) Ministry of Rural Development

593. How many telecom resources were barred for fifteen days for a first violation, as per the TRAI report for July to September 2026?

(A) 13,777
(B) 1,10,325
(C) 3,725
(D) 2,04,118

594. What share of the spam complaints in the quarter was received through the TRAI DND App?

(A) 48.6 per cent
(B) 67.2 per cent
(C) 92.9 per cent
(D) 100 per cent

595. India's total exports of merchandise and services in October 2026 were estimated at:

(A) US$ 69.27 billion
(B) US$ 89.99 billion
(C) US$ 110.07 billion
(D) US$ 49.47 billion

596. Which group recorded the highest percentage growth in exports in October 2026?

(A) Engineering goods
(B) Electronic goods
(C) Petroleum products
(D) Gems and jewellery

597. What was the theme of the 31st CII Partnership Summit held at Visakhapatnam?

(A) Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust
(B) Trade, Investment and Shared Prosperity
(C) Partnership for a Resilient Global Economy
(D) Technology, Talent and Transformation

598. How many investment projects did the Vice-President say Andhra Pradesh had attracted since June 2024?

(A) 417
(B) 571
(C) 714
(D) 840

599. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela held at Dilli Haat?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

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600. What were the cumulative sales of Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 up to 12 November 2026?

(A) About Rs 48.36 lakh
(B) About Rs 68.36 lakh
(C) About Rs 88.36 lakh
(D) About Rs 1.88 crore

601. How many strategic sectors are covered by the Production Linked Incentive scheme?

(A) Ten sectors
(B) Twelve sectors
(C) Fourteen sectors
(D) Sixteen sectors

602. As on 30 June 2026, what was the cumulative actual investment under the PLI scheme?

(A) Rs 1,91,049 crore
(B) Rs 2,58,835 crore
(C) Rs 36,754 crore
(D) Rs 21,033 crore

603. Which ministry organised the conference Creative India: Collective Possibilities?

(A) Ministry of Tourism
(B) Ministry of Culture
(C) Ministry of Education
(D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

604. How many protected monuments were cited as part of the public infrastructure of India's creative economy?

(A) More than 1,800
(B) More than 2,400
(C) More than 3,600
(D) More than 5,200

605. INS Sahyadri departed which naval base on 12 November 2026 after Exercise Malabar 2026?

(A) Sasebo Naval Base
(B) Yokosuka Naval Base
(C) Pearl Harbor
(D) Darwin Naval Base

606. Which four navies trained together in Exercise Malabar 2026?

(A) India, Japan, the United States and Australia
(B) India, Japan, the United States and France
(C) India, Russia, the United States and Australia
(D) India, Japan, the United Kingdom and Australia

607. Which body confers the U.P. Medal for Innovative Technology in Roads, won by NRIDA for the year 2025?

(A) National Highways Authority of India
(B) Indian Roads Congress
(C) Central Road Research Institute
(D) Bureau of Indian Standards

608. The award to NRIDA recognises the innovative use of which material in rural road construction?

(A) Fly ash
(B) Plastic waste
(C) Steel slag
(D) Copper slag

609. Who chaired the Committee on Knowledge Systems whose report MoSPI has opened for public feedback?

(A) Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood
(B) Dr. R. Balasubramaniam
(C) Shri Ratan P. Watal
(D) Dr. Bibek Debroy

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610. By which date can feedback be sent to MoSPI on the Actionable Policy Paper on measuring knowledge in the economy?

(A) 30 November 2026
(B) 12 December 2026
(C) 31 December 2026
(D) 15 January 2027

611. On which date was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched?

(A) 2 October 2019
(B) 15 August 2020
(C) 26 January 2021
(D) 26 October 2026

612. On which platform is the Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz hosted?

(A) MY Bharat portal
(B) DigiLocker
(C) UMANG app
(D) MyGov Saathi

613. In which year was the Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh, established?

(A) 1927
(B) 1937
(C) 1947
(D) 1957

614. How many patients were attended to in the outpatient department of RHTC Najafgarh between August and October 2026?

(A) 35,985
(B) 49,927
(C) 94,927
(D) 1,94,927

615. Which article of the Constitution deals with the directive for development of the Hindi language, cited in connection with Official Language conferences?

(A) Article 343
(B) Article 348
(C) Article 351
(D) Article 352

616. Where was the first All India Conference on Official Language of the Department of Telecommunications held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
(C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(D) Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi

617. Where was the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Pragati Maidan Hall 7
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(D) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida

618. How many startups are being showcased in the Hall of Inspiration at the 45th IITF?

(A) 300
(B) 450
(C) 600
(D) 750

619. Which pair of cities was ranked first under the Swachh Shehar Jodi initiative?

(A) Indore and Depalpur
(B) Ahmedabad and Sanand
(C) Tirupati and Kuppam
(D) Surat and Mandvi

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620. How many urban local bodies were assessed in the tenth edition of Swachh Survekshan?

(A) 3,000
(B) 4,751
(C) 5,286
(D) 2,340

621. How many awards are given under the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026?

(A) 12
(B) 16
(C) 18
(D) 21

622. How many aspirational blocks are covered by the Aspirational Blocks Programme category of these awards?

(A) 329
(B) 500
(C) 513
(D) 640

623. The COSMOS Planetarium inaugurated in Mysuru is notable as India's first planetarium of which kind?

(A) First floating planetarium
(B) First LED dome planetarium
(C) First underground planetarium
(D) First solar powered planetarium

624. Which of these astronomers was NOT named by the Prime Minister at the COSMOS Planetarium event?

(A) Varahamihira
(B) Bhaskaracharya
(C) Nilakantha Somayaji
(D) Charaka

625. What does NAMASTE stand for in the sanitation scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment?

(A) National Mission for Safe Town Ecosystems
(B) National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem
(C) National Agency for Municipal Sanitation and Training
(D) National Assistance for Manual Scavengers and Technical Education

626. In the Puducherry case cited by the Ministry, how did the sanitation worker's monthly income change?

(A) From Rs 6,000 to Rs 9,000
(B) From Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000
(C) From Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000
(D) From Rs 12,000 to Rs 18,000

627. Which ministry runs the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

628. What monthly fellowship amount was received by the scholar under NFSC in the case cited?

(A) Rs 8,000
(B) Rs 12,000
(C) Rs 16,000
(D) Rs 25,000

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629. How many Van Dhan Vikas Kendras had been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission as of March 2026?

(A) 2,911
(B) 4,172
(C) 5,000
(D) 12,480

630. Minimum Support Price has been notified for how many items of Minor Forest Produce under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission?

(A) 57 items
(B) 67 items
(C) 87 items
(D) 97 items

631. Which session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee is being held in Cairo in November 2026?

(A) 5th Session
(B) 6th Session
(C) 7th Session
(D) 9th Session

632. India-Egypt bilateral merchandise trade during April to September 2026 stood at what value?

(A) USD 2.60 billion
(B) USD 3.87 billion
(C) USD 5.04 billion
(D) USD 6.40 billion

633. What was the theme of the National Tribal Literary Festival that concluded in New Delhi?

(A) Tribal Art and Craft of Bharat
(B) From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature
(C) Languages of the Forest
(D) Tribal Pride and National Development

634. How many languages were represented at the National Tribal Literary Festival, and how many of them were tribal languages?

(A) 19 languages, of which 15 were tribal languages
(B) 23 languages, of which 27 were tribal languages
(C) 27 languages, of which 23 were tribal languages
(D) 31 languages, of which 22 were tribal languages

635. How much amphetamine did the DRI seize from the postal parcel at the Foreign Post Office, New Delhi?

(A) 1.8 kilograms
(B) 8.10 kilograms
(C) 10.8 kilograms
(D) 18 kilograms

636. Under which law were the eight packets of the pink powdery substance seized?

(A) The Customs Act, 1962
(B) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
(C) The Indian Post Office Act, 1898
(D) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002

637. The Consent Manager registration framework that came into effect in November 2026 is part of which law?

(A) The Information Technology Act, 2000
(B) The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023
(C) The Right to Information Act, 2005
(D) The Aadhaar Act, 2016

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638. What is the minimum net worth a company must have to be registered as a Consent Manager?

(A) ₹1 crore
(B) ₹2 crore
(C) ₹5 crore
(D) ₹10 crore

639. Who chaired the November 2026 review meeting on measures to curb air pollution in Delhi-NCR?

(A) The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(B) The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs
(C) The Chief Minister of Delhi
(D) The Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management

640. How many polluting industries in non-conforming areas was the CPCB directed to seal immediately?

(A) 91
(B) 147
(C) 191
(D) 233

641. Indian Railways has approved a new weekly train between Ayodhya Cantt. and which place in Nepal?

(A) Pokhara
(B) Janakpur Dham
(C) Birgunj
(D) Biratnagar

642. Approximately what distance will the new Janakpur Dham-Ayodhya Cantt. weekly train cover?

(A) About 418 kilometres
(B) About 604 kilometres
(C) About 812 kilometres
(D) About 1,020 kilometres

643. How much has India committed as a co-partner in Italy's Elettra 2.0 synchrotron programme?

(A) More than 3 million Euros
(B) More than 7 million Euros
(C) More than 12 million Euros
(D) More than 20 million Euros

644. India is the second-largest user of the Elettra synchrotron facility after which country?

(A) France
(B) Germany
(C) Italy
(D) Japan

645. How many pucca houses were announced for Odisha under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin at the Balangir programme?

(A) 2 lakh
(B) 5 lakh
(C) 8 lakh
(D) 11 lakh

646. How many women has Odisha made Lakhpati Didi, as stated at the Balangir programme?

(A) 21 lakh
(B) 27 lakh
(C) 29 lakh
(D) 35 lakh

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647. Who inaugurated the Union Health Ministry's Health Pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) The Union Health Minister
(B) Dr M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog
(C) The Director General of ICMR
(D) The Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Authority

648. What is the theme of the Health Pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) Swasth Bharat, Samarth Bharat
(B) Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat
(C) Sabke Liye Swasthya
(D) Nirogi Bharat, Nav Bharat

649. Where was the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 held?

(A) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
(B) Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
(C) Guwahati, Assam
(D) Jaipur, Rajasthan

650. Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, what does Jal Arpan Diwas mark?

(A) The sanction of a new rural water supply project
(B) The formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat
(C) The annual testing of groundwater levels in a district
(D) The release of the yearly drinking water quality report

651. Who unveiled the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan?

(A) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
(B) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
(C) Dr. Zakir Husain
(D) Shri V. V. Giri

652. In which year was the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru unveiled in the Central Hall of the present Samvidhan Sadan?

(A) 1952
(B) 1960
(C) 1966
(D) 1974

653. How many feature films have been selected for Indian Panorama 2026 at the 57th IFFI?

(A) 20
(B) 25
(C) 30
(D) 40

654. Which film has been selected as the opening feature film of Indian Panorama 2026?

(A) ‘Kantara A Legend Chapter 1’
(B) ‘Dhurandhar’
(C) ‘Becoming’
(D) ‘Banaras’

655. How many films will be screened in the ‘Films from BRICS’ showcase at the 57th IFFI?

(A) 15
(B) 18
(C) 21
(D) 25

656. Which film is India's entry in the BRICS showcase at the 57th IFFI?

(A) ‘Article 370’
(B) ‘Dhurandhar’
(C) ‘Embers’
(D) ‘Baracoa’

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657. Which film has been selected as the mid-fest film of the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) 'I Matter'
(B) 'Dhurandhar'
(C) 'Becoming'
(D) 'Article 370'

658. Which award did 'I Matter' win at the 83rd Venice International Film Festival?

(A) Golden Lion
(B) Armani Beauty Audience Award
(C) Silver Bear
(D) Palme d'Or

659. How many participants were mobilised in the Week 9 block-level sports meets of the Nasha Mukt Yuva campaign?

(A) 42,190
(B) 87,481
(C) 99,200
(D) 1,30,000

660. Under which umbrella mission does the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan run?

(A) Fit India Movement
(B) Khelo India
(C) Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan
(D) Poshan Abhiyaan

661. What is the theme of World Diabetes Day marked by the Indian Embassy in Rome this year?

(A) Diabetes and Well-being
(B) Early Action on Diabetes
(C) Access to Diabetes Care
(D) Education to Protect Tomorrow

662. Who addressed the World Diabetes Day programme at the Embassy of India in Rome?

(A) The Union Health Minister
(B) Dr Jitendra Singh
(C) The Ambassador of India to Italy
(D) The Union Minister of Ayush

663. Under which umbrella scheme will senior citizen welfare schemes be run in cantonment boards under the new MoU?

(A) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana
(B) Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana
(C) Atal Pension Yojana
(D) Ayushman Bharat

664. With which organisation is the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment signing the MoU for elderly care in cantonment areas?

(A) Directorate General Defence Estates
(B) Directorate General of Health Services
(C) National Institute of Social Defence
(D) Indian Red Cross Society

665. Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman, who was on an official visit to India on 14 November 2026, commands the navy of which country?

(A) The Netherlands
(B) Belgium
(C) Denmark
(D) Norway

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666. Which Indian officer held talks with the Commander of the Belgian Navy during his visit?

(A) The Chief of Defence Staff
(B) The Chief of the Air Staff
(C) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
(D) The Defence Secretary

667. Which film has been selected as the opening film of the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) 'Fatherland'
(B) 'Cold War'
(C) 'Weimar'
(D) 'Buick'

668. Who directed 'Fatherland', the opening film of the 57th IFFI?

(A) Andrzej Wajda
(B) Agnieszka Holland
(C) Paweł Pawlikowski
(D) Krzysztof Zanussi

669. How much methamphetamine did the DRI seize from the tipper truck in Assam?

(A) 10 kg
(B) 20 kg
(C) 32 kg
(D) 50 kg

670. The DRI carried out the Assam seizure jointly with personnel of which force?

(A) Border Security Force
(B) Assam Rifles
(C) Central Reserve Police Force
(D) Indo-Tibetan Border Police

671. Which regulator approved the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) Competition Commission of India
(D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

672. Rasmalai Limited, the acquirer in the deal cleared by the CCI, is incorporated in which country?

(A) Singapore
(B) Mauritius
(C) Cyprus
(D) The Netherlands

673. The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) functions under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
(C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

674. Who delivered the inaugural theme address at the IICA stakeholder consultation?

(A) Niraj Gupta
(B) Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA
(C) Amarjeet Sinha
(D) Richard Rekhy

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675. What was the value of India's total exports during April-October of FY 2026-27?

(A) US$ 487.59 billion
(B) US$ 568.84 billion
(C) US$ 479.0 billion
(D) US$ 863.1 billion

676. By how much did India's merchandise exports grow during April-October of FY 2026-27?

(A) 10.93%
(B) 16.66%
(C) 21.96%
(D) 29.90%

677. Which title did India's young men's cricket team win, as hailed on 14 November 2026?

(A) Men's U-19 World Cup 2026
(B) Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026
(C) Men's Asia Cup 2026
(D) Men's U-23 Asia Cup 2026

678. The Asia Cup title won by India in November 2026 belonged to which age category?

(A) Under-16
(B) Under-19
(C) Under-23
(D) No age limit (senior team)

679. What does TULIP stand for in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's initiative for artisans?

(A) Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
(B) Tribal Upliftment and Livelihood Improvement Plan
(C) Technology Upgradation for Local Industries Programme
(D) Traditional Udyam Livelihood Incentive Package

680. How many artisans are taking part in the Social Justice Ministry's pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) More than 130 artisans from 19 states
(B) More than 190 artisans from 13 states
(C) More than 500 artisans from 28 states
(D) More than 75 artisans from 9 states

681. What is the estimated total cost of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum project?

(A) Rs 1,230 crore
(B) Rs 2,330 crore
(C) Rs 3,230 crore
(D) Rs 4,230 crore

682. Which body approved the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum project on 11 November 2026?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
(C) Cabinet Committee on Security
(D) Archaeological Survey of India

683. Adi Vaani, the AI-powered translation platform for tribal languages, is an initiative of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

684. Which institution led the national consortium that developed Adi Vaani?

(A) IIT Delhi
(B) BITS Pilani
(C) IIIT Hyderabad
(D) Central Institute of Indian Languages

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685. Which session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee was held in Cairo on 15 November 2026?

(A) 5th Session
(B) 6th Session
(C) 7th Session
(D) 9th Session

686. Of the soldiers buried or commemorated at the Heliopolis War Cemetery in Cairo, how many are Indian?

(A) 1,700
(B) 2,000
(C) 3,727
(D) 4,000

687. At which site in Arunachal Pradesh were the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha enshrined for the third and final phase of the exposition?

(A) Tawang Monastery
(B) Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, Bomdila
(C) Golden Pagoda, Namsai
(D) Parshuram Kund, Lohit

688. What is the cumulative footfall reported at the Tawang and Bomdila legs of the Sacred Relics exposition?

(A) More than 31,000
(B) More than 35,000
(C) More than 50,000
(D) More than 66,000

689. What is the minimum annual household income for a self-help group member to be counted as a Lakhpati Didi?

(A) Rs 50,000
(B) Rs 1 lakh
(C) Rs 2 lakh
(D) Rs 5 lakh

690. Under which mission is the Lakhpati Didi initiative being implemented?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin
(B) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission
(C) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
(D) PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

691. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is observed every year on which date?

(A) 9 August
(B) 15 November
(C) 2 October
(D) 26 January

692. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas marks the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(B) Tilka Manjhi
(C) Rani Durgavati
(D) Alluri Sitarama Raju

693. Which body works as the single-window interface between the government and private entities in India's space sector?

(A) IN-SPACe
(B) NSIL
(C) Indian Space Association
(D) Department of Atomic Energy

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694. On which date did the Union Cabinet approve the reforms opening India's space sector to Non-Government Entities?

(A) 24 June 2020
(B) 21 February 2019
(C) 3 May 2021
(D) 10 September 2022

695. Which body is organising the series of five National Workshops on twenty-five years of leadership as Head of Government?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Capacity Building Commission
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration

696. What is the theme of the first National Workshop of the series, held at Bharat Mandapam?

(A) Governance as Delivery
(B) Leadership as Mission
(C) Development as Inclusion
(D) India as a Global Force

697. What is the theme of the third National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence?

(A) Digital India, Secure India
(B) Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future
(C) Safe Internet for All
(D) Cyber Resilience for Viksit Bharat

698. Which institute is organising NCCDFI 2026?

(A) National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology
(B) Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre
(C) Software Technology Parks of India
(D) Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification

699. Which body organised the three-day conference on non-destructive evaluation held at Hyderabad?

(A) Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing
(B) Defence Research and Development Organisation
(C) Bureau of Indian Standards
(D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

700. What does non-destructive testing make possible?

(A) Testing of materials only after they are dismantled
(B) Examination of materials and structures without damaging them
(C) Repair of defective components in the field
(D) Measurement of a weapon's firing range

701. As per the National Health Accounts Estimates for India 2023-24, what is the share of out-of-pocket expenditure in total health expenditure?

(A) 64.2 percent
(B) 48.1 percent
(C) 42.7 percent
(D) 36.5 percent

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702. Government health expenditure in 2023-24, as reported in the National Health Accounts, was closest to which figure?

(A) Rs 1,29,778 crore
(B) Rs 2,45,000 crore
(C) Rs 4,14,196 crore
(D) Rs 6,80,500 crore

703. Where is the Conference of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) India Region being held in November 2026?

(A) Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi
(B) Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru
(C) Vidhan Bhavan, Mumbai
(D) Rashtrapati Nilayam, Hyderabad

704. Who is the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians India Region?

(A) Daggubati Purandeswari
(B) Dr Sudha Yadav
(C) Dr Umashree
(D) Harivansh

705. In which year was 13 Base Repair Depot of the Indian Air Force established?

(A) 1965
(B) 1971
(C) 1976
(D) 1984

706. The golden jubilee seminar of 13 Base Repair Depot was held on which theme?

(A) Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks and Sovereign Sustainment
(B) Atmanirbhar Bharat in Aerospace Manufacturing
(C) Vision 2047: Skies of Self-Reliance
(D) Networked Warfare and Quantum Readiness

707. Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth is on an official visit to which country from 16 to 19 November 2026?

(A) Poland
(B) Czech Republic
(C) Slovakia
(D) Hungary

708. In which Czech city is the Defence University that the Army Chief will visit?

(A) Prague
(B) Brno
(C) Ostrava
(D) Plzen

709. Which state will host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games in December 2026?

(A) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Telangana
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Haryana

710. What is the name of the mascot of the 8th Khelo India Youth Games?

(A) Tangedu
(B) Veera
(C) Neelamani
(D) Kakatiya

711. The India-ICTP Co-operation Fund has been initiated with a centre located in which country?

(A) Germany
(B) Italy
(C) Switzerland
(D) France

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712. Which Indian department signed the Letter of Intent with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics?

(A) Department of Atomic Energy
(B) Department of Space
(C) Department of Science and Technology
(D) Department of Higher Education

713. Which country has been designated the Country of Honour at the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) Italy
(B) Spain
(C) Australia
(D) Japan

714. The film Bitter Christmas (Amarga Navidad), screened at IFFI 2026, has been directed by whom?

(A) Juana Macias
(B) Jaime Lorente
(C) Pedro Almodovar
(D) Laura Alvea

715. WAVES Film Bazaar, holding its 20th edition in 2026, was initiated by which organisation?

(A) Central Board of Film Certification
(B) National Film Development Corporation
(C) Film and Television Institute of India
(D) Prasar Bharati

716. In which year was Film Bazaar, now the WAVES Film Bazaar, started?

(A) 2003
(B) 2005
(C) 2007
(D) 2010

717. What is the theme of the 57th International Film Festival of India held in Goa?

(A) Cinema for All
(B) Stories without Borders
(C) One World, One Screen
(D) Frames of India

718. At IFFI 2026, the centenary screening of Thulabharam is associated with which actor?

(A) Prem Nazir
(B) Nivin Pauly
(C) Basil Joseph
(D) Sreehari Haridas

719. At which city's climate summit did the Fit India Movement present its Sundays on Cycle initiative?

(A) Baku
(B) Belem
(C) Antalya
(D) Dubai

720. Since which date has the Fit India Sundays on Cycle ride been held every Sunday without a break?

(A) 2 October 2024
(B) 22 December 2024
(C) 1 January 2025
(D) 15 August 2025

721. Which country has been named the Partner Country of the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) Australia
(B) Russia
(C) Brazil
(D) Japan

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722. Which film in the Partner Country Russia package will have its world premiere at the 57th IFFI?

(A) Bo Bo
(B) Cheryomushki
(C) New Home
(D) Sidney Lumet's Birthday

723. In which district of Maharashtra was the Bhoomi Pujan for the revival of the NHEC multi-state cooperative society performed?

(A) Nashik
(B) Pune
(C) Kolhapur
(D) Solapur

724. What are the drivers associated with the newly launched cooperative taxi service called, and how are their earnings handled?

(A) Sahayaks, who receive a fixed monthly salary
(B) Sarathis, whose entire earnings reach them without commission deduction
(C) Mitras, who pay a quarter of their fare as commission
(D) Sevaks, who are paid per kilometre by the state government

725. Which bird species was added for the first time to the bird checklist of the National Zoological Park, New Delhi, during its 21st Sunday Bird Walk?

(A) Northern Shoveler
(B) Greater Flamingo
(C) Indian Pitta
(D) Sarus Crane

726. How many bird species were recorded during the 21st 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP' at the National Zoological Park?

(A) 24 species
(B) 42 species
(C) 62 species
(D) 84 species

727. At how many locations is the first season of Akashvani's AIR Rising Stars concert series being held?

(A) 18
(B) 22
(C) 26
(D) 34

728. AIR Rising Stars is open to musical artists of which age group?

(A) Below 25 years of age
(B) Below 30 years of age
(C) Below 35 years of age
(D) Any age, with no limit

729. Who inaugurated the EPFO Lounge and the ESIC Pavilion at the India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) The Union Finance Minister
(B) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment
(C) The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
(D) The Union Home Minister

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730. In which hall of Bharat Mandapam are the EPFO Lounge and the ESIC Pavilion set up during IITF 2026?

(A) Hall No. 2

(B) Hall No. 4

(C) Hall No. 7

(D) Hall No. 11

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Answer key

1.	**B**	**Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota** – The navigation satellite NVS-03 rode to orbit on the GSLV-F18 vehicle, which lifted off from Sriharikota on 30 October 2026 at 23:51 hours, and the rocket placed the spacecraft in a Geosynchronous Transfer Orbit as intended.
2.	**C**	**Third** – The second-generation series of navigation satellites runs from NVS-01 to NVS-05, and NVS-03 is the third of those five spacecraft to be launched.
3.	**B**	**5.83 per cent** – Total coal imports came down from 111.05 million tonnes in August 2025 to 104.57 million tonnes in August 2026, a reduction of 6.48 million tonnes, which works out to a fall of 5.83 per cent.
4.	**B**	**104.57 million tonnes** – This was the total quantity of coal India imported during August 2026, lower by 6.48 million tonnes than the same month of the previous year.
5.	**A**	**INS Trishul** – Indian Naval Ship Trishul is the vessel that arrived at Souda Bay in Greece on 31 October 2026, in the course of a deployment that was already under way in the Mediterranean Sea.
6.	**B**	**Greece** – Souda Bay is the Greek port where Indian Naval Ship Trishul called on 31 October 2026 while deployed in the Mediterranean Sea.
7.	**A**	**Raipur** – The Star Rating Awards Ceremony for coal and lignite mines is being held at Raipur in Chhattisgarh on 2 November 2026, and the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Vishnu Deo Sai, is the Special Guest at the function, which fits the choice of the state capital as...
8.	**B**	**Coal Controller's Organisation** – Under the Star Rating Policy for Coal Mines, a mine does not award itself a grade.
9.	**B**	**1 November** – All three states, Haryana, Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh, mark their State Foundation Day on this date, and in 2026 the Prime Minister sent a separate message of greeting to the people of each of them on the day.
10.	**C**	**Chhattisgarh** – The message for the foundation day of Chhattisgarh said it was heartening to see the state move ahead with renewed momentum on the path of development even as the roots of Naxalism were being eradicated, and the same message spoke of the state's tribal cultur...
11.	**B**	**Rs 375 lakh** – Projects of this value are to be inaugurated under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana during the visit of the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying to the Gangtok and Mangan districts of Sikkim on 2 and 3 November 2026.
12.	**C**	**34** – Under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, this many fisheries production and processing clusters have been notified across the country, and among them are organic fisheries clusters in Sikkim and Meghalaya.
13.	**B**	**Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi** – The Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, opened the National Organ Transplant Games 2026 at Talkatora Stadium in the capital, where transplant recipients, living donors and the families of donors who had died came together.
14.	**C**	**570** – At the Games a record attempt was made in which 570 transplant recipients and organ donors held the Tadasana posture at the same time, and the World Book of Records, New Delhi, gave the organisers a certificate for the largest gathering of transplant recipien...
15.	**C**	**Chandigarh Police** – The honour was conferred on the force on 1 November 2026, the day Chandigarh marks its foundation day, at a ceremony held for the Diamond Jubilee of the force.
16.	**B**	**More than 15 years** – At the Chandigarh ceremony the Union Home Minister explained that the President's Colour is granted to a force in recognition of service beyond fifteen years, with the discipline

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and the dedication of its personnel taken into account before the honour is give...

17. **C** — **74th** – EPFO observed its 74th Foundation Day at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi, marking a journey of seventy-four years from a statutory provident fund body, founded on a commitment of 1952, to one of the leading social security institutions in t...

18. **B** — **Rs 1,000** – Under the scheme launched on the Foundation Day, subscribers holding Aadhaar-verified inoperative EPF accounts with balances up to one thousand rupees need not file an individual claim at all; EPFO will begin settlement on its own after the prescribed identit...

19. **A** — **Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir** – He has assumed charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India, which works as an attached office of the Ministry of Mines, bringing more than three decades of experience in geological investigation, mineral exploration, engineering geol...

20. **C** — **Ministry of Mines** – The Geological Survey of India is described as an attached office of the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, and it is in that ministry's mandate that the new Director General placed his priorities: integrated geoscientific investigation, advanced mineral...

21. **C** — **67.2 MT** – In October 2026 Coal India mined more coal in a month than ever before, and the figure stood at 67.2 MT.

22. **A** — **1 November 1975** – The miner marked its 51st Foundation Day on 1 November 2026, which places its establishment exactly fifty-one years earlier, and it has now stepped into its 52nd year of service.

23. **A** — **'Invest. Innovate. Inspire.'** – Innovate.

24. **C** — **9th Session** – Three gatherings share the same dates and venue: Bharat RE 2026 itself, the 9th Session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly, and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen.

25. **B** — **Seven** – The airports taking part are Delhi, Bengaluru, Hyderabad, Cochin, Mumbai, Chennai and Amritsar, and the trials there run from November to December 2026.

26. **A** — **Air India and IndiGo** – Only these two carriers' selected international services are covered while the trial lasts, and the traveller must also be an Indian national holding an electronic passport.

27. **C** — **Gelephu Mindfulness City** – The correct answer is Gelephu Mindfulness City, the new city being built in Bhutan close to the border with Assam.

28. **B** — **15 metres** – Three measurements are reported together and a question usually tests whether they have been kept apart.

29. **B** — **60th year of its formation** – Hirak Jayanti means diamond jubilee, and a diamond jubilee marks sixty years, which is the clue a candidate can use even without recalling the news.

30. **B** — **Panipat** – The correct answer is Panipat, and the campaign was launched from there in January 2015.

31. **B** — **Thiruvananthapuram** – The correct answer is Thiruvananthapuram, the capital of Keralam, where the Lok Sabha Speaker will inaugurate the conference on Tuesday, 3 November 2026.

32. **A** — **'Audit, Accountability and Good Governance - The Evolving Role of the PAC'** – The correct answer is 'Audit, Accountability and Good Governance - The Evolving Role of the PAC'.

33. **A** — **Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** – He took over as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on 1 November 2026, marking the start of his tenure with a wreath-laying at the National War Memorial and a ceremonial Guard of Honour at Air Force Station New Delhi.

34. **B** — **Yukti** – The guiding theme has four pillars, one for each letter.

35. **C** — **Mumbai** – The Union Railway Minister flagged off the service between SMVT Bengaluru and Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus in Mumbai, joining the country's hub of information technology and startups

with its financial and commercial capital.

36.	**B**	**Howrah-Guwahati** – The correct answer is Howrah-Guwahati, where the sleeper version of the Vande Bharat train entered service in January 2026.
37.	**A**	**Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal** – The correct answer is Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal, who holds the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vayu Sena Medal.
38.	**B**	**1989** – He joined the flying branch of the Indian Air Force as a fighter pilot on the fourteenth of June that year, which means a career of more than three and a half decades before taking over a command.
39.	**B**	**Rs 258 crore** – The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation inaugurated some projects of the Chandigarh Administration and laid the foundation stones of others, and the combined value of the works was given as two hundred and fifty eight crore rupees.
40.	**C**	**The Governor of Punjab** – Gulab Chand Kataria, who is the Governor of Punjab, was described as the Administrator of Chandigarh and was present when the projects were inaugurated and their foundation stones laid.
41.	**B**	**Swami Shraddhanand** – The President attended the observance of the hundredth year of his martyrdom at Gurukul in Kurukshetra, Haryana, and paid tribute to him.
42.	**A**	**Munshiram** – The President described his life as a journey from Munshiram to Mahatma Munshiram and finally to Swami Shraddhanand, and called that progression deeply inspiring.
43.	**C**	**67th** – The park, which comes under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, observed its sixty-seventh Foundation Day with a doodle activity for visitors that about one thousand five hundred people joined or admired, aimed in particular at children an...
44.	**C**	**46** – During the nineteenth edition of the walk, held from half past seven in the morning until half past ten, the eighteen participants recorded forty-six species of birds and observed more than five hundred individual birds in the area set aside for the activity.
45.	**A**	**Sindi Railway, on the Nagpur-Wardha district border** – Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari performed the bhoomipujan there, and the park is being developed over 150 acres of land close to the Sindi Railway railway station.
46.	**B**	**National Highways Logistics Management Limited** – The correct answer is National Highways Logistics Management Limited, usually written as NHLML.
47.	**B**	**'Khadi-wali Diwali'** – The Khadi and Village Industries Commission held the fest under this theme at NDMC Palika Park, Connaught Place, New Delhi, opposite Regal Cinema, and KVIC Chairman Manoj Goel inaugurated it as chief guest.
48.	**B**	**More than Rs 1.87 lakh crore** – Speaking to media representatives at the fest, KVIC Chairman Manoj Goel said the sector's turnover had crossed that mark in the financial year 2025-26, and that the sector gives work to more than 2.04 crore people.
49.	**B**	**The Commerce Secretary, Rajesh Agrawal** – He travelled to Brussels and met three Directors-General of the European Commission, and the talks were about trade facilitation, market access, supply chain resilience, customs cooperation and the groundwork for the India-EU Free Trade Agreement.
50.	**C**	**DG TAXUD** – The correct answer is DG TAXUD, the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, which is headed by Gerassimos Thomas.
51.	**B**	**National Museum, New Delhi** – The holy relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were brought from the National Museum in the capital for public veneration in Arunachal Pradesh, and they are scheduled to go back to the same museum once the exposition ends.

52.	**B**	**Chief Minister Pema Khandu** – The relics were ceremonially received at Tawang by the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, and the traditional religious reception at the historic Gaden Namgyal Lhatse, or Tawang Monastery, took place in the presence of the Union Minister of Culture and Tour...
53.	**B**	**Rs 251.56 lakh** – Projects and initiatives of this value are being inaugurated and launched in the Gangtok and Mangan districts of Sikkim to strengthen dairy development and livestock infrastructure, and they include a microbiology laboratory for the Sikkim Milk Union, new dai...
54.	**C**	**57** – Initiatives for the establishment of 57 new Dairy Cooperative Societies are being launched in Sikkim under White Revolution 2.0, and registration certificates are being given to five societies that have just been registered.
55.	**C**	**Five** – The order for eight Next Generation Corvettes has been shared between two government-owned shipyards, and GRSE takes the larger share of five ships.
56.	**B**	**The ships are designed in-house by the Indian Navy and built by defence PSUs chosen through a competitive process** – The correct answer is option B. The distinguishing feature of this programme is that the design work for the corvettes has been done within the Indian Navy itself, while the construction has gone to defence public sector undertakings that were picked through...
57.	**C**	**22.03 million tonnes** – That is the production reported from captive and commercial mines for October 2026.
58.	**B**	**Jharkhand** – The Lohari coal mine lies in Jharkhand and secured its Mine Opening Permission during October 2026 after waiting several years to start work, a clearance the Ministry of Coal attributes to its ease of doing business reforms.
59.	**B**	**15 days** – The rules draw a clear line between two stages.
60.	**C**	**The District Programme Coordinator** – The rules place district level supervision of grievance redressal on this officer, who must ensure that complaints are handled through the designated machinery and through the Digital Public Infrastructure meant for the purpose.
61.	**B**	**22 October to 30 November 2026** – That is the window for the rabi edition of the campaign, which carries soil health and sustainable agriculture as its subject and the tagline Swasth Dhara, Samriddh Kisan.
62.	**C**	**34** – The campaign reaches thirty four States and Union Territories, along with more than seven hundred districts and fifty thousand villages, and aims to touch about fifty lakh farmers through coordinated field activity.
63.	**B**	**Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad** – The two-day orientation was held there, and it was inaugurated in the auditorium of the same venue.
64.	**A**	**Janjatiya Health Institutional Transformation (JanHIT)** – The programme was organised under this initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in collaboration with ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar, and it was the first of its kind in the country.
65.	**A**	**Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, usually shortened to DARPG.
66.	**D**	**More than 99 per cent** – This was the strongest of the department's numbers under the campaign, showing that almost every public grievance on its books had been disposed of.
67.	**C**	**42** – The Indian Air Force Educational and Cultural Society, working under Air Headquarters, placed 42 Air Force Schools on ScrollControl, a child digital safety programme run through the Information Sharing and Analysis Center Foundation.

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68.	**A**	**Cyber Crime Intervention Officers** – The teachers who finished the certification course under ScrollControl carry that designation, and it allows them to work as first responders when a cyber incident touches a pupil.
69.	**C**	**500 GW** – The article by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, which the Prime Minister shared, looks at what lies ahead for solar power in the country as India works towards a renewable energy target of 500 GW, with solar powered farming, energy storage, manufacturing and gre...
70.	**A**	**PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM** – In the article shared by the Prime Minister, the growth of solar power in India is credited to initiatives such as these two, which carry the household and the farm side of solar generation respectively.
71.	**C**	**20** – The Ministry of Home Affairs stated that the total number of Foreigners Regional Registration Offices in the country has now gone up to twenty.
72.	**A**	**Aizawl and Amravati** – Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram, was previously served by the FRRO at Kolkata, and Amravati in Andhra Pradesh was served by the FRRO at Hyderabad; both received offices of their own this year.
73.	**B**	**Kishtwar** – The correct answer is Kishtwar, a town lying in a high seismic zone of Jammu and Kashmir.
74.	**C**	**National Centre for Seismology** – The correct answer is the National Centre for Seismology, whose Earthquake Monitoring Centre in New Delhi works round the clock and will receive the Kishtwar readings as they are recorded.
75.	**B**	**Soreng, Sikkim** – The correct answer is Soreng district in Sikkim, which is the country's first Organic Fisheries Cluster launched under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
76.	**C**	**Rs 375 lakh** – The projects inaugurated under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana include critical fisheries infrastructure such as hatcheries, feed mills and cold storage facilities, along with production technologies like Biofloc and the Recirculatory Aquaculture Sys...
77.	**C**	**24 years** – Archival and recent observations of the source were drawn from the Chandra, XMM-Newton and Swift space-based X-ray telescopes covering the years 2000 to 2024, which makes it one of the longest X-ray studies of this object carried out so far.
78.	**B**	**Eddington limit** – It is often used as a benchmark for how bright an accreting object can be, since beyond it the outward push of radiation would overwhelm the inward pull of gravity.
79.	**C**	**Rs 19,744 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved the Mission in January 2023 with this outlay, and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing it with the aim of making India a global hub for green hydrogen and its derivatives.
80.	**B**	**2 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen** – The correct answer is 2 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen.
81.	**B**	**Coal India Limited** – Western Coalfields Limited is a subsidiary of Coal India under the Ministry of Coal, and it was the only subsidiary to exceed its targets on coal production, offtake and overburden removal during April to October 2026, achieving 102.47%, 108.82% and 104.56% o...
82.	**B**	**5.93 MT, against 3.60 MT** – The correct answer is 5.93 MT against 3.60 MT, a growth of 64.87% and the highest among the major subsidiaries of Coal India, with the company also reaching 108.60% of its monthly production target.
83.	**B**	**Delhi** – The Prime Minister inaugurated the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo in Delhi, where Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and Shripad Naik joined him along with industry leaders, investors and startup founders from India and other countries.

84.	**B**	**The 9th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance** – The Prime Minister said it was a happy coincidence that this assembly was taking place inside the summit, and that delegates of the fourth conference on green hydrogen were also in the hall, which widened the scope of the year's event.
85.	**B**	**15 days** – The Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, cut the time for filing an appeal after a complaint is closed, the regulator reasoning that a consumer normally prefers to appeal at once while a longer window only adds to compli...
86.	**C**	**Round the clock on all days of the week** – The correct answer is round the clock on all days of the week.
87.	**B**	**Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs** – The correct answer is Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.
88.	**B**	**Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Oil India Limited** – Letters of Intent for two Industrial Training Institute clusters were signed at the Guwahati programme, the Jorhat cluster supported by Numaligarh Refinery Limited and the Tinsukia cluster by Oil India Limited, both under the PM-SETU scheme.
89.	**C**	**Over two crore certificates** – The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has set this target for the fifth edition of its nationwide drive, and the mega camp held with the State Bank of India at the NDCC Convention Centre in New Delhi was part of it.
90.	**B**	**State Bank of India** – The department organised the mega camp in collaboration with this bank at the NDCC Convention Centre in New Delhi as part of the fifth nationwide campaign.
91.	**B**	**Hyderabad** – The first edition of the conference began at the JD Convention Centre in that city and runs from 2 to 4 November, drawing scientists, policymakers, agricultural institutions and industry to discuss maize research, productivity and value chain development.
92.	**C**	**75 million tonnes** – Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, congratulated the maize research community on production reaching about 55 million tonnes with sizeable produ...
93.	**B**	**3 November** – The day is observed annually on this date and was proclaimed by UNESCO to highlight how biosphere reserves conserve biodiversity while supporting sustainable development and the livelihoods of people living inside them.
94.	**B**	**13** – According to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India has 18 notified biosphere reserves and 13 of them belong to UNESCO’s World Network of Biosphere Reserves, which gives the country the highest number of internationally recognised reser...
95.	**B**	**INS Sudarshini** – The sail training ship returned to Kochi on 2 November 2026 after a ten-month transoceanic expedition named Lokayan 26, during which it covered more than 22,000 nautical miles and called at 17 ports in 11 countries spread across Asia, Europe, Africa and North...
96.	**B**	**17 ports in 11 countries** – The voyage took INS Sudarshini to ports in Asia, Europe, Africa and North America, and it included two crossings of the Atlantic Ocean.
97.	**C**	**50** – At the Annual Star Rating Awards Ceremony held at Raipur in Chhattisgarh, fifty coal mines were given Five-Star Ratings for the assessment year.
98.	**B**	**Singareni Collieries Company Limited** – The correct answer is Singareni Collieries Company Limited, which took the First Prize among underground mines.
99.	**B**	**Puga Valley** – The correct answer is Puga Valley, in Ladakh, where the ONGC Energy Centre commissioned the country's first two geothermal wells in July 2026.

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100. **B** **381 hot springs and 10 provinces** – The provinces run across very different terrains, from the Himalayan belt and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to the West Coast, the Cambay Graben, the Son-Narmada-Tapi zone and the cratonic region of southern India.

101. **B** **7.43 GW** – The correct answer is 7.43 GW, spread over ten projects, each with an installed capacity above twenty-five megawatts.

102. **C** **Western Region** – The correct answer is the Western Region, which holds the largest share of the identified potential.

103. **B** **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and UN Women** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and UN Women.

104. **B** **Women and Men in India 2025** – The conference was called to deliberate on and disseminate the findings of this flagship publication of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, so that the people who design and run programmes could read its results more deeply and use them a...

105. **B** **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana** – The correct answer is the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, usually shortened to PMSSY.

106. **B** **About 1.54 crore people** – That is the catchment the facility is expected to cover across Saurashtra, taking in Rajkot, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Porbandar, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Morbi, Surendranagar, Gir Somnath, Devbhumi Dwarka and Botad, a region made up largely of rural, semi-urban and econ...

107. **B** **36 projects of 37.54 megawatts** – That was India’s operational agrivoltaic fleet as of August 2025, and alongside it 10 pilot projects were under development.

108. **B** **Dual-use solar** – Agrivoltaics is also known as agrisolar or dual-use solar, the names pointing to the same idea of one plot of land serving two purposes, growing a crop and generating electricity.

109. **A** **Azini** – This is the fishing vessel that an armed pirate group seized off the north-eastern coast of Somalia and that the Indian Navy later took back, with every one of the 20 people on board brought off safely and without a single casualty or injury.

110. **C** **20** – Every crew member aboard the fishing vessel Azini, twenty people in all, was taken off safely when the Indian Navy ended the hijacking off the north-eastern coast of Somalia, and the mission produced no casualties and no injuries.

111. **A** **Rule 43A** – This is the provision of the Drugs Rules, 1945 that sets out the ports, airports, railway stations, road crossings and other points through which drugs may lawfully be brought into India, and it is the rule the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has...

112. **B** **Noida International Airport** – Among the locations the Health Ministry wants added to the list of authorised import gateways, this is the only airport, and it is named specifically for drugs brought in by air.

113. **B** **Hinjawadi and Shivajinagar** – The Pune Metro line dedicated to the public by the Prime Minister on this occasion runs from Hinjawadi to Shivajinagar, and its importance lies in the fact that Hinjawadi holds the city's largest information-technology cluster, which now gets direct metro con...

114. **C** **Public-private partnership (PPP)** – The Prime Minister drew particular attention to the fact that this metro line is the product of joint effort by the government and the private sector, and he described it as a development model whose success would add pace to the country's progress.

115. **B** **1 January 2027** – The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India released these amendment regulations and stated that they would come into force from the first day of January 2027, which gives operators a window to prepare before the new interconnection duties begin.

116. **C** **Licensed Service Area (LSA) level** – The amendment modernises the framework by moving handover and takeover of telecom traffic away from the older charging-area geography to the Licensed Service Area, and it lets the interconnection provider and seeker agree between themselves where traffic will…

117. **C** **The United States** – Tiger Triumph is the India-United States bilateral tri-service exercise devoted to Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, and the opening ceremony of its 5th edition was held at the Maritime Warfare Centre in Visakhapatnam.

118. **B** **Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam** – The correct answer is the Maritime Warfare Centre (MWC) in Visakhapatnam, where the ceremony took place on 2 November 2026.

119. **B** **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan** – The Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Defence met there on the subject of Modernisation of Indian Defence Forces, with Members of Parliament from both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha taking part, and the deliberations covered emerging security chall…

120. **B** **Rs 3 lakh crore** – The Defence Minister said the aim is to reach defence production worth Rs 3 lakh crore and defence exports worth Rs 50,000 crore by 2029.

121. **B** **USD 863 billion** – The Commerce and Industry Minister said India recorded its highest-ever exports at that level in the previous year, and the target for the current year has been pitched at USD 1 trillion, which amounts to growth of about 16 per cent over it.

122. **C** **USD 1 trillion** – The Minister said India had deliberately chosen an ambitious export target for the current year, amounting to growth of about 16 per cent over the record of USD 863 billion achieved in the previous year, and that he was confident the country would get there.

123. **B** **Visible Emission Line Coronagraph** – Aditya-L1, India's first space-based solar observatory, carries seven payloads, and VELC is described as the primary one.

124. **B** **That it expanded non-uniformly and became asymmetric** – The correct answer is that the eruption expanded non-uniformly and developed an asymmetric shape.

125. **C** **Third** – Member countries of the International Solar Alliance have chosen India for the Presidency of the grouping for a third consecutive term, and the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy thanked them on behalf of the Government of India for reposing that tru…

126. **B** **2015, by India and France** – The shared conviction that the gains of solar power must be spread fairly brought the two countries together to create the Alliance in that year, and the platform has since grown to 130 signatory and member countries, serving the Global South in particular.

127. **A** **Antalya, Turkiye** – The thirty-first Conference of the Parties to the climate convention is being hosted there from 9 to 20 November 2026, and the Union Environment Minister used a press briefing in New Delhi to set out the Indian position for those talks.

128. **C** **Article 9.1** – The Environment Minister stated that the provision of climate finance is a duty cast on developed countries by this article, and that such finance must be predictable, largely public and concessional so that it does not add to the debt burden of developing co…

129. **B** **INS Sahyadri** – The ship took part in the bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Korea Navy at the Korean port of Busan and completed her participation on 29 October 2026, after which the Ministry of Defence said the engagement had strengthened mariti…

130. **B** **Busan** – The engagement between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Korea Navy was held at this port in the Republic of Korea, and the Indian frigate finished her participation there on 29 October 2026.

131. **B** **Nadi Sanjivani** – The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Government of Bihar has been given this name, and its purpose is to restore the water-carrying capacity of rivers and water bodies, strengthen flood management, conser…

132. **A** **243 lakh cubic metres in 16 projects** – The National Highways Authority of India has identified this quantity of suitable silt for use in that many works already under way, while a much larger quantity of 835 lakh cubic metres has been proposed for 27 projects still to come, in both cases subject t...

133. **B** **Coal Controller Organisation** – The correct answer is the Coal Controller Organisation, which functions under the Ministry of Coal.

134. **A** **TOPSIS** – The correct answer is TOPSIS, which expands to Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution.

135. **A** **Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa** – The correct answer is Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, which is located at Leh.

136. **B** **Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, at the 3rd International Conference on Wellness** – The correct answer is Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, at the 3rd International Conference on Wellness.

137. **B** **NITI Aayog** – The India S&T Scoreboard was developed as a key initiative of NITI Aayog and was launched by it at the Civil Services Officers' Institute on KG Marg in New Delhi, where Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri unveiled the platform.

138. **C** **Ashok Kumar Lahiri** – The correct answer is Ashok Kumar Lahiri, the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, who unveiled the platform and urged every State and Union Territory to make full use of it, saying that progress in science and technology now needs a more active role by the States un...

139. **C** **12 per cent** – The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways told the Consultative Committee meeting in Puri that the government is working to double the present share of coastal and inland waterway shipping in freight movement, which stands at 6 per cent, and that th...

140. **B** **Paradip Port Authority** – The Union Minister announced that the Puri International Cruise Terminal would be developed by the Paradip Port Authority in partnership with the Government of Odisha, and that the project was likely to cost about fifteen hundred crore rupees.

141. **B** **Indian Navy** – The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue is described as the Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, and this edition opened in New Delhi for a three-day run, organised in association with the National Maritime Foundation, which serves as the Nav...

142. **B** **Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific** – The conference is examining this theme with particular emphasis on translating scientific advancement and institutional partnerships into practical regional cooperation, and its central question is how the region can turn scientific knowledge and technologica...

143. **C** **National Dope Testing Laboratory** – The correct answer is the National Dope Testing Laboratory, whose Extramural Research Grant Policy was launched by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports at the quality assurance managers' meeting in New Delhi, along with the laboratory's newsletter.

144. **C** **114** – The correct answer is 114 medals, which the Minister described as a record and the highest Indian tally ever at those Games, saying the para-athletes had scripted history.

145. **B** **Sikkim** – The initiative was launched at a programme of the Sikkim Milk Union in Gangtok, where the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying also inaugurated the Union's microbiology laboratory and the launch of Fodder Plus products made by farmer pro...

146. **C** **Siri** – Recalling a visit to Mangan, where local cattle give an average of about three litres of milk a day, the Minister announced that central funds would be sanctioned for a Centre of Excellence devoted to the conservation and development of the indigenous Siri br...

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147. **B** **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad** – TEXMiN is the Technology Translation Research Park at that institute and is an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology; the Joint Statement of Intent with NITI Aayog was signed during a visit by a Member of NITI Aayog to the campus.

148. **B** **National Critical Mineral Mission** – The collaboration is stated to align with that mission's objectives and with the vision of an Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat, as it seeks to advance indigenous technological capability and build resilient and sustainable value chains for critical minerals.

149. **B** **26.3 billion** – EKA-1, built by Soket Labs Technology and Research Private Limited, is a foundation model of 26.3 billion parameters trained on roughly 7.5 trillion tokens.

150. **C** **ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations** – ZenteiQ introduced the open-source Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B models, which can be deployed as secure, on-premise multilingual assistants supporting English and 10 Indian languages.

151. **B** **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses** – The correct answer is the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, known as MP-IDSA.

152. **B** **About Rs 1.78 lakh crore** – The Defence Minister said defence production reached this record level in FY 2025-26, which he attributed to reforms across policy, institutional structures, technology development, acquisition procedures and ease of doing business.

153. **B** **Odisha** – On the second day of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, the state saw the signing of 18 memoranda of understanding representing a proposed investment of about Rs 1.17 lakh crore, in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Deputy C...

154. **B** **CEEW and Energiva Ventures** – The high-level dialogue called The Next Terawatt was convened by the International Solar Alliance together with these two, and it was joined by the Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, the Union Minister of Power and Housing and Urban Affairs, and the...

155. **B** **Ziro** – APEDA facilitated a trial export of 1.5 metric tonnes of kiwi from Ziro in Arunachal Pradesh to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, and the consignment was displayed at LuLu Hypermarket, Al Qusais.

156. **C** **Sinduri** – APEDA facilitated the export of 1.3 metric tonnes of the Sinduri variety from Kullu district to Dubai, packed in 650 boxes of 2 kg each and shipped by Amama Exports, a firm based in Uttar Pradesh.

157. **B** **Mirissa** – The ninth High-Level Meeting between the two coast guards was held at Mirissa in Sri Lanka, which means the host of this round was the Sri Lankan service.

158. **C** **Paramesh Sivamani** – The correct answer is Paramesh Sivamani, who is the Director General of the Indian Coast Guard and led the Indian delegation at the ninth High-Level Meeting.

159. **C** **2024** – The India-Poland Strategic Partnership was set up in that year, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi made his landmark visit to Poland, and the ministerial travel of November 2026 was described as carrying that partnership forward.

160. **B** **Donald Tusk** – The correct answer is Donald Tusk, the Prime Minister of Poland, who travelled to India in the month before the Indian minister went to Warsaw.

161. **B** **Rs 218 crore** – The second phase of the land sale run by the National Land Monetization Corporation closed at Visakhapatnam on 3 November 2026, and the 114 parcels that found buyers brought in bids worth Rs 218 crore in all.

162. **C** **Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance** – NLMC is a wholly government-owned company under that department, and its mandate is to spot, assess, ready and place in the market the surplus land and buildings held by central public sector enterprises and other government bodies.

163. **B** **145.07 million tonnes** – This was the quantity of goods moved by the network during October 2026, and it stands as the heaviest loading ever recorded for the month of October.

164. **C** **Food grains** – The correct answer is food grains, whose loading rose by 26.3 per cent over October 2025, the steepest gain among all the commodities listed for the month.

165. **A** **Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)** – The correct answer is the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS).

166. **B** **Global South Centre of Excellence** – That is what DAKSHIN is, and it sits at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries, working to spread knowledge and mutual learning among developing countries.

167. **B** **Dhanvantari Jayanti** – Dhanteras is observed in that form as well, and the day recalls the appearance of Lord Dhanvantari during the Samudra Manthan, the churning of the ocean, when he emerged bearing the Amrit Kalash.

168. **A** **Prataprao Jadhav** – The correct answer is Prataprao Jadhav, who holds Independent Charge of the Ayush portfolio as Minister of State and is also Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.

169. **B** **The Drugs Rules, 1945** – Schedule M sits inside the Drugs Rules, 1945, and it is this schedule that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed to amend.

170. **C** **Technical Report Series No. 1044, Annexure 2** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has said that the revised limits for microbial contamination in Grade A clean areas are being drawn from the World Health Organization Technical Report Series No. 1044, and specifically from its Annexure 2, which carr...

171. **B** **Rs 2,814 crore** – The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing with exactly this outlay, spread across five years from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.

172. **C** **50 kt** – The scheme funds four critical mineral processing plants in all.

173. **B** **Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research** – The correct answer is Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research.

174. **C** **59** – Under the component called Comprehensive Statistical Operations and Strengthening of Ecosystem, the ministry proposes to conduct 59 surveys during the 16th Finance Commission cycle.

175. **C** **Rs 14,500 crore** – The Union Cabinet cleared the Viability Gap Funding Scheme for Development of Grid-Scale Energy Storage Systems with this amount of support for the period FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.

176. **D** **60 GWh** – The scheme envisages 60 GWh of hydro Pumped Storage Plant capacity, 30 GWh of Battery Energy Storage System capacity and 2 GWh of capacity through alternative energy storage technologies, which add up to the headline figure of 92 GWh.

177. **B** **Rs 3,788.04 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts, exclusive POCSO courts included, for a further five years with this total outlay.

178. **C** **850** – The extended scheme provides for the operationalisation of 850 Fast Track Special Courts across participating States and Union Territories, which is an expansion from the 779 that are functional at present.

179. **B** **25 per cent** – As was envisaged when the Agnipath Scheme began, a quarter of the Agniveers are offered regular employment in the Defence Forces on merit, and the Cabinet decision reaffirms that share.

180. **B** **Two years** – On the recommendations of the Indian Defence Forces, the Cabinet approved another engagement period of two years for the Agniveers who are not absorbed as regulars straight away, and the offer depends on each Agniveer being willing to take it.

181. **B** **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** – TRAI launched the Network Anubhav Platform as a geospatial and analytical dashboard that brings together test data sent in by users through its MySpeed and MyCall apps and the results of its own independent drive tests, and that also opens a web interface for...

182. **B** **The median speed, with half the tests at or above that value** – The correct answer is the median speed, with half the tests at or above that value.

183. **B** **3 November 2026** – The first edition of the India-Canada Defence Dialogue was conducted through video conference on that day, and the Ministry of Defence placed the outcome on record the following day.

184. **B** **Dr. Amit Telang** – The correct answer is Dr. Amit Telang, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) in the Ministry of Defence, who led the Indian delegation.

185. **B** **Yerevan** – The correct answer is Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, where the seventeenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity was held and where Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released the guidelines at a side event on 3 Novembe...

186. **A** **National Biodiversity Authority** – Applications from Central and State government departments, agencies and institutions, local self-governments and Biodiversity Management Committees go to the NBA, which conducts a preliminary examination.

187. **A** **Drugs Rules, 1945** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare proposed amendments to these rules so that the manufacturing licence of a drug declared Not of Standard Quality on specified critical parameters can be suspended immediately, without waiting for the full procedure tha...

188. **D** **Packaging weight** – The correct answer is packaging weight, which does not figure among the specified parameters.

189. **B** **Jaipur** – Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal virtually inaugurated Vanijya Bhawan and Udyog Bhawan there, and with that Jaipur became the first city and also the first State capital to bring all these offices together under one roof.

190. **C** **46** – The minister informed that the Ministry currently has 46 organisations and runs around 500 offices, and he called for the offices of all of these organisations to be co-located across the country.

191. **B** **The Aircraft Rules, 1937** – The new code, notified under the Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, 2024, takes over from the Aircraft Rules, 1937, which served as the principal rulebook for Indian civil aviation for close to nine decades, and it also replaces Part IX of the Aircraft Rules, 1920.

192. **C** **220 rules in eight chapters and six schedules** – That is the structure of the new civil aviation code, and its chapters run across aircraft registration, airworthiness and maintenance, personnel licensing, aerodrome operations, air navigation services, aircraft operations, regulatory oversight and safety ma...

193. **C** **9.28 per cent** – That is the growth in gross value added recorded by the manufacturing corporate sector, which holds a share of more than 89 per cent in total GVA.

194. **A** **Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh** – The survey names these five as the leading states in gross value added, with a combined share of more than 54 per cent of the country's manufacturing GVA.

195. **A** **Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh** – This was the first National SARAS Mela ever held outside Delhi-NCR, organised by the Ministry of Rural Development along with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and supported by NIRDPR and Kudumbashree.

196. **C** **More than 12.8 crore rupees** – That was the cumulative sales figure for the fair, achieved even though Cyclone Arnab forced a temporary closure on 28 and 29 October during the final days.

197. **B** **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research** – The correct answer is the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science

and Technology.

198. **B** **Graphene** – The team designed a silicon photonic crystal whose structure mimics the honeycomb lattice of graphene, arranging triangular holes in a silicon slab so that terahertz waves travel along the boundary between two regions of the crystal.

199. **B** **Thiruvananthapuram** – The two-day conference of the chairpersons of the Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and of the state and union territory legislatures was held in the capital of Keralam and ended on 4 November 2026 with the adoption of the Keralam Resolution.

200. **A** **Audit Para Monitoring System** – The resolution calls for a digital oversight system of this kind in every state and union territory Public Accounts Committee, so that audit paragraphs and committee recommendations can be tracked until they are settled.

201. **B** **Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH** – The correct answer is Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the German agency for international cooperation.

202. **A** **Decarbonisation of road freight** – The agreement formalises collaboration among the project partners so that cutting emissions from the movement of goods by road moves faster, which is treated as an important part of India's transition to a transport system that is sustainable, energy-efficien...

203. **B** **The Raksha Mantri** – Rajnath Singh, as Defence Minister, gave the commemorative address at the dialogue in New Delhi and used it to argue that dependence among nations at sea should be made safer rather than abandoned, through diversified supply chains, dependable maritime infras...

204. **B** **Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions** – The correct answer is Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

205. **C** **2028** – The Minister said India is progressing towards sending its first crewed deep-sea mission to a depth of as much as six thousand metres by that year, which he called an important milestone in an exploration programme built on indigenous capability.

206. **B** **Three** – The submersible of the Samudrayaan Mission is built to take three aquanauts down to depths between five and six thousand metres, and it is the vehicle behind the plan for a crewed Indian dive later this decade.

207. **A** **Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana** – The campaign for intergenerational bonding was launched under this umbrella scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and the Union Minister described it as a meeting of the experience of elders and the energy of the young.

208. **C** **Celebrate** – The campaign is built on five words beginning with the letter C, namely Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue, so options A, B and D are all genuine parts of it and cannot be the answer.

209. **C** **Competition Commission of India** – The competition regulator cleared the proposed combination, which covers both the purchase of the target business and the related referral arrangements between affiliates of the two sides.

210. **B** **Retail, private banking and wealth management** – The target business is precisely the retail banking and private banking segment together with the wealth management arm that the seller runs through its branches in India, and it is moving as a going concern on a slump sale basis.

211. **C** **365** – The camp run by the Armed Forces Medical Services at Rairangpur treated more than four thousand patients in all and carried out this many eye surgeries that restored sight, with every service given free of charge.

212. **B** **The Armed Forces Medical Services** – Operation DRISHTI is its initiative to take specialised eye care and advanced medical treatment to parts of the country that are poorly served, and the camp at Rairangpur in

Mayurbhanj district of Odisha was the twelfth such effort.

213. **B** **Hyderabad** – The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management sits in that city and is an autonomous organisation working under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, set up to strengthen the agricultural extension system of the country.

214. **C** **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** – Its Secretary, Smt Debashree Mukherjee, presented the Certificate of Recognition at a ceremony in Kaushal Bhawan at New Delhi, and the recognition is valid for three years.

215. **B** **22** – The joint advisory of the Department of Rural Development and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying picks out exactly 22 works from the 375 works that the VB-G RAM G Act permits.

216. **B** **125 days** – The Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, came into force on 1 July 2026 and carries a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment for every rural household in a year.

217. **C** **Goa** – The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers in Goa on 5 and 6 November 2026.

218. **C** **Fourth** – The Ministry of Mines is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers on 5 and 6 November 2026 in Goa, and it has described the event as part of its continued engagement with State Governments for the collective advancement of the mining sector.

219. **A** **REWARD** – The third national-level consultation on the draft National Technical Guidelines was held under the World Bank-assisted REWARD programme, whose expanded name is Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development.

220. **B** **ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur** – The correct answer is the ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning at Nagpur.

221. **A** **Central Prison, Hyderabad** – Its authorities informed the National Human Rights Commission that a separate Gender-Neutral Cell had been established for persons with diverse gender identities and expressions, so as to protect their dignity and give them appropriate living arrangements, an…

222. **A** **The NHRC's Special Monitor for transgender persons and LGBTQ+ rights** – The correct answer is the Special Monitor of the National Human Rights Commission who is entrusted with matters relating to transgender persons and the rights of the LGBTQ+ community.

223. **C** **Rs 2,814 crore** – The Union Cabinet cleared the CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing on 4 November 2026 with exactly this outlay, spread over five financial years running from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, and funded wholly from budgetary support.

224. **B** **Lithium and nickel** – The scheme funds four plants in all, two for lithium with a capacity of at least 30 kt each and two for nickel with a capacity of at least 50 kt each.

225. **B** **23 June 2021** – On that date gold hallmarking stopped being optional and became compulsory, at first in 256 districts; as more assaying and hallmarking centres came up, the requirement now extends to 392 districts.

226. **B** **Six** – The Hallmark Unique Identification, or HUID, is a six-digit alphanumeric code generated by the Bureau of Indian Standards server for each article once it has been tested at a recognised assaying and hallmarking centre.

227. **B** **Ministry of Railways** – It secured the top position in the category of Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries and Departments under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, and Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan handed over the award at the Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026…

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228. **A** **351 MW against a target of 424 MW** – These are the two capacity figures to carry for this story: the railways has commissioned 351 MW of rooftop solar, while the goal it has set itself is 424 MW, so a little over four-fifths of the target is in place.

229. **B** **Jammu and Kashmir** – Awantipora lies in the Kashmir valley, and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences being built there is meant to widen access to tertiary and specialised care in the union territory as well as strengthen medical education in the region.

230. **B** **Rs 59.41 crore** – Procurement approval has been conveyed for 180 medical equipment items of this value, and Notices of Award have already gone out for 140 of those items, which leaves forty still to be awarded.

231. **B** **Rs 21,330 crore in 824 MSMEs** – The correct answer is Rs 21,330 crore in 824 MSMEs, of which roughly three-quarters are micro enterprises.

232. **B** **Only through empanelled Daughter Funds** – The SRI Fund has a two-tier design: the Mother Fund does not put money into an enterprise itself, it invests in Daughter Funds, and those funds then take equity in the enterprises.

233. **A** **The Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises** – The Inter-Ministerial Group on asset monetisation is chaired by that officer, while the Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications, named in option C, is its co-chair; a candidate who remembers only that both departments are involved can easily swap th…

234. **C** **Union Budget 2021-22** – The National Land Monetization Corporation was established pursuant to an announcement made in that budget, and it has since become the government's specialised institution for monetising surplus land and other non-core assets.

235. **B** **Hyderabad** – Base 1, the facility of the startup Cosmoserve Space, stands at VSD Tech Park in Gachibowli, a locality of Hyderabad in Telangana, and it was opened on 5 November 2026.

236. **B** **2030** – Dr Jitendra Singh announced a vision of debris-free space by 2030 while inaugurating Base 1, adding that India's growing strength in active debris removal shows its leadership in space technology and its concern for a safe orbital environment for all of human…

237. **B** **INS Sahyadri** – The ship is an indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate belonging to the Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy, and it berthed at Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan on 4 November 2026 for the multilateral naval exercise MALABAR 2026.

238. **A** **India, Japan, the United States and Australia** – MALABAR brings these four navies together so that the participating maritime forces can sharpen operational coordination, strengthen interoperability and exchange professional expertise through engagements held in harbour and then at sea.

239. **C** **Over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries** – Union Minister Pralhad Joshi described the summit as the largest renewable energy event hosted in India, and gave this figure for its footfall and reach at the valedictory session in New Delhi on 5 November 2026.

240. **C** **Over Rs 15 lakh crore** – Addressing the closing ceremony of the summit, Pralhad Joshi said the renewable energy sector had drawn more than this amount in the past decade, and that nearly Rs 6 lakh crore of it had flowed in during just the last two years, which shows how sharply the p…

241. **B** **248 km** – The Prime Minister said that in 2014 the country had just 248 km of Metro lines, and that these lines ran in only five cities.

242. **C** **26** – The Prime Minister said the Metro network now covers nearly 1,200 km across 26 cities, compared with 248 km across just five cities in 2014.

243. **A** **Nuh and Palwal in Haryana** – The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India tested mobile network quality in these two cities and the areas adjoining them, all of which lie within the Haryana Licensed Service Area, and released the findings for the information of telecom consumers.

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244. **C** **295.2 km** – The appointed agency drove this distance within the cities, added a walk test of 1.8 km and tested at 6 hotspot locations, all between 13 and 15 July 2026 in the Haryana Licensed Service Area.

245. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The Department of Health and Family Welfare reached 100 per cent of the targets set for it under Special Campaign 6, which ran over that month with a focus on making cleanliness an institutional habit, reducing pendency and improving administrative efficiency...

246. **C** **12,840** – The Department disposed of that many public grievances during the campaign, and alongside them it cleared 6,026 related appeals.

247. **B** **20 blocks** – The ninth tranche of the e-auction of critical and strategic mineral blocks places twenty blocks before bidders, drawn from eight states.

248. **C** **Section 10BA** – The Exploration Licence was created through Section 10BA of the MMDR Act, and it allows private industry to put money into exploring minerals even before mining itself begins.

249. **B** **Section 3(1)(b)** – The Department of Telecommunications had told the regulator that it proposed to bring in a Satellite Communication Network authorisation under Section 3(1)(b) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, and asked TRAI for the terms and conditions, including spectrum...

250. **C** **20 years** – TRAI has recommended that the Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation be granted for the national area with a maximum duration of twenty years, and that it carry a provision for renewal for up to a further twenty years.

251. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 30 November to 4 December 2026** – The correct answer is Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 30 November to 4 December 2026.

252. **B** **Resolution 55/56 of 2000** – The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme was established pursuant to that resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, and its purpose is to stop conflict diamonds from entering the legitimate trade in rough diamonds.

253. **B** **It is actually two distinct clusters that passed close to each other** – The correct answer is that UBC 63 is actually two distinct clusters that recently passed close to each other.

254. **A** **21 million years and 562 million years** – UBC 63A is the young cluster of the pair at roughly twenty-one million years, while UBC 63B is much older at about five hundred sixty-two million years.

255. **B** **Rs 1,09,019 crore** – This was the regular instalment of tax devolution that the Union Government transferred to the state governments, and it was released on 5 November 2026.

256. **B** **In view of the festive season and to help states accelerate capital spending** – The correct answer is that the release was advanced in view of the festive season and to help states accelerate capital spending.

257. **B** **Port Louis, Mauritius** – INS Tarkash completed its call at that port on 3 November 2026.

258. **C** **192nd** – The ship took part in the events held for it on 2 November 2026, and separately hosted a cultural exchange on board to mark Aapravasi Diwas 2026, at which the Minister of Education and Human Resource of Mauritius, Mahend Gungapersad, was the Guest of Honour a...

259. **C** **114** – India's contingent at the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya won 114 medals in all, and that total was made up of 30 gold medals, 35 silver medals and 49 bronze medals.

260. **B** **Aichi-Nagoya** – The Indian contingent won its 114 medals at Aichi-Nagoya, and the Prime Minister described that podium as a starting point rather than a final destination, pointing the athletes towards the Los Angeles 2028 Games for which Avani and Manish have already secure...

261. **B** **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha** – DRDO fired the missile from that island at about 1110 hrs, and the range instruments that confirmed the result were deployed by the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, which is also in Odisha.

262.	**B**	**Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad** – The correct answer is Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad, which developed Pralay within the country along with other DRDO laboratories.
263.	**B**	**Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific** – This was the unifying theme of IPRD-2026, the Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, which was examined through five professional thematic sessions together with senior-level interactions meant to find practical routes to regional m...
264.	**C**	**Indian Navy** – The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue is described as the Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, and the 2026 edition was organised in association with the National Maritime Foundation.
265.	**B**	**₹1,27,500 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved Semicon 2.0, the second phase of the Semicon India Programme, with this fiscal outlay under the India Semiconductor Mission.
266.	**C**	**Pillars 2, 3 and 4** – Semicon 2.0 has six pillars.
267.	**B**	**12,769** – This is the total scope of the Amended BharatNet Program in Telangana, made up of three parts: 1,946 Phase I Gram Panchayats that will be upgraded from linear to ring topology for a more resilient network, 10,787 Phase II Gram Panchayats that will be covered,...
268.	**A**	**Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)** – The fund was established under the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003, with effect from 1 April 2002, and under the Telecommunications Act, 2023 it became Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN).
269.	**C**	**1 January 2027** – TRAI released the amendment regulations on 6 November 2026 and fixed 1 January 2027 as the date from which they take effect.
270.	**C**	**₹1,500 per hour** – The correct answer is ₹1,500 per hour, charged per hour or part of an hour.
271.	**C**	**50 LMT** – The Government of India doubled the target quantity of rice to be sold through e-auctions under OMSS (D) for 2026-27, from 25 LMT to 50 LMT.
272.	**C**	**Friday** – The order directs traders and wholesalers, retailers, big chain retailers and processors or millers in every State and Union Territory to disclose their rice and paddy stocks every Friday on the Food Stock Portal, under six categories: Basmati rice, non-Basma...
273.	**A**	**Multi-Lane Free Flow** – MLFF is a barrier-less toll collection system in which vehicles are tolled while they move through the toll zone under gantries, so they do not have to stop at a booth or a physical barrier.
274.	**B**	**Four lanes and above** – NHAI's policy circular standardises the design and infrastructure of toll plazas on four-lane and wider National Highways so that upcoming and ongoing projects are ready for barrier-less MLFF toll collection.
275.	**B**	**Piprahwa, Uttar Pradesh** – The relics of Shakyamuni Buddha now being venerated at Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh were dug up at Piprahwa in 1898, a find that is treated as a milestone in the archaeological history of Buddhism.
276.	**A**	**Gaden Namgyal Lhatse** – This is the formal name of Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh, and the Ministry of Culture used it when it reported that more than 21,000 devotees had come to offer prayers before the sacred relics of Shakyamuni Buddha.
277.	**A**	**Mali, Myanmar, Madagascar and Equatorial Guinea** – President Droupadi Murmu accepted credentials from the envoys of exactly these four countries at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 6 November 2026.

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278. **B** **U Aye Min Htwe** – He presented his credentials to President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 6 November 2026 as Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, which is the formal name of India's eastern neighbour.

279. **C** **16th** – Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to the Uttarakhand Police at an investiture ceremony in Dehradun on 6 November 2026, and said the force had become the 16th in the country to receive this highest honour.

280. **B** **Karm Satyam Shauryam** – At the ceremony in Dehradun on 6 November 2026, where the Uttarakhand Police received the President's Colour, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the personnel of the force had not only taken these three guiding principles as an ideal but had made them the bas...

281. **C** **West Bengal** – At the National Review Meeting of the National Health Authority in Kolkata on 5–6 November 2026, Narayan Swaroop Nigam, Principal Secretary of West Bengal's Department of Health and Family Welfare, said the State joined AB PM-JAY as the 36th State.

282. **B** **Benchmarking health AI models using Indian datasets** – BODH stands for the Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI.

283. **B** **40 lakh** – When Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 5 in New Delhi on 6 November 2026, he said nearly 40 lakh DLCs had been generated in its first five days.

284. **C** **80 per cent** – Dr Jitendra Singh said that face authentication adoption surged from 61 per cent to nearly 80 per cent in the first five days of the campaign compared with the same period last year, which he read as rising trust among pensioners in technology.

285. **B** **2030** – The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat campaign on 27 November 2024 with the aim of reducing child marriage and making India child-marriage-free by 2030.

286. **C** **20.1 per cent** – The PIB backgrounder on two years of Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat cites the National Family Health Survey: in NFHS-6, conducted in 2023-24, 20.1 per cent of women aged 20–24 had been married before they turned 18.

287. **B** **Foot-and-Mouth Disease serotype SAT-1** – The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and ICAR-NIVEDI organised VAJRA-SAT in Bengaluru on 4 and 5 November 2026 to test how India would detect, confirm and contain this serotype, which has not been reported in the country but has spread from Africa...

288. **C** **ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics** – The correct answer is ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Bengaluru.

289. **B** **Hyderabad** – The 13th Governing Body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board took place on 5 November 2026 at the Padma Shri Dr. Ayyappan Conference Hall in the Board's own premises in Hyderabad, and it was chaired by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias La...

290. **C** **197.75 lakh tonnes** – Chairing the 13th Governing Body meeting of NFDB in Hyderabad on 5 November 2026, Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh pointed out that fish production has grown from 141.64 lakh tonnes in 2019-20 to 197.75 lakh tonnes, and asked for still higher production and...

291. **B** **9.06 million** – The figure was cited when Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh released the minimum standard protocol for pig semen production and artificial insemination in Sikkim on 2 November 2026.

292. **B** **North-Eastern Region** – Pigs are reared in every agro-climatic zone of India, but the North-East is described as the heartland of pig farming and holds nearly 45% of the national pig population.

293. **C** **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** – The ministry ran the campaign through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), its platform for young people, from 26 October to 5 November 2026, and held 536 Yuva Samvads in 31 States and Union Territories.

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294. **C** **100,493** – Over its run from 26 October to 5 November 2026, the 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' campaign held 536 Yuva Samvads in 31 States and Union Territories and reached 100,493 young people, with 536 Youth Icons taking part.

295. **B** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).

296. **C** **₹970.33 crore** – According to the consolidated data on the Special Campaign 6 portal, scrap disposal across ministries and departments, including e-waste, brought in ₹970.33 crore, about 16% more than Special Campaign 5.0.

297. **B** **Goa** – The Ministry of Mines reported on 6 November 2026 that the two-day 4th Conference of Mining Ministers had concluded in Goa, where Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy urged the Centre and the States to work together to speed up mineral exploration.

298. **C** **Critical minerals** – Speaking at the conference in Goa, Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy said the Centre and the States must work together to expedite mineral exploration, particularly because demand for critical minerals is growing.

299. **B** **Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facilities Map** – I-STEM is the portal that maps scientific equipment and research facilities across academic and research institutions so that they can be shared.

300. **B** **Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood** – The correct answer is Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, who chaired the launch.

301. **C** **Stage-III** – On 6 November 2026 the Sub-Committee on GRAP of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) reviewed Delhi-NCR's air quality along with IMD and IITM forecasts and decided to invoke Stage-III in the entire NCR with immediate effect.

302. **B** **382** – According to the daily AQI bulletin of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for 6 November 2026, Delhi recorded a daily average Air Quality Index of 382, which lies in the 'Very Poor' category.

303. **C** **Sri Vijaya Puram** – The first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise was held from 30 October to 3 November 2026 under the Andaman and Nicobar Command and concluded at Sri Vijaya Puram on 3 November.

304. **B** **Andaman and Nicobar Command** – The exercise was conducted under the aegis of the ANC, which is India's only operational command that combines all the services under one Commander-in-Chief, at present Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty.

305. **C** **Myanmar** – India and Myanmar commenced their maiden bilateral tri-services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise, named 'Rahat Mitra', at Chennai on 5 November 2026, with the drill running to 6 November.

306. **B** **Chennai** – The inaugural India-Myanmar tri-services HADR exercise 'Rahat Mitra' opened at Chennai on 5 November 2026 and was scheduled for 5 and 6 November.

307. **C** **United States** – Tiger Triumph is a bilateral tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise between India and the US.

308. **C** **Fifth** – The Ministry of Defence described Tiger Triumph 2026 as the fifth edition of the bilateral tri-service HADR exercise between India and the United States.

309. **B** **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata** – Amini is one of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft that GRSE designed and built in India, following the classification rules of the Indian Register of Shipping, and it was handed over to the Indian Navy on 5 November 2026.

310. **B** **Lakshadweep** – The ship is named after Amini Island in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

311. **B** **Software Development Institute** – The SDI of the Indian Air Force signed a Memorandum of Agreement with IIT Madras and the IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation for the joint design and development of an indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne applications; its Commandant...

312. **C** **Dr M J Shankar Raman** – The correct answer is Dr M J Shankar Raman, CEO of the IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation.

313. **B** **Horizon Europe** – The Ministry of Science and Technology announced that India and the European Union had successfully completed negotiations for India's association with Horizon Europe, which the release describes as the EU's flagship research and innovation programme.

314. **A** **27 January 2026** – According to the announcement, an exploration of the possible association was launched after the India-EU Summit held on that date, which the Ministry of Science and Technology calls historic.

315. **C** **Sixth** – India is the sixth-largest producer of chemicals in the world, and separately the fourth-largest in Asia, which is why option B is a tempting but wrong choice: fourth is India's Asian rank, not its global one.

316. **B** **Rs 3,030 crore** – The Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan scheme, approved in July 2026, carries that total outlay, of which Rs 3,000 crore is earmarked for common infrastructure and basic utilities and Rs 30 crore for administrative expenditure.

317. **B** **893 samples** – Under the Quality Coordination Cell exercise of the oil marketing companies and the Centre for High Technology, 893 E20 samples were drawn from depots and retail outlets in 27 States and Union Territories and tested for ethanol content, and every one of them...

318. **C** **IS 17021** – This is the Bureau of Indian Standards specification for ethanol-blended motor gasoline, and E20 petrol supplied by the three public sector oil marketing companies across the country is required to conform to it.

319. **B** **Bagdogra** – The Defence Minister met Air Warriors at Air Force Station, Bagdogra in West Bengal on the eve of Diwali, where he asked the forces to keep the highest level of operational readiness.

320. **B** **Enrolment as regular soldiers, subject to willingness and selection criteria** – The correct answer is enrolment as regular soldiers, subject to willingness and selection criteria.

321. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The Ministry of Steel conducted SCDPM 6 across that month-long window along with the Central Public Sector Enterprises under it, with the campaign directed at streamlining governance through the effective disposal of pending matters and at promoting cleanline...

322. **B** **21,164 files, 101 per cent of target** – The ministry reviewed that many physical files during the campaign and recorded the achievement slightly above the number planned, which is why it is reported as 101 per cent of the set target.

323. **B** **9 November 2026** – NPPA capped the trade margin on the maximum retail price of 137 anti-cancer drugs, and the lower prices that follow from that cap begin on that day.

324. **B** **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** – The correct answer is the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), which works under the Department of Pharmaceuticals in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and fixed the ceiling on trade margins for 137 anti-cancer drugs.

325. **B** **Legislative Department** – The correct answer is the Legislative Department, which works under the Ministry of Law and Justice and has begun the Interaction Series so that senior officers can pass on their experience and professional judgement on leadership, administration and personal...

326. **C** **Competition** – The Five Cs of Purposeful Leadership are Consistency, Culture, Contribution, Community and Curiosity, so options A, B and D all belong to the set and only the third does not.

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327. **B** **The Union Home Minister** – Amit Shah, who holds the portfolios of Home Affairs and of Cooperation, chaired the high-level meeting at Ahmedabad and reviewed the law and order and internal security situation in Gujarat.

328. **B** **About 2,340 kilometres** – The review noted that Gujarat has a coastline of nearly 2,340 kilometres and that the state also shares an international boundary with Pakistan.

329. **B** **The Vice-President of India** – C. P. Radhakrishnan, the Vice-President, inaugurated Deepotsav 2026 at Ram Ki Paidi in Ayodhya as the chief guest.

330. **B** **2017** – The Vice-President traced the growth of Deepotsav from its inception in 2017, when a little more than 1.7 lakh lamps were lit at Ayodhya.

331. **B** **Sukna, West Bengal** – Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh reviewed the operational preparedness of the Trishakti Corps at Sukna, where he was briefed on infrastructure development along the Line of Actual Control and on the deployment of advanced military equipment and emerging technologi…

332. **C** **Line of Actual Control** – At Sukna the Raksha Mantri was briefed on infrastructure development along the Line of Actual Control, usually shortened to LAC, and on the deployment of advanced military equipment and emerging technologies meant to improve operational capability and combat…

333. **B** **Sainik School Bijapur** – The school hosted the All India Sainik Schools National Games 2026, held from 3 to 7 November 2026, and its closing ceremony was attended by Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth as chief guest, who gave away the medals and trophies.

334. **B** **Vikasa Sainik School** – The correct answer is Vikasa Sainik School, which secured the Junior Girls Basketball title at the meet.

335. **B** **Employees Provident Fund Organization** – EPFO, which works under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, concluded Special Campaign 6 conducted during October 2026, and said the drive reaffirmed its commitment to administrative efficiency, cleanliness, transparency and better public service delivery.

336. **C** **2,36,021** – That is the total number of public grievances EPFO disposed of during the campaign, against a target of 2,05,000, a performance 15.1 per cent above the mark.

337. **B** **Tawang Monastery (Gaden Namgyal Lhatse)** – The Ministry of Culture held the relics for public darshan at Gaden Namgyal Lhatse in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, and that leg of the exposition closed on 7 November 2026 after seven days, during which 31,000 devotees and visitors came.

338. **C** **31,000** – That is the figure the Ministry of Culture gave for devotees and visitors who came to Gaden Namgyal Lhatse, the Tawang Monastery, across the seven days of the exposition that ended on 7 November 2026.

339. **B** **Dewas, Madhya Pradesh** – The Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Labour Department of the Madhya Pradesh government held Shram Samvad, a district-level capacity-building and awareness programme on the Labour Codes, labour welfare and social protection, at Dewas on 5 November 20…

340. **C** **Directorate General Labour Welfare** – At the Dewas programme the DGLW took the session on the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan, the pension scheme for unorganised sector workers known as PM-SYM.

341. **A** **Lal Krishna Advani** – He entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted him on the occasion, describing the day as a landmark one.

342. **B** **Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra** – While greeting Advani as he entered his 100th year, the Prime Minister listed leading this yatra among the defining chapters of his public life, along with living through Partition and rebuilding his life afterwards, strengthening the Jana Sangh, building the…

343. **A** **CoBRA Operations Base, Karanpur** – The correct answer is the CoBRA Operations Base at Karanpur, in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh.

344. **C** **47 years** – Speaking to the jawans in Bastar, the Prime Minister said that over the past year not a single CRPF soldier had lost their life on duty, and that this had not happened for the previous forty-seven years.

345. **C** **33 Corps** – The Trishakti Corps is the designation of the Army's thirty-third Corps, and its soldiers are deployed in the forward areas of Sikkim, where the Raksha Mantri celebrated Deepawali with them.

346. **A** **General Dhiraj Seth** – The correct answer is General Dhiraj Seth, who is named as the Chief of the Army Staff accompanying the Raksha Mantri to the forward areas of Sikkim for the Deepawali celebration with the Trishakti Corps.

347. **C** **130 cities** – The nationwide Green Diwali Campaign was run from the twentieth of October to the eighth of November under Mission LiFE, which stands for Lifestyle for Environment, and its special focus was the cities covered by the National Clean Air Programme.

348. **A** **SAMEER** – As part of the Green Diwali Pledge, citizens were asked to follow the daily Air Quality Index on the SAMEER app of the Central Pollution Control Board and to cut down the time they spend outdoors on days when the air is poor.

349. **B** **1,364** – As on 8 November 2026, eighty-five pharmaceutical companies had reported revised maximum retail prices for 1,364 anti-cancer formulations, and those prices came into force on 9 November 2026.

350. **C** **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** – The NPPA works under the Department of Pharmaceuticals in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and it is the body that capped trade margins on the retail prices of 137 anti-cancer drugs, with the revised rates applying from 9 November 2026.

351. **B** **Arunachal Pradesh** – Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, known locally as the Lower Gompa, stands at Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh, and the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined there on 8 November 2026 for public darshan until 13 November 2026.

352. **C** **By an Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter** – The relics were flown from Tawang to Bomdila aboard a Chinook of the Indian Air Force, accompanied by Bhikkhu Khemachara, the Deputy Secretary General of the International Buddhist Confederation, and officials of the Ministry of Culture, the National Museum i...

353. **B** **9 November** – That is the day Uttarakhand marks its Statehood Day, and it was on 9 November 2026 that the Prime Minister extended his heartfelt greetings to all the people of the state on the occasion.

354. **C** **Uttarakhand** – In the Statehood Day message of 9 November 2026 the Prime Minister called the state Devbhoomi Uttarakhand and said it is blessed with spiritual heritage and extraordinary natural beauty.

355. **B** **Myanmar** – Rahat Mitra was the first bilateral tri-services exercise on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief between the defence forces of India and Myanmar, held on 5 and 6 November 2026 and concluded at Chennai.

356. **C** **Chennai** – The two-day exercise, held on 5 and 6 November 2026, was conducted at Chennai, and the city hosted every element of it: the table-top exercise on a severe cyclone, the Indian Army's obstacle clearance and bridge laying display, the visit to INS Sukanya, the s...

357. **A** **'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'** – The correct answer is 'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'.

358. **B** **The President, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** – President Droupadi Murmu will confer the awards across various categories at a ceremony there on 11 November 2026, in the presence of Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Power, and Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State in the same ministry.

359. **B** **Naseem Al Bahr** – The Ministry of Defence stated that Indian Naval Ship Surat reached Muscat in Oman on 8 November 2026 to join the 15th edition of this bilateral maritime exercise, which the Indian Navy conducts with the Royal Navy of Oman, and that its name means Sea Breeze.

360. **B** **MAHASAGAR** – The correct answer is MAHASAGAR, which is expanded as Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

361. **B** **1 January 2027** – TRAI released the amendment regulations and stated that they would come into force from that date.

362. **A** **Rs 5.6 lakh** – The amendment prescribes annual ceilings on IP port charges of Rs 5.6 lakh for a 1 Gbps port and Rs 42.3 lakh for a 10 Gbps port, and allows an interconnection provider and seeker to agree on lower charges or on other capacities computed by the same transpare...

363. **B** **15,679** – The Department of Legal Affairs reported that it had reviewed 27,289 physical files under the campaign and had removed 15,679 of them from its records.

364. **A** **Rs 4,71,881** – By identifying and disposing of obsolete material, including electronic waste and other unserviceable items, the Department earned that amount, putting redundant assets to productive use.

365. **C** **RJIL** – On this railway stretch in the Assam Licensed Service Area the regulator measured an average download speed of 110.82 Mbps for RJIL, the highest of the four operators tested.

366. **C** **515.9 km** – The regulator stated that the drive test in the Assam Licensed Service Area covered that length of railway along with 2 hotspot locations, and that it was conducted on 11 September 2026 under the supervision of its regional office at Kolkata.

367. **B** **Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is holding the fifteen-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat in the INA complex of the national capital, and the fair runs until 15 November 2026.

368. **C** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – It has been organising Shilp Samagam Melas since 2022 so that artisans from Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Safai Karamchari families and persons with disabilities can reach buyers directly.

369. **C** **13,553 sq ft** – Freeing up space locked by old files, scrap and unused furniture is one of the measured goals of the drive, and the department reported this much floor area released across its own offices and its attached, subordinate and field units.

370. **C** **Rs 32,19,644** – The money came from selling off scrap and electronic waste collected while offices were cleared, with trucks flagged off to authorised recyclers rather than the material being dumped.

371. **B** **9 November** – The day is tied to the creation of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, which was established on 9 November 2014, and so the anniversary of that ministry is observed each year as National Entrepreneurship Day.

372. **B** **2.62 lakh** – Startups recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade numbered fewer than 500 in 2014 and now stand at 2.62 lakh, making India the third largest startup ecosystem in the world.

373. **C** **Rs 628.49 crore** – During Special Campaign 6, held from 2 to 31 October 2026, Indian Railways earned this amount from the sale of scrap, which is above the target of 600 crore rupees set for the campaign.

374. **C** **5,884 stations** – Rail Jan Samvad was organised as part of Special Campaign 6 to let rail users place their feedback and suggestions before senior railway officials in person.

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375. **B** **2,51,757 square feet** – During Special Campaign 6, run from 2 to 31 October 2026, the Ministry of Power completed 342 cleanliness drives at its offices and those of its public sector enterprises, and that work released this much space for use.

376. **A** **E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022** – The theme of this edition of the campaign was the effective collection, segregation and disposal of electronic waste, so the central public sector enterprises and organisations under the Ministry of Power identified the e-waste generated at their establishmen...

377. **C** **National Waterway-110** – The Yamuna received this designation under the National Waterways Act, 2016, and it is on this waterway that Delhi's first recreational river cruise has been developed, along the Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur stretch.

378. **B** **Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur** – The cruise service has been developed along this stretch of the river, and the inauguration itself was fixed at Sonia Vihar on 10 November 2026.

379. **C** **Over 3,300** – The passing out parade set for 13 November 2026 covers the ninth batch of Indian Navy Agniveers and Indian Coast Guard Naviks, and the strength of this batch makes it the largest ever to complete training at INS Chilka.

380. **B** **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff** – The correct answer is Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, who will attend as chief guest and reviewing officer of the parade.

381. **C** **153 institutions** – MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme held Diwali Sneh Milan gatherings at this many institutions and recorded 1,07,494 participations in all.

382. **A** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan** – The correct answer is the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan.

383. **C** **175,025** – When India and Saudi Arabia signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027 at Jeddah, the country quota allotted to India was confirmed at this figure.

384. **B** **Jeddah** – The agreement for the coming pilgrimage was signed in that city, immediately after the bilateral meeting held at the Jeddah Superdome between the Indian and Saudi ministers in charge of the pilgrimage.

385. **B** **Rs 1,400 crore** – That is the combined value of the works the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation dedicated and began in Ahmedabad on this day, in the presence of the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

386. **C** **31 December 2029** – Speaking after the launch of the development works, the Minister said that having set the goal of a Naxal-free India, the government has now fixed the target of a drug-free India by that date.

387. **B** **Ukraine** – The Prime Minister spoke on the telephone with Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who holds the office of President of Ukraine.

388. **A** **That the conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy** – The correct answer is that the conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.

389. **A** **National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction** – It is the plan of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under which Drug De-addiction Centres receive support, and the centre at Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh named in this account is one such facility.

390. **C** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The plan belongs to that Ministry, and it was the same Ministry that published this account of a man from Sultanpur district who came out of substance dependence with the help of a Drug De-addiction Centre supported under the plan.

391. **B** **National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students** – It is a scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment that gives financial and academic support to Scheduled Caste students in higher

education and research, and the account published by the Ministry describes a scholar from a poor rural household...

392. **C** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which runs this fellowship and which published both the accounts of supported scholars.

393. **C** **Nearly 40 per cent** – India's Exclusive Economic Zone covers close to 24 lakh square kilometres, and the two island groups between them hold about 40 per cent of it, which is why the fisheries roadmap treats them as the anchors of the blue economy.

394. **A** **Lakshadweep** – Its clean lagoon systems suit seaweed farming, and the roadmap envisages large-scale cultivation there along with seed banks, hatcheries and training, so that a dependable seaweed value chain can be built for food, nutraceuticals, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals a...

395. **A** **Anantpur** – Mushroom growing in that village began with Anita Devi, who took guidance from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Harnaut block in 2010 and raised oyster and milky white mushrooms on farm waste.

396. **A** **National Horticulture Mission** – The correct answer is the National Horticulture Mission, which supported Anita Devi with a subsidy of Rs 15 lakh for a spawn production laboratory.

397. **B** **11,969** – The Ministry of Culture reported that this many devotees reached the Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, or Lower Gompa, at Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh during the opening two days of the exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha, offering prayers and se...

398. **A** **Golden Pagoda** – After the public exposition at Bomdila ends, the Relics are to be accorded a ceremonial send-off on 14 November 2026 and carried onward to Namsai district, where they will be enshrined at the Golden Pagoda for public viewing from 14 to 20 November 2026.

399. **B** **1,522** – During Special Campaign 6 the Ministry reviewed its electronic records in bulk and closed this many e-files, which the Ministry counted among the gains in records management and administrative efficiency.

400. **A** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation held Special Campaign 6 over these dates, with its field offices in the States and Union Territories joining in along with its attached, subordinate and autonomous offices, and with the Secretary of the...

401. **B** **Anuj Shrivatri** – He earned the Grandmaster title and in doing so became the hundredth Indian player to hold it, which is why the moment was described as India hitting a century in chess.

402. **C** **100** – Anuj Shrivatri's Grandmaster title took India's tally to a round hundred, and the achievement was welcomed as a century in chess for the country, a remarkable milestone that points to the depth of talent among Indian players and the way the game has caught on...

403. **B** **Antalya, Turkiye** – The 31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is being hosted there, and India used its opening statement to seek a fair, equitable and ambitious outcome from the session.

404. **C** **Article 9.1** – India told the Conference that public finance from developed countries remains central to driving climate action in developing countries and to strengthening adaptation finance flows, and it underscored the fundamental importance of Article 9.1 of the Paris A...

405. **B** **Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)** – The correct answer is Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), which functions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

406. **C** **1,10,101** – The Deepotsav leg of the drive was the bigger of the two, with 435 programmes and 568 activities, and it accounted for 1,10,101 of the participants.

407. **C** **55.5%** – The bulletin reports that the Labour Force Participation Rate for people aged 15 years and above rose to 55.5% in the quarter July-September 2026, and it was also higher than the 55.1% recorded in the

same quarter of 2025.

408. **B** — **5.1%** – For persons aged 15 years and above, the overall unemployment rate improved to 5.1% in July-September 2026.

409. **C** — **Rs 37,500 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects on 13 May 2026 with exactly this outlay, and the Ministry of Coal repeated the figure while announcing that Round 2 had ended and Round 3 had begun on 10 Nov...

410. **B** — **NTPC Limited** – Round 2 of the scheme closed with two applications, and the Ministry of Coal said both had come from NTPC Limited: one proposal is for making urea and the other for methanol along with dimethyl ether, or DME.

411. **B** — **The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** – Two tusks measuring 29 inches and 30 inches, with a combined weight of about 3.7 kg, were recovered from an abandoned bag near Sonapur Toll Gate and seized under that Act before being handed to the Assam State Forest Department.

412. **C** — **13,000** – The container declared as Mop Rod was found to conceal 6,000 pieces of the Yuoto Thanos brand and 7,000 pieces of the Yuoto Lens brand, which together make 13,000 e-cigarettes, valued with the cover cargo at more than Rs 4 crore and seized under the Customs A...

413. **A** — **Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance** – The correct answer is the Department of Public Enterprises in the Ministry of Finance.

414. **C** — **Eleven** – The Request for Proposal covers 11 ready-built government flats spread over three established housing schemes of Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, offering a mix of two-bedroom and three-bedroom units.

415. **B** — **Indian Police Service** – The officer trainees who met the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan belonged to the Indian Police Service 78 RR, that is the 2025 batch, and her address to them dealt with policing, public trust, misinformation and cyber crime.

416. **A** — **Deep-fake content** – The President said that deep fakes pose new threats to people, and she urged police officers to stay ahead of criminals who use state-of-the-art technologies.

417. **A** — **2 October to 31 October 2026** – The campaign is run by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and covered that month, with the goals of responsible governance, simpler administrative processes, scientific management of e-waste and cleanliness in offices.

418. **C** — **368** – The Ministry of Ayush settled 368 public grievances during the campaign, along with 64 grievance appeals, 7 references from Members of Parliament and 4 references from the Prime Minister's Office.

419. **C** — **National Waterway-110** – The Yamuna carries this number under the National Waterways Act, 2016, and the recreational cruise service opened in Delhi on 10 November 2026 is the first step towards using the river for leisure navigation in the capital.

420. **B** — **30** – The cruise runs a single electric vessel with seating for thirty passengers, taking visitors on a round trip of about six kilometres along the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur reach of the river.

421. **D** — **2035-36** – While inviting fresh applications on 10 November 2026, the Department of Pharmaceuticals said the medical devices PLI scheme had been carried forward to that year, with an outlay of about Rs 2,700 crore available for the new round and an online portal due to...

422. **B** — **Rs 2,700 crore** – That is the amount the Department of Pharmaceuticals said would be used for the new round of the scheme, which has been extended to 2035-36 and is being described as PLI-MD 2.0.

423. **B** — **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced on 10 November 2026 that the new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences created under this scheme had crossed six crore outpatient consultations since 2021-22.

424. **C** — **18** – The ministry's statement of 10 November 2026 says twenty-two new AIIMS have been approved in various phases of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, and of these eighteen are fully functional.

425. **C** — **5 lakh hectares** – Addressing the two-day national event at Bhubaneswar on 10 November 2026, the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Dr Mangi Lal Jat, proposed expanding Odisha's millet area from 1.79 lakh hectares at present to five lakh hectares b…

426. **A** — **Shree Anna Abhiyan** – Dr Mangi Lal Jat highlighted the success of this Odisha campaign and said it had the potential to become a national model for transforming agriculture around millets.

427. **C** — **6,000 metres** – MATSYA-6000 is India's human submersible under the Deep Ocean Mission and is depth-rated for six thousand metres, as the Ministry of Earth Sciences confirmed at the Earth System Sciences Council meeting of 10 November 2026.

428. **A** — **Nautile** – The briefing to Dr Jitendra Singh said Indian aquanauts dived to 4,025 metres and 5,002 metres during an Indo-French expedition aboard this submersible, which marked a notable advance in India's crewed deep-sea capability.

429. **A** — **Centre for Process Innovation** – At BRIC's third Foundation Day on 10 November 2026 a Letter of Intent was signed with this British centre to strengthen India-UK collaboration in biomanufacturing and to help build biofoundries, the minister having already named such hubs at Mohali, Hyderabad…

430. **C** — **USD 195 billion** – Speaking at the Foundation Day of the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council, Dr Jitendra Singh said the bioeconomy had expanded from about ten billion dollars when the government took office to more than this figure.

431. **B** — **243** – The merit lists put out by the Union Public Service Commission for the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026 carry 243 names in all, and that total is itself broken into three groups of 155, 63 and 25 candidates meant for the three training academie…

432. **C** — **Indian Military Academy, Dehradun** – The result states that successful candidates have qualified for admission to the 162nd (DE) Course of the Indian Military Academy at Dehradun.

433. **B** — **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The quiz was opened by that ministry under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, the drug-demand-reduction campaign it runs, and it is the same ministry whose department supports the network of de-addiction centres quoted in the announcement.

434. **B** — **15 August 2020** – The announcement states plainly that the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on that date and that it has now entered its seventh year, which fits the Independence Day launch in 2020.

435. **B** — **Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment describes Vayo SAATHI as an important component of that recently launched national intergenerational bonding campaign, which itself runs under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana.

436. **C** — **18 years** – The Ministry has invited citizens aged eighteen years and above to register, and it names students, young professionals and community volunteers as the groups it has in mind.

437. **B** — **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The fair is its own initiative, meant to open markets for artisans and beneficiaries from the Scheduled Castes, the Other Backward Classes, Safai Karamchari communities and persons with disabilities, and the four corporations whose sales are reported all fall…

438. **A** — **About Rs 64.52 lakh** – That is the combined figure reported for the four participating corporations over the window from the first to the ninth of November, and the Ministry presents it as a sign of the market response to products made by beneficiary communities.

439. **B** — **4 per cent** – The round table with Central Public Sector Enterprises was convened precisely to monitor how far they have met the mandated four per cent sourcing from micro and small enterprises owned by

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Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs.

440. **A** **National SC-ST Hub Scheme** – The Joint Secretary told the round table that the promotion and handholding done under this scheme has steadily raised the share of SC/ST micro and small enterprises in public procurement, and the scheme's field offices are the ones being asked to coordinate...

441. **B** **IndiGo** – The Department of Posts, which works under the Ministry of Communications, organised the in-flight postcard writing activity in collaboration with that airline, and the campaign ran on fifteen of its flights serving eleven destinations.

442. **B** **15** – The campaign was carried out across fifteen flights, and those flights between them served eleven destinations, so the two figures must be kept apart.

443. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, Dwarka** – The third Bharat Mobility Global Expo is spread over these two Delhi venues from 4 to 9 February 2027, and the split is why the show can carry 11 concurrent shows at once.

444. **C** **Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow** – Under this theme the third edition will put on display India's strengths in manufacturing, engineering, technology, innovation and sustainable mobility, and bring industry, government, startups, technology providers, academia and overseas participants to the...

445. **C** **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare** – Khet Bachao Abhiyan is its countrywide drive for the Rabi season, running from 22 October to 30 November 2026, and the Minister who joined the West Bengal programme, Shri Ram Nath Thakur, is a Minister of State in that ministry.

446. **A** **ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology** – The correct answer is the ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology, known as ICAR-NINFET, which organised the programme at Subhasnagar in the Swarupnagar Block of North 24 Parganas district.

447. **B** **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem** – The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and works on the occupational safety, health protection and livelihood security of sanitation workers.

448. **B** **Fellowship, House Rent Allowance and a contingency grant** – These are the three components named in the account the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment released about a Scheduled Caste doctoral scholar from Darjeeling in West Bengal, who has drawn assistance under the scheme since November 2022 amounting to Rs...

449. **C** **The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021** – The correct answer is the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021.

450. **A** **4 December 2026** – Comments, suggestions and objections on the draft have been invited from allied and healthcare professionals, their associations, educational institutions, the State Allied and Healthcare Councils, healthcare institutions, subject experts and the general publ...

451. **A** **SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway** – The dialogue on waste to resource solutions for the cement and construction sector was put together by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of India along with SINTEF, a Norwegian research organisation, and the Research Council of Norway.

452. **B** **Green Strategic Partnership** – India and Norway lifted their relationship to a Green Strategic Partnership when the Indian Prime Minister travelled to Norway in May, and circular economy, clean technology and research were placed at its heart.

453. **A** **272 districts** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment began the campaign on 15 August 2020 in the districts judged most vulnerable to the use of alcohol, cannabis, opioids and other psychoactive substances.

454. **C** **Article 47** – It directs the State to endeavour to bring about prohibition of the consumption, except for medicinal purposes, of intoxicating drinks and of drugs which are injurious to health, and it is cited as the

constitutional foundation of the anti-drug campaign and o...

455. **B** **Cochin Shipyard Limited** – The Ministry of Defence signed the contract for the normal refit and re-powering of the frigate INS Betwa with Cochin Shipyard Limited, and the value of that contract is Rs 498.58 crore, described by the Ministry as approximately Rs 500 crore.

456. **C** **Brahmaputra class** – INS Betwa, the warship going in for a normal refit and re-powering at Cochin Shipyard Limited under a contract worth Rs 498.58 crore, is a Brahmaputra-class frigate of the Indian Navy.

457. **C** **31 March 2031** – The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme for a period of five years ending on that date, so the scheme now has a clear life running to the close of the financial year 2030-31.

458. **C** **Rs 4,111 crore** – Along with the five-year continuation up to 31 March 2031, the Cabinet sanctioned a credit guarantee corpus of exactly this size, and it is the corpus that lets banks lend to first-generation founders without demanding collateral, because the guarantee takes...

459. **C** **Rs 5,000 crore** – The Cabinet cleared this corpus while extending the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units up to 31 March 2031, and the Ministry of Finance expects it to support Mudra lending of Rs 12.6 lakh crore over the five years.

460. **B** **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited** – The correct answer is the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited, usually shortened to NCGTC.

461. **C** **About Rs 62,370.02 crore** – The Cabinet put this figure on the Nutrient Based Subsidy for the Rabi season of 2026-27 on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, with the rates running from 01.10.2026 to 31.03.2027.

462. **B** **01.04.2010** – From that date the subsidy on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers has been paid under the Nutrient Based Subsidy regime, in which the government fixes a per-kilogram subsidy on each nutrient rather than on each bag, and pays it to manufacturers and importers...

463. **B** **8.449 km** – The Cabinet cleared an extension of this length on the Aqua Line of the Noida Metro Rail Project, running from Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04 and carrying 5 elevated stations.

464. **C** **71.878 km** – The decision states that the two cities will together hold that much active metro rail network once the extension starts carrying passengers.

465. **C** **Rs 3,230 crore** – The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs cleared the museum at this estimated cost, a figure appraised by the Public Investment Board, and the Ministry of Culture concurred with its recommendations.

466. **B** **North and South Block complex** – The museum is being created through adaptive reuse of these historic buildings after government offices move out of them, so that their architectural and heritage character survives while they take on a new role as a public cultural institution.

467. **B** **85491400** – The notification issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade names the item as Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass falling under this code, which covers waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators, along with spent cells an...

468. **D** **Cadmium** – Black mass, the powder obtained from shredding end-of-life lithium-ion batteries and battery manufacturing waste, holds recoverable quantities of lithium, cobalt, nickel and manganese, so options A, B and C are all named in the notification.

469. **B** **Safaga Naval Base** – The Ministry of Defence stated that INS Trishul finished her call at Safaga in Egypt on 9 November 2026, as one leg of a continuing operational deployment, and then sailed for the next phase of that deployment.

470. **B** **Cairo** – The eleventh sitting of the India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee took place in the Egyptian capital in April 2026, and it supplied an institutional framework for taking forward the defence commitments agreed under the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Coo...

471. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – Both the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation state that the drive to institutionalise Swachhata and clear pending references ran through that window, and that States and Union Territories held a dedicate...

472. **C** **51,090** – That is the number of grievances settled on the dedicated one-day event of 30 October 2026, when field functionaries and the community took part on a large scale.

473. **B** **NH-248BB** – The National Highways Authority of India placed the Bijwasan Fee Plaza on that highway when it described the incident of 5 November 2026, in which personnel of the user fee collection agency misbehaved with road users.

474. **C** **Rs 15 lakh** – Along with debarring M/s Riddhi Siddhi Associates from any ongoing or future tender of the authority for one month, NHAI imposed a penalty of that amount on the firm for the misbehaviour of its personnel with road users.

475. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – It is this ministry that runs the National Overseas Scholarship and that placed on record how the scheme carried a Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra to a postgraduate programme at University College London in 2025-26.

476. **D** **39,800 pounds** – That was the tuition component of the comprehensive assistance given under the scheme, which also covered airfare, visa fees, insurance and other admissible academic expenses.

477. **A** **Dr Rajendra Prasad** – The correct answer is Dr Rajendra Prasad, who unveiled the portrait on 16 December 1959 while serving as President of India.

478. **B** **Education** – In the tribute offered on his birth anniversary, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was recalled as a spirited soldier of the freedom struggle, a great educationist and the first Education Minister of independent India, and as a recipient of the Bharat Ratna.

479. **B** **Colombo** – The first meeting of the health ministers of the BIMSTEC countries took place in Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, on 11 November 2026, and Sri Lanka’s Minister of Health and Mass Media, Nalinda Jayatissa, chaired the proceedings.

480. **C** **Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar** – The correct answer is the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar, in Gujarat.

481. **C** **Fifth** – Sea Vigil-26 is the fifth edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise and is being held from 11 to 19 November 2026 with the Indian Navy acting as the lead coordinating agency.

482. **B** **2018, after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks** – The exercise was conceived in that year to validate the measures that had been instituted to strengthen maritime security in the aftermath of the attacks on Mumbai, which came by sea.

483. **C** **11,372** – The Department of Telecommunications reported that the number of villages without 4G connectivity has come down to this figure in 2026.

484. **A** **24,680** – That was the design target of the 4G Saturation Project, which aims to bring reliable mobile communication to remote and underserved habitations that had no fourth generation signal at all.

485. **A** **Nadar Bank Limited** – The Vice President recalled at the 105th Foundation Day celebrations that the institution now known as Tamilnad Mercantile Bank came into being in 1921 under that name, and praised its growth from a modest beginning into a major banking institution.

486. **B** **The Vice President of India** – The correct answer is the Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, who graced the 105th Foundation Day celebrations of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank at Thoothukudi and called

upon the bank to aspire to rank among India’s leading private sector banks.

487. **A** **Operation Vajra 3.0** – The Central Bureau of Narcotics carried out the action against an interstate synthetic drug network under this operation and busted a clandestine laboratory manufacturing mephedrone in the Tajopur Industrial Area of Mau district in Uttar Pradesh.

488. **B** **Ministry of Finance** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Finance, under which the Central Bureau of Narcotics functions and in whose name this announcement was issued.

489. **B** **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** – The Ministry of Tourism is holding Bharat Parv 2026 at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat under this unifying theme, in partnership with Gujarat Tourism and with the support of the States and Union Territories, and the festival is designed to foster cultural exchange and...

490. **B** **Ministry of Tourism** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Tourism, which organises Bharat Parv 2026 in partnership with Gujarat Tourism and with the support of the States and Union Territories.

491. **A** **The President of India** – President Droupadi Murmu honoured the cleanest cities of the country at the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26, held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

492. **C** **Navi Mumbai** – In the Super Swachh League the top three Clean Cities were Navi Mumbai of Maharashtra, Surat of Gujarat and Vijayawada of Andhra Pradesh, in that order, so Navi Mumbai heads the list.

493. **C** **9** – On 27 August 2026 the Ministry of Home Affairs reduced the main visa categories from 13 to nine, and the sub-categories from 49 to 23.

494. **B** **Tourist Visa** – The erstwhile Tourist Visa is now called the Visitor Visa, a change made because the category permits a far wider set of purposes than conventional tourism.

495. **B** **Oman** – Naseem Al Bahr, which translates as Sea Breeze, is the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman, and the edition just completed is the fifteenth.

496. **C** **INS Surat** – The sea phase of the exercise featured joint activity between Indian Naval Ship Surat and the Royal Navy of Oman vessel Al-Mu'azzar, including Visit, Board, Search and Seizure drills and cross-deck operations that gave crews of both navies practice in coordin...

497. **B** **Myanmar** – IMNEX stands for the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise, and the edition now in progress is the eighth.

498. **C** **Visakhapatnam** – The eighth edition of the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise is being held at Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026, and the Myanmar Navy ship UMS King Sin Phyu Shin arrived at that port on 10 November 2026 for it.

499. **B** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The Government of India designated 15 November as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in 2021 to mark his birth anniversary and to honour the contribution of tribal heroes to India's freedom struggle.

500. **C** **Jan-HIT Portal** – The correct answer is the Jan-HIT Portal, which stands for Janjatiya Health Intelligence and Technology.

501. **B** **Doha** – The International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference, referred to as PP-26, is being held in Doha, and India was represented there by Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani.

502. **C** **Samriddh Gram Centres** – The minister described these centres, which have won the WSIS Prize, as places where villagers can access healthcare, agricultural advice, banking and government certificates.

503. **B** **Visakhapatnam Port** – The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, dedicated the new waterfront promenade at Visakhapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh and on the same day

laid foundation stones for four fresh works that together come to about Rs 560 crore.

504. **C** **91.17 million metric tonnes** – Sarbananda Sonowal told port employees that Visakhapatnam Port had handled this record quantity of cargo in the 2025-26 financial year, roughly 10 per cent more than the year before, and that it was the port's fourth consecutive year of growth.

505. **B** **The Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth** – The correct answer is the Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth.

506. **A** **Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace** – The correct answer is Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace, written by Lt Gen AB Shivane (Retd).

507. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – It organises the Shilp Samagam Mela, and the 2026 edition at Dilli Haat, INA, in New Delhi reported cumulative sales of about Rs 73.49 lakh in its first ten days, from 1 to 10 November.

508. **C** **About Rs 73.49 lakh** – A senior official in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said the four participating national corporations had together recorded sales of this amount between 1 and 10 November 2026 at the Shilp Samagam Mela at Dilli Haat, INA.

509. **C** **2019** – The backgrounder states that the One Nation One Ration Card scheme was begun in 2019 by the Department of Food and Public Distribution as a major reform of the Public Distribution System, giving nationwide portability to ration cards and to the beneficiaries...

510. **D** **36** – The note says ONORC has been put in place across all 36 States and Union Territories, bringing every beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana within its reach.

511. **C** **Nagamangala, Karnataka** – The Ministry of Ayush has said the 9th National Naturopathy Day will be marked on 18 November 2026 at the Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy, which is located at Nagamangala in Karnataka.

512. **B** **Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat** – The Ministry of Ayush has fixed this as the theme of the 9th National Naturopathy Day, to be observed on 18 November 2026 at the Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy, Nagamangala, Karnataka.

513. **B** **Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang) Monastery** – The correct answer is the Gaden Namgyal Lhatse Monastery, which is better known as the Tawang Monastery.

514. **A** **Golden Pagoda, Namsai** – After the exposition at Bomdila closes, the relics are to proceed there and will be open for public veneration from 14 to 20 November 2026.

515. **B** **The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation** – This is the theme of the two-day Air Force Commanders' Conference held in New Delhi, which the Defence Minister addressed on 12 November 2026.

516. **A** **Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking** – The correct answer is Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking.

517. **B** **Rs 64.05 crore** – That is the financial support the Technology Development Board, which works under the Department of Science and Technology, has agreed to give Astrome Technologies Private Limited of Bengaluru from the Research, Development and Innovation Fund, and it is bein...

518. **B** **The 50 kg class** – The project plans microsatellites of this weight class, to be placed in low Earth orbit and added to the group in stages, so that coverage and the frequency of revisits over a chosen area both grow as more satellites go up.

519. **B** **The U.S. National Academy of Sciences** – The correct answer is the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, which led the Science20 engagement process in 2026 and under whose leadership the Joint S20 Statement was released on 10 November 2026.

520. **B** **Miami, Florida** – The correct answer is Miami, Florida, where the G20 Summit is scheduled for December 2026, and the Joint S20 Statement is to be placed before the G20 ahead of it.

521. **C** **The 57th edition** – The International Film Festival of India is being held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026, and the WaveX Startup Pavilion at WAVES Bazaar is organised alongside it, with its own showcase window from 20 to 24 November 2026.

522. **A** **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** – WaveX is its flagship startup accelerator, set up to encourage innovation, entrepreneurship and technological progress across India's media and entertainment sector and the AVGC-XR ecosystem, and it is this ministry that issued the reminder about the closing...

523. **B** **6.09%** – The provisional all-India retail inflation rate worked out from the Consumer Price Index for October 2026 was 6.09%, with the rural figure at 6.63% and the urban figure at 5.41%.

524. **C** **2024=100** – The release carrying the October 2026 numbers is titled for the Consumer Price Index on base 2024=100, and every index value and inflation rate in it is compiled on that base.

525. **B** **15 August 2020** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan on that day as its flagship awareness drive against substance abuse, and the campaign has since grown into a nationwide people's movement.

526. **B** **272 districts** – When the Abhiyaan began it was taken up in 272 districts that had been identified as particularly vulnerable to substance use, so that effort and money went first where the problem was sharpest.

527. **B** **Vikas aur Virasat** – The 45th edition of the India International Trade Fair carries this theme, which sets India's development alongside its inherited crafts and culture, and the whole layout of the fair follows from it: start-ups in deep-tech, drones and space sit in the Hall of...

528. **B** **India Trade Promotion Organisation** – The correct answer is the India Trade Promotion Organisation, usually written as ITPO.

529. **B** **Samiksha** – The AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra set up for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan carries an AI bot of that name, which studies the data flowing into the centre, marks out the gaps it finds and suggests what the administration should do about them.

530. **B** **The Union Minister for Education** – The correct answer is the Union Minister for Education, Pralhad Joshi, who opened the three platforms in New Delhi.

531. **B** **Italy** – Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State with independent charge for Science and Technology and for Earth Sciences, travelled to Italy from 11 to 15 November 2026 and took part in the Second Science and Innovation Dialogue with the Italian Minister of University...

532. **A** **Elettra Synchrotron facility** – The delegation's programme for 13 November took it to Trieste, where it visited Elettra along with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, all three of which sit in that city.

533. **B** **Ministry of Jal Shakti** – It runs the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative and it is this ministry that extended the citizen feedback window on the JSJB 2.0 portal to 30 November 2026.

534. **A** **Surat, Gujarat** – The vision for the countrywide water conservation movement was set out by the Prime Minister there on 6 September 2024, with the stated purpose of turning conservation work into a genuine people's movement built on public participation.

535. **B** **Manila** – The Prime Minister will travel to Manila, the capital of the Philippines, from 16 to 17 November 2026, on an invitation from Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines.

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536. **A** **Philippines** – The announcement states plainly that the Philippines is hosting the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit as the ASEAN Chair for 2026, and that the meetings fall on 17 November 2026 in Manila.

537. **B** **Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth** – The Minister of State for Defence launched the rebuilt Gallantry Awards portal in New Delhi, calling the website a digital tribute to the courage and the supreme sacrifice of the gallantry awardees.

538. **C** **Over 1.9 lakh schools** – The fifth edition of Veer Gatha reached more than 1.92 crore students across over 1.9 lakh schools, a very large jump from where the programme began.

539. **C** **22** – The ministry received twenty-two bids from prospective bidders for the 10 GWh of capacity offered through the global tender on the Central Public Procurement Portal, and it treated that turnout as a sign of strong industry appetite for making cells domestical...

540. **B** **Rs 18,100 crore** – The Union Cabinet cleared the production-linked incentive scheme for the National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage in May 2021 with that outlay, the stated purpose being to build 50 GWh of cell manufacturing capacity in India and to pull i...

541. **B** **16 hotspots in 13 States and UTs** – The project picks sixteen tribal pockets spread over thirteen States and Union Territories, running from Kargil in Ladakh and Dharchula in Uttarakhand in the north to Wayanad in Kerala and Kodagu in Karnataka in the south, with three of the sites, Kandhamal,...

542. **A** **CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow** – The ministry launched the project in collaboration with that institute, and its Chief Scientist is the principal investigator of the work.

543. **B** **Second** – Speaking at the Foundation Day of the plant varieties authority, the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister noted that the National Genebank housed at the national bureau of plant genetic resources under the agricultural research council is the second larg...

544. **C** **22nd** – The authority observed its twenty-second Foundation Day together with the award ceremony that honours farmers and communities who have conserved plant genetic resources.

545. **A** **National Education Society for Tribal Students** – This society, which functions under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, runs the Eklavya Model Residential Schools and organised the programme at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.

546. **B** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The fortnight is observed every year around his birth anniversary, and this year marks the 151st such anniversary of the tribal icon from the Chhotanagpur region.

547. **B** **Sweden** – India and Sweden set up the group in 2019 at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York, with backing from the World Economic Forum, to help heavy industry cut its carbon emissions.

548. **A** **At COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye** – The Union Environment Minister and the Swedish Ministry of Climate and Enterprise will launch the third phase at the LeadIT Industry Leaders Roundtable held during that climate conference, on 17 November 2026.

549. **B** **Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad** – The study on the working of the Production Linked Incentive route was prepared by NITI Aayog with IIM Ahmedabad acting as its knowledge partner, and the institute's role was the reason the assessment could draw on firm-level data gathered from the ministries...

550. **C** **14** – The assessment is a sector-wise exercise spread over every sector notified by the Government under the Production Linked Incentive route, and that count is fourteen.

551. **B** **Visakhapatnam** – The thirty-first edition of the Summit is a two-day event held in this port city of Andhra Pradesh, with the State government as host and the Confederation of Indian Industry as organiser along with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

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552. **A** **Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy** – These are the three greenfield industrial smart city nodes being developed in Andhra Pradesh by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation under different industrial corridors, and their progress was explained to the Union Commerce and Industry...

553. **C** **Rs 62,370.02 crore** – This is the tentative outlay approved for the Nutrient-Based Subsidy on phosphatic and potassic fertilisers for the Rabi season of 2026-27, which runs from the first of October to the end of March.

554. **B** **Rs 94.21** – The correct answer is Rs 94.21 per kg, the rate fixed for nitrogen for this Rabi season.

555. **B** **India Habitat Centre, New Delhi** – The Ministry of Tribal Affairs opened the two-day festival there on the theme of the journey from oral tradition to contemporary tribal literature, as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada.

556. **A** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The Union Cabinet declared the fifteenth of November, his birth anniversary, as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, so that tribal heritage is celebrated and the contribution of tribal heroes enters the national consciousness; the literary festival is held during the for...

557. **B** **Tiruchirappalli** – The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation held the two-day conference there with the Government of Tamil Nadu, and the Union Jal Shakti Minister chaired the ministerial session.

558. **C** **December 2028** – The correct answer is December 2028, the approved timeline of the Mission within which the remaining works must be finished.

559. **B** **Over 20.48 lakh** – That is the number of defence pensioners who had filed their Digital Life Certificates under the fifth edition of the nationwide campaign, and it is the largest contribution by any department taking part.

560. **A** **Jeevan Pramaan** – Face authentication based on Aadhaar is offered through the Jeevan Pramaan portal and its mobile application, and more than four-fifths of the certificates in this campaign are being generated in that manner, which removes the need for a separate biometric de...

561. **C** **38%** – The report credits India with a 38% reduction in TB mortality when the position is compared with 2015, and this is the steepest fall the country has recorded.

562. **D** **94%** – For patients with drug-susceptible TB, India completes treatment successfully in 94% of cases, a figure the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 highlights alongside the fall in deaths.

563. **B** **5** – The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has proposed bringing the floor for a Rent a Cab fleet down from 50 vehicles to just 5, which is the single change most likely to let small operators enter the business.

564. **D** **60 days** – The proposal fixes a clock of 60 days for deciding the grant or renewal of a licence, so an application cannot be left hanging indefinitely.

565. **B** **Dugarajapatnam** – The shipbuilding cluster proposed there has in-principle approval under the National Shipbuilding Mission, envisages investment of about Rs 30,000 crore and targets an annual capacity of 1.2 million gross tonnes.

566. **B** **1,053 km** – Sarbananda Sonowal cited a coastline of roughly that length along the Bay of Bengal as one of Andhra Pradesh's strategic advantages, together with access to key international shipping routes and proximity to major Asian manufacturing and trading economies.

567. **D** **Schedule IV** – Red sanders, whose botanical name is Pterocarpus santalinus, is a protected species listed in Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and also in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, b...

568. **B** **About 13,000 kg worth Rs 7.72 crore** – The detailed examination put the exact weight at 12.87 metric tonnes of high-grade logs, which rounds to roughly 13,000 kg, and the value at approximately Rs 7.72

crore.

569. **B** **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management** – The correct answer is the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, known by its short name DIPAM.

570. **C** **MSTC Limited, for Rs 2,01,777** – The scrapping of electronic waste was completed through MSTC Limited and realised that amount, and it is the single figure from this campaign most likely to be asked in an examination.

571. **C** **38%** – The report records that India has achieved its highest-ever reduction in tuberculosis mortality, a fall of 38% measured from the year 2015.

572. **D** **94%** – Among patients whose tuberculosis responds to standard medicines, that share now completes treatment successfully, and the health ministry traces the result to faster diagnosis, prompt start of medication, regular follow-up of patients and the wider support o...

573. **B** **Stories Without Borders** – The theme was explained at the curtain raiser by the festival director, who said it is not a slogan for a poster but a question put to every section and every screening, namely whether a selected film connects with audiences in a way they have not experienced...

574. **C** **Spain** – The correct answer is Spain, which brings four films to the festival, among them The Bad Son directed by Jaime Lorente and Bitter Christmas directed by Pedro Almodovar.

575. **B** **Rome** – The concluding session of the second edition was addressed there by the Indian Minister of State for Science and Technology along with Italy's Minister of University and Research.

576. **B** **1978** – That agreement laid the foundation of scientific cooperation between the two countries and provides for sharing experience in research, development and innovation policy, the exchange of scientists and researchers, industrial research, joint research and deve...

577. **C** **Rs 10 lakh** – The Authority imposed that penalty on the company for asking riders to make an additional payment before their journey was complete, and it also ordered the platform to discontinue every prompt, message, pre-set amount and interface design that seeks money ov...

578. **B** **Confirm Shaming** – The prompts appeared while a rider was waiting for a driver to accept the booking, and by suggesting that an extra payment would improve the chance of getting a ride they implied that anyone who refused could face a delay or miss the cab altogether.

579. **C** **137** – The Authority applied the measure to that many non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines through a Gazette Order dated 17 October 2026, and the revised prices took effect on 9 November 2026.

580. **B** **Department of Pharmaceuticals** – The correct answer is the Department of Pharmaceuticals, which sits in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

581. **C** **308 GW** – The correct answer is 308 GW, which on that date made up 55% of the country's total installed power capacity.

582. **D** **Rs 75,021 crore** – The rooftop solar scheme was launched in February 2024 with that outlay and a target of one crore households.

583. **C** **Over Rs 15,600 crore** – On this day in Bengaluru the Prime Minister inaugurated finished works, dedicated them to the nation, laid foundation stones and flagged off new services whose combined worth was placed above that figure.

584. **B** **Delhi-NCR and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region** – While dedicating the Pink Line, the Prime Minister said the Bengaluru network had reached its century of kilometres, and that the only places in the country to have done so earlier were Delhi and the National Capital Region, and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

585. **A** **Khelo India and the National Games** – At the golden jubilee of Prashanti Kutiram the Prime Minister said rules had been amended so that the gains of yoga reach every citizen, and that Yogasana now carries official recognition in the country as a competitive sport with a dedicated place in those t...

586. **A** **Prashanti Kutiram of S-VYASA** – The correct answer is Prashanti Kutiram of S-VYASA, the Bengaluru campus whose fifty years were being marked.

587. **B** **The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act** – The ministry announcement states that the Islamic Research Foundation continues to be treated as an unlawful association under that law, and that the ban on it has been extended.

588. **C** **Dr Zakir Naik** – The Ministry of Home Affairs describes him as a fugitive preacher of terror who leads the foundation, and says the organisation under his leadership has taken part in designs against India, including the incitement of communal hatred, the fostering of hostili...

589. **B** **Sri Lanka** – MITRA SHAKTI is the annual bilateral military exercise of the Indian and Sri Lankan armies, and the two countries take turns to host it.

590. **A** **Army Training School, Maduru Oya** – The correct answer is the Army Training School at Maduru Oya in Sri Lanka.

591. **C** **30,151** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment stated that its geriatric care platform now carries that many caregivers in the national directory, drawn from States and Union Territories across the country.

592. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The platform is run by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment within that ministry, and it was launched in May at a national workshop on building a well functioning care economy.

593. **B** **1,10,325** – The quarterly report of the telecom regulator records that this many telecom resources had their outgoing service barred for fifteen days because of a first breach of the rules on unsolicited commercial communication.

594. **C** **92.9 per cent** – The regulator notes that the app accounts for that share of all complaints about unwanted commercial communication received by the access providers.

595. **B** **US$ 89.99 billion** – The trade estimate for October 2026 places total exports of goods and services together at US$ 89.99 billion, which works out to growth of 29.90 percent over the same month a year earlier.

596. **C** **Petroleum products** – Exports of petroleum products grew 140.21 percent during the month, moving from US$ 3.70 billion in October 2025 to US$ 8.89 billion in October 2026, the steepest rise among the groups named as drivers of export growth.

597. **A** **Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust** – The correct answer is Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust.

598. **C** **714** – Addressing the valedictory session, the Vice-President said Andhra Pradesh had drawn 714 investment projects worth more than twenty-two lakh crore rupees since June 2024, and he read this as evidence of strong confidence among investors and of economic moment...

599. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The fair at Dilli Haat, INA, is organised by this ministry, and the four national corporations that take part sit under it, namely NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC.

600. **C** **About Rs 88.36 lakh** – The precise figure given for cumulative sales up to 12 November 2026 is Rs 88,36,416, which rounds to roughly Rs 88.36 lakh, and it covers the four participating national corporations together.

601. **C** **Fourteen sectors** – The scheme began in a narrower form, covering mobile manufacturing, certain electronic components, active pharmaceutical ingredients and medical devices, and was then widened until it spanned fourteen strategic sectors, among them pharmaceuticals, textiles an...

602. **B** **Rs 2,58,835 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 2,58,835 crore, roughly Rs 2.58 lakh crore, which is the investment companies had actually put on the ground by the end of June in 2026.

603. **B** **Ministry of Culture** – The conference on collaborative models for the creative economy was convened by that ministry at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, and the Union Culture Minister inaugurated it while the Culture Secretary and the Joint Secretary for the creative economy both addr...

604. **C** **More than 3,600** – Addressing the conference, the Joint Secretary for the creative economy described the Ministry's 43 organisations, together with this stock of protected monuments and its museums, archives, Akademis and Zonal Cultural Centres, as the public infrastructure on...

605. **B** **Yokosuka Naval Base** – The Ministry of Defence stated that the Indian Navy's indigenous guided missile stealth frigate sailed out of Yokosuka in Japan on 12 November 2026, once Exercise Malabar had been wound up.

606. **A** **India, Japan, the United States and Australia** – The release on the conclusion of the exercise named exactly these four navies as the participants, both for the harbour phase of professional engagements and for the sea phase of coordinated operations.

607. **B** **Indian Roads Congress** – The announcement said the medal would be handed to NRIDA at the annual function of the body's 85th Annual Session in Hyderabad.

608. **C** **Steel slag** – The nomination highlighted road works in Jharkhand under PMGSY-III where steel slag, a waste left over from steel making, replaced conventional road material.

609. **C** **Shri Ratan P. Watal** – The correct answer is Shri Ratan P. Watal, a former Member Secretary of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, who headed the committee constituted in May 2026.

610. **B** **12 December 2026** – The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation invited feedback and suggestions from all stakeholders and the general public on the Actionable Policy Paper, and set that day as the closing date for the consultation.

611. **B** **15 August 2020** – The campaign was launched on that day and has since entered its seventh year, working through preventive education, awareness generation, treatment, rehabilitation and community participation.

612. **A** **MY Bharat portal** – Citizens wishing to take part can reach the quiz there, answer twenty multiple-choice questions inside ten minutes and download a participation certificate after submitting.

613. **B** **1937** – The centre has a long record of service, teaching and community health care going back to that year, which is why it is treated as one of the older rural health institutions in the Delhi region.

614. **C** **94,927** – The outpatient department of the centre attended to that many patients across ten specialities in the three months under review.

615. **C** **Article 351** – It casts a duty on the Union to promote the spread of Hindi and to develop it so that it can serve as a medium of expression for the composite culture of the country, and the announcement on the telecom department's conference referred to this provision along...

616. **B** **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi** – The correct answer is the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre on Janpath in New Delhi, where the department held the conference with the aim of pushing the progressive use of Hindi in official work.

617. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry opened the 45th India International Trade Fair at Bharat Mandapam, and the same venue is the one the government says it will

expand in a fresh phase that nearly doubles the exhibition space on offer.

618. **C** **600** – The Hall of Inspiration was described as a major attraction of this edition, and it puts 600 startups and their innovations before visitors.

619. **B** **Ahmedabad and Sanand** – The correct answer is Ahmedabad and Sanand, both in Gujarat, which took the first rank among the paired cities.

620. **B** **4,751** – The tenth edition of the survey covered that many urban local bodies, judging each on 176 sub indicators arranged in ten sections.

621. **B** **16** – The scheme for this round recognises the contribution of civil servants through sixteen awards spread over three categories, with five awards for the holistic development of districts, five for the Aspirational Blocks Programme and six for innovations by cent...

622. **C** **513** – Districts that contain aspirational blocks take part in this category, and it covers five hundred and thirteen such blocks spread across three hundred and thirty one districts of the country.

623. **B** **First LED dome planetarium** – The facility opened at Mysuru in Karnataka is described as the first of its kind in the country to use an LED dome, and the Prime Minister said that watching a show inside that dome was a wonderful experience in itself.

624. **D** **Charaka** – The correct answer is Charaka, who was not among the names mentioned on the occasion.

625. **B** **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem** – The scheme carries that expansion and is run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment with the aim of making sanitation work safer, more dignified and more secure in income terms.

626. **B** **From Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000** – The correct answer is from Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000, which works out to a rise of fifty per cent.

627. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which runs the fellowship and brought out this account of how it works.

628. **C** **Rs 16,000** – Besides this amount, the support carried house rent allowance and contingency assistance, and the three together met academic expenses, the requirements of fieldwork and other costs tied to research.

629. **B** **4,172** – As of March 2026 that many Van Dhan Vikas Kendras had been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission, and 12.48 lakh tribal members have been linked to them.

630. **C** **87 items** – Minimum Support Price stands notified for that many kinds of minor forest produce under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission, which is what allows a tribal collector to be paid a pre-fixed rate even when traders in the local market offer less.

631. **C** **7th Session** – The 7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee is to be held in Cairo on 15 November 2026 and will be co-chaired by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh.

632. **C** **USD 5.04 billion** – Bilateral merchandise trade between India and Egypt during April to September 2026 reached that level, which is a growth of 64 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year.

633. **B** **From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature** – The Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised the two-day National Tribal Literary Festival at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, and it closed on 13 November 2026 under exactly that theme, which framed every session of the programme.

634. **C** **27 languages, of which 23 were tribal languages** – Summing up the two-day festival at the valedictory session, Dr. K. Srinivasa Rao, a former Secretary of the Sahitya Akademi, counted that many languages in the readings and discussions and noted how many of them were tribal tongues.

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635. **C** **10.8 kilograms** – Officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence intercepted a parcel that had reached the Foreign Post Office in New Delhi from a European country and recovered that quantity of amphetamine from eight concealed packets built into the packaging.

636. **B** **The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985** – The correct answer is the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

637. **B** **The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023** – The correct answer is the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, usually shortened to the DPDP Act.

638. **B** **₹2 crore** – A company that wishes to be put on the register of Consent Managers must be incorporated in India and must show adequate technical, operational and financial capacity, and the floor placed on its net worth is ₹2 crore.

639. **A** **The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change** – The correct answer is the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, who took the chair at the review of what Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have done to cut pollution in the capital region.

640. **C** **191** – These are the units standing in non-conforming areas which, in spite of being told repeatedly, had not even placed an order for air pollution control devices, and the Central Pollution Control Board was directed to seal them at once.

641. **B** **Janakpur Dham** – The Ministry of Railways announced that Indian Railways has cleared a weekly passenger service between Janakpur Dham in Nepal and Ayodhya Cantt. in Uttar Pradesh, a run of roughly 604 kilometres through Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

642. **B** **About 604 kilometres** – That is the length of the route the weekly service will cover between Janakpur Dham in Nepal and Ayodhya Cantt. in Uttar Pradesh, passing through a string of towns in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

643. **B** **More than 7 million Euros** – India announced this commitment for the redevelopment of research beamlines at Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste under the Elettra 2.0 programme, spread over five years beginning 2026-27, and covering both research infrastructure and human resource capacity.

644. **C** **Italy** – Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste is an Italian facility, so Italy is naturally its largest user, and India stands immediately behind it.

645. **B** **5 lakh** – At the state-level programme of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin held at Balangir in Odisha, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development announced that poor families in the state would immediately be given 5 lakh pucca ho…

646. **C** **29 lakh** – The Union Minister said Odisha had made 29 lakh women Lakhpati Didi, crossing its target a full year before the deadline.

647. **B** **Dr M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog** – He opened the Health Pavilion at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and spoke about the growing burden of Non-Communicable Diseases and the need for preventive healthcare and healthier lifestyle choices.

648. **B** **Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat** – The theme was chosen to put the stress on preventive healthcare, on healthy lifestyle habits and on drawing young people into the work of building a healthier and more resilient country.

649. **B** **Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu** – The conference was the first of five Regional Conferences planned under the structured review process of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, and it was hosted by the Government of Tamil Nadu, which the Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation thanked…

650. **B** **The formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat** – The correct answer is the formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat.

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651. **B** **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan** – The portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that stands in the Central Hall was unveiled on 5 May 1966 by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who held the office of President of India at that time.

652. **C** **1966** – The unveiling of the Nehru portrait in the Central Hall took place on 5 May 1966, and it was done by the then President of India, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, in the building that was called Parliament House then and is called Samvidhan Sadan now.

653. **B** **25** – The Indian Panorama package announced for 2026 carries 25 feature films in all: twenty of them belong to the Indian Panorama feature film section itself, and the remaining five make up the separate Mainstream Cinema section that is screened alongside it.

654. **B** **'Dhurandhar'** – The correct answer is 'Dhurandhar', the Hindi film directed by Aditya Dhar, which has been chosen as the opening feature film of Indian Panorama 2026.

655. **C** **21** – The curated BRICS package at the 57th International Film Festival of India carries twenty-one films from the member countries of the grouping, chosen around questions of democracy, freedom, identity, history and contemporary global concerns.

656. **A** **'Article 370'** – The correct answer is 'Article 370', directed by Aditya Dhar, which represents India in the BRICS package.

657. **A** **'I Matter'** – The correct answer is 'I Matter', the Romanian-language drama also known by its original title 'Eu Contez', which will have its Indian premiere as the mid-fest film of the festival in Goa.

658. **B** **Armani Beauty Audience Award** – The correct answer is the Armani Beauty Audience Award, which 'I Matter' received after its premiere in the Venice Spotlight section of the 83rd Venice International Film Festival in September 2026.

659. **B** **87,481** – That is the number of student volunteers, youth club members and community spectators mobilised by the 992 activities held in Week 9 of the campaign, as reported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

660. **C** **Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan** – The Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan is a 100-week campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2 August 2026 under that umbrella, and its aim is to keep young people away from drugs, alcohol, tobacco and other addictive substances.

661. **B** **Early Action on Diabetes** – Speaking at the observance, Dr Jitendra Singh said this theme captures the whole spirit of the strategies needed to check the rapid spread of the disease, namely proactive early detection, timely intervention and strict control of blood glucose levels through...

662. **B** **Dr Jitendra Singh** – The correct answer is Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, who is a diabetologist and professor as well as a minister.

663. **B** **Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana** – The correct answer is the Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana, known as AVYAY, which is the umbrella scheme of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment for the welfare of senior citizens.

664. **A** **Directorate General Defence Estates** – The correct answer is the Directorate General Defence Estates, which works under the Ministry of Defence and oversees cantonment boards.

665. **B** **Belgium** – Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman is the Commander of the Belgian Navy, and he came to India on an official visit on 14 November 2026 so that the two countries could strengthen maritime cooperation and bring their navies into closer working contact.

666. **C** **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff** – The discussions between the two navies were led on the Indian side by the Chief of the Naval Staff, and they covered maritime security, operational engagements, training, exchanges of personnel and collaboration in naval technology.

667. **A** **'Fatherland'** – The correct answer is 'Fatherland', the Polish-language film also titled 'Ojczyzna', which has been chosen to open the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa and will have its India premiere there.

668. **C** **Paweł Pawlikowski** – The correct answer is Paweł Pawlikowski, the Polish filmmaker who directed 'Fatherland' and won the Best Director Award at Cannes for it.

669. **B** **20 kg** – The cavity built into the right-side panel of the tipper truck held 32 packets of pinkish-orange tablets, and the arithmetic settles the total: 17 brick-shaped packets weighed one kilogram each and 15 rectangular packets weighed 200 grams each, which adds up...

670. **B** **Assam Rifles** – The correct answer is the Assam Rifles, and more precisely the 38 Battalion of that force, whose personnel joined the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in the intelligence-led operation.

671. **C** **Competition Commission of India** – The correct answer is the Competition Commission of India, which cleared the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited by Rasmalai Limited.

672. **C** **Cyprus** – Rasmalai Limited is an entity incorporated there, its principal activity is holding investments, and it has no activities or presence in India at present.

673. **B** **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** – IICA is a think tank established under the aegis of that ministry and works to serve the corporate sector through knowledge, governance and transformation, which is why a consultation on the public policy function sits naturally within its mandate.

674. **B** **Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA** – The correct answer is Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of IICA, who gave the inaugural theme address and underlined the need for continuous and meaningful dialogue between the public and private sectors.

675. **B** **US$ 568.84 billion** – India's combined goods and services exports for the seven months from April to October of FY 2026-27 were placed at that level, which works out to growth of 16.66% year on year.

676. **C** **21.96%** – The correct answer is 21.96%, the growth recorded by merchandise, that is goods, exports over the seven months from April to October of FY 2026-27.

677. **B** **Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026** – India's young cricketers won this continental age-group championship, and the Prime Minister marked the result as an outstanding day for Indian cricket, saying he was immensely proud of the team's performance.

678. **B** **Under-19** – The competition India won was the Men's U-19 Asia Cup, and the U-19 in that name means the tournament is open only to cricketers below the age of nineteen.

679. **A** **Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme** – TULIP was launched recently by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar, at the Shilp Samagam Mela at Dilli Haat in New Delhi, and it is the main highlight of the Ministry's pavilion at the trade fair.

680. **A** **More than 130 artisans from 19 states** – That is the scale of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's participation in this year's trade fair, and the artisans have reached the pavilion through the Ministry's three Apex Corporations, NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC.

681. **C** **Rs 3,230 crore** – That is the estimated total cost of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum, cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 11 November 2026.

682. **B** **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** – It cleared the museum project, with its estimated cost of Rs 3,230 crore, on 11 November 2026.

683. **C** **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** – Adi Vaani is its artificial-intelligence platform for tribal languages, launched on 1 September 2025 and built by a consortium led by IIT Delhi along with BITS Pilani, IIIT Hyderabad, IIIT Nava Raipur and several State Tribal Research Institutes.

684. **A** **IIT Delhi** – The correct answer is IIT Delhi, which led the national consortium that built Adi Vaani for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

685. **C** **7th Session** – The India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee met for its seventh session in Cairo on 15 November 2026, co-chaired by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade, Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh.

686. **C** **3,727** – The Heliopolis War Cemetery in Cairo holds or commemorates 4,000 soldiers in all, and 3,727 of them are Indian, which is why option D names the total rather than the Indian count.

687. **C** **Golden Pagoda, Namsai** – The correct answer is the Golden Pagoda at Namsai, known locally as Kongmu Kham and an important centre of Theravada Buddhist practice in eastern Arunachal Pradesh.

688. **D** **More than 66,000** – The exposition at Tawang Monastery, held from 31 October to 7 November 2026, drew over 31,000 devotees, and the one at the Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery in Bomdila, from 8 to 13 November 2026, drew over 35,000, so the two together have taken the count past 6...

689. **B** **Rs 1 lakh** – A Lakhpati Didi is a woman of a rural self-help group whose household earns at least that much in a year, and the test is applied to the family's total earnings rather than to what she alone brings in.

690. **B** **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission** – The Lakhpati Didi drive was built on top of this mission rather than given a separate structure of its own, because DAY-NRLM already organises women of poor rural households into self-help groups and links them to savings, banks, credit, training and markets.

691. **B** **15 November** – The day is kept on the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and has been observed every year since 2021 to honour the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters.

692. **A** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The observance is set on his birth anniversary, and the tribute of the day is paid at his statue at Prerna Sthal in the Parliament premises.

693. **A** **IN-SPACe** – The correct answer is IN-SPACe, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre.

694. **A** **24 June 2020** – On that date the Union Cabinet approved reforms that let Non-Government Entities work across the entire space value chain rather than merely supply components and services, and the same approval established IN-SPACe as an autonomous agency under the Departmen...

695. **A** **NITI Aayog** – It is launching the series of five National Workshops from 17 November 2026 so that the lessons of twenty-five years of public leadership become part of the country's shared knowledge, and its Chief Executive Officer Anurag Jain and Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar...

696. **B** **Leadership as Mission** – That is the theme of the opening workshop, held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 17 November 2026, and it looks at leadership through the specific decisions in which it becomes visible and how those decisions turn into outcomes for citizens.

697. **B** **Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future** – This is the theme around which NCCDFI 2026 has been built, and the conference is being held on 16 and 17 November 2026 at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi by the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, which works under...

698. **A** **National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology** – The correct answer is the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, known as NIELIT, which functions under the Ministry

of Electronics and Information Technology.

699. **A** **Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing** – It organised the three-day meeting at Hyderabad in Telangana, which was the 36th Annual Conference on Non-Destructive Evaluation and Enabling Technologies, held along with the 15th International Symposium on Non-Destructive Testing in Aerospace, and drew more...

700. **B** **Examination of materials and structures without damaging them** – The Raksha Mantri explained that these technologies let engineers check the integrity of materials, components and structures without causing any harm to them, and he used a medical comparison: just as ultrasound and X-rays allow a doctor to examine the body...

701. **C** **42.7 percent** – The estimates for 2023-24 place the part of total health spending borne directly by households at 42.7 percent, which is the headline finding of the round.

702. **C** **Rs 4,14,196 crore** – Spending on health by the government reached that level in 2023-24, about three times what it was a decade earlier.

703. **B** **Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru** – The conference is being held in the historic seat of the Karnataka legislature in Bengaluru on 17 and 18 November 2026, and the Lok Sabha Speaker inaugurates it there.

704. **A** **Daggubati Purandeswari** – The correct answer is Daggubati Purandeswari, who holds the post of Chairperson of the CWP India Region.

705. **C** **1976** – The correct answer is 1976, which is why the unit's completion of fifty years of service was marked in November 2026.

706. **A** **Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks and Sovereign Sustainment** – The theme names the three strands the seminar took up, the sensors that detect, the networks that link them, and the home-grown ability to keep the whole system running.

707. **B** **Czech Republic** – The Army Chief left for the visit on 15 November 2026 and the programme runs from 16 to 19 November 2026, with the aims of firmer bilateral defence cooperation, closer engagement between the two armies and cooperation in defence technology and industry.

708. **B** **Brno** – The correct answer is Brno, where the Defence University of the Czech Republic is situated and which is on the Army Chief's programme along with the NATO Joint CBRN Defence Centre of Excellence.

709. **B** **Telangana** – The eighth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games is scheduled in Telangana from 11 to 22 December 2026, and the competition will be spread over six cities of the state, namely Hyderabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Hanumakonda, Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad.

710. **C** **Neelamani** – The mascot released for the eighth Khelo India Youth Games is named Neelamani, and four words have been attached to it: Vibrant, Courageous, Agile and Pride.

711. **B** **Italy** – The International Centre for Theoretical Physics, with which India has begun the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund, is based at Trieste in Italy, and the Letter of Intent between the Department of Science and Technology and the centre was signed there.

712. **C** **Department of Science and Technology** – The Letter of Intent that gives shape to the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund was signed between this department and the centre, and from the Indian side it was exchanged by Dr Praveenkumar Somasundaram, who heads International Cooperation in the department.

713. **B** **Spain** – At the 57th International Film Festival of India, held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026, Spain has been designated the Country of Honour, and in that capacity the festival will screen a curated package of four contemporary Spanish films carrying world, Asia...

714. **C** **Pedro Almodovar** – The correct answer is Pedro Almodovar, a filmmaker who has won two Oscars.

715. **B** **National Film Development Corporation** – The correct answer is the National Film Development Corporation, usually written as NFDC.

716. **C** **2007** – The National Film Development Corporation started Film Bazaar in that year to support South Asian storytelling, which is why the edition being held from 20 to 24 November 2026 is counted as the twentieth.

717. **B** **Stories without Borders** – The 57th International Film Festival of India is held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 under this theme, and the idea behind it is to bring films, filmmakers and audiences from India and other countries onto one platform, encouraging cultural exchange and t...

718. **A** **Prem Nazir** – The correct answer is Prem Nazir, the Malayalam actor known as the evergreen romantic hero.

719. **C** **Antalya** – The session on Sundays on Cycle was held at the International Solar Alliance Pavilion at COP31, the 31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and that summit is taking place at Antalya.

720. **B** **22 December 2024** – The free community ride started on that date and, as officials told the climate summit, it has not lost a single Sunday since.

721. **B** **Russia** – The 57th International Film Festival of India, held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 under the theme Stories Without Borders, has spotlighted Russia as its Partner Country and will screen a specially chosen package of four Russian films.

722. **C** **New Home** – The correct answer is New Home, directed by Nikita Grushin and running 101 minutes.

723. **B** **Pune** – The Bhoomi Pujan for rebuilding the National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited was performed at Talegaon Dabhade, which lies in Pune district of Maharashtra, and the same programme saw the launch of Bharat Taxi services in the city of Pune and the inaugur...

724. **B** **Sarathis, whose entire earnings reach them without commission deduction** – The correct answer is Sarathis, whose entire earnings reach them without commission deduction.

725. **A** **Northern Shoveler** – The highlight of the 21st edition of the walk, held on 15 November 2026, was the recording of this duck, whose scientific name is Spatula clypeata, and its addition to the bird checklist of the National Zoological Park for the first time.

726. **B** **42 species** – During the three-hour walk, which ran from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM on 15 November 2026, participants recorded birds of 42 species in the designated area of the zoo, and counted more than six hundred individual birds in all.

727. **C** **26** – The first season of AIR Rising Stars is being organised by 26 participating Akashvani stations, which include Delhi, Shimla, Jammu, Dehradun, Lucknow, Varanasi, Rampur, Jaipur, Suratgarh, Jalandhar, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Sangli, Nagpur, Dharwad, Bengaluru, Mysur...

728. **B** **Below 30 years of age** – AIR Rising Stars is a series of concerts performed exclusively by young artists who have not crossed thirty.

729. **B** **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment** – The correct answer is Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, who holds the portfolios of Labour and Employment as well as Youth Affairs and Sports.

730. **B** **Hall No. 4** – Both spaces are housed in the same hall of Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and stay open to the public from 14 to 27 November 2026, through the run of the trade fair.

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