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National

Special Campaign 6.0 Begins 2 October With E-Waste Focus

1 October 2026 · National

The DARPG Special Campaign 6.0 runs from 2 to 31 October 2026 on cleanliness, e-waste and records; the Culture Ministry has listed 595 sites for cleaning.

- Special Campaign 6.0, launched by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, runs from 2 to 31 October 2026.
- Its preparatory phase ran from 16 to 30 September 2026, during which ministries fixed their disposal and cleanliness targets.
- This edition gives special focus to the disposal of electronic waste in government offices, besides cleanliness and records management.
- The Ministry of Culture has identified 595 sites for cleaning and 31,515 physical files along with 323 e-files for review.
- On 2 October 2026 the ministry holds an Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath shramdaan and plantation drive at Purana Qila, Delhi, with the Archaeological Survey of India.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0
Run by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Preparatory phase	16 to 30 September 2026
Implementation phase	2 to 31 October 2026
Special focus	Disposal of electronic waste in government offices
Sites for cleaning (Culture Ministry)	595
Files for review (Culture Ministry)	31,515 physical files and 323 e-files
Gandhi Jayanti activity	Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath shramdaan and plantation at Purana Qila, Delhi, with the Archaeological Survey of India

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Surya Kiran Air Show Sought at Lonar, Ajanta and Ellora

1 October 2026 · National

Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav has asked the Defence Minister for Surya Kiran displays at Lonar Crater Lake and the Ajanta and Ellora Caves in November 2026.

- Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav has written to Defence Minister Rajnath Singh seeking Surya Kiran Aerobatic Display Team performances in Maharashtra.
- The displays have been sought at Lonar Crater Lake, the Ajanta Caves and the Ellora Caves on any of 23, 24 or 25 November 2026.
- Lonar Crater Lake lies in the Buldhana district of Maharashtra and is known for its saline and alkaline water and its crater landscape.
- The Ajanta and Ellora Caves are both inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List for their cultural and historical significance.
- The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Display Team belongs to the Indian Air Force and is known for precision and coordinated aerial manoeuvres.

Proposal by	Prataprao Jadhav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ministry of Ayush
Addressed to	Rajnath Singh, Union Defence Minister
Team sought	Surya Kiran Aerobatic Display Team of the Indian Air Force
Sites proposed	Lonar Crater Lake, Ajanta Caves and Ellora Caves, Maharashtra
Lonar Crater Lake	Buldhana district, Maharashtra; saline and alkaline water in a crater landscape
Ajanta and Ellora	Inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List
Dates proposed	Any of 23, 24 or 25 November 2026

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PM Modi Joins UPSC Centenary Celebrations at Bharat Mandapam

1 October 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked 100 years of the Union Public Service Commission at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi, and gave the mantra Nagrik Devo Bhava.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the centenary celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 1 October 2026.
- A commemorative postage stamp, a special coin and a compilation of 100 landmark case laws were released to mark the hundredth year.
- The Commission dates from 1926; the Prime Minister credited Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel with giving independent India its administrative steel frame.
- He gave the mantra Nagrik Devo Bhava and named Nation First and Citizen First as the two touchstones for every selection process.
- Women candidates have risen from 3 per cent in 1952 to over 30 per cent, and candidate numbers are 45 times those at the 1976 golden jubilee.

Event	Centenary Celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Year of origin	1926, under British rule
Released	Commemorative postage stamp, special coin and a compilation of 100 significant case laws
Mantra given	Nagrik Devo Bhava
Two touchstones	Nation First and Citizen First
Governance principles	Pro-People, Pro-Active, Good Governance
Platform named	i-GOT, created under Mission Karmayogi

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Rs 1,423.30 Crore Given to States Under SC/ST PoA Scheme

1 October 2026 · National

The Centre released Rs 1,423.30 crore to States and Union Territories in three years to implement the PCR Act and the SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act.

- The Centre released Rs 1,423.30 crore to States and Union Territories over three financial years for the PCR Act, 1955 and the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989.
- The year-wise releases were Rs 392.71 crore in 2022-23, Rs 535.30 crore in 2023-24 and Rs 495.29 crore in 2024-25.
- 217 Exclusive Special Courts have been set up in 15 States and Union Territories for trial of offences under the 1989 Act.
- The National Helpline Against Atrocities, launched in December 2021 and renamed SAMBAL, runs on 1800-202-1989 and short code 14566.
- Couples receiving the inter-caste marriage incentive rose from 14,225 in 2022-23 to 26,050 in 2024-25.

Ministry	Social Justice and Empowerment
Acts	Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989
Central assistance	Rs 1,423.30 crore over three financial years
Year-wise release	Rs 392.71 crore (2022-23), Rs 535.30 crore (2023-24), Rs 495.29 crore (2024-25)
Exclusive Special Courts	217, in 15 States and Union Territories
Helpline	SAMBAL, earlier National Helpline Against Atrocities, launched December 2021
Helpline numbers	Toll-free 1800-202-1989 and short code 14566
Inter-caste marriage incentive	14,225 couples in 2022-23, rising to 26,050 in 2024-25

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NHAI Opens Tamil Nadu's First Barrierless MLFF Toll at Paranur

1 October 2026 · National

NHAI has started Tamil Nadu's first barrier-less Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling at Paranur Toll Plaza on the Tambaram-Tindivanam stretch of NH-179B.

- Paranur Toll Plaza on the Tambaram-Tindivanam section of NH-179B is Tamil Nadu's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling location
- MLFF is barrier-less: vehicles are charged while moving, without stopping at the plaza
- The system runs on Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) cameras together with FASTag-based Electronic Toll Collection
- A FASTag that is inactive or short of balance invites an Electronic Notice (E-Notice) for the vehicle owner
- MLFF is already working at Chorayasi in Gujarat, Mundka-Bakkarwala in Delhi-NCR, three plazas in Rajasthan and Gharaunda in Haryana

Authority	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Toll plaza	Paranur Toll Plaza
Highway	Tambaram-Tindivanam section of NH-179B
State	Tamil Nadu (first MLFF plaza in the state)
System	Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) barrier-less tolling
Technologies used	Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) and FASTag-based Electronic Toll Collection
Penalty for low FASTag balance	Electronic Notice (E-Notice)
Other MLFF plazas	Chorayasi (Gujarat), Mundka-Bakkarwala (Delhi-NCR), Shahjahanpur, Daulatpura, Manoharpura (Rajasthan), Gharaunda (Haryana)

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Special Gram Sabhas to Launch People's Plan Campaign 2026-27

1 October 2026 · National

Special Gram Sabhas across India will meet on 2 October 2026 to launch the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, Sabki Yojana Sabka Vikas, for village plans.

- Special Gram Sabhas will be held across India on 2 October 2026 to discuss governance reforms and launch the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27
- The campaign is titled Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas and Gram Panchayats will prepare their development plans for the financial year 2027-28
- More than 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats prepare plans and upload them on the eGramSwaraj portal
- The People's Plan Campaign has been implemented across States and Union Territories since 2018
- The Sabhas will also discuss the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and the three new criminal laws

Event	Special Gram Sabhas across India
Date	2 October 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Campaign launched	People's Plan Campaign (PPC) 2026-27, Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas
Plan to be prepared	Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) for 2027-28
Portal	eGramSwaraj
Panchayats uploading plans	More than 2.55 lakh
Campaign running since	2018

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Exempted FASTag Validity Now Linked to Disability Percentage

1 October 2026 · National

From 2 October 2026 exempted FASTags for Divyangjan will be valid five years for 70 to 100 per cent disability and three years for 40 to under 70 per cent.

- Revised guidelines for issuing and renewing exempted FASTags for Divyangjan and persons with disabilities come into effect from 2 October 2026
- Validity is now fixed by recorded disability percentage instead of the earlier compulsory annual renewal
- A tag for 70 to 100 per cent disability is valid five years; for 40 to less than 70 per cent it is valid three years
- Eligibility rests on a valid Disability Certificate, a UDID Card or other applicable records
- Renewal afterwards is subject to continued eligibility under the National Highways Fee Rules, 2008

Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Effective from	2 October 2026
Validity, 70 to 100 per cent disability	Five years
Validity, 40 to less than 70 per cent	Three years
Earlier rule	Renewal of the exempted FASTag every year
Proof accepted	Disability Certificate, UDID Card or other applicable records
Governing rules	National Highways Fee Rules, 2008

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Survey of India Marks 28 Standard Place Names in Ladakh

2 October 2026 · National

The Centre, working with the Union Territory of Ladakh, has fixed standard names for 28 places and features on the official Survey of India map.

- The Centre has fixed standard place and feature names for 28 locations in the Union Territory of Ladakh, in consultation with the Ladakh administration.
- The names now appear on the official map of Ladakh published by the Survey of India, the national mapping organisation.
- Ten of the 28 entries are peaks, among them Atisha Giri, Kanishka Peak, Zorawar Peak, Martand Giri, Rinchen Zangpo and Sakyasri Giri.
- The rest are seven land areas, three mountains, two passes, two glaciers, and one valley, river, lake and water body each.
- The stated aim is accurate recognition of these spots and better awareness of Ladakh's geography among the public at large.

Announced by	Ministry of Home Affairs
Places and features named	28
Union Territory	Ladakh
Map published by	Survey of India
Largest feature type	Peak, with 10 of the 28 entries
Passes named	Chapchingal Pass and Shachmirk Pass
Glaciers named	Skamri Glacier and Parpik
Stated purpose	Accurate recognition and better public awareness

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NITI Aayog Holds SDG Budgeting Workshop in Kolkata

2 October 2026 · National

NITI Aayog held a National Workshop on SDG Budgeting at Kolkata with the West Bengal government and UNDP, drawing participants from 32 States and Union Territories.

- NITI Aayog organised a National Workshop on SDG Budgeting at Kolkata on 29 September 2026 with the Government of West Bengal and technical support from UNDP, under its State Support Mission.
- Participants came from 32 States and Union Territories, along with officials of the CAG, MoSPI, the Controller General of Accounts, the Department of Public Enterprises and the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs.
- Dr Swapan Dasgupta, Finance Minister of West Bengal, was Chief Guest and Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member of NITI Aayog, delivered the keynote address.
- The Guide on Mapping State Budgets to the SDGs, prepared jointly by NITI Aayog, the CAG of India and UNDP, was discussed as a practical framework.
- Haryana, Odisha, Meghalaya and West Bengal shared their experience, and West Bengal said it has for the first time mapped its budget to the goal level of the SDGs.

Event	National Workshop on SDG Budgeting
Organiser	NITI Aayog, under its State Support Mission (SSM)
Partners	Government of West Bengal, with technical support from UNDP
Venue and date	Kolkata, 29 September 2026
Participation	32 States and Union Territories
Chief Guest	Dr Swapan Dasgupta, Finance Minister of West Bengal
Keynote	Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member, NITI Aayog
CAG of India	K. Sanjay Murthy, who joined virtually

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PM Mementos E-Auction Extended Till 31 October 2026

2 October 2026 · National

The eighth edition of the PM Mementos e-auction, with thirty gifts themed on Delhi, runs till 31 October 2026 and its proceeds go to the Namami Gange project.

- The eighth edition of the PM Mementos e-auction has been extended and stays open till 31 October 2026.
- The edition is themed on Delhi and offers thirty mementos presented to the Prime Minister for public bidding.
- Proceeds from the auction go to the Namami Gange project, and the auction is run by the Ministry of Culture.
- The thirty lots include nine photo frames, nine mementos, six idols and sculptures, and two Delhi Metro models.
- Highlights include the discus of Paralympic silver medallist Yogesh Kathuniya and the NCC's Param Vir Mati Kalash.

Auction	PM Mementos, eighth edition
Theme of the edition	Delhi
Number of mementos	Thirty
Open till	31 October 2026
Proceeds	Namami Gange project
Conducted by	Ministry of Culture
Portal	pmmementos.gov.in
Break-up of lots	Nine photo frames, nine mementos, six idols and sculptures, two Delhi Metro models and others

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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 Ends on Swachh Bharat Diwas

2 October 2026 · National

The Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign, begun on 17 September with a pledge, closed on 2 October, marked as Swachh Bharat Diwas and the 157th Gandhi Jayanti.

- Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 began on 17 September 2026 with the Swachhata pledge and concluded on 2 October 2026
- The closing day is observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas and marked the 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
- Activities included cleanliness drives, walkathons, drawing competitions, Nukkad Natak, Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath and plantation under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
- The Food Corporation of India felicitated safai workers at its headquarters and the Central Warehousing Corporation took the pledge on the MyGov portal
- The Department of School Education and Literacy held a Swachhata Shramdaan at a PM SHRI school in New Delhi under Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026
Duration	From 17 September 2026 to 2 October 2026
Closing day	Swachh Bharat Diwas, the 157th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
Plantation campaign	Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, with the 3.0 edition in schools
Pledge platform	MyGov portal, used by the Central Warehousing Corporation
School drive	Swachhata Shramdaan at a PM SHRI school in New Delhi under Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE
Led by	Shri T. K. Anil Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education and Literacy

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CBN Destroys Over 10.84 Tonnes of Seized Drugs in MP

2 October 2026 · National

The Central Bureau of Narcotics destroyed 10,842.150 kg of seized drugs in Madhya Pradesh and deposited 154.375 kg of opium at GOAW in Neemuch.

- The Central Bureau of Narcotics destroyed 10,842.150 kg of seized narcotic drugs at Vikram Cement, Khor, in Madhya Pradesh
- The disposal took place under the NDPS Act of 1985, watched by the Drug Disposal Committee and a representative of the state pollution control board
- Poppy straw made up the bulk of the destroyed stock at 10,823.990 kg, along with heroin, charas, mephedrone and brown sugar
- A further 154.375 kg of seized opium was deposited at the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works at Neemuch
- CBN also seized 4.240 kg of opium near Manasa and 1.080 kg of hydroponic weed hidden in cake pouches in a parcel from Thailand at Jaipur

Agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics, under the Ministry of Finance
Quantity destroyed	10,842.150 kg of seized narcotic drugs
Destruction site	Vikram Cement, Khor, Madhya Pradesh
Law applied	Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
Largest item	Poppy straw, 10,823.990 kg
Opium deposited	154.375 kg at the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works, Neemuch
Opium seizure	4.240 kg on the Kanjarda to Manasa road, one person arrested
Parcel seizure	1.080 kg of hydroponic weed in 29 cake pouches in a parcel from Thailand, at the Foreign Post Office, Jaipur

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Navpreet Singh Deported from Türkiye in Narco Trafficking Case

3 October 2026 · National

Narco-trafficking kingpin Navpreet Singh, who took Turkish citizenship as Navab Virk, was deported from Türkiye and jailed in India on 3 October 2026.

- Narco-trafficking kingpin Navpreet Singh was deported from Türkiye to India on 3 October 2026 and jailed in drug-trafficking and other criminal cases.
- He had taken Turkish citizenship under the fake identity of Navab Virk and smuggled heroin and methamphetamine into India from Afghanistan.
- India brought back 288 fugitives from 36 countries between 2019 and August 2026; the government has promised to destroy every narco-cartel before December 2029.
- BHARATPOL, launched by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in January 2025, connects over 1,400 central and state agency offices with the CBI on one platform.
- Assets worth ₹17,874 crore belonging to fugitives were attached under PMLA between 2019 and 2026, and 401 Red Corner Notices went out in three years.

Fugitive deported	Navpreet Singh, narco-trafficking kingpin
Fake identity	Navab Virk, used to obtain Turkish citizenship
Deported from	Türkiye
Date brought to India	3 October 2026
Drugs and route	Heroin and methamphetamine from Afghanistan
Announced by	Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah
Fugitives brought back	288 from 36 countries, 2019 to August 2026
Police coordination platform	BHARATPOL, launched January 2025, over 1,400 offices

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DARE and ICAR Begin Special Campaign 6.0 at Farm Institutes

3 October 2026 · National

The Department of Agricultural Research and Education and ICAR started Special Campaign 6.0 on 2 October 2026 with cleanliness drives at institutes across India.

- DARE and ICAR launched Special Campaign 6.0 on 2 October 2026, with cleanliness and sanitation activities at ICAR institutes across the country.
- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan felicitated Safai Mitras at ICAR-CCARI, Goa, in a Shramik Samman programme.
- Goa Chief Minister Dr Pramod Sawant appreciated ICAR-CCARI's participation under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026; Shri Shripad Yesso Naik also attended.
- ICAR-IARI, New Delhi observed Swachh Bharat Diwas on the theme Swachhta Mein Sahbhag - Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat and paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi.
- Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR) Dr Mangi Lal Jat called for cleanliness to be a year-round, team-based activity at every institute.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 of DARE and ICAR
Began on	2 October 2026
Opening drive	National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi
Shramik Samman venue	ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa
Minister who felicitated Safai Mitras	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development
Goa Chief Minister	Dr Pramod Sawant
Secretary (DARE) and DG (ICAR)	Dr Mangi Lal Jat
Theme at ICAR-IARI	Swachhta Mein Sahbhag - Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat

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Five Centres of Excellence Approved for Classical Languages

3 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Education approved five Centres of Excellence for Classical Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit at universities across five States.

- The Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, approved five Centres of Excellence for studies in Classical Languages.
- The five languages are Classical Assamese, Classical Bengali, Classical Marathi, Classical Pali and Classical Prakrit.
- The host institutions are Tezpur University, Visva-Bharati University, Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute in Pune, Central University of Odisha and Central University of Gujarat.
- The centres are spread across five States: Assam, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Odisha and Gujarat.
- Their four focus areas are academic research, preservation and digitisation, wider dissemination, and strengthening regional academic ecosystems.

Approved by	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
Number of centres	Five Centres of Excellence
Classical Assamese	Tezpur University, Assam
Classical Bengali	Visva-Bharati University, West Bengal
Classical Marathi	Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra
Classical Pali	Central University of Odisha
Classical Prakrit	Central University of Gujarat
States covered	Assam, West Bengal, Maharashtra, Odisha and Gujarat

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8th PM Mementos Auction Puts Haryana Sports Items on Sale

3 October 2026 · National

The eighth edition of the PM Mementos auction features seven items from Haryana, five of them sporting keepsakes, with proceeds going to the Namami Gange Project.

- The eighth edition of the PM Mementos e-auction features seven mementos from Haryana, five of them sports related, announced by the Ministry of Culture.
- Proceeds from the auction will go to the Namami Gange Project, the programme for conserving the river Ganga.
- An arrow presented by Harwinder Singh, the first Indian to win a Paralympic gold medal in archery, is part of the collection.
- A cap and a signed shirt of Navdeep Singh, gold medallist in the men's F41 javelin throw at the Paris 2024 Paralympics, are also on offer.
- A Yonex badminton racket and India team shirt presented by Paralympic badminton gold medallist Nitesh Kumar complete the sporting items.

Event	Eighth edition of the PM Mementos e-auction
Announced by	Ministry of Culture
State in focus	Haryana
Items	Seven, of which five are sports related
Proceeds	To the Namami Gange Project
Archery	Arrow presented by Harwinder Singh, first Indian to win a Paralympic archery gold
Athletics	Cap and signed shirt of Navdeep Singh, men's F41 javelin gold medallist at the Paris 2024 Paralympics
Badminton	Yonex racket and India team shirt presented by Nitesh Kumar

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ICSI 58th Foundation Day Marked at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi

4 October 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the 58th Foundation Day of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and launched the MSME Compliance Calendar 2027.

- The 58th Foundation Day of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) was celebrated at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 4 October 2026
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the celebrations and launched the MSME Compliance Calendar 2027
- He called company secretaries the Guardians of Governance and the nucleus of the trust architecture of India Inc.
- ICSI, ICAI and ICMAI were described as key institutional pillars of the journey towards Viksit Bharat @2047
- ICSI President C. S. Pawan Chandak and Secretary C. S. Asish Mohan were present; the institute has contributed to the National Defence Fund under the Shaheed Ki Beti initiative

Event	58th Foundation Day of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Launched	MSME Compliance Calendar 2027
Other initiative praised	ICSI MSME and Start-up Catalyst
Phrase used for company secretaries	Guardians of Governance
Institutes named as pillars	ICSI, ICAI and ICMAI, for Viksit Bharat @2047
ICSI President	C. S. Pawan Chandak

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Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026 Held at Vigyan Bhawan

4 October 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan and gave the Jain Samaj Ratna Award to K. C. Jain.

- The Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026 was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 4 October 2026 and was addressed by Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
- It was organised by the Bhagwan Mahavir Memorial Committee along with Jain Mahasabha Delhi
- The Vice-President presented the Jain Samaj Ratna Award to K. C. Jain at the ceremony
- Governor of Punjab Gulab Chand Kataria, committee president Kanhaiya Lal Jain and Jain Mahasabha Delhi president Dinesh Doshi were present
- He said forgiveness means choosing reform over revenge, dialogue over hatred and reconciliation over hostility, and linked Viksit Bharat @2047 with Vikas Bhi, Virasat Bhi

Event	Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026
Venue	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Organisers	Bhagwan Mahavir Memorial Committee and Jain Mahasabha Delhi
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Award presented	Jain Samaj Ratna Award
Awardee	K. C. Jain
Governor present	Gulab Chand Kataria, Governor of Punjab
Committee President	Kanhaiya Lal Jain

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DRI Seizes 15.59 kg Drugs in Three Operations, 5 Arrested

4 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 15.59 kg of amphetamine, cocaine and heroin in three operations and arrested five persons under the NDPS Act, 1985.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized a total of 15.59 kg of amphetamine, cocaine and heroin in three intelligence-led operations on 29 and 30 September 2026
- Five persons were arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985; the details were released on 4 October 2026
- DRI and the Central Bureau of Narcotics recovered 7.116 kg of amphetamine from 21 packets hidden in the spare tyre of a Mahindra Thar near Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- At Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad, 4.9 kg of cocaine was found in 207 capsules concealed in seven chocolate tubes carried by a passenger from Doha
- Near Phillaur in Jalandhar, Punjab, 3.574 kg of heroin was recovered from a man travelling in a rented car-pooling taxi

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Total seizure	15.59 kg of amphetamine, cocaine and heroin
Operations	Three intelligence-led operations on 29 and 30 September 2026
Arrests	Five persons under the NDPS Act, 1985
Amphetamine	7.116 kg in 21 packets, spare tyre of a Mahindra Thar, near Indore
Partner agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN)
Cocaine	4.9 kg in 207 capsules hidden in chocolate tubes, Hyderabad airport
Heroin	3.574 kg from a car-pooling taxi near Phillaur, Jalandhar

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Infrastructure Push Cuts Travel Time, 549 Trains Speeded Up

5 October 2026 · National

A PIB backgrounder issued on 5 October 2026 set out how new bridges, tunnels, expressways and trains have cut journey times, with 549 trains speeded up.

- The PIB backgrounder Saving Time, Shortening Journeys was issued on 5 October 2026 and measures connectivity in hours saved
- The 2026 railway timetable speeded up 549 trains, of which 20 gained an hour or more and 376 gained 5 to 15 minutes
- The Mumbai–Ahmedabad high-speed rail corridor is 508 km long, runs at 320 kmph, has 12 stations and targets its first service in August 2027
- Seven high-speed rail corridors announced in the Union Budget 2026–27 cover nearly 4,000 km at an estimated 16 lakh crore rupees
- Kosi Rail Mahasetu cut the Nirmali–Saraigarh journey from about eight hours to 30 minutes and the distance from about 300 km to 22 km

Document	PIB backgrounder Saving Time, Shortening Journeys, 5 October 2026
Trains speeded up	549 in the 2026 railway timetable
Biggest gains	20 trains faster by an hour or more; 376 faster by 5 to 15 minutes
Mumbai–Ahmedabad HSR	508 km, 320 kmph, 12 stations, first service targeted August 2027
New HSR corridors	Seven corridors of nearly 4,000 km announced in the Union Budget 2026–27
Atal Setu	Mumbai Trans Harbour Link, January 2024, two hours to about 20 minutes
Kosi Rail Mahasetu	September 2020, about eight hours to 30 minutes; 300 km to 22 km
Atal Tunnel	9.02 km, Himachal Pradesh, bypasses Rohtang Pass

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Bogibeel Terminal Sends 540 Tonnes of Methanol to Bangladesh

5 October 2026 · National

Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off 540 metric tonnes of Assam Petro-Chemicals methanol from Bogibeel Terminal in Dibrugarh to Pangaon Port in Dhaka.

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off 540 metric tonnes of methanol from the Bogibeel Terminal at Dibrugarh for Bangladesh on 5 October 2026
- It is the first cargo sent from upper Assam to a foreign port since independence in 1947; the town's river ghat had closed on 15 October 1956
- The barge DLB Patkai, pushed by the tug Kushal Konwar, runs about 768 kilometres on National Waterway-2 and about 1,300 kilometres in all up to Narayanganj
- The methanol is made by the state-owned Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited at Namrup and is bound for Pangaon Port in Dhaka
- Cargo on India's national waterways has grown from 18 million tonnes in 2013-14 to 218 million tonnes in 2025-26

Event	First international cargo from upper Assam since 1947
Flagged off by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Cargo	540 metric tonnes of methanol from Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited, Namrup
Vessel	DLB Patkai, pushed by the tug Kushal Konwar
From / To	Bogibeel Terminal, Dibrugarh to Pangaon Port, Dhaka and Narayanganj
Waterway	National Waterway-2 on the Brahmaputra, Sadiya to Dhubri, 891 km
Distance	About 768 km inside India, about 1,300 km in total
Terminal opened	February 2024, foundation stone laid in July 2023

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17th Pension Adalat Clears 756 of 897 Old Grievances

5 October 2026 · National

Dr Jitendra Singh chaired the 17th All India Pension Adalat in New Delhi, where 756 of the 897 long-pending grievances taken up were settled, a rate of 84.2 per cent.

- The 17th All India Pension Adalat was chaired by Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi on 5 October 2026
- Of 897 long-pending grievances taken up, 756 were redressed, a redressal rate of 84.2 per cent
- It was organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare at the T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall, IIPA
- Arrears of Rs 2.02 crore were released to the widow of a soldier who died in 1973, and over Rs 72 lakh to another family pensioner
- An e-booklet, Bringing Ease in the Life of Family Pensioners, and flyers on the 16th Pension Adalat were released

Event	17th All India Pension Adalat
Date and place	5 October 2026, T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall, IIPA, New Delhi
Chaired by	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) Science and Technology and MoS for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Organised by	Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW)
Grievances taken up	897
Grievances redressed	756 (84.2 per cent)
Biggest relief	Family pension arrears of Rs 2.02 crore in a 1973 supreme-sacrifice case
Publication released	E-booklet Bringing Ease in the Life of Family Pensioners

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Special Campaign 6 Reviewed, E-Files and Waste to Wealth Push

5 October 2026 · National

Dr Jitendra Singh reviewed Special Campaign 6 at the DARPG office in New Delhi, asking for faster digitisation of records and scientific disposal of electronic waste.

- Dr Jitendra Singh reviewed Special Campaign 6 at the DARPG office, Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi, on 5 October 2026
- He directed faster movement from paper records to e-files and scientific recycling of e-waste under the Waste to Wealth idea
- DARPG is the nodal department and has been institutionalising the campaign since 2021; this round's activities began on 2 October 2026
- In the last round the Department of Sports ran drives at 50 sites, reclaiming 3,90,000 square feet of space
- Scrap disposal in that round earned revenue of Rs 4,07,55,976 for the Department of Sports and its organisations

Campaign	Special Campaign 6, for cleanliness, pendency disposal and space optimisation
Nodal department	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Reviewed by	Dr Jitendra Singh at Sardar Patel Bhawan, New Delhi, on 5 October 2026
Running since	2021
This round began	2 October 2026
DARPG Secretary	Nivedita Shukla Verma
Sports sites covered earlier	50 identified sites
Space reclaimed	3,90,000 square feet

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Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture: CJI Surya Kant Opens 2nd Edition

5 October 2026 · National

The second Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture was held in New Delhi, opened by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, with Justice Vikram Nath speaking.

- The second Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture was held at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
- Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant inaugurated the programme and released two law books at it
- The lecture was delivered by Justice Vikram Nath, Judge of the Supreme Court and Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority
- The theme was 'Judging with Compassion: Human Understanding in the Practice of Law'
- The books released were 'Indian Personal Law: Unity and Diversity' and 'Economics and Law in Context', by Prof. S. Sivakumar

Event	2nd Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture
Theme	Judging with Compassion: Human Understanding in the Practice of Law
Venue	Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
Organisers	Dr. Ambedkar International Centre with the Commonwealth Legal Education Association
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Inaugurated by	Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant
Lecture delivered by	Justice Vikram Nath, Executive Chairman, National Legal Services Authority
Attorney General present	R. Venkataramani

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President Murmu Attends First Convocation of AIIMS Bilaspur

6 October 2026 · National

President Droupadi Murmu conferred degrees on the first graduating batch of AIIMS Bilaspur in Himachal Pradesh and hailed the reach of the PM-JAY scheme.

- President Droupadi Murmu conferred degrees on the first graduating batch of AIIMS Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh, on 6 October 2026
- A total of 92 students received degrees: 43 MBBS, 26 BSc Honours Nursing, 9 BSc Allied Healthcare and 14 MD or MS
- The President said beneficiaries get Rs 5 lakh cover per family per year under Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY and over Rs 2 lakh crore has been spent on treatment
- Health Minister J. P. Nadda said medical colleges have crossed 800 and undergraduate seats have reached 1.42 lakh, with 75,000 more seats targeted by 2029
- AIIMS Bilaspur now has 776 beds with 26 specialties and 15 super specialties, and 16 new AIIMS have been set up in the last 12 years

Occasion	First convocation of AIIMS Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh
Date	6 October 2026
Degrees conferred by	President Droupadi Murmu
Also present	Governor Kavinder Gupta and Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda
Graduates	92 students, including 43 MBBS and 14 MD or MS
PM-JAY cover	Rs 5 lakh per family per year
PM-JAY spending	More than Rs 2 lakh crore on treatment of beneficiaries
Medical colleges	Risen from 384 to over 800

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Cabinet Resolution Marks PM Modi's 25 Years as Head of Government

6 October 2026 · National

The Union Cabinet passed a resolution congratulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 years of continuous leadership as head of government, listing ten highlights.

- The Union Cabinet passed a resolution congratulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 25 years of unbroken leadership as head of government
- The resolution is framed around Nation First and Citizen First and lists ten salient features linking his Gujarat years with his years at the Centre
- SWAGAT, his grievance-hearing initiative in Gujarat, received the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010 and later inspired PRAGATI
- Figures cited include nearly 60 crore Jan Dhan accounts, over 4 crore houses, 25 crore people out of poverty and PM-KISAN transfers above ₹4 lakh crore
- It places the 2016 surgical strikes, 2019 Balakot air strikes and Operation Sindoor of 2025 alongside the removal of Article 370 and the post of Chief of Defence Staff

Decision	Resolution congratulating the Prime Minister on 25 years as head of government
Passed by	Union Cabinet
Guiding principle cited	Nation First and Citizen First
Salient features listed	Ten
Gujarat initiative honoured	SWAGAT, United Nations Public Service Award in 2010
Scheme it inspired	PRAGATI, for reviewing stalled projects
Welfare figures cited	Nearly 60 crore Jan Dhan accounts; over 4 crore houses; 25 crore out of poverty; about 3.5 crore Lakhpati Didis
Public capital expenditure	From ₹2 lakh crore to over ₹12 lakh crore

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Vice-President Addresses Second Convocation of Sanskrit University

6 October 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the second convocation of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University in New Delhi and released three publications.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the second convocation of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University at Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi
- He presented gold medals to meritorious graduating students and led the gathering in a No to Drugs pledge
- The university, founded on the vision of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri, holds the highest NAAC grade of A++
- He cited the National Education Policy 2020, the Ashtadashi scheme and the Gyan Bharatam Mission with its foundational corpus of Rs 500 crore for manuscripts
- Three publications were released: Amnaya Kalpataru, Vidyamitram and Shodha Prabha for July to September 2026

Event	Second convocation of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Venue	Qutub Institutional Area, New Delhi
Founder of the university	Former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri
NAAC grade	A++, the highest
Publication tradition	Vidyapeeth Panchang, brought out for 44 years
Gyan Bharatam Mission	Foundational corpus of Rs 500 crore for manuscript preservation and documentation
Policies cited	National Education Policy 2020 and the Ashtadashi scheme

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Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026: Guwahati Hosts 2nd CBC Workshop

7 October 2026 · National

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma will open the second regional workshop of Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026 at Guwahati, drawing all eight North-Eastern States.

- The Capacity Building Commission will hold the second regional workshop of Sadhana Shrinkhla (Series) 2026 at Guwahati, Assam, on 9 October 2026
- Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma will inaugurate it, with stakeholders from all eight North-Eastern States taking part
- The series comprises four regional workshops under the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building; the first was at Vijayawada on 29 and 30 September 2026
- The workshops will shape a Training Institute Transformation Framework covering governance, faculty capability, operations and new technology such as artificial intelligence
- The UNNATI portal, launched during Sadhana Saptah 2026, connects over 700 Training Institutes on a single digital platform

Event	Second regional workshop, Sadhana Shrinkhla (Series) 2026
Organiser	Capacity Building Commission (CBC)
Venue and date	Guwahati, Assam, 9 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam
Participating region	All eight North-Eastern States: Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura
First workshop of the series	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, 29 and 30 September 2026
Total workshops	Four regional workshops
Parent programme	National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building

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DST Begins Special Campaign 6 on Swachhata and E-Waste

7 October 2026 · National

The Department of Science and Technology has entered the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6, running from 2 October to 31 October 2026 with DARPG as nodal.

- DST completed the preparatory phase of Special Campaign 6 on 30 September 2026; the implementation phase runs from 2 October to 31 October 2026
- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances is the nodal department for the campaign
- Focus areas are Swachhata, disposal of pending matters, records management, better use of office space and e-waste handling
- E-waste must be segregated and disposed of only through authorised recyclers under the E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022 and MoEFCC guidelines
- Targets were uploaded on the SCDPM 6 portal, and the review meeting was chaired by the Joint Secretary (Administration), the department's Nodal Officer

Campaign	Special Campaign 6
Nodal department	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Preparatory phase completed	30 September 2026
Implementation phase	2 October to 31 October 2026
Focus areas	Swachhata, disposal of pendency, records management, office space, e-waste
Portal used	SCDPM 6 portal, for uploading targets
Nodal Officer in DST	Joint Secretary (Administration)
Participating organisations	Survey of India, NATMO, Technology Innovation Hubs, missions and laboratories

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8th PM Mementos Auction Lists 16 Chhattisgarh Works

7 October 2026 · National

Sixteen Chhattisgarh mementos, led by Dhokra metal casting over 4,000 years old, are on offer in the 8th PM Mementos auction extended to 31 October 2026.

- Sixteen mementos from Chhattisgarh form part of the 8th PM Mementos collection put up for auction
- The collection is led by Dhokra, the lost-wax metal-casting craft with a history of more than 4,000 years in India
- Dhokra works include an Elephant Head Nandi, a Standing Nandi and a Madia-Madin Tribal Couple Bust
- Other pieces include a Ramnami Samaj chanting stole, a woodcut panel on Mahtari Vandan Yojana and a memento for the Rajat Jayanti of the Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha
- The auction has been extended until 31 October 2026 and its proceeds will support the Namami Gange Project

Edition	8th PM Mementos
Ministry	Ministry of Culture
Works from Chhattisgarh	16 mementos
Lead craft	Dhokra, lost-wax metal casting, over 4,000 years old in India
Dhokra pieces	Elephant Head Nandi, Standing Nandi, Madia-Madin Tribal Couple Bust
Devotional item	Ramnami Samaj chanting stole inscribed with “Ram Ram”
Landmarks depicted	Hatkeshwar Mahadev, Budeshwar Mahadev, Jai Maa Kudargadi, Madheshwar Mahadev
Contemporary pieces	Mahtari Vandan Yojana woodcut panel, Rajat Jayanti of Chhattisgarh Vidhan Sabha, Nava Raipur institution models

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NCAHP Notifies Autonomous Boards and D.MRIT Diploma Rules

7 October 2026 · National

NCAHP notified the Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Committee Regulations, 2026, the two-year D.MRIT curriculum and UID-based digital registration.

- NCAHP has notified the Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Committee Regulations, 2026, under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021
- An Autonomous Board under a State Council will have 10 to 20 members including a President; the Central Assessment Committee, used where no State Council works, will have 10 to 30
- The D.MRIT diploma is a two-year course after Class 12 Science with Physics, Chemistry and Biology, carries a six-month clinical internship and is compulsory for institutions from 2027-28
- Registration gives every professional a Unique Identification number and a QR-coded certificate, holds good for five years and renews through Continuing Professional Development
- The Commission has released 20 competency-based curricula so far; the B.MRIT and M.MRIT curricula came by a notice dated 24 April 2025

Body	National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP)
Ministry	Health and Family Welfare
Parent Act	NCAHP Act, 2021
Autonomous Board strength	10 to 20 members, including a President
Central Assessment Committee	10 to 30 members, for States with no functional Council
New diploma	D.MRIT, two years, after Class 12 Science with PCB
Internship	Six months, clinical
Curriculum notified on	30 September 2026, under One Nation One Curriculum

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Three Sivaji Ganesan Tamil Classics Donated to NFAI

8 October 2026 · National

Three 35mm Tamil films starring Sivaji Ganesan were donated to the NFDC-National Film Archive of India, including its first copy of Thiruvarutchelvar.

- Three 35mm Tamil classics starring Sivaji Ganesan and directed by A. P. Nagarajan were donated to the NFDC-National Film Archive of India, Pune.
- The films are Thiruvarutchelvar (1967), Thillana Mohanambal (1968) and Thiruvilayadal (1965).
- Thiruvarutchelvar is NFAI's first-ever copy of that title, which the archive had not held in any format before.
- The donor is Aparna Subramanian, a Film Research Officer at FTII, who had earlier given NFAI a print of Rathakaneer (1954) in January 2026.
- The three prints were collected from Chennai on 13 September 2026 and show magenta fading and vertical projector scratches.

What happened	Three 35mm Tamil film prints donated to NFDC-National Film Archive of India, Pune
Films	Thiruvarutchelvar (1967), Thillana Mohanambal (1968), Thiruvilayadal (1965)
Actor	Sivaji Ganesan
Director	A. P. Nagarajan
Donor	Aparna Subramanian, Film Research Officer, Film and Television Institute of India
First-ever copy	Thiruvarutchelvar, not held by NFAI in any format earlier
NFDC Managing Director	Prakash Magdum
Prints collected	From Chennai on 13 September 2026

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DBT Begins Special Campaign 6 With E-Waste Disposal Drive

8 October 2026 · National

The Department of Biotechnology joined Special Campaign 6, which runs from 2 to 31 October 2026, earning Rs 39,33,055 from disposal of e-waste and scrap.

- The Department of Biotechnology is implementing Special Campaign 6, the government drive for cleanliness and e-waste disposal running from 2 to 31 October 2026.
- The campaign is coordinated by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, with the DBT Secretary and the nodal Joint Secretary reviewing progress.
- Preparatory-phase targets covered 18,741 e-files, 7,773 physical files, 156 sites and 46,486 square feet of usable space to be freed.
- Disposal of 1,694 e-waste items and other scrap brought revenue of Rs 39,33,055 for the exchequer.
- Swachh Bharat Diwas was observed on 2 October 2026, and a one-hour drive named Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath was held on 1 October 2026 near the JLN Metro Station.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6, for cleanliness and disposal of e-waste
Period	2 to 31 October 2026
Coordinated by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
Department covered	Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science and Technology
Preparatory phase	15 to 30 September 2026
Files taken up	18,741 e-files and 7,773 physical files
Sites and space	156 sites; 46,486 square feet of usable space
E-waste disposed	1,694 items

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Scindia Chairs DoT Roundtable With State IT Ministers

8 October 2026 · National

The Department of Telecommunications held a roundtable with State IT Ministers on Right of Way reforms, BharatNet and 4G saturation at India Mobile Congress.

- DoT held a high-level roundtable with State and UT IT Ministers and Secretaries on 8 October 2026 on the sidelines of India Mobile Congress 2026, chaired by Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.
- The Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, notified under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, took effect from 1 January 2025 and fix timelines of 67 days for general applications and 7 days for special projects.
- All 36 States and UTs are live on the Central Right of Way Portal and 34 have issued orders directing local bodies to follow the rules.
- As of August 2026, 55,780 km of optical fibre cable had been laid and 28,700 Gram Panchayats connected under the Amended BharatNet Programme.
- Samriddh Gram Phygital Services Initiative won a WSIS Prize 2026 under Action Line C6 and is piloted at Umri, Chaurawala and Narakoduru.

Event	DoT high-level roundtable with State and UT IT Ministers and Secretaries, on the sidelines of India Mobile Congress 2026
Chaired by	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region
Also present	MoS Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani and DoT Secretary Amit Agrawal
IMC 2026 theme	'Scale Without Boundaries'
Key rules discussed	Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, under the Telecommunications Act, 2023; in force from 1 January 2025
RoW timelines	67 days for general applications; 7 days for special projects such as BharatNet
Central RoW Portal	All 36 States and UTs live; 34 have issued orders to local bodies
SASCI Scheme 2026-27	Rs 4,000 crore earmarked allocation

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NHRC Concludes Two-Day Bihar Open Hearing in Patna

8 October 2026 · National

The NHRC, led by Chairperson Justice V. Ramasubramanian, closed its two-day Bihar open hearing in Patna after taking up more than 70 alleged rights violations.

- The NHRC concluded a two-day Bihar open hearing and camp sitting in Patna, hearing more than 70 alleged cases of human rights violation in the presence of victims and the officers concerned.
- The Commission was led by Chairperson Justice V. Ramasubramanian, with Members Justice (Dr.) Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi and Smt. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani.
- Compensation of more than Rs 1 crore was reported as disbursed on day one, when 30 cases were heard and 19 closed after compliance was verified.
- For the rape and murder of a ten-year-old girl in Maner, Patna district, the Commission recommended Rs 5 lakh to the next of kin; two deaths in judicial custody drew Rs 15 lakh.
- On day two the Chairperson heard 10 bonded labour cases while the Division Bench heard 33 cases and closed 10 after verifying payment of Rs 40 lakh.

Body	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India
Event	Two-day Bihar Open Hearing and Camp Sitting
Venue	Patna, Bihar
Chairperson	Justice V. Ramasubramanian
Members present	Justice (Dr.) Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi and Smt. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani
Cases heard	More than 70 alleged human rights violations
Relief reported disbursed	More than Rs 1 crore
Maner case	Rs 5 lakh recommended for the next of kin of a ten-year-old victim

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Health Ministry Proposes Curbs on Prescription Drug Advertising

9 October 2026 · National

A draft amendment to the Drugs Rules, 1945 would bar retailers and wholesalers from advertising Schedule H, H1 and X medicines without Central sanction.

- The Health Ministry has proposed amending the Drugs Rules, 1945 to extend advertising restrictions on Schedule H, H1 and X medicines to retailers, wholesalers and distributors.
- The draft inserts sub-rule 22 under Rule 65, covering every holder of a licence to sell, stock, exhibit, offer for sale or distribute drugs.
- It was notified through Gazette Notification G.S.R. 861(E) dated 28 September 2026 after consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board.
- The proposal follows the recommendation of the 93rd DTAB meeting, held on 16 February 2026.
- Objections and suggestions may be sent within 30 days of the Gazette copies being made available to the public.

Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Rules being amended	Drugs Rules, 1945
Schedules covered	Schedule H, Schedule H1 and Schedule X
New provision	Sub-rule 22 inserted under Rule 65
Gazette notification	G.S.R. 861(E), dated 28 September 2026
Body consulted	Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB)
Recommending meeting	93rd DTAB meeting, 16 February 2026
Comment period	30 days from the date Gazette copies are made public

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National Medical Library Holds 5th ERMED Consortium Conference

9 October 2026 · National

The National Medical Library held the 5th ERMED Consortium conference in New Delhi on the theme of digital health resources redefining access through libraries.

- The National Medical Library, under DGHS in the Health Ministry, held the 5th One-Day National Training-cum-Conference on the ERMED Consortium in New Delhi.
- The theme was Digital Health Resources: Redefining Access Through Libraries, and Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava attended the inaugural session.
- The NML network has expanded to 93 medical colleges, and the Health Secretary sought its extension to all medical colleges, especially in underserved areas.
- Hands-on training was given on four ERMED platforms, namely ClinicalKey, BMJ, Access Medicine and MedOne.
- The NML Newsletter and Souvenir was released, and a panel discussed From Custodian to Clinical Partner: The Next Mandate for the Medical Librarian.

Event	5th One-Day National Training-cum-Conference on the ERMED Consortium
Organiser	National Medical Library, Directorate General of Health Services
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Venue	National Medical Library, New Delhi
Theme	Digital Health Resources: Redefining Access Through Libraries
Health Secretary	Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava
Director General of Health Services	Dr. Lovneesh G. Krishna
NML network	93 medical colleges

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CTIL Marks 9th Anniversary, Releases Trade Magazine

9 October 2026 · National

The Centre for Trade and Investment Law marked its 9th anniversary in New Delhi, releasing a magazine on trade and sustainability and a newsletter edition.

- The Centre for Trade and Investment Law marked its ninth anniversary at the Prime Minister's Museum and Library, New Delhi, on 7 October 2026.
- Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal, in a video address, said rigorous legal thinking mattered more than ever as digital trade and sustainability measures reshape the trade agenda.
- Justice P. S. Narasimha of the Supreme Court of India called for a durable framework balancing investment protection with the regulatory authority of states.
- CTIL has provided more than 4,000 legal opinions and joined negotiations on nearly ten free trade agreements, said its head Prof. James J. Nedumpara.
- The CTIL Magazine titled The Emerging Sustainability Landscape: Responding to Shifting Winds and a special edition of Investment Law Compass were released.

Institution	Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL)
Parent institution	Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT)
Occasion	Ninth anniversary celebration
Venue and date	Prime Minister's Museum and Library, New Delhi, 7 October 2026
Head of CTIL	Prof. James J. Nedumpara, also WTO India Chair
Commerce Secretary	Shri Rajesh Agrawal
Supreme Court judge present	Justice P. S. Narasimha
Legal opinions provided	More than 4,000

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TRAI Issues Draft DRM Audit Manual for Cable and IPTV Services

9 October 2026 · National

TRAI has placed a draft audit manual for DRM-based digital addressable systems used by IPTV distributors in the public domain and invited comments.

- TRAI has issued the Draft DRM-based Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual, 2026 and sought comments from stakeholders
- The Interconnection (Addressable Systems) Regulations of 2017 require an annual audit of every television distributor’s digital addressable system
- Schedule X of those regulations sets the requirements for DRM-based systems, used mainly for internet protocol television
- An earlier manual of March 2026 covered Schedule III systems such as conditional access, subscriber management and set-top boxes
- Comments supported by reasons and data may be sent to the regulator by 30 October 2026

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Document	Draft DRM-based Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual, 2026
Parent rules	Interconnection (Addressable Systems) Regulations of 2017
Schedule covered	Schedule X — DRM-based systems, mainly IPTV
Earlier manual	Audit manual for Schedule III systems, issued in March 2026
Audit frequency	Annual audit of digital addressable systems
Last date for comments	30 October 2026

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NHRC to Mark 33rd Foundation Day on 12 October 2026

9 October 2026 · National

The NHRC will mark its 33rd Foundation Day at Vigyan Bhawan on 12 October 2026 with Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant as chief guest.

- The National Human Rights Commission, India will celebrate its 33rd Foundation Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 12 October 2026.
- Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant will be the chief guest; NHRC Chairperson Justice V. Ramasubramanian and Secretary General Shri Piyush Goyal will attend.
- A National Conference on the theme Water as the Elixir of Life: Advancing Human Dignity through the Right to Water will follow, with two technical sessions.
- Since its inception on 12 October 1993 the Commission has handled 24,33,716 cases, including 3,100 taken up suo motu, and recommended over Rs 274 crore relief in 9,085 cases.
- From 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026 it registered 54,673 complaints, conducted 80 spot enquiries and disposed of 53,733 cases, with 18 Special Rapporteurs and 15 Special Monitors in the field.

Occasion	33rd Foundation Day of the NHRC, India
Date and venue	12 October 2026, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Chief guest	Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant
NHRC Chairperson	Justice V. Ramasubramanian
Secretary General	Shri Piyush Goyal
Established	12 October 1993
Conference theme	'Water as the Elixir of Life: Advancing Human Dignity through the Right to Water'
Cases in 33 years	24,33,716, including 3,100 suo motu

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NISD Begins Five-Day Geriatric Care Training in Diu

9 October 2026 · National

Union Social Justice Secretary Sudhansh Pant opened a five-day geriatric care training of the NISD at Diu to train about 50 Anganwadi and frontline workers.

- Union Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Shri Sudhansh Pant inaugurated a five-day Geriatric Care Training Programme at the Education Hub, Kevdi, Diu, on 9 October 2026.
- The programme is organised by the National Institute of Social Defence with the Office of the Collector, Diu, in the UT of Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu.
- It aims to create a pool of about 50 trained Anganwadi workers and frontline functionaries in Diu district for basic geriatric care and referral support.
- Director NISD Shri Gaurav Singh Rajawat, Joint Secretaries Dr Sandeep R Rathod and Shri Sajeesh Kumar N, and Collector Diu Shri Rahul Dev Boora took part.
- Shri Pant administered the Pledge for Welfare of Senior Citizens; the course covers ADLs, fall prevention, first aid, psychosocial support and dementia awareness.

Programme	Five-Day Geriatric Care Training Programme
Inaugurated by	Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Date	9 October 2026
Venue	Education Hub, Kevdi, Diu
Union Territory	Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
Organiser	National Institute of Social Defence (NISD), under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Partner	Office of the Collector, Diu (Collector: Shri Rahul Dev Boora)
Director, NISD	Shri Gaurav Singh Rajawat

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India Finishes 10th at 48th WorldSkills Competition

9 October 2026 · National

Team India took 10th place at the 48th WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai with 6 silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence, and met the Prime Minister.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with the WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 Team India contingent at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, New Delhi, on 9 October 2026
- The 48th WorldSkills Competition was held from 22 to 27 September 2026 at the National Exhibition and Convention Center, Shanghai
- Team India finished 10th, winning 6 silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence
- India was represented by its largest-ever contingent of 70 competitors across 63 skills
- Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, attended the interaction

Event	48th WorldSkills Competition, WorldSkills Shanghai 2026
Venue	National Exhibition and Convention Center, Shanghai
Dates	22 to 27 September 2026
India’s position	10th
Medals won	6 silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence
Indian contingent	70 competitors across 63 skills, the largest India has sent
Interaction	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg, on 9 October 2026
Minister present	Jayant Chaudhary, MoS (Independent Charge), Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

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India Post and Blue Dart Sign Parcel Delivery Agreement

9 October 2026 · National

The Department of Posts and Blue Dart Express signed an agreement in New Delhi on 9 October 2026 opening India Post's 1.64 lakh post offices for parcel delivery.

- The Department of Posts and Blue Dart Express Limited signed an agreement for India Post Parcel services in New Delhi on 9 October 2026.
- Blue Dart gains access to the Department of Posts network of 1.64 lakh post offices for parcel delivery in urban, semi-urban, rural and remote areas.
- The services covered include prepaid and cash-on-delivery parcels, delivery confirmation through a one-time password and real-time shipment tracking.
- The Department of Posts, which runs the world's largest postal network, will earn additional business volumes and gain from an express company's operating practices.
- The partnership is expected to strengthen logistics for India's fast-growing e-commerce sector, especially in remote and poorly served regions.

Agreement	Department of Posts and Blue Dart Express Limited, for India Post Parcel services
Signed on	9 October 2026, at New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Network opened up	More than 1.64 lakh post offices
Services	Prepaid and cash-on-delivery parcels, OTP-based delivery authentication, real-time shipment tracking
Reach	Urban, semi-urban and rural areas, including remote and underserved regions
Distinction	The Department of Posts operates the world's largest postal network

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Forest Rights Act Review Conference Held in Kolkata for Eight States

10 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs held the second regional review conference on the Forest Rights Act at Kolkata on 9 October 2026 with eight States taking part.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs held the Second Regional Review Conference on the Forest Rights Act at Kolkata, West Bengal, on 9 October 2026.
- Eight States took part: West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh; Andhra Pradesh was invited to share its work on digitisation of titles.
- As on 31 August 2026 the country had received more than 54 lakh claims and distributed about 25 lakh titles, with about 11 lakh pending and over 18 lakh rejected.
- The first conference of the series was held at Bengaluru on 10 September 2026 for the southern States.
- The meeting pushed Community Forest Resource Rights, habitat rights for Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups, support to Gram Sabhas under DA-JGUA, and the FRA Portal and mobile app.

Event	Second Regional Review Conference on implementation of the Forest Rights Act
Organiser	Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India
Venue	Kolkata, West Bengal
Date of the conference	9 October 2026
The law	Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
States reviewed	West Bengal, Assam, Tripura, Jharkhand, Odisha, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh (eight)
Guest State	Andhra Pradesh, for digitisation and integration of titles into records
First conference of the series	Bengaluru, 10 September 2026, for the southern States

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Vice-President Addresses Second Convocation of AIIMS Deoghar

10 October 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the second convocation of AIIMS Deoghar in Jharkhand, where women made up 132 of the 173 graduating students.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the second convocation of AIIMS Deoghar in Jharkhand, in the Santhal Pargana region
- Of the 173 graduating students, 132 were women, which the Vice-President described as a shift from women's empowerment to women-led development
- He said the number of medical colleges in the country has risen from 387 before 2014 to 846
- He linked access to quality health care and higher education in every state, district and village to the goal of a Viksit Bharat by 2047
- The Governor of Jharkhand, Santosh Kumar Gangwar, and Union Minister of State for Health Prataprao Jadhav were among those present

Event	Second convocation of AIIMS Deoghar
State	Jharkhand (Santhal Pargana region)
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Graduating students	173, of whom 132 were women
Medical colleges	387 before 2014, now 846
Goal cited	Viksit Bharat by 2047
Governor of Jharkhand	Santosh Kumar Gangwar
President, AIIMS Deoghar	Professor M. V. Padma Srivastava

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Lighthouse Tourism Grows to 18.63 Lakh Visitors in 2024-25

10 October 2026 · National

India has 205 lighthouses and lighthouse tourism rose from about 4 lakh visitors in 2014 to 18.63 lakh in 2024-25, with 75 sites opened to the public.

- India has 205 lighthouses along a coastline of more than 11,000 km, looked after by the Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL)
- Lighthouse tourism grew from about 4 lakh visitors in 2014 to 18.63 lakh in 2024-25; 75 lighthouses are tourism destinations and 25 more have been proposed
- All lighthouses in India run on solar power, and 87 Automatic Identification System (AIS) shore stations work from coastal lighthouses under SOLAS
- The National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat, will hold a 77-metre Lighthouse Museum costing ₹266.11 crore, planned as the tallest in the world
- Four lighthouses at Pandu, Bogibeel, Silghat and Biswanath Ghat on the Brahmaputra, each 20 metres tall and costing about ₹84 crore together, will be the first on an inland waterway

Lighthouses in India	205
Coastline	More than 11,000 km
Lighthouse tourism	About 4 lakh visitors in 2014 to 18.63 lakh in 2024-25
Developed as tourism sites	75, with 25 more proposed
Nodal body	Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships (DGLL), Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
AIS shore stations on lighthouses	87
Lothal Lighthouse Museum	77 metres, ₹266.11 crore, part of the National Maritime Heritage Complex
Visakhapatnam museum land	3,156 square metres at the old lighthouse area

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Yuva Sangam Phase VII Delegates Meet President Droupadi Murmu

10 October 2026 · National

An Odisha student delegation touring Himachal Pradesh under Yuva Sangam Phase VII met President Droupadi Murmu, the first such interaction in the programme.

- The Odisha delegation under Yuva Sangam Phase VII met President Droupadi Murmu on 7 October 2026, the first time Yuva Sangam delegates had interacted with the President
- The delegation is led by its nodal institution IIM Sambalpur and reached Himachal Pradesh on 5 October 2026, where NIT Hamirpur is the host institution
- The delegates also called on Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu on 6 October 2026
- Yuva Sangam is run by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme
- Phase VII covers 20 pairings of States and higher education institutions; in this phase Odisha is paired with Himachal Pradesh

Programme	Yuva Sangam Phase VII, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Run by	Department of Higher Education, Union Ministry of Education
Pairing	Odisha with Himachal Pradesh
Nodal institution	Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Sambalpur
Host institution	National Institute of Technology (NIT) Hamirpur
Arrival in Himachal Pradesh	5 October 2026
Met Chief Minister	Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, 6 October 2026
Met President	Droupadi Murmu, 7 October 2026

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Chennai to Get Projects Worth Over ₹13,000 Crore on 11 October

10 October 2026 · National

The Prime Minister will open, dedicate and begin development projects worth over ₹13,000 crore at Chennai on 11 October 2026, spanning metro, highways and ports.

- Development projects worth over ₹13,000 crore covering metro rail, highways, railways, ports, petroleum and education are to be handed over at Chennai on 11 October 2026
- The Poonamallee-Vadapalani stretch of Chennai Metro Phase II cost about ₹4,900 crore and has a 3.7-km double-decker section with signalling for driverless operations
- Five Amrit Stations at Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakkudi and Namakkal open under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, with rail works above ₹750 crore
- The CPCL Manali refinery gets a Group II/III Lube Oil Base Stocks project of nearly ₹1,620 crore with a capacity of 270 thousand metric tonnes a year
- The Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre at IIT Madras will map over 100 human brains in 3D atlases, and its C-STROKE atlas carries more than 1,000 annotated sections

Place and date	Chennai, Tamil Nadu, 11 October 2026
Total outlay	More than ₹13,000 crore
Metro stretch	Poonamallee-Vadapalani, Phase II of Chennai Metro Rail Project, about ₹4,900 crore
Metro feature	Double-decker structure of 3.7 km with signalling for driverless operations
Highways	Projects of about ₹3,700 crore, including NH-744 and NH-744A stretches
Railways	Works above ₹750 crore; Karaikal-Peralam line; five Amrit Stations
Amrit Stations	Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakkudi, Namakkal
Ports	Chennai Port, Kamarajar Port and V.O. Chidambaranar Port

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MY Bharat Youth Convention Held at BHU in Varanasi

10 October 2026 · National

The Youth for Viksit Bharat convention of MY Bharat was held at Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, with Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya present.

- The Youth for Viksit Bharat: MY Bharat Youth Convention was held at Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
- It was organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
- Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya addressed it, with Uttar Pradesh minister Girish Chandra Yadav and Youth Affairs Secretary Sunil Paliwal
- Asian Games medallists Rohit Yadav, Prachi Choudhary, Parul Choudhary, Jay Kumar and Raj Kumar Pal were felicitated
- The minister linked the convention to Viksit Bharat@2047 and to the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan

Event	Youth for Viksit Bharat: MY Bharat Youth Convention
Venue	Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
Organiser	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
Union Minister	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
State minister	Girish Chandra Yadav, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Youth Welfare and Sports, Uttar Pradesh
Secretary	Sunil Paliwal, Department of Youth Affairs
Asian Games medallists honoured	Rohit Yadav, Prachi Choudhary, Parul Choudhary, Jay Kumar, Raj Kumar Pal
Cricketer present	Dhruv Jurel

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DRI Seizes 7.8 kg Smuggled Gold in Eastern Region, Six Held

11 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized about 7.8 kg of foreign-origin gold worth over Rs 11.50 crore in the eastern region and arrested six persons.

- DRI seized about 7.8 kg of foreign-origin gold worth more than Rs 11.50 crore in operations of 8 and 9 October 2026 in the eastern region, arresting six persons.
- A four-wheeler stopped at Dankuni Toll Plaza was carrying 50 gold bars of about 6.8 kg, valued near Rs 10 crore; the syndicate kingpin of the Banpur belt was among those held.
- About 1 kg of gold worth nearly Rs 1.5 crore was seized from train passengers at Malda Town and New Jalpaiguri railway stations in West Bengal.
- The gold taken at the railway stations, in the form of bangles and bars, came from metal smuggled across the India-Bangladesh border in Tripura.
- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence functions under the Ministry of Finance and is the central anti-smuggling intelligence agency.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Gold seized	About 7.8 kg of foreign-origin gold
Value	More than Rs 11.50 crore
Dates of operations	8 and 9 October 2026
Road seizure	50 gold bars, about 6.8 kg, near Rs 10 crore, at Dankuni Toll Plaza
Rail seizure	About 1 kg, near Rs 1.5 crore, at Malda Town and New Jalpaiguri stations
Arrests	Six persons, including the syndicate kingpin of the Banpur belt

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DRI Seizes 5.753 kg Crystal Meth from Train Passenger

11 October 2026 · National

DRI Mangalore Regional Unit seized 5.753 kg of suspected methamphetamine from a train passenger travelling from Delhi to Bengaluru and arrested the accused.

- DRI Mangalore Regional Unit seized 5.753 kg of suspected methamphetamine, or crystal meth, in an intelligence-led operation on 8 and 9 October 2026.
- The drug was found in three packets inside the trolley bag of an Indian national travelling by train from Delhi to Bengaluru; one person was arrested.
- The seizure was made under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act of 1985, and the accused was remanded to judicial custody by the NDPS court.
- The notified commercial quantity for methamphetamine is 50 grams, so the seized quantity attracts rigorous imprisonment of 10 to 20 years with a fine of Rs 1 to 2 lakh.
- Methamphetamine, also called Ice, is a highly addictive synthetic psychostimulant that acts on the central nervous system.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Mangalore Regional Unit
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Substance seized	Suspected methamphetamine (crystal meth or Ice)
Quantity	5.753 kg in three packets
Route	Train travelling from Delhi to Bengaluru
Law applied	Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
Commercial quantity	50 grams for methamphetamine
Punishment	Rigorous imprisonment of 10 to 20 years and fine of Rs 1 to 2 lakh

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Railways Notifies 3,548 Graduate NTPC Posts Under CEN 06/2026

11 October 2026 · National

Indian Railways announced 3,548 graduate-level NTPC vacancies under CEN No. 06/2026, with Goods Train Manager taking 2,750 posts and applications open till 6 November.

- Indian Railways has notified 3,548 graduate-level NTPC vacancies through Centralised Employment Notification No. 06/2026 of the Railway Recruitment Boards.
- Goods Train Manager has the largest share with 2,750 posts, followed by Senior Clerk Cum Typist 371, Junior Accounts Assistant Cum Typist 300 and Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor 127.
- Initial basic pay is Rs 35,400 a month at Pay Level 6 for Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor and Rs 29,200 a month at Pay Level 5 for the other three posts.
- Applications opened on 8 October 2026 and close on 6 November 2026; the fee may be paid till 8 November and the correction window runs from 9 to 18 November 2026.
- The notified age limit is 18 to 33 years as on 1 January 2027, and selection is through two stages of computer based test, document verification and medical examination.

Notification	Centralised Employment Notification (CEN) No. 06/2026
Ministry	Ministry of Railways
Total vacancies	3,548 graduate-level NTPC posts
Largest share	Goods Train Manager, 2,750 posts
Other posts	Senior Clerk Cum Typist 371, Junior Accounts Assistant Cum Typist 300, Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor 127
Pay Level 6	Rs 35,400 a month, Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor
Pay Level 5	Rs 29,200 a month, other three posts
Age limit	18 to 33 years as on 1 January 2027

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PM Launches Chennai Projects, Dedicates New Metro Stretch

11 October 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development projects worth thirteen thousand crore rupees in Chennai and dedicated a fresh stretch of the Chennai Metro.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development projects worth thirteen thousand crore rupees at Chennai on 11 October 2026, a mix of inaugurations and foundation stones.
- He dedicated another stretch of the Chennai Metro to the public and laid the foundation stone of an advanced lubricant base oil project.
- He said metro services now run in twenty-five cities against only five in 2014, and the network has crossed one thousand one hundred kilometres from about two hundred fifty kilometres in 2014.
- The VOC Port at Thoothukudi is being developed as a world-class mega container and green energy hub with an investment of about seventeen thousand crore rupees.
- He said electronics exports are up eleven times and defence exports fifty times since 2014, and that India is the second largest mobile manufacturer in the world.

Event	Launch of development projects at Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Date	11 October 2026
Value of projects	Thirteen thousand crore rupees
Dedicated	A new stretch of the Chennai Metro
Foundation stone	Advanced lubricant base oil project, plus rail and road works
Institute visited	Brain Research Centre, IIT Madras
Metro spread	Twenty-five cities today, five cities in 2014
Metro network	Above one thousand one hundred kilometres, from about two hundred fifty kilometres in 2014

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DRI Seizes 5.8 kg Gold from Car Cavity at Visakhapatnam

11 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence recovered 5,832.90 grams of 24-carat foreign gold worth about Rs 8.98 crore from a car cavity at Visakhapatnam.

- DRI stopped a Kolkata-to-Hyderabad car at Visakhapatnam during 8 and 9 October 2026 and recovered 5,832.90 grams of 24-carat foreign-origin gold worth about Rs 8.98 crore; two persons were arrested.
- The gold lay in three packets inside a cavity built below the leg space of the front passenger seat, found only after a prolonged search of the vehicle.
- The occupants said the gold had been smuggled in over the Indo-Bangladesh border and was bound for Hyderabad; it was seized under the Customs Act, 1962.
- A similar DRI case on 18 and 19 September 2026 near the Palwal toll plaza outside Delhi yielded more than 15 kg of gold worth over Rs 23 crore from the chassis of two Thar vehicles, with the metal traced to Myanmar.
- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence functions under the Ministry of Finance and is the country's central anti-smuggling intelligence agency.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Gold seized	5,832.90 grams of foreign-origin gold, 24-carat
Value	About Rs 8.98 crore
Place of interception	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Dates of operation	8 and 9 October 2026
Route	Kolkata to Hyderabad by car
Concealment	Cavity built below the leg space of the front passenger seat

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CBN Seizes 4,209.80 kg Poppy Straw in Madhya Pradesh

11 October 2026 · National

The Central Bureau of Narcotics seized 4,209.80 kg of poppy straw, two trucks and 100 wheat bags in two Madhya Pradesh operations; three persons were arrested.

- The Madhya Pradesh unit of the Central Bureau of Narcotics seized 4,209.80 kg of poppy straw, two trucks and 100 bags of wheat in two operations, and three persons were arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.
- On 5 October 2026 CBN Neemuch stopped a Haryana-registered container truck on the Udaipur-Chittorgarh highway and recovered 929.08 kg of poppy straw hidden under 39 plastic sacks.
- The Neemuch haul included lanced poppy straw, unlanced poppy straw (UPS) and poppy straw powder, and one person was arrested in that case.
- On 9 October 2026 a Rajasthan-registered Tata truck was stopped on the Gandhisagar-Bhanpura road in Mandsaur and 3,280.72 kg of poppy straw was found under 100 wheat bags at the CBN office in Garoth.
- The Central Bureau of Narcotics works under the Ministry of Finance, and poppy straw is a narcotic covered by the NDPS Act, 1985.

Agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Madhya Pradesh unit
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Total poppy straw seized	4,209.80 kg in two operations
First case	929.08 kg on the Udaipur-Chittorgarh highway, 5 October 2026
Second case	3,280.72 kg on the Gandhisagar-Bhanpura road, Mandsaur, 9 October 2026
Vehicles seized	Two, a container truck (Haryana) and a Tata truck (Rajasthan)
Cover cargo	100 bags of wheat
Forms of straw	Lanced straw, unlanced poppy straw (UPS) and poppy straw powder

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DESW Steps Up Special Campaign 6.0 on Swachhata, Pendency

11 October 2026 · National

The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare intensified its work under nationwide Special Campaign 6.0, which runs from 2 to 31 October 2026 on Swachhata and pendency.

- Special Campaign 6.0 is a nationwide Government of India drive running from 2 October to 31 October 2026 to institutionalise Swachhata and reduce pendency
- The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW), under the Ministry of Defence, is taking part along with its attached and subordinate offices
- E-waste is being collected, segregated scientifically and disposed of as per the E-Waste (Management) Rules, promoting the 'Waste to Wealth' concept
- Cleanliness drives and Shramdaan activities are being held, while pending references including grievances and Parliamentary assurances are being cleared faster
- The department is also embedding Swachhata into routine functioning so that campaign activities become lasting administrative practice

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 (nationwide, Government of India)
Duration	2 October to 31 October 2026
Objectives	Institutionalising Swachhata and reducing pendency in government processes
Department	Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare (DESW)
Ministry	Ministry of Defence
E-waste	Handled as per the E-Waste (Management) Rules; 'Waste to Wealth' promoted
Key activities	Cleanliness drives, Shramdaan, workplace upgradation, faster disposal of pending references
Pendency covered	Grievances and Parliamentary assurances

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PM Marks 50 Years of Chennai's Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya

11 October 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the golden jubilee of Chennai's Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya on 11 October 2026 and listed India's education gains.

- The Vishwa Hindu Vidya Kendra opened in 1975 at West Mambalam in Chennai with only seven students, and today runs 15 institutions in different parts of Tamil Nadu.
- Universities in India have gone from about 750 in 2014 to more than 1,300, and colleges from about 38,000 to over 52,000.
- Indian universities in the QS Rankings have risen from 14 in 2015 to 52 in the latest list.
- India is preparing to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games and is pursuing the dream of hosting the 2036 Olympics.
- The resolutions the Prime Minister set with the students included a developed India by 2047, a top three economy, a global manufacturing hub and an Indian on the Moon.

Event	Golden jubilee of Jaigopal Garodia Hindu Vidyalaya, Chennai
Date	11 October 2026, the first day of Navratri
Attended by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Trust	Vishwa Hindu Vidya Kendra
Founded	1975, at West Mambalam in Chennai
Students at the start	Seven
Institutions today	15, across Tamil Nadu
Universities in India	About 750 in 2014 to more than 1,300 today

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Centre Asks States to Display Healthcare Service Rates

12 October 2026 · National

The Union Health Secretary wrote to all states and UTs on 12 October 2026 to ensure clinical establishments display their service rates under the 2010 Act.

- The Union Health Secretary has written to Chief Secretaries of all states and UTs to ensure clinical establishments prominently display the rates they charge.
- The directive rests on the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010 and the Clinical Establishments (Central Government) Rules, 2012.
- Under the Rules, rates for each service and facility must be displayed at a conspicuous place, in the local language as well as in English.
- Health being a State subject, implementation and enforcement rest with the states and UTs, which have been asked to issue advisories to the authorities concerned.
- States have also been urged to display package rates for foreign patients arriving on Medical and Ayush Visas, to cut billing grievances.

Directive by	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Letter from	Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava
Sent to	Chief Secretaries of all States and Union Territories
Governing Act	Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010
Governing Rules	Clinical Establishments (Central Government) Rules, 2012
Display requirement	Rates for each service and facility, at a conspicuous place, in the local language and English
Enforcement	With States and UTs, as health is a State subject
International patients	Package rates for those on Medical or Ayush Visas to be displayed

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ICMR High Altitude Medicine Centre to Come Up at Keylong

12 October 2026 · National

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- Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda laid the foundation stone of the ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research at Keylong, Himachal Pradesh.
- The centre is a partnership of ICMR and the Armed Forces Medical Services, with AIIMS Bilaspur studying high-altitude health impacts on patients.
- Research will cover low oxygen, extreme cold, acclimatisation, maternal and newborn health, child growth and nutrition, and disease patterns in Himalayan communities.
- It will explore drone-enabled medicine delivery, digital health and artificial intelligence to improve healthcare access in remote areas.
- Nadda also planted saplings under the Green ICMR Campus Initiative, launched the centre's website and video, and released a commemorative postal special cover.

Centre	ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research
Location	Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
Foundation stone laid by	Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister
Guest of Honour	Sanjay Seth, Union Minister of State for Defence
Partners	ICMR, Armed Forces Medical Services and AIIMS Bilaspur
DG, ICMR	Dr Rajiv Bahl, also Secretary, Department of Health Research
DGFMS	Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja
Built on	An ICMR field station set up at Keylong nearly a decade ago

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NHRC Marks 33rd Foundation Day With Right to Water Meet

12 October 2026 · National

The National Human Rights Commission marked its 33rd Foundation Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi with a national conference on the right to water, the CJI as chief guest.

- NHRC, India celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi; the Commission was set up on 12 October 1993
- The national conference theme was Water as the Elixir of Life: Advancing Human Dignity through the Right to Water
- Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant was the chief guest and called the Commission a guiding light for those adrift in the darkness
- NHRC Chairperson Justice V. Ramasubramanian said human rights institutions worldwide must reinvent themselves to stay relevant
- The NHRC, India mobile application was launched and the Commission is digitising its records; Secretary General Piyush Goyal named the two technical sessions

Occasion	33rd Foundation Day of NHRC, India
NHRC set up on	12 October 1993
Venue	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Conference theme	Water as the Elixir of Life: Advancing Human Dignity through the Right to Water
Chief guest	Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant
NHRC Chairperson	Justice V. Ramasubramanian
Secretary General	Piyush Goyal
Launched	NHRC, India mobile application

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Strong Statistics Key to Viksit Bharat 2047: P K Mishra

13 October 2026 · National

Principal Secretary to the PM P K Mishra said a strong statistical system is essential for Viksit Bharat 2047, at a MoSPI conference of State Secretaries.

- Dr. P. K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, gave the keynote address at MoSPI's Conference of State Planning, Finance and IT Secretaries in New Delhi.
- He said a strong statistical system is essential for evidence-based policymaking and for achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- He cited the new National Accounts Series with 2022-23 as base year and updated CPI and IIP series as steps in modernising measurement.
- AI, machine learning, geospatial systems and satellite imagery can strengthen official statistics but cannot substitute for statistical quality.
- He called statistics an instrument of cooperative federalism and sought granular data for States, districts and local areas rather than national averages alone.

Event	Conference of State Planning, Finance and IT Secretaries
Organised by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Date and venue	13 October 2026, New Delhi
Keynote speaker	Dr. P. K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
Goal cited	Viksit Bharat 2047
New National Accounts Series base year	2022-23
Other revised series	Consumer Price Index and Index of Industrial Production
Statistics described as	A strategic national asset and an instrument of cooperative federalism

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Ayush Ministry Issues Skin Disorder Guidelines for Four Systems

13 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Ayush released Standard Treatment Guidelines on skin disorders for Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy on the 11th Ayurveda Day.

- The Ministry of Ayush has issued Standard Treatment Guidelines on the management of dermatological disorders for Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy, with Yoga included.
- They were prepared by the Ayush Vertical of the Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and released on the 11th Ayurveda Day.
- Conditions covered include psoriasis, dermatitis, vitiligo, urticaria and dermatophytosis, with advice on prevention, diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and rehabilitation.
- Protocols were validated in the field with Medical Officers in primary and secondary healthcare in partnership with the Directorate of Ayush, Government of NCT of Delhi.
- A separate guideline document has been published for each of the four systems on the Ministry's website.

Document	Standard Treatment Guidelines (STGs) on Management of Dermatological Disorders
Issued by	Ministry of Ayush
Prepared by	Ayush Vertical, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Systems covered	Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy, with Yoga included
Occasion of release	11th Ayurveda Day
Conditions addressed	Psoriasis, dermatitis, vitiligo, urticaria and dermatophytosis
Scope of advice	Prevention, diagnosis, treatment, follow-up and rehabilitation
Minister of State (IC), Ayush	Shri Prataprao Jadhav

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8th PM Mementos E-Auction Features 27 Uttarakhand Keepsakes

13 October 2026 · National

The eighth edition of the PM Mementos e-auction puts 27 gifts from Uttarakhand on offer, with the proceeds going to the Namami Gange Programme.

- The eighth edition of the PM Mementos e-auction features 27 mementos from Uttarakhand, presented to the Prime Minister and offered by the Ministry of Culture.
- Proceeds from the auction go to the Namami Gange Programme for the rejuvenation and conservation of the river.
- Four temple models are on offer: two of Shri Kedarnath Dham, one of Omkareshwar Temple at Ukhimath and a wooden model of Ganga Ji Mandir at Mukhba.
- A photo print shows the four Char Dham shrines of Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri, and a glass memento lit by LED shows the Kartik Swami Temple.
- A badminton racket signed by Uttarakhand's Lakshya Sen and seven Uttarakhandi or Pahari caps are part of the collection.

Event	Eighth edition of the PM Mementos e-auction
Ministry	Ministry of Culture
State featured	Uttarakhand, known as Devbhoomi
Mementos on offer	27
Proceeds to	Namami Gange Programme
Temple models	Two of Shri Kedarnath Dham, Omkareshwar Temple at Ukhimath, wooden Ganga Ji Mandir at Mukhba
Char Dham print	Badrinath, Kedarnath, Gangotri and Yamunotri
LED glass memento	Kartik Swami Temple

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JOSH Campaign Launched in 11 States for TB-Free India Drive

13 October 2026 · National

The JOSH campaign for a TB-free India was launched in 11 states and 55 districts, as new TB cases in the country fell by 21% between 2015 and 2024.

- The JOSH, or Joint Squad for Health, campaign was organised on 13 October 2026 in 11 states and 55 districts on a pilot basis.
- Each JOSH team has MY Bharat volunteers, National Cadet Corps cadets and a designated Class-I officer to spread awareness on screening and treatment.
- New TB cases in India fell 21% between 2015 and 2024 against a global decline of 12%, and treatment coverage is 92% against 78% globally.
- Cumulative screenings have crossed 28.1 crore, over 20 lakh people received TB Preventive Treatment and 46,118 Gram Panchayats are certified TB free.
- Under Nikshay Poshan Yojana, started in 2018, 4,454.68 crore rupees have been paid to 1.38 crore beneficiaries at 1,000 rupees a month.

Campaign	JOSH - Joint Squad for Health
Pilot coverage	11 states and 55 districts
JOSH team members	MY Bharat volunteers, NCC cadets and a Class-I officer
Fall in new TB cases	21% between 2015 and 2024, against 12% globally
Fall in TB deaths	28% in the same period
Treatment coverage	92% in India against 78% globally
Source of data	WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2025
AI chatbot	Khushi, on the TB Mukt Bharat App

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IndiaSkills 2026-27 Registration Window Reopened Till 19 October

13 October 2026 · National

MSDE reopened IndiaSkills 2026-27 registration till 19 October 2026 after Team India finished tenth at WorldSkills Shanghai with six silver medals.

- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship has reopened IndiaSkills 2026-27 registrations till 19 October 2026.
- Team India finished tenth at the WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai with six silver medals and 20 Medallions for Excellence.
- India's largest ever contingent of 70 competitors took part across 63 skills, improving on the thirteenth place at WorldSkills Lyon in 2024.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi hosted the Shanghai competitors at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg in New Delhi on 9 October 2026.
- IndiaSkills 2026-27 has already drawn about four lakh registrations; the National Skill Development Corporation is the implementation partner and entries are filed on the Skill India Digital Hub.

Competition	IndiaSkills Competition 2026-27
Organised by	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE)
Implementation partner	National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)
New last date	19 October 2026
Registration portal	Skill India Digital Hub (SIDH)
Skill categories	63
Registrations received	About four lakh
WorldSkills Shanghai result	Tenth place, six silver medals and 20 Medallions for Excellence

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21st Maritime State Development Council Meets in Mumbai

13 October 2026 · National

The 21st Maritime State Development Council met in Mumbai on 13 October 2026, its first sitting as a statutory body, and cleared two shipbuilding insurance covers.

- The 21st Maritime State Development Council meeting was held at Mumbai and chaired by Union Ports, Shipping and Waterways Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.
- It was the first MSDC meeting after the body gained statutory status under the Indian Ports Act, 2025, notified on 15 May 2026; the Council was originally constituted in 1997.
- Targets of Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, covering over 500 initiatives, were adopted by the Council.
- One Nation One Port Process reforms and integration with the Maritime Single Window, Sagar Setu, must be completed at all ports by March 2027.
- Two shipbuilding credit risk insurance policies were launched: SbPCP by ECGC Ltd for export projects and BCSPS by The New India Assurance Company for domestic projects.

Event	21st Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) meeting
Venue	Mumbai, Maharashtra
Chaired by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Statutory basis	Indian Ports Act, 2025, notified on 15 May 2026
Council constituted	1997
Visions adopted	Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, with over 500 initiatives
Deadline fixed	One Nation One Port Process and Maritime Single Window (Sagar Setu) at all ports by March 2027
New insurance covers	Shipbuilding Project Credit Risk Insurance Policy by ECGC Ltd and Business Credit Shield Policy-Shipbuilders by The New India Assurance Company

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HAL, NCF and ASI Sign Pact for Three Heritage Sites

13 October 2026 · National

HAL, the National Culture Fund and the Archaeological Survey of India signed a pact on 13 October 2026 to conserve Hampi, the Taj Mahal and Bekal Fort.

- HAL, the National Culture Fund and the Archaeological Survey of India signed a memorandum of agreement at Kartavya Bhawan-02, New Delhi, for heritage conservation work.
- The three sites covered are Hampi in Karnataka, the Taj Mahal at Agra in Uttar Pradesh and Bekal Fort in Kerala.
- HAL gave in-principle approval for financial support of 23.60 crore rupees for the projects, spread over the financial years 2026-27 to 2028-29.
- At Hampi, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, work is planned in the North and South Bazaar areas over stretches of about 270 metres and 250 metres.
- The projects will be executed under the technical guidance and supervision of the ASI, with the National Culture Fund facilitating implementation; the MoA was signed in the presence of Culture Secretary Vivek Aggarwal.

Agreement	Memorandum of Agreement among HAL, National Culture Fund and Archaeological Survey of India
Signed at	Kartavya Bhawan-02, New Delhi
Heritage sites	Hampi (Karnataka), Taj Mahal (Agra, Uttar Pradesh), Bekal Fort (Kerala)
HAL support	23.60 crore rupees, in-principle approval
Period	Financial years 2026-27 to 2028-29
Work at Hampi	North Bazaar about 270 metres and South Bazaar about 250 metres
Technical supervision	Archaeological Survey of India
Present at signing	Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Culture

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DRI Busts Pakistan Rock Salt Racket in Operation Deep Manifest

14 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence detected 295 containers carrying 7,311 tonnes of Pakistan-origin rock salt routed through Colombo, and arrested four persons.

- DRI's Operation Deep Manifest detected 295 containers carrying 7,311 metric tonnes of Pakistan-origin industrial or Himalayan rock salt, valued at about Rs 30 crore.
- The cargo was routed through Colombo Port in Sri Lanka with fabricated certificates of origin and invoices issued by UAE-based entities.
- Nine importers had brought the containers in through Mundra and Kandla ports since March 2026; five containers with 140 metric tonnes worth Rs 24.41 lakh were seized at Kandla.
- Four persons were arrested under the Customs Act, 1962, and sale proceeds of Rs 20.96 lakh in importers' bank accounts were seized.
- India barred all direct or indirect import of Pakistan-origin goods after the Pahalgam terror attack, through DGFT Notification No. 06/2025-26 dated 2 May 2025.

Operation	Operation Deep Manifest
Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Goods	Pakistan-origin industrial or Himalayan rock salt
Quantity detected	295 containers, 7,311 metric tonnes (over 73,00,000 kg)
Estimated market value	About Rs 30 crore
Routing	Through Colombo Port, Sri Lanka, with UAE-issued papers
Entry ports	Mundra and Kandla
Seized at Kandla	Five containers, 140 metric tonnes, worth Rs 24.41 lakh

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CBN Destroys 5,165 Acres of Cannabis in Operation Parivartan

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- The Central Bureau of Narcotics destroyed 5,165 acres, equal to 2,070 hectares, of illicit cannabis cultivation in Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh under Operation Parivartan.
- The month-long drive identified plots through ground surveys and drone technology, with support from the Forest Department and the Police Department.
- Teams cleared cultivation up to a maximum altitude of about 3,500 metres in difficult Himalayan terrain.
- A Jan Samvad was held with villagers of Malana village on alternative crops and alternative development, a CBN mandate under the NDPS Policy 2012.
- CBN is the apex drug law enforcement and regulatory agency and functions under the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance.

Operation	Operation Parivartan
Agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN)
Parent department	Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
Area destroyed	5,165 acres (2,070 hectares)
Location	Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh
Detection method	Ground surveys and drone technology
Maximum altitude	About 3,500 metres
Jan Samvad held at	Malana village

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Ramesh Chand Panel Set Up on Sugarcane Farmers' Issues

14 October 2026 · National

The Centre set up a committee under agricultural economist Prof. Ramesh Chand, a former NITI Aayog Member, to examine sugarcane farmers' demands and the sugar sector.

- The Government of India has constituted a committee under the chairmanship of Prof. Ramesh Chand, former Member of NITI Aayog, on issues raised by sugarcane farmers.
- The committee follows a meeting of sugarcane farmers' representatives from Karnataka and Maharashtra with the Union Agriculture Minister and the Union Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Minister.
- It will examine remunerative returns for cane growers, revision of the ex-mill Minimum Selling Price of sugar, sugar recovery testing and transparent verification of recovery.
- Cane weighment practices at mills, the adequacy of calibration and inspection, and deductions from the weight of mechanically harvested cane are also within its scope.
- Prof. Ramesh Chand was a Member of NITI Aayog from 2015 to 2026 and earlier Director of ICAR-NIAP and a Member of the Fifteenth Finance Commission.

Decision	Committee constituted on issues relating to sugarcane farmers and the sugar sector
Chairman	Prof. Ramesh Chand, agricultural economist and former Member, NITI Aayog
His NITI Aayog tenure	Member from 2015 to 2026
Earlier posts	Director, ICAR-NIAP; Member, Fifteenth Finance Commission
Trigger	Meeting of sugarcane farmers' representatives from Karnataka and Maharashtra with two Union Ministers
Members	Agriculture Commissioner; Joint Secretary (Sugar), DFPD; Joint Secretary (Legal Metrology), Department of Consumer Affairs
Key subject	Revision of the ex-mill Minimum Selling Price (MSP) of sugar
Other subjects	Remunerative cane returns, sugar recovery testing, cane weighment, deductions on mechanically harvested cane

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HLCDC Launches Portal on Demographic Changes Inputs

14 October 2026 · National

Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar launched the web portal of the High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes, inviting inputs on unnatural demographic change.

- Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar (Retd.), Chairman of the High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes, launched the committee's digital web portal in New Delhi.
- The portal, available at demography.mha.gov.in, is fully operational and open for public access, stakeholder submissions and data interaction.
- Central Ministries and Departments, State and Union Territory Governments, NGOs and institutions, and individuals can give inputs on unnatural demographic change and abnormal settlement patterns.
- The inputs will help the committee identify causes of demographic change and recommend a permanent system for legal, fair and time-bound identification, detention and deportation of illegal immigrants.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs constituted the committee on 26 May 2026, with eight terms of reference covering causes, structural analysis, border management and Centre-State coordination.

Event	Launch of the web portal of the High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes (HLCDC)
Launched by	Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar (Retd.), Chairman of the committee
Venue	New Delhi
Portal	demography.mha.gov.in
Constituted by	Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)
Date of constitution	26 May 2026
Who can give inputs	Central Ministries/Departments, State/UT Governments, NGOs and institutions, and individuals
Core mandate	Identify causes of demographic change and recommend a permanent system for identification, detention and deportation of illegal immigrants

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Law Ministry Mission on Pendency in 100 Hotspot Districts

14 October 2026 · National

The Law Ministry launched a research-based mission on case pendency in the top 100 judicial districts and met Vice Chancellors of 19 National Law Universities.

- The Ministry of Law and Justice has launched a nationwide research-based mission targeting the top 100 judicial districts with the highest litigation pendency.
- More than 5.8 crore cases are pending in courts across India, most of them in district and subordinate courts, and the chosen 100 districts account for over half of all district-court pendency.
- A video-conference meeting was held with Vice Chancellors of nineteen National Law Universities from sixteen states, chaired by Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Arjun Ram Meghwal.
- Measures deliberated included identifying infructuous cases, case profiling, alternative dispute resolution, control of adjournments, plea bargaining, mediation-assisted settlements and summary trials.
- NLUs were asked to use their pro bono clubs, researchers and students for district-specific diagnosis and to suggest feasible mechanisms to reduce pendency.

Initiative	Nationwide research-based mission on litigation pendency in district and subordinate judiciary
Districts targeted	Top 100 judicial districts with high pendency
Total pendency	Over 5.8 crore cases across courts in India
Share of these districts	More than half of all district-court pendency
Ministry	Ministry of Law and Justice
Minister	Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice
Partners	Vice Chancellors of nineteen National Law Universities from sixteen states
Mode of meeting	Video conferencing, chaired by the Law Minister

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Tribal Languages Working Group Meets for the First Time

15 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs held the first meeting of its Working Group on Tribal Languages and positioned Adi Vaani as a national language repository.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs held the first meeting of the Working Group on Tribal Languages in hybrid mode, chaired by Secretary Ranjana Chopra
- Adi Vaani, developed by IIT Delhi with the ministry, is being positioned as the National Tribal Language Repository
- Adi Vaani translates text to text in nine tribal languages and carries more than 300 searchable primers prepared by Tribal Research Institutes
- State Tribal Research Institutes have contributed about 13.9 lakh sentences in ten languages and nearly 300 hours of speech data to the platform
- The platform has crossed 48,000 Android downloads and about 6,500 monthly users; over 525 Eklavya Model Residential Schools could use it in class

Body constituted	Working Group on Tribal Languages, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
First meeting	15 October 2026, held in hybrid workshop mode
Chaired by	Smt. Ranjana Chopra, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Platform reviewed	Adi Vaani, the National Tribal Language Repository
Developed by	IIT Delhi in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Translation support	Text-to-text in nine tribal languages, with speech, OCR and video subtitling
Data contributed	About 13.9 lakh sentences in ten languages and nearly 300 hours of speech data
Usage	Over 48,000 Android downloads and nearly 6,500 monthly users

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Special Campaign 6 Review Covers 84 Ministries

15 October 2026 · National

The DARPG Secretary chaired the third review of Special Campaign 6, whose implementation phase runs from 2 October to 31 October 2026 across 84 ministries.

- The third review meeting of Special Campaign 6 was chaired by DARPG Secretary Nivedita Shukla Verma, with the department as nodal agency for the campaign
- The preparatory phase ended on 30 September 2026 and the implementation phase runs from 2 October to 31 October 2026
- More than 600 officers from over 240 locations, representing 84 ministries and departments, attended the review virtually
- A dedicated one-day drive, new this year, has ministries take up cleanliness and disposal work on a single day across all their field offices
- The Department of Posts launched DigiPost, under which traffic e-challans of the Gujarat Police are sent digitally and delivered physically

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Swachhata and disposal of pending matters
Nodal department	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Review chaired by	Smt. Nivedita Shukla Verma, Secretary, DARPG
Meeting	Third review meeting with nodal officers, reported on 15 October 2026
Preparatory phase	Completed on 30 September 2026
Implementation phase	2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
Participation	Over 600 officers from more than 240 locations, 84 ministries and departments
New feature	Dedicated one-day drive across all attached, subordinate and field offices

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PM Opens Rs 3,350 Crore Ladakh Projects by Video Link

15 October 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 October 2026 inaugurated five projects worth about Rs 3,350 crore in Ladakh, including the new Leh airport terminal, by video link.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated five development projects worth about Rs 3,350 crore in Ladakh on 15 October 2026 through video conferencing.
- The 650 crore rupee Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport terminal at Leh triples flight capacity and lifts yearly passenger handling from 10 lakh to 35 lakh.
- The 2,500 crore rupee Nimmu-Padum-Darcha road brings a 12-hour journey down to about 3 hours.
- Forty reservoirs built under Project Amrit Him Sarovar and the Hanu hydroelectric project with its transmission line were dedicated.
- India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park was opened at Leh to protect ancient rock art.

Event	Inauguration of five development projects in Ladakh, 15 October 2026, via video conferencing
Total cost	About Rs 3,350 crore
Airport terminal	Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport, Leh, 650 crore rupees; first in India with geothermal heating plus solar energy
Passenger handling	Raised from 10 lakh to 35 lakh a year; flight capacity tripled
Road project	Nimmu-Padum-Darcha road, 2,500 crore rupees, travel time 12 hours to about 3 hours
Power project	Hanu hydroelectric project with transmission network
Water project	40 reservoirs under Project Amrit Him Sarovar
Heritage project	India's first Petroglyph Conservation Park, Leh

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Seva Sankalp Abhiyan Gives Assistive Devices in Bastar

15 October 2026 · National

Amit Shah on 15 October 2026 addressed an assistive device distribution for Divyangjan under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, with over 1,570 beneficiaries from Bastar alone.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed by video conference a ceremony distributing assistive devices to Divyangjan, including Naxal violence victims, on 15 October 2026.
- The Seva Sankalp Abhiyan marks 25 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in public office, as Chief Minister and then Prime Minister.
- A camp at Jagdalpur from 5 to 7 October 2026 benefited more than 3,600 persons with disabilities, over 1,570 of them from Bastar alone.
- About 8,526 Naxalites have surrendered; 7,328 got bank accounts, 455 jobs, 129 land allotments and 4,014 houses came under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.
- Of more than 500 security camps, over 200 will become Shaheed Veer Gundadhur Seva Dera run by Central and State officials.

Event	Distribution of assistive devices to Divyangjan under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, 15 October 2026
Addressed by	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, via video conference
Campaign marks	25 years of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in public office
Earlier camp	Jagdalpur, 5 to 7 October 2026, more than 3,600 beneficiaries
From Bastar alone	More than 1,570 beneficiaries
Surrendered Naxalites	About 8,526; bank accounts for 7,328; jobs for 455; land for 129
Security camps	More than 500 set up; over 200 to become Shaheed Veer Gundadhur Seva Dera
State schemes cited	Bastar Olympics, Bastar Pandum, Niyad Nellanar, Chief Minister's Samuhik Bus Yojana

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President Accepts Dr L. Murugan Resignation from Council

15 October 2026 · National

The President of India accepted Dr L. Murugan resignation from the Union Council of Ministers with immediate effect under clause (2) of Article 75.

- The President of India accepted Dr L. Murugan resignation from the Union Council of Ministers with immediate effect
- The resignation was accepted on the advice of the Prime Minister, under clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution
- Clause (2) of Article 75 provides that a Union Minister holds office during the pleasure of the President
- The change was announced through a press communique issued by the Presidents Secretariat on 15 October 2026
- Clause (1A) of Article 75 caps the Council of Ministers, the Prime Minister included, at fifteen per cent of the Lok Sabha strength

Who	Dr L. Murugan
What	Resignation from the Union Council of Ministers accepted
Effective from	With immediate effect
Accepted by	The President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister
Provision used	Clause (2) of Article 75 of the Constitution of India
Announced through	Press communique of the Presidents Secretariat
Date of announcement	15 October 2026

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NHAI Orders Independent Design Check for Major Highway Bridges

15 October 2026 · National

NHAI has introduced independent checking of designs of major bridges and critical highway structures by empanelled IITs, effective from 1 December 2026.

- NHAI has introduced a uniform system for independent checking of designs and drawings of major bridges and critical structures on National Highway projects
- The checking will be done by empanelled Indian Institutes of Technology, reputed government technical institutions and experienced firms in bridge engineering and hydraulic studies
- Coverage includes major river bridges with a design discharge of 3,000 cubic metres per second or more and structures with an individual effective span of 40 metres or more
- Designs must meet the applicable Indian Roads Congress codes, technical specifications and contractual requirements
- The policy comes into force on 1 December 2026 for all new EPC, Hybrid Annuity Model and Build-Operate-Transfer projects

Authority	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Measure	Independent checking of designs of major bridges and critical structures
Checked by	Empanelled IITs, government technical institutions and experienced technical firms
River bridge threshold	Design discharge of 3,000 cubic metres per second or more
Span threshold	Individual effective span of 40 metres or more
Codes to be met	Indian Roads Congress (IRC) codes
Effective from	1 December 2026

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India Builds Safer Navigation on 111 National Waterways

16 October 2026 · National

India has 111 National Waterways of 20,187 km and moved 218 MMT of cargo in 2025-26, with the first riverine lighthouses coming up on the Brahmaputra.

- India has 111 National Waterways of 20,187 km across 23 States and 4 Union Territories, of which 32 are operational
- Inland waterway cargo rose from 29 MMT in 2014-15 to 218 MMT in 2025-26, a CAGR of 20.13 per cent, crossing the 200 MMT target of Maritime India Vision 2030
- India's first four riverine lighthouses, a ₹74 crore project, are coming up at Pandu, Bogibeel, Silghat and Biswanath Ghat on National Waterway-2, the Brahmaputra
- National Waterway-2 runs 891 km from Dhubri to Sadiya in Assam and is the longest navigable waterway stretch in India
- Naudarshika, the National River Traffic and Navigation System, was launched in 2025 and carries real-time Least Available Depth data

National Waterways	111, total length 20,187 km, 32 operational
Spread	23 States and 4 Union Territories
Cargo 2025-26	218 MMT, up from 29 MMT in 2014-15 (CAGR 20.13 per cent)
Target crossed	200 MMT under Maritime India Vision 2030
First riverine lighthouses	Pandu, Bogibeel, Silghat, Biswanath Ghat on NW-2 (Brahmaputra), ₹74 crore
NW-2	Dhubri to Sadiya in Assam, 891 km, longest navigable stretch in India
NW-3	West Coast Canal, Kerala, with 312 lighted FRP buoys and 17 beacon lamp posts
Digital systems	PANI portal, IWAI Vessel Tracker, Naudarshika (2025), River Information Services

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Textiles Ministry Holds Special Campaign 6 Cyber Workshops

16 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Textiles held workshops on cyber security and e-waste management under Special Campaign 6, with over 85 officials taking part on 15 October.

- The Ministry of Textiles organised workshops on cyber security and secure digital disposal and on e-waste management awareness on 15 October 2026.
- The workshops were held under Special Campaign 6 and drew more than 85 officials, including all the Nodal Officers of the ministry.
- The cyber session covered phishing, malware, fraudulent messaging-app messages and digital arrest scams, and warned against sharing OTPs or personal details.
- Officials were advised to avoid unknown links and unverified files, to verify doubtful messages and to report cyber incidents promptly.
- The e-waste session stressed segregation, safe handling and disposal only through authorised channels, and linked reuse and recycling to a circular economy.

Organiser	Ministry of Textiles
Held under	Special Campaign 6
Date of the workshops	15 October 2026
Participation	More than 85 officials, including all Nodal Officers
Workshop topics	Cyber security and secure digital disposal; e-waste management awareness
Cyber threats covered	Phishing, malware, fraudulent messaging-app messages and digital arrest scams
What never to share	Money, one-time passwords (OTPs) and personal information sought through suspicious messages
E-waste harms cited	Soil and water contamination and release of hazardous substances

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NHAI Wins Chittorgarh-Udaipur NH-76 Arbitration Case

16 October 2026 · National

A SAROD arbitral tribunal rejected claims of Rs 366.53 crore against NHAI in the Chittorgarh-Udaipur NH-76 dispute and awarded the authority Rs 33.54 crore.

- An arbitral tribunal ruled largely in favour of NHAI in the dispute over six-laning the 93.5 km Chittorgarh-Udaipur section of NH-76 in Rajasthan
- The concessionaire was Uchit Expressway Private Limited, promoted by TRIL Roads Pvt. Ltd.
- The three-member tribunal was constituted under the Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes (SAROD)
- Claims of Rs 366.53 crore were rejected, including a COVID-19 prolongation cost claim of Rs 238.18 crore; only Rs 14.51 crore was allowed
- NHAI was awarded Rs 33.54 crore as principal in counter-claims, including Rs 27 crore for work dropped from the project scope

Authority	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Project	Six-laning of the Chittorgarh-Udaipur section of NH-76, Rajasthan
Length	93.5 km
Concessionaire	Uchit Expressway Private Limited, promoted by TRIL Roads Pvt. Ltd.
Arbitration body	Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes (SAROD), three-member tribunal
Claims rejected	Rs 366.53 crore
COVID-19 prolongation claim refused	Rs 238.18 crore
Claims allowed	Rs 14.51 crore, plus a conditional refund of Rs 2.82 crore

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Vice-President Opens Navaratri Sargotsavam in Kozhikode

16 October 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026 at Kozhikode in Kerala, released a book and gave the Sarga Kesari Award.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026 at Kozhikode in Kerala on 16 October 2026
- He released the book Sangha Noottandile Akshara Mudrakal at the festival
- He presented the Sarga Kesari Award to P. R. Rajendran for his contribution to the fine arts
- The festival is organised by Kesari Weekly, which he praised for its role in Malayalam journalism and freedom of expression
- Kerala and Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar and Rajya Sabha MP C. Sadanandan Master were present at the event

Event	Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026
Inaugurated by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Place	Kozhikode, Kerala
Date	16 October 2026
Organiser	Kesari Weekly
Book released	Sangha Noottandile Akshara Mudrakal
Award presented	Sarga Kesari Award to P. R. Rajendran, for the fine arts
Governor present	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Governor of Kerala and Tamil Nadu

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Kashmir Connectivity: USBRL, Chenab Bridge and Zojila Tunnel

17 October 2026 · National

PIB's backgrounder on Jammu and Kashmir connectivity sets out the Rs 43,780 crore USBRL rail link, the record Chenab arch bridge and the Zojila tunnel.

- The Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link opened in June 2025 at a cost of Rs 43,780 crore and runs 272 km with 36 tunnels and 943 bridges.
- The Chenab Rail Bridge in Reasi district is the world’s highest railway arch bridge: 1,315 m long, a 467 m arch and 359 m above the riverbed.
- Tunnel T50, 12.77 km from Khari to Sumber, is India’s longest transport tunnel, while Anji Khad is India’s first cable-stayed railway bridge.
- The Zojila Tunnel on National Highway-1 is 13.153 km long, costs Rs 6,808 crore and saw its main tunnel break through in June 2026.
- A Rs 1,677 crore expansion of the Srinagar airport civil enclave, with a 71,500 square metre terminal, was cleared in February 2026.

Released by	Press Information Bureau (PIB Research) backgrounder, 17 October 2026
USBRL	272 km, Rs 43,780 crore, inaugurated June 2025
On the USBRL alignment	36 tunnels totalling 119 km and 943 bridges
Chenab Rail Bridge	World’s highest railway arch bridge, 1,315 m long, 467 m arch, 359 m above riverbed, Reasi district
Anji Khad Bridge	India’s first cable-stayed railway bridge, 473.25 m, single 193 m inverted-Y pylon
Tunnel T50	India’s longest transport tunnel, 12.77 km, Khari to Sumber, opened 2024
Sonamarg (Z-Morh) Tunnel	6.4 km, altitude 2,634 m, cost over Rs 2,700 crore, opened January 2025
Zojila Tunnel	13.153 km on National Highway-1, Rs 6,808 crore, built by NHIDCL, breakthrough June 2026

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FSSAI Draft Bars Added Sucrose, Fructose in Infant Foods

17 October 2026 · National

FSSAI has gazetted a draft amendment that would stop sucrose and fructose being added to food products meant for infants up to six months of age.

- FSSAI has notified a draft amendment that would prohibit added sucrose and fructose in food products intended for infants up to six months of age.
- The draft, carried by the Gazette of India on 16 October 2026, amends the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020.
- The parent rules cover infant foods for children from birth to twenty-four months and treat lactose and glucose polymers as the preferred carbohydrate sources.
- Objections and suggestions may be filed within sixty days of the Official Gazette copies becoming available to the public.
- The step runs alongside the advice on breastfeeding alone for the first six months and targets early exposure to added sugars.

Regulator	Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
Ministry	Health and Family Welfare
Draft	Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulations, 2026
Parent rules	Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020
Gazette date	16 October 2026
What is barred	Added sucrose and fructose
Age group	Infants up to six months
Preferred carbohydrates	Lactose and glucose polymers

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/fssai-draft-bars-added-sucrose-fructose-in-infant-foods/

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FSSAI Draft Fixes Pesticide Residue Limits for Tea

17 October 2026 · National

FSSAI has proposed residue limits of 20 ppm for Acetamiprid and 50 ppm for Imidacloprid in tea, with the Acetamiprid cap tighter than Japan's and America's.

- FSSAI has notified a draft amendment proposing Maximum Residue Limits for Acetamiprid and Imidacloprid in tea.
- The draft regulations were published in the Gazette of India on 16 October 2026 and stakeholder comments have been invited.
- Proposed limits are 20 mg per kg (20 ppm) for Acetamiprid and 50 mg per kg (50 ppm) for Imidacloprid.
- The Acetamiprid limit is lower than the 30 ppm allowed in Japan and the 50 ppm allowed in the United States of America.
- India's average pesticide use is under 0.5 kg per hectare against a global average of 2.38 kg per hectare; 13 highly toxic pesticides were delisted earlier.

Regulator	Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
Draft	Food Safety and Standards (Contaminants, Toxins and Residues) Amendment Regulations, 2026
Gazette date	16 October 2026
Commodity	Tea
Acetamiprid limit proposed	20 mg per kg (20 ppm)
Imidacloprid limit proposed	50 mg per kg (50 ppm)
Comparison	Japan allows 30 ppm and the USA 50 ppm of Acetamiprid in tea
Reference standard	Codex standards, for the Imidacloprid limit

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Vande Mataram at 150: Youth Dialogue Held in Bhopal

17 October 2026 · National

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan joined a youth dialogue marking 150 years of Vande Mataram and planted saplings at Smart City Park, Bhopal.

- A Yuva Samvad was held to mark 150 glorious years of Vande Mataram, attended by Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- The Minister planted saplings with youth from seven states at Smart City Park in Bhopal and answered their questions.
- He called MY Bharat a large platform for preparing the creative strength of youth for the building of a developed India.
- On crimes against women and girls he sought the harshest punishment and a faster process of justice, recalling the death penalty law made when he was Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh.
- He asked young people to verify facts before sharing anything on social media and to use it for knowledge and positive ideas.

Occasion	150 glorious years of Vande Mataram
Programme	Yuva Samvad, a youth dialogue
Minister present	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
Venue	Smart City Park, Bhopal
Participants	Youth and MY Bharat volunteers from seven states
Activity	Tree plantation with the young participants, followed by an open dialogue
Platform named	MY Bharat, described as a large platform for creative youth power
Day	Saturday; reported by the Ministry of Agriculture on 17 October 2026

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Supreme Court Panel HPEC Opens Portal on Jantar Mantar Case

17 October 2026 · National

The High Powered Enquiry Committee set up by the Supreme Court on the July 2026 Jantar Mantar violence has opened a portal for complaints from affected people.

- The High Powered Enquiry Committee, or HPEC, was constituted by the Supreme Court of India to enquire into the violence at Jantar Mantar in Delhi and elsewhere during July 2026.
- The Committee has launched a portal at hpec.nic.in so that affected persons, including affected police personnel, can upload complaints and representations.
- Its mandate covers the issues listed in paragraphs 12 and 13 of the Supreme Court order of 18 August 2026 and paragraph 5(i) of the order of 10 September 2026.
- Priority will go to the use of pellet guns, targeted violence, harassment of female protestors, and excessive violence and destruction of property on either side.
- The portal keeps the identity of an affected person confidential if so wished, and papers can also be filed at the HPEC office at Shiksha Sadan, Rouse Avenue, New Delhi.

Body	High Powered Enquiry Committee (HPEC)
Constituted by	The Supreme Court of India
Subject of enquiry	Violence at Jantar Mantar, Delhi, and at places outside Delhi during July 2026
Portal	hpec.nic.in
Mandate from	Paragraphs 12 and 13 of the order of 18 August 2026 and paragraph 5(i) of the order of 10 September 2026
Priority matters	Pellet guns, targeted violence, harassment of female protestors, excessive violence and destruction of property
Office	Shiksha Sadan, 17, Rouse Avenue Institutional Area, New Delhi
Counter timings	1400 hours to 1600 hours on working days

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Yuva Samvaad: One Lakh Young Leaders Plan, Says Mandaviya

17 October 2026 · National

At the Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvaad in Porbandar, Mansukh Mandaviya said one lakh young leaders are being developed nationwide and urged youth to adopt Panch Pran.

- Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya addressed the Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvaad at Kutiyana in Porbandar district, Gujarat, on 17 October 2026.
- He said efforts are on under the Prime Minister guidance to develop one lakh young leaders across the country.
- The MY Bharat portal was named as the platform offering youth participation, career guidance and leadership development.
- He recalled the Panch Pran, the five pledges announced from the Red Fort, and the 25-year Amrit Kaal leading to the centenary of independence in 2047.
- The Minister linked Nasha Mukt Bharat to development, urging youth to adopt Nation First and help build a drug-free India.

Programme	Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvaad
Minister	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports
Constituency	Member of Parliament from Porbandar
Venue	S. M. Jadeja Arts and Commerce College, Kutiyana, Porbandar district, Gujarat
Date	17 October 2026
Target announced	One lakh young leaders across the country
Platform	MY Bharat portal
Panch Pran	Developed India, no colonial mindset, pride in heritage, unity, civic duties

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Mysuru Features 83 Stalls

17 October 2026 · National

The Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Mysuru has 83 stalls, of which 80 are with artisans including 37 women, with 12 States and Union Territories taking part.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 is being held at the Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds in Karnataka from 11 October to 19 October, organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- The fair has 83 stalls, of which 80 are allotted to artisans, and 37 of the participating artisans are women
- Artisans from 12 States and Union Territories are taking part; the fair is run jointly by NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
- The Ministry has organised these fairs since 2022, with 975 artisans benefiting from 13 fairs so far; Mysuru is the first of the financial year 2026-27
- BHARAT TULIP, the Traditional Artisans Upliftment Livelihood Programme, is being promoted to sell artisan products on digital platforms

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026
Venue	Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru, Karnataka
Duration	Nine days, 11 October to 19 October
Ministry	Social Justice and Empowerment
Stalls	83 in all, 80 allotted to artisans
Women artisans	37
Participation	12 States and Union Territories
Organising corporations	NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC

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AIIA Marks 10th Foundation Day with Two MoUs at KAUMARACON 2026

17 October 2026 · National

The All India Institute of Ayurveda observed its 10th Foundation Day in New Delhi, signing two MoUs and releasing over 15 publications as KAUMARACON 2026 closed.

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, celebrated its 10th Foundation Day on the concluding day of KAUMARACON 2026, a three-day international conference on Kaumarabhritya
- AIIA signed two MoUs, with Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth and with Arogya Bharati, for institutional collaboration and knowledge-sharing in Ayurveda
- The Department of Kaumarbhritya at AIIA Delhi and Goa has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence for Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth, and the partnership will frame an SOP for Swarnaprashan Samskar
- More than 15 academic publications were released, along with a DBIM-compliant website, the FESDAP e-course and an eBook titled Rooted and Rising
- An international MoU with Maharishi International University, Fairfield, Iowa, USA, provides for an Academic Chair in Ayurveda in its Department of Physiology and Health

Institute	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, under the Ministry of Ayush
Occasion	10th Foundation Day, on the concluding day of KAUMARACON 2026
Conference	KAUMARACON 2026, a three-day international conference on Kaumarabhritya (Ayurvedic child health)
MoUs signed	With Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth and with Arogya Bharati
Centre of Excellence	Department of Kaumarbhritya, AIIA Delhi and Goa, for Rashtriya Ayurveda Vidyapeeth
Chief guest	Ramvir Singh Bidhuri, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha
Director, AIIA	Prof. (Vd.) P. K. Prajapati
International MoU	AIIA Goa with Maharishi International University, Fairfield, Iowa, USA, for an Academic Chair in Ayurveda

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DRI Seizes 137 kg Crystal Meth in Nagapattinam

18 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 137 kg of crystal methamphetamine worth over Rs 100 crore in Tamil Nadu's Nagapattinam district and arrested four.

- The DRI seized 137 kg (gross) of crystal methamphetamine from a coastal village in Nagapattinam district, Tamil Nadu, in one of the state's biggest coastal narcotics seizures in recent years.
- The consignment was to be smuggled to Sri Lanka through a mid-sea transfer; its value in the illicit market is estimated at more than Rs 100 crore.
- Surveillance and enforcement work during 16 and 17 October 2026 recovered six duffel bags with 27 silver-foil packets of about 5 kg each.
- A search at the suspected organiser's premises yielded Rs 10 lakh in cash, along with two four-wheelers and one two-wheeler used for transport.
- Four persons were arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, and remanded to judicial custody.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Drug seized	137 kg (gross) crystal methamphetamine
Place	Coastal village in Nagapattinam district, Tamil Nadu
Operation dates	16 and 17 October 2026
Packaging	Six duffel bags with 27 silver-foil packets of about 5 kg each
Intended destination	Sri Lanka, through mid-sea transfer
Estimated value	More than Rs 100 crore in the illicit market
Also seized	Rs 10 lakh cash, two four-wheelers and one two-wheeler

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Namo Bharat Diwas 2026: Three Years of Rapid Rail

18 October 2026 · National

NCRTC celebrated Namo Bharat Diwas 2026 in New Delhi on 17 October, marking three years of operations on the 82-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor.

- NCRTC marked Namo Bharat Diwas 2026 on 17 October 2026 in New Delhi, three years after regional rapid rail services began
- Services opened in October 2023 on the 17-km Sahibabad-Duhai Depot priority section, inaugurated on 20 October 2023
- The full 82-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor was dedicated to the nation on 22 February 2026, along with Meerut Metro
- The corridor has seen over 4.5 crore passenger journeys and now carries more than 1.1 lakh commuters a day, with a peak of about 1.68 lakh
- A 110 MW captive solar power plant and the Solar on Track programme are being taken up for the project

Event	Namo Bharat Diwas 2026
Date and place	17 October 2026, New Delhi
Organisation	NCRTC (National Capital Region Transport Corporation)
Corridor	Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut, 82 km
Services began	October 2023, on the 17-km Sahibabad-Duhai Depot section
Full corridor dedicated	22 February 2026, along with Meerut Metro
Passenger journeys	More than 4.5 crore
Daily ridership	Over 1.1 lakh; highest single day about 1.68 lakh

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NHRC Declares 10 Winners of Human Rights Quiz-2026

19 October 2026 · National

The NHRC named the ten winners of its online Human Rights Quiz-2026, held with MyGov from 1 September to 10 October 2026 before its 33rd Foundation Day.

- The NHRC announced the ten winners of Human Rights Quiz-2026 on 19 October 2026, held with MyGov ahead of the Commission's 33rd Foundation Day
- The quiz ran from 1 September to 10 October 2026 and covered human rights, the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993 and the functions of the NHRC
- Aarti Mahajan won the first prize of Rs 15,000, Ritika the second of Rs 10,000 and Tooba Benazeer the third of Rs 5,000, with seven consolation prizes of Rs 2,000 each
- The quiz drew 1,67,127 views and 26,459 submissions from all States and Union Territories, most of them from the 18 to 24 age group
- A total of 5,753 participants scored 15 out of 15, so the ten winners were decided by a draw of lots by the MyGov team

Quiz	Human Rights Quiz-2026: Celebrating Life, Liberty, Equality and Dignity
Organisers	National Human Rights Commission with MyGov
Period	1 September to 10 October 2026
Occasion	Run-up to the NHRC's 33rd Foundation Day
First prize	Rs 15,000, won by Ms. Aarti Mahajan
Second and third prizes	Rs 10,000 to Ms. Ritika; Rs 5,000 to Ms. Tooba Benazeer
Participation	1,67,127 views and 26,459 submissions from all States and UTs
Top States	Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Tamil Nadu

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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026: Petroleum Ministry Changes 9,845 Units

19 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas completed Swachhata Hi Seva 2026, transforming 9,845 cleanliness target units and cleaning 937 public spaces.

- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, with its CPSEs and attached offices, took part in the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign from 17 September to 2 October 2026.
- A total of 9,845 cleanliness target units were transformed with 99,548 participants, and 937 public spaces were cleaned with 45,526 participants.
- The campaign held 143 water body cleanliness drives, 543 mohalla drives and reached 18,700 schoolchildren under Swachh Pathshala.
- For sanitation workers, 234 Safai Mitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir were organised with 7,098 workers, 276 health check-ups and 3,518 PPE kits.
- Under Swachhata Se Samriddhi, 175 plastic recycling melas were held, 135 plastic waste management units assessed and 687 Kabaad Se Jugaad entries received.

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, with its CPSEs and attached offices
Period	17 September to 2 October 2026
Pledge ceremony	Administered by the Secretary (PNG) at Kartavya Bhawan-3, New Delhi
Target units transformed	9,845, with 99,548 participants
Public spaces cleaned	937, with 45,526 participants
Safai Mitra shivirs	234 camps with 7,098 sanitation workers
Schoolchildren reached	18,700 under Swachh Pathshala: Yuva for Swachhta

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CCPA Delists 3,940 Explosive Sellers From 7 Online Platforms

19 October 2026 · National

The Central Consumer Protection Authority had listings of 3,940 sellers offering regulated explosives such as Ammonium Nitrate removed from seven online platforms.

- The CCPA acted against online listings of regulated explosives, and entries of 3,940 sellers were delisted from seven e-commerce platforms.
- The substances involved were Ammonium Nitrate, Gun Powder, Picric Acid and Pentaerythritol Tetranitrate (PETN).
- IndiaMART carried 3,092 of those sellers, ahead of ExportersIndia with 421, Justdial with 206, TradeIndia with 166 and Dial4Trade with 11.
- Three final orders each imposed a penalty of 10 lakh rupees, and the NCDRC dismissed Dial4Trade's appeal on 9 October 2026.
- Sale of explosives on an online platform can be reported to the National Consumer Helpline on 1915.

Regulator	Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)
Ministry	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Sellers delisted	3,940 across seven online platforms
Platform with most sellers	IndiaMART, with 3,092 sellers
Substances	Ammonium Nitrate, Gun Powder, Picric Acid, PETN
Main laws	Consumer Protection Act, 2019; Explosives Act, 1884; Ammonium Nitrate Rules, 2012
Licensing body	Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO)
Penalty in each final order	10 lakh rupees

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DRI Seizes 7.1 Kg Amphetamine and 3.1 Kg Cocaine, Three Held

19 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized about 7.1 kg amphetamine and 3.1 kg cocaine in three operations at Bengaluru, Nagpur and Delhi, arresting three people.

- The DRI seized about 7.1 kg amphetamine in two operations and about 3.1 kg cocaine in a third, and three persons were arrested.
- At Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru, 5.166 kg amphetamine was recovered from a passenger who arrived from Delhi on 14 October 2026.
- Near Khapa Phata, Saoner, on the outskirts of Nagpur, 1.97 kg amphetamine was found hidden in a backpack's lining and in a ladies' suit.
- At Terminal 3 of Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi, 3.134 kg cocaine in six packets was seized from a passenger arriving from Ghana.
- All the seizures were made under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Amphetamine seized	About 7.1 kg in two operations
Cocaine seized	About 3.1 kg in one operation
Bengaluru case	5.166 kg amphetamine, passenger from Delhi, 14 October 2026
Nagpur case	1.97 kg amphetamine near Khapa Phata, Saoner
Delhi case	3.134 kg cocaine in six packets, passenger from Ghana
Arrests	Three persons

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Special Campaign 6.0 Earns Rs 491.28 Crore From Scrap

19 October 2026 · National

Special Swachhata Campaign 6.0 earned Rs 491.28 crore from scrap disposal and covered 8,34,509 cleanliness sites by 19 October 2026, Jitendra Singh reviewed.

- As on 19 October 2026, Special Swachhata Campaign 6.0 had covered 8,34,509 cleanliness campaign sites against 2,75,432 in the same period of Campaign 5.0, a 3.03-fold rise
- Revenue from scrap disposal reached Rs 491.28 crore, against Rs 304.72 crore in the corresponding period last year, a 1.61-fold increase
- Office space freed stood at 116 lakh square feet, compared with 113.12 lakh square feet during the same period of Special Campaign 5.0
- The Department of School Education and Literacy led on sites with 4,15,353, while the Ministry of Railways earned the most from scrap at Rs 425.06 crore
- Special Campaign 6.0 runs from 2 October to 31 October 2026; DARPG freed 1,200 square feet on one floor of its own office

Campaign	Special Swachhata Campaign 6.0, 2 October to 31 October 2026
Reviewed by	Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh
Figures as on	19 October 2026
Cleanliness sites	8,34,509 against 2,75,432 last year (3.03 times)
Scrap revenue	Rs 491.28 crore against Rs 304.72 crore (1.61 times)
Space freed	116 lakh sq ft against 113.12 lakh sq ft
Most sites	Department of School Education and Literacy, 4,15,353
Highest scrap revenue	Ministry of Railways, Rs 425.06 crore

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NHAI Adds Toll Plaza Feedback Feature to Rajmargyatra App

19 October 2026 · National

The National Highways Authority of India has introduced a Toll Plaza Feedback feature on the Rajmargyatra mobile app so highway users can rate any toll plaza.

- NHAI has introduced a Toll Plaza Feedback feature on the Rajmargyatra mobile app, allowing national highway users to share their experience at toll plazas
- Annual pass holders get a notification on the app after crossing a toll plaza, inviting them to give feedback on that crossing
- All app users can reach the Toll Plaza Feedback option from the menu section and submit feedback on any toll plaza of their choice
- Users rate the experience on a scale, pick options relevant to their journey and can add remarks; the initiative comes under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- NHAI will use the responses to identify and monitor toll plazas where services need improvement, and has asked users to take part actively

Feature	Toll Plaza Feedback, on the Rajmargyatra mobile app
Introduced by	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Automatic prompt	Annual pass users, after crossing a national highway toll plaza
Open to	All app users, through the menu section, for any toll plaza
What a user submits	A rating on a scale, options relevant to the journey, and remarks
Purpose	Safer, smoother and more convenient national highway journeys through citizen participation

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BIS Holds PRAGATI 2026 on AYUSH Quality Standards

19 October 2026 · National

BIS held PRAGATI 2026 in Belagavi and a Sowa-Rigpa session in Leh on standardisation in Ayurveda, Yoga and Sowa-Rigpa, drawing over 600 stakeholders.

- The AYUSH Department of the Bureau of Indian Standards held two national events on standardisation in Ayurveda, Yoga and Sowa-Rigpa
- More than 600 researchers, industry leaders, academics and practitioners took part in the nationwide campaign
- PRAGATI 2026, the National Seminar on Standardization in Ayurveda and Yoga, was held at Belagavi, Karnataka, with 600 participants
- A brainstorming session and the 5th Sowa-Rigpa Sectional Committee meeting were held at the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa in Leh, Ladakh
- Shrishti Dixit, Scientist-E and Head (AYUSH) at BIS, spoke on Indian Standards and on India's role in ISO standardisation

Organiser	AYUSH Department, Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
Seminar	PRAGATI 2026, National Seminar on Standardization in Ayurveda and Yoga
Seminar venue	Belagavi, Karnataka
Participation	Over 600 experts, practitioners and industry leaders
Second event	5th Sowa-Rigpa Sectional Committee meeting and brainstorming session
Second venue	National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, Leh, Ladakh
Committee chairperson	Padma Shri Dr Padma Gurmet
BIS AYUSH head	Shrishti Dixit, Scientist-E

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DRI Seizes 591.3 kg Ganja Brought From Nepal Into Uttar Pradesh

19 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 591.3 kg of ganja hidden in built-in truck cavities in Uttar Pradesh, a consignment suspected to be from Nepal.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 591.3 kg of ganja in Uttar Pradesh in an operation run during 17 and 18 October 2026.
- The consignment of 81 packets was hidden in two cavities fabricated in a truck, one above the hood and one behind the driver seat.
- Intelligence said the truck would enter Uttar Pradesh through Sonauli on the Nepal border; it was stopped between Gorakhpur and Kushinagar.
- DRI Gorakhpur led the surveillance with teams from Lucknow, Patna and Varanasi, keeping watch for over four hours.
- The ganja and the truck were seized under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Ministry of Finance
Seizure	591.3 kg ganja in 81 packets
Operation dates	17 and 18 October 2026
Suspected origin	Nepal
Entry point watched	Sonauli, Uttar Pradesh
Interception	Road between Gorakhpur and Kushinagar
Supporting units	Gorakhpur, Lucknow, Patna and Varanasi
Law invoked	NDPS Act, 1985

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Vijaya Dashami Address: 650 Antiquities Returned in 12 Years

20 October 2026 · National

At Ramlila Maidan in Delhi, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said over 650 ancient idols had been brought back to India across the past 12 years.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the Vijaya Dashami celebrations at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi on 20 October 2026
- He said more than 650 ancient idols have been brought back to India over the past 12 years after being taken abroad
- Deepavali was inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list in the previous year, he noted
- He asked the administration to follow the mantra of Nagrik Devo Bhava and to keep service of the poor and deprived foremost
- He recalled the vision of 'Ram Se Rashtra' and 'Dev Se Desh' conceived at the Ayodhya temple Pran Pratishtha ceremony

Occasion	Vijaya Dashami celebrations
Venue	Ramlila Maidan, Delhi
Date	20 October 2026
Antiquities repatriated	More than 650 ancient idols in the past 12 years
UNESCO listing cited	Deepavali on the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list
Governance mantra	Nagrik Devo Bhava
Vision recalled	'Ram Se Rashtra' and 'Dev Se Desh'
Goals named	Viksit Bharat and Aatmanirbhar Bharat

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Amit Shah Sets 2029 Deadline for a Drug-Free Punjab

20 October 2026 · National

At Ludhiana on 20 October 2026, Home Minister Amit Shah set a target of 31 December 2029 to rid Punjab of the drug trade and burnt a Ravana of ‘Chitta’.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the Vijayadashami festival at Ludhiana in Punjab on 20 October 2026 and burnt a symbolic Ravana of chitta, or drugs.
- He announced the resolve to free the entire state of Punjab from the drug trade by 31 December 2029 and make it drug-free.
- He said the Ramlila Committee of Ludhiana has been organising the Ravana Dahan programme for 200 years.
- He met families at three places in Punjab who had lost their sons in the fight against drugs, and sought a CBI probe into the remaining two murders.
- He asked people to report the drug trade on the toll-free helpline of the Narcotics Control Bureau, saying the government would act on the information.

Who	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Where	Ludhiana, Punjab
Occasion	Vijayadashami, 20 October 2026
Symbolic act	Burning of a Ravana effigy representing chitta, or drugs
Target announced	A drug-free Punjab by 31 December 2029
Tradition cited	Ravana Dahan held by the Ludhiana Ramlila Committee for 200 years
Investigation	One of three murders handed to the CBI; the other two sought
Helpline named	The toll-free helpline of the Narcotics Control Bureau

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Rajnath Singh Lists India’s Growth Figures in Dushanbe

20 October 2026 · National

Addressing the Indian diaspora in Dushanbe on 20 October 2026, Rajnath Singh said India adds over 16 per cent of global growth and grows at about 7.8 per cent.

- Rajnath Singh addressed the Indian diaspora in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, on 20 October 2026 and listed India’s economic and defence figures.
- He said India contributes more than 16 per cent of global economic growth and is growing at about 7.8 per cent, and has free trade agreements with 38 countries.
- Defence exports have reached a record Rs 38,424 crore and defence production has risen to Rs 1.80 lakh crore.
- UPI transaction value has grown from Rs 7,000 crore in 2016-17 to Rs 314 lakh crore in 2025-26, and forex reserves are above US$700 billion.
- He felicitated Prof Habibullo Rajabov, an Indologist and the first Padma Shri awardee from Tajikistan, for his work in Hindi literature.

Who and where	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, addressing the Indian diaspora in Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Date	20 October 2026
Share of global growth	More than 16 per cent
Growth rate	About 7.8 per cent
Free trade agreements	With 38 countries
Defence exports	Record Rs 38,424 crore
Defence production	Rs 1.80 lakh crore
Forex reserves	Above US$700 billion

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Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0 to Run 28 November to 12 December 2026

22 October 2026 · National

Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the registration portal for Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0, themed Thirukkural Payilvom and set for 28 November to 12 December 2026.

- Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the registration portal for Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0 on 22 October 2026
- KTS 5.0 runs from 28 November to 12 December 2026 on the theme “Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen”, covering Varanasi, Prayagraj and Ayodhya
- Around 1,400 participants from Tamil Nadu come in seven groups of about 200 each, on an eight-day itinerary; registration on the IIT Madras portal closes on 13 November 2026
- A Students’ Engagement Programme on the Thirukkural will cover 1,000 higher education institutions nationwide
- The first Kashi Tamil Sangamam was held in 2022; the Department of Higher Education organises it with IIT Madras, BHU and the Central Institute of Classical Tamil, Chennai

Event	Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0 (fifth edition)
Dates	28 November to 12 December 2026
Theme	“Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen”
Portal launched by	Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi, on 22 October 2026
Registration closes	13 November 2026
Portal hosted by	IIT Madras (kashitamil.iitm.ac.in)
Participants	About 1,400 from Tamil Nadu, in seven groups of about 200 each
Places covered	Varanasi, Prayagraj and Ayodhya

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DST Frees 61,888 Square Feet Under Special Campaign 6

22 October 2026 · National

The Department of Science and Technology freed 61,888 square feet of space and earned Rs 8,25,696 from scrap disposal in the mid-campaign report of Special Campaign 6.

- DST reported its mid-campaign results for Special Campaign 6, counted up to 16 October 2026, with the campaign ending on 31 October 2026
- Identified cleanliness sites rose from 315 to 401, of which 397 were covered; the total is expected to reach nearly 800
- A total of 61,888 square feet of space was freed and Rs 8,25,696 was earned from the disposal of scrap
- Of 135 public grievances 99 were disposed of, 9 of 23 appeals were resolved and 7 of 12 references from MPs were settled
- Of 7,000 physical files due for review 6,280 were reviewed and 2,598 weeded out; of 1,900 e-files 1,791 were reviewed and 949 closed

Department	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Campaign	Special Campaign 6, under the guidelines of DARPG
Period of report	Mid-campaign achievements counted up to 16 October 2026
Campaign ends	31 October 2026
Cleanliness sites	Rose from 315 to 401; 397 covered; nearly 800 expected by the end
Space freed	61,888 square feet
Scrap revenue	Rs 8,25,696
Files	6,280 of 7,000 physical files reviewed with 2,598 weeded out; 949 e-files closed

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Amit Shah Opens Rs 8,941 Crore Yamuna Projects in Delhi

22 October 2026 · National

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated 10 projects and laid foundation stones for 33 more, worth Rs 8,941 crore, for the rejuvenation of the Yamuna.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah attended the inauguration and foundation-stone ceremony for Yamuna rejuvenation projects worth Rs 8,941 crore in Delhi
- 10 projects were inaugurated and 33 projects were initiated at the ceremony, with Delhi LG Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta present
- The Centre and the governments of Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh have prepared time-bound roadmaps to make the Yamuna clean by 2029
- The Home Minister said more than 40 per cent of the plan has been achieved and the river would be purified before May 2029
- Delhi has cleared 2.17 crore metric tonnes of garbage and freed 100 acres of land, with the Okhla and Bhalswa mounds down by 30 to 40 metres

Outlay	Rs 8,941 crore for Yamuna rejuvenation projects
Projects	10 inaugurated and 33 initiated on 22 October 2026
Target	Yamuna to be made clean by 2029, purification before May 2029
Governments involved	Centre, Delhi, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh
Present	Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta
Waste cleared	2.17 crore metric tonnes of garbage, 100 acres of land freed
Riverfront works	Asita East, Bansera and Vasudev Ghat at Sarai Kale Khan and ITO

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PM Modi Addresses NDTV World Summit 2026 in New Delhi

22 October 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the NDTV World Summit 2026 in New Delhi, seeking reformed global institutions and a bigger voice for the Global South.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the NDTV World Summit 2026 in New Delhi on 22 October 2026, a gathering framed around the theme of a world between orders.
- He pressed for reform of multilateral institutions and a stronger voice for the Global South, recalling the appeal he made from the G20 platform in 2020 during the pandemic.
- India has crossed 300 gigawatts of non-fossil electricity capacity for the first time, the Prime Minister told the summit.
- Penicillin G is being produced again at Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh under the PLI scheme, with over Rs 5,000 crore invested in API projects and nearly forty of them operational.
- He described the shift from being the world's back office to becoming its brain office, with India hosting more than half of all Global Capability Centres.

Event	NDTV World Summit 2026
Addressed by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Venue	New Delhi
Date	22 October 2026
Framing theme	The World Between Orders
Clean energy milestone	300 gigawatts of non-fossil electricity capacity crossed for the first time
Pharma revival	Penicillin G production restarted at Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh, under PLI
API investment	More than Rs 5,000 crore, with nearly forty projects operational

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PM Modi Opens Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan

23 October 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan of the Chinmaya Mission at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 23 October 2026.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 23 October 2026
- The Chinmaya Mission was founded by Swami Chinmayananda, who launched the Gita Gyana Yagna to take Vedanta and the Upanishads to the masses
- More than 100 Chinmaya educational institutions teach lakhs of students, and a commemorative coin was released on his birth centenary in 2015
- Swami Chinmayananda gave the first financial contribution for the Vivekananda Rock Memorial at Kanyakumari, built on Eknath Ranade's resolve
- Mahotsav volunteers covered 40,000 kilometres over 300 days and reached more than one lakh young citizens

Event	Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Date	23 October 2026
Organisation	Chinmaya Mission, founded by Swami Chinmayananda
Campaign he began	Gita Gyana Yagna, to take the Upanishads and Vedanta to the people
Educational network	More than 100 Chinmaya educational institutions
Commemorative coin	Released during his birth centenary in 2015

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Special Campaign 6: Textiles, Jal Shakti Report Progress

23 October 2026 · National

Special Campaign 6, run from 2 to 31 October 2026 under DARPG, saw the Cotton Corporation of India and the water resources department report scrap and space gains.

- Special Campaign 6 is being run from 2 to 31 October 2026 under the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
- The campaign aims to clear pending matters and improve cleanliness in government offices, with activity-wise targets
- The Cotton Corporation of India crossed its targets of 156 scrap items and Rs 82,469 in scrap revenue, and released 200 sq ft of office space
- The CCI branch office at Guntur listed 511 e-waste items for e-auction on the Government e-Marketplace
- The water resources department earned Rs 13,13,748 from scrap, weeded out 1,456 physical files, closed 835 e-files and freed 901 sq ft

Campaign	Special Campaign 6
Period	2 to 31 October 2026
Nodal department	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Aims	Faster disposal of pending matters and cleanliness in government offices
Textiles body reported	Cotton Corporation of India (CCI)
CCI scrap target	156 items and Rs 82,469 in revenue, both exceeded
CCI office space	200 sq ft released against a target of 229 sq ft
E-waste at Guntur	511 items listed for e-auction on the Government e-Marketplace

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Indian Army to Train 600 Civil Defence Master Trainers

23 October 2026 · National

The Home Ministry and the Indian Army will train 600 Civil Defence Master Trainers from 12 States and UTs by the second week of November 2026.

- The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Indian Army have begun a first-of-its-kind joint training initiative to build a vibrant Civil Defence Network in India.
- In the first phase 600 Civil Defence Master Trainers, 50 from each of 12 States and UTs, will take a three-day course by the second week of November 2026.
- Each Master Trainer will then train 100 Civil Defence Volunteers, so the cascade can reach 60,000 volunteers across the participating States and UTs.
- The 12 participating States and UTs are Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Delhi, Meghalaya, Sikkim, Assam, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, Karnataka and Tamil Nadu.
- The Prime Minister announced the vibrant Civil Defence network from the Red Fort on 15 August 2026; the nodal body is the DGFSCDHG under the Home Ministry.

Initiative	Joint training of Civil Defence Master Trainers by the Indian Army
Nodal body	Directorate General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards (DGFSCDHG), Ministry of Home Affairs
Master Trainers in phase one	600, that is 50 from each participating State or UT
States and UTs in phase one	12, including Jammu and Kashmir, Punjab, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Delhi and Tamil Nadu
Course length	Three days, at designated Indian Army training establishments
Deadline	Second week of November 2026
Volunteers per Master Trainer	100
Potential reach	60,000 Civil Defence Volunteers

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22nd National e-Governance Webinar Showcases TRINETRA and PAI

23 October 2026 · National

DARPG held the 22nd National e-Governance Webinar on 23 October 2026, presenting Ujjain's TRINETRA surveillance system and the Panchayat Advancement Index.

- DARPG organised the 22nd National e-Governance Webinar on 23 October 2026, chaired by Joint Secretary Shri Avanish Kumar Mishra.
- TRINETRA, a Gold Award winner at the National Awards for e-Governance 2026, runs more than 450 AI-enabled cameras around the Mahakaleshwar Temple at Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.
- Emergency response time in the Mahakal Rudrasagar Integrated Development Area dropped from 15-20 minutes to under five minutes, with 552 missing-person cases closed.
- The Panchayat Advancement Index of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj scores gram panchayats on nine LSDG themes using 150 indicators and 230 data points.
- The PAI portal covers about 2.6 lakh gram panchayats, and more than 360 officials joined the webinar.

Event	22nd National e-Governance Webinar (NeGW)
Organiser	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Date	23 October 2026
Chaired by	Shri Avanish Kumar Mishra, Joint Secretary, DARPG
TRINETRA site	Mahakal Rudrasagar Integrated Development Area, including Mahakaleshwar Temple, Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
TRINETRA cameras	More than 450 AI-enabled cameras with an Integrated Command and Control Centre
PAI ministry	Ministry of Panchayati Raj
PAI scale	Nine LSDG themes, 150 indicators, 230 data points, about 2.6 lakh gram panchayats

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Centre Sets Up Committee to Review Pharma Marketing Practices

23 October 2026 · National

The Department of Pharmaceuticals formed a committee under NITI Aayog member Dr. M. Srinivas on 23 October 2026 to review the UCPMP framework.

- The Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, has constituted a committee on pharmaceutical marketing practices
- Dr. M. Srinivas, Member of NITI Aayog, is the Chairperson; Smt. Preeti Sudan and Dr. Naresh Trehan are the members
- The committee must submit its recommendations within two months from the date of its first meeting
- The Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices was introduced in 2015 as a voluntary, industry-led self-regulatory mechanism
- UCPMP 2024 superseded the 2015 code, strengthened implementation and is the version currently in operation

Set up by	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Subject	Regulatory framework for pharmaceutical marketing practices
Chairperson	Dr. M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog
Members	Smt. Preeti Sudan, former Union Health Secretary; Dr. Naresh Trehan, CMD, Medanta
Deadline	Two months from the date of the first meeting
Code under review	Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP)
UCPMP introduced	2015, as a voluntary industry-led self-regulatory mechanism
Code in force	UCPMP 2024, which superseded the 2015 version

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Third Regional FRA Review Conference Held in Srinagar

23 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs held the third regional review of Forest Rights Act implementation in Srinagar on 23 October 2026 with seven States and a UT.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs held the Third Regional Review Conference on Forest Rights Act implementation at Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, on 23 October 2026
- Officials of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir attended; the first review was at Bengaluru on 10 September 2026 and the second at Kolkata on 9 October 2026
- As of 31 August 2026 about 54 lakh claims had been received, 43.56 lakh or 80.64 per cent disposed of, 10.45 lakh pending and 18.13 lakh rejected
- 25.42 lakh titles had been distributed over nearly 238 lakh acres, and habitat rights stand recognised for only 11 of the 75 PVTGs
- Jammu and Kashmir reported 48,287 claims received, 6,191 approved by District Level Committees and 6,178 titles distributed over about 3,960 hectares

Event	Third Regional Review Conference on Forest Rights Act implementation
Held at	Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir
Convened by	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Act	Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, 2006
Participants	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir
Earlier conferences	Bengaluru on 10 September 2026 and Kolkata on 9 October 2026
Claims received (31 August 2026)	about 54 lakh
Claims disposed of	43.56 lakh, that is 80.64 per cent

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8th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs Concludes in New Delhi

24 October 2026 · National

The 8th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs, convened by the RPF and chaired by DG Sonali Mishra, ended in New Delhi with a push for intelligence-led policing.

- The 8th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs, convened by the Railway Protection Force, concluded in New Delhi on 23 October 2026
- RPF Director General Ms Sonali Mishra presided; Railway Board Chairman and CEO Shri Satish Kumar also addressed the conference
- GRP personnel were onboarded onto the RailMadad platform by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) for better grievance redressal
- South Central Railway showcased Pink Patrol: Eyes in the Sky, SHAKTI on the Ground, a women-led drone-assisted surveillance model
- Central Railway's Pune Division presented Project DISHA, the Dedicated Initiative for Safety, Harmony and Awareness for children living near tracks

Event	8th All India Conference of GRP Chiefs
Convened by	Railway Protection Force (RPF)
Venue	New Delhi
Concluded on	23 October 2026
Presided over by	Ms Sonali Mishra, Director General, RPF
Railway Board Chairman and CEO	Shri Satish Kumar
Platform GRP joined	RailMadad, onboarded by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS)
Women-led initiative	Pink Patrol: Eyes in the Sky, SHAKTI on the Ground (South Central Railway)

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Satna–Devendranagar and Rewa–Churhat Rail Lines Opened

24 October 2026 · National

Ashwini Vaishnaw and Mohan Yadav opened the 53-km Satna–Devendranagar and 65-km Rewa–Churhat rail lines in Madhya Pradesh and flagged off a passenger train.

- The Satna–Devendranagar (about 53 km) and Rewa–Churhat (about 65 km) rail sections in Madhya Pradesh were dedicated to the nation on 24 October 2026
- Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw joined by video conferencing and Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav was present; a new Devendranagar–Churhat passenger train was flagged off
- Rewa–Churhat cost about ₹1,070 crore and Satna–Devendranagar about ₹873 crore; both are part of the 541-km Lalitpur–Singrauli railway project
- Churhat brings Sidhi district on to the rail map, while the Satna line serves limestone and cement industries
- Railway projects worth nearly ₹1 lakh crore are under way in Madhya Pradesh and about 80 stations are being redeveloped

Sections opened	Satna–Devendranagar and Rewa–Churhat, Madhya Pradesh
Lengths	About 53 km and about 65 km
Costs	About ₹873 crore and about ₹1,070 crore
Parent project	Lalitpur–Singrauli railway project, about 541 km
New train	Devendranagar–Churhat–Devendranagar passenger service
Opened by	Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw (by video conferencing) and Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav
District newly connected	Sidhi
Date	24 October 2026

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Mann Ki Baat 139th Episode Flags 50 Crore e-Sanjeevani Calls

25 October 2026 · National

The 139th episode of Mann Ki Baat, aired on 25 October 2026, completed 12 years of the programme and put the e-Sanjeevani count at about 50 crore.

- The 139th episode of Mann Ki Baat was aired on 25 October 2026 and marked 12 years of the monthly programme, which started on Vijayadashami.
- About 50 crore tele-consultations have been done through e-Sanjeevani, and nearly 1,90,000 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs are serving as village wellness centres.
- The Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre at IIT Madras will map 100 human brains in 3D on the Param Shakti supercomputer and release the data as open source.
- Khadi Gram Udyog goods sold for more than ₹28 crore in a single day on Gandhi Jayanti, and Shabari Naturals packaging from Maharashtra won Japan’s Good Design Award.
- 31 October is Ekta Diwas and also the 100th birth anniversary of Narinder Singh Kapany, the Father of Fiber Optics; 4 November is Bhai Parmanand’s 150th.

Programme	Mann Ki Baat, 139th episode
Aired on	25 October 2026
Years completed	12 years, the first episode having been on Vijayadashami
e-Sanjeevani tele-consultations	About 50 crore
Ayushman Arogya Mandirs	Nearly 1,90,000
Brain centre opened	Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre, IIT Madras
Brains to be mapped	100 human brains, on the Param Shakti supercomputer
Khadi single-day sale	More than ₹28 crore on Gandhi Jayanti

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Operation Trident: NCB Raids 38 Sites in Assam, Mizoram, Manipur

25 October 2026 · National

The NCB-led Operation Trident hit 38 locations in Assam, Mizoram and Manipur on 23 October 2026, froze 1,424 bank accounts and made 18 arrests.

- Operation Trident was led by the Narcotics Control Bureau with Mizoram Police and the Enforcement Directorate in the early hours of 23 October 2026.
- Thirty-eight multi-agency teams searched 38 locations in Assam, Mizoram and Manipur, among them Aizawl, Champhai, Zokhawthar, Churachandpur and the Cachar corridor.
- The action froze 1,424 bank accounts, attached property worth 17.82 crore rupees, exposed a hawala trail of about 100 crore rupees and ended in 18 arrests.
- Seizures included 500 detonators and 12 lakh rupees in cash; the network moved drugs through the Death Triangle Corridor linking India, Myanmar and Bangladesh.
- It follows the Vision Document on Narcotics Control (2026-2029) and the goal of ending every drug network by 31 December 2029.

Operation	Operation Trident
Lead agency	Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB)
Partner agencies	Mizoram Police and Enforcement Directorate (ED)
Date of the strike	23 October 2026
States covered	Assam, Mizoram and Manipur
Teams and locations	38 teams at 38 locations
Bank accounts frozen	1,424
Property attached	17.82 crore rupees

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CCPA Fines 12 Entities 58 Lakh Rupees Over Walkie-Talkie Ads

25 October 2026 · National

The CCPA has fined 12 entities a total of 58 lakh rupees over misleading walkie-talkie advertisements, the newest penalty being on Hogar Technologies.

- The CCPA fined M/s Hogar Technologies and Innovations LLP one lakh rupees for misleading walkie-talkie advertisements under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019.
- The authority, headed by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare with Commissioner Anupam Mishra, has now passed final orders against 12 entities with penalties of 58 lakh rupees in all.
- More than 16,970 non-compliant listings were found on online platforms and notices went to 13 e-commerce entities, including Amazon, Flipkart, Meesho, Meta, JioMart, IndiaMART and TradeIndia.
- Personal mobile radios working within 446.0 to 446.2 MHz are exempt from licensing under the rules of 2018, subject to conditions; sets outside the band need approvals.
- Amazon and Flipkart have moved the Karnataka High Court, Meta and TradeIndia the NCDRC, and IndiaMART the Delhi High Court against the orders.

Authority	Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)
Law applied	Consumer Protection Act, 2019
Headed by	Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare, with Commissioner Anupam Mishra
Latest penalty	One lakh rupees on M/s Hogar Technologies and Innovations LLP
Product in question	Walkie-talkies, also called personal mobile radios
Licence-exempt band	446.0 to 446.2 MHz under the rules of 2018
Non-compliant listings found	More than 16,970
Notices issued to	13 e-commerce entities

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CBSE Holds 4th School-to-Work Transition Summit in Delhi

26 October 2026 · National

CBSE opened the 4th National Summit on Facilitating School-to-Work Transition in New Delhi on 26 and 27 October 2026 with the Sahodaya School Complexes.

- CBSE, with the Sahodaya School Complexes of Delhi and the NCR, is holding the 4th National Summit on Facilitating School-to-Work Transition in New Delhi on 26 and 27 October 2026
- Shri T. K. Anil Kumar, Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, and CBSE Chairman Dr. Mandeep Bhandari attended the summit
- Four priorities were named: technology with digital safety and skills; design, creativity and innovation; recognition of skills through the National Credit Framework; and career guidance with equitable pathways
- The summit brings together school leaders, educators, industry experts and policymakers to discuss emerging workforce requirements
- The approach follows the vision of the National Education Policy 2020 of breaking barriers between streams of education

Event	4th National Summit on Facilitating School-to-Work Transition
Organisers	CBSE with the Sahodaya School Complexes of Delhi and the NCR
Dates	26 and 27 October 2026
Venue	New Delhi
DoSEL Secretary	Shri T. K. Anil Kumar
CBSE Chairman	Dr. Mandeep Bhandari
Framework for skill recognition	National Credit Framework
Policy vision	National Education Policy 2020

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Shivraj Chouhan to Give 67th Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture

26 October 2026 · National

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will deliver the 67th Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture on 27 October 2026, to be broadcast by Akashvani on 31 October.

- Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, will deliver the 67th Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture on 27 October 2026
- The venue is the Rang Bhawan Auditorium of Akashvani in New Delhi, and the recording is broadcast on the entire Akashvani network on 31 October at 9.30 at night
- Akashvani has organised the annual Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Lecture since 1955 in memory of independent India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Information and Broadcasting Minister
- The inaugural lecture was delivered by Bharat Ratna Shri C. Rajagopalachari, independent India's first Governor General
- The 66th edition was delivered by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Labour and Employment; Sardar Patel is remembered as the Iron Man of India

Event	67th Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture
Speaker	Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development
Date and time	27 October 2026, three in the afternoon
Venue	Rang Bhawan Auditorium, Akashvani, Sansad Marg, New Delhi
Broadcast	Entire Akashvani network on 31 October at 9.30 at night
Series began	1955, organised by Akashvani
Inaugural speaker	Bharat Ratna Shri C. Rajagopalachari, first Governor General of independent India
Previous edition	66th, delivered by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Labour and Employment

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Cyclone Arnab: NCMC Reviews Andhra Pradesh Landfall Plans

26 October 2026 · National

Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan chaired the National Crisis Management Committee as cyclonic storm Arnab headed for the Andhra Pradesh coast by 28 October.

- Cabinet Secretary Dr. T. V. Somanathan chaired the National Crisis Management Committee on 26 October 2026 on the Bay of Bengal cyclone
- The cyclonic storm has been named Arnab and is forecast to cross the Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coasts between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam
- Landfall is expected by the forenoon of 28 October 2026 as a very severe cyclonic storm with winds of 115-125 kmph gusting to 140 kmph
- Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Puducherry briefed the Committee; NDRF and SDRF teams are on standby
- The Cabinet Secretary set the objective of zero loss of life, and asked that eastern Uttar Pradesh and Bihar be alerted for heavy rain

Cyclone	Cyclonic storm Arnab, over the Bay of Bengal
Committee	National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)
Chaired by	Cabinet Secretary Dr. T. V. Somanathan
Meeting date	26 October 2026
Expected landfall	Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coasts, between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam, by the forenoon of 28 October 2026
Intensity at landfall	Very severe cyclonic storm, winds 115-125 kmph gusting to 140 kmph
Position on 26 October	About 650 km east-south-east of Visakhapatnam and 590 km north-west of Sri Vijaya Puram
States and UT represented	Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Puducherry

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TRAI Recommends ALTD Authorisation Framework for TV Apps

26 October 2026 · National

TRAI has recommended a light-touch authorisation framework for Application-based Linear Television Distribution services, including free ad-supported streaming TV.

- TRAI released recommendations on an authorisation framework for Application-based Linear Television Distribution services on 26 October 2026
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting made the reference on 15 December 2025 under Section 11(1)(a) of the TRAI Act, 1997
- ALTD Service is to be a distinct sub-category of Television Channel Distribution Services under Section 3(1)(a) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023
- The authorisation would run for 20 years, renewable for 10 years at a time, with a processing fee of Rs 10,000 and an entry fee of Rs 1 lakh
- A Master ALTD app repository is to be kept by the Ministry, and ALTD viewership folded into audience measurement under the TV Ratings Policy, 2026

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Recommendations on	Authorisation Framework for Application-based Linear Television Distribution (ALTD) Services
Includes	Free Ad-Supported Streaming Television (FAST) services
Reference from	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, 15 December 2025, under Section 11(1)(a) of the TRAI Act, 1997
Consultation paper	Issued 6 April 2026; 207 comments and 11 counter-comments received
Open House Discussion	Held on 10 June 2026
Proposed legal basis	Sub-category under Section 3(1)(a) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023; terms as Rules under Section 56
Validity and fees	20 years initial validity, renewable for 10 years; Rs 10,000 processing fee and Rs 1 lakh one-time entry fee

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Special Campaign 6.0: Coal CPSEs Earn Rs 53.94 Crore from Scrap

26 October 2026 · National

Special Campaign 6.0, running from 2 to 31 October 2026, saw Coal Ministry CPSEs clean 130.16 lakh square feet and earn about Rs 53.94 crore from scrap.

- Special Campaign 6.0 runs from 2 October to 31 October 2026 and is aimed at Swachhata in government offices and the disposal of pending matters
- CPSEs under the Ministry of Coal cleaned 1,696 sites and 130.16 lakh square feet, against targets of 1,565 sites and 101.80 lakh square feet
- Scrap disposal of 16,158 metric tonnes by Coal CPSEs earned the exchequer about Rs 53.94 crore, the day’s largest such figure
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways earned Rs 9.79 crore from scrap and freed 88,171 square feet of space
- The Health Ministry holds Kayakalp activities on 27 October 2026, and States must clear pending grievances by 30 October 2026

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and disposal of pending matters
Duration	2 October to 31 October 2026
Main heads	Cleanliness, file weeding, office space management, e-waste disposal, grievance redressal
Coal CPSEs: area cleaned	130.16 lakh sq ft at 1,696 sites, against 101.80 lakh sq ft at 1,565 sites
Coal CPSEs: scrap	16,158 metric tonnes disposed, earning about Rs 53.94 crore
Coal CPSEs: files	78,635 reviewed against a target of 59,593; 70,093 closed or weeded out
Ports, Shipping and Waterways	173 drives, Rs 9.79 crore from scrap, 88,171 sq ft freed
CBIC	449 offices, 21,015 kg scrap cleared, 24,222 sq ft reclaimed, Rs 65,663 earned

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Jaipur-Tatanagar-Santragachi Express Train Flagged Off

26 October 2026 · National

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari flagged off the new Jaipur (Khatipura)-Tatanagar-Santragachi Express train.

- The Jaipur (Khatipura)-Tatanagar-Santragachi Express was flagged off on 26 October 2026 by Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari
- The train improves connectivity across Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal, joining Jaipur with Jamshedpur and Kolkata
- Jharkhand's railway allocation has grown from Rs 450 crore to Rs 7,500 crore, about 16 times, with projects worth about Rs 75,000 crore under way
- 57 stations in Jharkhand and more than 1,300 across India are being redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
- West Bengal's railway allocation rose from an annual average of Rs 4,380 crore in 2009-2014 to Rs 14,205 crore for 2026-27

Train	Jaipur (Khatipura)-Tatanagar-Santragachi Express
Flagged off by	Railway Minister Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw (by video conferencing) and West Bengal Chief Minister Shri Suvendu Adhikari
Date	26 October 2026
States connected	Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand and West Bengal
Cities joined	Jaipur with Jamshedpur and Kolkata
Jharkhand allocation	Up from Rs 450 crore to Rs 7,500 crore, about 16 times
Projects in Jharkhand	About Rs 75,000 crore
Amrit Bharat stations	57 in Jharkhand; more than 1,300 across the country

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Dr. NTR University Ruby Jubilee: VP Cites 846 Medical Colleges

26 October 2026 · National

At the 40th Ruby Jubilee celebrations of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences in Vijayawada, Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan cited 846 medical colleges.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the 40th anniversary (Ruby Jubilee) celebrations of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
- He said the number of medical colleges in India has risen from 387 before 2014 to 846 at present, more than doubling
- MBBS seats are up 172 per cent, from about 51,000 to over 1.4 lakh, and postgraduate seats up 177 per cent, from about 31,000 to over 86,000
- The university is named after former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao; Governor S. Abdul Nazeer is its Chancellor and P. Chandrasekhar its Vice-Chancellor
- The Vice-President released a souvenir on the university's forty-year journey and took a pledge with the gathering for a drug-free society

Event	40th (Ruby Jubilee) Anniversary Celebrations of Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences
Venue	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Named after	Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh
Medical colleges	387 before 2014, 846 at present
MBBS seats	Up 172 per cent, from about 51,000 to over 1.4 lakh
PG seats	Up 177 per cent, from about 31,000 to over 86,000
Chancellor	S. Abdul Nazeer, Governor of Andhra Pradesh

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Jal Shakti Review: Ken-Betwa and Farakka Work Assessed

27 October 2026 · National

Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil reviewed water resources projects including the Ken-Betwa Link, the Farakka Barrage and flood management works.

- Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil chaired a review of the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation on 27 October 2026.
- Minister of State for Jal Shakti Raj Bhushan Choudhary attended the review with the heads of department.
- The Ken-Betwa Link Project was reviewed, including the link canal and the Daudhan Dam.
- Work at the Farakka Barrage Project covering replacement of barrage gates and anti-erosion measures was taken up.
- The review covered 35 pilot clusters under M-CADWM and four ongoing censuses under the Minor Irrigation Statistics programme.

Who chaired	Union Minister for Jal Shakti Shri C. R. Patil
Also present	Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary, Minister of State for Jal Shakti
Department	Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
Date	27 October 2026
Ken-Betwa Link Project	Link canal and Daudhan Dam reviewed
Farakka Barrage Project	Replacement of barrage gates and anti-erosion measures
M-CADWM	Implementation status of 35 pilot clusters
Minor Irrigation Statistics	Four censuses under way

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NHRC Advisory on Women's Safety at Work and Public Spaces

27 October 2026 · National

The National Human Rights Commission issued an advisory on women's safety at work and in public spaces to ten Union ministries, the Railway Board and all states.

- The NHRC has issued an advisory on 'Women's Safety at Work and Public Spaces' to ten Union ministries, the Railway Board chairperson and all states and union territories.
- The advisory sets out eight key areas for action, from awareness and infrastructure to policing, survivor support and cybercrime.
- The commission cited women's labour force participation of 34.6 per cent in September 2026, from the Periodic Labour Force Participation Survey.
- It also cited about 4.4 lakh cases of crimes against women from the latest National Crime Records Bureau report, published in 2026.
- Authorities must send an Action Taken Report to the commission within two months.

Issued by	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India
Advisory	Women's Safety at Work and Public Spaces
Sent to	Secretaries of ten Union ministries, Chairperson of the Railway Board, chief secretaries and administrators of all states and union territories
Key areas	Eight
Labour force participation of women	34.6 per cent in September 2026, as per the Periodic Labour Force Participation Survey
Crimes against women	About 4.4 lakh cases, as per the latest NCRB report published in 2026
Report sought	Action Taken Report within two months

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Special Campaign 6: Petroleum Ministry Reviews 5,593 Files

27 October 2026 · National

The Petroleum Ministry reported a full review of 5,593 physical files and Rs 34.64 crore of revenue under Special Campaign 6 as on 25 October 2026.

- Special Campaign 6 for cleanliness and disposal of pending matters is guided by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances.
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas completed the review of all 5,593 physical files and put up 712 e-files for review as on 25 October 2026.
- It disposed of 500 public grievance appeals in full and settled 6,006 of 7,500 public grievances, a progress of 80.10 per cent.
- Cleanliness drives covered 126 of 148 targeted sites, 2.22 lakh square feet of space was freed against a target of 1.15 lakh, and Rs 34.64 crore of revenue was earned against a target of Rs 41 crore.
- The Ministry of Textiles highlighted the National Handloom Development Corporation at Noida for activities held from 2 to 23 October 2026.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Swachhata and disposal of pending matters
Guided by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
Progress as on	25 October 2026
Physical files reviewed	All 5,593 identified for review
E-files	712 put up for review
Grievance appeals	500 disposed, 100 per cent
Cleanliness sites	126 of a target of 148
Space freed	2.22 lakh square feet, target 1.15 lakh

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Concessional Local Pass for NH Users Living Within 20 Km

27 October 2026 · National

From 1 November 2026 non-commercial vehicle owners living within 20 km of a national highway fee plaza can buy a yearly Concessional Local Pass for Rs 1,500.

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has introduced a Concessional Local Pass for owners of non-commercial vehicles living within 20 km of a national highway fee plaza
- The annual charge is Rs 1,500 where the plaza lies outside a municipal or local town area and Rs 3,000 where it lies inside such limits
- The rule takes effect from 1 November 2026; the pass reaches the Rajmargyatra app from 1 December 2026 and is valid at only one plaza
- It is not offered on highways or expressways using a closed user-fee collection system, nor where a service road or alternative road exists
- The change comes through the National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026 under the National Highways Act, 1956

Scheme	Concessional Local Pass for national highway fee plazas
Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Who is eligible	Non-commercial vehicle owners living within 20 km of a fee plaza, with a valid FASTag
Annual charge	Rs 1,500 outside municipal or local town area; Rs 3,000 inside
Effective from	1 November 2026
On Rajmargyatra app from	1 December 2026
Notified under	National Highways Fee (Determination of Rates and Collection) (Fifth Amendment) Rules, 2026
Parent law	National Highways Act, 1956

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Indian Railways to Recruit 1,265 Station Masters Under CEN 08/2026

27 October 2026 · National

Indian Railways has opened applications for 1,265 Station Master posts under CEN No. 08/2026, with RRB Mumbai notifying the most vacancies at 177.

- Indian Railways has notified 1,265 Station Master vacancies under Centralised Employment Notice (CEN) No. 08/2026, open to any graduate
- Online applications opened on 27 October 2026 and the last date for submitting them is 25 November 2026
- RRB Mumbai has the highest number of vacancies at 177, followed by Jammu-Srinagar with 122 and Chennai with 119
- The Railway Board has decided that from 2026 onwards Station Master recruitment will be notified separately from other posts
- The dedicated notice carries the eligibility conditions, the examination procedure and the board-wise distribution of vacancies

Post	Station Master, Indian Railways
Notice	Centralised Employment Notice (CEN) No. 08/2026
Total vacancies	1,265
Qualification	Any graduate
Applications open	27 October 2026
Last date	25 November 2026
Highest vacancies	RRB Mumbai, 177
Next highest	Jammu-Srinagar 122 and Chennai 119

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14th International Tourism Mart to Open at Tawang

28 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Tourism will hold the 14th International Tourism Mart for the North East at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh from 29 to 31 October 2026.

- The 14th International Tourism Mart runs from 29 to 31 October 2026 at Hotel Vivanta, Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.
- It is organised by the Ministry of Tourism with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the other North Eastern States.
- More than 200 participants are expected, among them 43 international buyers from 22 countries.
- The inaugural on 29 October 2026 is to be attended by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Suresh Gopi and Chief Minister Pema Khandu.
- Tawang hosts after thirteen years, having held the 2nd edition in 2013; the previous edition was at Gangtok, Sikkim, in November 2025.

Event	14th International Tourism Mart (ITM) for the North Eastern Region
Dates	29 to 31 October 2026
Venue	Hotel Vivanta, Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
Organiser	Ministry of Tourism with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and other North Eastern States
Participants	More than 200 buyers and sellers
International buyers	43, from 22 countries
States showcasing	All eight North Eastern States
Inaugural guests	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Suresh Gopi, Chief Minister Pema Khandu

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NHRC Advisory on Rights of Female Inmates and Children

28 October 2026 · National

The NHRC issued an advisory on protecting the human rights of female inmates and their children, naming ten areas and seeking action reports in two months.

- The NHRC issued an advisory on the Protection of Human Rights of Female Inmates and their Children on 28 October 2026.
- It was sent to nine Union Ministries, to Chief Secretaries and Administrators of all States and Union Territories, and to their Directors General of Police.
- The advisory identifies ten broad areas for action, from pre-admission and arrest to rehabilitation and foreign national inmates.
- It calls for humane prison conditions, maternal and child healthcare, access to justice, preservation of family ties and social reintegration.
- Concerned authorities must submit an Action Taken Report to the Commission within two months.

Issued by	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India
Subject	Protection of Human Rights of Female Inmates and their Children
Sent to	Nine Union Ministries, Chief Secretaries/Administrators and DGPs of all States and UTs
Focus areas	Ten broad areas of action
Reporting requirement	Action Taken Report (ATR) within two months
Approach stressed	Sensitive, gender-responsive approach for a vulnerable group
Areas covered include	Health and mental health, mulakat and family contact, legal aid, rehabilitation, foreign national inmates

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DRI Seizes 55,000 E-Cigarettes at Kolkata's SMP Port

28 October 2026 · National

The DRI seized around 55,000 smuggled e-cigarettes worth Rs 13.50 crore from two containers at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, on 24 October 2026.

- The DRI seized around 55,000 smuggled e-cigarettes worth about Rs 13.50 crore at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, on 24 October 2026.
- Two containers of a Nepal-bound transshipment consignment were intercepted; the goods were mis-declared as water glass and ceramic mugs.
- The first container yielded 40,000 IGET brand e-cigarettes and the second about 15,000 of brands including VTV, VOKO, Bang and Ejoy.
- E-cigarettes and all Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS) are banned under the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019.
- In FY 2026-27 the DRI has seized nearly 3,00,000 e-cigarettes worth over Rs 120 crore in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Delhi and West Bengal.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Place	Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
Date of seizure	24 October 2026
Quantity	Around 55,000 e-cigarettes
Value	Rs 13.50 crore
Destination of consignment	Nepal, as a transshipment consignment
Law banning e-cigarettes	Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019
FY 2026-27 seizures	Nearly 3,00,000 e-cigarettes worth more than Rs 120 crore

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Thoothukudi Shipyard: Sonowal Meets HD Hyundai Chief in Seoul

28 October 2026 · National

Ports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal met HD Hyundai Chairman Chung Ki-sun in Seoul to push the proposed 4 billion dollar greenfield shipyard at Thoothukudi.

- Sarbananda Sonowal met HD Hyundai Chairman Chung Ki-sun in Seoul on 28 October 2026 to take forward the greenfield shipyard proposed at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
- The yard carries an investment of 4 billion dollars and is planned for an annual capacity of about 2.5 million Gross Tonnage, to be confirmed by the Detailed Project Report
- A joint working group will steer the project, a joint venture structure is to be agreed and the Detailed Project Report is due within six months
- HD KSOE and NSHIP-TN had signed their Memorandum of Understanding on 20 April 2026 during the state visit of Korean President Lee Jae Myung
- Public agencies in India plan to acquire more than 400 vessels in the coming years, and the yard is expected to be India's largest commercial shipyard

Project	Greenfield mega shipyard at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
Union Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal, Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Met	Chung Ki-sun, Chairman of HD Hyundai, in Seoul
Investment	4 billion dollars
Planned capacity	About 2.5 million Gross Tonnage a year
Korean partner	HD Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering (HD KSOE)
Indian partner	National Shipbuilding and Heavy Industries Park, Tamil Nadu Limited (NSHIP-TN)
Scheme	Shipbuilding Development Scheme of the Government of India

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SECL Earns Rs 26.17 Crore from Scrap in Special Campaign 6

28 October 2026 · National

South Eastern Coalfields Limited beat its targets under Special Campaign 6, disposing of 4,602 tonnes of scrap and earning about Rs 26.17 crore in revenue.

- SECL, a Coal India subsidiary under the Ministry of Coal, surpassed several targets under Special Campaign 6 in Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh
- It disposed of 4,602 metric tonnes of scrap against a target of 3,300 metric tonnes, earning revenue of about Rs 26.17 crore
- Cleanliness work was taken up at 226 sites against a target of 225, covering more than 47 lakh square feet against a target of 40 lakh square feet
- In record management it reviewed 2,100 physical files and 14,215 e-files, weeded out 872 physical files and closed 13,708 e-files
- Special Campaign 6 runs from 2 to 31 October 2026 and its implementation phase opened on Gandhi Jayanti with a Swachhata Happy Run at Bilaspur

Company	South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited
Ministry	Ministry of Coal
Campaign	Special Campaign 6, from 2 to 31 October 2026
States covered	Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh
Headquarters	Bilaspur
Scrap disposed	4,602 metric tonnes against a target of 3,300 metric tonnes
Revenue earned	About Rs 26.17 crore
Sites cleaned	226 against a target of 225, over 47 lakh square feet

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NPPA Revises MRP of 543 Anti-Cancer Medicine Brands

28 October 2026 · National

NPPA has published revised maximum retail prices for 543 brands of anti-cancer medicines, and the lower rates must be charged from 9 November 2026.

- NPPA has released revised maximum retail prices for 543 brands of anti-cancer medicines, and the new rates apply from 9 November 2026.
- The list reflects prices filed by companies up to 27 October 2026 and will keep being updated as more manufacturers report their rates.
- On 17 October 2026 NPPA had ordered Trade Margin Rationalisation for 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs in public interest.
- NPPA functions under the Department of Pharmaceuticals in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- The full brand-wise list sits on the NPPA portal, and several injections on it now cost roughly a quarter or a fifth of their earlier shelf price.

Regulator	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
Parent body	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Brands covered	543 brands of anti-cancer medicines
New prices effective from	9 November 2026
Company filings taken up to	27 October 2026
Trade Margin Rationalisation	137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs, ordered on 17 October 2026
Molecules named	Denosumab, Pegfilgrastim, Bevacizumab, Anastrozole, Dasatinib, Erlotinib, Fulvestrant

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Cyclone Arnab: Amit Shah Speaks to Four Chief Ministers

29 October 2026 · National

Union Home Minister Amit Shah spoke to the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and Chhattisgarh after Cyclone Arnab and promised every help.

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah spoke to the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and Chhattisgarh in the wake of Cyclone Arnab.
- He assured the states and the Union Territory of every assistance to reduce the hardship caused by the disaster.
- NDRF and SDRF teams are carrying out rescue and relief operations on a war footing in the affected areas.
- Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) are to be sent soon to assess the impact of the cyclone and the further assistance required.
- The Home Minister conveyed the message through a post on the X platform on 29 October 2026.

Cyclone	Cyclone Arnab
Union Minister who spoke	Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and of Cooperation
States and UT contacted	Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and Chhattisgarh
Date	29 October 2026
Forces deployed	National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF)
Teams to be sent	Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs), to assess the impact and the further assistance needed
Medium of the message	A post on the X platform

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Ganga Flood Control Board's 19th Meeting Launches Punah Bharan App

29 October 2026 · National

C. R. Patil chaired the 19th Ganga Flood Control Board meeting at Bharat Mandapam and launched the Punah Bharan mobile app for groundwater recharge siting.

- The 19th meeting of the Ganga Flood Control Board was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 27 October 2026, chaired by Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil.
- The Ganga Flood Control Board was constituted by the Government of India on 18 April 1972 for coordinated action on floods, erosion and drainage in the Ganga Basin.
- The Board is chaired by the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, and the Chairman of the Ganga Flood Control Commission serves as its Member Secretary.
- The Punah Bharan Mobile App, developed by BISAG-N with the National Water Mission, was launched to identify suitable sites for artificial groundwater recharge.
- The Board discussed a revised mandate for the Ganga Flood Control Commission, including a Flood Management Information System and risk-based basin master plans.

Event	19th meeting of the Ganga Flood Control Board (GFCB)
Date of meeting	27 October 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Chaired by	C. R. Patil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti
Board constituted on	18 April 1972 by the Government of India
Member Secretary	Chairman, Ganga Flood Control Commission (GFCC)
App launched	Punah Bharan Mobile App, for siting artificial groundwater recharge
App developed by	Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics with the National Water Mission

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NHRC Notice to Kolkata Police Over Parading of Three Men

29 October 2026 · National

The NHRC has taken suo motu cognizance of three men being paraded semi-nude by police in Kolkata and sought a report from the Commissioner in two weeks.

- The National Human Rights Commission took suo motu cognizance of a media report that police paraded three persons in a semi-nude condition in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- It issued a notice to the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, calling for a detailed report within two weeks.
- The report, carried on 28 October 2026, said the three arrested men were made to walk shirtless and barefoot for over 100 metres for a reconstruction of the crime scene.
- The three were the girl's father, her maternal uncle and his friend, held after a youth of 18, his friend of 19 and the youth's father were assaulted and paraded at the girl's house.
- The Commission observed that the contents of the report, if true, raise serious issues of violation of human rights.

Body	National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India
Action	Suo motu cognizance of a media report
Notice issued to	Commissioner of Police, Kolkata
Report sought within	Two weeks
State	West Bengal
Date of media report	28 October 2026
Allegation	Three persons paraded semi-nude with ropes tied around their waists
Distance walked	More than 100 metres, shirtless and barefoot

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RCNCA's 15th Meeting Clears Sardar Sarovar Dues Deal

29 October 2026 · National

The 15th RCNCA meeting, chaired by C. R. Paatil with four Chief Ministers present, adopted the Narmada agreement of 7 July and fixed how dues will be paid.

- The 15th meeting of the Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority was held on 27 October 2026 through video conferencing.
- It was chaired by Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil, who is also Chairman of the RCNCA.
- Chief Ministers Bhupendra Patel of Gujarat, Devendra Fadnavis of Maharashtra, Mohan Yadav of Madhya Pradesh and Bhajan Lal Sharma of Rajasthan took part.
- The Committee adopted the Attorney General for India's opinion and the Memorandum of Agreement signed by the four States on 7 July 2026 in New Delhi.
- Outstanding dues of NWDT Award projects are to be paid within the financial year 2026-27, ending a decades-old Sardar Sarovar cost-sharing dispute.

Event	15th meeting of the Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA)
Date and mode	27 October 2026, through video conferencing
Chairman	C. R. Paatil, Union Minister of Jal Shakti
Gujarat	Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel
Maharashtra	Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis
Madhya Pradesh	Chief Minister Mohan Yadav
Rajasthan	Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma
Memorandum of Agreement	Signed 7 July 2026 at New Delhi by the four States

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Rail Jan Samvaad Held at 5,884 Railway Stations

29 October 2026 · National

Indian Railways held Rail Jan Samvaad at 5,884 stations on 22 October 2026 and has crossed several targets of Special Campaign 6, which ends on 31 October.

- Indian Railways has crossed several key targets under Special Campaign 6, which runs from 2 October to 31 October 2026.
- The campaign is the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters, referred to as SCDPM-6.
- Rail Jan Samvaad was held on 22 October 2026 at 5,884 railway stations to collect passenger feedback on cleanliness, amenities and service delivery.
- Railway Board Chairman and CEO Satish Kumar interacted with stakeholders at New Delhi, while the Secretary, DARPG, joined the programme at Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai.
- Gains were reported in cleanliness, scrap disposal, e-waste management, disposal of pending matters and process simplification.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6, the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM-6)
Campaign period	2 October to 31 October 2026
Outreach programme	Rail Jan Samvaad
Date of Rail Jan Samvaad	22 October 2026
Stations covered	5,884 railway stations across the country
Feedback sought on	Cleanliness, passenger amenities and service delivery
Railway Board Chairman and CEO	Satish Kumar, who interacted with stakeholders at New Delhi
DARPG Secretary's venue	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus, Mumbai

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MY Bharat Holds 50 Know Your Vote Yuva Samvads

29 October 2026 · National

Mera Yuva Bharat has held 50 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' sittings in 19 States and Union Territories, reaching 11,787 young people so far.

- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), under the Department of Youth Affairs, held 23 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' programmes in 12 States and Union Territories on 29 October 2026, with 5,481 youth taking part.
- The nationwide campaign runs from 26 October to 5 November 2026 and is to cover 500 universities, colleges and institutions.
- By 29 October, 50 Yuva Samvads had been held across 19 States and Union Territories, engaging 11,787 youth and 51 Youth Icons.
- Each sitting carries the Loktantrik Pledge and a 'Know Your Vote' online quiz, and brings students together with elected representatives and Youth Icons.
- At Narmadapuram in Madhya Pradesh, Asian Games bronze medallist Harshita Tomar spoke to youth on voting rights and informed electoral participation.

Campaign	Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote
Organiser	Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Campaign period	26 October to 5 November 2026
Institutions to be covered	500 universities, colleges and institutions
Programmes on 29 October 2026	23, across 12 States and Union Territories, with 5,481 youth
Total so far	50 Yuva Samvads in 19 States and Union Territories
Youth engaged so far	11,787, along with 51 Youth Icons
Pledge administered	Loktantrik Pledge

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Pralhad Joshi Opens New NIEPA Academic Building in Delhi

29 October 2026 · National

Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the new academic building and main entrance gate of NIEPA in New Delhi and spoke on NEP 2020 work.

- Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the new Academic Building and Main Entrance Gate of NIEPA in New Delhi on 29 October 2026.
- NIEPA monitors the implementation of the National Education Policy 2020, identifies the problems that arise and works with state governments to resolve them.
- The minister said the new building would help the institute expand its national and international programmes and improve its academic and research capabilities.
- He cited the PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme, under which soft loans of Rs 60,000 crore have been provided for higher education, and the digital platforms SWAYAM and DIKSHA.
- Present at the event were Higher Education Secretary Deepti Gaur Mukherjee, NIEPA Chancellor Prof. Rama Shanker Dubey and Vice-Chancellor Prof. Shashikala Wanjari.

Event	Inauguration of NIEPA's new Academic Building and Main Entrance Gate
Institute	National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration (NIEPA), New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for Education
Date	29 October 2026
Institute's role	Monitoring implementation of the National Education Policy 2020 with state governments
Scheme cited	PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme, with Rs 60,000 crore in soft loans for higher education
Platforms cited	SWAYAM and DIKSHA
Higher Education Secretary	Deepti Gaur Mukherjee

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National Social Security Board for Gig Workers Notified

30 October 2026 · National

The Labour Ministry has notified the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers under the Code on Social Security.

- The Ministry of Labour and Employment has notified the constitution of the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers.
- The Board is set up under the statutory framework of the Code on Social Security, one of the Labour Codes.
- The Union Minister for Labour and Employment presides over the Board.
- Members are drawn from the Central and State Governments, aggregator companies, employers, civil society organisations, workers' unions and gig and platform associations.
- The Board must meet at least thrice a year, following rules of procedure prescribed by the Central Government.

Body notified	National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers
Notified by	Ministry of Labour & Employment
Statutory basis	Code on Social Security (one of the Labour Codes)
Presided over by	Union Minister for Labour & Employment
Members	Central and State Governments, aggregator companies, employers, civil society organisations, workers' unions, gig and platform associations
Meetings	At least thrice a year
Rules of procedure	As prescribed by the Central Government
Workers covered	Unorganised workers, gig workers and platform workers

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Buddha's Piprahwa Relics Head to Arunachal Pradesh Exposition

30 October 2026 · National

The Holy Piprahwa Relics of Lord Buddha will be open for public veneration at Tawang, Bomdila and Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh from 31 October to 21 November 2026.

- The Ministry of Culture, the Arunachal Pradesh government, the International Buddhist Confederation and the National Museum are holding the exposition from 31 October to 21 November 2026.
- Public darshan runs at Tawang Monastery from 1 to 7 November, at the TGL Monastery Lower Gompa in Bomdila from 8 to 13 November and at the Golden Pagoda, Namsai, from 14 to 20 November.
- The relics come from Piprahwa in Siddharthnagar district of Uttar Pradesh, where William Claxton Peppe opened a stupa in 1898 and the ASI dug again between 1971 and 1977.
- Of the 22 relics recovered, 20 are preserved at the National Museum in New Delhi and two at the Indian Museum in Kolkata.
- A conference on Buddhism in the Himalayan region meets at Kalawangpo Convention Hall, Tawang, on 2 November 2026 with delegates from seven countries.

Event	Exposition of the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha in Arunachal Pradesh
Dates	31 October to 21 November 2026
Venues	Tawang Monastery, TGL Monastery (Lower Gompa) Bomdila, Golden Pagoda Namsai
Relics	Piprahwa relics, normally kept at the National Museum, New Delhi
Organisers	Ministry of Culture with the Arunachal Pradesh government, International Buddhist Confederation and National Museum
Opened by	Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Tawang, 31 October 2026
Chief Guest on 1 November	Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu
First excavation	William Claxton Peppe at Piprahwa, 1898

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DRI Busts Synthetic Drug Laboratory in Jalaun, Seizes 1,100 kg

30 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence busted a clandestine synthetic drug laboratory in Jalaun district of Uttar Pradesh and seized about 1,100 kg of material.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence busted a fully functional clandestine synthetic drug laboratory in a remote village of Jalaun district, Uttar Pradesh.
- About 1,100 kg of drugs and precursor chemicals were seized in all, along with the equipment used for manufacture, and two persons were arrested.
- The raid was carried out in the early hours of 29 October 2026 with operational help from the Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad.
- The laboratory yielded about 184 kg of semi-prepared drugs and about 582 kg of precursor chemicals; follow-up searches gave 15.4 kg of finished methaqualone, 153 kg of chemicals and 168 kg more precursors.
- The two accused were arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Place	A remote village in Jalaun district, Uttar Pradesh
Date of operation	Early hours of 29 October 2026
Assisted by	Uttar Pradesh Anti-Terrorist Squad (UP ATS)
Total seizure	About 1,100 kg of drugs and precursor chemicals
At the laboratory	About 184 kg semi-prepared drugs and about 582 kg precursor chemicals
Finished drug recovered	About 15.4 kg of methaqualone
Other recoveries	About 153 kg of chemicals and about 168 kg of precursor chemicals

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Modi Launches Rs 14,000 Crore Projects in Banaskantha

30 October 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated and laid the foundation of projects worth over Rs 14,000 crore in Banaskantha, Gujarat, on 30 October 2026.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched projects worth over Rs 14,000 crore at Banaskantha in Gujarat on 30 October 2026
- A Rashtriya Gokul Mission research centre at Banaskantha becomes the country's first such facility for the Kankrej cattle breed
- Twelve cluster development projects were cleared for tomato, potato, chilli, grapes, banana, onion, orange, pomegranate and cocoa; two clusters went to north Gujarat
- The Ahmedabad-Varanasi Sabarmati Express and the Mehsana-Becharaji-Sabarmati MEMU were flagged off, and the Ahmedabad-Mehsana highway will go from four to eight lanes
- Over 4,000 modern Anganwadi centres were inaugurated in Gujarat, expected to serve about 4 lakh children and pregnant women

Event	Launch of development projects at Banaskantha, Gujarat
Date	30 October 2026
Value of projects	More than Rs 14,000 crore
Dairy project	Rashtriya Gokul Mission research centre, first in India for the Kankrej breed
Breeds covered	Gir, Sahiwal, Kankrej cattle; Mehsana, Murrah, Jaffarabadi buffalo
Energy projects	Foundation stones for two bio-CNG plants with Banas Dairy
Horticulture	Twelve cluster development projects approved, two in north Gujarat
Trains flagged off	Ahmedabad-Varanasi Sabarmati Express and Mehsana-Becharaji-Sabarmati MEMU

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Vice-President at Gandhigram Institute Golden Jubilee

30 October 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the Golden Jubilee and 39th convocation of Gandhigram Rural Institute at Dindigul in Tamil Nadu on 30 October 2026.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the Golden Jubilee celebrations and the 39th convocation of Gandhigram Rural Institute, Dindigul, Tamil Nadu, on 30 October 2026
- Honorary doctorates went to Thavathiru Kundrakudi Ponnambala Adigalar, former ISRO aerospace scientist S. Nambi Narayanan and Professor S. S. M. Sundaram
- He released the book Inclusivity of India's Ageing Population and unveiled a Golden Jubilee commemorative postage stamp and postal cover
- Two buildings were inaugurated and foundation stones laid for a 22 kV power house, a School of Education block and an academic complex of 30 classrooms
- He said about 25 crore people came out of multidimensional poverty between 2014 and 2023 and that Viksit Bharat 2047 must begin with empowered villages

Occasion	Golden Jubilee celebrations and 39th convocation
Institution	Gandhigram Rural Institute (Deemed to be University), Dindigul, Tamil Nadu
Chief guest	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Date	30 October 2026
Honorary doctorates	Thavathiru Kundrakudi Ponnambala Adigalar, S. Nambi Narayanan, Prof. S. S. M. Sundaram
Book released	Inclusivity of India's Ageing Population
Also unveiled	Golden Jubilee commemorative postage stamp and postal cover
Buildings inaugurated	Examination and Seminar Halls; Pushpkunj Heritage Building

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DRI Seizes 50 kg Methamphetamine in Mizoram and Assam

30 October 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 50 kg of methamphetamine in Mizoram and Assam, arrested four persons and took over three vehicles.

- DRI seized 50 kg of methamphetamine in Mizoram and Assam in two back-to-back operations, made up of 30 kg of Yaba tablets and 20 kg of crystal meth
- The first interception was on 29 October 2026 near Aizawl on the Aizawl-Champhai road, where 30 kg of tablets lay in a cavity inside an office table
- The second was on 30 October 2026 at Dholai, about 40 km from Silchar, where 20 kg of crystal meth was packed in tea packets above a truck driver's cabin
- Four persons were arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985 and three vehicles were seized; the drugs are believed to have come from Myanmar
- The agency had earlier made two large recoveries of 232 kg and 56 kg of methamphetamine in the North Eastern region

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Total seizure	50 kg of methamphetamine
Break-up	30 kg of methamphetamine tablets (Yaba) and 20 kg of crystal meth
States	Mizoram and Assam
Assisting force	Assam Rifles
Law invoked	Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985
Arrests	Four persons
Vehicles seized	Three

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Cyclone Arnab: DoT Restores Telecom Links in Two States

30 October 2026 · National

After Cyclone Arnab hit the Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coast, the Department of Telecommunications lifted network availability in Andhra Pradesh to 99.18 percent.

- Cyclone Arnab crossed the coast along Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, and heavy rain, flash floods, tree falls and power damage disrupted telecom services in both States
- Overall telecom network availability in Andhra Pradesh has been restored to 99.18 percent; it is 98.5 per cent in West Godavari and 91.96 per cent in Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema
- Intra-Circle Roaming lets a subscriber use another operator's network within the same telecom circle, and DoT kept it running across the affected districts
- Eleven Cell on Wheels were deployed to add emergency coverage where towers were out of service
- In Odisha the network in Ganjam, Gajapati and Kandhamal districts improved as rainfall eased and floodwater receded

Cyclone	Cyclone Arnab, which hit the Andhra Pradesh and Odisha coast
Nodal body	Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications
Availability in Andhra Pradesh	99.18 percent overall
Worst-hit districts	West Godavari (98.5 per cent) and Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Konaseema (91.96 per cent)
Odisha districts affected	Ganjam, Gajapati and Kandhamal
Emergency measures	Intra-Circle Roaming kept operational; 11 Cell on Wheels deployed
Main causes of outage	Commercial power supply disruption and optical fibre cable cuts

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Posts Department Issues Breast Cancer Awareness Stamps

30 October 2026 · National

The Department of Posts released a souvenir sheet of two commemorative stamps on breast cancer awareness at Dak Bhawan, New Delhi, with picture postcards.

- The Department of Posts released a souvenir sheet with two commemorative postage stamps on breast cancer awareness, plus picture postcards, at Dak Bhawan, New Delhi
- Director General Postal Services Manisha Sinha released them with Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava present
- Under NP-NCD, 86.97 crore screenings have been done for oral, breast and cervical cancers, of which 22.90 crore were for breast cancer
- Of 5.50 lakh people now under treatment, 1.43 lakh are breast cancer patients, 2.70 lakh oral and 1.37 lakh cervical
- India reported more than two lakh new breast cancer cases in 2024, with about one in every 29 women at risk

What was released	A souvenir sheet of two commemorative postage stamps on breast cancer awareness, with picture postcards
Issued by	Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications
Venue	Dak Bhawan, New Delhi
Released by	Manisha Sinha, Director General Postal Services
Health Secretary present	Punya Salila Srivastava
NP-NCD screenings	86.97 crore in all; 49.02 crore oral, 22.90 crore breast, 14.05 crore cervical
Under treatment	5.50 lakh, including 1.43 lakh breast cancer patients
Screening centres	More than 1.8 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs

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Bharat Parv 2026 at Ekta Nagar: PM Visits CCIC Pavilion

31 October 2026 · National

The Prime Minister visited the CCIC pavilion at Bharat Parv 2026 in Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, where the handloom and handicraft exhibition runs till 15 November 2026.

- Bharat Parv 2026 is being held at Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, in Gujarat, and the Prime Minister visited the CCIC pavilion there on 30 October 2026.
- CCIC, the Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd, is a Government of India enterprise under the Ministry of Textiles.
- The pavilion shows handloom and handicraft work from across the country, including Gujarat's artisans working on Agate and semi-precious stones and Appliqué work.
- CCIC links its work to Vocal for Local and to taking Local to Global by widening market access for artisans and weavers.
- The exhibition remains open to visitors at Ekta Nagar until 15 November 2026.

Event	Bharat Parv 2026
Venue	Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat
Pavilion visited by the Prime Minister	CCIC pavilion, on 30 October 2026
CCIC	Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd, a Government of India enterprise
Ministry	Ministry of Textiles
Managing Director of CCIC	Bimal Gopalachari
Open to visitors until	15 November 2026
Themes highlighted	Vocal for Local and Local to Global

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Amit Shah Flags Off Run for Unity, Sets 2029 Drug-Free Goal

31 October 2026 · National

Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the Run for Unity in New Delhi on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas and set 31 December 2029 as the drug-free India deadline.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah flagged off the Run for Unity in New Delhi on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- He administered the Unity Pledge and said a drug-free India is the first stage of a developed India, with a deadline of 31 December 2029.
- He said the country became free of Naxalism on 31 March this year and listed the removal of Article 370 and one tax system among recent milestones.
- Sardar Patel united hundreds of princely states in just 1,218 days after independence, giving India the map it has today.
- The Statue of Unity was conceived and its foundation laid by Narendra Modi when he was Chief Minister of Gujarat.

Event	Run for Unity, New Delhi, on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas
Flagged off by	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Occasion	151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
Drug-free India target	31 December 2029
Freed of Naxalism	31 March 2026
Integration of princely states	Completed in 1,218 days after independence
Dignitaries present	Delhi LG Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Mansukh Mandaviya, Delhi CM Rekha Gupta, Nityanand Rai, Bandi Sanjay Kumar

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MCA Ends Special Campaign 6.0 With 75 Cleanliness Drives

31 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Corporate Affairs closed Special Campaign 6.0 after 75 cleanliness drives that freed 23,285 sq ft of office space and earned Rs 11,41,975.

- The Ministry of Corporate Affairs concluded its nationwide Special Campaign 6.0 on cleanliness after conducting 75 cleanliness campaigns.
- The drives freed 23,285 square feet of office space and generated revenue of Rs 11,41,975, of which Rs 5,22,000 came from e-waste.
- In record management the ministry reviewed, weeded and closed 3,658 physical files out of 9,309 items targeted for review.
- The ministry resolved 322 of 330 public grievances and cleared 342 of 435 public grievance appeals during the campaign.
- DARE and ICAR institutes also observed Special Campaign 6.0 with waste segregation, digitisation, plantation, free medical camps and felicitation of safaimitras.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 on Swachhata (cleanliness)
Ministry reporting	Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA)
Cleanliness campaigns	75
Office space freed	23,285 square feet
Revenue generated	Rs 11,41,975, including Rs 5,22,000 from e-waste
Files reviewed	3,658 physical files out of 9,309 items targeted
Grievances	322 of 330 resolved; 342 of 435 appeals cleared
Other participants	Department of Agricultural Research and Education and ICAR institutes

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Om Birla Releases Stamp at Gayatri Parivar Centenary

31 October 2026 · National

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla released a commemorative postage stamp honouring Mata Bhagwati Devi at the Shatabdi Samaroh of the Gayatri Parivar in New Delhi.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla addressed the Shatabdi Samaroh 2026 organised by the Gayatri Parivar in New Delhi and released a commemorative postage stamp in honour of Mata Bhagwati Devi.
- The centenary marks 100 years of the birth of Mata Bhagwati Devi, of the Akhand Deepak and of the penance of Acharya Shriram Sharma.
- Birla said the Acharya spread spiritual consciousness through Akhand Jyoti and that his resolve was that we will change and the era will change.
- The Mahila Jagran Abhiyan was begun under the leadership of Mata Bhagwati Devi in 1975 for the awakening and empowerment of women.
- The Speaker lauded Dr Chinmaya Pandya for carrying Indian spiritual traditions abroad along with awareness of science and technology.

Event	Shatabdi Samaroh 2026, centenary celebration of the Gayatri Parivar
Venue	New Delhi
Addressed by	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
Released	Commemorative postage stamp in honour of Mata Bhagwati Devi
Centenary of	Birth of Mata Bhagwati Devi, the Akhand Deepak and the penance of Acharya Shriram Sharma, 100 years each
Mahila Jagran Abhiyan	Begun in 1975 under Mata Bhagwati Devi
Guiding resolve of the Acharya	We will change and the era will change

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IIPA's 72nd AGM: Membership Climbs to 11,611

31 October 2026 · National

At the 72nd Annual General Body Meeting of IIPA, Dr Jitendra Singh pushed nationwide outreach as membership of the public administration institute reached 11,611.

- The Indian Institute of Public Administration held its 72nd Annual General Body Meeting, addressed by Dr Jitendra Singh, Chairman of the IIPA Executive Council
- Vice President of India Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, who is the President of IIPA, was present at the meeting
- IIPA membership has reached 11,611, with greater participation by young professionals and recent graduates
- As on 31 March 2026 the institute had 26 Regional Branches and 43 Local Branches; it was established in 1954
- In 2025-26 IIPA completed 45 research projects with 13 ongoing, and conducted 130 training programmes, of which 35 were for State Government officials

Event	72nd Annual General Body Meeting of IIPA
Institute	Indian Institute of Public Administration, established in 1954
President of IIPA	Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, Vice President of India
Chairman, IIPA Executive Council	Dr Jitendra Singh
Membership	11,611
Branches as on 31 March 2026	26 Regional Branches and 43 Local Branches
Research in 2025-26	45 projects completed, 13 ongoing
Training in 2025-26	130 programmes, including 35 for State Government officials

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MoHUA Workshop Charts Shared Roadmap for Clean Delhi

31 October 2026 · National

The Department of Capital Development under MoHUA held a workshop with Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban to build a shared roadmap for a cleaner national capital.

- The Department of Capital Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, held a workshop called 'Planning a Shared Roadmap for Clean Delhi' with Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban
- Ms D. Thara, Secretary of the Department of Capital Development, took part along with senior officials of NDMC, MCD, DDA and the ministry
- For the first time, functionaries from the top to the lowest level came on a common platform on Delhi's sanitation challenges
- The discussion turned on ten critical questions, covering a bin-less city, Garbage Vulnerable Points, public toilets and grievance redressal
- An online digital poll of participants identified the main challenges to cleanliness, and sanitary inspectors and supervisors were felicitated

Workshop	Planning a Shared Roadmap for Clean Delhi
Organised by	Department of Capital Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
In collaboration with	Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban
Secretary who addressed it	Ms D. Thara, Secretary, Department of Capital Development
Bodies represented	NDMC, MCD, DDA and MoHUA
Format	Interactive discussion on ten critical questions, plus an online digital poll
Key terms	Garbage Vulnerable Points (GVPs); bin-less city through door-to-door collection
Opening address	BK Hussain of the Brahma Kumaris

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MSME Hindi Panel Releases Udyami Mitra and Udyam Prabha

31 October 2026 · National

The MSME Ministry's Hindi Advisory Committee met in New Delhi under Jitan Ram Manjhi and released the magazines Udyami Mitra and NSIC's Udyam Prabha.

- The Hindi Advisory Committee of the MSME Ministry met on 28 October 2026 at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
- Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi chaired the meeting and Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje was the vice-chairperson
- The second issue of the ministry magazine Udyami Mitra and NSIC's magazine Udyam Prabha were released
- Secretary Bharat Khera told the meeting that the ministry won the Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar for Hindi work in 2025-26
- Members sought Hindi workshops in South India, filling of official-language vacancies and documents in simple Hindi

Body	Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Date and venue	28 October 2026, Dr Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
Chairperson	Jitan Ram Manjhi, Union Minister for MSME
Vice-chairperson	Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State for MSME
Secretary present	Bharat Khera, Secretary, Ministry of MSME
Ministry's magazine released	Udyami Mitra, second issue
NSIC's magazine released	Udyam Prabha
Award mentioned	Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar to the ministry for Hindi work in 2025-26

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Special Campaign 6.0 Ends in Parliamentary Affairs Ministry

31 October 2026 · National

The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs wound up Special Campaign 6.0, run from 2 to 31 October 2026, weeding out old files and closing pending e-files.

- The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs concluded Special Campaign 6.0, conducted from 2 to 31 October 2026
- The campaign is steered by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
- Of 134 physical files reviewed, 58 were weeded out; of 200 e-files reviewed, 117 were closed
- NeVA, the ministry's flagship initiative, supports paperless working of State Legislatures
- DARE and ICAR ran the same campaign in their institutes with waste segregation, e-waste management and medical camps

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and reducing pendency
Period	2 to 31 October 2026
Steered by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Physical files	134 marked for review, 58 weeded out
Electronic files	200 reviewed, 117 closed
Inspections led by	Secretary and Additional Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs
Flagship platform	National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA), for paperless State Legislatures
Other platforms used	e-Office, e-HRMS, Consultative Committee Management System, Sub-ordinate Legislation Management System, OAMS, National Youth Parliament Portal

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Vice-President Attends Sardar Katha at Uprashtrapati Bhavan

31 October 2026 · National

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan attended Sardar Katha at Uprashtrapati Bhavan on Patel's 151st birth anniversary, narrated by Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan attended Sardar Katha at Uprashtrapati Bhavan on 31 October 2026, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas
- The programme marked the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and was presented by Katha Vachika Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna
- Lieutenant Governor of Delhi Taranjit Singh Sandhu was among those who attended the programme
- The Vice-President recalled the integration of more than 550 princely states into the Indian Union after Partition
- He said Patel's spirit of unity is being channelled into the mission of Viksit Bharat @2047

Programme	Sardar Katha, at Uprashtrapati Bhavan
Date	31 October 2026, Rashtriya Ekta Diwas
Occasion	151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
Attended by	Vice-President of India C. P. Radhakrishnan
Narrated by	Katha Vachika Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna
Also present	Taranjit Singh Sandhu, Lieutenant Governor of Delhi
Tributes earlier in the day	Sardar Patel Chowk, New Delhi, and Uprashtrapati Bhavan
Princely states recalled	More than 550, integrated into the Indian Union

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President Murmu Performs Dhwajarohan of Nashik Simhastha Kumbh

31 October 2026 · National

President Droupadi Murmu attended the Dhwajarohan of the Simhastha Maha Kumbh at Nashik on 31 October 2026 and called the 2027 fair a bridge to heritage.

- President Droupadi Murmu attended the Dhwaj Stambh Pujan, Dhwaja Pujan and Dhwajarohan of the Simhastha Maha Kumbh at Nashik, Maharashtra, on 31 October 2026.
- She said the Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Simhastha Maha Kumbh of 2027 would be a bridge joining India's ancient heritage to modern times.
- She named the four Kumbh venues: Haridwar on the Ganga, the Triveni Sangam at Prayagraj, Ujjain on the Shipra and Nashik on the Godavari.
- The President said drought has affected many people in several regions including Maharashtra, farmers most of all, and that the Centre and the state are extending support.
- She hoped the Nashik Maha Kumbh would set an outstanding standard of cleanliness and waste management through public participation.

Event	Dhwaj Stambh Pujan, Dhwaja Pujan and Dhwajarohan of the Simhastha Maha Kumbh
Who attended	President Droupadi Murmu
Place	Nashik, Maharashtra
Date	31 October 2026
Full name of the fair	Nashik-Trimbakeshwar Simhastha Maha Kumbh
River	Godavari
Year of the coming Maha Kumbh	2027
Other Kumbh venues named	Haridwar (Ganga), Prayagraj (Triveni Sangam), Ujjain (Shipra)

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International

India-Netherlands Talks Review 25 Agriculture Centres of Excellence

2 October 2026 · International

Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan held talks with Dutch Minister Silvio Erkens in New Delhi on 25 Centres of Excellence and seed sector cooperation.

- Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan held bilateral talks with Silvio Erkens, the Dutch Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature, in New Delhi on 28 September 2026
- The two sides reviewed progress on establishing 25 Centres of Excellence in the agriculture and horticulture sectors
- They agreed to explore cooperation in the seed sector through a work plan naming the key areas and a framework for implementation
- Market access issues and areas for joint work on agricultural innovation were also discussed
- Both sides restated their resolve to raise productivity through modern technology, innovation and the exchange of knowledge

Indian Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Dutch Minister	Silvio Erkens, Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature
Venue and date	New Delhi, 28 September 2026
Centres of Excellence	25, in the agriculture and horticulture sectors
New area agreed	Seed sector cooperation, through a work plan
Dutch Ambassador to India	Marisa Gerards

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Harivansh to Lead India at 153rd IPU Assembly in Tanzania

3 October 2026 · International

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh is leading a nine-member Indian parliamentary team to the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly at Arusha in Tanzania.

- The 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union is being held at Arusha in the United Republic of Tanzania from 5 to 9 October 2026.
- Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, leads the nine-member Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the Assembly.
- The theme of the Assembly is 'Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all'.
- Harivansh will take part in the IPU Governing Council, the General Debate, the debate on the emergency item and the hearing of candidates for IPU President.
- Dr. Sasmit Patra is the other Rajya Sabha member; the Lok Sabha members include Anurag Singh Thakur, Aparajita Sarangi, Sanjay Jaiswal and N. K. Premachandran.

Event	153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
Host city	Arusha
Host country	United Republic of Tanzania
Dates	5 to 9 October 2026
Theme	Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all
Leader of Indian delegation	Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
Size of delegation	Nine members of Parliament
Rajya Sabha members	Shri Harivansh and Dr. Sasmit Patra

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India, Switzerland Sign Mobility and Infrastructure Agreements

5 October 2026 · International

India and Switzerland signed agreements on transport and infrastructure, migration and mobility and young professionals during the Swiss President's visit to India.

- The India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement is India's first free trade agreement with an economic bloc in Europe and took effect in October of the previous year
- TEPA targets 100 billion dollars of investment in India and 10 lakh direct jobs over 15 years
- Three pacts were announced: transport, mobility and infrastructure; a Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement; and a Young Professionals Agreement
- Zurich University will help build the capacity of Indian science start-ups, and joint research is planned in health, clean energy and space
- A Prosperity Summit with India–EFTA business leaders is set for 7 October, and Switzerland will host the Geneva AI Summit next year

Occasion	India–Switzerland summit and joint press statement, 5 October 2026
Agreement in force	India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)
First of its kind	India's first free trade agreement with an economic bloc in Europe
Investment target	100 billion dollars in India over 15 years
Jobs target	10 lakh direct jobs
Pacts announced	Transport, mobility and infrastructure; Migration and Mobility Partnership; Young Professionals
Academic tie-up	Zurich University, for Indian science start-ups
Swiss-linked projects	Varanasi ropeway, Jewar airport at Noida, hill railways and tunnels

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India Joins 153rd IPU Assembly at Arusha in Tanzania

6 October 2026 · International

An Indian parliamentary delegation led by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh is attending the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly at Arusha in Tanzania.

- An Indian parliamentary delegation led by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh is attending the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly at Arusha, Tanzania
- Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania, addressed the inaugural ceremony and declared the 153rd Assembly open
- Aparajita Sarangi, a member of the IPU Executive Committee, briefed the Asia-Pacific Geopolitical Group on the committee's recent work
- Kamaljeet Sehrawat spoke in the Forum of Women Parliamentarians on disability rights and empowerment, and Bijuli Kalita Medhi on women's leadership
- The delegation held bilateral meetings with Milton Dick, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, and Mussa Azzan Zungu, Speaker of the Tanzanian Parliament

Event	153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Venue	Arusha, Tanzania
Indian delegation leader	Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
Opening day	5 October 2026
Declared the assembly open	Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan, President of the United Republic of Tanzania
On the IPU Executive Committee	Aparajita Sarangi, Lok Sabha member
On the IPU Committee on Health	Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, Lok Sabha member
Bilateral meetings	Speakers of the Australian House of Representatives and the Tanzanian Parliament

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India, Switzerland Launch Indo-Swiss Research Framework

6 October 2026 · International

Jitendra Singh met Swiss President Guy Parmelin in New Delhi on 6 October 2026 as Switzerland set aside CHF 45 million for the Indo-Swiss Research Framework.

- Dr Jitendra Singh and Swiss President Guy Parmelin met in New Delhi on 6 October 2026 on science and technology cooperation
- Switzerland has earmarked a further CHF 45 million for the Indo-Swiss research partnership and expects a matching Indian commitment
- The Indo-Swiss Research Framework and an Indo-Swiss Joint Scientific Board will take cooperation from project-based work to a system-level partnership
- A Letter of Intent between the Swiss National Science Foundation and DST, and a DST-ZHAW Implementation Agreement, were welcomed
- Cooperation rests on the Inter-Governmental Agreement of 2003 and the Indo-Swiss Joint Research Programme begun in 2005

Meeting	Dr Jitendra Singh with Swiss President Guy Parmelin, New Delhi
Date	6 October 2026
Swiss commitment	A further CHF 45 million for the research partnership
New framework	Indo-Swiss Research Framework (ISRF)
New body	Indo-Swiss Joint Scientific Board
Agreements welcomed	SNSF-DST Letter of Intent; DST-ZHAW Implementation Agreement
Base agreement	Inter-Governmental Agreement on S&T, 2003
Joint research programme	Began in 2005

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153rd IPU Assembly: Harivansh Leads India in Arusha

7 October 2026 · International

At the 153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh used the Right of Reply to rebut Pakistan's remarks on Kashmir.

- The 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is being held at Arusha, Tanzania; India's delegation is led by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh
- On the Assembly's second day, 6 October 2026, Harivansh exercised the Right of Reply against Pakistan's remarks on Kashmir, calling Kashmir an integral and inalienable part of India
- Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, a member of the IPU Committee on Health, joined its sessions and a field visit
- Anurag Singh Thakur spoke on a draft resolution on the rights and empowerment of people living with disabilities
- Dr Sasmit Patra joined a panel on the role of parliaments in securing peace in the age of military artificial intelligence

Event	153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
Venue	Arusha, Tanzania
Day reported	Second day, 6 October 2026
Indian delegation led by	Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
Key intervention	Right of Reply to Pakistan's remarks on Kashmir
Committee on Health	Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha
Democracy and Human Rights	Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha
Peace and International Security	Kamaljeet Sehrawat, MP, Lok Sabha

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India-Ghana MoU Links ICAR With Crops Research Institute

7 October 2026 · International

ICAR and Ghana’s CSIR-Crops Research Institute signed a five-year MoU on farm research, with Dr S. Jaishankar and Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa present.

- ICAR, New Delhi, and the Crops Research Institute (CSIR-CRI), Accra, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on agricultural research, education and technology transfer
- External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar and Ghana’s Foreign Minister Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa attended the signing ceremony
- The MoU runs for five years and covers joint research, scientific exchange, capacity building and commercialisation of farm technologies
- The first phase focuses on vegetable crops, especially tomato research, with ICAR introducing high-yielding tomato lines for Ghana
- A Joint Working Group of ICAR and CSIR-CRI will review progress, meeting by turns in New Delhi and Accra

Agreement	Memorandum of Understanding on agricultural research, education and technology transfer
Indian side	Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), New Delhi
Ghanaian side	Crops Research Institute (CSIR-CRI), Accra
Duration	Five years
Ministers present	Dr S. Jaishankar (India) and H.E. Samuel Okudzeto Ablakwa (Ghana)
First phase	Vegetable crops, with emphasis on tomato research and development
Other crops covered	Cassava, yam and other tuber crops
Commercial partner	Arima Farms Ltd., Ghana

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India at 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting

8 October 2026 · International

Power Minister of State Shripad Yesso Naik represented India at the 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting held in Manila, the Philippines.

- Minister of State for Power Shripad Yesso Naik represented India at the 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting in Manila, the Philippines.
- India's installed electricity generation capacity stood at 558.8 GW as on 30 September 2026, with 308 GW or 55 per cent from non-fossil sources.
- India reached half of its capacity from non-fossil sources in June 2025, five years ahead of its 2030 Nationally Determined Contribution target.
- PM Surya Ghar had about 5.01 million rooftop solar installations serving 5.95 million households as on 29 September 2026.
- India and Singapore are studying a 2,000 MW link, including a 3,000 km corridor from Imphal to Singapore via Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia.

Meeting	20th East Asia Summit (EAS) Energy Ministers' Meeting
Host city	Manila, the Philippines
India represented by	Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy Shripad Yesso Naik
Installed capacity	558.8 GW as on 30 September 2026
Non-fossil capacity	308 GW, or 55 per cent of the total
Non-fossil milestone	Half of capacity reached in June 2025, five years ahead of the 2030 NDC target
PM Surya Ghar	About 5.01 million rooftop systems for 5.95 million households as on 29 September 2026
Proposed India-Singapore link	2,000 MW, with a 3,000 km corridor option from Imphal via Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia

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15th AITIGA Joint Committee Meeting Held in Jakarta

9 October 2026 · International

The 15th AITIGA Joint Committee met at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta from 6 to 9 October 2026 to review the India-ASEAN goods trade pact review.

- The 15th AITIGA Joint Committee was hosted by ASEAN at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 6 to 9 October 2026 in hybrid format.
- It was co-chaired by Shri Nitin Kumar Yadav, Additional Secretary in India's Department of Commerce, and Ms. Mastura Ahmad Mustafa of Malaysia.
- Three of the eight sub-committees met on the sidelines: SC-LII on legal and institutional issues, SC-NTMA on market access and SC-ROO on rules of origin.
- The Joint Committee directed all sub-committees to expedite pending chapters of the AITIGA Review with firm, time-bound deliverables.
- The next AITIGA Joint Committee meeting will be held in India in January 2027 in hybrid mode.

Meeting	15th AITIGA Joint Committee
Full form of AITIGA	ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement
Venue	ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia
Dates	6 to 9 October 2026
Format	Hybrid
Indian co-chair	Shri Nitin Kumar Yadav, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce
Other co-chair	Ms. Mastura Ahmad Mustafa, Malaysia
Sub-committees that met	Three of eight, namely SC-LII, SC-NTMA and SC-ROO

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Milton Dick Elected IPU President at 153rd Assembly

9 October 2026 · International

Australian Speaker Milton Dick was elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the 153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania, on 9 October 2026.

- Milton Dick, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia, was elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union on 9 October 2026
- The election took place at the 153rd IPU Assembly held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania
- The Indian Parliamentary Delegation was led by Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
- The emergency item on climate-related disasters and resilience in the Himalayan region was proposed by Nepal and adopted on the third day
- The General Debate theme was "Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all"

Elected IPU President	Milton Dick, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia
Date of election	9 October 2026, the last day of the Assembly
Event	153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
Venue	Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania
Indian delegation head	Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
Emergency item	Urgent parliamentary action on climate-related disasters and resilience in the Himalayan and other vulnerable regions, proposed by Nepal
General Debate theme	Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all
Other Indian MPs	Dr Anurag Singh Thakur, Dr Sasmit Patra and Dr Lata Wankhede

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Milton Dick of Australia Elected President of the IPU at Arusha

10 October 2026 · International

Milton Dick, Speaker of Australia's House of Representatives, was elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the 153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania.

- Milton Dick, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia, was elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union by secret ballot
- The election was held at the Governing Council meeting during the 153rd IPU Assembly at Arusha, Tanzania, which ran from 5 to 9 October 2026
- The Indian Parliamentary Delegation was led by Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha; India's three votes were cast by Harivansh, Anurag Singh Thakur and Kamaljeet Sehrawat
- The Assembly adopted the Arusha Communiqué and a resolution on the rights and empowerment of persons with disabilities
- The emergency-item resolution sought urgent parliamentary action on climate-related disasters and resilience in the Himalayan region

Event	153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly
Venue	Arusha, Tanzania
Dates	5 to 9 October 2026
New IPU President	Milton Dick, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia
Mode of election	Secret ballot in the IPU Governing Council
Indian delegation led by	Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha
India's votes	Three, cast by Harivansh, Anurag Singh Thakur and Kamaljeet Sehrawat
Outcome document	Arusha Communiqué

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Defence Secretary to Visit Cyprus and Greece in October

10 October 2026 · International

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh visits Cyprus and Greece from 12 to 15 October 2026, with maritime security and defence industrial cooperation as the main themes.

- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh will visit Cyprus and Greece from 12 to 15 October 2026 on an official tour
- Maritime security and defence industrial cooperation are the prominent themes of his discussions with both countries
- He visits Cyprus on 12 and 13 October to meet counterparts in the Cypriot Ministry of Defence and call on the country's leadership
- The India-Cyprus Strategic Partnership gained momentum after the President of Cyprus visited India in May 2026
- The Greek Minister of National Defence visited India in February 2026 and held talks with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh

Who	Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
Countries	Cyprus and Greece
Dates	12 to 15 October 2026
Cyprus leg	12 and 13 October 2026
Main themes	Maritime security and defence industrial cooperation
Cyprus context	President of Cyprus visited India in May 2026; India-Cyprus Strategic Partnership gained momentum
Greece context	Greek Minister of National Defence visited India in February 2026 and met Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Wider frame	India-EU Security and Defence Partnership, signed earlier and called a landmark

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India-UK 16th JETCO Aims to Double Trade by 2030

12 October 2026 · International

At the 16th India-UK JETCO in New Delhi, Piyush Goyal called for doubling bilateral trade by 2030 under CETA and named five priority areas of cooperation.

- The 16th India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO) met in New Delhi, co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and UK Secretary of State Jonathan Reynolds
- Piyush Goyal called for doubling India-UK bilateral trade by 2030 and using India-UK Vision 2035 as the framework for greater ambition
- Five priority areas were named: infrastructure and clean energy, advanced manufacturing, technology and innovation, financial services, and healthcare and consumer sectors
- This was the first JETCO since CETA negotiations began in January 2022; the agreement has been in force for close to 100 days
- The 17th JETCO will be held in the United Kingdom in 2027, and the two sides will exchange data annually on how businesses use CETA

Event	16th meeting of the India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee (JETCO)
Venue	New Delhi
Co-chairs	Piyush Goyal and Jonathan Reynolds
Target	Doubling India-UK bilateral trade by 2030
Framework	India-UK Vision 2035
Agreement	India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA), talks begun in January 2022
First-ever export	Joha rice from Assam to the United Kingdom
Next meeting	17th JETCO in the United Kingdom in 2027

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Sitharaman Concludes Singapore Visit on Investment Ties

12 October 2026 · International

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman concluded an official visit to Singapore held from 8 to 11 October 2026, meeting its President and Prime Minister.

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman concluded an official visit to Singapore from 8 to 11 October 2026, focused on investment and financial cooperation.
- She called on President Tharman Shanmugaratnam and Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, and met Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong and Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan.
- The meetings reviewed the outcomes of the 4th India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable and ways to deepen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- India-ASEAN ties were discussed in the run-up to Singapore's ASEAN Chairmanship in 2027.
- Sitharaman attended a luncheon hosted by President Tharman Shanmugaratnam and IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva, and promoted the NIIF pipeline and GIFT IFSC to investors.

Who	Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs
Visit	Singapore, 8 to 11 October 2026
President of Singapore	Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Prime Minister of Singapore	Lawrence Wong
Deputy Prime Minister	Gan Kim Yong, also Minister for Trade and Industry
Foreign Minister	Dr. Vivian Balakrishnan
Framework reviewed	Outcomes of the 4th India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR)
Bilateral status	India-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

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India Hosts First BIMSTEC Home Ministers Meeting in Delhi

13 October 2026 · International

India hosted the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers Meeting in New Delhi on 13 October 2026 under Amit Shah, and the Delhi Declaration was adopted there.

- The first BIMSTEC Home Ministers Meeting was hosted by India in New Delhi and chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- The ministers adopted the Delhi Declaration and approved a convention against human trafficking, an action plan on drug control and an MoU on countering money laundering and terrorist financing.
- Action plans on illicit financial flows and on disaster preparedness in the Bay of Bengal region were also cleared.
- The proposed BIMSTEC Disaster Management Centre, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the sixth summit in Bangkok on 4 April 2025, is planned at Jamnagar in Gujarat.
- BIMSTEC groups Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand; Home Ministers' meetings were agreed at the fourth summit in 2018.

Event	First BIMSTEC Home Ministers Meeting
Venue	New Delhi
Chaired by	Amit Shah, Union Home and Cooperation Minister
Outcome document	Delhi Declaration
Members	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand
Proposed disaster centre	BIMSTEC Disaster Management Centre at Jamnagar, Gujarat
Proposed at	Sixth BIMSTEC Summit, Bangkok, 4 April 2025
Home Ministers' track agreed	Fourth BIMSTEC Summit, 2018

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India Approves Accession to Fisheries Pact SIOFA

14 October 2026 · International

The Centre approved India’s accession to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement, moving it from a cooperating non-contracting party to a full contracting party.

- The Central Government approved India’s accession to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), upgrading it from cooperating non-contracting party to contracting party.
- India had been a cooperating non-contracting party of SIOFA since 2022, with limited voice in its Scientific Committee and Compliance Committee.
- Indian-flagged vessels will be able to fish for squid, toothfish, alfonsino and other non-migratory stocks in the SIOFA area under authorisation.
- The high seas form about 65 per cent of the global ocean and are dominated by China with 21 per cent, Taiwan 13 per cent, Japan 11 per cent, South Korea 11 per cent and Spain 8 per cent.
- The Indian Ocean has two regional fisheries management organisations: the Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, which India joined in 1996, and SIOFA.

Decision	Approval of India’s accession to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA)
Earlier status	Cooperating Non-Contracting Party (CNCP) since 2022
Ministry	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Species opened	Squid, toothfish, alfonsino and other non-migratory stocks
Key bodies joined	Scientific Committee and Compliance Committee of SIOFA
Enforcement scheme	High Seas Boarding and Inspection (HSBI) Scheme
High seas share	About 65 per cent of the global ocean
Top high seas fishing nations	China 21 per cent, Taiwan 13 per cent, Japan 11 per cent, South Korea 11 per cent, Spain 8 per cent

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India-Brunei Hold Third Joint Trade Committee Meeting

14 October 2026 · International

India and Brunei Darussalam reviewed bilateral trade at the third Joint Trade Committee meeting and picked pharmaceuticals, healthcare and energy for cooperation.

- The third meeting of the India-Brunei Darussalam Joint Trade Committee reviewed bilateral trade and economic cooperation between the two countries.
- It was co-chaired by Amit Verma, Joint Secretary in India's Department of Commerce, and Dr May Fa'ezah Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary (Economy and Trade) of Brunei Darussalam.
- Pharmaceuticals, healthcare and energy were identified as the key areas for further cooperation, with talks on regulatory collaboration, procurement and healthcare services.
- Both sides discussed easing exports of agricultural and animal products from India to Brunei Darussalam to support food security and diversify trade.
- The next meeting of the Joint Trade Committee will be held in Brunei Darussalam.

Mechanism	India-Brunei Darussalam Joint Trade Committee (JTC)
Edition	Third meeting
Indian co-chair	Amit Verma, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Brunei co-chair	Dr May Fa'ezah Ahmad Ariffin, Permanent Secretary (Economy and Trade), Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry
Key sectors identified	Pharmaceuticals, healthcare and energy
Export focus	Agricultural and animal products from India to Brunei Darussalam
Other areas	Tourism, trade fairs and exhibitions, reciprocal business delegations
Investment avenues noted	Manufacturing, infrastructure and services

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India and Japan Hold 12th Roads Working Group Session

15 October 2026 · International

The 12th session of the India-Japan Joint Working Group on the roads and road transportation sector was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 15 October 2026.

- The 12th session of the India-Japan Joint Working Group on roads and road transportation was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 15 October 2026
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organised the meeting, with participation from the Government of India and the Government of Japan
- Focus areas were advanced construction technologies, tunnel and bridge engineering, sustainable infrastructure and digital technologies in road management
- Under a whole of government approach, the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Power also took part in the meeting
- The session was aligned with the Viksit Bharat @2047 vision of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, of India as a developed nation by the centenary of Independence

Event	12th session, India-Japan Joint Working Group on the Roads and Road Transportation Sector
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Date	15 October 2026
Organised by	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Other ministries present	Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Power
Focus areas	Advanced construction technologies, tunnel and bridge engineering, sustainable infrastructure, digital road management
Policy vision	Viksit Bharat @2047
Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways	Nitin Gadkari

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Sitharaman Attends 114th World Bank Development Committee Meet

15 October 2026 · International

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman took part as India's World Bank Governor in the 114th Development Committee Plenary held in Bangkok, Thailand.

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attended the 114th Meeting of the Development Committee Plenary in Bangkok, Thailand, on 15 October 2026
- She participated as India's Governor of the World Bank; the meeting's agenda was 'Private Capital Mobilisation and Jobs'
- India urged stronger collaboration among IBRD, IFC and MIGA and faster operationalisation of the World Bank Group Guarantee Platform
- The minister sought a comprehensive review of the Worldwide Governance Indicators and similar composite assessments
- India asked that success be measured by jobs created and productivity gained rather than by the volume of financing mobilised

Meeting	114th Meeting of the Development Committee Plenary, World Bank
Venue	Bangkok, Thailand
Date	15 October 2026
India represented by	Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, as Governor of the World Bank
Agenda	Private Capital Mobilisation and Jobs
World Bank Group arms named	IBRD, IFC and MIGA
Platform urged	World Bank Group Guarantee Platform

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Polish Youth Delegation Ends Jamsaheb Memorial Exchange in India

16 October 2026 · International

A 19-member Polish youth delegation completed the second Jamsaheb Memorial Youth Exchange Programme across Gujarat, Maharashtra and New Delhi from 7 to 14 October.

- The Jamsaheb Memorial Youth Exchange Programme, in its second edition, ran from 7 to 14 October 2026
- Nineteen young Poles made up the visiting delegation, which travelled through Gujarat, Maharashtra and New Delhi
- The exchange was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his State visit to Poland in August 2024 and is part of the Five-Year Action Plan (2024-2028) for the India-Poland Strategic Partnership
- The delegation visited the Balachadi Polish Children's Camp Memorial in Jamnagar, Gujarat, honouring Maharaja Jam Saheb Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji Jadeja, known in Poland as Dobry Maharaja
- Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya hosted the delegation in New Delhi and the group also called on External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar

Programme	Jamsaheb Memorial Youth Exchange Programme, second edition
Dates	7 to 14 October 2026
Delegation	19-member Polish youth delegation
States visited	Gujarat, Maharashtra and New Delhi
Announced	By Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his State visit to Poland in August 2024
Framework	Five-Year Action Plan (2024-2028) for the India-Poland Strategic Partnership
Memorials visited	Balachadi Polish Children's Camp Memorial, Jamnagar; Valivade Polish Refugee Camp Memorial, Kolhapur
Dobry Maharaja	Maharaja Jam Saheb Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji Jadeja, the Good Maharaja

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Rajnath Singh to Lead India at 25th SCO CHG Meeting

18 October 2026 · International

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will represent India at the 25th SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan on 19 and 20 October 2026.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will represent India at the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government (CHG) of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation in Dushanbe, Tajikistan.
- The meeting is scheduled for 19 and 20 October 2026; the Ministry of Defence announced the visit on 18 October 2026.
- The agenda covers trade, the economy, investment, connectivity, innovation and cultural-humanitarian exchange, besides the financial and institutional working of the grouping.
- India contributes to the SCO through start-ups and innovation, digital public infrastructure and people-to-people exchanges.
- The previous CHG meeting was held in Moscow on 18 November 2025, where External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar represented India.

Meeting	25th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG)
Venue	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Dates	19 and 20 October 2026
India represented by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
Focus areas	Trade, economy, investment, connectivity, innovation, cultural and humanitarian exchange
Previous CHG meeting	Moscow, Russia, 18 November 2025
India's representative then	External Affairs Minister Dr S. Jaishankar

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India-New Zealand FTA Comes Into Force on 20 October 2026

19 October 2026 · International

India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement takes effect on 20 October 2026, with duty-free entry for all Indian goods and a USD 20 billion investment pledge.

- The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement enters into force on 20 October 2026, on Vijay Dashmi
- New Zealand has scrapped duty on all tariff lines for Indian goods, ending peak tariffs of up to 10 per cent
- New Zealand will facilitate USD 20 billion of investment into India under the agreement
- Indians get 5,000 Temporary Employment Entry visas and 1,000 Working Holiday visas a year; services access covers about 118 sectors
- Negotiations ran from 16 March 2025 to 22 December 2025 and the pact was signed on 27 April 2026

Agreement	India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA)
Entry into force	20 October 2026 (Vijay Dashmi)
Signed on	27 April 2026
Indian minister	Piyush Goyal, Commerce and Industry
New Zealand minister	Todd McClay, Trade and Investment
Investment pledge	USD 20 billion into India
Visa quotas for Indians	5,000 Temporary Employment Entry and 1,000 Working Holiday visas a year
Trade target	NZ$7 billion (about Rs 35,000 crore) by 2030

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India, Saudi Arabia Review Electrical Interconnection Plan

19 October 2026 · International

Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal and Saudi Assistant Energy Minister Nasser Al-Qahtani reviewed the India-Saudi Arabia Electrical Interconnection plan.

- Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal held a virtual bilateral meeting with Saudi Assistant Minister of Energy for Electricity Affairs Nasser Al-Qahtani
- The two sides reviewed progress of the India-Saudi Arabia Electrical Interconnection initiative
- Saudi Arabia sought closer cooperation on Extra High Voltage transmission systems and on grid codes
- Other areas raised were the challenges of higher renewable energy penetration in the grid and the rising power needs of data centres
- Both sides agreed to sustain the dialogue to deepen the India-Saudi Arabia partnership in the power sector

Initiative	India-Saudi Arabia Electrical Interconnection
Indian representative	Pankaj Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Power
Saudi representative	Nasser Al-Qahtani, Assistant Minister of Energy for Electricity Affairs
Format	Virtual bilateral meeting
Focus area 1	Extra High Voltage (EHV) transmission systems
Focus area 2	Higher renewable energy penetration in the grid
Focus area 3	Power requirements of emerging data centres
Focus area 4	Updating of grid codes

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India, New Zealand Sign MoC on Electronic Origin Data Exchange

21 October 2026 · International

CBIC and the New Zealand Customs Service signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on electronic origin data exchange under the India-New Zealand FTA.

- CBIC of India and the New Zealand Customs Service signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on electronic origin data exchange for trade in goods
- The MoC was signed on 19 October 2026 by CBIC Chairman Vivek Chaturvedi and NZCS Comptroller and Chief Executive Christine Stevenson
- It was concluded under the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, which entered into force on 20 October 2026
- Advance electronic exchange of origin data is expected to improve efficiency, reduce information gaps and give traders greater certainty
- The arrangement is meant to help businesses use the tariff preferences negotiated under the FTA more effectively

Instrument	Memorandum of Cooperation on Electronic Origin Data Exchange of Trade in Goods
Signed between	CBIC (India) and the New Zealand Customs Service
Signatories	Vivek Chaturvedi, Chairman CBIC, and Christine Stevenson, Comptroller and Chief Executive, NZCS
Date of signing	19 October 2026
Signed under	India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement
FTA in force from	20 October 2026
Announced by	Ministry of Finance

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ICAR Chief M. L. Jat Addresses Borlaug Dialogue Roundtable

22 October 2026 · International

ICAR Director General M. L. Jat called for reimagining agricultural higher education at a roundtable on the sidelines of the Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue.

- Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary DARE and Director General ICAR, called for reimagining agricultural higher education to prepare professionals for global challenges
- He spoke virtually at a roundtable on the sidelines of the 2026 Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue of the World Food Prize Foundation at Des Moines, United States
- He addressed the Indian agricultural diaspora as President of the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), India
- He urged a move from production-centric agriculture to an integrated agri-food systems and value-chain approach, with stronger academia-industry collaboration
- He highlighted a Memorandum of Understanding signed with the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) for research, capacity development and knowledge exchange

Who	Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR
Spoke as	President, National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS), India
Event	Roundtable on the sidelines of the 2026 Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue
Host	World Food Prize Foundation
Place	Des Moines, United States (addressed virtually)
MoU signed with	Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)
NAAS representatives present	Dr B. S. Dwivedi (Secretary), Dr Karim Meredia (Foreign Secretary), Dr P. V. Varaprasad (Convener, International Chapter for the Western Hemisphere)
Core ask	Shift from production-centric agriculture to an integrated agri-food systems and value-chain approach

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India and Poland Agree to Double Bilateral Trade by 2030

22 October 2026 · International

India and Poland set a target of doubling bilateral trade by 2030 as Prime Minister Donald Tusk visited Delhi and Poland announced it is joining the CDRI.

- Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk visited India from 21 to 23 October 2026 with a delegation of about 100 CEOs and industry representatives
- India and Poland set a target of doubling bilateral trade by 2030 and agreed to establish a Defence Industry Dialogue and a counter-terrorism dialogue
- Poland announced it is joining the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI); India invited it to the International Solar Alliance and the Global Biofuels Alliance
- Ties became a Strategic Partnership during Modi's August 2024 visit to Warsaw, with the India-Poland Action Plan for 2024-2028
- Poland supported India's candidature for a non-permanent UN Security Council seat for 2028-29 and an expanded Council

Visiting leader	Donald Tusk, Prime Minister of the Republic of Poland
Visit dates	21 to 23 October 2026, on Prime Minister Narendra Modi's invitation
Trade target	Doubling bilateral trade by 2030
New grouping joined	Poland joins the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI)
New mechanisms	Defence Industry Dialogue and a counter-terrorism dialogue
Partnership level	Strategic Partnership, set during Modi's Poland visit of August 2024
Action Plan	India-Poland Action Plan for 2024-2028, mid-term review done in Warsaw in September 2026
UNSC support	Poland backs India's non-permanent seat candidature for 2028-29

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Piyush Goyal Opens DGAP India Centre During Berlin Visit

23 October 2026 · International

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal held talks with German Minister Katherina Reiche in Berlin and jointly inaugurated the India Centre at DGAP on 22 October.

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal held high-level engagements in Berlin on 22 October to strengthen India-Germany trade and investment ties.
- He and German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy Ms Katherina Reiche jointly inaugurated the India Centre at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP).
- The talks covered industrial collaboration and the proposed India-European Union Free Trade Agreement.
- At the Berlin Global Dialogue Shri Goyal joined the panel "New Era, New Alliances: The Third Path?" moderated by Prof Dr Lars-Hendrik Roller.
- A delegation of around 100 Indian businesses and startups is accompanying the minister to Germany and the Netherlands.

Minister	Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
German counterpart	Ms Katherina Reiche, Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy
Place and date	Berlin, Germany, 22 October
Inaugurated	India Centre at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)
Roundtable partners	DGAP and the Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business (APA)
Panel at Berlin Global Dialogue	"New Era, New Alliances: The Third Path?", moderated by Prof Dr Lars-Hendrik Roller
Delegation	Around 100 Indian businesses and startups, visiting Germany and the Netherlands

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Piyush Goyal Ends Germany Visit With Berlin Industry Meetings

24 October 2026 · International

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal closed a two-day Germany visit in Berlin on 23 October 2026, meeting the G7/G20 Sherpa Levin Holle and German industry chiefs.

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal concluded a two-day official visit to Germany with engagements in Berlin on 23 October 2026
- He held a bilateral meeting with Mr Levin Holle, Economic and Financial Policy Advisor and G7/G20 Sherpa, at the German Federal Chancellery
- He met the CEO of Siemens Healthineers AG Mr Bernd Montag, Bertelsmann Investments CEO Mr Carsten Coesfeld and Volkswagen AG CFO and Skoda Auto CEO Mr Holger Peters
- A roundtable with heads of selected Fraunhofer Institutes covered microelectronics, power electronics, logistics, smart manufacturing and battery technologies
- The visit underlined the widening India-Germany Strategic Partnership in trade, investment, advanced manufacturing, research and industrial cooperation

Minister	Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Country visited	Germany
City of the engagements	Berlin
Visit	Two-day official visit, concluded 23 October 2026
Bilateral meeting	Mr Levin Holle, Economic and Financial Policy Advisor and G7/G20 Sherpa, German Federal Chancellery
Siemens Healthineers AG	CEO Mr Bernd Montag
Bertelsmann Investments	CEO Mr Carsten Coesfeld, also Member of the Executive Board of Bertelsmann
Volkswagen AG and Skoda Auto	CFO and CEO respectively, Mr Holger Peters

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Sonowal Begins Four-Day South Korea Shipbuilding Visit

25 October 2026 · International

Ports Minister Sarbananda Sonowal began a four-day South Korea visit at Busan, pitching India's shipbuilding opportunity under the VOYAGES framework.

- Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, began a four-day visit to South Korea, opening it in the port city of Busan
- India's goal is to rank among the world's top five shipbuilding nations by 2047, pursued through Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047
- VOYAGES, the India-Korea framework covering shipbuilding, shipping and maritime logistics, was adopted in April during the state visit of President Lee Jae Myung to India
- Gourangalal Das is India's Ambassador to South Korea; the Busan interaction drew professionals from Samsung Heavy Industries, Hanwha Ocean, HD Hyundai, DNV and the Indian Register of Shipping
- Sonowal is to join a ministerial roundtable in Busan for World Maritime Day, with the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation expected

Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Visit	Four-day visit to South Korea, begun on 25 October 2026
First stop	Busan, called the hub of Korea's maritime industry
Framework	VOYAGES, covering shipbuilding, shipping and maritime logistics
Framework adopted	In April, during the state visit of South Korean President Lee Jae Myung to India
India's goal	Among the world's top five shipbuilding nations by 2047
Policy visions cited	Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047
Cabinet incentives	Policy incentives for the sector approved in September 2025

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Piyush Goyal Tours Port of Rotterdam on Netherlands Visit

25 October 2026 · International

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal began his Netherlands visit on 25 October 2026 and toured the Port of Rotterdam, Europe's largest port and a gateway for Indian goods.

- Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal began his Netherlands visit on 25 October 2026, focused on trade, investment and diaspora engagement
- He toured the Port of Rotterdam, Europe's largest port, with its Chief Executive Officer Boudewijn Siemons
- The port was described as a gateway for Indian goods to the European market and a hub for international trade and global supply chains
- The visit was placed in the context of the India-EU Free Trade Agreement, expected to create new opportunities for Indian exporters
- In Amsterdam the minister joined an Indian community interaction hosted by the Embassy of India at the Waldorf Astoria, attended by about 70 people

Minister	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Country visited	The Netherlands, visit begun on 25 October 2026
Port visited	Port of Rotterdam, Europe's largest port
Port CEO	Boudewijn Siemons
Trade frame	India-EU Free Trade Agreement
Diaspora event	Indian community interaction at the Waldorf Astoria, Amsterdam, hosted by the Embassy of India
Attendance	About 70 participants at the community interaction
Focus areas	Trade, investment, maritime logistics and supply chain cooperation

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Lula da Silva Re-elected President of Brazil

26 October 2026 · International

Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on his re-election as President of Brazil and sought a deeper Strategic Partnership.

- Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva won the presidential election in Brazil, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated him on 26 October 2026.
- The Prime Minister called the result a remarkable re-election victory and addressed President Lula as a dear friend.
- India and Brazil share a multifaceted Strategic Partnership, which the Prime Minister said he wished to deepen and expand.
- The message spoke of advancing the shared priorities of the Global South and of a more inclusive, equitable and sustainable world.

Leader	Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva
Country	Brazil
Result	Victory in the presidential elections, described as a re-election
Greeted by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Relationship	India-Brazil Strategic Partnership, called multifaceted
Grouping named	The Global South

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World Maritime Day: Sonowal Joins IMO Chief at Busan Meet

26 October 2026 · International

At a World Maritime Day ministerial roundtable in Busan, Sarbananda Sonowal sought universal shipping rules with flexible implementation and wooed Korean firms.

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal spoke at the World Maritime Day ministerial roundtable in Busan, South Korea, alongside IMO Secretary-General Arsenio Dominguez.
- He pressed for ambitious universal maritime standards whose implementation recognises differences in development, technology and access to finance.
- India's Maritime Single Window covers 69 ports and terminals; the Alang-Sosiya yard has 115 Hong Kong Convention-compliant ship recycling facilities.
- KOMEA, founded in 1980 with 304 members, will open its first India office in Mumbai on 30 October under the VOYAGES cooperation framework.
- Indian yards have order book visibility of more than 400 vessels worth about $23 billion over ten years, with shipbuilding output up over 80 per cent in 2026.

Occasion	World Maritime Day ministerial roundtable
Venue	Busan, South Korea
India represented by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
IMO Secretary-General	Arsenio Dominguez
Other ministers	South Korea, Norway and Cyprus
Session chaired by	Moon Seong-hyeok, former Korean minister of oceans and fisheries
Maritime Single Window	69 ports and terminals
Alang-Sosiya	115 Hong Kong Convention-compliant ship recycling facilities

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India-Netherlands Business Forum Co-Chaired by Piyush Goyal

27 October 2026 · International

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal co-chaired the India-Netherlands Business Forum with Dutch Minister Sjoerd Sjoerdsma, drawing about 200 participants.

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal held a second day of trade and investment engagements in the Netherlands on 26 October 2026.
- He co-chaired the India-Netherlands Business Forum with Dutch Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation Sjoerd Sjoerdsma; about 200 people attended.
- Other leaders he met were Heleen Herbert, Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate, and Arthur van Dijk, King's Commissioner of the Province of North Holland.
- A roundtable with the top management of 15 Dutch companies was hosted by India's Embassy in The Hague along with HSBC Netherlands.
- Talks were built around cashing in the India-EU Free Trade Agreement, after the elevation of India-Netherlands ties to a Strategic Partnership.

Country visited	Netherlands, engagements of 26 October 2026
Indian Minister	Piyush Goyal, Commerce and Industry
Main event	India-Netherlands Business Forum
Dutch co-chair	Sjoerd Sjoerdsma, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
Forum participation	About 200, largely Indian and Dutch business representatives
Other minister met	Heleen Herbert, Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate
Provincial dignitary	Arthur van Dijk, King's Commissioner, Province of North Holland
CXO roundtable	15 Dutch companies, with the Embassy in The Hague and HSBC Netherlands

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Gyan Bharatam: India-France MoU to Digitise Indic Manuscripts

27 October 2026 · International

The Ministry of Culture and the National Library of France signed an MoU in Paris on 26 October 2026 under the Gyan Bharatam Mission to digitise Indic manuscripts.

- The Ministry of Culture and the Bibliotheque nationale de France signed and exchanged an MoU in Paris on 26 October 2026 under the Gyan Bharatam Mission
- Shri Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary in the Ministry of Culture, signed for India and Mr Gilles Pecout, President of the BnF, signed for France
- The MoU sets out five areas: digitisation, cross-sharing on the National Digital Repository, technology exchange, conservation, and research and development
- The two sides will identify and digitise Indic-origin manuscripts held by the BnF and share OCR and HTR tools for Indian scripts along with cataloguing standards
- On the Indian side the partnership involves Gyan Bharatam, the National Archives of India in New Delhi and the National Library in Kolkata

Agreement	MoU between the Ministry of Culture and the Bibliotheque nationale de France
Signed at	Paris, on 26 October 2026
Mission	Gyan Bharatam Mission of the Ministry of Culture
Signed by	Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, and Gilles Pecout, President, BnF
Indian institutions	National Archives of India, New Delhi and National Library, Kolkata
Areas of cooperation	Digitisation, cross-sharing on the National Digital Repository, technology exchange, conservation, research and development
Focus	Manuscripts and collections of Indic origin held by the BnF

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India and Mexico Begin Preferential Trade Agreement Talks

28 October 2026 · International

India and Mexico signed the Terms of Reference on 28 October 2026 to formally open negotiations on a Preferential Trade Agreement between the two economies.

- India and Mexico signed the Terms of Reference on 28 October 2026, formally launching negotiations for a Preferential Trade Agreement.
- The Terms of Reference fix the framework, scope, modalities and roadmap of the talks.
- The step follows the understanding between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Dr Claudia Sheinbaum at the G7 Summit in Canada in June 2025.
- Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal led the Indian side; Mexico's Undersecretary of Foreign Trade Luis Rosendo Gutierrez Romano represented Secretary of Economy Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon.
- A Mexican business mission to India is being considered for the first quarter of 2027.

Agreement	India-Mexico Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA)
Document signed	Terms of Reference for negotiations
Indian ministry	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Indian delegation head	Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal
Mexican representative	Luis Rosendo Gutierrez Romano, Undersecretary of Foreign Trade
Mexico's Secretary of Economy	Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon
Origin of the move	Modi-Sheinbaum meeting on the sidelines of the G7 Summit in Canada, June 2025
Proposed business mission	Mexican business mission to India in the first quarter of 2027

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Vice-President Meets European Parliament AFET Delegation

28 October 2026 · International

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan met the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee delegation and called the proposed India-EU FTA the mother of all deals.

- Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan met a European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs delegation at Parliament House, New Delhi.
- The delegation was led by Mr David McAllister, and the meeting covered trade, technology and the wider India-EU partnership.
- He called the proposed India-EU Free Trade Agreement the 'Mother of all deals' and hoped it would be signed within the year.
- India and the EU together form a market of about 25 trillion US dollars and nearly two billion people.
- He welcomed the end of negotiations on India's association with the Horizon Europe research and innovation programme.

Who met	Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
Delegation	European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)
Led by	Mr David McAllister
Venue	Parliament House, New Delhi
Phrase used	The proposed India-EU Free Trade Agreement called the 'Mother of all deals'
Combined market	About 25 trillion US dollars and nearly two billion people
Summit recalled	16th India-EU Summit, during which the EU leaders were Republic Day Guests of Honour
Mechanism praised	India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC)

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19th India-BLEU Joint Economic Commission Meets in Luxembourg

30 October 2026 · International

The 19th session of the India-Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union Joint Economic Commission was held in Luxembourg on 29 October 2026 to widen trade ties.

- The 19th session of the India-BLEU Joint Economic Commission was held in Luxembourg on 29 October 2026
- Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal co-chaired it with Filip Vanden Bulcke of Belgium and Henri Schumacher of Luxembourg
- BLEU stands for the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union, through which India engages both countries together
- Talks covered logistics, renewable energy, FinTech, ICT, healthcare, Ayurveda and agro and food processing
- Aerospace, research and innovation, higher education and skill development were named as areas for deeper cooperation

Event	19th Session of the India-BLEU Joint Economic Commission (JEC)
Venue	Luxembourg
Date of meeting	29 October 2026
BLEU	Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union
Indian co-chair	Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal
Belgian co-chair	Filip Vanden Bulcke, Director-General for Geo-Economy and Economic Diplomacy
Luxembourg co-chair	Henri Schumacher, Secretary General of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
Indian ministry	Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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Economy

Sugar Dealers Capped at 1,000 Quintals From 15 October 2026

1 October 2026 · Economy

The Centre has cut the sugar holding period for dealers to 15 days and capped their stocks at 1,000 quintals from 15 October to 30 November 2026.

- The Centre has reduced the sugar stock holding period for dealers to 15 days from the date the stock is received.
- The stock ceiling for dealers has been fixed at 1,000 quintals, in force from 15 October 2026 to 30 November 2026.
- For Kolkata with its extended metropolitan areas and for Assam, the ceiling is higher at 2,000 quintals.
- Average retail sugar prices are down 15 per cent from the August peak and ex-mill prices about 28 per cent.
- The new sugar season began on 1 October, and mills have been asked to start crushing as per regional agro-climatic conditions.

Measure	Revised stock holding norms for sugar dealers
Ministry	Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Holding period	15 days from the date stock is received
Stock ceiling	1,000 quintals at any time and any place
Higher ceiling	2,000 quintals for Kolkata with extended metropolitan areas and for Assam
In force	15 October 2026 to 30 November 2026
Sugar season	Began 1 October
Retail prices	Down 15 per cent from the August peak

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NSO Begins Third CAPEX Survey on Private Investment Plans

1 October 2026 · Economy

The National Statistics Office has begun CAPEX 2026, its third forward-looking survey of private corporate investment intentions, running from October to December 2026.

- CAPEX 2026 is the third Forward-Looking Survey on Private Corporate Sector CAPEX Investment Intentions, run by the NSO from October to December 2026
- The survey is conducted under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008, on large private firms drawn from Ministry of Corporate Affairs records
- In CAPEX 2025, manufacturing led provisional 2025-26 spending with 50.17 per cent, or Rs 5,73,900 crore
- Actual spending per enterprise in 2024-25 was Rs 173.5 crore, a realisation ratio of 96.3 per cent against stated intentions
- A fixed panel of 3,819 enterprises was used for the aggregate CAPEX comparison across years

Survey	Forward-Looking Survey on Private Corporate Sector CAPEX Investment Intentions (CAPEX 2026)
Conducted by	National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Round	Third, after CAPEX 2024 and CAPEX 2025
Survey period	October to December 2026
Legal basis	Collection of Statistics Act, 2008
Top sector in CAPEX 2025	Manufacturing, 50.17 per cent or Rs 5,73,900 crore
Realisation ratio	96.3 per cent, with Rs 173.5 crore spent per enterprise in 2024-25
Panel size	3,819 enterprises

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Auction of Two Offshore Mineral Blocks in Andaman Sea Begins

1 October 2026 · Economy

Mines Secretary Keshav Chandra launched the auction of Sewell Rise-01 and West Sewell Ridge-01 in the Andaman Sea, covering over 1,632 square kilometres.

- Mines Secretary Keshav Chandra virtually launched the auction of two offshore mineral blocks in the Andaman Sea for grant of a Composite Licence
- The blocks are Sewell Rise-01 in the southern part of Sewell Rise and West Sewell Ridge-01 off Great Nicobar Island
- Together they cover an area of more than 1,632 square kilometres and hold polymetallic nodules and crusts
- The nodules and crusts carry cobalt, nickel, manganese, copper and rare earth elements
- The auction follows the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002 and the Auction Rules, 2024, on the MSTC platform

Ministry	Ministry of Mines
Launched by	Keshav Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Mines (virtually)
Blocks	Sewell Rise-01 and West Sewell Ridge-01
Location	Andaman Sea; West Sewell Ridge-01 lies off Great Nicobar Island
Combined area	Over 1,632 square kilometres
Mineral type	Polymetallic nodules and crusts
Metals present	Cobalt, nickel, manganese, copper and rare earth elements
Licence on offer	Composite Licence

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RoDTEP Export Scheme Extended Up to 31 December 2026

2 October 2026 · Economy

The Department of Commerce has carried the RoDTEP export refund scheme forward to 31 December 2026, leaving the notified rates and value caps untouched.

- The Department of Commerce has extended the RoDTEP scheme up to 31 December 2026 through Notification No. 41/2026-27 dated 30 September 2026.
- RoDTEP stands for Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products and refunds embedded central, state and local duties and levies borne on export goods.
- The benefit is open to Domestic Tariff Area units, Advance Authorisation holders, Special Economic Zone units and Export Oriented Units.
- Rates and value caps notified in Appendix 4R and Appendix 4RE, as they stood on 30 September 2026, remain unchanged during the extended period.
- Prior-stage cumulative indirect taxes built into an exported product are among the levies the scheme gives back.

Scheme	Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP)
Extended up to	31 December 2026
Notification	No. 41/2026-27 dated 30 September 2026
Issued by	Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Eligible units	DTA units, Advance Authorisation holders, SEZ units and Export Oriented Units
Rates and value caps	As notified in Appendix 4R and Appendix 4RE, unchanged
What is refunded	Embedded, un-rebated central, state and local duties, taxes and levies, including prior-stage cumulative indirect taxes
Stated aim	A level playing field for Indian exporters against competing economies

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RELIEF Timelines Extended for West Asia Route Exporters

2 October 2026 · Economy

The Department of Commerce has stretched the timelines under Component II of RELIEF, which gives exporters on the Gulf route ECGC cover with 95 per cent risk coverage.

- The Department of Commerce has extended the timelines under Component II of RELIEF through Notification No. 37/2026-27 dated 30 September 2026.
- RELIEF stands for Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation and is a time-bound intervention under the Export Promotion Mission (EPM).
- RELIEF was launched on 19 March 2026 for exporters hit by steep freight costs, higher insurance premia and war-related risks on the Gulf and West Asia sea route.
- Component II encourages exporters to take ECGC cover for upcoming shipments to the notified regions, with 95 per cent risk coverage.
- It covers Full Container Load, Less than Container Load and Reefer cargo but not energy shipments, and the premium cannot rise above the pre-disruption level.

Intervention	RELIEF, Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation
Parent mission	Export Promotion Mission (EPM)
Launched on	19 March 2026
Extension notification	No. 37/2026-27 dated 30 September 2026
Component extended	Component II
Insurance body	Export Credit Guarantee Corporation (ECGC)
Risk coverage	95 per cent
Policies eligible	Stand Alone or Whole Turnover Policies taken on or after 16 March 2026

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APEDA Sends Bihar Makhana From Purnea to Greece

2 October 2026 · Economy

APEDA flagged off a consignment of popped makhana from Purnea in Bihar to Greece, moving from Mundra Port in India to the Piraeus Port in Greece.

- APEDA flagged off 1 MT of popped phool makhana from Purnea in Bihar for export to Greece, sourced by Indo Global Export, Belouri, and shipped through S. S Foods Exports Private Limited, New Delhi.
- The consignment travels from Mundra Port in India to the Piraeus Port in Greece, and fetched a price higher than the prevailing domestic market rate.
- India leads the world in makhana production, with Bihar accounting for roughly 80 to 85 per cent of the national output.
- Makhana cultivation in Bihar covers more than 35,000 hectares across 10 districts, with technical support from Bihar Agricultural University, Sabour, and the ICAR National Research Centre for Makhana, Darbhanga.
- India exported more than 7000 MT of makhana and value-added makhana products worth about USD 22 million in FY 2025-26 to over 20 destinations.

Facilitating agency	Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
Product	Popped (phool) makhana, 1 MT consignment
Origin	Purnea, Bihar
Destination country	Greece
Port of departure	Mundra Port, India
Port of arrival	Piraeus Port, Greece
Bihar share of production	About 80 to 85 per cent of India output
Area under cultivation in Bihar	More than 35,000 hectares across 10 districts

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APEDA Flags Off FPO Frozen Food Export From Haryana to Canada

2 October 2026 · Economy

APEDA facilitated the export of 24 MT of frozen food worth CAD 35,140 from Sonipat in Haryana to Canada by a farmer producer company on 1 October 2026.

- APEDA facilitated the flag-off of 24 MT of frozen food products from Sonipat in Haryana to Canada on 1 October 2026.
- The consignment of 2,295 boxes carried a total shipment value of CAD 35,140 and was exported by Aterna Foods Producer Company Limited.
- The shipment included green peas, mixed vegetables, peas and carrots, sweet corn and samosa among other products.
- The exporting unit was supported under APEDA's Financial Assistance Scheme, and NIFTEM's contribution was acknowledged.
- APEDA Chairman Abhishek Dev said direct export by the FPO would significantly raise the value realised by producers.

Facilitating body	Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Consignment	24 MT of frozen food products in 2,295 boxes
Shipment value	CAD 35,140
Route	Sonipat, Haryana to Canada
Date of flag-off	1 October 2026
Exporter	Aterna Foods Producer Company Limited
Products	Green peas, mixed vegetables, peas and carrots, sweet corn and samosa

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Reform Utsav 2026: CCI Cotton Reforms Showcase in Hyderabad

4 October 2026 · Economy

The Cotton Corporation of India will display its cotton procurement reforms, led by the Kapas Kisan platform, at Hyderabad on 6 October 2026.

- The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd (CCI) will showcase its cotton procurement reforms at Hyderabad, Telangana, on 6 October 2026 as part of Reform Utsav 2026 of the Ministry of Textiles.
- The Kapas Kisan digital platform links grower enrolment, slot booking, purchase messages and Aadhaar-enabled payment in one online chain.
- Kasturi Cotton Bharat covers contamination control, digital traceability and premium fibre, while the High-Density Planting System targets the yield gap in Indian cotton.
- The Silk Mark Scheme has been run by the Silk Mark Organisation of India since 2004 and now serves more than 7,000 authorised users, adding over 500 enrolments a year.
- MRMA 2.0 of the Central Silk Board covers 218 districts yielding over 95 per cent of India's raw silk, with more than 1,700 programmes and over 73,000 growers reached.

Event	Cotton reforms showcase under Reform Utsav 2026
Date	6 October 2026
Venue	Hyderabad, Telangana
Organiser	Cotton Corporation of India Ltd (CCI), a PSU of the Ministry of Textiles
Digital platform	Kapas Kisan (enrolment, slot booking, Aadhaar-enabled payment)
Quality initiative	Kasturi Cotton Bharat
Yield initiative	High-Density Planting System (HDPS)
Silk Mark Scheme run since	2004, by the Silk Mark Organisation of India

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First International Cargo Voyage from Dibrugarh to Dhaka

4 October 2026 · Economy

Sarbananda Sonowal will flag off India's first international cargo voyage from Dibrugarh, carrying APCL methanol to Pangaon Port in Dhaka via National Waterway-2.

- Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, flags off the first international cargo voyage from Dibrugarh at Bogibeel Terminal on 5 October 2026
- The vessel carries methanol made by Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited (APCL) from Bogibeel to Pangaon Port in Dhaka, Bangladesh
- The route uses National Waterway-2, which is the river Brahmaputra, and the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBPR)
- It is the first time since Independence that a cargo consignment goes from Dibrugarh to a foreign port
- The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the Inland Waterways Authority of India organise it with the Assam Government and APCL

Event	First international cargo voyage from Dibrugarh since Independence
Flagged off by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Date and place	5 October 2026, Bogibeel Terminal, Dibrugarh, Assam
Chief guest	Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam (virtually)
Cargo	Methanol produced by Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited (APCL)
Destination	Pangaon Port, Dhaka, Bangladesh
Waterway	National Waterway-2 (river Brahmaputra)
Route	Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route (IBPR)

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Coal India Offtake Reaches 384.2 MT in First Half of 2026-27

5 October 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Coal said Coal India lifted 384.2 MT of coal in the first half of 2026-27 and sent 302.8 MT of it to the power sector, both up on last year.

- Coal India's offtake in the first half of 2026-27 was 384.2 MT against 357.0 MT a year earlier, a rise of 27.2 MT or 7.6 per cent
- Power-sector despatch rose to 302.8 MT from 285.4 MT, about 79 per cent of all the coal CIL lifted in the half-year
- September supplies were 61.20 MT against 54.40 MT, while power-sector deliveries that month rose from 44.20 MT to 48.90 MT
- Generation from domestic coal increased to 640.05 BU from 582.5 BU, a gain of about 57.5 BU or 9.9 per cent
- 46 CHP-silos provide 432 MT of mechanised closed-loop evacuation capacity, and CIL drew down 63 MT of pithead stocks in the half-year

Company	Coal India Limited, under the Ministry of Coal
Period	First half of the financial year 2026-27
Total offtake	384.2 MT, against 357.0 MT a year earlier
Growth in offtake	27.2 MT, or 7.6 per cent
Second-quarter offtake	186.04 MT, against 166.04 MT, a growth of 12.05 per cent
Power-sector despatch	302.8 MT, against 285.4 MT, up 17.4 MT or 6.1 per cent
Share going to power	About 79 per cent of half-year offtake
September supplies	61.20 MT, against 54.40 MT, up 12.5 per cent

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IICA Observes 3rd CSR Day Ahead of NCCSR 2026 in New Delhi

5 October 2026 · Economy

IICA observed its third CSR Day on Gandhi Jayanti and said corporate social responsibility spending has grown to nearly Rs 35,000 crore a year.

- IICA, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, observed its third CSR Day on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
- CSR spending has risen from about Rs 10,000 crore in the first year of the mandate to nearly Rs 35,000 crore in 2023-24
- NCCSR 2026 is on 6 and 7 October 2026 at The Ashok, New Delhi, on the theme 'Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment'
- The observance of 2 October as CSR Day follows a suggestion made by then President Ram Nath Kovind at the National CSR Awards in 2019
- The exhibition has four thematic zones tied to the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision: Yuva, Garib, Annadata and Nari Shakti

Observance	3rd IICA CSR Day, on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi
Institute	Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Director General and CEO	Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh
Conference	NCCSR 2026, the 3rd National Conference and Exhibition on CSR
Theme	Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment
Dates and venue	6 and 7 October 2026, The Ashok, New Delhi
Delegates	Over 550
CSR spending now	Nearly Rs 35,000 crore in 2023-24, up from about Rs 10,000 crore

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Steel Ministry to Set Up Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC)

6 October 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Steel will set up a Steel Industry Safety Council headed by its Secretary, and its review showed crude steel output up 2.9 per cent.

- The Ministry of Steel will set up a Steel Industry Safety Council as an apex body chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Steel
- A Steel Industry Safety Directorate will support it with safety audits, investigation of serious incidents and safety standards for plants and CPSE mines
- Crude steel output rose 2.9 per cent and finished steel 3.7 per cent in April to September 2026, while consumption grew 7.5 per cent
- NMDC commissioned a 2 MTPA pellet plant at Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh, completing an integrated project of Rs 5,427 crore with a 135 km slurry pipeline
- Green Steel Certificates have gone to 101 producers in the lists issued up to September 2026 under the Green Steel Initiative

Released by	Ministry of Steel, on provisional JPC data for September 2026
New body	Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC), an apex body for the steel industry
Chaired by	Secretary, Ministry of Steel
Support arm	Steel Industry Safety Directorate (SISD) for audits and standards
Crude steel growth	Up 2.9 per cent in April to September 2026
Finished steel consumption	Up 7.5 per cent over the half year
Trade position	Net importer of finished steel by quantity in April to September 2026
NMDC pellet plant	2 MTPA at Nagarnar, Chhattisgarh; project cost Rs 5,427 crore

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Textile Industry Development Council Holds Its First Meeting

6 October 2026 · Economy

The Development Council for Textile Industry met for the first time at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, chaired by Textiles Secretary Neelam Shami Rao.

- The first meeting of the Development Council for Textile Industry (DCTI) was held on 6 October 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
- It was chaired by Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary in the Ministry of Textiles
- The council is the apex consultative platform of government, industry and stakeholders, mandated to advise on the orderly growth of the textile industry
- Deliberations covered production and productivity, research and development, exports and market access, raw material availability, and investment, skilling and sustainability
- The council agreed to constitute working groups and sub committees on priority themes and to meet at regular intervals to review progress

Body	Development Council for Textile Industry (DCTI)
Occasion	First meeting of the council
Date	6 October 2026
Venue	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Chairperson	Neelam Shami Rao, Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
Nature of the body	Apex consultative platform of government, industry and stakeholders
Mandate	To advise the government on the orderly growth and development of the textile industry
Decision taken	Working groups and sub committees on priority themes; meetings at regular intervals

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Cabinet Clears Rs 10,000 Crore SME Growth Fund for Equity

6 October 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 10,000 crore government commitment for the SME Growth Fund, an AIF that will make direct equity investments in SMEs.

- The Union Cabinet on 6 October 2026 approved a Rs 10,000 crore commitment for the SME Growth Fund (SGF)
- The commitment goes to an Alternative Investment Fund set up under the SGF framework, which will invest equity directly in SMEs
- The decision carries out Para 28 of the Union Budget 2026-27 on equity, liquidity and professional support for MSMEs
- A majority of the fund is earmarked for small and medium manufacturing enterprises, including clusters in Tier-II and Tier-III cities
- Government links the fund to Viksit Bharat 2047 and to closing the gap in long-term growth equity for SMEs

Decision	Cabinet approval for the SME Growth Fund (SGF)
Commitment	Rs 10,000 crore by the Government of India
Investment vehicle	Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) under the SGF framework
Purpose	Direct growth equity in small and medium enterprises
Budget link	Para 28 of the Union Budget 2026-27
Majority allocation	Small and medium manufacturing enterprises
Also covered	SMEs in industrial clusters of Tier-II and Tier-III cities
Chaired by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Cabinet Approves Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority

6 October 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet approved an SPV named Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority to prepare a National Transport Master Plan and appraise big projects.

- The Union Cabinet on 6 October 2026 approved a Special Purpose Vehicle named Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority (ITLA)
- ITLA will prepare a National Transport Master Plan with a planning horizon of ten years or more across all transport modes
- It will technically appraise and monitor central infrastructure projects costing Rs 500 crore or more, while financial appraisal continues as before
- A National Transport Data Repository will pull together data from the GSTN e-way bill, FASTag, Vahan and urban traffic systems
- ITLA will advise on reviewing the National Logistics Policy of 2022 and promote skilling and research in logistics

Decision	Cabinet approval for the Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority (ITLA)
Form	Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV)
Role	National apex institution for transport and logistics planning and appraisal
Master plan	National Transport Master Plan with a horizon of ten years or more
Technical appraisal	Central infrastructure projects of Rs 500 crore and above
Monitoring	Transport and infrastructure projects above Rs 500 crore
Data platform	National Transport Data Repository (NTDR)
Data sources	GSTN e-way bill, FASTag, Vahan, GPS-based and urban traffic systems

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Asia's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone Comes Up in Gwalior

6 October 2026 · Economy

Asia’s first Telecom Manufacturing Zone is taking shape at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh with investment proposals above Rs 5,500 crore and 18,000 possible jobs.

- Asia’s first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ) is being set up at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh under the Department of Telecommunications
- The Bhoomipujan is set for 29 October 2026 and Union Home Minister Amit Shah will take part at the invitation of Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia
- The zone has drawn investment proposals of more than Rs 5,500 crore with the potential for over 18,000 jobs
- The Centre is giving 100 per cent assistance of Rs 493 crore for first-phase infrastructure and the state has given about 170 acres of land free
- The implementing Special Purpose Vehicle has 51 per cent equity of the Madhya Pradesh government and 49 per cent of the Department of Telecommunications

Project	Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone (TMZ)
Location	Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Counter Magnet City (SADA), Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
Ministry	Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications
Bhoomipujan	29 October 2026, with Union Home Minister Amit Shah
Investment proposals	Over Rs 5,500 crore
Employment potential	More than 18,000
Central assistance	Rs 493 crore, 100 per cent for phase one infrastructure
Land	About 170 acres given free by the Madhya Pradesh government

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Piyush Goyal Meets Top US Firms in New York on Investment

7 October 2026 · Economy

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met heads of Blackstone, IBM, MetLife, AIA, Estee Lauder and others in New York to pull investment into India.

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal met senior leaders of leading US companies in New York to invite investment into India
- At Blackstone he met President and COO Jonathan Gray and Prakash Melwani, Chairman of its International Private Equity business
- With IBM Chairman and CEO Arvind Krishna the talks covered artificial intelligence, cloud infrastructure and quantum computing
- The meeting with AIA Group Non-Executive Chairman Mark Tucker was set against India's vision of Insurance for All by 2047
- Other leaders met were George Walker of Neuberger Berman, Stephane de La Faverie of Estee Lauder, Michel A. Khalaf of MetLife and William E. Ford of General Atlantic

Minister	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Place	New York, United States
Blackstone	Jonathan Gray, President and COO; Prakash Melwani, Chairman, International Private Equity
IBM	Arvind Krishna, Chairman and CEO; talks on AI, cloud and quantum computing
AIA Group	Mark Tucker, Non-Executive Chairman; Insurance for All by 2047
MetLife	Michel A. Khalaf, President and CEO
Neuberger Berman	George Walker, Chairman and CEO
The Estee Lauder Companies	Stephane de La Faverie, President and CEO

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India-EFTA TEPA Covers 99.6 Per Cent of India's Exports

7 October 2026 · Economy

Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal said the India-EFTA TEPA, in force since 1 October 2025, opens markets covering 99.6 per cent of India's export basket.

- The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement took effect on 1 October 2025 and has now completed its first year
- EFTA has four members: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland; the bloc has opened 92.2 per cent of its tariff lines
- Those commitments reach 99.6 per cent of India's export basket, with all non-agricultural goods included
- India has opened 82.7 per cent of its own tariff lines, covering 95.3 per cent of what the EFTA states export
- Article 7.1 targets 50 billion US dollars of EFTA investment in India in ten years, another 50 billion in the next five, and one million jobs in fifteen

Agreement	Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)
Partner bloc	European Free Trade Association (EFTA)
EFTA members	Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland
In force since	1 October 2025
Occasion	Outreach Event for Major Exporters, part of the 2nd India-EFTA Prosperity Summit 2026, New Delhi
Keynote speaker	Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal
Organiser	Department of Commerce
India's exports covered	99.6 per cent of the export basket

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Live Events Sector Grows 44 Per Cent in a Single Year

7 October 2026 · Economy

India’s live events sector grew 44 per cent in a year with about 34,000 events, the 5th Live Events Development Cell meeting was told on 7 October 2026.

- India’s live events sector grew 44 per cent over the past year with around 34,000 events and now supports more than one crore livelihoods
- The Government aims to double the sector by 2030, with potential for 15 to 20 million direct and ancillary jobs
- The Live Events Development Cell brings together 14 Central Ministries and Departments, 10 States and UTs and 21 industry bodies
- States and UTs with designated Nodal Officers have risen from 16 to 29, and five States have adopted the Model Executive Order of 2026
- Reforms discussed include a single national music licence, notified entertainment precincts and ASI and SAI procedures for events at their assets

Forum	5th meeting of the Live Events Development Cell (LEDC)
Addressed by	Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Sector growth	44 per cent over the past year
Events held	Around 34,000 across the country
Livelihoods	More than one crore
Target	Doubling the sector by 2030, with 15 to 20 million direct and ancillary jobs
LEDC composition	14 Central Ministries and Departments, 10 States and UTs, 21 industry bodies
Nodal Officers	Up from 16 to 29 States and Union Territories

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Onion Prices Ease as Kharif Arrivals Gain Momentum

7 October 2026 · Economy

Onion buffer stock reached 123 cities through 8 Kanda Express trains and 467 trucks, while Maharashtra mandi prices fell about 13 per cent, the Centre said.

- Fresh kharif onion arrivals have begun from Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan, with all-India kharif acreage about 5 per cent above last year
- Maharashtra's weighted average mandi price fell nearly 13 per cent, from around ₹4,030 per quintal on 16 September to about ₹3,475 per quintal on 3 October
- 126 cities reported retail onion prices falling by ₹1 to ₹21 per kilogram over two weeks
- More than 2 lakh quintals of buffer onion have been disposed of through 8 Kanda Express movements and 467 trucks across 123 cities
- The India Meteorological Department forecasts no excessive rain in key kharif onion regions during the harvesting period

Ministry	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Kharif arrivals begun from	Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan
Kharif acreage	About 5 per cent higher than last year
Maharashtra mandi price	From about ₹4,030 per quintal on 16 September to about ₹3,475 on 3 October
Mandi price fall	Nearly 13 per cent
Retail decline	126 cities reported ₹1 to ₹21 per kg lower prices in two weeks
Buffer disposed	More than 2 lakh quintals
Means of movement	8 Kanda Express rail movements and 467 trucks

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India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue: 4th Round in London

7 October 2026 · Economy

The fourth India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue met in London on 29 September 2026, with SEBI, RBI, IFSCA, PFRDA, IRDAI, the Bank of England and the FCA taking part.

- The fourth India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue was held in London on 29 September 2026 and was led by India's Ministry of Finance and the United Kingdom's HM Treasury
- Indian participants were SEBI, the RBI, IFSCA, PFRDA and IRDAI; the United Kingdom was represented by the Bank of England and the Financial Conduct Authority
- London was recognised as the leading offshore trading centre for the Indian rupee, and GIFT IFSC was taken up as a route for cross-border equity and bond listings
- Both countries reaffirmed support for the G20 Roadmap for Enhancing Cross-Border Payments and flagged AI-driven fraud run from scam compounds abroad
- The round followed the previous meeting of December 2024 and was linked to Vision 2035 and the UK-India CETA, in force since 15 July 2026

Event	Fourth India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue (FMD)
Venue	London, United Kingdom
Date	29 September 2026
Led by	Ministry of Finance (India) and HM Treasury (UK)
Indian regulators	SEBI, RBI, IFSCA, PFRDA, IRDAI
UK regulators	Bank of England, Financial Conduct Authority
Previous round	December 2024
Offshore rupee hub	London

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CCI Clears Four Combinations Including JSW-BMM Merger

7 October 2026 · Economy

The Competition Commission of India approved four combinations, among them the amalgamation of BMM Ispat into JSW Steel, in orders issued on 7 October.

- CCI approved JSW Group internal restructuring under which BMM Ispat Limited will be amalgamated into JSW Steel Limited, taking the group from a majority stake to full ownership
- JSW Projects currently holds 58.47 per cent equity in BMM, which operates an integrated steel plant of about 1 MTPA in Karnataka
- CPP Investment Board Private Holdings (4) Inc., incorporated in Canada and managed by CPPIB, may acquire a stake in Prestige Hospitality Ventures Limited
- Bain Capital funds BCPE Wellbeing Holdco Two and Integral Investments Asia IV will take sole control of Omega-Meyer and Meyer Organics, which run Vitabiotics and Meyer Organics
- Concessoc 41 SAS of France, controlled by VINCI S.A., will buy Vishavari Tollway and nine road SPVs operating highway stretches in Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Gujarat

Regulator	Competition Commission of India (CCI)
Deal 1	BMM Ispat Limited to be amalgamated into JSW Steel Limited
Existing stake	JSW Projects holds 58.47 per cent equity in BMM
BMM plant	About 1 MTPA integrated steel facility in Karnataka
Deal 2	CPP Investment Board Private Holdings (4) Inc. in Prestige Hospitality Ventures
Deal 3	Bain Capital funds take sole control of Omega-Meyer and Meyer Organics
Deal 4	Concessoc 41 SAS to buy Vishavari Tollway and nine road SPVs
Acquirer parent	VINCI S.A. of France, through VINCI Highways and VINCI Concessions

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Goyal Sets USD 1 Trillion Export Target for This Year

8 October 2026 · Economy

Piyush Goyal said India exported USD 863 billion last year and has set a USD 1 trillion export target, at the curtain raiser of the 31st CII Partnership Summit.

- Piyush Goyal said India exported USD 863 billion last year and has set a USD 1 trillion export target for the current year, nearly 16 per cent growth.
- The 31st CII Partnership Summit will be held in Visakhapatnam on 12 and 13 November; the curtain raiser was held in New Delhi on 8 October 2026.
- He said the RBI has again raised its growth forecast and India should grow at over 7 per cent, staying the fastest-growing large economy.
- India’s economy, now about USD 4 trillion, has the potential to reach USD 30 trillion by 2047, with 63 million MSMEs and some 250,000 startups behind the push.
- Goyal asked CII to set up FTA utilisation desks in every state council and recalled the five T’s: Technology, Trust, Trade, Talent and Tradition.

Who	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Occasion	Curtain raiser of the 31st CII Partnership Summit, New Delhi, 8 October 2026
Summit venue and dates	Visakhapatnam, 12 and 13 November
Exports last year	USD 863 billion
Export target this year	USD 1 trillion, nearly 16 per cent growth
Global comparison	World trade expected to grow only about 2.5 to 3 per cent; global growth below 3 per cent
Growth outlook	Over 7 per cent; RBI has again raised its projection
Economy size	About USD 4 trillion now, potential of USD 30 trillion by 2047

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GST Council's 57th Meeting Scraps Arrest Powers Under GST

8 October 2026 · Economy

The 57th GST Council meeting, chaired by Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on 8 October 2026, recommended ending arrest powers and automating GST refunds.

- The 57th GST Council meeting was held in New Delhi on 8 October 2026 under Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and took up process reforms rather than tax rates.
- The Council recommended withdrawing the power of arrest under GST by omitting section 69 of the CGST Act, 2017, and raising the prosecution threshold from one crore to five crore rupees.
- The maximum general penalty under section 125 of the CGST Act comes down from 25,000 rupees to 10,000 rupees, and no show cause notice will be issued below 10,000 rupees of tax.
- An excess balance in the electronic cash ledger will be refunded automatically by the portal, and 90 per cent of export and inverted duty refund claims will be sanctioned provisionally.
- Goods vehicles may be intercepted only on specific intelligence cleared by an officer of Joint Commissioner rank or above, and transit states cannot stop them.

Event	57th Meeting of the GST Council
Date and venue	8 October 2026, New Delhi
Chairperson	Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman
Arrest powers	Section 69 of the CGST Act, 2017 to be omitted
Prosecution threshold	Raised from one crore rupees to five crore rupees
General penalty	Cut from 25,000 rupees to 10,000 rupees under section 125
Show cause notice floor	10,000 rupees of tax, counting CGST, SGST, IGST and cess
Appeal pre-deposit cap	40 crore rupees where an order carries penalty but no tax demand

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Cancer Drug Trade Margins Capped at 30 Per Cent of MRP

8 October 2026 · Economy

The Government has capped margins on non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines at 30 per cent of MRP, a step expected to save patients Rs 2,500 crore a year.

- Margins in the supply and sale of non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines have been capped at 30 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price, and prices may fall by up to 70 per cent.
- Cancer patients are expected to save about Rs 2,500 crore every year, cutting what they pay from their own pockets for treatment.
- An expert committee under the Directorate General of Health Services will finalise the list of covered medicines, and the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority will notify the cap.
- In February 2019 a similar cap on 42 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs under Paragraph 19 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013 cut prices by up to 91 per cent across 526 brands and saved Rs 984 crore a year.
- These medicines were found to carry an average mark-up of about 170 per cent, rising to 700 per cent or more in some cases.

Decision	Cap on margins in supply and sale of non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines
Margin cap	30 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price (MRP)
Expected fall in prices	Up to 70 per cent
Expected yearly saving	Rs 2,500 crore for cancer patients
Ministry	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
List of medicines	To be finalised by an expert committee under the Directorate General of Health Services (DGHS)
Notification by	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
Earlier cap	February 2019, on 42 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs

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Singapore, India’s Top FDI Source, Hosts Sitharaman Visit

9 October 2026 · Economy

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman began a three-day Singapore visit; the city state is India’s largest FDI source with about USD 194.68 billion of inflows.

- Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is on an official visit to Singapore from 9 to 11 October 2026.
- Singapore is India’s largest source of foreign direct investment, with cumulative inflows of about USD 194.68 billion between April 2000 and March 2026.
- She is to call on President Tharman Shanmugaratnam, Prime Minister Lawrence Wong, Deputy Prime Minister Gan Kim Yong and Foreign Minister Vivian Balakrishnan.
- The talks cover the India-Singapore Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and the ISMR outcomes, including capital markets, taxation, semiconductors, advanced manufacturing, skilling and aviation.
- GIC and Temasek are named as the Singaporean institutional investors with large holdings in India; the NIIF and GIFT City are offered as routes for more Singaporean capital.

Who	Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs
Where	Singapore
When	9 to 11 October 2026
FDI rank	Singapore is India’s largest source of foreign direct investment
Cumulative FDI	About USD 194.68 billion, April 2000 to March 2026
President of Singapore	Tharman Shanmugaratnam
Prime Minister of Singapore	Lawrence Wong
Deputy Prime Minister	Gan Kim Yong

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Coal Supply to Power Plants Rises 36% From September Low

9 October 2026 · Economy

Daily coal supplies to the power sector are about 36% above the September low, with rail loading averaging over 465 rakes a day in October 2026.

- Daily coal supplies to the power sector are about 36% above the September trough, and the October average is around 9% higher than September.
- Rail loading has averaged more than 465 rakes a day in October 2026, and the 470-rake target was achieved on three consecutive days.
- The daily stock drawdown has more than halved, from 0.243 MT a day in September to 0.116 MT a day in October.
- Critical stock is a norm-based early-warning tag for plants holding less than the prescribed normative stock, not proof that a plant has run out of coal.
- Loading sustained at 465 to 475 rakes a day is expected to allow stock rebuilding before the festive, winter and summer demand peaks.

Issued by	Ministry of Coal
Rise in daily supplies	About 36% from the September low
October over September	About 9% higher on average
Rail loading in October	Over 465 rakes a day
Target achieved	470 rakes on three consecutive days
Stock drawdown	0.243 MT a day in September to 0.116 MT a day in October
Loading band sought	465 to 475 rakes a day
Ministries coordinating	Coal, Railways and Power

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NLMC Invites Bids for 5.119-Acre HIL Land Parcel in New Delhi

9 October 2026 · Economy

NLMC has invited bids for a 5.119-acre freehold land parcel of HIL (India) Limited in New Delhi, with the reserve price fixed at Rs 829.69 crore.

- NLMC has invited bids to monetise a 5.119-acre freehold land parcel of HIL (India) Limited at Najafgarh Industrial Area in New Delhi
- The reserve price is Rs 829.69 crore, the earnest money Rs 16.60 crore and the minimum bid increment Rs 1 crore per acre
- The plot measures about 20,722.93 square metres and carries an industrial land use
- Registration, technical bid and earnest money close on 19 November 2026, with technical bids to be opened on 20 November 2026
- NLMC works under the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance, and monetises surplus land of central public sector enterprises

Agency	National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC)
Parent department	Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
Owner of the land	HIL (India) Limited
Location	Najafgarh Industrial Area, Rohtak Road, Shivaji Marg, New Delhi
Area	About 5.119 acres (20,722.93 square metres)
Land use	Industrial
Mode of sale	E-tender followed by e-auction
Reserve price	Rs 829.69 crore

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NSO Releases Draft Guideline for Expenditure-Side GSDP

9 October 2026 · Economy

The National Statistics Office released a draft guideline for compiling Gross State Domestic Product from the expenditure side with base year 2022-23.

- The National Statistics Office under MoSPI released a draft guideline for compiling GSDP estimates from the expenditure side, with base year 2022-23
- Comments and feedback from stakeholders may be sent through the MoSPI website until 28 October 2026
- Components covered are PFCE, GFCE, GFCF, changes in inventories, valuables and net exports
- At present no State or Union Territory compiles PFCE estimates, while some do compile GFCE and GFCF
- The move is aimed at strengthening the statistical capacity of State Directorates of Economics and Statistics

Released by	National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Subject	Draft guideline for compiling GSDP estimates by the expenditure approach
Base year	2022-23
Components	PFCE, GFCE, GFCF, changes in inventories, valuables and net exports
Not compiled by any State	Private Final Consumption Expenditure (PFCE)
Feedback open till	28 October 2026
Agencies to compile	State Directorates of Economics and Statistics (DESs)

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GST Council's 57th Meeting Clears Next-Gen Process Reforms

9 October 2026 · Economy

A PIB backgrounder of 9 October 2026 sets out the 57th GST Council's next-generation process reforms in registration, returns, refunds, ITC and disputes.

- The 57th GST Council meeting of October 2026 recommended process reforms in registration, returns, refunds, input tax credit and dispute resolution.
- Registered GST taxpayers rose from about 60 lakh in 2017 to nearly 1.70 crore by September 2026, and gross collections touched about ₹12.46 lakh crore in April-September 2026.
- The GST network had processed 3,053 crore invoice uploads and 833.82 crore e-way bills as on 30 September 2026.
- The acknowledgement window for a refund claim falls from 15 days to 10 days, and 90 per cent of a claim may be sanctioned on a risk assessment.
- No show cause notice will be issued where the tax is below ₹10,000; the maximum general penalty drops from ₹25,000 to ₹10,000 and the prosecution threshold rises from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore.

Body	GST Council, 57th meeting (October 2026)
GST start date	1 July 2017
Rate structure (56th Council)	Two main rates of 5% and 18%, special rate of 40%
Registered taxpayers	About 1.70 crore in September 2026, against roughly 60 lakh in 2017
Gross collections	About ₹12.46 lakh crore in April-September 2026, up 11.6 per cent
System scale	3,053 crore invoice uploads and 833.82 crore e-way bills as on 30 September 2026
Refund acknowledgement	Reduced from 15 days to 10 days
Prosecution threshold	Raised from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore

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Coal Stocks at Power Plants Stay Above 18 MT in October 2026

12 October 2026 · Economy

Coal stocks at domestic coal-based power plants have held above 18 MT since 29 September 2026 and stood at 18.205 MT on 10 October as rake loading rose.

- Coal stock at domestic coal-based power plants has stayed above 18 MT since 29 September 2026, and stood at 18.205 MT on 10 October 2026 against 18.932 MT on 29 September.
- Stock fell by about 7.28 MT through September 2026, an average of 0.24 MT a day, but by only about 0.56 MT in the first ten days of October 2026, about 0.06 MT a day.
- Rakes loaded for the power sector averaged 469 a day in October 2026 against 426 a day in September 2026, a rise of nearly 10 per cent, within a daily band of 447 to 482.
- Coal supplied to the power sector averaged 2.49 MT a day in October 2026, above the plan of 2.37 MT a day and up from 2.21 MT a day in September 2026.
- Stock was added to on two days of October 2026, by 0.024 MT on 2 October and 0.017 MT on 10 October; the Ministry of Coal credited Indian Railways for the movement.

Reported by	Ministry of Coal, on 12 October 2026
Stock level held	Above 18 MT since 29 September 2026
Stock on 29 September 2026	18.932 MT
Stock on 10 October 2026	18.205 MT
September 2026 drawdown	About 7.28 MT in the month (about 0.24 MT a day)
October 2026 drawdown (1-10)	About 0.56 MT in all (about 0.06 MT a day)
Days of stock accretion	2 October 2026 (0.024 MT) and 10 October 2026 (0.017 MT)
Rakes a day to power sector	469 in October 2026 against 426 in September 2026

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Retail Inflation Climbs to 5.54% in September 2026

12 October 2026 · Economy

Retail inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index stood at 5.54% in September 2026, with food inflation at 7.74% and rural prices rising faster than urban.

- Retail inflation based on the CPI was 5.54 per cent in September 2026, provisional, measured against September 2025 on the base year 2024=100.
- Rural inflation at 6.08 per cent ran well above urban inflation at 4.88 per cent, the gap being more than a full percentage point.
- Food inflation measured by the Consumer Food Price Index was 7.74 per cent, with 8.06 per cent in rural areas and 7.18 per cent in urban areas.
- Onion recorded the sharpest item-level rise, ahead of silver jewellery, ginger, garlic and lemon; potato and tomato prices fell the most.
- Prices are collected weekly from 1,407 urban markets and 1,465 villages by the National Statistical Office; the response rate was 100 per cent.

Month	September 2026 (provisional)
CPI inflation	5.54 per cent, year on year over September 2025
Rural and urban	6.08 per cent and 4.88 per cent
Food inflation (CFPI)	7.74 per cent
Rural and urban food inflation	8.06 per cent and 7.18 per cent
Base year	2024=100
Highest item inflation	Onion, followed by silver jewellery, ginger, garlic and lemon
Items that got cheaper	Potato, tomato, motor car and jeep, lady's finger, coconut

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Indian Railways Freight Loading Rises 6.14% in September 2026

13 October 2026 · Economy

Indian Railways loaded 135.35 million tonnes of freight in September 2026 against 127.52 million tonnes a year earlier, a growth of 6.14 per cent.

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- Food grain loading grew 25 per cent, clinker 20 per cent, domestic container 10 per cent and coal 9 per cent during the month.
- Daily coal rakes to power houses rose to 443 from 397 a year earlier, a growth of 11.6 per cent.
- Freight revenue in September 2026 was 1,266 crore rupees higher than a year earlier, a growth of 9.3 per cent.
- Cumulative loading for April-September 2026 reached 833.7 million tonnes, up 4.1 per cent, with freight revenue up 3.7 per cent.

Reported by	Ministry of Railways, 13 October 2026
Freight loading, September 2026	135.35 million tonnes
Freight loading, September 2025	127.52 million tonnes
Monthly growth	6.14 per cent
Fastest growing commodity	Food grain, up 25 per cent
Coal rakes per day	443 rakes, against 397 a year earlier (up 11.6 per cent)
Freight revenue rise	1,266 crore rupees, a growth of 9.3 per cent
April-September 2026 loading	833.7 million tonnes, up 4.1 per cent

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NLMC's First End-to-End E-Auction Sells 150 RINL Land Plots

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NLMC sold 150 land plots of Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited in Visakhapatnam for 366.33 crore rupees on day one of its first end-to-end e-auction.

- NLMC sold 150 plots of RINL land on day one of its first end-to-end e-auction, with winning bids of 366.33 crore rupees.
- The successful bids carried an average premium of 17.23 per cent over the aggregate reserve price of 312.48 crore rupees.
- The highest price crossed 1.80 lakh rupees per square yard in Visakhapatnam, where RINL runs the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.
- The second and final phase, covering the remaining 216 parcels, is set for 30 October 2026, with registration closing on 27 October 2026.
- Bidding ran on RailTel's E-Nivida platform with Quikr India Private Limited as transaction consultant; NLMC works under the Department of Public Enterprises.

Agency	National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC)
Parent department	Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
Asset owner	Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited (RINL), Visakhapatnam Steel Plant
Plots sold on day one	150
Successful bid value	366.33 crore rupees
Aggregate reserve price	312.48 crore rupees
Average premium	17.23 per cent over reserve price
Highest price	Over 1.80 lakh rupees per square yard

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EPFO Pushes PF Trust Amnesty Scheme 2026 Before December Deadline

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EPFO has stepped up its nationwide drive on the Amnesty Scheme, 2026, which lets recognised PF Trusts regularise their exempt status before 28 December.

- The Amnesty Scheme, 2026 closes on 28 December 2026, six months after the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 2026 was notified on 29 June 2026.
- It covers PF Trusts recognised under the Income Tax Act, 1961 that lack a formal exemption order under section 17 of the EPF and MP Act, 1952 or section 143 of the Code on Social Security, 2020.
- Benefits include retrospective regularisation of exempt status and waiver of the minimum headcount, corpus size and three-year compliance conditions of the Code on Social Security, 2020.
- Operational guidelines for applying were issued through a circular dated 11 July 2026.
- EPFO ran outreach with CII, ICAI and the Bombay Stock Exchange, and trained officers at the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya National Academy of Social Security.

Scheme	Amnesty Scheme, 2026 (under the EPF Scheme, 2026)
Body	Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO), Ministry of Labour and Employment
Notified on	29 June 2026
Guidelines circular	11 July 2026
Window	Six months from notification, closing 28 December 2026
Eligible	PF Trusts recognised under the Income Tax Act, 1961 without a formal exemption order
Relevant sections	Section 17 of the EPF and MP Act, 1952; section 143 of the Code on Social Security, 2020
Conditions waived	Minimum employee headcount, corpus size and the three-year compliance rule

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Two Offshore Mineral Blocks in Andaman Sea Put Up for Auction

13 October 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Mines held an outreach programme in New Delhi on 13 October 2026 on the auction of two Andaman Sea offshore blocks covering 1,632 sq km.

- The Ministry of Mines organised an outreach programme at New Delhi on the auction of offshore mineral blocks, following its notice inviting tender dated 1 October 2026.
- The two blocks on offer are Sewell Rise-01 (632 sq km) and West Sewell Ridge-01 (1,000 sq km) in the Andaman Sea, a total of 1,632 sq km, both offered for a composite licence.
- Both blocks contain polymetallic nodules and crusts, which carry nickel, cobalt, copper and manganese.
- SBI Capital Markets Limited is the transaction adviser and MSTC provides the e-auction platform; the Geological Survey of India presented the geology of the blocks.
- The auction follows the Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002, as amended in 2023, and the Offshore Areas Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2024; bids close on 28 December 2026.

Event	Outreach programme on auction of offshore mineral blocks, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Mines
Blocks offered	Sewell Rise-01 and West Sewell Ridge-01, Andaman Sea
Area	632 sq km and 1,000 sq km, total 1,632 sq km
Minerals	Polymetallic nodules and crusts containing nickel, cobalt, copper and manganese
Licence type	Composite Licence
Law	Offshore Areas Mineral (Development and Regulation) Act, 2002, amended in 2023; Auction Rules, 2024
Transaction adviser	SBI Capital Markets Limited (SBICAPS)

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Coir Exports Up 305% in Ten Years to ₹6,614.40 Crore

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India, the world’s largest coir producer, lifted coir exports 305.70% in twelve years to ₹6,614.40 crore in FY 2025-26, with over 21,000 units at work.

- India is the world’s largest producer and exporter of coir, accounting for about two-thirds of global output
- Coir exports rose from ₹1,630.33 crore in FY 2014-15 to ₹6,614.40 crore in FY 2025-26, a gain of 305.70%
- The coir industry’s turnover is about ₹16,000 crore, close to 1% of India’s GDP
- More than 21,000 coir units employ over 7 lakh workers directly and indirectly, 80% of them rural women
- The Ministry of MSME runs the Coir Vikas Yojana (CVY) for the sector; over 68,000 persons have been trained

Sector	Coir — fibre from the outer husk of the coconut
India’s rank	World’s largest producer and exporter of coir
Share of world output	About two-thirds
Industry turnover	About ₹16,000 crore; close to 1% of GDP
Exports, FY 2025-26	₹6,614.40 crore
Exports, FY 2014-15	₹1,630.33 crore
Growth	305.70% rise in twelve years
Top destinations	United States, China, Netherlands, Spain, United Kingdom

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WPI Inflation Rises to 11.39 Per Cent in September 2026

14 October 2026 · Economy

India's wholesale price inflation quickened to 11.39 per cent in September 2026 from 9.92 per cent in August, with the all-commodities index at 112.5.

- All-India WPI inflation for September 2026 stood at 11.39 per cent year on year, up from 9.92 per cent in August 2026.
- On the 2022-23 base year, the all-commodities wholesale price index rose to 112.5 in September 2026 from 110.8 a month earlier.
- Fuel and Power was the fastest-rising major group at 25.85 per cent, ahead of Manufactured Products at 9.76 per cent and Primary Articles at 8.67 per cent.
- The WPI Food Index, with a weight of 24.99 per cent, inflated by 8.66 per cent against 7.05 per cent in August 2026.
- July 2026 figures were left unchanged at an index of 110.0 and a rate of 9.78 per cent; October 2026 data is due on 16 November 2026.

Data released	Provisional WPI, Output PPI and trial Input PPI for September 2026
Released by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Base year	2022-23
WPI inflation (September 2026)	11.39 per cent
WPI inflation (August 2026)	9.92 per cent
All-commodities index	112.5 (110.8 in August 2026)
Primary Articles	8.67 per cent, index 120.3
Fuel and Power	25.85 per cent, index 110.5

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Cabinet Approves 78-Day Productivity Bonus for Railway Staff

14 October 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet cleared a Productivity Linked Bonus of 78 days wages worth Rs 2,009.61 crore for 11,40,770 railway employees ahead of the Durga Puja break.

- The Union Cabinet on 14 October 2026 approved a Productivity Linked Bonus of 78 days' wages for railway employees.
- The payout totals Rs 2,009.61 crore and covers 11,40,770 railway employees, that is about 11.40 lakh non-gazetted staff.
- The maximum amount payable to one eligible employee for the 78 days is Rs 17,951.
- The bonus is paid every year before the Durga Puja and Dussehra holidays and reaches track maintainers, loco pilots, train managers, station masters, technicians, pointsmen and other Group C staff.
- Railways loaded a record 1,670 million tonnes of freight and carried nearly 7.41 billion passengers in 2025-26.

Decision	Productivity Linked Bonus (PLB) for railway employees
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister
Bonus period	78 days' wages
Total outgo	Rs 2,009.61 crore
Employees covered	11,40,770 (about 11.40 lakh non-gazetted staff)
Maximum per employee	Rs 17,951
Paid before	Durga Puja and Dussehra holidays
Freight loading in 2025-26	A record 1,670 million tonnes

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MSCARO 2026: New Audit Order for Multi-State Co-ops

14 October 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Cooperation mandated MSCARO 2026, a uniform risk-based audit reporting order for Multi-State Cooperative Societies, to begin above Rs 1,000 crore.

- The Ministry of Cooperation has mandated the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2026 (MSCARO, 2026) for a uniform, risk-based statutory audit reporting framework.
- The order is issued under Section 73(6) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023, with inputs from the RBI, ICAI, CAG and the societies.
- MSCARO is modelled on the Companies (Auditor's Report) Order (CARO) of the corporate sector and requires standard Yes or No reporting with remarks.
- Audit information will be integrated with the CRCS Portal to allow automated scrutiny, regulatory dashboards, risk scoring and artificial intelligence based analytics.
- Implementation is phased: the initial phase covers societies crossing Rs 1,000 crore, while the long-term aim is to cover those crossing the Rs 50 crore threshold.

Order	Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2026 (MSCARO, 2026)
Ministry	Ministry of Cooperation
Enabling provision	Section 73(6), Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023
Modelled on	Companies (Auditor's Report) Order (CARO) for the corporate sector
Inputs from	RBI, ICAI, CAG and Multi-State Cooperative Societies
Supervisory authority	Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies (CRCS)
Technology	Integration with the CRCS Portal for automated scrutiny, dashboards, risk scoring and AI analytics
Initial phase threshold	Societies crossing Rs 1,000 crore

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Women's Labour Force Participation Rate Rises to 40 Per Cent

15 October 2026 · Economy

A PIB backgrounder put the female labour force participation rate at 40 per cent in 2025 against 23.3 per cent in 2017-18, with 20 crore women employed.

- Female Labour Force Participation Rate rose from 23.3 per cent in 2017-18 to 40 per cent in 2025, while the Worker Population Ratio went from 22 to 38.8 per cent
- About 20 crore women aged 15 years and above were employed in India during 2025, according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey
- Around 3.69 crore registered MSMEs were women-owned as of October 2026, about 38 per cent of all registrations
- Under PMMY, launched in 2015, over 57.79 crore loans had been sanctioned by April 2026, with women taking two-thirds of them
- The four Labour Codes of November 2025 give eligible women up to 26 weeks of paid maternity leave and a medical bonus of 3,500 rupees

Document	PIB backgrounder on Women, Work and Enterprise, 15 October 2026
Female LFPR	23.3 per cent in 2017-18 to 40 per cent in 2025
Female Worker Population Ratio	22 per cent in 2017-18 to 38.8 per cent in 2025
Women employed	About 20 crore aged 15 years and above in 2025
Women-owned MSMEs	About 3.69 crore registrations, nearly 38 per cent of the total, as of October 2026
Startups with a woman director	Over 1.07 lakh by March 2026, about 48 per cent of recognised startups
PMMY	Launched in 2015; collateral-free credit up to 20 lakh rupees; over 57.79 crore loans by April 2026
Guarantee cover for women-led MSEs	90 per cent, with a 10 per cent concession on the guarantee fee

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PLFS September 2026: Urban LFPR Rises to 50.7 Per Cent

15 October 2026 · Economy

The PLFS monthly bulletin for September 2026 put overall LFPR at 55.5 per cent, urban LFPR at 50.7 per cent and the unemployment rate steady at 5 per cent.

- The PLFS monthly bulletin for September 2026, the eighteenth in the series, was released on 15 October 2026 by MoSPI.
- Overall LFPR for those aged 15 years and above was 55.5 per cent, while urban LFPR rose to 50.7 per cent from 50.4 per cent in August 2026.
- Urban female LFPR increased to 25.9 per cent, its highest since October 2025, and rural female LFPR stood at 38.9 per cent.
- The unemployment rate stayed at 5 per cent, with rural UR at 4.2 per cent and urban UR at 6.9 per cent; rural female UR fell to 3.9 per cent, the lowest in 2026.
- The estimates are based on 3,70,513 persons surveyed, 2,11,333 of them rural and 1,59,180 urban.

Report	PLFS Monthly Bulletin, September 2026 (eighteenth in the series)
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, 15 October 2026
Conducted by	National Statistical Office, using the Current Weekly Status approach
Overall LFPR	55.5 per cent (age 15 years and above)
Urban LFPR	50.7 per cent, up from 50.4 per cent in August 2026
Female LFPR	34.6 per cent overall; urban 25.9 per cent; rural 38.9 per cent
Worker Population Ratio	52.7 per cent overall; urban 47.2 per cent
Unemployment rate	5 per cent overall; rural 4.2 per cent; urban 6.9 per cent

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National Strategic Trade Command Centre Opens at Vanijya Bhawan

15 October 2026 · Economy

Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal launched the National Strategic Trade Command Centre at Vanijya Bhawan in New Delhi on 15 October 2026.

- The National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC) was launched at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal
- The NSTCC has been developed by the Department of Commerce and rests on existing digital systems, including those of the DGFT and the Trade Connect ePlatform
- First-phase dashboards cover Importer Exporter Code, Advance Authorisation, EPCG, Certificate of Origin, SCOMET and restricted imports and exports
- SCOMET stands for Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies; the Minister sought weekly Inter-Ministerial Committee meetings to clear pendency
- Its three design pillars are integrated monitoring, performance assessment and evidence-based policy inputs

Initiative	National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC)
Launched by	Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal
Venue	Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi
Developed by	Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Commerce Secretary	Rajesh Agrawal
DGFT Director General	Lav Agarwal
SCOMET	Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies
Systems used	DGFT systems and the Trade Connect ePlatform

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India Exports 80.75 Billion Dollars Worth Goods, Services in September

15 October 2026 · Economy

India total exports of goods and services stood at 80.75 billion dollars in September 2026, a rise of 10.99 per cent over September 2025, trade data shows.

- India total exports of merchandise and services in September 2026 were 80.75 billion dollars, a growth of 10.99 per cent over September 2025
- Total imports in September 2026 stood at 94.05 billion dollars, a growth of 8.19 per cent, leaving an overall trade gap of 13.30 billion dollars
- Merchandise exports for the month were 44.40 billion dollars against 36.08 billion dollars in September 2025
- Cumulative exports for April to September 2026-27 are estimated at 476.20 billion dollars, up 13.84 per cent, with imports at 551.13 billion dollars
- Electronic goods exports grew fastest at 70.44 per cent, rising from 3.11 billion dollars to 5.31 billion dollars

Released by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Total exports, September 2026	80.75 billion dollars, up 10.99 per cent
Total imports, September 2026	94.05 billion dollars, up 8.19 per cent
Merchandise exports, September 2026	44.40 billion dollars
Merchandise imports, September 2026	74.61 billion dollars
Trade balance, September 2026	Deficit of 13.30 billion dollars
Cumulative exports, April to September 2026-27	476.20 billion dollars, up 13.84 per cent
Fastest growing export group	Electronic goods, up 70.44 per cent

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APEDA Flags Off Maiden Palmyra Jaggery Export to Bulgaria

16 October 2026 · Economy

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- APEDA flagged off the maiden export consignment of 1.755 MT of organic Palmyra jaggery powder on 15 October 2026
- The consignment went from Gobichettipalayam in Erode district, Tamil Nadu, to Varna in Bulgaria, shipped by sea through Chennai Port
- The product carries NPOP and European Union organic certification and is also known as Palmyra Blossom Nectar
- The initiative covers 137 acres under organic cultivation, with farmers earning about 15 to 22 per cent more than in the domestic market
- APEDA Chairman Shri Abhishek Dev flagged off the consignment; APEDA works under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Agency	APEDA, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Product	Organic Palmyra jaggery powder (Palmyra Blossom Nectar)
Quantity	1.755 MT, maiden consignment
From	Gobichettipalayam, Erode district, Tamil Nadu
To	Varna, Bulgaria, shipped by sea via Chennai Port
Certification	NPOP and European Union organic
Exporter	M/s Wellbeing Foods, Erode, with M/s Chetty Exports Private Limited, Chennai
Importer	M/s Sow Life Ltd, Bulgaria

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First Kanda Express Takes 440 MT Onions to Agartala

16 October 2026 · Economy

The first-ever Kanda Express carrying about 440 MT of buffer onions is due to reach Agartala in Tripura by 18 October 2026 from the PSF buffer.

- The first-ever Kanda Express to Agartala, Tripura, carries about 440 MT of buffer onions and is expected to arrive by 18 October 2026.
- The onions come from the buffer built under the Price Stabilization Fund and are released by the Department of Consumer Affairs.
- Two Kanda Express rakes of 840 MT and 452 MT and 44 truck consignments of 1,513.46 MT have moved over 2,800 MT of onions into the North-East.
- The consignment is expected to cover seven of Tripura eight districts, and earlier supplies reached points in Assam, Tripura and Nagaland.
- The all-India average mandi price fell from about Rs 3,600 per quintal in September to around Rs 3,300 per quintal in October.

Initiative	First-ever Kanda Express onion movement to Agartala, Tripura
Ministry	Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Quantity in consignment	About 440 MT of buffer onions
Expected arrival	By 18 October 2026
Source of stock	Buffer under the Price Stabilization Fund (PSF)
Moved to the North-East so far	Over 2,800 MT, through two rakes of 840 MT and 452 MT and 44 truck consignments of 1,513.46 MT
Districts to be covered in Tripura	Seven of eight, including Dhalai, South Tripura, Khowai, Unakoti, West Tripura, Gomati and Sepahijala
All-India mandi price	Down from about Rs 3,600 per quintal in September to about Rs 3,300 per quintal in October

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KVIC Opens Khadi Mahotsav-2026 in Mumbai With Gen-Z Podcast

16 October 2026 · Economy

KVIC Chairman Manoj Goel opened Khadi Mahotsav-2026 at Vile Parle in Mumbai, where 77 units from 12 states are selling Khadi and village industry products.

- KVIC Chairman Manoj Goel inaugurated Khadi Mahotsav-2026 at the KVIC Central Office in Vile Parle, Mumbai, on 15 October 2026
- The festival runs from 2 October to 31 October 2026 with 20 per cent discount on Khadi products and 10 per cent on village industry products
- A total of 77 units from 12 states are selling through 77 stalls: 36 Khadi units, 33 PMEGP units and 08 village industry units
- KVIC has launched the 'Baat Khadi Ki' podcast to connect Gen Z with the Swadeshi movement and the Viksit Bharat@2047 vision
- Sector turnover crossed Rs 1.87 lakh crore in 2025-26 with employment of over 2.04 crore people; the target is Rs 2.51 lakh crore

Event	Khadi Mahotsav-2026
Inaugurated by	Shri Manoj Goel, Chairman, KVIC
Venue	KVIC Central Office, Vile Parle, Mumbai
Inauguration date	15 October 2026; festival runs 2 to 31 October 2026
Participation	77 units from 12 states through 77 stalls
Break-up of units	36 Khadi, 33 PMEGP, 08 village industries and other schemes
Discounts	20 per cent on Khadi products, 10 per cent on village industry products
Podcast launched	'Baat Khadi Ki'

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Commerce Dept Holds FTA Outreach for Exporters in Jaipur

17 October 2026 · Economy

The Department of Commerce held a Leveraging FTAs outreach in Jaipur as exports for April to September 2026-27 touched US$ 476.20 billion, up 13.84 per cent.

- The Department of Commerce organised the Leveraging FTAs outreach programme in Jaipur, Rajasthan, addressed by Joint Secretary Shri Mohit Yadav.
- Cumulative exports for April to September 2026-27 are estimated at US$ 476.20 billion against US$ 418.31 billion a year earlier, a growth of 13.84 per cent.
- India ranks eighth among global gems and jewellery exporters with a 2.9 per cent share of a market of about US$ 1 trillion.
- India trade agreements and arrangements include partners such as the UAE, Australia, the EFTA countries and the United Kingdom.
- Rajasthan aims to be a US$ 350 billion economy by 2029 with exports of ₹1.5 lakh crore, under the Rajasthan Export Promotion Policy 2024.

Programme	Leveraging FTAs - Outreach Programme
Organiser	Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Venue	Jaipur, Rajasthan
Addressed by	Joint Secretary Shri Mohit Yadav
Exports, April to September 2026-27	US$ 476.20 billion (estimated)
Same period of 2025-26	US$ 418.31 billion
Export growth	13.84 per cent (estimated)
Gems and jewellery rank	India eighth globally, 2.9 per cent share

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NPPA Caps Trade Margin on 137 Anti-Cancer Drugs at 30%

17 October 2026 · Economy

NPPA has capped the trade margin on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs at 30% of MRP, and the cheaper prices will be charged from 9 November 2026.

- NPPA has rationalised the trade margin on 137 identified non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs and capped it at 30% of the Maximum Retail Price
- The cap uses Paragraph 19 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013; the gazette notification is dated 17 October 2026
- Retail prices of the listed medicines are expected to fall by up to 70%, and the new rates apply from 9 November 2026
- In the 2019 pilot the margin on 42 anti-cancer drugs was capped at 30% and the MRP of 526 brands fell by up to 90%
- Manufacturers must report revised prices within 7 days; buyers can check rates on the Pharma Sahi Daam app

Regulator	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
Ministry	Chemicals and Fertilizers, Department of Pharmaceuticals
Drugs covered	137 identified non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs
Trade margin cap	30% of Maximum Retail Price
Legal provision	Paragraph 19 of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013
Notification date	17 October 2026
Effective from	9 November 2026
Expected price cut	Up to 70% of existing MRP

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DRI Busts Gujarat Gold Racket, 13 Kg Seized Worth Rs 19.41 Cr

19 October 2026 · Economy

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence broke up a gold smuggling syndicate in Gujarat involving 13.017 kg of foreign-origin gold worth about Rs 19.41 crore.

- The DRI dismantled a gold smuggling syndicate running through Ahmedabad and Surat airports, with three arrests under the Customs Act, 1962.
- The dealings exposed involved 13.017 kg of foreign-origin gold worth about Rs 19.41 crore.
- Searches over 42 hours from 16 October 2026 led to the seizure of about 890 grams of gold and evidence of 6.41 kg melted illegally.
- Gold was concealed as rhodium-coated thin wires, inside trolley bag linings and as gold paste in the inner shells of bags.
- The melting unit was at Vadodara, the metal was sold through an Ahmedabad jewellery shop, and the syndicate's financier was based in Dubai.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
State	Gujarat
Airports used	Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad and Surat International Airport
Gold in dealings exposed	13.017 kg of foreign origin
Value	About Rs 19.41 crore
Gold seized	About 890 grams
Illegally melted gold traced	6.41 kg
Melting facility	Vadodara

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DRI Seizes Rs 8.64 Crore Smuggled Cigarettes in Mizoram

19 October 2026 · Economy

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 43.2 lakh foreign-origin cigarettes worth Rs 8.64 crore in Mizoram and arrested the truck driver carrying them.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 43.2 lakh foreign-origin cigarette sticks worth Rs 8.64 crore in Mizoram.
- The consignment of 432 cases, of the Patron brand, was intercepted at Tuirial village on the Champhai-Aizawl Road.
- The packets lacked the pictorial and health warnings required by the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003.
- The cigarettes and the truck were seized under Section 110 of the Customs Act, 1962, and the driver was arrested.
- The cigarettes are suspected to have entered Mizoram from Myanmar through the Zokhawthar sector of the border.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, Aizawl Regional Unit
Quantity	43.2 lakh sticks, that is 43,20,000 cigarettes
Cases seized	432
Value	Rs 8.64 crore
Brand	Patron, foreign origin
Interception point	Tuirial village, Champhai-Aizawl Road
State	Mizoram
Suspected origin	Myanmar, through the Zokhawthar sector

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Core Industries Index Grows 7.9 Per Cent in September 2026

21 October 2026 · Economy

The Index of Core Industries rose 7.9 per cent year-on-year in September 2026, up from 5.9 per cent in August, led by iron ore, electricity and coal.

- The Index of Core Industries grew 7.9 per cent year-on-year in September 2026 on a provisional basis, against 5.9 per cent in August 2026
- Iron ore grew fastest at 18.4 per cent, followed by electricity at 11.4 per cent, coal at 10.7 per cent and refinery products at 10.3 per cent
- Fertilizers, natural gas and crude oil recorded negative growth during September 2026
- Cumulative ICI growth for April-September 2026 was 5.1 per cent, against 2.5 per cent in the same period a year earlier
- The final August 2026 index was revised from 119.2 to 120.4, lifting that month's growth from 4.8 per cent to 5.9 per cent

Index	Index of Core Industries (ICI), provisional for September 2026
Growth	7.9 per cent year-on-year
Previous month	5.9 per cent in August 2026 (final)
Base year	2022-23
Fastest sector	Iron ore, 18.4 per cent
Sectors in decline	Fertilizers, natural gas and crude oil
Cumulative, April-September 2026	5.1 per cent, against 2.5 per cent a year earlier
Released by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry

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India Post Crosses Rs 4,000 Crore Revenue in Two Straight Quarters

22 October 2026 · Economy

The Department of Posts earned Rs 8,212.7 crore in the first half of FY 2026-27, a growth of 24 per cent, and crossed Rs 4,000 crore in two quarters in a row.

- The Department of Posts crossed the Rs 4,000 crore quarterly revenue mark for two consecutive quarters for the first time
- Revenue in the first half of FY 2026-27 was Rs 8,212.7 crore, up 24 per cent from Rs 6,636 crore a year earlier
- Second quarter revenue was Rs 4,201.5 crore, a rise of 25 per cent year on year and 5 per cent over the first quarter
- Parcels grew fastest at 71 per cent, followed by PLI and RPLI at 44 per cent and international business at 38 per cent
- Bihar circle topped the quarter with 97.15 per cent of its target; the review was chaired by Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Department	Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications
Milestone	Rs 4,000 crore quarterly revenue crossed in two consecutive quarters, a first
H1 FY 2026-27 revenue	Rs 8,212.7 crore, up 24 per cent over Rs 6,636 crore
Q2 revenue	Rs 4,201.5 crore, up 25 per cent year on year
Fastest vertical	Parcels, 71 per cent growth; parcels earned Rs 318.9 crore in Q2
Savings bank	Post Office Savings Bank contributed Rs 1,987 crore
Best circle in Q2	Bihar, 97.15 per cent of target, ahead of West Bengal at 97.07 per cent
Union Minister	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Communications and Development of North Eastern Region

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NSDC Debuts on NSE Social Stock Exchange with ZCZP Issue

22 October 2026 · Economy

NSDC made its debut on the NSE Social Stock Exchange with a maiden Zero Coupon Zero Principal issue of which NABARD subscribed Rs 4 crore for skilling.

- NSDC debuted on the Social Stock Exchange platform of the National Stock Exchange in Mumbai, with Minister Jayant Chaudhary ringing the bell
- The listing was NSDC's maiden issue of Zero Coupon Zero Principal instruments, and NABARD subscribed Rs 4 crore to it
- The money will prepare 600 youth from economically weaker OBC households in Madhya Pradesh for jobs abroad, 300 for Japan and 300 for Germany
- The programme outlay is Rs 11.25 crore, met by 15 per cent beneficiary contribution, 35 per cent from the Social Stock Exchange and 50 per cent from Madhya Pradesh on successful placement
- The outcome-linked share is structured as a bilateral Social Impact Bond between NSDC and the Government of Madhya Pradesh

Listing	NSDC's debut on the Social Stock Exchange platform of the NSE, Mumbai
Instrument	Zero Coupon Zero Principal (ZCZP), NSDC's maiden issue
Subscriber	NABARD, Rs 4 crore
Programme outlay	Rs 11.25 crore
Beneficiaries	600 youth from economically weaker OBC households in Madhya Pradesh
Destinations	300 candidates for Japan and 300 for Germany
Funding split	15 per cent beneficiaries, 35 per cent Social Stock Exchange, 50 per cent Madhya Pradesh on placement
Minister	Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

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Railways Sets All-Time High Coal Loading Record in October

22 October 2026 · Economy

Indian Railways recorded 22.5% growth in coal loading up to 18 October 2026 and dispatched 430 coal rakes a day to thermal power plants in the first half of FY 2026-27.

- Indian Railways recorded an all-time high in coal loading, with 22.5 per cent growth in October 2026 up to the 18th of the month
- Coal loading in that period rose by 87 rakes per day compared with October 2025
- In the first half of FY 2026-27 the railways dispatched an average of 430 coal rakes a day to thermal power plants, up 7.1 per cent year on year
- Daily coal rake dispatches in September 2026 were 14 per cent higher than in September 2025
- Indian Railways is coordinating with the Ministry of Coal on evacuation and the Ministry of Power on sustained supply to thermal plants

Record	All-time high coal loading, October 2026 up to the 18th
Growth in October	22.5 per cent over the same period last year
Extra rakes	87 more coal rakes dispatched per day than October 2025
First half FY 2026-27	430 coal rakes a day to thermal power plants
Half-year growth	7.1 per cent over the corresponding period
September 2026	Daily dispatches up 14 per cent over September 2025
Coordination	Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Power

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Draft National Steel Policy Vision 2047 Targets 604 MT Capacity

23 October 2026 · Economy

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- The draft National Steel Policy Vision 2047 targets crude steel capacity of 604 MT, per capita steel consumption of 302 kg and exports of 45 MT by 2047.
- It also aims to cut emission intensity from 2.54 to about 1.54 tonnes of carbon dioxide for every tonne of crude steel made.
- Green Steel Certificates have gone to 104 distinct steel producers in the lists issued up to October 2026, most certified products holding five-star ratings.
- MOIL recorded its highest-ever first-half manganese ore output of 0.96 Mt, passing its previous record of 0.943 Mt, and set up a joint venture with Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation.
- NMDC Global IFSC Limited and SAIL Global IFSC Limited have been incorporated at GIFT City, the first for overseas mineral investments and the second as a group treasury centre.

Policy	Draft National Steel Policy, Vision 2047, prepared by the Ministry of Steel
Capacity target	604 MT of crude steel by 2047
Per capita consumption target	302 kg
Export target	45 MT
Emission intensity	From 2.54 to about 1.54 tonnes of carbon dioxide per tonne of crude steel
Green Steel Certificates	104 distinct steel producers up to October 2026
MOIL record	0.96 Mt of manganese ore in the first half, past the earlier record of 0.943 Mt
MOIL joint venture	MOIL MPSMCL Mining Limited, with Madhya Pradesh State Mining Corporation Limited

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India Targets 30 Million Tonnes of Fish Production in Five Years

23 October 2026 · Economy

The development phase of a national action plan for inland small-scale fisheries was launched as India set a fish production target of 30 million tonnes.

- India has moved into the development phase of a separate National Plan of Action for small-scale inland fisheries, launched by Fisheries Secretary Abhilaksh Likhi at a workshop in Bhopal.
- The plan is being prepared under the framework of the FAO, led by the Union Department of Fisheries with the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation.
- India has set a target of 30 million tonnes of fish production over the next five years, with seafood exports expected to reach Rs 1.25 lakh crore.
- Annual fish production is 19.7 million tonnes at present, inland fisheries giving about three-fourths of it, and seafood exports have crossed Rs 70,000 crore.
- The development phase will address fishing rights, resource management, decent work, gender equality, value chains, post-harvest trade, disaster risks and climate change.

Plan	National Plan of Action (NPOA) for small-scale inland fisheries, development phase
Launched by	Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries
Venue	Two-day national workshop at Bhopal
International framework	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO)
Partner organisation	Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation (BOBP-IGO)
Production target	30 million tonnes in the next five years
Export target	Rs 1.25 lakh crore of seafood exports
Present production	19.7 million tonnes a year, inland share about three-fourths

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Engineering Exports Cross US$70 Billion in H1 of FY 2026-27

23 October 2026 · Economy

The Department of Commerce and EEPC India held a Chintan Shivir to plan for US$250 billion of engineering exports by 2030, as H1 shipments crossed US$70 billion.

- The Department of Commerce and EEPC India held a Chintan Shivir to chart a strategy for US$250 billion of engineering exports by 2030.
- Engineering exports crossed US$70 billion in the first half of FY 2026-27, a growth of nearly 20 per cent over a year earlier.
- India’s total merchandise and services exports grew 14 per cent to US$476.20 billion during April-September 2026-27.
- Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal said India’s share of global merchandise exports could rise from about 2 per cent to 15-20 per cent.
- EEPC India Chairman Shri Pankaj Chadha expects engineering exports to cross US$140 billion this financial year, while Joint Secretary Shri Vimal Anand proposed a US$300 billion goal for 2030.

Event	Chintan Shivir for the Engineering Sector
Held by	Department of Commerce with EEPC India
Target	US$250 billion of engineering goods exports by 2030
H1 FY 2026-27 engineering exports	Over US$70 billion, up nearly 20 per cent
Total exports, April-September	US$476.20 billion, up 14 per cent year-on-year
Commerce Secretary	Shri Rajesh Agrawal
EEPC India Chairman	Shri Pankaj Chadha
Higher goal proposed	US$300 billion of engineering exports by 2030 (Joint Secretary Shri Vimal Anand)

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Nirmala Sitharaman Chairs 30th FSDC Meeting in New Delhi

23 October 2026 · Economy

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- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 30th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council in New Delhi on 23 October 2026.
- The FSDC took note of the Financial Sector Cyber Security Strategy prepared by an Inter-Ministerial Group of regulators and cyber security agencies.
- Members flagged geopolitical uncertainty, the artificial intelligence boom and the sharp rise in global bond yields as risks needing vigilance.
- Reform items included fintech innovation, tokenisation of assets, digital KYC for NRIs and FPIs, and scaling the Account Aggregator and Unified Lending Interface for MSMEs.
- The Finance Minister sought faster refund of unclaimed assets under the 'Your Money, Your Right' campaign and more frequent FSDC meetings on a fixed calendar.

Body	Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)
Meeting	30th meeting, New Delhi, 23 October 2026
Chaired by	Union Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman
Strategy noted	Financial Sector Cyber Security Strategy (FSCSS)
Sub-Committee chair	Governor, Reserve Bank of India
Campaign on unclaimed assets	'Your Money, Your Right'
RBI Governor	Shri Sanjay Malhotra
SEBI Chairperson	Shri Tuhin Kanta Pandey

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SMFCL, India's First Maritime NBFC, Disburses Rs 5,107 Crore

23 October 2026 · Economy

Sarbananda Sonowal opened the corporate office of SMFCL in New Delhi on 23 October 2026; the maritime NBFC has disbursed Rs 5,107 crore so far.

- Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the corporate office of Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited at ISID, New Delhi, on 23 October 2026
- SMFCL is India's first dedicated NBFC in the maritime sector; it had sanctioned Rs 11,563 crore and disbursed Rs 5,107 crore as on 30 September 2026
- It aims at cumulative disbursements of Rs 60,205 crore by the end of FY2031, in line with Reserve Bank norms on its debt-to-equity ratio
- SBI Ventures Limited is the Fund Manager of the Maritime Investment Fund component of the Maritime Development Fund, whose first close of Rs 5,000 crore is targeted by January 2027
- The Interest Incentivisation Fund has supported loans of Rs 4,500 crore and released about Rs 25 crore of interest subvention

Company	Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL)
Distinction	India's first dedicated NBFC in the maritime sector
Office inaugurated at	Institute for Studies in Industrial Development (ISID), New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Sanctioned (30 September 2026)	Rs 11,563 crore
Disbursed	Rs 5,107 crore
Target by end of FY2031	Rs 60,205 crore of cumulative disbursements
Maritime Development Fund	first close of Rs 5,000 crore targeted by January 2027

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Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Limited Launched

24 October 2026 · Economy

Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary launched BIMCGL at Bodh Gaya, where 12 MoUs for about 300 acres and ₹4,200 crore of investment were signed.

- Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Limited was launched at Bodh Gaya on 24 October 2026 by Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary, along with the curtain raiser of Bihar Business Connect 2027
- Twelve MoUs were signed for about 300 acres at IMC Gaya, carrying proposed investment of about ₹4,200 crore and employment potential of 16,095
- BIMCGL is the special purpose vehicle for the Integrated Manufacturing Cluster at Gaya, spread over about 1,670 acres in Dobhi block under the Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor
- The project was approved on 28 August 2024 at a cost of ₹1,339 crore and is expected to draw about ₹16,500 crore of investment and nearly 1.10 lakh jobs
- The company, incorporated on 6 January 2025, is an equal joint venture of BIADA and the National Industrial Corridor Development and Implementation Trust

Company launched	Bihar Integrated Manufacturing City Gaya Limited (BIMCGL)
Launched by	Samrat Choudhary, Chief Minister of Bihar, at Bodh Gaya
MoUs signed	12, for about 300 acres, investment about ₹4,200 crore, employment potential 16,095
Corridor	Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor, under the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme
Cluster area	About 1,670 acres in Dobhi block, Gaya district
Approval	28 August 2024, at a cost of ₹1,339 crore including land
Joint venture	BIADA and NICDIT with equal equity; incorporated 6 January 2025
Expected outcome	Investment of about ₹16,500 crore and nearly 1.10 lakh jobs

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KVIC Puts Khadi Sector Turnover Above 1.87 Lakh Crore

25 October 2026 · Economy

KVIC chairman Manoj Goel said the khadi and village industries sector crossed a turnover of Rs 1.87 lakh crore in 2025-26 and employs over 2.04 crore people.

- KVIC chairman Manoj Goel said the khadi and village industries sector crossed a turnover of Rs 1.87 lakh crore in the 2025-26 financial year.
- The sector gave employment to more than 2.04 crore people, and its next turnover target is Rs 2.51 lakh crore.
- KVIC works under the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Manoj Goel is its chairman.
- Khadi and village industry goods sold for more than Rs 28 crore in a single day on Gandhi Jayanti, a figure the Prime Minister cited in the 139th Mann Ki Baat episode.
- The first khadi appeal from Mann Ki Baat came on 3 October 2014; Khadi Bhawan at Connaught Place took Rs 1.34 crore on 2 October in 2022 and over Rs 1.52 crore on 2 October 2023.

Body	Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
Ministry	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Chairman	Manoj Goel
Turnover, 2025-26	More than Rs 1.87 lakh crore
Employment	More than 2.04 crore people
Turnover target	Rs 2.51 lakh crore
Single-day sale	More than Rs 28 crore on Gandhi Jayanti
Khadi Bhawan record	Rs 1.34 crore on 2 October in 2022; over Rs 1.52 crore on 2 October 2023, at Connaught Place

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RELIEF Export Scheme Extended Till 31 March 2027

26 October 2026 · Economy

The Department of Commerce has extended Component II of the RELIEF initiative under the Export Promotion Mission till 31 March 2027 with 95 per cent risk cover.

- The Department of Commerce has extended Component II of RELIEF, a time-bound intervention under the Export Promotion Mission, until 31 March 2027
- RELIEF stands for Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation and was launched on 19 March 2026
- Component II gives 95 per cent risk coverage to encourage exporters to take ECGC cover for shipments to specified regions
- The benefit covers Standalone Policies and Whole Turnover Policies taken on or after 16 March 2026, and premium is protected against rises beyond pre-disruption levels
- Covered cargo includes Full Container Load, Less than Container Load and reefer containers, while energy shipments are excluded

Scheme	RELIEF: Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation
Parent mission	Export Promotion Mission (EPM)
Ministry	Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Extended until	31 March 2027 (Component II)
Notification	No. 37/2026-27 dated 30 September 2026
Risk coverage	95 per cent
Cover provider	Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India (ECGC)
Eligible policies	Standalone and Whole Turnover Policies taken on or after 16 March 2026

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GeM AABHAR Collection Lists 294 Artisan Gift Products

26 October 2026 · Economy

Government e-Marketplace is promoting The AABHAR Collection, a storefront of 294 product listings from 10 handloom and handicraft emporiums for government buyers.

- Government e-Marketplace is promoting The AABHAR Collection, a digital storefront of curated gift items and hampers rooted in Indian crafts
- The collection carries 294 product catalogue listings from 10 State and Central handloom and handicraft emporiums
- Products are linked to the One District, One Product initiative and to Geographical Indication tags
- Seven more bodies, including the Coffee Board, Utkalika of Odisha and Panthoibi of Manipur, are completing seller onboarding
- The storefront was launched in July 2024; GeM's Chief Executive Officer is Shri Mihir Kumar

Platform	Government e-Marketplace (GeM), Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Storefront	The AABHAR Collection
Product listings	294 product catalogue listings
Emporiums on board	10 State and Central handloom and handicraft emporiums
Linked initiatives	One District, One Product (ODOP) and Geographical Indication (GI) tags
Launched	July 2024
Chief Executive Officer, GeM	Shri Mihir Kumar
Additional CEO (Social Inclusion)	Shri Ajit B. Chavan

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DPIIT Reforms: 2,50,046 Startups and USD 843 Billion FDI

27 October 2026 · Economy

DPIIT reported 2,50,046 recognised startups with 25.42 lakh jobs, 47,957 compliances reduced and USD 843 billion of foreign direct investment over twelve years.

- DPIIT has recognised 2,50,046 startups reporting more than 25.42 lakh jobs across over 770 districts and 56 industries.
- The Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups has guaranteed 532 loans worth Rs 1,662.71 crore, with cover per borrower doubled to Rs 20 crore.
- A total of 47,957 compliances have been reduced and the Jan Vishwas Acts have decriminalised 900 provisions of central laws.
- India received USD 843 billion in FDI from FY 2014-15 to FY 2025-26, 169 per cent more than the USD 313 billion of the preceding twelve years.
- The National Single Window System offers 3,779 live services in 22 Indian languages and has registered 5,76,778 businesses.

Department	Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Startups recognised	2,50,046, with over 25.42 lakh jobs in 770+ districts and 56 industries
Seed Fund Scheme	Rs 775.67 crore approved for 4,194 startups through 244 incubators
Fund of Funds	SIDBI committed Rs 12,623 crore to 166 AIFs, which invested Rs 28,254 crore in 1,475 startups
Credit guarantee	532 loans worth Rs 1,662.71 crore; cover per borrower doubled to Rs 20 crore
Compliances reduced	47,957, of which 22,290 digitised and 5,255 decriminalised
Jan Vishwas Acts	900 provisions decriminalised: 183 in 42 Acts in 2023 and 717 in 79 Acts in 2026
Labour Codes	Twenty-nine central labour laws merged into four Labour Codes

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Sonowal in Busan: Cyprus Backs India's Ship Recycling Bid

27 October 2026 · Economy

At Busan, Sarbananda Sonowal won Cyprus's backing for EU recognition of Indian ship-recycling yards and courted Korean shipbuilders and maritime financiers.

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal held a series of maritime meetings in Busan, South Korea, covering shipbuilding, finance, port development, green technology and ship recycling
- Cyprus's Shipping Deputy Minister Marina Hadjimanolis reaffirmed support for India's bid for European Union recognition of eligible Indian ship-recycling yards
- About 25 leading Cypriot companies are expected to visit India in November to explore partnerships in shipping, ship management and maritime technology
- Korean firms discussed LPG and LNG cargo tanks, cryogenic structures and ship blocks, while KOMERI explored cooperation with the proposed India Ship Technology Center
- India has approved a shipbuilding support package of about 7.8 billion dollars and has a pipeline of more than 400 vessels worth an estimated 23 billion dollars

Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal, Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Venue of talks	Busan, South Korea
Cyprus minister	Marina Hadjimanolis, Shipping Deputy Minister
Cyprus support	Backing for European Union recognition of eligible Indian ship-recycling yards
Cypriot visit	About 25 leading companies expected in India in November
Finance vehicles offered	Maritime Development Fund and Sagarmala Finance Corporation
Proposed institution	India Ship Technology Center, for ship design, research, testing and training
Order pipeline	More than 400 vessels worth an estimated 23 billion dollars

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India-EFTA TEPA: Goyal Meets Liechtenstein Prince Alois

28 October 2026 · Economy

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal met Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein and explored stronger investment ties under the India-EFTA trade agreement.

- Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal called on Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein on 28 October 2026 during the Prince's State Visit to India
- The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement came into force on 1 October 2025 and targets 100 billion dollars of FDI into India over 15 years with one million direct jobs
- Cumulative FDI inflows stood at 843 billion dollars from FY 2014-15 to FY 2025-26, with a record 94.53 billion dollars in FY 2025-26
- India has 2.50 lakh startups supporting over 25.42 lakh jobs across more than 770 districts and 56 industries, and 52 per cent of them are outside metropolitan cities
- The India-EFTA Prosperity Summit was held in New Delhi on 7 October 2026 to mark the agreement's first anniversary

Agreement	India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)
In force since	1 October 2025
Indian Minister	Shri Piyush Goyal, Commerce and Industry
Guest	H.S.H. Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein, on a State Visit
Investment target	100 billion dollars of FDI over 15 years and one million direct jobs
Cumulative FDI	843 billion dollars, FY 2014-15 to FY 2025-26
Record year	94.53 billion dollars in FY 2025-26
Startups	2.50 lakh, supporting over 25.42 lakh jobs in more than 770 districts and 56 industries

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Dearness Allowance Raised 3% to 63% From 1 July 2026

28 October 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet cleared an extra 3 per cent Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief instalment from 1 July 2026, taking the rate to 63 per cent of basic pay.

- The Union Cabinet approved an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance for central employees and Dearness Relief for pensioners on 28 October 2026
- The rise is 3 per cent over the existing 60 per cent of basic pay or pension, taking the rate to 63 per cent
- The revision is effective from 1 July 2026, so arrears are due for the elapsed months
- The combined annual burden on the exchequer is 10,016.10 crore rupees
- About 48.54 lakh central government employees and 68.71 lakh pensioners gain from the order

Decision	Additional instalment of Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Quantum	3 per cent over the existing rate
Rate before and after	60 per cent to 63 per cent of basic pay or pension
Effective from	1 July 2026
Annual cost	10,016.10 crore rupees
Employees benefited	About 48.54 lakh
Pensioners benefited	About 68.71 lakh

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Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme Gets Rs 10,000 Crore

28 October 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet approved the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme with an outlay of 10,000 crore rupees up to 2039-40 to cut reliance on imported containers.

- The Union Cabinet cleared the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme on 28 October 2026 with an outlay of 10,000 crore rupees up to 2039-40
- It has three parts: Interest Subvention Assistance of 859 crore rupees, Operational Expenditure Assistance of 8,891 crore rupees and testing support of 150 crore rupees
- Interest subvention is 3 per cent a year on eligible term loans for greenfield plants and brownfield expansion
- Annual container making capacity is to rise about ten-fold, up to 7.5 lakh TEUs
- An estimated 3,000 direct and over 50,000 indirect jobs are expected, aiding trades such as corner castings and specialised steel

Scheme	Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS)
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Outlay	10,000 crore rupees up to the financial year 2039-40
Announced in	Union Budget 2026-27
Interest Subvention Assistance	859 crore rupees, at 3 per cent a year on eligible term loans
Operational Expenditure Assistance	8,891 crore rupees
Testing and certification assistance	150 crore rupees
Capacity target	About ten-fold rise, up to 7.5 lakh TEUs a year

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IIP Grows 6.7% in September 2026 on Power and Factories

28 October 2026 · Economy

India’s Index of Industrial Production rose 6.7 per cent in September 2026, helped by 7.6 per cent growth in manufacturing and 11.2 per cent in electricity and gas.

- India's Index of Industrial Production grew 6.7 per cent in September 2026 over September 2025, against 8.0 per cent in August 2026
- Electricity and gas supply led with 11.2 per cent growth, manufacturing grew 7.6 per cent and mining contracted 6.2 per cent
- The general index stood at 124.3 on the base 2022-23 equal to 100, against 116.5 a year earlier
- Within manufacturing 17 of 23 industry groups grew, led by electrical equipment at 33.9 per cent
- By end use, intermediate goods rose 12.2 per cent and capital goods 10.4 per cent, with consumer non-durables nearly flat at 1.4 per cent

Indicator	Index of Industrial Production, quick estimates for September 2026
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Overall growth	6.7 per cent year on year
Base year	2022-23 equal to 100
General index	124.3, against 116.5 in September 2025
Fastest sector	Electricity and gas supply, 11.2 per cent
Weakest sector	Mining and quarrying, a contraction of 6.2 per cent
Top industry group	Manufacture of electrical equipment, 33.9 per cent

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Textiles PLI Portal Reopens for Round 4 From 1 November

28 October 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Textiles will reopen the PLI scheme portal for Round 4 applications from 1 November to 31 December 2026, with the turnover bar cut by half.

- The Ministry of Textiles will reopen the PLI Scheme for Textiles portal for Round 4 applications from 1 November 2026 to 31 December 2026
- The minimum turnover criterion under Part 2 of the scheme has been reduced from 200 crore rupees to 100 crore rupees to let MSMEs and mid-sized units apply
- The scheme tenure has been extended up to the financial year 2033-34 exclusively for applicants approved under Round 4
- Existing participants of Rounds 1, 2 and 3 who have not claimed or received any incentive may migrate to Round 4 after withdrawing their earlier applications
- The scheme covers Man-Made Fibre Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Technical Textiles

Scheme	Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles
Ministry	Ministry of Textiles
Round	Round 4
Application window	1 November 2026 to 31 December 2026
Minimum turnover, Part 2	Reduced from 200 crore rupees to 100 crore rupees
Tenure extension	Up to financial year 2033-34, only for Round 4 applicants
Migration allowed	Round 1, 2 and 3 participants who have not claimed any incentive, on withdrawal of earlier applications
Segments covered	Man-Made Fibre Apparel, MMF Fabrics and Technical Textiles

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Rabi MSP for 2027-28: Safflower Gets the Biggest Rise

29 October 2026 · Economy

The Rabi MSPs for marketing season 2027-28 carry the largest rise for safflower at Rs 675 a quintal, with Rs 90,962 crore to be paid for 324 lakh tonnes.

- The government approved higher MSPs for all mandated rabi crops of Rabi Marketing Season 2027-28 on 30 September 2026.
- An estimated Rs 90,962 crore is to be paid to farmers for 324 lakh metric tonnes of rabi produce in RMS 2027-28.
- Safflower received the highest absolute increase at Rs 675 a quintal, followed by rapeseed and mustard at Rs 413, lentil at Rs 390 and barley at Rs 136.
- Wheat carries the highest margin over the cost of production at 106 per cent, followed by rapeseed and mustard at 96 per cent and lentil at 92 per cent.
- Pulses, oilseeds and copra are procured under the Price Support Scheme of PM-AASHA through NAFED and NCCF, using the e-Samriddhi and e-Samyukti portals.

Season	Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2027-28
Approved on	30 September 2026
Estimated payment to farmers	Rs 90,962 crore for 324 lakh metric tonnes
Highest absolute rise	Safflower, Rs 675 a quintal
Highest margin over cost	Wheat, 106 per cent
Crops under MSP	22 mandated crops
Recommending body	Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP)
Minimum margin over cost	50 per cent

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Rs 3.36 Crore Settlement for 217 UltraTech Bathinda Workers

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Two Memorandums of Settlement signed at UltraTech, Bathinda will give 217 workers benefits of about Rs 3.36 crore over five years after central conciliation.

- Two Memorandums of Settlement were signed between the management of UltraTech, Bathinda and workers' unions on 14 October 2026.
- The settlements are expected to extend financial benefits of about Rs 3.36 crore to 217 workers over the next five years.
- The agreements were concluded with the Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) and the All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC).
- Conciliation was carried out by the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Jalandhar, under the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) in the Ministry of Labour and Employment.
- The agreed benefits will apply retrospectively from the second quarter of the year as per the terms of each agreement.

Agreements	Two Memorandums of Settlement (MoS)
Signed on	14 October 2026
Establishment	UltraTech, Bathinda, Punjab
Unions	Centre of Indian Trade Unions (CITU) and All India Trade Union Congress (AITUC)
Financial benefit	About Rs 3.36 crore
Workers covered	217
Period	Next five years, with benefits retrospective from the second quarter of the year
Conciliation by	Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Jalandhar

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India's Nine Trade Pacts Open USD 60 Trillion Market

29 October 2026 · Economy

Piyush Goyal said India's nine trade agreements open economies worth USD 60 trillion against USD 10 trillion covered by pacts signed before 2014.

- Piyush Goyal said India's nine free trade and bilateral agreements open preferential access to economies with a combined GDP of USD 60 trillion, against USD 10 trillion under pacts signed before 2014.
- He listed quality, global market access, economies of scale and inclusivity as the four differentiators for India's industrial transformation.
- India's trade agreements now cover 38 developed and relatively prosperous countries, and the domestic market of 1.4 billion people supports economies of scale.
- The India-Germany migration agreement involves a requirement of 90,000 Indians a year, and Goyal expects India to stay the fastest-growing major economy for 20 to 25 years.
- India's space economy is valued at USD 8.4 billion and could reach USD 44 billion by 2033, while green and renewable sources make up 60 per cent of installed power capacity.

Speaker	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Occasion	Fourth National Conference on India's Industrial Transformation, organised by ISID and IDRA
Four differentiators	Quality, global market access, economies of scale, inclusivity
Trade agreements	Nine free trade and bilateral agreements
Markets opened	Economies with aggregate GDP of USD 60 trillion
Before 2014	Agreements covered USD 10 trillion
Countries covered	38 developed and relatively prosperous countries
Germany migration pact	Requirement of 90,000 Indians a year

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Amit Shah Chairs 93rd NCDC General Council Meeting

29 October 2026 · Economy

Amit Shah chaired the 93rd General Council meeting of the National Cooperative Development Corporation, whose cumulative lending has reached Rs 4,14,586 crore.

- The 93rd General Council meeting of the National Cooperative Development Corporation was held on 29 October 2026 in New Delhi, chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah.
- NCDC has disbursed Rs 4,14,586 crore to cooperatives from the creation of the Ministry of Cooperation up to 25 October 2026.
- In FY 2025-26 it sanctioned projects worth Rs 1,55,408 crore, disbursed Rs 1,27,596 crore, earned a net profit of Rs 1,475 crore, recovered 99.84 per cent of loans and held net NPA at zero.
- Disbursal targets are Rs 1.70 lakh crore for FY 2026-27, Rs 2.10 lakh crore for FY 2027-28 and Rs 2.50 lakh crore for FY 2028-29.
- The Minister set 2030 as the year by which the North-East should be self-reliant in milk, eggs, fish and meat, and asked for a 25-year roadmap for the Corporation.

Event	93rd General Council meeting of NCDC
Date and venue	29 October 2026, NCDC headquarters, New Delhi
Chaired by	Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and of Cooperation
Ministry	Ministry of Cooperation
Cumulative disbursal	Rs 4,14,586 crore up to 25 October 2026
FY 2025-26 sanctions	Rs 1,55,408 crore
FY 2025-26 disbursal	Rs 1,27,596 crore, against Rs 24,733 crore in FY 2020-21
Net profit	Rs 1,475 crore in FY 2025-26

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India's FTAs to Cover 76% of Global GDP, Says Piyush Goyal

29 October 2026 · Economy

At the Invest Telangana Global Summit curtain raiser, Piyush Goyal said India's trade pacts, with eight more in talks, would cover 76% of global GDP.

- Piyush Goyal addressed the curtain raiser of the Invest Telangana Global Summit in New Delhi on 29 October 2026.
- India's existing trade pacts cover economies worth 70 trillion dollars; eight more under negotiation would add 15 trillion dollars, taking preferential access to about 76 per cent of the 115 trillion dollar world economy.
- India has set an export target of one trillion dollars with 15 per cent growth sought this year, against an IMF projection of only 1.9 per cent growth in global trade.
- Telangana aims to grow from about 200 billion dollars to 3 trillion dollars by 2047; the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park at Warangal was called the first fully functional PM MITRA park.
- Goyal recalled the Motupalli Abhaya Shasana, a maritime charter issued in 1244 by Kakatiya ruler Ganapati Deva, as an early guarantee of predictable trade.

Occasion	Curtain raiser of the Invest Telangana Global Summit, New Delhi
Speaker	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Telangana Chief Minister	A. Revanth Reddy
Access now	Economies worth 70 trillion dollars, of which 60 trillion from the nine recent agreements
Under negotiation	Eight bilateral or multilateral agreements worth a further 15 trillion dollars
Eventual coverage	About 76 per cent of global GDP of 115 trillion dollars
Export target	One trillion dollars, with 15 per cent growth sought this year
IMF projection	Global trade growth of just 1.9 per cent

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NSIC Pays Rs 47.76 Crore Dividend to the Government

29 October 2026 · Economy

NSIC Chairman Subhransu Sekhar Acharya presented a dividend of Rs 47.76 crore for 2025-26 to Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi on 28 October 2026.

- NSIC presented a dividend of Rs 47.76 crore for the financial year 2025-26 to the Government of India on 28 October 2026.
- The dividend was handed over by Dr Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, Chairman-cum-Managing Director of NSIC, a Schedule 'A' Mini Ratna company.
- It was received by Jitan Ram Manjhi, Union Minister for MSME, and Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State for MSME, with Secretary Bharat Khera present.
- NSIC reported revenue of Rs 3,767 crore and profit after tax of Rs 159 crore for the year, both up strongly on the previous financial year.
- The ministry credited NSIC's integrated support services for empowering MSMEs and backed its role in entrepreneurship, enterprise creation and skill development.

Corporation	National Small Industries Corporation Limited (NSIC)
Status	Schedule 'A' Mini Ratna company
Ministry	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Dividend	Rs 47.76 crore for the financial year 2025-26
Date of presentation	28 October 2026
Presented by	Dr Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, Chairman-cum-Managing Director
Received by	Jitan Ram Manjhi, Union Minister for MSME, and Shobha Karandlaje, Minister of State
Secretary present	Bharat Khera

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Centre Receives Rs 18,35,422 Crore up to September 2026

30 October 2026 · Economy

The Centre received Rs 18,35,422 crore up to September 2026, half of the budget estimate, and spent Rs 25,49,835 crore in the first six months.

- Total receipts of the Government of India up to September 2026 stood at Rs 18,35,422 crore, which is 50.3 per cent of the budget estimate for 2026-27
- Receipts comprised Rs 12,76,088 crore of tax revenue net to the Centre, Rs 4,80,732 crore of non-tax revenue and Rs 78,602 crore of non-debt capital receipts
- Rs 6,99,409 crore was devolved to state governments as their share of taxes, Rs 67,658 crore more than in the same period a year earlier
- Total expenditure was Rs 25,49,835 crore or 47.7 per cent of the budget estimate, of which Rs 18,95,288 crore was on revenue account and Rs 6,54,547 crore on capital account
- Interest payments took Rs 6,46,010 crore and major subsidies Rs 2,22,905 crore out of total revenue expenditure

Period	April to September 2026, first half of FY 2026-27
Total receipts	Rs 18,35,422 crore (50.3 per cent of budget estimate)
Tax revenue (net to Centre)	Rs 12,76,088 crore
Non-tax revenue	Rs 4,80,732 crore
Non-debt capital receipts	Rs 78,602 crore
Devolution to states	Rs 6,99,409 crore, up by Rs 67,658 crore year on year
Total expenditure	Rs 25,49,835 crore (47.7 per cent of budget estimate)
Revenue expenditure	Rs 18,95,288 crore

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Coal Ministry Holds Mining for Future Consultation in Goa

30 October 2026 · Economy

Of 137 commercial coal mines allotted since 2020 only 25 are producing, the Coal Ministry said at its Mining for Future consultation in Panjim.

- The Ministry of Coal held a stakeholder consultation called Mining for Future at Panjim, Goa on 30 October 2026, with Coal Secretary Vikram Dev Dutt as chief guest
- Of 137 commercial mines allotted since 2020, only 25 are producing, and allottees were asked to open mines ahead of revised timelines
- India produced 1,041 million tonnes of coal in 2025-26, and coal supplies more than 70 per cent of the country's electricity
- NITI Aayog projects coal demand rising from about 1.25 billion tonnes in 2025 to over 2.6 billion tonnes by 2050 under current policies
- Reforms have cut scheduled operationalisation from 51 to 40 months for fully explored blocks and allowed 100 per cent FDI through the automatic route

Event	Stakeholder Consultation on Mining for Future
Venue and date	Panjim, Goa, 30 October 2026
Chief guest	Vikram Dev Dutt, Secretary, Ministry of Coal
Nominated Authority	Rupinder Brar, Additional Secretary
Commercial mines allotted since 2020	137, of which 25 are producing
India's coal output in 2025-26	1,041 million tonnes
Coal in electricity generation	More than 70 per cent
World coal demand forecast for 2026	A record 8.94 billion tonnes

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DigiDukaan Links 21,000 Kirana Retailers to 450 Brands

30 October 2026 · Economy

Piyush Goyal chaired the Bharat Commerce Chintan Shivir at Vanijya Bhawan, where ONDC's DigiDukaan was shown to connect over 21,000 retailers with 450 brands.

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal chaired the Bharat Commerce Chintan Shivir, a CEO roundtable held by DPIIT and ONDC at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi
- ONDC's DigiDukaan has connected over 21,000 retailers with more than 450 brands across Hyderabad, Jaipur and Mumbai, against over 12,000 retailers a quarter earlier
- Hyderabad alone has more than 16,000 retailers onboarded, with monthly repeat ordering rates of 73 to 78 per cent
- An ONDC study found 40 per cent of surveyed retailers held lower inventory for goods bought through DigiDukaan
- The National Traders' Welfare Board, chaired by Sunil J. Singhi, is working with ONDC to spread DigiDukaan among kirana retailers

Event	Bharat Commerce Chintan Shivir, a CEO roundtable
Chaired by	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Organisers	DPIIT with the Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
Venue	Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi
Platform	ONDC DigiDukaan, which digitises kirana stores as buyers
Reach	Over 21,000 retailers and more than 450 brands in Hyderabad, Jaipur and Mumbai
DPIIT Secretary	Amardeep Singh Bhatia
ONDC MD and CEO	Vibhor Jain

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Social Security Cover at 68.4% as EPFO Ceiling Hits Rs 25,000

31 October 2026 · Economy

India's social protection coverage rose from 19% in 2015 to 68.4% in 2026, and the EPFO wage ceiling for mandatory cover was raised to Rs 25,000 a month.

- Social protection coverage in India rose from 19% in 2015 to 68.4% in 2026, bringing over one billion people within the framework.
- The EPFO wage ceiling for mandatory coverage was raised to Rs 25,000 a month in September 2026, from Rs 15,000 fixed in September 2014.
- EPF, EPS and EDLI were recast as 2026 schemes under the Code on Social Security, 2020; EDLI cover is up to Rs 7 lakh with no separate premium.
- Contributing EPFO members grew from 3.49 crore in 2014-15 to about 7.98 crore, and claims settled from 1.30 crore to 6.42 crore.
- The Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana replaced the National Social Assistance Programme in October 2026 and runs to 2030-31.

Social protection coverage	19% in 2015 to 68.4% in 2026
New EPFO wage ceiling	Rs 25,000 a month, approved September 2026
Previous ceiling	Rs 15,000, fixed September 2014, up from Rs 6,500
Extra employees covered	Over 51 lakh
Parent law	Code on Social Security, 2020
EDLI insurance cover	Up to Rs 7 lakh, no separate premium
Contributing members	About 7.98 crore as on 16 September 2026
Pensioners	About 82 lakh, up from 51.04 lakh in 2014-15

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CCI Clears Power Sector Buyouts by Adani and Aditya Birla

31 October 2026 · Economy

The Competition Commission of India cleared Adani Energy Solutions' purchase of IntelliSmart Infrastructure and Aditya Birla Renewables' buyout of Solenergi Power.

- The CCI approved the acquisition of 100% of the equity share capital of IntelliSmart Infrastructure Private Limited by Adani Energy Solutions Limited.
- The sellers in the IntelliSmart deal are the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL).
- Adani Energy Solutions is listed on BSE Limited and the National Stock Exchange of India Limited and works in power transmission, distribution and advanced metering.
- The CCI also allowed Aditya Birla Renewables Limited to buy 100% of Solenergi Power Private Limited from Shell Overseas Investment B.V.
- Solenergi Power is a holding company registered in Mauritius whose Indian arms generate electricity from solar and wind.

Regulator	Competition Commission of India (CCI)
First deal	100% of IntelliSmart Infrastructure Private Limited to Adani Energy Solutions Limited
Sellers, first deal	National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF) and Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)
Second deal	100% of Solenergi Power Private Limited to Aditya Birla Renewables Limited
Seller, second deal	Shell Overseas Investment B.V.
Solenergi Power registered in	Mauritius
Date of approval	31 October 2026

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CCI Clears Vega SAS Buy of 16.2% in Vodafone Group

31 October 2026 · Economy

The Competition Commission of India approved Vega SAS taking 16.2% of Vodafone Group, MIH Payments' stake in Navi and the Sapphire Foods merger into Devyani.

- The CCI approved the acquisition of 16.2% of the issued share capital of Vodafone Group PLC by Vega SAS, a wholly owned subsidiary of Maya SAS of France.
- Vodafone Group is a European and African telecom company and is present in India through Vodafone Idea Limited.
- MIH Payments Holdings B.V., an indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Prosus N.V., was allowed to acquire shareholding in Navi Limited.
- Navi Limited is the holding company of the Navi Group, which offers financial products through a single customer facing mobile app.
- The CCI also cleared the merger of Sapphire Foods India Limited with and into Devyani International Limited; both run KFC and Pizza Hut outlets.

Regulator	Competition Commission of India (CCI)
Stake in Vodafone Group PLC	16.2% of issued share capital, to Vega SAS
Parent of Vega SAS	Maya SAS, a simplified joint-stock company of France
Vodafone's Indian presence	Vodafone Idea Limited
Navi Limited buyer	MIH Payments Holdings B.V., indirect wholly owned subsidiary of Prosus N.V.
Restaurant merger	Sapphire Foods India Limited with and into Devyani International Limited
Brands run by Devyani	KFC, Pizza Hut, and as exclusive franchisee Costa Coffee, New York Fries and Sanook Kitchen
Date of approval	31 October 2026

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Cotton Import Duty Exemption Extended to 31 December 2026

31 October 2026 · Economy

The Centre has extended the customs duty exemption on cotton imports by two months, up to 31 December 2026, to ease raw material supply for the textile industry.

- The Government of India has extended the customs duty exemption on cotton imports up to 31 December 2026
- It was notified by the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance, through Notification No. 35/2026-Customs dated 30 October 2026
- The earlier exemption was valid only until 31 October 2026, so the extension adds two months
- The aim is to augment cotton availability at competitive prices, support domestic manufacturing and MSMEs, and meet specialised cotton requirements
- The Ministry of Textiles welcomed the step, which seeks to balance industry needs with the interests of domestic cotton farmers

Decision	Customs duty exemption on cotton imports extended
New validity	Up to 31 December 2026
Earlier validity	Up to 31 October 2026
Length of extension	Two months
Notification	No. 35/2026-Customs dated 30 October 2026
Issued by	Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
Ministry that welcomed it	Ministry of Textiles
Intended beneficiaries	Textile and apparel manufacturers, including MSMEs

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CCI Clears Sapphire-Devyani Merger and Navi Stake Deal

31 October 2026 · Economy

The Competition Commission of India approved the merger of Sapphire Foods India into Devyani International and a stake buy in Navi Limited by MIH Payments.

- CCI approved the merger of Sapphire Foods India Limited with and into Devyani International Limited, along with related transactions
- Both Devyani and Sapphire run KFC and Pizza Hut franchise outlets in India, so the deal joins two players in the same business
- Devyani is also the exclusive Indian franchisee of Costa Coffee, New York Fries and Sanook Kitchen and runs homegrown brands
- CCI separately cleared the purchase of a certain shareholding in Navi Limited by MIH Payments Holdings B.V.
- MIH Payments Holdings B.V. is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of Prosus N.V. and only holds investments

Regulator	Competition Commission of India (CCI)
First deal	Merger of Sapphire Foods India Limited with and into Devyani International Limited, plus related transactions
Surviving company	Devyani International Limited
Common brands	KFC and Pizza Hut franchise outlets, run by both companies
Devyani's exclusive franchises in India	Costa Coffee, New York Fries and Sanook Kitchen
Second deal	Acquisition of a certain shareholding in Navi Limited by MIH Payments Holdings B.V.
Acquirer's parent	Prosus N.V., of which MIH Payments Holdings B.V. is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary
What Navi Limited is	Holding company of the Navi Group, offering financial services through one consumer-facing mobile app

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Centre Releases Rs 1,09,019 Crore Tax Devolution to States

31 October 2026 · Economy

The Union Government released an extra tax devolution instalment of Rs 1,09,019 crore to 28 state governments on 31 October 2026 before the festive season.

- The Union Government released Rs 1,09,019 crore to the states on 31 October 2026 as an additional instalment of tax devolution, over and above the regular monthly transfer.
- This was the second additional instalment of tax devolution released in the running financial year.
- The stated purposes were to help states meet festive-season spending and to let them speed up capital expenditure and development and welfare outlays.
- All 28 states received a share. Uttar Pradesh drew the largest amount and West Bengal received Rs 7,866 crore.
- The money is untied, so a state may spend it as its own budget decides.

Released by	Ministry of Finance, Union Government
Amount	Rs 1,09,019 crore
Date of release	31 October 2026
Which instalment	Second additional instalment of the financial year
Nature of transfer	Over and above the regular monthly tax devolution
Stated purposes	Festive-season spending, faster capital spending, development and welfare expenditure
States covered	28 states
Largest share	Uttar Pradesh

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NABKISAN Raises ₹180 Crore Through India's First WASH Bond

3 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

NABKISAN, a NABARD subsidiary, listed India's first social bond meant only for the water, sanitation and hygiene sector on the NSE and raised ₹180 crore.

- NABKISAN Finance Limited, a NABARD subsidiary, listed India's first social bond dedicated only to the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector on the NSE, Mumbai, on 1 October 2026.
- The issue was subscribed 1.8 times over and fetched ₹180 crore for lending to water, sanitation and hygiene work in villages.
- The bond runs for five years, pays a coupon of 8.10% a year and is to be redeemed in September 2031.
- CRISIL and CARE both gave the paper their top domestic grade, AAA with a stable outlook.
- Water.org was technical advisor and knowledge partner; NABARD is chaired by Dr. Shaji Krishnan V and NABKISAN is headed by Immanuvel Ganesan.

Issuer	NABKISAN Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD
What is new	India's first social bond dedicated only to the WASH sector
Listed on	National Stock Exchange, Mumbai
Date of listing	1 October 2026
Amount raised	₹180 crore
Demand	Subscribed 1.8 times over
Coupon rate	8.10% a year
Tenure and maturity	Five years; matures September 2031

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DFS Reviews Financial Inclusion Schemes, Plans FI Saturation Drive

6 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya reviewed financial inclusion schemes with public and private banks and sought full support for the FI saturation campaign from 21 October.

- Sanjay Lohiya, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, chaired a review of financial inclusion schemes with public and private sector banks in New Delhi
- PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, Atal Pension Yojana, PMMY, Stand Up India, PM SVANidhi, PM Vishwakarma, PM Surya Ghar and KCC were reviewed
- An FI saturation campaign will run from 21 October 2026 to 31 December 2026, with banks asked to focus on marginalised sections
- Banks were told to widen digital outreach, process loans end to end digitally and use credit lines on UPI and credit cards for micro-enterprises
- All new PMJJBY and PMSBY enrolments are to go through the Jan Suraksha portal, which is being integrated with banks and insurers

Meeting	Review of financial inclusion schemes, New Delhi
Chaired by	Sanjay Lohiya, Secretary, Department of Financial Services
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Attended by	Heads of all Public Sector Banks and Executive Directors of major Private Sector Banks
Schemes reviewed	PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY, PMMY, Stand Up India, PM SVANidhi, PM Vishwakarma, PM Surya Ghar, KCC
FI saturation campaign	21 October 2026 to 31 December 2026
Enrolment portal	Jan Suraksha portal, for new PMJJBY and PMSBY beneficiaries
Credit channels explained	Credit lines on UPI; credit cards for micro-enterprises (CCME)

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DFS Orders Scheme-Wise Reporting of SC Beneficiaries by Banks

7 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

After NCSC intervention, the Department of Financial Services directed SLBCs and UTLBCs to report scheme-wise and bank-wise Scheduled Caste beneficiary data.

- The Department of Financial Services has made scheme-wise and bank-wise reporting of Scheduled Caste beneficiaries mandatory for SLBC and UTLBC convenors in all States and Union Territories
- NCSC Secretary Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan wrote to the DFS Secretary on 24 September 2026, and DFS issued the directions on 5 October 2026
- The schemes covered include Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Stand-Up India, PMEGP, PM SVANidhi, CGTMSE and MSME business loans
- An action-taken report is due to DFS by 9 October 2026, with an update on the action taken within 30 days
- The Commission draws its mandate to evaluate socio-economic progress of Scheduled Castes from Article 338(5)(c) of the Constitution

Commission	National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
Directions issued by	Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
Date of directions	5 October 2026
Who must report	SLBC and UTLBC convenors in all States and Union Territories
What must be reported	Number and percentage of SC beneficiaries, scheme-wise and bank-wise
Schemes named	PMMY, Stand-Up India, PMEGP, PM SVANidhi, CGTMSE and MSME business loans
Action-taken report due	9 October 2026
Update on action taken	Within 30 days

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North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 Opens in Aizawl, Mizoram

13 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia opened the North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 at Mizoram University in Aizawl and pressed banks for a higher credit flow.

- Union DoNER and Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 at Mizoram University, Aizawl.
- Only 47 rupees is given as credit for every 100 rupees deposited in banks across the Northeast, which grows at 9 to 11 per cent a year.
- Banking touchpoints now cover about 99.93 per cent of villages; 131 new branches, 126 ATMs and 247 new India Post Payments Bank centres have been added.
- Investment of about 40,000 crore rupees has been grounded in the eight states after the Rising North East Investors Summit of May 2025, and airports have gone from 9 to 17.
- The population floor for a physical bank branch has been cut from 3,000 to 2,000, and UPI accounts for 90.2 per cent of non-branch transactions.

Event	North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0
Venue	Mizoram University, Aizawl, Mizoram
Inaugurated by	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and Communications
Chief Minister present	Lalduhoma, Chief Minister of Mizoram
Credit-Deposit position	Only 47 rupees lent for every 100 rupees deposited in the region
Regional growth	9 to 11 per cent a year
Banking reach	6,674 branches and 5,823 ATMs working; touchpoints in about 99.93 per cent of villages
Branch norm eased	Minimum population for a physical branch reduced from 3,000 to 2,000

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North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 Held at Mizoram University

14 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

Dr Sukanta Majumdar told the North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 at Mizoram University, Aizawl, that 6,905 of 9,479 villages now have banking access.

- The North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 was held at Mizoram University, Aizawl, and was addressed by Union Minister of State Dr Sukanta Majumdar on 13 October 2026.
- 131 new bank branches have been opened and 126 ATMs installed in the Northeast; of 9,479 identified villages, 6,905 or about 73 per cent now have a bank branch or India Post Payments Bank.
- 2,574 villages remain uncovered, of which 2,515 are to be connected through India Post Payments Bank and 59 through physical bank branches.
- Manipur and Assam are at or above the national credit-deposit ratio of 79.5 per cent, while Mizoram and some other Northeastern states lag behind.
- The population norm for a bank branch in the Northeast is 2,000 on a cluster basis against the national norm of 3,000.

Event	North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0
Venue	Mizoram University, Aizawl
Date of address	13 October 2026
Addressed by	Dr Sukanta Majumdar, MoS for Development of North Eastern Region and Education
Banking added	131 new bank branches; 126 ATMs
Village coverage	6,905 of 9,479 identified villages, about 73 per cent
Villages pending	2,574 (2,515 through India Post Payments Bank, 59 through branches)
National credit-deposit ratio	79.5 per cent; Manipur and Assam at or above it

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IDBI Bank: CCEA Clears Sale of 60.72% Stake to Fairfax Arm

14 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

The CCEA cleared the sale of a 60.72 per cent stake in IDBI Bank to M/s 10955230 Canada Inc of the Fairfax group at Rs 81 per share on 14 October 2026.

- The CCEA on 14 October 2026 approved M/s 10955230 Canada Inc, whose parent is Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd, as the Strategic Buyer of IDBI Bank Ltd.
- An aggregate 60.72 per cent stake is sold, made up of 30.48 per cent held by the Government of India and 30.24 per cent held by LIC, for Rs 52,878.0806181 crore.
- The Centre retains 15 per cent and LIC 19 per cent as public shareholders, and both withdraw their nominee directors from the board.
- The winning offer of Rs 81 per share beat the benchmark of Rs 75.99 per share, the average of valuations by the Market Multiple Method and the Asset Valuation Method.
- The bank had been under the RBI Prompt Corrective Action framework from 5 May 2017 until the curbs were lifted on 10 March 2021; the deal will be the biggest FDI in India’s financial sector.

Decision	Strategic restructuring of IDBI Bank Ltd
Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) on 14 October 2026
Strategic Buyer	M/s 10955230 Canada Inc (parent: M/s Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd)
Stake sold	60.72 per cent (GoI 30.48 per cent + LIC 30.24 per cent)
Purchase consideration	Rs 52,878.0806181 crore
Winning bid	Rs 81 per share, against a benchmark of Rs 75.99 per share
Residual stake	Government of India 15 per cent; LIC 19 per cent
Valuation methods	Market Multiple Method and Asset Valuation Method

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IDBI Bank Stake: Ministry Cites 2003 Repeal Act and Court Ruling

17 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Finance Ministry said on 17 October 2026 that the IDBI (Repeal) Act, 2003 carries no bar on the Government reducing or divesting its stake in IDBI Bank.

- The Ministry of Finance clarified on 17 October 2026 that the IDBI (Repeal) Act, 2003 contains no bar on the Government reducing or divesting its shareholding in IDBI Bank.
- An amendment moved during the 2003 parliamentary debate to restrict dilution of the Government's stake was rejected and did not form part of the enacted law.
- The Delhi High Court dismissed All India IDBI Officers' Association versus Union of India on 17 December 2018, holding in paragraphs 41 and 42 that statements in Parliament cannot override a statute.
- The court ruled the doctrine of promissory estoppel wholly inapplicable, so a parliamentary assurance cannot restrain the Government from diluting its holding.
- Union Budget 2016-17 spoke of considering a cut in the stake below 50 per cent, and Union Budget 2021-22 listed IDBI Bank among strategic disinvestment transactions.

Issued by	Ministry of Finance
Date of clarification	17 October 2026
Law in question	IDBI (Repeal) Act, 2003
Court	Delhi High Court
Case	All India IDBI Officers' Association versus Union of India and Others
Judgment date	17 December 2018
Paragraphs cited	41 and 42
Doctrine held inapplicable	Promissory estoppel

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Financial Inclusion Saturation Drive From 21 October 2026

19 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Department of Financial Services will run a financial inclusion saturation campaign from 21 October to 31 December 2026 across 2.70 lakh gram panchayats and ULBs.

- The Department of Financial Services will run a financial inclusion saturation campaign from 21 October to 31 December 2026
- The campaign covers 2.70 lakh gram panchayats and urban local bodies across the country
- Bank camps will enrol people under PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY, open PMJDY accounts and complete re-KYC
- Camps will also run awareness sessions on digital frauds and on the unclaimed assets drive Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar
- KCC applications and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana enrolment for the Rabi season are part of the campaign

Campaign	Saturation campaign of financial inclusion schemes
Run by	Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
Period	21 October 2026 to 31 December 2026
Coverage	2.70 lakh gram panchayats and urban local bodies
Insurance schemes covered	PMJJBY and PMSBY
Pension scheme covered	Atal Pension Yojana
Account scheme covered	Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana
Awareness theme	Digital frauds and Aapki Poonji, Aapka Adhikar on unclaimed financial assets

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C-DAC and Bank of India Sign Quantum Banking MoU

23 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

C-DAC, under MeitY, and Bank of India signed an MoU on 22 October 2026 to build a quantum ecosystem for financial innovation and quantum-safe banking.

- C-DAC and Bank of India signed an MoU on 22 October 2026 on quantum financial innovation and emerging technology in banking
- C-DAC is an autonomous scientific society under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
- The partnership aims to build a Quantum Ecosystem for Financial Innovation with quantum-safe and quantum-inspired methods
- Proofs of concept will be run in secure sandbox environments, with roadmaps for pilots and adoption
- The MoU also covers blockchain, artificial intelligence, smart contracts, digital identity and fraud analysis for banking

Agreement	MoU between C-DAC and Bank of India on quantum and emerging technologies in banking
Date of signing	22 October 2026
C-DAC	Centre for Development of Advanced Computing, autonomous scientific society under MeitY
Main aim	Quantum Ecosystem for Financial Innovation
MeitY Secretary	S. Krishnan
C-DAC Director General	E. Magesh
Bank of India Executive Director	Rajiv Mishra
Exchanged by	Aditya Kumar Sinha (C-DAC Mumbai) and Satyendra Singh (CGM IT and CIO, Bank of India)

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RBI Data Centre, Cyber Security Institute Open at Bhubaneswar

25 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India data centre and cyber security training institute at Bhubaneswar in Odisha.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated an RBI data centre and a cyber security training institute at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 25 October 2026
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Union Minister Jual Oram attended the ceremony
- The Prime Minister said the coming decade must make banking more efficient and safer, which needs sturdy data centres and trained cyber security staff
- Figures cited included about 59 to 60 crore Jan Dhan accounts, 13 crore first-time entrepreneurs under Mudra Yojana and 9 crore people under Atal Pension Yojana
- Odisha was described as moving from mines to microchips, with a semiconductor and electronics ecosystem and investment in data centres and advanced computing

Event	Inauguration of RBI data centre and cyber security training institute
City	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Date	25 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
RBI Governor	Sanjay Malhotra
Union Finance Minister	Nirmala Sitharaman
Chief Minister of Odisha	Mohan Charan Majhi
Governor of Odisha	Brajamohan Ram

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Bihar Gramin Bank Pacts Give Staff Rs 77.69 Crore Gains

27 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

Two conciliated settlements at Bihar Gramin Bank will give financial benefits of about Rs 77.69 crore to more than 10,900 employees of the bank.

- Two industrial disputes at Bihar Gramin Bank were settled on 22 and 23 October 2026 through conciliation by the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Patna.
- The settlements bring financial benefits of about Rs 77.69 crore to more than 10,900 employees of the bank.
- The first settlement, with the Bihar Gramin Bank Adhikari Sangh, covers around 8,400 employees and about Rs 67.17 crore.
- The second settlement, with the Bihar Gramin Bank Workers Organisation, covers around 2,500 employees and about Rs 10.52 crore.
- Recurring annual benefits of about Rs 9.02 crore flow from the settlement with the workers organisation.

Bank	Bihar Gramin Bank
Ministry	Ministry of Labour and Employment
Conciliating authority	Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Patna, under the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central)
Dates of settlement	22 and 23 October 2026
Total benefit	About Rs 77.69 crore to more than 10,900 employees
First settlement	Bihar Gramin Bank Adhikari Sangh, Patna: about Rs 67.17 crore for around 8,400 employees
Second settlement	Bihar Gramin Bank Workers Organisation: about Rs 10.52 crore for around 2,500 employees
Recurring benefit	About Rs 9.02 crore a year under the workers organisation settlement

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Finance Ministry Clarifies IDBI Bank Restructuring Process

29 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Finance Ministry said the Core Group of Secretaries fixed the best-offer round for IDBI Bank and that the reserve price was neither cut nor raised.

- The Finance Ministry clarified on 29 October 2026 that DIPAM ran IDBI Bank's first bid round in 2025-26 under indicative guidelines, not binding rules.
- Paragraph 5.3.6(iii) of the request for proposal lets the Government decide the course of action if the highest financial bid falls below the reserve price, without later challenge.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, in its meeting of 16 August 2017, empowered the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment to decide procedural issues and permit deviations.
- The reserve price was neither lowered nor raised; the CGD fixed the best offer round procedure and the first round became functus officio after the initial bids were not approved.
- Potential liability from the indemnified disputed tax demands was Rs 627 crore, while the bid discovered price rose by Rs 3,917 crore.

Subject	Strategic restructuring of IDBI Bank Ltd
Clarification by	Ministry of Finance, 29 October 2026
First bid round	Conducted by DIPAM in the financial year 2025-26
Enabling clause	Paragraph 5.3.6(iii) of the request for proposal
Empowered body	Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment (CGD)
CCEA approval	Meeting of 16 August 2017, on procedure and mechanism for strategic disinvestment
Reserve price	Neither decreased nor increased; first round became functus officio
Valuation review	By the CGD in April 2026; revised valuations begun in May 2026

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High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat Constituted

30 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Centre has constituted the High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat under former Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel.

- The High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat will recommend structural, institutional, regulatory and legislative reforms for India's banking sector
- Former Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel is the Chairman and the panel has a tenure of six months
- RBI Deputy Governor Shirish Chandra Murmu, former Indian Bank MD and CEO Padmaja Chunduru and former RBI Deputy Governor N. S. Vishwanathan are the three members
- The Joint Secretary (Banking) of the Department of Financial Services serves as Member Secretary of the committee
- Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced the panel in the Budget speech for 2026-27; the goal year is 2047

Committee	High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat
Chairman	Suresh N. Patel, former Central Vigilance Commissioner
Members	Shirish Chandra Murmu, Padmaja Chunduru, N. S. Vishwanathan
Member Secretary	Joint Secretary (Banking), Department of Financial Services
Tenure	Six months
Announced in	Budget speech 2026-27 by Nirmala Sitharaman
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Goal year	Viksit Bharat, 2047

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UPI Enabled for Bookings at Burj Khalifa and Sentosa

30 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

Indian travellers can now pay through UPI for online bookings at At the Top, Burj Khalifa in the UAE and Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore.

- UPI can now be used for online bookings at At the Top, Burj Khalifa in the UAE and at Resorts World Sentosa in Singapore
- NPCI International Payments Limited announced the UAE partnership on 29 July 2026 and the Singapore partnership on 9 September 2026
- NEOPAY and Emaar Entertainment are the UAE partners; Burj Khalifa's observation deck is the first UAE attraction to take UPI for e-commerce
- FOMO Pay is the Singapore partner, and the facility covers Universal Studios Singapore, the Singapore Oceanarium and Adventure Cove Waterpark
- UPI is accepted in ten countries at present, and Uzbekistan will become the eleventh after an agreement announced on 30 August 2026

Attractions	At the Top, Burj Khalifa (UAE); Resorts World Sentosa (Singapore)
Indian agency	NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)
UAE partners	NEOPAY and Emaar Entertainment
Singapore partner	FOMO Pay
Partnerships announced	UAE on 29 July 2026; Singapore on 9 September 2026
Indian visitors to Singapore	1.2 million in 2025
Earlier milestone	Eiffel Tower ticketing through UPI, 26 January 2024
Countries accepting UPI	Ten, with Uzbekistan set to be the eleventh

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Nalanda University and CSIR-TKDL Sign Traditional Knowledge Pact

1 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Nalanda University and the CSIR-TKDL Unit signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 1 October 2026 for joint research and training on traditional knowledge.

- Nalanda University and the CSIR-TKDL Unit signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 1 October 2026 on traditional knowledge, IPR, people's rights and cultural heritage
- Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Vice-Chancellor of Nalanda University, and Dr. Viswajanani J Sattigeri, Head of the CSIR-TKDL Unit, signed the document
- The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library was set up in 2001 by CSIR with the Ministry of AYUSH and was the first such database in the world
- It holds over 5.2 lakh formulations from Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Yoga, in five international languages, shared with 18 patent offices
- Prior art from the library has led to more than 375 patent applications worldwide being revoked, rejected, amended, withdrawn or abandoned

Agreement	MoU between Nalanda University and the CSIR-TKDL Unit
Date of signing	1 October 2026
Signed by	Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi (Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University) and Dr. Viswajanani J Sattigeri (Head, CSIR-TKDL Unit)
Areas covered	Traditional knowledge, IPR, people's rights, cultural heritage and traditional cultural expressions
TKDL set up in	2001, by CSIR with the Ministry of AYUSH
TKDL holdings	Over 5.2 lakh formulations and practices of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Yoga
TKDL languages	English, German, French, Japanese and Spanish
Patent offices with access	18, under non-disclosure agreements

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ICAR and FCI Sign MoU on Safer Foodgrain Fumigation Methods

1 October 2026 · Science & Technology

ICAR and FCI signed an MoU on 30 September 2026 to research alternative fumigation for storage pests in wheat and rice, with Phase-I run by ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana.

- ICAR and FCI signed an MoU on 30 September 2026 for research on alternative fumigation technologies for storage pests in wheat and rice
- The two-year Phase-I project will be implemented by ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana, with support from the Department of Food and Public Distribution
- Grain reserves have relied on aluminium phosphide and malathion, with pest resistance reaching 72 to 100 per cent in key states
- Phase-I will trial nitrogen gas above 99 per cent purity, carbon dioxide with phosphine, and carbon dioxide inside hermetic covers
- Phase-II will be a one-year multi-location trial to frame region-specific Standard Operating Procedures

Agreement	MoU between ICAR and the Food Corporation of India
Signed on	30 September 2026
Supported by	Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Phase-I duration	Two years
Implementing institute	ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana
Chemicals being replaced	Aluminium phosphide (ALP) and malathion
Pest resistance in key states	72 to 100 per cent
Gases under trial	Nitrogen (above 99 per cent), carbon dioxide, and carbon dioxide with phosphine

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BharatNet Deal Brings Rs 10,520 Crore to Rural Maharashtra

1 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Digital Bharat Nidhi signed an agreement with Maharashtra, MDIL, BSNL and MahaIT to run the Amended BharatNet Programme in 28,237 gram panchayats of the state.

- Digital Bharat Nidhi signed an agreement with the Government of Maharashtra, MDIL, BSNL and MahaIT to implement the Amended BharatNet Programme in the state
- The Centre has approved financial support of Rs 10,520 crore for the Maharashtra rollout, which MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limited will execute
- The scope covers 28,237 gram panchayats: 15,171 Phase I panchayats upgraded to ring topology, 12,740 Phase II panchayats and 326 newly created panchayats
- Another 15,799 villages will get broadband on a demand basis, and more than nine lakh rural home fibre connections are expected
- The Union Cabinet approved the Amended BharatNet Programme on 4 August 2023; Digital Bharat Nidhi is the renamed Universal Service Obligation Fund

Programme	Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP), state-led model
State	Maharashtra
Central support	Rs 10,520 crore
Signatories	Digital Bharat Nidhi (DoT), Government of Maharashtra, MDIL, BSNL and MahaIT
Executing agency	MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limited (MDIL)
Gram panchayats covered	28,237
Villages on demand	15,799
Cabinet approval of ABP	4 August 2023

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India Demonstrates First 5.56 km Free-Space Quantum Key Link

3 October 2026 · Science & Technology

QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar demonstrated India's first free-space quantum key distribution link over a distance of 5.56 km in a night field trial.

- QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar demonstrated India's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link, covering 5.56 km.
- The field trial was conducted on the night of 27 and 28 September between BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar, using a Pointing, Acquisition and Tracking system.
- The link kept the Quantum Bit Error Rate below 5% and generated secure keys at 230 to 260 bits per second.
- The keys were integrated with BISAG-N's post-quantum cryptography platform Vedic Kavach, which encrypted and decrypted test messages end to end.
- The set-up combined QNu Labs' hardware QKD device Armos with Vedic Kavach's software post-quantum cryptography and quantum random number generation.

Achievement	India's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link
Distance	5.56 km
Partners	QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar
Ministry	Electronics and Information Technology
Trial nights	27 and 28 September
Quantum Bit Error Rate	Below 5%
Secure key rate	230 to 260 bits per second
Hardware QKD device	Armos, by QNu Labs

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National Supercomputing Mission Reaches 40 Systems, 68 PF

4 October 2026 · Science & Technology

India had 40 locally built supercomputers with a combined 68 PF capacity by September 2026 under the National Supercomputing Mission, a PIB backgrounder said.

- The National Supercomputing Mission was launched in April 2015 with an outlay of about Rs 4,500 crore, steered jointly by DST and MeitY
- As of September 2026 India had 40 supercomputers with a combined 68 PF: 13 above 1 PF, 12 between 500 TF and 1 PF and 15 below 500 TF
- The Mission plans 50 supercomputers totalling more than 123 PF; C-DAC Pune and IISc Bengaluru are the implementing agencies
- PARAM 8000, unveiled in 1991 at 1 gigaflop, began indigenous supercomputing; 6,000 Rudra servers power PARAM Rudra with 1,500 more being made
- NSM has served over 16,000 researchers, including 2,900 PhD scholars, in over 400 institutions and fed more than 1,990 research papers

Mission	National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)
Launched	April 2015, outlay about Rs 4,500 crore
Steered by	Department of Science and Technology and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Implementing agencies	C-DAC, Pune and IISc, Bengaluru
Status (September 2026)	40 supercomputers, combined capacity 68 PF
Target	50 supercomputers, cumulative capacity above 123 PF
First indigenous system	PARAM 8000, unveiled 1991, speed 1 gigaflop
Rudra servers deployed	6,000, with 1,500 more under manufacturing

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UCIL Marks Diamond Jubilee Year of Uranium Mining

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Uranium Corporation of India Limited, the Department of Atomic Energy firm set up in 1967, marked its Diamond Jubilee Year at Jaduguda on 4 October 2026.

- Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a PSU under the Department of Atomic Energy, marked its Diamond Jubilee Year on 4 October 2026, six decades after being incorporated on 4 October 1967.
- The celebrations were held at Jaduguda, with Ms. Seema Jain, Member-Finance of the Atomic Energy Commission, as Chief Guest.
- A Dark Matter Laboratory of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics is proposed at the 815-metre level of the Jaduguda underground mine.
- A first-of-its-kind Journalists' Workshop was held at the Information Centre, Narwapahar, together with a DAE Technology Exhibition for school students.
- Dr Kacham Anand Rao is Chairman and Managing Director of UCIL, while Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty is Secretary, DAE and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Organisation	Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL)
Parent department	Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)
Milestone	Diamond Jubilee Year, six decades
Incorporated on	4 October 1967
Celebrated on	4 October 2026
Venue	Jaduguda
Chief Guest	Ms. Seema Jain, Member-Finance, Atomic Energy Commission
Proposed Dark Matter Laboratory	815-metre level of the Jaduguda underground mine, by the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics

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TDB Backs Project VeerAI With Rs 130 Crore for AI Vision Chip

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with BigEndian Semiconductors for Rs 130 crore of RDI Fund support to build an indigenous AI Vision SoC.

- The Technology Development Board, under the Department of Science and Technology, signed an agreement with BigEndian Semiconductors of Bengaluru for Rs 130 crore of support from the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
- Project VeerAI has a total project cost of Rs 260 crore and will develop a camera-focused AI Vision System-on-Chip on a sovereign technology platform
- The support comes through Optional Convertible Debt, and must move the technology from Technology Readiness Level 5 to Technology Readiness Level 9
- The chip is aimed first at CCTV and surveillance use in India and the Global South, with later deployment planned in defence, automotive, industrial and medical fields
- Rajesh Kumar Pathak is the Secretary of the Technology Development Board, the DST body that extends RDI Fund support to Indian companies

Project	Project VeerAI
Support	Rs 130 crore from the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Total project cost	Rs 260 crore
Funding body	Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology
Company	BigEndian Semiconductors, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Instrument	Optional Convertible Debt (OCD)
Technology jump	Technology Readiness Level 5 to Technology Readiness Level 9
Product	Camera-focused AI Vision System-on-Chip (SoC)

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Sanchar Saathi Portal Crosses 30 Crore Visits Against Telecom Fraud

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Department of Telecommunications said its Sanchar Saathi portal has crossed 30 crore visits, blocked 60.96 lakh handsets and helped prevent fraud losses.

- The Sanchar Saathi portal, developed by the Department of Telecommunications, has crossed 30 crore visits since its launch in May 2023
- 60.96 lakh lost or stolen handsets have been blocked, 37.85 lakh traced and more than 14 lakh recovered
- Chakshu has received 12.80 lakh inputs, leading to action in 59.82 lakh cases and the disconnection of more than 50 lakh connections
- The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator has helped prevent suspected cyber-fraud losses of more than 5,000 crore rupees
- The Digital Intelligence Platform links over 1,600 stakeholders, and the app is available in English, Hindi and 21 regional languages

Portal	Sanchar Saathi, of the Department of Telecommunications
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Launched	May 2023
Visits	More than 30 crore
Handsets blocked	60.96 lakh
Handsets traced and recovered	37.85 lakh traced, more than 14 lakh recovered
Chakshu inputs	12.80 lakh, with action in 59.82 lakh cases
Connections disconnected	More than 50 lakh

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ITRA Study: Ayurveda with Yoga Cuts Bedwetting by 70 Per Cent

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

A study at ITRA Jamnagar found that Ayurvedic medicine combined with four yoga asanas improved bedwetting in children by about 70 per cent in eight weeks.

- A clinical study at ITRA Jamnagar, an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Ayush, tested Ayurvedic medicine with yoga for bedwetting in children
- The eight-week study covered about 38 children aged 6 to 14 years, divided into a medicine-only group and a medicine-with-yoga group
- Bedwetting frequency improved by about 70 per cent with the combined approach against about 38 per cent with medicine alone
- Memory improved about 61 per cent in the combined group against about 31 per cent, irritability fell about 66 per cent and hyperactivity about 71 per cent
- The findings were published in the AYU Journal; the medicine used was Medhya Rasayana Churna and the asanas were Utkatasana, Ardha-Shalabhasana, Bhujangasana and Shavasana

Study by	Department of Kaumarbhritya, Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush; ITRA is an Institution of National Importance
Condition studied	Nocturnal enuresis, or bedwetting, in children
Duration and sample	Eight weeks, about 38 children aged 6 to 14 years
Medicine	Medhya Rasayana Churna of Brahmi, Shankhpushpi, Yashtimadhu and Guduchi, twice daily with milk
Yoga asanas	Utkatasana, Ardha-Shalabhasana, Bhujangasana and Shavasana
Main result	About 70 per cent improvement with medicine and yoga against about 38 per cent with medicine alone
Published in	AYU Journal

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/itra-study-ayurveda-with-yoga-cuts-bedwetting-by-70-per-cent/

IMC 2026 Theme Scale Without Boundaries, 10th Edition at Yashobhoomi

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India Mobile Congress 2026, the tenth edition, opens at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka on the theme Scale Without Boundaries, with over 500 exhibitors expected.

- India Mobile Congress 2026 is the tenth edition and is being held at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
- The theme of IMC 2026 is 'Scale Without Boundaries' and the Prime Minister inaugurates it on 8 October 2026
- India has 1.01 billion broadband subscribers, 5G in 99.9 per cent of districts and 4G in 98.7 per cent of villages
- India is the fifth country in the world to develop an indigenous 4G stack of its own
- More than 2,000 technology use cases, over 120 sessions and over 700 investor meetings are planned at the event

Event	India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, 10th edition
Theme	Scale Without Boundaries
Venue	Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
Inauguration	8 October 2026, by the Prime Minister
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Broadband subscribers	1.01 billion
5G district coverage	99.9 per cent
4G village coverage	98.7 per cent

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/imc-2026-theme-scale-without-boundaries-10th-edition-at-yashobhoomi/

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ARIES Study Tracks Blazar OJ 287 Twin Black Holes for a Decade

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An ARIES Nainital study with 106 scientists from 18 countries tracked blazar OJ 287 for ten years and put its main black hole at 3.89 billion solar masses.

- A decade-long optical study of the blazar OJ 287 was coordinated by ARIES, Nainital, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology
- OJ 287 lies about 4 billion light years away and holds two supermassive black holes orbiting each other every twelve years
- The study was led by Dr Alok C. Gupta and involved 106 scientists from 18 countries and 48 institutions, using about two dozen telescopes from 2015 to 2025
- The central black hole was estimated at a minimum of 3.89 billion solar masses from the oxygen emission line width in eight spectra taken in 2017
- The double-peaked brightness pattern of OJ 287 was discovered in 1988 by Finnish scientists using nearly 100 years of records going back to 1880

Object studied	OJ 287, a blazar with two supermassive black holes
Coordinating institute	Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital
Parent department	Department of Science and Technology
Study leader	Dr Alok C. Gupta
Distance from Earth	About 4 billion light years
Orbital period of the pair	Twelve years
Team size	106 scientists from 18 countries and 48 institutions
Observation span	About two dozen telescopes, 2015 to 2025

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Additive Manufacturing: MeitY's NSAM Moves to NSAM 2.0 Phase

7 October 2026 · Science & Technology

A PIB backgrounder of 7 October 2026 says the National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing has trained over 1,54,000 people and backed 56 AM start-ups.

- MeitY released the National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing (NSAM) in February 2022; it targets a 5 per cent share of the global AM market and about one billion US dollars added to GDP.
- NSAM has trained more than 1,54,000 people, supported 56 AM start-ups and enabled 65 India-specific AM technologies through seven Development and Deployment Centres.
- The global market for AM machines is projected at 149 billion US dollars by 2035, with the AM-electronics supply chain growing to 112 billion US dollars.
- ESTIC-2026, the second Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave, will be held from 27 to 29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, by CSIR.
- Each Atal Tinkering Lab receives 20 lakh rupees for a 1,200 to 1,500 sq ft workspace with 3D printers for students of Classes VI to XII.

Technology	Additive Manufacturing (3D printing)
Strategy	National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing (NSAM)
Released by	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), February 2022
Market target	5 per cent of the global AM market and about one billion US dollars to GDP
Trained so far	More than 1,54,000 persons
Start-ups supported	56
India-specific technologies	65
Development and Deployment Centres	Seven

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Metal-Free Catalyst TTT-DHTD Rivals Platinum in Zn-Air Cells

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Indian scientists have built TTT-DHTD, a metal-free porous material that reaches about 96 per cent of platinum's performance in zinc-air battery electrodes.

- Indian scientists have developed TTT-DHTD, a metal-free organic porous material that works as an air-electrode catalyst in zinc-air batteries
- The catalyst delivered about 96 per cent of the performance of commercial platinum catalysts and stayed stable through 120 hours of continuous operation
- It is made only of abundant elements, namely carbon, sulphur, nitrogen and hydrogen, arranged in a honeycomb-like porous framework
- The work was done by S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata, the Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali, and SRM University, Amaravati, and published in Science Advances
- The reaction it speeds up is the oxygen reduction reaction, which normally needs costly platinum in fuel cells and metal-air batteries

Material	TTT-DHTD, a metal-free organic porous framework
Application	Air-electrode catalyst in zinc-air (Zn-air) batteries
Reaction	Oxygen reduction reaction (ORR)
Metal it replaces	Platinum
Performance	About 96 per cent of commercial platinum catalysts
Stability	Maintained performance over 120 hours of continuous operation
Elements used	Carbon, sulphur, nitrogen and hydrogen
Institutions	S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata; Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali; SRM University, Amaravati

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IICT and YouTube Unveil First Four AI-Enabled Short Films

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The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies and YouTube unveiled the first four AI-enabled short films of the Create with AI programme at the IICT Theatre in Mumbai.

- IICT and YouTube unveiled the first four AI-enabled short films of the Create with AI programme at the IICT Theatre in Mumbai
- The Create with AI programme was announced in November 2025 to support AI-led creative projects and build India's capability in emerging technologies
- The films are Chekavar by Avium Studios, CHANAKYA: The Mind of an Empire by Eleventh Door Studio, DEVI: The Nine Astras by Kalpanik Films and Laika by Karthik Kult Kreations
- A Gen Media India report by Public First and Google found a productivity gain of 20 per cent for creative workers, about 390 hours saved a year
- IICT is India's National Centre of Excellence for AVGC-XR, set up with the I and B Ministry, the Government of Maharashtra, FICCI and CII

Programme	Create with AI, announced in November 2025
Partners	Indian Institute of Creative Technologies and YouTube
Films unveiled	Four AI-enabled short films
Venue	IICT Theatre, Mumbai
Chekavar	Avium Studios, set against the Battle of Colachel of 1741
Productivity gain	20 per cent, about 390 hours saved a year
Report	Gen Media India, by Public First and Google
IICT	National Centre of Excellence for AVGC-XR

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PM Modi Meets GSMA Board at Seva Teerth Before IMC 2026

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi met GSMA Board members at Seva Teerth before India Mobile Congress 2026, urging technology-led answers to cyber fraud.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with GSMA Board members at Seva Teerth ahead of India Mobile Congress 2026, which will be the 10th edition of the event
- Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Minister of State Dr Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar joined the interaction with senior government officials
- The Prime Minister called Digital Public Infrastructure a springboard for the Global South and said digital and cyber fraud needs technology-driven solutions
- On deepfakes and AI-generated content he suggested mechanisms that let users identify the origin immediately, and pressed for global standards for emerging technologies
- GSMA Board members pointed to the rapid spread of 4G and 5G in India and flagged cooperation in 5G, 6G, AI, cybersecurity, digital inclusion and satellite connectivity

Event	Prime Minister interaction with GSMA Board members
Venue	Seva Teerth
GSMA	Global System for Mobile Communications Association
Ahead of	India Mobile Congress 2026, the 10th edition, in New Delhi
Union Minister present	Jyotiraditya Scindia, Communications and DoNER
Minister of State present	Dr Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar
Key idea raised	Digital Public Infrastructure as a springboard for the Global South
Areas of cooperation flagged	5G, 6G, AI, cybersecurity, digital inclusion, satellite connectivity

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GMPCS Licensing: Government Calls Satcom Rules Non-Discriminatory

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The Ministry of Communications called India's satellite communication authorisation framework non-discriminatory as security checks on all three GMPCS licensees go on.

- The Ministry of Communications has called India's authorisation framework for satellite communication services fair and non-discriminatory, answering a claim spread on social media
- Telecom licences for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) services have been granted to three companies, all of them using non-geosynchronous satellite orbits
- Under the licence terms every such licensee must demonstrate compliance with security conditions, and that security assessment is currently under way for all three
- A licensee may seek assignment of spectrum only after completing the security assessment, so all three companies are at broadly the same regulatory stage
- The ministry termed the suggestion of unfair or discriminatory treatment baseless and misconceived

Statement issued by	Ministry of Communications
Date of statement	8 October 2026
Licence category	Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS)
Licences granted	Three
Orbit used	Non-geosynchronous satellite orbit
Licence requirement	Demonstrating compliance with security conditions
Step after security assessment	Seeking assignment of spectrum
Government's position	Framework is fair and non-discriminatory; charge of discrimination baseless

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PM Modi Opens 10th India Mobile Congress at Yashobhoomi

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 10th India Mobile Congress at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi, built around the theme Scale Without Boundaries.

- The 10th India Mobile Congress opened at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 8 October 2026 with the theme Scale Without Boundaries.
- 5G, launched from the same platform in 2022, now works from over 5.5 lakh base stations and covers every district, with speeds up about tenfold.
- Over 50 lakh crore rupees has reached beneficiaries directly through mobile-based systems, blocking about 5 lakh crore rupees of leakage.
- More than 50 crore Indians are part of the gaming ecosystem, concentrated among young people in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
- Semiconductor commercial production has started at five locations, and the Prime Minister sought a global framework against deepfakes.

Event	10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Theme	Scale Without Boundaries
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
5G reach	Over 5.5 lakh base stations, every district covered
Direct transfers cited	Over 50 lakh crore rupees, about 5 lakh crore rupees of leakage stopped
PM Kisan Samman Nidhi	Over 4 lakh crore rupees paid to small farmers
Gaming ecosystem	More than 50 crore people

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TRAI Drive Test Rates Mobile Networks in Fazilka, Punjab

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TRAI released its independent drive test findings for Fazilka in Punjab, where Reliance Jio recorded the fastest average download speed at 271.44 Mbps.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test across Fazilka city and nearby areas in the Punjab Licensed Service Area, conducted in August 2026.
- The agency covered a city drive of 184.6 km, a walk test of 1.9 km and six hotspot locations between 5 and 7 August 2026, supervised by TRAI's Jaipur regional office.
- Average download speed was highest for Reliance Jio at 271.44 Mbps, followed by Airtel at 204.39 Mbps, Vodafone Idea at 17.19 Mbps and BSNL at 15.59 Mbps.
- Airtel led on average upload speed at 23.52 Mbps, ahead of Jio at 20.86 Mbps, Vodafone Idea at 15.10 Mbps and BSNL at 6.39 Mbps.
- Airtel and Jio recorded no dropped calls, at 0/279 and 0/278, while BSNL had 3/281 and Vodafone Idea 3/248.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Test	Independent Drive Test (IDT) for voice and data quality of service
Area	Fazilka city and adjoining areas, Punjab Licensed Service Area
Test dates	5 to 7 August 2026; findings released 8 October 2026
Route covered	City drive of 184.6 km, walk test of 1.9 km, six hotspot locations
Supervision	TRAI Regional Office, Jaipur
Best download speed	Reliance Jio, 271.44 Mbps
Best upload speed	Airtel, 23.52 Mbps

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Space Sector Opening Curbed Brain Drain: Jitendra Singh

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Dr Jitendra Singh said opening the space sector to private players has created jobs at home, with the space economy at about USD 9 billion now.

- Dr Jitendra Singh said on 8 October 2026 that opening India's space sector to private players has created opportunities for young talent at home and reduced the need to go abroad for work.
- He put the space economy at about USD 9 billion now, with the potential to reach USD 45 to 46 billion in the next 8 to 10 years.
- He was speaking to students at the NaMo Book Fest at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, held on 7 and 8 October.
- He cited the target of 100 GW of nuclear energy capacity by 2047 and the opening of the nuclear sector to private participation.
- Gross expenditure on research and development has risen from about Rs 46,000 to 47,000 crore in 2013-14 to roughly Rs 2 to 2.5 lakh crore.

Speaker	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Occasion	Address to students at the NaMo Book Fest
Venue	Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi
Festival dates	7 and 8 October, marking 25 years of Narendra Modi as Head of Government
Space economy now	About USD 9 billion
Projected space economy	USD 45 to 46 billion in the next 8 to 10 years
Private space startup named	Skyroot
Nuclear energy target	100 GW of capacity by 2047

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Scindia Opens 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026

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Jyotiraditya Scindia opened the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, where the Bharat 6G Alliance signed five MoUs and issued nine white papers.

- Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026 at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, held from 7 to 9 October 2026.
- The Bharat 6G Alliance exchanged five new MoUs, with GSMA, the one6G Association, GTI Alliance Ltd, the 6G Industry Forum (6GIF) and VoICE.
- With these, the Alliance now has seventeen collaborations in all, having earlier held ten global and two domestic partnerships.
- Nine Working Group white papers were released, on subjects from Integrated Sensing and Communication and optical technologies to sustainable 6G, captive non-public networks and 6G security.
- A joint report on one year of progress under the New Delhi Declaration, endorsed at the 2025 symposium, was released as its First Edition, October 2026.

Event	3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026
Dates	7 to 9 October 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
Organiser	Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA)
Inaugurated by	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region
New MoUs	Five, with GSMA, one6G Association, GTI Alliance Ltd, 6G Industry Forum (6GIF) and VoICE
Total collaborations	Seventeen, including ten global and two domestic held earlier
White papers released	Nine Working Group white papers

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MeitY Pavilion at IMC 2026 Shows Digital India Platforms

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The MeitY pavilion at the 10th India Mobile Congress at Yashobhoomi is showing Aadhaar, DigiLocker, BHASHINI, DARPAN S3 and 14 STPI-incubated startups.

- The 10th India Mobile Congress 2026 opened at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 7 October 2026 and runs to 10 October, on the theme Scale Without Boundaries.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally inaugurated the edition on 8 October 2026.
- The MeitY pavilion showcases Aadhaar, DigiLocker, UMANG and Entity Locker, along with API Setu, UX4G and the Digital Personal Data Protection framework.
- Digital India BHASHINI is demonstrating AI and language technology, while C-DAC is showing DARPAN S3 alongside NIXI, SAMEER and the India Semiconductor Mission.
- STPI has brought 14 STPI-incubated startups, and an Experience Zone offers an AI avatar booth and a VR cricket experience.

Event	10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Dates	7 to 10 October 2026
Theme	'Scale Without Boundaries'
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 8 October 2026
Pavilion	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Digital platforms shown	Aadhaar, DigiLocker, UMANG, Entity Locker, API Setu, UX4G, DPDP framework
AI and language	Digital India BHASHINI; MyGov India Mann Ki Baat videos

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India Backs ITU Joint Trials Against Telecom Fraud

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Minister of State Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani welcomed the ITU proposal for joint trials against cross-border telecom fraud at a roundtable held during IMC 2026.

- Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani gave the keynote at the ITU Roundtable on implementing ITU standards against fraudulent communications, held alongside India Mobile Congress 2026
- India Mobile Congress 2026 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
- Indians lost over ₹22,800 crore to organised telecom fraud in 2024, the minister said
- C-DOT's AI-based ASTR tool has helped disconnect over 82 lakh fraudulent connections and the Sanchar Saathi app has about 25 million downloads
- The Digital Intelligence Platform links over 1,600 organisations and the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator prevented suspected losses above ₹5,000 crore in 15 months

Event	ITU Roundtable on "Implementing ITU Standards to Combat Fraudulent Communications"
Held alongside	India Mobile Congress 2026, inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 8 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi
Keynote speaker	Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development
Fraud losses	Over ₹22,800 crore lost by Indians in 2024
ASTR	AI-based tool of C-DOT; over 82 lakh fraudulent connections disconnected
Sanchar Saathi	Around 25 million app downloads
Digital Intelligence Platform	Links over 1,600 organisations
Financial Fraud Risk Indicator	Prevented suspected losses of over ₹5,000 crore in 15 months

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India Mobile Congress 2026 Draws Over 100 Countries to Yashobhoomi

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The 10th India Mobile Congress is on at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on the theme 'Scale Without Boundaries', with participants from more than 100 countries.

- The 10th India Mobile Congress is being held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on the theme 'Scale Without Boundaries'.
- It is organised jointly by the Department of Telecommunications and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).
- The edition spans a 60,000 square metre exhibition area with participation from more than 100 countries and over 2,000 technology use cases.
- More than 400 startups and over 900 thought leaders are taking part, alongside industry partners, investors, incubators and accelerators.
- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said the aim is to move from 'Made in India' to 'Designed, Developed and Made in India' and cited the Samriddh Gram initiative of the Department of Telecommunications.

Event	India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, 10th edition
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Theme	Scale Without Boundaries
Organisers	Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, with the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)
Exhibition area	60,000 square metres
Participation	More than 100 countries, over 2,000 technology use cases
Startups and speakers	More than 400 startups and over 900 thought leaders
Minister	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region

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Bharat 6G Alliance Signs Five MoUs at 3rd 6G Symposium

9 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium ended at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, with five new MoUs exchanged and ten white papers released by the Bharat 6G Alliance.

- The 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium concluded at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, with a valedictory address by Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani.
- Five new MoUs were exchanged with GSMA, one6G, the GTI Alliance, the 6G Innovation Forum of Taiwan and VOICE, and ten white papers and reports were released.
- The symposium drew more than 75 speakers, including over 30 international experts, and discussed the roadmap to IMT-2030 and beyond.
- The Bharat 6G Alliance, set up in July 2023, is an industry-led platform of telecom operators, industry, startups, academia and research institutions.
- A curtain raiser was held for the second ESTIC, scheduled from 27 to 29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, organised by CSIR with 12 ministries and departments.

Event	3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
Organiser	Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA), alongside the India Mobile Congress
Valedictory address	Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development
MoUs exchanged	Five, with GSMA, one6G, GTI Alliance, 6G Innovation Forum (Taiwan) and VOICE
Publications	Ten white papers and reports, including a progress report on the 6G Joint Principles
Participation	More than 75 speakers, including over 30 international experts
Alliance founded	July 2023, as an industry-led platform

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National Quantum Mission Crosses 1,000 km Quantum-Secure Link

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India has achieved 1,000 km of quantum-secure communication against an eight-year target of 2,000 km under the National Quantum Mission, said Jitendra Singh.

- India has achieved 1,000 km of quantum-secure communication in three years, against the National Quantum Mission target of 2,000 km over eight years
- India's bioeconomy has crossed US$195 billion and stands at about US$196 billion, up from roughly US$10 billion in 2014, with a target of US$300 billion by 2030
- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, spoke at the 121st Annual Session of PHDCCI in New Delhi
- He urged industry to join research projects at inception so that scientific work is designed for commercial deployment and strategic sovereignty by 2047
- The Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) initiative seeks greater private-sector participation in research and development

Event	121st Annual Session of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), New Delhi
Speaker	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS (Independent Charge), Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Quantum-secure communication achieved	1,000 km in three years
National Quantum Mission target	2,000 km of quantum-secure communication in eight years
Bioeconomy size	Crossed US$195 billion, about US$196 billion, from roughly US$10 billion in 2014
Bioeconomy target	US$300 billion by 2030
Government initiative cited	Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) initiative
Long-term goal	Strategic sovereignty and national objectives set for 2047

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Fourth All Science and Technology Clusters Meet in Chandigarh

10 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Principal Scientific Adviser Ajay Kumar Sood chaired the Fourth All S&T Clusters Meet at Panjab University, Chandigarh, where eight clusters reviewed progress.

- The Fourth All S&T Clusters Meet was held on 9 and 10 October 2026 at Panjab University, Chandigarh, hosted by PI-RAHI
- Principal Scientific Adviser Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood chaired it; representatives of all eight S&T Clusters took part
- The S&T Clusters programme was conceived in 2020 following recommendations of PM-STIAC and runs under the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser
- Northern India's first Digital Podiatric Clinic, using AI-powered foot screening, was inaugurated at the Panjab University Health Centre
- 12 international MoUs followed the First International Conference on S&T Clusters; a second such conference was announced

Event	Fourth All Science and Technology (S&T) Clusters Meet
Dates	9 and 10 October 2026
Venue	Panjab University, Chandigarh
Host	PI-RAHI (PU-IIT Ropar Regional Accelerator for Holistic Innovations Foundation)
Chaired by	Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
Clusters	Eight S&T Clusters across the country
Programme conceived	2020, on the recommendation of PM-STIAC
Inaugurated	Northern India's first Digital Podiatric Clinic, at the Panjab University Health Centre

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ICMR to Get First High Altitude Medicine Centre at Keylong

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The Health Ministry announced ICMR-CHAMP at Keylong in Himachal Pradesh, the first dedicated centre of ICMR for high-altitude medicine and public health research.

- The ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research, or ICMR-CHAMP, is coming up at Keylong in Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh.
- It will be the first dedicated centre of the Indian Council of Medical Research for high-altitude medicine and public health research.
- Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda is to lay the foundation stone on 12 October 2026; the centre is set up under the Department of Health Research.
- Its mandate covers high-altitude physiology, mountain medicine, climate-sensitive diseases, maternal and child health, disaster medicine, telemedicine and drone-based health logistics.
- It will work with the Armed Forces Medical Services, institutions of national importance and the Government of Himachal Pradesh; saplings will be planted under the Green ICMR Campus Initiative.

Centre	ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research (ICMR-CHAMP)
Location	Keylong, Lahaul and Spiti district, Himachal Pradesh
Distinction	First dedicated ICMR centre for high-altitude medicine and public health research
Foundation stone	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, 12 October 2026
Set up by	Indian Council of Medical Research, under the Department of Health Research
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Key partners	Armed Forces Medical Services, institutions of national importance, Government of Himachal Pradesh
Green initiative	Planting of native Himalayan saplings under the Green ICMR Campus Initiative

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IITM Pune Hosts APARC Early Career Workshop Ahead of ESTIC

11 October 2026 · Science & Technology

IITM Pune held the APARC Early Career Researcher Workshop on 11 October 2026 at Meghdoot Hall as the curtain-raiser for ESTIC, drawing about 120 researchers.

- IITM Pune hosted the APARC Early Career Researcher Workshop 2026 on 11 October 2026 at Meghdoot Hall, titled 'The ECR Nexus: Connecting Voices, Tools, and Science to Society'
- The workshop was the curtain-raiser for the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) and came just before the APARC General Assembly 2026
- Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, gave the main address; IITM Director Dr. Suryachandra A. Rao gave the welcome address
- About 120 Indian and foreign participants attended; a tutorial covered ESMValTool and a keynote covered AI and machine learning in earth sciences
- ESTIC 2026 carries the vision 'Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies' and is linked to the Viksit Bharat 2047 goal

Event	APARC Early Career Researcher (ECR) Workshop 2026
Workshop title	The ECR Nexus: Connecting Voices, Tools, and Science to Society
Date and venue	11 October 2026, Meghdoot Hall, IITM Pune
Host institute	Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune
Ministry	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Main address	Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences
IITM Director	Dr. Suryachandra A. Rao
Participants	About 120 national and international participants

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TDB Backs Peptris VIGOR Programme With Rs 86 Crore RDI Support

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The Technology Development Board has agreed to give Peptris Technologies of Bengaluru Rs 86 crore from the RDI Fund for its VIGOR drug discovery project.

- The Technology Development Board under DST signed an agreement on 12 October 2026 to give Peptris Technologies Private Limited, Bengaluru, Rs 86 crore from the RDI Fund.
- The project is named VIGOR: Advancing AI-Discovered Molecules from Bench to Clinic, and its total cost is Rs 172 crore, so TDB carries half the outlay.
- The support is routed as Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD), not as an outright grant, and the work is planned over three years.
- Four AI-discovered candidates are to be taken from Technology Readiness Level (TRL)-4 to TRL-6: PEPR111, PEPRX101, PEPR202 and PEPR112.
- PEPR111 targets neuromuscular disorders and oncology, PEPRX101 alopecia, PEPR202 neuropathy and PEPR112 DMD; Rajesh Kumar Pathak is Secretary, TDB.

Agreement signed by	Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science & Technology
Company	Peptris Technologies Private Limited, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Support	Rs 86 crore from the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Total project cost	Rs 172 crore
Mode of support	Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD)
Programme	VIGOR: Advancing AI-Discovered Molecules from Bench to Clinic
Readiness jump	Technology Readiness Level (TRL)-4 to TRL-6
Candidates covered	PEPR111, PEPRX101, PEPR202 and PEPR112

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RDI Fund Names First 19 Second Level Fund Managers

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- The Research, Development and Innovation Fund announced its first cohort of 19 Second Level Fund Managers on 12 October 2026.
- The Empowered Group of Secretaries, meeting on 8 October 2026, approved 14 Alternative Investment Funds and 5 Focused Research Organisations.
- The total RDIF commitment to the first cohort is 7,131 crore rupees, out of the one lakh crore rupee RDI Scheme launched by PM Modi in November 2025.
- The fund is managed by an Independent Business Unit within the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, under the Department of Science and Technology.
- Money will go to Eligible Technology Enterprises at Technology Readiness Level 4 and above, and the managers must mobilise matching private capital.

Fund	Research, Development and Innovation Fund (RDIF)
Fund size	One lakh crore rupees
Scheme launched	By Prime Minister Narendra Modi in November 2025
First cohort	19 Second Level Fund Managers
Break-up	14 Alternative Investment Funds and 5 Focused Research Organisations
Commitment	7,131 crore rupees
Approved by	Empowered Group of Secretaries, meeting of 8 October 2026
Managed by	Independent Business Unit within ANRF, under the Department of Science and Technology

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8th India-UK Science and Innovation Council Meets in Delhi

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The 8th India-UK Science and Innovation Council met in New Delhi, where Jitendra Singh and Jonathan Reynolds opened the BRIC-CDFD-ONT India Genomics Centre.

- The eighth meeting of the India-UK Science and Innovation Council (SIC) was held in New Delhi, led by Dr Jitendra Singh and the UK's Jonathan Reynolds
- The two ministers jointly inaugurated the BRIC-CDFD-ONT India Genomics Centre of Excellence in New Delhi, with Oxford Nanopore Technologies as the British partner
- Cooperation rests on the India-UK Research and Innovation MoU, the Technology Security Initiative and India-UK Vision 2035
- Eight joint industrial research projects have been cleared under the Department of Science and Technology's partnership with Innovate UK, covering advanced manufacturing, power electronics and net-zero technologies
- Areas of cooperation include artificial intelligence, quantum technologies, semiconductors, critical minerals, advanced materials, biotechnology, telecommunications and climate science

Meeting	8th India-UK Science and Innovation Council (SIC) Meeting
Venue	New Delhi
India led by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
UK led by	Jonathan Reynolds, Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Trade
Centre inaugurated	BRIC-CDFD-ONT India Genomics Centre of Excellence, New Delhi
British partner firm	Oxford Nanopore Technologies
Frameworks	India-UK Research and Innovation MoU, Technology Security Initiative, India-UK Vision 2035
With Innovate UK	Eight joint industrial research and development projects cleared

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IMD Launches Cyclone Warning Decision Support System

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The India Meteorological Department dedicated its WebGIS-based Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System to the nation on 12 October 2026.

- IMD dedicated the Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System, an interactive WebGIS platform, to the nation on 12 October 2026.
- The launch came at the bi-annual Pre-Cyclone Exercise Meeting for the post-monsoon season, chaired by Director General of Meteorology Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, who is also the 3rd Vice President of the World Meteorological Organisation.
- The platform displays storm track and intensity with a cone of uncertainty, wind distribution, storm surge alerts, district-wise rainfall warnings and catchment rainfall forecasts.
- About 230 people from more than 30 organisations attended, 180 of them online; IMD has held the exercise twice a year since 2008.
- Phailin crossed the coast on 12 October 2013 and Hudhud on 12 October 2014, which makes the launch date significant for India’s cyclone warning record.

Platform	Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System (DSS)
Type	Interactive WebGIS-based web platform
Dedicated to the nation on	12 October 2026
Launched by	India Meteorological Department, Ministry of Earth Sciences
Occasion	Bi-annual Pre-Cyclone Exercise Meeting, post-monsoon season (October-December) 2026
Chaired by	Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology, IMD
His global role	3rd Vice President, World Meteorological Organisation
Participation	About 230 people, 180 online, from more than 30 organisations

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BHASHINI Runs Live Translation at NCGG Mussoorie Programme

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BHASHINI deployed its Shrutlekh platform for live English-Spanish translation at the NCGG capacity building programme for foreign civil servants in Mussoorie.

- BHASHINI's Shrutlekh platform provided real-time two-way English-Spanish translation at the NCGG capacity building programme for civil servants of several countries at Mussoorie.
- The course on Urban Service Delivery runs from 12 to 23 October 2026, is sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs and organised by NCGG under DARPG as part of the ITEC Programme.
- Participants come from countries including Peru, Cambodia, Nigeria, Kenya, Palestine, Lebanon, The Gambia, Ecuador and Spain.
- The Digital India BHASHINI Division works under the Digital India Corporation in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.
- BHASHINI is integrated with 2,353 government platforms including over 800 websites, covers 36 Indian languages in text, 23 in voice and 35 international languages.

Platform deployed	Shrutlekh, for real-time English-Spanish translation
Parent division	Digital India BHASHINI Division under Digital India Corporation, MeitY
Course	NCGG Capacity Building Programme on Urban Service Delivery
Venue and dates	Mussoorie, 12 to 23 October 2026
Organiser	NCGG under DARPG, sponsored by the Ministry of External Affairs
Framework	Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) Programme
Participating countries	Peru, Cambodia, Nigeria, Kenya, Palestine, Lebanon, The Gambia, Ecuador and Spain
Government platforms	2,353, including more than 800 government websites

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Soybean Varieties NRC 268 and NRC 270 Show 20 Quintal Yield Signs

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ICAR's Indore soybean institute found its improved varieties NRC 268 and NRC 270 pointing to about 20 quintals a hectare despite poor weather this season.

- ICAR-National Soybean Research Institute, Indore organised Soybean Harvest Day on 9 October 2026 to assess the yield potential of improved varieties.
- Preliminary data from one acre each of NRC 268 and NRC 270 indicate about 20 quintals per hectare despite adverse weather.
- India's average soybean productivity at present is about 10 to 11 quintals per hectare.
- Trials by the institute and the All India Coordinated Research Project on Soybean show 15 to 20 quintals per hectare is achievable, and about 22 to 25 under favourable conditions.
- Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR, called the results highly encouraging and said the data would guide future research strategy.

Institute	ICAR-National Soybean Research Institute, Indore
Event	Soybean Harvest Day, held on 9 October 2026
Varieties assessed	NRC 268 and NRC 270
Area harvested	One acre under each variety
Indicated yield	About 20 quintals per hectare
Present national average	About 10 to 11 quintals per hectare
Achievable with improved practices	15 to 20 quintals per hectare
Potential in favourable conditions	About 22 to 25 quintals per hectare

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INST Mohali Develops Filter to Clean Dye Wastewater

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Scientists at INST Mohali have built a machine learning aided nanofibre filter that removed 98.6 per cent of a textile dye from water within 120 minutes.

- The Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, developed the filter.
- It combines green-synthesised zinc oxide nanoparticles with biodegradable polylactic acid nanofibres, made into a membrane by electrospinning.
- Zinc oxide nanoparticles were synthesised using turmeric extract, in which curcumin, flavonoids and phenolic compounds acted as reducing and stabilising agents.
- Under combined light and ultrasonic excitation the membrane decolorised 98.6 per cent of methylene blue and 96.7 per cent of congo red within 120 minutes.
- It inactivated about 75 per cent of E. coli and 71 per cent of S. aureus after 6 hours; the work was published in Advanced Functional Materials.

Developed by	Institute of Nano Science and Technology (INST), Mohali
Parent body	Department of Science and Technology, an autonomous institute
Materials used	Green-synthesised zinc oxide nanoparticles and biodegradable polylactic acid nanofibres
Green synthesis route	Turmeric extract, with curcumin, flavonoids and phenolic compounds as reducing and stabilising agents
Process	Photocatalysis combined with piezocatalysis, using light and mechanical vibration
Dye removal	98.6 per cent of methylene blue and 96.7 per cent of congo red in 120 minutes
Antibacterial action	About 75 per cent of E. coli and 71 per cent of S. aureus inactivated after 6 hours
Published in	Advanced Functional Materials

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DRDO to Lead Semiconductor Session at ESTIC-2026

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DRDO will steer a thematic session on semiconductors and next-generation chips at ESTIC-2026, to be held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from 27 to 29 October.

- DRDO will lead a thematic session on 'Semiconductors and Next-Gen Chips' at the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave, ESTIC-2026.
- ESTIC-2026 is scheduled at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026, and is organised jointly by 12 ministries and departments under the Principal Scientific Adviser.
- The keynote of the DRDO session will come from the Vice President and Managing Director of Micron India, with talks by the heads of Bharat Semi and Netrasemi and the Director of IIT Madras.
- A curtain-raiser was held at Bengaluru on 13 October 2026, presided over by Dr B K Das, Director General (Electronics and Communication Systems).
- Dr Anupam Sharma, Director General (Technology Management), said semiconductor business is expected to reach 200 billion dollars by 2035.

Event	ESTIC-2026, the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave
Venue and dates	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 27 to 29 October 2026
Organised by	12 ministries and departments, guided by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
DRDO session	Thematic session on 'Semiconductors and Next-Gen Chips'
Keynote speaker	Vice President and Managing Director, Micron India
Other speakers	CEOs of Bharat Semi and Netrasemi, and the Director of IIT Madras
Curtain-raiser	Held at Bengaluru, Karnataka on 13 October 2026, presided over by Dr B K Das, DG (Electronics and Communication Systems)
Market projection	Semiconductor business to rise to 200 billion dollars by 2035, as stated by Dr Anupam Sharma, DG (Technology Management)

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TDB Signs Rs 151 Crore RDI Deal With ideaForge for YETI UAV

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The Technology Development Board will put Rs 151 crore from the RDI Fund into YETI, a heavy-lift autonomous aerial logistics vehicle by ideaForge.

- The Technology Development Board under the Department of Science and Technology signed an agreement with ideaForge Technology Limited, Mumbai, for Rs 151 crore of support from the RDI Fund.
- The total project cost is Rs 302 crore and the TDB support comes as debt financing, aimed at taking YETI from Technology Readiness Level 4 to TRL-9.
- YETI is an autonomous vertical take-off and landing fixed-wing hybrid unmanned aerial vehicle built for heavy-lift, long-range aerial logistics.
- It is designed for payloads of up to 200 kg, a targeted range of up to 200 km and an operating altitude of up to 6,500 metres above mean sea level.
- The project falls in the deep technology sector with intelligent systems and robotics as the sub-sector; TDB Secretary is Shri Rajesh Kumar Pathak.

Agreement	Technology Development Board (TDB) with ideaForge Technology Limited, Mumbai, Maharashtra
TDB support	Rs 151 crore, as debt financing
Fund	Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Total project cost	Rs 302 crore
Platform	YETI, a heavy-lift long-range autonomous aerial logistics vehicle (VTOL fixed-wing hybrid UAV)
Technology goal	From Technology Readiness Level 4 to TRL-9
Payload and range	Up to 200 kg; targeted range up to 200 km
Operating altitude	Up to 6,500 metres above mean sea level

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NIPER Raebareli, AstraZeneca Tie Up for 25 Trial Sites

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NIPER Raebareli and AstraZeneca India signed an MoU to build trained staff and inspection-ready clinical trial sites in 25 emerging research geographies in India.

- NIPER Raebareli and AstraZeneca India signed an MoU in New Delhi on 14 October 2026 to extend clinical trial capability beyond the metros.
- The collaboration will adopt 25 clinical trial sites in emerging research geographies, assess them and provide training, mentoring and site-readiness support.
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers.
- It advances Biopharma SHAKTI, the flagship initiative whose goals include setting up 1,000 clinical trial sites across the country.
- Designed as a scalable national model, it can expand to more geographies and to therapeutic areas beyond oncology after the proof-of-concept phase.

Partners	NIPER Raebareli and AstraZeneca India
Instrument	Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)
Signed at	New Delhi
Sites to be adopted	25 clinical trial sites in emerging research geographies
Government department	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers
Secretary present	Manoj Joshi
Director, NIPER Raebareli	Dr Shubhini Saraf
AstraZeneca India head	Praveen Rao Akkinepally, Country President and Managing Director

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AI for Good Build-a-thon 5.0 Held at India Mobile Congress

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DoT and the ITU held the AI for Good Build-a-thon 5.0 at India Mobile Congress 2026 in New Delhi on the theme of creating innovative agents in 5G.

- The Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union held the AI for Good Build-a-thon 5.0 on the last day of India Mobile Congress 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on the theme 'Creating innovative agents in 5G'.
- It was inaugurated by Dr Bilel Jamoussi, Deputy Director and Chief of the Study Groups and Policy Department in the ITU's Telecommunication Standardization Bureau.
- More than 25 teams registered when the exercise opened in early July; five online mentoring sessions and over ten hours of mentoring led to 16 AI prototype submissions.
- Mentoring covered the ITU-T Y.3172 standardised machine learning pipeline and the ITU AI Readiness 2.0 report, a global benchmark for AI ready use cases.
- Team Netaxis of RVCE Bangalore won the first prize, Team SNR the second and Team Agentnet the third, with a special women’s prize and a judges’ prize also awarded.

Event	AI for Good Build-a-thon 5.0
Organisers	Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, with the International Telecommunication Union
Occasion and venue	Last day of India Mobile Congress 2026, Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Theme	Creating innovative agents in 5G
Inaugurated by	Dr Bilel Jamoussi, Deputy Director and Chief, Study Groups and Policy Department, ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
Teams registered	More than 25, averaging four members each
Mentoring	Five online sessions, more than ten hours
Prototypes submitted	16

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First MEA-CSIR Tech Familiarization Programme Held in Delhi

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CSIR and the MEA held the first MEA-CSIR Tech Familiarization Programme on 14 October 2026, drawing 33 envoys and embassy officials from 29 nations.

- The inaugural MEA-CSIR Tech Familiarization Programme was launched on 14 October 2026 by CSIR with the New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies (NEST) Division of the Ministry of External Affairs.
- It brought together 33 Ambassadors and senior embassy officials representing 29 countries, chiefly of the Global South.
- The delegation visited two CSIR laboratories in New Delhi: the Central Road Research Institute (CSIR-CRRI) and the Institute of Genomics and Integrative Biology (CSIR-IGIB).
- A live demonstration of Ecofix, a steel slag-based instant pothole repair mix for rapid road maintenance, was the highlight at CSIR-CRRI.
- At CSIR-IGIB the visitors saw genome sequencing, biosafety, zebrafish research, biobanking and Good Manufacturing Practice facilities.

Programme	MEA-CSIR Tech Familiarization Programme, inaugural edition
Date	14 October 2026
Organisers	CSIR with the NEST Division of the Ministry of External Affairs
Participation	33 Ambassadors and senior embassy officials from 29 countries
Focus grouping	Countries of the Global South
Laboratories visited	CSIR-CRRI and CSIR-IGIB, both in New Delhi
Technology demonstrated	Ecofix, a steel slag-based instant pothole repair mix
CSIR speaker	Dr Rama Swami Bansal, Head, International S and T Affairs Directorate

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CEA Conference on Making Indian Power Sector AI Enabled

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The Central Electricity Authority opened a two-day international conference in New Delhi on making the Indian power sector AI enabled and launched a new portal.

- The Central Electricity Authority held the first day of its two-day international conference cum exhibition at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on 14 October 2026.
- The theme of the event was 'Making Indian Power Sector AI Enabled', and six parallel thematic discussions were held on day one.
- CEA's Vidhyut Dwar Portal was launched and the CEA Manual on Transmission Planning Criteria, 2026 was released during the inaugural session.
- CEA has formed a team of 54 AI enthusiasts who will serve as brand ambassadors, and power utilities were urged to set up dedicated AI teams.
- Power Secretary Pankaj Agarwal, CEA Chairperson Ghanshyam Prasad and Ministers of State Shripad Yesso Naik and Jitin Prasada attended the inauguration.

Event	CEA international conference cum exhibition, two days
Theme	Making Indian Power Sector AI Enabled
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Opening day	14 October 2026
Portal launched	Vidhyut Dwar Portal of CEA
Document released	CEA Manual on Transmission Planning Criteria, 2026
AI team	54 AI enthusiasts and brand ambassadors formed by CEA
CEA Chairperson	Ghanshyam Prasad

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BHASHINI Division and Manipur Sign MoU on Multilingual AI

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The Digital India BHASHINI Division and the Government of Manipur signed an MoU on multilingual AI at the BHASHINI Rajyam Workshop held in Imphal.

- The BHASHINI Rajyam Workshop, Manipur Chapter was held at Imphal on 14 October 2026 by the Digital India BHASHINI Division with the state IT department
- An MoU was signed by Amitabh Nag, CEO of DIBD, and Somorjit Salam, IAS, Secretary for Information Technology in the Government of Manipur
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh attended the programme and spoke on artificial intelligence and linguistic diversity
- A live demonstration showed real-time translation from English into Manipuri; Tangkhul, Thadou, Paite, Hmar and Liangmai were among the languages discussed
- BHASHINI powers more than 800 government websites and supports 36 Indian languages for text, 23 for voice and 35 international languages

Event	BHASHINI Rajyam Workshop, Manipur Chapter
Venue and date	Imphal, Manipur, 14 October 2026
Agreement	MoU between Digital India BHASHINI Division and the Government of Manipur
Signed by	Amitabh Nag, CEO, DIBD and Somorjit Salam, IAS, Secretary (IT), Manipur
Chief Minister of Manipur	Yumnam Khemchand Singh
Parent bodies	Digital India Corporation, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Live demonstration	Real-time translation from English into Manipuri
Platforms shown	BHASHINI Shilpi for developers and BHASHINI Mitra for language data

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ESTIC 2026 Curtain-Raiser Highlights Physical AI, Robotics

15 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The curtain-raiser for the second ESTIC, to be held at Bharat Mandapam from 27 to 29 October 2026, placed autonomous systems and physical AI at the centre.

- The curtain-raiser for ESTIC 2026, the second edition of the conclave, was held at DST Technology Bhawan, New Delhi on 15 October 2026
- ESTIC 2026 will be held from 27 to 29 October at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, and is being organised by CSIR this year
- The theme is Creative minds catalyzing science and empowering technology; Autonomous Systems, Physical AI and Robotics is one of 12 thematic areas
- Chief Guest was Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Member, NITI Aayog; DST Secretary Prof. Umesh Waghmare also spoke
- Under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems, DST has set up 25 Technology Innovation Hubs such as TiHAN, IHFC and ARTPARK

Event	Curtain-raiser for ESTIC 2026, second edition
Full form	Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave
Curtain-raiser venue	Technology Bhawan, Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi
Conclave dates and venue	27 to 29 October 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Organiser this year	Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)
Theme	Creative minds catalyzing science and empowering technology
Thematic area highlighted	Autonomous Systems, Physical AI and Robotics, one of 12 thematic areas
Chief Guest	Prof. Abhay Karandikar, Member, NITI Aayog

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ARCI Workshop Marks National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day

15 October 2026 · Science & Technology

About 150 delegates met at IIT Madras Research Park for the 9th workshop on the hydrogen value chain, held by ARCI to mark Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day.

- A workshop to commemorate National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day was held at the IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai on 13 October 2026
- It was the 9th Workshop on Recent Advancements in Hydrogen Value Chain, organised by ARCI, an autonomous R&D centre of the Department of Science and Technology
- About 150 delegates from academia, R&D institutes and industry took part in the technical sessions
- ARCI Director Dr R. Vijay listed electrocatalysts, bipolar plates, membrane electrode assemblies, fuel-cell stacks and alkaline electrolysers as focus areas
- Prof. R. R. Sonde of IIT Delhi-Abu Dhabi outlined five sovereign commitments and backed hydrogen production from locally available biomass

Occasion	National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day
Event	9th Workshop on Recent Advancements in Hydrogen Value Chain
Organiser	ARCI, International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials
Parent department	Department of Science and Technology, Government of India
Venue	IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai
Date of workshop	13 October 2026
Participation	About 150 delegates
ARCI Director	Dr R. Vijay

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TDB Supports Development of Indigenous 32-Slice CT Scanner

15 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Technology Development Board has signed an agreement with Panacea Medical Technologies of Karnataka to build an indigenous 32-slice CT scanner.

- The Technology Development Board, under the Department of Science and Technology, has signed an agreement to support an indigenous 32-slice CT scanner
- The partner company is Panacea Medical Technologies Private Limited, based at Malur in Karnataka, a manufacturer working in radiotherapy and radiology
- The project covers the design, development and deployment of the scanner for diagnostic imaging across clinical disciplines
- Medical devices are a priority sector under the Make in India initiative, and the support aims to cut dependence on imported high end equipment
- Shri Rajesh Kumar Pathak, Secretary of the Technology Development Board, said the project fits the goal of making advanced medical devices within India

Supporting body	Technology Development Board (TDB)
Parent department	Department of Science and Technology
Company	Panacea Medical Technologies Private Limited
Location	Malur, Karnataka
Device	Indigenous 32-slice computed tomography (CT) scanner
Secretary, TDB	Shri Rajesh Kumar Pathak
Programme	Make in India, under which medical devices are a priority sector
Company expertise	Radiotherapy and radiology, high precision imaging

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BHASHINI and IISc Build Sourashtra Text-to-Speech Models

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BHASHINI and IISc Bengaluru have developed text-to-speech models for Sourashtra, a low-resource language spoken by about 2.48 lakh people in Tamil Nadu.

- The Digital India BHASHINI Division under MeitY and IISc Bengaluru have developed text-to-speech models for Sourashtra, a low-resource Indo-Aryan language.
- Sourashtra is spoken mainly by the Sourashtra community in Tamil Nadu and had about 2.48 lakh speakers according to the 2011 Census.
- The four models use the VITS architecture, cover a male and a female voice, and work with text in both the Tamil and the Sourashtra script.
- The male voice model was trained on about 10,000 utterances and the female voice model on about 11,400, with audio generated at 22,050 Hz.
- The SPICOR TTS 3.0 Sourashtra Corpus, over 28 hours of gender-balanced speech built at the SPIRE Lab of IISc Bengaluru, is now on the AIKOSH platform.

What	Text-to-speech (TTS) models for the Sourashtra language
Developed by	Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), under Digital India Corporation, MeitY, with IISc Bengaluru
Language family	Indo-Aryan, a minority language spoken mainly in Tamil Nadu
Speakers	About 2.48 lakh, as per the 2011 Census
Architecture	VITS (Variational Inference with adversarial learning for end-to-end Text-to-Speech)
Models released	Four, that is a male and a female voice, each in Tamil script and Sourashtra script versions
Training data	About 10,000 utterances for the male voice and 11,400 for the female voice
Speech corpus	More than 28 hours of gender-balanced recordings from the SPIRE Lab, IISc Bengaluru

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TDB Signs Rs 150 Crore Quantum Security Deal With QNu Labs

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The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with Bengaluru's QNu Labs for Rs 150 crore of RDI Fund support to build India's quantum-secure technology stack.

- The Technology Development Board under DST signed an agreement with QNu Labs Private Limited, Bengaluru, for Rs 150 crore of support from the RDI Fund
- The total project cost is Rs 300 crore and the TDB support will be given through Optionally Convertible Debt
- The project builds an indigenous backbone for India's Quantum Secure and Sensing Networks (IQSN), moving technologies from TRL 4-5 to TRL-9
- Its four pillars are identity security, location integrity, network security and time integrity
- Rajesh Kumar Pathak is the Secretary of the Technology Development Board

Agreement signed by	Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology
Company	QNu Labs Private Limited, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Support	Rs 150 crore from the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Total project cost	Rs 300 crore
Mode of funding	Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD)
Target	Technologies from TRL 4-5 to TRL-9
Programme	India's Quantum Secure and Sensing Networks (IQSN)
Four pillars	Identity security, location integrity, network security, time integrity

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Indian Scientists Identify Martian Analogue Sites in Tamil Nadu

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University of Kerala researchers used a DST-FIST laser Raman spectrometer to establish Neyveli, the Tiruchirappalli Badlands and Chile's Atacama as Mars analogue sites.

- Melanterite at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu and gypsum in Chile's Atacama Desert and the Tiruchirappalli Badlands have established these as Martian analogue sites
- Both minerals are hydrous sulphates that record water-rock interactions; gypsum can also preserve biosignatures
- The work was done by a University of Kerala team led by Dr. Sajin Kumar K. S., Project Coordinator of DST-FIST
- A laser Raman spectrometer funded under DST-FIST at the Department of Geology confirmed the minerals by their spectral fingerprints
- The findings appeared as two research papers in the Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets

Finding	Sites in Tamil Nadu and Chile established as Martian analogue sites
Minerals	Melanterite and gypsum, both hydrous sulphates
Melanterite site	Neyveli, Tamil Nadu (formed from marcasite in lignite substratum)
Gypsum sites	Atacama Desert, Chile, and the Tiruchirappalli Badlands, Tamil Nadu
Institution	Department of Geology, University of Kerala
Team leader	Dr. Sajin Kumar K. S., Project Coordinator, DST-FIST
Instrument	Laser Raman spectrometer supported by DST-FIST
Published in	Journal of Geophysical Research: Planets (two papers)

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BSIP Study Reconstructs 4,600 Years of Monsoon History

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Scientists of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences used Karela Lake near Lucknow to reconstruct 4,600 years of monsoon and farming history in the Ganga Plain.

- Scientists of the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, Lucknow, reconstructed 4,600 years of climate history from Karela Lake
- Karela Lake is an oxbow lake at Hulas Khera in Mohanlal Ganj near Lucknow, in the Central Ganga Plain of Uttar Pradesh
- Four major environmental phases were identified, linked to the 4.2 ka arid event, the Roman Warm Period and the Little Ice Age
- The team used AMS radiocarbon dating, stable isotopes of carbon and nitrogen, grain-size analysis, end-member modelling and palynology
- BSIP is an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, and the study appeared in the Journal of Asian Earth Sciences

Institute	Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow
Parent department	Department of Science and Technology
Site studied	Karela Lake, an oxbow lake at Hulas Khera, Mohanlal Ganj, near Lucknow
Period reconstructed	4,600 years of climate and environmental history
Climate events identified	4.2 ka arid event, Roman Warm Period, Little Ice Age
Journal	Journal of Asian Earth Sciences
Region	Central Ganga Plain, Uttar Pradesh

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India Eyes USD 40-45 Billion Space Economy in 7-8 Years

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Dr Jitendra Singh said India's space economy, now about USD 9 billion, should reach USD 40-45 billion in seven to eight years as private investment rises.

- India's space economy is worth about USD 9 billion now and is projected to touch USD 40-45 billion in the next seven to eight years.
- Dr Jitendra Singh spoke at the 'Space, Sovereignty and New Economy' roundtable organised by the Bloomberg New Economy Forum in New Delhi.
- The space sector was opened to private participation in 2019-2020; the Minister credited the five to six years since for the results.
- IN-SPACe Director (Promotion) Vinod Kumar and former NASA engineer Aisha Bowe, founder of STEMBoard and LINGO, were among the participants.
- India supplies space-based disaster management information to Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka.

Present size	About USD 9 billion
Projection	USD 40-45 billion in seven to eight years
Said by	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Event	Media roundtable on 'Space, Sovereignty and New Economy'
Organiser and venue	Bloomberg New Economy Forum, New Delhi
Sector opened to private players	2019-2020
Regulator named	IN-SPACe, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre
Disaster support given to	Myanmar, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka

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STPI Tech Conclave at IIT BHU Puts AI to Work in Health Care

18 October 2026 · Science & Technology

STPI and CIIE, IIT BHU held a Tech Conclave on AI for Health and Assistive Technologies at Varanasi, where MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan gave the keynote.

- STPI, a science and technology organisation under MeitY, and CIIE of IIT (BHU) jointly held a Tech Conclave on AI for Health and Assistive Technologies on the IIT (BHU) campus in Varanasi.
- Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY, delivered the keynote address and named disease screening, medical diagnostics, remote ICU monitoring and AI-assisted surgical planning as practical uses of AI.
- STPI Director General Shri Arvind Kumar said STPI has supported the growth of the IT and ITeS industry since 1991 and now runs 27 Centres of Entrepreneurship.
- Prof. Amit Patra, Director of IIT (BHU), and Shri Sumit Mahajan, CEO of the Uttar Pradesh Startup Mission, were among the other speakers.
- Two panel discussions were held: Empowering Citizens Through AI, and From Innovation to Impact, on turning AI research into usable health and assistive solutions.

Event	STPI Tech Conclave on AI for Health and Assistive Technologies
Organisers	STPI (under MeitY) with CIIE, IIT (BHU)
Venue	IIT (BHU), Varanasi
Keynote address	Shri S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY
STPI Director General	Shri Arvind Kumar
Director, IIT (BHU)	Prof. Amit Patra
STPI supporting IT/ITeS since	1991
STPI Centres of Entrepreneurship	27

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Kufri Jamunia: ICAR-CPRI's Biofortified Purple Potato

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Kufri Jamunia, the purple-fleshed biofortified potato released by ICAR-CPRI in 2024, carries 42.75 mg Vitamin C per 100 g against 23.15 mg in common potato.

- Kufri Jamunia, a biofortified purple-fleshed potato developed by ICAR-CPRI, was officially released in 2024 and is recommended for the North Indian plains.
- Its flesh carries 42.75 mg Vitamin C per 100 g against 23.15 mg in a common potato, with 2.28 mg zinc and 3.22 mg iron per 100 g.
- Anthocyanin content is 42.05 mg per 100 g in the flesh and 80.66 mg per 100 g in the skin; carotenoids are about 161 micrograms per 100 g.
- Yield is 32-35 tonnes a hectare under recommended practices, with about 49 tonnes recorded in 90-day station trials and dormancy of 6-8 weeks.
- ICAR-CPRI's earlier coloured potatoes are Kufri Neelkanth, its first purple-skinned variety released in 2018, and Kufri Manik, released in 2021.

Variety	Kufri Jamunia, biofortified purple-fleshed potato
Developed by	ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute (ICAR-CPRI)
Released	2024
Vitamin C	42.75 mg per 100 g in flesh, against 23.15 mg in common potato
Anthocyanins	42.05 mg per 100 g in flesh, 80.66 mg per 100 g in skin
Zinc and iron	22.77 ppm zinc and 32.23 ppm iron in the flesh
Yield	32-35 tonnes per hectare; about 49 tonnes in 90-day station trials
Dormancy	6-8 weeks, so tubers do not sprout quickly

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MoES-AcSIR MoU: 10 Earth Science Institutes to Award PhDs

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An MoU between the Ministry of Earth Sciences and AcSIR makes all ten MoES research institutes AcSIR Associated Research Institutes for doctoral research.

- The Ministry of Earth Sciences and the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research announced a doctoral research partnership on 19 October 2026
- The MoU was executed on 21 August 2026 and declared at a ceremony on 13 October 2026 at Prithvi Bhawan, the Ministry's headquarters in New Delhi
- All ten MoES research institutes are now recognised as AcSIR Associated Research Institutes and are in the academy's current PhD enrolment cycle
- AcSIR will award the doctoral degree and the certificate will name the host institute; MoES scientists recognised as AcSIR faculty will supervise the work
- Research domains include numerical weather prediction, polar and cryosphere science, marine robotics, deep-sea mining, seismology and AI or ML in earth sciences

Partnership	Ministry of Earth Sciences and AcSIR
MoU executed	21 August 2026
Declared at	Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi, on 13 October 2026
Institutes covered	All ten MoES institutes, as AcSIR-ARIs
Signed by	Dr. Praveen Kumar D. for MoES, Prof. Manoj Kumar Dhar for AcSIR
Secretary, MoES	Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala
Degree awarded by	AcSIR, with the host institute named on the certificate
Coordination	Nodal coordinator at each institute, central coordinator at MoES

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India Targets 100 GW Nuclear Power Capacity by 2047

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Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said India's nuclear programme serves peaceful ends and the country aims at 100 GW of nuclear capacity by 2047.

- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said India's nuclear programme is dedicated to peaceful purposes and not to warfare, speaking on the sidelines of the Bloomberg Economy Forum 2026.
- India is working towards 100 GW of nuclear power capacity by 2047 and Net Zero emissions by 2070, with nuclear energy supplying continuous and reliable clean electricity.
- The Minister said the spread of artificial intelligence and data centres will need a large and dependable power supply, which nuclear generation is expected to help meet.
- He recalled Dr. Homi Bhabha, the architect of India's nuclear programme, whose vision he said continues to guide the country's peaceful nuclear journey.
- Critical and sensitive sectors have been opened wider to non-government players, enlarging the scope for private participation in strategic areas.

Who said it	Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh
Department	Department of Atomic Energy
Occasion	Sidelines of the Bloomberg Economy Forum 2026
Nuclear capacity target	100 GW by 2047
Net Zero target	2070
Architect of India's nuclear programme	Dr. Homi Bhabha
Purpose of the programme	Peaceful purposes, not warfare
New demand driver named	Artificial intelligence and data centres

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RRI Study Finds Accretion Disk Around Pulsar Centaurus X-3

21 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Scientists at the Raman Research Institute found that the bright X-ray pulsar Centaurus X-3 draws in matter through an accretion disk, a rare route.

- Scientists at the Raman Research Institute, an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology, studied the X-ray pulsar Centaurus X-3
- They found that the pulsar accretes matter through an accretion disk, which is rare in high-mass X-ray binaries where stellar wind is captured directly
- The study, led by RRI researcher Kinjal Roy, analysed four secondary emission lines and traced their variation to the accretion stream co-rotating with the pulsar
- Centaurus X-3 lies about 24000 light years away, was the third X-ray source found in the constellation Centaurus and has a companion over 10 times the mass of the Sun
- Existing emission models of the system will have to be modified to include radiation from the disk

Object studied	Centaurus X-3, one of the brightest X-ray pulsars
Institute	Raman Research Institute (RRI), an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology
Study led by	Kinjal Roy, researcher at RRI
Main finding	Matter is accreted through an accretion disk, rare in high-mass X-ray binaries
Clue used	Four secondary emission lines varying with the pulsar's rotation
Structure identified	Accretion stream co-rotating with the pulsar
Distance	About 24000 light years
Companion star	More than 10 times the mass of the Sun

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SAEINDIA to Host 23rd APAC Mobility Conference in New Delhi

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SAEINDIA will host APAC 23, the 23rd Asia Pacific Automotive Engineering Conference, at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi on 13 and 14 November 2026.

- SAEINDIA will host APAC 23, the 23rd Asia Pacific Automotive Engineering Conference 2026, on 13 and 14 November 2026
- The venue is the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi and the theme is 'Xellerating towards Safe, Secure, Sustainable & Intelligent Mobility'
- India is hosting APAC for the second time, after a gap of 15 years; the forum represents 11 countries of the Asia-Pacific region
- The conference began in 1981 as the International Pacific Conference and is expected to draw over 1,000 delegates and 500 mobility experts
- TechHive is a dedicated platform at APAC 23 for mobility start-ups, alongside the Exposition and the Technology Theatre

Event	APAC 23, the 23rd Asia Pacific Automotive Engineering Conference 2026
Host	SAEINDIA, with the announcement made by the Ministry of Heavy Industries
Dates	13 and 14 November 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi
Theme	Xellerating towards Safe, Secure, Sustainable & Intelligent Mobility
Origin	Started in 1981 as the International Pacific Conference; represents 11 countries
Scale	Over 1,000 delegates, 500 mobility experts, 150 technical presentations and 80 exhibitors
Start-up platform	TechHive, along with the Exposition and the Technology Theatre

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C-DOT Opens Sixth Centre of Excellence at IIT (BHU) Varanasi

23 October 2026 · Science & Technology

C-DOT signed an MoU with IIT (BHU) Varanasi for its sixth Centre of Excellence, which will research 5G Advanced, 6G, quantum technology and AI networks.

- C-DOT signed an MoU with IIT (BHU), Varanasi to set up its sixth Centre of Excellence for next-generation telecom research
- C-DOT is the telecom research and development centre of the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications
- The centre will work on 5G Advanced and 6G, very large-scale MIMO, AI-native networks, quantum and post-quantum communication
- C-DOT already runs centres with IIT Kanpur, IIT Gandhinagar, IIT Roorkee, IIT Hyderabad and IISc Bengaluru through FSID
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Pankaj Kumar Dalela of C-DOT and Professor Amit Patra, Director of IIT (BHU), Varanasi

What happened	C-DOT signed an MoU with IIT (BHU), Varanasi for a Centre of Excellence
Which number	C-DOT's sixth Centre of Excellence
C-DOT	Centre for Development of Telematics, R&D centre of the Department of Telecommunications
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
C-DOT CEO	Dr Rajkumar Upadhyay
IIT (BHU) Director	Professor Amit Patra
Signed in presence of	Pankaj Kumar Dalela, Executive Vice President, C-DOT
Research fields	5G Advanced and 6G, very large-scale MIMO, integrated sensing, AI-native networks, quantum and post-quantum communication

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ARIES Study Explains High-Frequency QPOs Near Spinning Black Holes

23 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Scientists at ARIES, an autonomous institute of DST, have shown how a black hole's spin shapes the frequency of quasi-periodic oscillations in its accretion flow.

- Scientists from ARIES, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, explained how black hole spin controls QPO frequencies.
- Quasi-periodic oscillations (QPOs) are nearly regular brightness variations in radiation from matter falling into a black hole.
- When the viscosity of the accretion flow crosses a critical value, the steady shock in the disc becomes unstable and oscillates, producing QPOs.
- For very high spin, predicted QPO frequencies can exceed 100 Hz for a black hole of about ten solar masses.
- The study, led by Mr Sanit Debnath and Dr Indranil Chattopadhyay, was published in the Journal of High Energy Astrophysics.

Institute	Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)
Parent body	Department of Science and Technology (DST), Government of India
Subject	Effect of black hole spin on quasi-periodic oscillations (QPOs)
Led by	Mr Sanit Debnath and Dr Indranil Chattopadhyay
Partners	Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center, Poland, and MJP Rohilkhand University, Bareilly
Published in	Journal of High Energy Astrophysics (JHEAP)
Key result	QPO frequencies can exceed 100 Hz for a rapidly spinning black hole of about ten solar masses

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AATAL Lab Opens in Delhi to Trace Air Pollution Sources

24 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Dr Jitendra Singh opened AATAL, called the world's first integrated air pollution analysis laboratory for Delhi NCR, at the IITM Delhi branch under Mission Mausam.

- AATAL, the Integrated Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory, was inaugurated for Delhi NCR by Dr Jitendra Singh at the Delhi branch of IITM
- It is described as the first integrated facility of its kind in the world and has been set up under Mission Mausam by the Ministry of Earth Sciences
- The laboratory separates vehicular exhaust, industry, biomass and crop-residue burning, construction and road dust, and inflow from nearby regions, and gives each a share in real time
- It is linked with IITM's AIRWISE system, which forecasts air quality at a resolution of 400 metres for the next 72 hours across pockets of Delhi
- Its evidence will help the Commission for Air Quality Management target action and judge its effect, including under the Graded Response Action Plan

Facility	Integrated Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory (AATAL)
Inaugurated by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Ministry	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Venue	Delhi branch of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM)
Mission	Mission Mausam, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Linked system	AIRWISE, the Air Quality Warning and Integrated Decision Support System for Emissions
Forecast detail	400 metres spatial resolution for the next 72 hours
Shown at launch	Transport contributing about 25 per cent of Delhi's pollution, overall level around 180

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BHASHINI Shows Multilingual AI for Theses at ETD-2026, IIT Delhi

24 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Digital India BHASHINI Division demonstrated its multilingual AI tools for translating theses and dissertations at the 29th ETD symposium at IIT Delhi.

- The Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), under Digital India Corporation and MeitY, took part in the 29th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD-2026) at IIT Delhi from 23 to 25 October 2026
- Ms Baishali Chakraborty conducted the session ‘Workshop on AI BHASHINI: Bridging Divides and Increasing Productivity’ and demonstrated Shrutlekh, which transcribes speech live and translates it at the same time
- BHASHINI has crossed 10 billion cumulative AI inferences and covers 36 Indian languages in text, 23 in voice and 35 languages from abroad, with its translation plugin on more than 800 government websites
- BHASHINI Pragati, the document translation workbench built for the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, handles files of 100 to 500 pages and was proposed for repositories such as Shodhganga, maintained by INFLIBNET
- SHABD UDYAN handles terminology, BhashaDaan collects language contributions from citizens, and Granthika digitises manuscripts, folk tales and oral histories

Event	29th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD-2026)
Host and venue	Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi
Dates	23 to 25 October 2026
Participating body	Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD), under Digital India Corporation (DIC), MeitY
Session	‘Workshop on AI BHASHINI: Bridging Divides and Increasing Productivity’
Conducted by	Ms Baishali Chakraborty, on behalf of DIBD
Live demonstration	Shrutlekh — real-time speech transcription with simultaneous translation
Cumulative AI inferences	Over 10 billion

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Hack the Fork: India's First AI Food Tech Hackathon

25 October 2026 · Science & Technology

NIFTEM-Kundli hosted Hack the Fork, India's first AI and food tech hackathon on alternative proteins, with 22 teams from 10 states in the final round.

- NIFTEM-Kundli, under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, hosted Hack the Fork, called India's first AI and food technology hackathon
- The 24-hour event was inaugurated on 24 October by Ms. Alice Pjie, Director of Hack the Fork, and concluded on 25 October before an expert jury
- Hack the Fork is a France-based non-profit initiative; it organised the hackathon in collaboration with NIFTEM-K
- Over 85 teams applied, 25 were shortlisted and 22 teams from 10 states with over 90 participants reached the final round, from the IITs, IIITs and University of Delhi
- The theme was Artificial Intelligence for the alternative protein industry; prizes were worth 1.5 lakh rupees with entry to the institute's Startup Incubation Programme

Event	Hack the Fork, India's first AI and food technology hackathon
Host	NIFTEM-Kundli (National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management)
Ministry	Ministry of Food Processing Industries
Organiser	Hack the Fork, a France-based non-profit initiative
Duration	24-hour hackathon, 24 to 25 October
Inaugurated by	Ms. Alice Pjie, Director, Hack the Fork
Participation	Over 85 applicant teams, 25 shortlisted, 22 teams from 10 states, over 90 participants
Theme	Artificial Intelligence for the alternative protein industry

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ESTIC 2026 Curtain Raiser Held at ICGEB New Delhi

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ICGEB New Delhi hosted the curtain raiser of ESTIC 2026 with a session on System and Synthetic Biology, ahead of the CSIR conclave at Bharat Mandapam.

- ICGEB New Delhi hosted the curtain raiser of ESTIC 2026 with a special session on System and Synthetic Biology.
- Prof. Gobardhan Das, Member of NITI Aayog, was the Chief Guest; Dr. Ramesh V. Sonti, Director of ICGEB New Delhi, gave the overview.
- ESTIC 2026 is organised by CSIR under the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser and runs from 27 to 29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The conclave covers 12 thematic areas, including artificial intelligence, semiconductors and advanced healthcare, in support of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- Dr. Dhananjay Kumar Tiwary, Scientist-H at DBT and MD of BIRAC, highlighted the BioE3 Policy's promise for biotechnology.

Event	Curtain raiser of ESTIC 2026, hosted by ICGEB New Delhi
Special session	System and Synthetic Biology
Chief Guest	Prof. Gobardhan Das, Member, NITI Aayog
Conclave organiser	CSIR, under the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser
Conclave dates	27 to 29 October 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Thematic areas	12, including AI, semiconductors and advanced healthcare
Vision supported	Viksit Bharat 2047

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Immersive Tech Push: Rs 250 Crore for AVGC Creator Labs

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The Union Budget 2026-27 set aside Rs 250 crore for AVGC Content Creator Labs in 15,000 secondary schools and 500 colleges, with IICT Mumbai as nodal agency.

- The Union Budget 2026-27 allocated Rs 250 crore for AVGC Content Creator Labs in 15,000 secondary schools and 500 colleges, with IICT Mumbai as nodal agency.
- India's immersive technology market earned USD 1,259.5 million in 2023 and is projected to touch USD 7,818.7 million by 2030 at a CAGR of 29.8 per cent.
- Extended Reality covers Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Mixed Reality; 360-degree video and haptic technology are related tools.
- The AVGC Promotion Task Force was constituted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting in April 2022, and IICT was established in 2025.
- MeitY's GENESIS scheme, launched in 2022, aims to support about 1,600 startups over five years and backs 106 incubators.

Budget allocation	Rs 250 crore in the Union Budget 2026-27 for AVGC Content Creator Labs
Coverage of labs	15,000 secondary schools and 500 colleges
Nodal agency	Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT), Mumbai
AVGC-XR	Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality
Forms of XR	Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality and Mixed Reality
Market size	USD 1,259.5 million in 2023, projected USD 7,818.7 million by 2030
Growth rate	CAGR of 29.8 per cent, fastest-growing market in Asia Pacific
Task Force	AVGC Promotion Task Force, constituted in April 2022 by MIB

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TDB Funds Manastu Space Green Propulsion With Rs 116 Crore

26 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Technology Development Board has sanctioned Rs 116 crore to Manastu Space Technologies for an indigenous green propulsion system for satellites.

- TDB, under the Department of Science and Technology, signed an agreement with Manastu Space Technologies Private Limited of Navi Mumbai for Rs 116 crore of support from the RDI Fund
- The total project cost is Rs 277.63 crore and the TDB share will be given as Optionally Convertible Debt
- The green propulsion system spans the 5 mN to 300 N thrust class and uses a hydrogen peroxide based propellant with additives
- The project will raise the technology from Technology Readiness Level six to Technology Readiness Level nine
- The work sits in the Deep Technology sector with Space Technology as the sub-sector; TDB Secretary is Shri Rajesh Kumar Pathak

Funding body	Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology
Company	Manastu Space Technologies Private Limited, Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
TDB support	Rs 116 crore from the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Total project cost	Rs 277.63 crore
Funding instrument	Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD)
Thrust class	5 mN to 300 N
Propellant	Hydrogen peroxide based green propellant with additives
Maturity target	Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 6 to TRL 9

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CCUS: Rs 20,000 Crore Scheme for Net Zero Industry

27 October 2026 · Science & Technology

A PIB backgrounder on carbon capture set out the Rs 20,000 crore CCUS scheme of Union Budget 2026-27 and the country road to Net Zero by 2070.

- Union Budget 2026-27 announced a CCUS scheme of Rs 20,000 crore over five years for power, steel, cement, refineries and chemicals.
- NITI Aayog treats steel, cement, oil and gas, petrochemicals, chemicals and fertilisers as hard-to-abate sectors needing carbon capture.
- Emissions from hard-to-abate sectors and thermal power are expected to near 2,300 million tonnes a year by 2030.
- The first integrated CCUS Field Laboratory opened at IIT Bombay in May 2026 and can capture up to 3 tonnes of carbon dioxide a day.
- ESTIC-2026, the second edition of the conclave, runs from 27 to 29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam under CSIR.

Full form	Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS)
Budget scheme	Rs 20,000 crore over five years, announced in February 2026 in Union Budget 2026-27
Sectors covered	Power, steel, cement, refineries and chemicals
Net Zero target	2070
Emission projection	Nearly 2,300 million tonnes a year from hard-to-abate sectors and thermal power by 2030
Field laboratory	First integrated CCUS Field Laboratory at IIT Bombay, opened May 2026, up to 3 tonnes of carbon dioxide a day
National CCUS Centres	Set up in 2022 at IIT Bombay and JNCASR, Bengaluru
Fossil share of capacity	45.12 per cent of installed power capacity as of August 2026

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AIIA Ayurveda Study Screens 5,594 Elderly in Faridabad

27 October 2026 · Science & Technology

An All India Institute of Ayurveda project in Faridabad screened 5,594 elderly people and recorded gains in quality of life and bone mineral density.

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda screened 5,594 people aged 60 to 80 in Faridabad district over three months under its Public Health Initiative
- A separate dementia component screened 200 patients and gave them Ayurveda-based medicines over four months
- After a 60-day intervention the WHOQOL total score rose from 292.0 to 326.3, with gains in Agnibala and bone mineral density
- In the cognitive component the quality-of-life score rose from 277.4 to 364.2, with MMSE scores moving towards normal
- The initial screening found vision problems in 67.73 per cent, physical inactivity in 43.05 per cent and reduced cognitive function in 6.85 per cent

Institute	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi, under the Ministry of Ayush
Location	Faridabad district, Haryana
Programme	Public Health Initiative (PHI)
Screened	5,594 people aged 60 to 80 over three months
Dementia component	200 patients screened over four months
WHOQOL score (first component)	Rose from 292.0 to 326.3 after a 60-day intervention
WHOQOL score (cognitive component)	Rose from 277.4 to 364.2
Baseline findings	Vision problems 67.73 per cent; physical inactivity 43.05 per cent; reduced cognition 6.85 per cent

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ESTIC 2026: Genetic Diversity Can Make India a Gene Research Hub

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Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh told a session at ESTIC 2026 that India's genetic diversity can make it a global destination for gene research.

- Dr Jitendra Singh said India's genetic diversity could make the country a global destination for gene research and a source of genetic resources for the world
- He was speaking at a session on System and Synthetic Biology at the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- The Minister stressed building indigenous gene-synthesis capability, saying dependence on overseas suppliers costs Indian scientists time, access and continuity
- He said the recently enacted SHANTI Act opens nuclear medicine research to private-sector participation
- Dr Rajesh S. Gokhale, Secretary of the Department of Biotechnology, also took part in the session

Event	Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Session	System and Synthetic Biology
Speaker	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Main point	India's genetic diversity can make it a global destination for gene research
Capability sought	Indigenous gene-synthesis capability
Law mentioned	SHANTI Act, opening nuclear medicine research to the private sector
Also present	Dr Rajesh S. Gokhale, Secretary, Department of Biotechnology

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India's New-Age Space Technologies: NGLV, SpaDeX, NavIC

28 October 2026 · Science & Technology

A PIB backgrounder traces India's new space technologies, from the Rs 8,240 crore NGLV and SpaDeX docking to a US$44 billion space economy target for 2033.

- India's first sounding rocket flew from Thumba, Kerala on 21 November 1963; ISRO was formed on 15 August 1969 and came under the Department of Space in 1972.
- The Next Generation Launch Vehicle was approved in September 2024 with an outlay of Rs 8,240 crore and is designed to carry 30 tonnes to low Earth orbit.
- Through SpaDeX, India became the fourth country to demonstrate space docking, after the United States, Russia and China.
- NISAR, launched on 30 July 2025 aboard GSLV-F16, is the first satellite mission to use two radar frequencies together and revisits land and ice every 12 days.
- India's space economy is targeted to reach US$44 billion by 2033, with start-up investment at about US$618.5 million as on 31 March 2026.

First sounding rocket	Thumba, Kerala, 21 November 1963
ISRO formed	15 August 1969, under the Department of Space from 1972
NGLV	Approved September 2024, outlay Rs 8,240 crore, 30 tonnes to LEO; reusable variant of 14 tonnes
RLV demonstrator	Pushpak, landing experiments on 2 April 2023, 22 March 2024 and 23 June 2024
Scramjet	Flight-tested on 28 August 2016 at Mach 6; India the fourth country to demonstrate it
SpaDeX	First docking 16 January 2025; autonomous docking from 15 m on 20 April 2025; India the fourth docking nation
NavIC	Regional navigation up to 1,500 km beyond the Indian mainland
NISAR	Launched 30 July 2025 on GSLV-F16; NASA's L-band with ISRO's S-band; 12-day revisit

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/indias-new-age-space-technologies-nglv-spadex-navic/

ESTIC 2026 Session Takes Up Physical AI and Robotics

29 October 2026 · Science & Technology

A session on autonomous systems, physical AI and robotics at ESTIC 2026 in New Delhi heard that 25 technology innovation hubs work under the NM-ICPS mission.

- A session on Autonomous Systems, Physical AI and Robotics was held at ESTIC 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, by the Department of Science and Technology.
- The Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave 2026 was held from 27 to 29 October 2026.
- Under DST's National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems, technology innovation hubs have been established at 25 leading academic institutions.
- Phase I of the NM-ICPS mission is scheduled to conclude in December 2027, and the session feedback will shape the second phase.
- NITI Aayog Member Prof. Abhay Karandikar said stakeholder consultations have considered a proposal for a dedicated Physical AI Mission.

Event	Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Dates	27 to 29 October 2026
Session subject	Autonomous Systems, Physical AI and Robotics
Organising department	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
DST Secretary	Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare
NITI Aayog Member who spoke	Prof. Abhay Karandikar
Mission highlighted	National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems (NM-ICPS)

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MeghRaj 2.0 Cloud Now Serves 2,330 Government Departments

29 October 2026 · Science & Technology

A PIB backgrounder on India's cloud ecosystem says MeghRaj 2.0 serves 2,330 government departments and 30 cloud service providers stand empanelled by September 2026.

- MeghRaj, the Government of India's cloud ecosystem, was launched in 2014 by MeitY; its successor MeghRaj 2.0 had reached 2,330 government departments by September 2026.
- India had empanelled 30 cloud service providers by September 2026, including Jio Platforms, TCS, BSNL, ITI, RailTel, AdaniConneX and Yotta Data Services.
- Data centre capacity stood at 1.57 GW in August 2026 and is projected to near 8 GW by 2030, with USD 70 billion of investment under way.
- The IndiaAI Mission, with an outlay of Rs 10,371.92 crore, has onboarded more than 45,000 GPUs for a common AI computing facility.
- BHASHINI moved to an Indian cloud run by Yotta in February 2026, gaining up to 40 per cent better performance and 99.99 per cent uptime.

Document	PIB backgrounder on the cloud ecosystem in India, 29 October 2026
MeghRaj launched	2014, by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Departments on MeghRaj 2.0	2,330 as of September 2026
Empanelled cloud providers	30 as of September 2026
Data centre capacity	1.57 GW in August 2026, projected near 8 GW by 2030
NIC data centres	4 National Data Centres and 24 Mini Data Centres
IndiaAI Mission outlay	Rs 10,371.92 crore, with over 45,000 GPUs onboarded
Internet subscribers	1,092.79 million in March 2026

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AIIA-iCAINE Launches National Ayurveda AI Challenge

29 October 2026 · Science & Technology

AIIA's incubator AIIA-iCAINE marked its sixth Foundation Day with AyushTech Innovate, a national open Ayurveda AI challenge run with Techfest, IIT Bombay.

- AIIA-iCAINE, the incubation centre of the All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, marked its sixth Foundation Day on 29 October 2026.
- AyushTech Innovate: National Open Ayurveda AI Challenge was launched by Techfest, IIT Bombay with the Ministry of Ayush and AIIA; the grand finale runs at IIT Bombay from 15 to 18 December 2026.
- Entries use AyurParam, IIT Bombay's open-source Ayurveda large language model, and address clinical practice, classical text retrieval, research, treatment planning and public health awareness.
- The incubator has supported 52 problem statements, mentored over 100 startup ideas and given seed support of Rs 3 lakh each to nine startups since it was set up on 29 October 2021.
- MoUs were signed with the World Ayurveda Foundation for a secretariat for AI in Ayurveda and with Reliance Retail Limited (Pahadi Local) for Ayurveda-based skincare products.

Event	Sixth Foundation Day of AIIA-iCAINE
Parent institute	All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Challenge launched	AyushTech Innovate: National Open Ayurveda AI Challenge
Challenge organiser	Techfest, IIT Bombay, with the Ministry of Ayush and AIIA
AI model used	AyurParam, IIT Bombay's open-source Ayurveda large language model
Grand finale	IIT Bombay, 15 to 18 December 2026
MoU partners	World Ayurveda Foundation; Reliance Retail Limited (Pahadi Local)

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TRAI Issues Draft AI Guidelines for Telecom Networks

30 October 2026 · Science & Technology

TRAI released draft guidelines on the responsible use of artificial intelligence in telecom networks and services on 30 October 2026 for public comments.

- TRAI on 30 October 2026 released draft Guidelines on Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence in Telecommunication Networks and Provision of Telecommunication Services
- Written comments from stakeholders have been invited up to 27 November 2026, preferably by electronic mail
- The draft applies the India AI Governance Guidelines, released by the Government of India in February 2026, to the telecom sector
- Those national guidelines rest on seven guiding sutras, from Trust is the Foundation and People First to Safety, Resilience and Sustainability
- TRAI, which works under the Ministry of Communications, says telecom matters for national security and emergency response besides commerce

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Document	Draft Guidelines on Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence in Telecommunication Networks and Provision of Telecommunication Services
Released on	30 October 2026
Last date for comments	27 November 2026
Parent policy	India AI Governance Guidelines, released February 2026
Guiding principles	Seven sutras, including Trust is the Foundation and People First
Practical guidance	Part 4 of the India AI Governance Guidelines

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DRDO Leads Semiconductor Session at ESTIC 2026 in Delhi

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DRDO chaired the thematic session on semiconductors and next-generation chips at ESTIC 2026, held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi in late October.

- ESTIC 2026 was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from 27 to 29 October 2026 and was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- The conclave's theme was creative minds catalysing science and empowering society, and twelve ministries and departments organised it jointly
- DRDO led the thematic session on semiconductors and next-generation chips, chaired by Dr B K Das, Director General, Electronics and Communication Systems
- DRDO displayed MMICs on gallium arsenide and gallium nitride and Infrared Focal Plane Arrays, both developed by the Solid State Physics Laboratory, Delhi
- India aims to be a self-reliant semiconductor power by 2047, drawing on laboratories such as SSPL, GAETEC, STARC and the Semiconductor Laboratory

Conclave	Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026
Venue and dates	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 27 to 29 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Theme	Creative Minds, Catalysing Science, Empowering Society
Organisers	Twelve ministries and departments, guided by the Principal Scientific Adviser
DRDO session	Semiconductors and Next-Generation Chips
Session chair	Dr B K Das, DG, Electronics and Communication Systems
Panellist	Dr Sheena Rani, DG (Micro Electronic Devices, Computational Systems and Cyber Systems)

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Survey of India Workshop Charts Geospatial Economy Plan

30 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Jitendra Singh told a Survey of India workshop in New Delhi that geospatial capability will decide India's growth, and urged industry to enable, invest and adopt.

- Dr. Jitendra Singh gave the keynote at a Survey of India workshop in New Delhi on co-creating the geospatial economy for Viksit Bharat 2047
- He said geospatial capability would be a key determinant of India's future economic growth and that reforms had been made over the past 12 to 13 years
- His formula for the sector was enable, invest and adopt: enable to build confidence, invest to develop capability, adopt to generate growth
- The National Geospatial Policy 2022 is an open framework that can take in geospatial artificial intelligence, and it names DST the nodal agency for the domain
- S. K. Sinha is Surveyor General of India, Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare is DST Secretary and Srikant Sastri chairs the Geospatial Data Promotion and Development Committee

Event	Workshop on Government and Industry Synergy for Geospatial Transformation, New Delhi
Organiser	Survey of India, under the Department of Science and Technology
Keynote	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Formula for the sector	Enable, invest and adopt
Policy framework	National Geospatial Policy 2022, which makes DST the nodal agency
Surveyor General of India	S. K. Sinha
DST Secretary	Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare
GDPDC Chairman	Srikant Sastri

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GSLV-F18 Launches NVS-03 to Strengthen NavIC System

31 October 2026 · Science & Technology

ISRO successfully launched GSLV-F18 carrying the NVS-03 navigation satellite, a mission that strengthens NavIC, India's own satellite navigation system.

- GSLV-F18 successfully carried the NVS-03 navigation satellite, and the Prime Minister congratulated ISRO's scientists and engineers on the mission.
- NVS-03 is a navigation satellite meant for NavIC, the satellite navigation system India has developed on its own.
- The satellite carries enhanced capabilities, so the navigation services NavIC offers to citizens are expected to improve.
- The mission was described as a step in India's pursuit of self-reliance in critical technologies.

Mission	GSLV-F18 carrying NVS-03
Satellite	NVS-03, a navigation satellite with enhanced capabilities
System strengthened	NavIC, India's indigenous satellite navigation system
Space agency	ISRO
In the news on	31 October 2026
Stated significance	Self-reliance in critical technologies and better navigation services for citizens

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Defence

INS Trishul Joins 24th India-France Exercise Varuna at Toulon

1 October 2026 · Defence

Indian naval ship Trishul is taking part in the 24th edition of Exercise Varuna, the yearly India-France naval drill, after reaching Toulon in France.

- INS Trishul is taking part in the 24th edition of Exercise Varuna, the annual bilateral maritime exercise of the Indian Navy and the French Navy.
- The ship arrived at Toulon in France on 22 September 2026 and was received with a ceremonial water cannon salute.
- The crew laid a wreath at the Mazargues War Memorial in Marseille for 205 Indian soldiers who died in the World Wars.
- The sea phase was held with French units Forbin, La Fayette and the submarine Suffren, along with NH90 helicopters and Atlantique 2 aircraft.
- Indian sailors visited the French Navy ships Charles de Gaulle, Forbin and La Fayette to study carrier and aviation operations.

Exercise	Varuna, 24th edition
Type	Annual bilateral maritime exercise
Navies involved	Indian Navy and French Navy
Indian ship	INS Trishul
Port of arrival	Toulon, France, on 22 September 2026
Memorial	Mazargues War Memorial, Marseille, for 205 Indian soldiers of the World Wars
French units in sea phase	Forbin, La Fayette, submarine Suffren, NH90 helicopters, Atlantique 2 aircraft

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INS Tarkash Reaches Mombasa in Kenya on Goodwill Port Call

1 October 2026 · Defence

INS Tarkash, a frontline stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, reached Mombasa in Kenya on 29 September 2026 for a goodwill port call during her deployment.

- INS Tarkash, a frontline stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, arrived at Mombasa in Kenya on 29 September 2026 for a goodwill port call
- Personnel of the Indian Navy and the Kenya Navy are taking part in professional and social engagements, cross-learning and cultural exchange
- Community outreach, sports and community service activities are also part of the visit
- The port call is in keeping with MAHASAGAR, or Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
- India and Kenya are maritime nations with long-standing engagement across the Indian Ocean and ties of history, culture and people

Ship	INS Tarkash, a frontline stealth frigate of the Indian Navy
Port visited	Mombasa
Country	Kenya
Date of arrival	29 September 2026
Nature of visit	Goodwill port call during deployment
Partner navy	Kenya Navy
Initiative	MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
Region	Indian Ocean Region

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HQ Integrated Defence Staff Marks 25 Years on Tri-Service Day

1 October 2026 · Defence

Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff marked its Silver Jubilee, 25 years since it was set up in New Delhi on 1 October 2001, observed as Tri-Service Day.

- Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff marked its Silver Jubilee, 25 years since it was raised in New Delhi on 1 October 2001
- The day is observed as Tri-Service Day and this year’s theme was “Future readiness through jointness and Integration”
- HQ IDS organised Trishakti Manthan, addressed by CDS General N. S. Raja Subramani and CISC Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
- A Silver Jubilee Book and a film were released, and CDS Unit Citations were conferred on personnel
- Its platforms for jointness include Ran Samwad, the Joint Commanders’ Conference and the CORE Programme

Organisation	Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS)
Raised on	1 October 2001, New Delhi
Occasion	Silver Jubilee, 25 years; the day is observed as Tri-Service Day
Theme	“Future readiness through jointness and Integration”
Flagship event	Trishakti Manthan
CDS and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs	General N. S. Raja Subramani
Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, COSC	Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
Released	Silver Jubilee Book and a film on key milestones

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Defence Accounts Department Marks 279th Annual Day

1 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched three initiatives at the 279th Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department at DRDO Bhawan, among them a Treasury Single Account.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched digital and financial management initiatives at the 279th Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department at DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi
- Three initiatives were unveiled: integration of SAKSHAM with the Indian Army Financial Information System, the Treasury Single Account system and the revamped National Compilation System
- The Treasury Single Account runs on the PRISM platform and is fully integrated with RBI eKUBER for just-in-time release of funds to autonomous bodies
- SAMAR-SETU, run from the Central Agniveer Pay and Accounts Office, manages pay accounts of more than 2.3 lakh Agniveers of the Indian Army
- Three publications were released: COSHE 2026, Raksha Lekha Bharati and the Market Intelligence Report 2025-2026, and the Raksha Mantri Awards for Excellence 2026 were presented

Occasion	279th Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department
Venue	DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi
Launched by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Initiative 1	SAKSHAM integrated with the Indian Army Financial Information System (IAFIS)
Initiative 2	Treasury Single Account on the PRISM platform, integrated with RBI eKUBER
Initiative 3	Revamped National Compilation System for defence expenditure
SAMAR-SETU	Manages pay of more than 2.3 lakh Agniveers from the Central Agniveer Pay and Accounts Office
Publications	COSHE 2026, Raksha Lekha Bharati, Market Intelligence Report 2025-2026

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Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 Second Edition Ends in Delhi

2 October 2026 · Defence

The second edition of the biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held in New Delhi from 29 September to 1 October and reviewed the Navy's preparedness.

- The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held in New Delhi from 29 September to 1 October 2026, a three-day sitting
- The conference is held twice a year and reviews the Navy's operational and materiel preparedness at the military-strategic level
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, MoS for Electronics and IT Jitin Prasada, CDS Gen NS Raja Subramani and COAS Gen Dhiraj Seth interacted with the commanders
- Deliberations covered operational preparedness, logistics and maintenance, training and HR reforms, AI absorption and uncrewed systems
- The stated aim was a Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Ready force, built on jointness and interagency coordination

Event	Naval Commanders' Conference 2026, second edition
Dates	29 September to 1 October 2026 (three days)
Venue	New Delhi
Frequency	Held twice a year (biannual)
Chief of Defence Staff	Gen NS Raja Subramani
Chief of the Army Staff	Gen Dhiraj Seth
Raksha Mantri	Rajnath Singh
Stated aim	A Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Ready force

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INS Sahyadri and Kulish Conclude ASEAN-India Exercise AIME 2026

3 October 2026 · Defence

INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish completed the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise 2026 in the Philippines, held on the theme Anchored in Trust, United at Sea.

- INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish concluded their participation in the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise, AIME 2026, conducted in the Philippines.
- The theme of the exercise was Anchored in Trust, United at Sea, and it was run in a Harbour Phase and a Sea Phase.
- Sea Phase drills covered Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, Visit-Board-Search-Seizure and Underway Replenishment, with cross-deck helicopter landings and casualty evacuation.
- The Harbour Phase included Key Leaders' Engagements, Yoga, community interaction, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, a Table-Top Exercise and a Pre-Sail Brief.
- The deployment was placed within India's Act East Policy and the MAHASAGAR vision, which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

Exercise	ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026)
Host country	Philippines
Theme	Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
Indian ships	INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish
Phases	Harbour Phase and Sea Phase
Sea Phase drills	HADR, Visit-Board-Search-Seizure, Underway Replenishment
Helicopter drills	Cross-deck landings, vertical replenishment, casualty evacuation
Policy framework	Act East Policy

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Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 Begins at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand

5 October 2026 · Defence

The India–UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 opened at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, with 92 soldiers drilling in mountain warfare.

- India–UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 began on 5 October 2026 at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
- The exercise runs from 5 to 18 October 2026 and focuses on mountain warfare, interoperability and cooperation between the two armies
- A total of 92 personnel are taking part, with equal representation from the Indian Army and the UAE Army
- The Indian contingent is from a Bhairav Battalion and the UAE contingent from a Mountain Infantry Battalion
- Women officers and combatants from both armies are participating in specialist roles

Exercise	Mountain Guardian 2026
Countries	India and the United Arab Emirates
Venue	Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
Dates	5 to 18 October 2026
Participants	92 personnel, equal numbers from both armies
Indian contingent	Troops of a Bhairav Battalion
UAE contingent	Troops of a Mountain Infantry Battalion
Focus	Mountain warfare and interoperability

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First Fleet Support Ship FSS-1 to Be Launched at Visakhapatnam

5 October 2026 · Defence

Fleet Support Ship-1, a 43,500-tonne replenishment vessel for the Indian Navy, will be launched at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, on 6 October 2026.

- Fleet Support Ship-1 (FSS-1) will be launched at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, on 6 October 2026
- FSS-1 is the first of five 43,500-tonne replenishment ships for the Indian Navy and enters the water 18 months after steel cutting
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will also lay the keel of FSS-5, the last ship of the class
- The upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath Crane let the yard build vessels of up to 45,000 DWT
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan will attend

Ship	Fleet Support Ship-1 (FSS-1), first of five for the Indian Navy
Builder	Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
Launch date	6 October 2026
Displacement	43,500 tonnes
Build span	Launched 18 months after steel cutting
Role	Replenishing warships at sea across the Indian Ocean Region
Facilities opened	Upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath Crane, enabling vessels up to 45,000 DWT
Launched by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh

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HAL Koraput to Hand Over 2,000th Aero-Engine in Odisha

5 October 2026 · Defence

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's Koraput division will deliver its 2,000th aero-engine on 6 October 2026, with a second Shakti engine line set up for Rs 218 crore.

- HAL's Koraput division in Odisha will deliver its 2,000th aero-engine on 6 October 2026
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the milestone event, which marks nearly six decades of the division's work
- A second production line for Shakti engines has been set up with an investment of Rs 218 crore
- The added capacity will serve the Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and the Prachand Light Combat Helicopter
- Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and HAL CMD Ravi K will attend the ceremony

Milestone	Delivery of the 2,000th aero-engine by HAL Koraput
Plant	HAL Koraput division, Odisha
Date	6 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
New facility	Second production line for Shakti engines
Investment	Rs 218 crore
Platforms served	Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and Prachand Light Combat Helicopter
Attending	Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Secretary (Defence Production) Sanjeev Kumar, HAL CMD Ravi K

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MoD Signs Rs 661.50 Crore BrahMos Fire Control System Deal

6 October 2026 · Defence

The Ministry of Defence ordered BrahMos fire control systems and launchers for Indian Navy ships from BrahMos Aerospace for Rs 661.50 crore on 6 October.

- The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 661.50 crore contract with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) on 6 October 2026 in New Delhi
- The order covers BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers for ships of the Indian Navy
- It was placed under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) category, with a minimum of 68 per cent indigenous content
- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh was present at the signing; the work will generate employment over three years
- BrahMos is the Indian Navy’s primary surface-to-surface missile system for maritime strike, supersonic and able to hit land and sea targets

Contract value	Rs 661.50 crore
Signed with	BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL)
Items ordered	BrahMos Fire Control System and Launchers for Indian Navy ships
Procurement category	Buy (Indian-IDDM)
Indigenous content	Minimum 68 per cent
Date and place	6 October 2026, New Delhi
Official present	Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
Employment period	Over three years

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First Fleet Support Ship Surya Launched at HSL Visakhapatnam

6 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched Surya, the first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam on 6 October 2026.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched FSS-1, named Surya, the first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
- He also laid the keel of FSS-5 and inaugurated the upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath Crane at the same yard
- Slipway-4 now allows HSL to build and launch ships of up to 45,000 DWT; the crane was built by L and T Geostructure with Konecranes under Make in India
- Surya was launched with traditional honours by Laila Swaminathan, President of the Navy Wives Wellness Association, into the Bay of Bengal
- HSL received Miniratna Category-I status in 2025; Jala Usha, independent India's first ship, was launched at Visakhapatnam in 1948

Ship launched	Surya, the first Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1)
Shipyard	Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
Launched by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
Launch honours	Laila Swaminathan, President, Navy Wives Wellness Association
Also done	Keel laying of FSS-5; upgraded Slipway-4 and 300-tonne Goliath Crane inaugurated
Slipway-4 capacity	Ships of up to 45,000 DWT
Crane makers	L and T Geostructure with Konecranes, under Make in India
HSL status	Miniratna Category-I, granted in 2025

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DRDO Flight-Tests High-Altitude Platform, Reaches 21 km

6 October 2026 · Defence

DRDO flight-tested its indigenous High-Altitude Platform, which climbed to 21 km above mean sea level and stayed at 20 km for more than 30 minutes.

- DRDO conducted a successful flight trial of the indigenously developed High-Altitude Platform (HAPS), announced on 6 October 2026
- The experimental flight reached 21 km above mean sea level and stayed at 20 km for more than 30 minutes before descending on command
- HAPS is a lighter-than-air system meant to serve as a long endurance stratospheric aerial surveillance platform
- It is being developed by the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra, with the IAF, CEMILAC, DGCA and AAI taking part in the trial
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called the trial a milestone in the Aatmanirbhar Bharat journey towards a stratospheric airship

System	High-Altitude Platform (HAPS), indigenously developed
Agency	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Altitude attained	21 km above mean sea level
Loiter	20 km above mean sea level for more than 30 minutes
Type	Lighter-than-air, long endurance stratospheric surveillance platform
Developing laboratory	Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra
Payload carried	Inertial measurement unit, GPS receiver, onboard cameras, altitude control mechanism
Agencies in the trial	Indian Air Force, CEMILAC, DGCA, Airports Authority of India

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DRDO Makes Maiden Live Jump of High-Altitude Parachute AHAP

6 October 2026 · Defence

DRDO carried out the first live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute at Nyoma, from 16,000 feet above mean sea level, landing at 13,700 feet.

- DRDO conducted the maiden live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute (AHAP) at Nyoma (Mudh DZ) on 6 October 2026
- The jump was made from 16,000 feet above mean sea level, the parachute was deployed at 15,500 feet and the landing zone lies at 13,700 feet
- AHAP is a static line parachute system for the mass drop of paratroopers, designed by ADRDE, Agra
- It is manufactured by the Ordnance Parachute Factory, Kanpur, inspected by DGAQA and certified by CEMILAC, RCMA Kanpur
- The system works up to an altitude of 18,000 feet and has the safest rate of descent for high-altitude terrain

System	Advanced High-Altitude Parachute (AHAP)
Event	Maiden live jump conducted by DRDO
Drop zone	Nyoma (Mudh DZ), one of the highest-altitude drop zones
Exit altitude	16,000 feet above mean sea level
Deployment altitude	15,500 feet above mean sea level
Landing elevation	13,700 feet
Operational range	Up to 18,000 feet
Type	Static line parachute system for mass drop of paratroopers

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HAL Koraput Delivers Its 2,000th Aero-Engine to Forces

6 October 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh saw HAL Koraput hand over its 2,000th aero-engine and cleared a second Shakti engine line with an outlay of Rs 218 crore on 6 October 2026.

- HAL's Koraput Division delivered its 2,000th aero-engine on 6 October 2026, six decades after the unit was established in 1964
- AL-31FP annual capacity rises from 30 to 50 engines with an investment of Rs 335 crore; a second Shakti line gets Rs 218 crore
- The new Shakti line can build up to 100 engines a year by 2028-29 for the Dhruv ALH and Prachand LCH helicopters
- Koraput has overhauled more than 9,000 engines and its output has powered the MiG-21, MiG-27, MiG-29 and Su-30MKI
- An indigenous high-thrust engine for the AMCA programme is being pursued with an investment of about Rs 5,000 crore

Milestone	2,000th aero-engine delivered by HAL Koraput
Date	6 October 2026
Division established	1964
AL-31FP capacity	Raised from 30 to 50 engines a year, Rs 335 crore
Second Shakti line	Rs 218 crore, up to 100 engines a year by 2028-29
Engines overhauled	More than 9,000
AL-31FP order	240 engines placed with HAL in 2024 for Su-30MKI
High-thrust engine	About Rs 5,000 crore, for the AMCA programme

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Indo-Argentine Army Team Scales Mt Kamet and Mt Abi Gamin

6 October 2026 · Defence

The Chief of the Army Staff flagged in the joint Indo-Argentine mountaineering team in Delhi after it climbed Mt Abi Gamin and Mt Kamet in Uttarakhand.

- Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth flagged in the Joint Indo-Argentine Army Mountaineering Expedition at New Delhi
- The team summited Mt Abi Gamin (7,355 metres) on 17 September and Mt Kamet (7,756 metres) on 21 September 2026
- Mt Kamet is in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand and is the third-highest peak in India after Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi
- The 35-member team, 25 from the Indian Army and 10 from the Argentine Army, was led by Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee
- It was the third joint climb of the two armies, after Mt Aconcagua in Argentina and Mt Kun in Ladakh

Expedition	Joint Indo-Argentine Army Mountaineering Expedition, the third of its kind
Flagged in by	General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff, at New Delhi
Peaks climbed	Mt Abi Gamin (7,355 metres) and Mt Kamet (7,756 metres)
Summit dates	17 September and 21 September 2026
Mt Kamet	Chamoli district, Uttarakhand; third-highest peak in India
Higher Indian peaks	Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi
Team	35 members: 25 Indian Army and 10 Argentine Army
Leader	Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee

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SAREX-2026, 12th Maritime Search and Rescue Drill, off Paradip

6 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Coast Guard holds SAREX-2026, the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, off the Paradip coast with observers from 30 countries watching.

- SAREX-2026, the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, is being conducted by the Indian Coast Guard off the Paradip coast
- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth inaugurates the exercise on 7 October 2026 and sees the rescue demonstration at sea on 8 October 2026
- 32 international observers from 30 countries are attending, making it one of the largest such drills in the region
- Fifteen Coast Guard ships, two Dornier aircraft, three Advanced Light Helicopters, a Chetak, Indian Air Force C-130J and Mi-17 aircraft and two Navy ships are deployed
- The 24th NMSAR Board Meeting is held at Bhubaneswar under Director General Paramesh Sivamani of the Indian Coast Guard

Exercise	SAREX-2026, 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise
Conducted by	Indian Coast Guard
Venue	Off the Paradip coast, Odisha
Inaugurated by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth, 7 October 2026
International observers	32 observers from 30 countries
Main assets	15 Coast Guard ships, two Dornier aircraft, three Advanced Light Helicopters, a Chetak, two Navy ships
Air Force aircraft	C-130J and Mi-17
Scenario	Mass Rescue Operation; passenger aircraft ditching with 228 persons and impact with container vessel MV Zumba

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Fleet Support Ship FSS-1 Launched at Hindustan Shipyard

7 October 2026 · Defence

FSS-1, the first of the Indian Navy's Fleet Support Ships, was launched at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, with over 82 per cent indigenous content.

- FSS-1, the first Fleet Support Ship, was launched on 6 October 2026 at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh as chief guest
- The ship was launched by Smt Laila Swaminathan, President of the Navy Welfare and Wellness Association (NWWA), in keeping with naval tradition
- The same event marked the keel laying of FSS-5 and the opening of an Augmented Slipway at HSL
- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, attended the ceremony
- Indigenous content in the Fleet Support Ships is above 82 per cent; their secondary roles are HADR and Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations

Ship	FSS-1, first of the Fleet Support Ships
Launched on	6 October 2026
Shipyard	Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam
Launched by	Smt Laila Swaminathan, President, Navy Welfare and Wellness Association (NWWA)
Chief guest	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
Indigenous content	Over 82 per cent
Also at the ceremony	Keel laying of FSS-5 and inauguration of the Augmented Slipway

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SAREX-2026 Opens Off Paradip With 30 Nations Joining

7 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth opened SAREX-2026, the multinational maritime search and rescue exercise off Paradip, with 32 delegates from 30 friendly nations.

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth inaugurated the Multinational Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-2026 on 7 October 2026
- The exercise is to be conducted off Paradip, Odisha, on 8 October 2026, with 32 delegates from 30 friendly foreign nations
- India’s satellite-aided rescue has moved from LEOSAR to GEOSAR and now towards MEOSAR; the MEOLUT terminal has reached full operational capability
- The 24th NMSAR Board Meeting was chaired by DG Paramesh Sivamani, Director General of the Indian Coast Guard and Chairman of the NMSAR Board
- The Indian Search and Rescue Region covers 4.6 million square kilometres; the National Maritime Search and Rescue Awards 2026 were presented

Exercise	Multinational Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026)
Inaugurated by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth, on 7 October 2026
Sea phase	Off Paradip, Odisha, on 8 October 2026
Foreign participation	32 delegates from 30 friendly foreign nations
Board meeting	24th National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board Meeting
Board Chairman	DG Paramesh Sivamani, Director General, Indian Coast Guard
Indian Search and Rescue Region	4.6 million square kilometres
Satellite SAR path	LEOSAR to GEOSAR, now towards MEOSAR; MEOLUT at full operational capability

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Rajnath Singh Approves Revised SOP for MoD Proof Ranges

7 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh cleared a revised SOP letting Indian defence firms use MoD proof ranges, field firing ranges and test facilities more easily.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh approved a revised Standard Operating Procedure for use of MoD proof ranges, field firing ranges and test facilities by Indian defence industry
- Proof and testing charges have been waived for iDEX, TDF, Make and other developmental projects of the Ministry of Defence to promote Atmanirbharta in Defence
- The SOP lists the proof ranges, field firing ranges and laboratory test facilities available with DRDO, Government Quality Assurance agencies and the three Services
- The arbitration provision has been replaced with a simpler, industry-friendly Conciliation Agreement Clause to ease doing business
- A three-day slot every quarter is reserved at proof ranges for proof firing of developmental projects, including those taken up by industry on its own initiative

Decision	Revised Standard Operating Procedure for utilisation of MoD proof ranges, field firing ranges and test facilities
Approved by	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
Date	7 October 2026
Charges waived for	iDEX, TDF, Make and other developmental projects of the Ministry of Defence
Stated goal	Atmanirbharta in Defence
Facilities listed	Proof ranges, field firing ranges and laboratory test facilities
Held by	DRDO, Government Quality Assurance agencies and the three Services
Dispute mechanism	Conciliation Agreement Clause, replacing arbitration

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Coast Guard Conducts 12th SAREX-2026 off Paradip Coast

8 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Coast Guard held SAREX-2026, the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, off Paradip in Odisha with observers from 30 countries.

- The Indian Coast Guard conducted SAREX-2026, the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, off Paradip in Odisha on 8 October 2026.
- It was held under the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board on the theme Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety.
- Coast Guard Director General Paramesh Sivamani reviewed the drill, which was watched by 32 observers from 30 countries.
- Fifteen Coast Guard ships, three Dornier aircraft, three Advanced Light Helicopters, a Chetak, an IAF C-130J and Mi-17 and two Navy ships were deployed.
- The scenario had a passenger aircraft with 228 persons ditching near Paradip Port and its fuselage damaging the container vessel MV Zumba.

Exercise	12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026)
Conducted by	Indian Coast Guard, under the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB)
Location	Off Paradip, Odisha
Date	8 October 2026
Theme	Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety
Reviewed by	Director General Paramesh Sivamani, DG, Indian Coast Guard
Foreign participation	32 observers from 30 countries
Simulated distress	Passenger aircraft with 228 persons; container vessel MV Zumba hit and set on fire

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Indian Air Force Marks 94th Air Force Day at Hindan

8 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Air Force marked its 94th anniversary at Air Force Station Hindan on 8 October 2026 with a parade reviewed by Air Chief Marshal AP Singh.

- The Indian Air Force celebrated its 94th anniversary on 8 October 2026 at Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad, with the parade reviewed by Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh.
- This year's Air Force Day theme was 'Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise'.
- Group Captain Manish Sharma commanded the parade, and three Mi-17 1V helicopters in 'Dhwaj' formation trooped the National Flag and the Air Force flag as an aerial salute.
- Five unit citations went to 24 Squadron 'The Hawks', 110 Helicopter Unit 'The Vanguards', 200 Squadron 'Skanda', 2402 Squadron 'Vajra' and the Electronic Warfare Range.
- The Air Force Day aerial display will be held at Namo Ghat, Varanasi, on 25 October 2026.

Occasion	94th Air Force Day / 94th anniversary of the Indian Air Force
Date	8 October 2026
Venue	Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad
Parade reviewed by	Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff
Parade commanded by	Group Captain Manish Sharma
Theme	'Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise'
Aerial salute	Three Mi-17 1V helicopters in 'Dhwaj' formation
Unit citations	Five: 24 Squadron 'The Hawks', 110 Helicopter Unit 'The Vanguards', 200 Squadron 'Skanda', 2402 Squadron 'Vajra', Electronic Warfare Range

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CDS Opens Project Seabird Phase IIA Housing at Karwar

9 October 2026 · Defence

General NS Raja Subramani opened Project Seabird Phase IIA housing and trunk infrastructure at Naval Base Karwar, including two towers of 60 dwelling units.

- General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, inaugurated Project Seabird Phase IIA housing at Naval Base Karwar on 8 October 2026.
- The handover covered one tower of 60 dwelling units for married senior sailors, another tower of 60 units for naval defence civilians, inliving accommodation for 156 Defence Security Corps personnel and a KG school.
- Vice Admiral Vivek Dahiya, Director General Seabird, attended; the housing was built by NCC Ltd, Hyderabad, and the trunk infrastructure by Cemindia Projects India Ltd.
- Phase IIA covers a dual-use Naval Air Station, a full-fledged naval dockyard and logistics facilities, and the base will eventually hold about 10,000 personnel and civilians with their families.
- The project is to be IGBC Gold rated on completion and has sourced over 90 per cent of its materials and equipment within India under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Event	Inauguration of Project Seabird Phase IIA infrastructure
Inaugurated by	General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs
Place	Naval Base, Karwar (EOMC and Amadalli), Uttara Kannada region
Date of event	8 October 2026 (release issued 9 October 2026)
Also present	Vice Admiral Vivek Dahiya, Director General Seabird
Housing opened	60 dwelling units for married senior sailors, 60 for naval defence civilians, inliving units for 156 DSC personnel, one KG school
Builders	NCC Ltd, Hyderabad (housing); Cemindia Projects India Ltd (trunk infrastructure)
Phase IIA scope	Dual-use Naval Air Station, full-fledged naval dockyard, logistics facilities for ships and aircraft

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Defence Exports Reach Record ₹38,424 Crore, Says Rajnath Singh

9 October 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh gave away 15 SIDM Champion Awards in New Delhi on 9 October 2026 and said defence exports touched a record ₹38,424 crore in 2025-26.

- Rajnath Singh presented 15 SIDM Champion Awards 2026 at the eighth annual session of the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers in New Delhi on 9 October 2026
- India’s defence exports hit an all-time high of ₹38,424 crore in the financial year 2025-26, growing by over 60 per cent against the year before
- The stated target is ₹50,000 crore of defence exports by 2029, with the private share in defence production to rise from about 24 per cent to 50 per cent
- SIDM, set up in 2017, represents large firms, MSMEs, startups, academia and foreign OEMs; its session theme was “Sovereign Capabilities, Contested Frontiers”
- Reforms named by the minister include the Defence Acquisition Procedure, Positive Indigenisation Lists, the SRIJAN portal and iDEX

Event	SIDM Champion Awards 2026, at SIDM’s 8th Annual Session, New Delhi
Awards presented by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
Awards given	15
Defence exports, FY 2025-26	₹38,424 crore (record; growth over 60 per cent)
Export target	₹50,000 crore by 2029
Private share in defence production	To rise from about 24 per cent to 50 per cent
SIDM founded	2017
Session theme	Sovereign Capabilities, Contested Frontiers

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Navy to Commission ASW Shallow Water Craft Mangrol at Mumbai

9 October 2026 · Defence

Mangrol, the third anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft built by Cochin Shipyard, joins the Indian Navy on 12 October 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

- Mangrol is the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi, and will be commissioned on 12 October 2026
- The ceremony at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, will be presided over by Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command
- The ship is named after Mangrol, a coastal town and fishing harbour in the Junagadh district of Gujarat, and recalls the minesweeper INS Mangrol (M85) retired in 2004
- Over 80 per cent of the craft is indigenous; it carries the Abhay hull-mounted sonar, lightweight torpedoes, an indigenous anti-submarine rocket launcher and the Maareech decoy system
- Three diesel engines with waterjet propulsion give it manoeuvrability for shallow-water work, mine warfare tasks and low-intensity maritime operations

Ship	Mangrol, third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)
Builder	Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
Commissioning	12 October 2026, Naval Dockyard, Mumbai
Ceremony presided over by	Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, FOC-in-C, Western Naval Command
Named after	Mangrol, a coastal town in Junagadh district, Gujarat
Earlier ship of the name	INS Mangrol (M85), a minesweeper that served till 7 April 2004
Indigenous content	More than 80 per cent
Main sensors and weapons	Abhay hull-mounted sonar, lightweight torpedoes, indigenous ASW rocket launcher, Maareech torpedo decoy

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Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 Second Edition Held at Jodhpur

10 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the second edition of the multinational air exercise Tarang Shakti at Air Force Station Jodhpur, hosted by the Indian Air Force.

- Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 is the second edition of the Indian Air Force's multinational air exercise, held from 26 September to 12 October 2026
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the participants at Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan
- Seven friendly foreign countries flew aircraft — Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, the UAE and the USA — while thirty-two more countries attended as observers
- Indigenous platforms on show included the LCA Tejas and the LCH Prachand; the first edition was held in 2024
- The Minister said future military power will be decided by the speed of sensing, understanding, deciding and acting, not by the number of platforms

Exercise	Tarang Shakti 2026 (second edition)
Conducted by	Indian Air Force
Venue	Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Dates	26 September to 12 October 2026
Participating air forces	Seven — Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, UAE, USA
Observer nations	Thirty-two
Addressed by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
First edition	2024

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Vice-President Visits Sainya Sampark Mela at Deoghar

10 October 2026 · Defence

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan visited the Sainya Sampark Mela, Sadaiv Aapke Saath, at Deoghar in Jharkhand on 10 October 2026 and spoke for veterans' welfare.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan visited the Sainya Sampark Mela - Sadaiv Aapke Saath at Deoghar, Jharkhand, on 10 October 2026
- The mela was organised by the Indian Army with the Deoghar district administration for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and dependents of the Santhal Pargana region
- A single-window mechanism brought pension assistance, medical facilities, documentation and grievance redressal on to one platform at the venue
- The Vice-President paid tribute to Param Vir Chakra awardee Lance Naik Albert Ekka and to tribal freedom fighters including Bhagwan Birsa Munda and Tilka Manjhi
- Stalls covered ECHS services, disaster relief, medical screening and blood donation camps, women's health awareness and NCC activities

Event	Sainya Sampark Mela - Sadaiv Aapke Saath
Theme meaning	Sadaiv Aapke Saath, that is, Always with You
Place	Deoghar, Jharkhand, serving the Santhal Pargana region
Date of visit	10 October 2026
Organised by	Indian Army with the Deoghar district administration
Visited by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan, a former Governor of Jharkhand
For whom	Ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their dependents
Health scheme named	Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)

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Navy's Next Generation OPV Shreyas Launched at GRSE Kolkata

10 October 2026 · Defence

Shreyas, Yard 3040 of the Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel project, was launched at GRSE in Kolkata on 10 October 2026 by Mrs Reyman Kochhar.

- Shreyas, Yard 3040 of the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel project, was launched at GRSE, Kolkata on 10 October 2026
- The ship was launched by Mrs Reyman Kochhar in the presence of Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
- NGOPVs are being built at two shipyards at the same time: Goa Shipyard Limited in Goa and GRSE in Kolkata
- Shreyas is a Sanskrit word meaning 'best' or 'most excellent', in keeping with the practice of naming these ships from India's heritage
- The vessels are for maritime surveillance, search and rescue, protection of offshore assets, disaster relief and anti-piracy missions

Ship	Shreyas, Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV)
Yard number	3040
Builder	Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
Launched by	Mrs Reyman Kochhar
Senior officer present	Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
Other yard on the class	Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa
Meaning of the name	'Best' or 'most excellent' in Sanskrit
Roles	Maritime surveillance, search and rescue, protection of offshore assets, HADR and anti-piracy

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Defence Correspondents Course Concludes at Tezpur

10 October 2026 · Defence

The three-week Defence Correspondents Course, attended by 24 journalists, concluded at Tezpur after its Navy, Air Force and Army legs were completed.

- The Defence Correspondents Course concluded at Tezpur after its Navy, Air Force and Army legs were completed
- 24 journalists took part in the course, which ran over three weeks under the Ministry of Defence
- Participants were given briefings, field visits and interactions with serving military personnel across the three Services
- The valedictory function was chaired by Lieutenant General Neeraj Shukla, General Officer Commanding, Gajraj Corps
- Vijay Kumar, Additional Director General (Media and Communication), Ministry of Defence, attended with officials of the Directorate of Public Relations

Course	Defence Correspondents Course
Concluded at	Tezpur
Participants	24 journalists
Duration	Three weeks
Legs	Navy, Air Force and Army
Valedictory chaired by	Lieutenant General Neeraj Shukla, General Officer Commanding, Gajraj Corps
Also present	Vijay Kumar, Additional Director General (Media and Communication), Ministry of Defence
Organised by	Ministry of Defence, with its Directorate of Public Relations

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INS Trishul Reaches Plymouth for Exercise KONKAN-26 with Royal Navy

11 October 2026 · Defence

Indian Navy stealth frigate INS Trishul has reached Plymouth in the United Kingdom for Exercise KONKAN-26, the annual India-UK naval drill with the Royal Navy.

- INS Trishul, a guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, has arrived at Plymouth in the United Kingdom to take part in Exercise KONKAN-26 with the Royal Navy.
- KONKAN is the annual bilateral maritime exercise between India and the United Kingdom; this edition is being held off Plymouth from 8 to 15 October in two phases.
- The Harbour Phase covers professional interactions, cross-deck visits, sports and cultural events, and opening the ship to visitors.
- The Sea Phase covers drills in the air, surface and sub-surface domains, including cross-deck landings, gunnery firings, air defence serials and anti-submarine warfare practice.
- The exercise is tied to the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership set out in the India-UK Vision 2035 document.

Exercise	KONKAN-26, India-UK bilateral maritime exercise
Indian ship	INS Trishul, guided missile stealth frigate
Partner navy	Royal Navy, United Kingdom
Venue	Off Plymouth, United Kingdom
Dates	8 to 15 October, in two phases
Phases	Harbour Phase and Sea Phase
Domains covered	Air, surface and sub-surface
Framework	India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, India-UK Vision 2035

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INS Sahyadri Reaches Vladivostok for Exercise INDRA 2026

11 October 2026 · Defence

Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri has reached Vladivostok in Russia for Exercise INDRA 2026, the bilateral drill with the Russian Federation Navy from 13 to 18 October.

- INS Sahyadri arrived at Vladivostok, Russia, on 10 October 2026 to take part in Exercise INDRA 2026.
- INDRA is the bilateral exercise between India and Russia; this edition pairs the Indian Navy with the Russian Federation Navy (RuFN).
- The exercise has been scheduled from 13 to 18 October 2026 and runs as a harbour phase followed by coordinated activity at sea.
- The Ministry of Defence links the deployment to the MAHASAGAR vision, which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- The sailing carries forward the momentum of the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit held on 4 and 5 December 2025.

Exercise	INDRA 2026, India-Russia bilateral exercise
Indian ship	INS Sahyadri
Partner navy	Russian Federation Navy (RuFN)
Host port	Vladivostok, Russia
Ship arrived	10 October 2026
Exercise dates	13 to 18 October 2026
Phases	Harbour phase, then coordinated activity at sea
Vision cited	MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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Indian Army Launches Bharat Rice for Troops, Signs FCI MoU

12 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Army launched Bharat Rice for troops on 12 October 2026 and signed a five-year MoU with FCI to draw on its warehouses during operational contingencies.

- The Indian Army launched Bharat Rice for the defence forces in New Delhi on 12 October 2026, with Rajnath Singh and Pralhad Joshi present.
- An Army-FCI MoU, valid for five years and extendable, lets the force use FCI warehouses, labour and material-handling equipment during operational contingencies.
- The rice goes directly to Army Supply Depots, including in Ladakh and the North East, instead of depots collecting it from local FCI facilities.
- The Directorate General of Supplies and Transport leads the effort; supply is through NAFED in the financial year 2026-27, in 10 kg and 30 kg bags.
- Rajnath Singh cited the study of Operation Sindoor to argue that logistics is combat power and that warning times in future conflicts could be very short.

Initiative	Bharat Rice, for the defence forces
Launched on	12 October 2026, New Delhi
Launched in presence of	Rajnath Singh and Pralhad Joshi
MoU signed with	Food Corporation of India (FCI)
MoU validity	Five years, extendable by mutual consent
Lead agency	Directorate General of Supplies and Transport
Supplying agency	NAFED, during the financial year 2026-27
Bag sizes	10 kg and 30 kg

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Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026: CAPSS-IAF Seminar on Air Power

12 October 2026 · Defence

CAPSS and the Indian Air Force held a seminar on air power on 9 October 2026 at Subroto Park, New Delhi, on the sidelines of Exercise Tarang Shakti-26.

- CAPSS and the Indian Air Force held a seminar on 9 October 2026 at the Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, New Delhi, alongside Exercise Tarang Shakti-26.
- The theme was 'The Central Role of Air Power in the Evolving Battlespace', with partner air forces from all continents taking part.
- Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff, gave the inaugural address; CAPSS Director General Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor (Retd.) welcomed the gathering.
- The first session was chaired by former Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari and the second by Air Marshal Stephen Chappell of the Royal Australian Air Force.
- CAPSS was established in 2001 as an autonomous research body on national security, nuclear and aerospace issues, and 2026 is its Silver Jubilee year.

Exercise	Exercise Tarang Shakti-26 (seminar on the sidelines)
Organisers	Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies with the Indian Air Force
Date and venue	9 October 2026, Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, New Delhi
Theme	The Central Role of Air Power in the Evolving Battlespace
Inaugural address	Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff
Welcome address	Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor (Retd.), Director General, CAPSS
First session chair	Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, former Chief of the Air Staff
Second session chair	Air Marshal Stephen Chappell, Chief of the Air Staff, Royal Australian Air Force

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INS Tarkash Sails for IBSAMAR IX Exercise in South Africa

12 October 2026 · Defence

INS Tarkash has reached South Africa for IBSAMAR IX 2026, the trilateral maritime exercise of the Indian, Brazilian and South African navies under the IBSA framework.

- INS Tarkash, a frontline guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, has been deployed to South Africa for IBSAMAR IX 2026
- IBSAMAR is a trilateral maritime exercise of the Indian, Brazilian and South African navies, held every two years since 2008 under the IBSA framework
- The theme of the ninth edition is Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain
- South Africa has fielded SAS Amatola, SAS King Sekhukhune I, SAS Adam Kok III and the submarine SAS Manthatisi; Brazil has sent BNS Barroso with a Lynx helicopter
- Drills cover surface, anti-air and anti-submarine warfare, naval air operations, maritime interdiction, VBSS, anti-piracy, search and rescue, and firefighting

Exercise	IBSAMAR IX 2026, ninth edition
Full form	India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise
Host country	South Africa
Indian ship	INS Tarkash, guided missile stealth frigate, with a Chetak helicopter
Theme	Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain
Held since	2008, once every two years
Framework	India-Brazil-South Africa (IBSA)
Brazilian ship	BNS Barroso with an integral Lynx helicopter

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Indian Navy Commissions ASW Craft INS Mangrol at Mumbai

12 October 2026 · Defence

INS Mangrol (P82), the third Mahe-class anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft built by Cochin Shipyard, joined the Indian Navy at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

- INS Mangrol (P82) is the third Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft of the Indian Navy and was commissioned at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai
- Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi, designed and built the ship, which carries more than 80 per cent indigenous content
- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command, presided over the commissioning ceremony
- The ship handles anti-submarine warfare, underwater surveillance, low intensity maritime operations and mine warfare tasks, and runs on three diesel engine-driven waterjets
- It is named after Mangrol, a coastal town and fishing harbour in the Junagadh district of Gujarat; an earlier minesweeper INS Mangrol (M85) served until April 2004

Ship	INS Mangrol (pennant P82)
Class	Mahe class, third ship of the class
Type	Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)
Builder	Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
Indigenous content	More than 80 per cent
Commissioned at	Naval Dockyard, Mumbai
Presided over by	Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command
Propulsion	Three diesel engine-driven waterjet units

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Coast Guard Team Scales 7,045-Metre Mount Mukut Peak

12 October 2026 · Defence

A 17-member Indian Coast Guard team scaled the 7,045-metre Mount Mukut, the last phase of its training for an Everest climb in the force's golden jubilee year.

- A 17-member Indian Coast Guard mountaineering team scaled Mount Mukut, a peak of 7,045 metres, on 7 October 2026
- Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami flagged in the team at a ceremony in Dehradun
- The climb was Phase V, the final phase, of an eighteen-month preparatory training programme
- The training is aimed at a Mount Everest expedition during the Indian Coast Guard's Swarnim Jayanti, its golden jubilee, in 2027
- The team was guided by the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling; it set out on 15 September 2026 and set up Base Camp-I on 1 October

Peak climbed	Mount Mukut, 7,045 metres
Force	Indian Coast Guard (ICG)
Team strength	17 members
Summit date	7 October 2026
Expedition began	15 September 2026
Base Camp-I set up	1 October
Guided by	Himalayan Mountaineering Institute (HMI), Darjeeling
Flagged in by	Pushkar Singh Dhami, Chief Minister of Uttarakhand, at Dehradun

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Rajnath Singh Holds Defence Talks With Czech Deputy PM

13 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Czech First Deputy Prime Minister Karel Havlicek in New Delhi and agreed to widen defence industrial cooperation.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh held bilateral talks with Czech First Deputy Prime Minister Karel Havlicek in New Delhi on 13 October 2026.
- Havlicek is also the Czech Republic's Minister of Industry and Trade and is on a four-day visit to India.
- Both sides agreed to expand defence industrial cooperation, including under the India-Czech Joint Defence Committee.
- The cooperation is aimed at promoting Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat through joint ventures between firms of the two countries.
- The visiting minister is scheduled to visit industries in Bengaluru and Mumbai during his stay in India.

Event	India-Czech Republic bilateral defence talks
Date and venue	13 October 2026, New Delhi
India represented by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
Czech Republic represented by	Karel Havlicek, First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Industry and Trade
Mechanism named	India-Czech Joint Defence Committee
Policy focus	Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat
Length of visit	Four days
Cities on the itinerary	Bengaluru and Mumbai

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Indian Navy to Commission First Multi-Purpose Vessel Samarthak

13 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy will commission Samarthak, first of four Multi-Purpose Vessels built by Larsen and Toubro, at Naval Base Karwar on 16 October 2026.

- Samarthak, the first of four Multi-Purpose Vessels for the Indian Navy, is to be commissioned at Naval Base Karwar on 16 October 2026.
- The warship was built by Larsen and Toubro Ltd under the Government of India's Make in India initiative.
- Maritime surveillance and patrol are her main roles; she can also serve as a mothership for unmanned systems and be converted into a limited hospital ship.
- Her integrated combat suite uses indigenous sensors, weapons and electronic systems optimised for the maritime environment.
- The crest depicts an Indian elephant emerging from the waves, and the motto means Victory is Our Sole Aim.

Ship	Samarthak, Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV)
Service	Indian Navy
Commissioning venue	Naval Base, Karwar
Commissioning date	16 October 2026
Builder	Larsen and Toubro Ltd, under Make in India
Position in class	First of four Multi-Purpose Vessels
Primary role	Maritime surveillance and patrol
Other roles	LIMO, trials platform, unmanned systems mothership, HADR, limited hospital ship, salvage

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First ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum Opens in Delhi

14 October 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh opened the maiden ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum at MP-IDSA in New Delhi on 14 October 2026, with all eleven ASEAN members taking part.

- The maiden ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum was held at MP-IDSA, New Delhi, on 14 and 15 October 2026, with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh addressing it.
- Delegates from all eleven ASEAN member states and India attended; MP-IDSA Director General Amb Sujan R Chinoy gave the welcome address.
- The forum follows an announcement at the second ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting in Kuala Lumpur on 31 October 2025, on the sidelines of the 12th ADMM-Plus.
- The year 2026 has been designated the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation.
- The Raksha Mantri invoked the Act East policy along with SAGAR and MAHASAGAR, and named iDEX and the Technology Development Fund as routes for joint innovation.

Event	First ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum
Venue	Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA), New Delhi
Dates	14 and 15 October 2026
Addressed by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Welcome address	Amb Sujan R Chinoy, Director General, MP-IDSA
Participants	All eleven ASEAN member states and India
Announced at	Second ASEAN-India Defence Ministers' Informal Meeting, Kuala Lumpur, 31 October 2025
Held alongside that announcement	12th ADMM-Plus

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Indian Navy Hands Over Command of Combined Task Force 154

14 October 2026 · Defence

India gave up command of Combined Task Force 154 of the Combined Maritime Forces at Manama in Bahrain on 14 October 2026, closing its first such tenure.

- The Indian Navy relinquished command of Combined Task Force 154 at a ceremony in Manama, Bahrain, on 14 October 2026, completing its maiden command of a Combined Maritime Forces task force.
- CTF 154 is the CMF's dedicated multinational maritime training task force and serves a partnership of 47 nations.
- India joined the Combined Maritime Forces as an Associate Partner in 2022 and became a full member in 2023; it took charge of CTF 154 on 11 February 2026.
- The tenure ran 20 Staff Enhancement Training engagements, Operation Compass Rose 26-1, Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 and the first SPAR 2026 exchange on piracy and armed robbery.
- More than 7,800 training hours were generated and personnel from 39 countries took part in CTF 154 activities.

Task Force	Combined Task Force 154 (CTF 154), the training task force of the Combined Maritime Forces
Handover venue	Manama, Bahrain
Date of handover	14 October 2026
Command assumed on	11 February 2026 (India's first command of a CMF task force)
CMF partnership	47 nations
India's CMF status	Associate Partner in 2022; full member in 2023
Training delivered	20 Staff Enhancement Training engagements; over 7,800 training hours
Participation	Personnel from 39 countries

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IIT Kanpur Launches $1 Billion 'Greater Than Us' Campaign

14 October 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh launched IIT Kanpur's 'Greater Than Us' campaign, the largest IIT fundraiser, which aims to raise US$1 billion by March 2029 for research.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched IIT Kanpur's 'Greater Than Us' fundraising campaign in New Delhi on 14 October 2026.
- The campaign aims to raise US$1 billion by March 2029, the largest fundraising effort by any IIT; Rs 4,155 crore, nearly half the goal, is already committed.
- The approval process for a National Military Drone Technology Hub at IIT Kanpur, planned with the Ministry of Defence, is nearing completion; a School of Defence Technologies has also been proposed.
- The IIT ecosystem has supported over 6,000 start-ups, produced 56 unicorns and nearly 5,000 patents, the minister said.
- He referred to the Rs 1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Scheme approved to draw private investment into research and advanced technology.

Campaign	'Greater Than Us', IIT Kanpur's fundraising campaign
Launched by	Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister (Raksha Mantri), in New Delhi
Date	14 October 2026
Target	US$1 billion by March 2029, the largest ever by any IIT
Already committed	Rs 4,155 crore, nearly half the goal
Defence facility planned	National Military Drone Technology Hub, with the Ministry of Defence; approval nearing completion
Also proposed	School of Defence Technologies at IIT Kanpur
Existing centres	DRDO-Industry-Academia Centre of Excellence and C3i Cybersecurity Technology Innovation Hub

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Rajnath Singh Flags 5D Security Threat at Defence Conclave

15 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh told a Defence Conclave in New Delhi that defence production has climbed past Rs 1.78 lakh crore and exports to Rs 39,000 crore.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh addressed a Defence Conclave in New Delhi on 15 October 2026 and linked Operation Sindoor, Balakot and the surgical strikes
- He set out a 5D Security Threat: disinformation, destabilisation, disruption, deception and destruction, and warned of lone-wolf and white-collar terrorism
- Defence production has risen to over Rs 1.78 lakh crore from Rs 40,000 crore in 2014; exports stand at a record Rs 39,000 crore against Rs 686 crore in 2013-14
- Targets named were Rs 2 lakh crore of production this year, Rs 3 lakh crore by 2029 and Rs 50,000 crore of exports by 2029
- Five positive indigenisation lists cover 509 items, and 159 of 175 ammunition variants are now made in India

Event	Defence Conclave, New Delhi, 15 October 2026
Speaker	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
5D Security Threat	Disinformation, destabilisation, disruption, deception, destruction
New terror forms named	Lone-wolf attacks and white-collar terrorism
Defence production	Over Rs 1.78 lakh crore, from Rs 40,000 crore in 2014
Defence exports	Record Rs 39,000 crore, from Rs 686 crore in 2013-14
Production targets	Rs 2 lakh crore this year and Rs 3 lakh crore by 2029
Export target	Rs 50,000 crore by 2029

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Defence Ministry Signs Rs 4,106 Crore GSAT-7C, Varunastra Deals

15 October 2026 · Defence

The Defence Ministry signed contracts worth about Rs 4,106 crore on 15 October 2026 for the GSAT-7C satellite for the Air Force and Varunastra torpedoes for the Navy.

- The Ministry of Defence signed two contracts worth about Rs 4,106 crore in all on 15 October 2026 at New Delhi.
- GSAT-7C, a dedicated communication satellite for the Indian Air Force, costs Rs 2,563 crore and was ordered from New Space India Limited, Bengaluru.
- The Rs 1,543 crore Varunastra order went to Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad, for ship-launched anti-submarine heavy weight torpedoes.
- Varunastra came out of the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory and can strike enemy submarines at long ranges.
- A. Anbarasu, Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition), Department of Defence, was present at the signing.

Date of signing	15 October 2026, New Delhi
Total value	About Rs 4,106 crore (two contracts)
GSAT-7C	Rs 2,563 crore, with New Space India Limited, Bengaluru, for the Indian Air Force
Varunastra	Rs 1,543 crore, with Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad, for the Indian Navy
Varunastra type	Indigenous ship-launched anti-submarine heavy weight torpedo
Developed by	Naval Science and Technological Laboratory
Present at signing	A. Anbarasu, Additional Secretary and Director General (Acquisition), Department of Defence
Policy thrust	Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India

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Indian and Korea Coast Guards Hold 14th High Level Meeting

15 October 2026 · Defence

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- The Indian delegation was led by Inspector General T. Sashi Kumar and the Korean delegation by Senior Superintendent General Im Myeong Gil
- The Indian Coast Guard delegation was on an official visit to the Republic of Korea from 13 to 16 October 2026
- Cooperation was taken up in Maritime Search and Rescue, Marine Pollution Response, Maritime Law Enforcement, capacity building and operational coordination
- Both sides reaffirmed their existing Memorandum of Understanding and agreed on professional exchanges, joint training exercises, bilateral ship visits and real-time information sharing

Event	14th High Level Meeting (HLM), Indian Coast Guard and Korea Coast Guard
Venue	Incheon, Republic of Korea
Date of the meeting	14 October 2026
Indian delegation led by	Inspector General T. Sashi Kumar
Korean delegation led by	Senior Superintendent General Im Myeong Gil
Official visit	13 to 16 October 2026
Areas of cooperation	M-SAR, Marine Pollution Response, Maritime Law Enforcement, capacity building, operational coordination
Announced by	Ministry of Defence

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INS Samarthak Joins Navy as First Indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel

16 October 2026 · Defence

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan commissioned INS Samarthak, the Indian Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel built by L&T, at Karwar in Karnataka.

- INS Samarthak is the Indian Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel and was commissioned at Karwar, Karnataka, on 16 October 2026
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan commissioned the ship; more than 75 per cent of its content is indigenous
- The vessel was built by the private shipyard Larsen & Toubro and is commanded by Commander Sushil Kumar Singh
- It will support trials of next-generation weapons, sensors and unmanned systems, plus surveillance, offshore patrolling and disaster relief
- Karwar's naval infrastructure is being expanded under Project Seabird; Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, attended

Vessel	INS Samarthak, Indian Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel
Commissioned by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Place	Karwar, Karnataka
Builder	Larsen & Toubro (private shipyard)
Indigenous content	More than 75 per cent
Commanding Officer	Commander Sushil Kumar Singh
Base project at Karwar	Project Seabird
Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan

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India and Mongolia Hold 14th Defence Joint Working Group Talks

16 October 2026 · Defence

India and Mongolia reviewed their defence partnership at the 14th Joint Working Group meeting in Ulaanbaatar and welcomed the completion of Exercise Nomadic Elephant.

- The 14th India-Mongolia Defence Joint Working Group meeting was held in Ulaanbaatar, the capital of Mongolia, on 16 October 2026
- Dr Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, co-chaired the meeting for India
- Brigadier General Gansukh E., Deputy State Secretary of Defence, co-chaired for Mongolia
- Both sides welcomed the successful conclusion of Exercise Nomadic Elephant, the joint army exercise of the two countries
- The Indian delegation reviewed the Cyber Security Training Centre set up with Indian help at Mongolia's National Defence University

Event	14th India-Mongolia Defence Joint Working Group meeting
Venue	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
Date	16 October 2026
Indian co-chair	Dr Ishita Ganguli Tripathy, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence
Mongolian co-chair	Brigadier General Gansukh E., Deputy State Secretary of Defence
Joint exercise cited	Exercise Nomadic Elephant
Facility reviewed	Cyber Security Training Centre, National Defence University, Mongolia

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Project Seabird Phase IIA Facilities Opened at Karwar Base

17 October 2026 · Defence

Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan opened 300 dwelling units and a health complex taking INHS Patanjali to 409 beds under Project Seabird Phase IIA at Karwar.

- Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, FOC-in-C Western Naval Command, inaugurated Project Seabird Phase IIA facilities at Karwar on 15 October 2026.
- Five towers with 300 dwelling units for naval defence civilians and a Station Health Organisation complex were opened.
- The health complex takes the naval hospital INHS Patanjali to a capacity of 409 beds.
- Phase IIA also covers a dual-use naval air station, a full naval dockyard and logistics facilities for ships and aircraft.
- The base houses about 10,000 uniformed and civilian personnel with families; over ninety per cent of material is sourced in India.

Project and phase	Project Seabird, Phase IIA
Location	Naval Base Karwar, Uttara Kannada district, Karnataka
Inaugurated by	Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, FOC-in-C, Western Naval Command
Date of inauguration	15 October 2026
Also present	Vice Admiral Vivek Dahiya, Director General Seabird
Housing	Five towers, 300 dwelling units for naval defence civilians
Hospital	INHS Patanjali, enlarged to 409 beds
Water reservoir	Hill-top reservoir of two lakh litres, with a sewage treatment plant

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First Training Squadron Departs Seychelles After Port Call

17 October 2026 · Defence

INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi of the First Training Squadron left Port Victoria in Seychelles after a port call that included a PASSEX at sea.

- Ships of the Indian Navy First Training Squadron (1TS) left Port Victoria, Seychelles, on 15 October 2026 after a port call that began on 12 October 2026
- The squadron comprised INS Tir, INS Sujata and the Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi
- Officers called on Major General Michael Rosette, Chief of Defence Forces of the Seychelles Defence Force
- A Passage Exercise (PASSEX) was held with Seychelles Coast Guard Ship Andromache, with joint patrolling, communication drills and coordinated manoeuvres
- The deployment follows the MAHASAGAR vision, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Squadron	Indian Navy First Training Squadron (1TS)
Ships	INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi
Port visited	Port Victoria, Seychelles
Port call	12 October 2026 to 15 October 2026
Exercise	Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with SCGS Andromache
Officer met	Maj Gen Michael Rosette, Chief of Defence Forces, Seychelles Defence Force
Vision	MAHASAGAR: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
Ministry	Ministry of Defence

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Exercise KONKAN-26 Concludes off Plymouth with INS Trishul

17 October 2026 · Defence

The India-UK bilateral maritime exercise KONKAN-26 ended off Plymouth in Britain, with INS Trishul and the Royal Navy frigate HMS Sutherland taking part.

- KONKAN-26, the India-UK bilateral maritime exercise, concluded off Plymouth in the United Kingdom on 15 October 2026 after a run that began on 8 October
- The Indian Navy was represented by the stealth frigate INS Trishul and the Royal Navy by HMS Sutherland, a Duke-class anti-submarine warfare frigate
- The exercise was conducted by the Royal Navy’s Fleet Operational Standards and Training (FOST) organisation
- The sea phase lasted four days, from 12 to 15 October 2026, and covered seamanship manoeuvres, joint tactical drills, anti-surface asymmetric warfare, anti-submarine warfare and weapon firings
- The stated aim was higher interoperability between the two navies and an exchange of professional expertise and best practices

Exercise	KONKAN-26 (India-UK bilateral maritime exercise)
Location	Off Plymouth, United Kingdom
Dates	8 to 15 October 2026; sea phase 12 to 15 October 2026
Indian ship	INS Trishul (stealth frigate)
UK ship	HMS Sutherland (Duke-class anti-submarine warfare frigate)
Conducted by	Fleet Operational Standards and Training (FOST), Royal Navy
Focus areas	Seamanship manoeuvres, joint tactical drills, anti-surface asymmetric warfare, anti-submarine warfare, weapon firings

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IAF C-130J Airlifts Critical Patient from Leh to Palam

18 October 2026 · Defence

An Indian Air Force C-130J flew a critically ill 30-year-old civilian from Leh to Palam at night, and the patient was shifted to AIIMS for treatment.

- An Indian Air Force C-130J aircraft carried out a short-notice casualty evacuation from Leh to Palam
- A critically ill civilian patient aged thirty was airlifted late at night for further medical care
- The sortie was flown in darkness and in challenging weather, demanding operational readiness and close coordination
- After landing, the patient was taken to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences for treatment
- The mission is an example of the humanitarian and medical evacuation duties performed by the Indian Air Force

Mission	Short-notice casualty evacuation
Force	Indian Air Force
Aircraft	C-130J transport aircraft
Flown from	Leh
Landed at	Palam
Patient	Critically ill civilian, aged thirty
Conditions	Late night, darkness and challenging weather
Hospital	All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS)

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INS Sudarshini Departs Salalah on Lokayan-2026 Voyage

18 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy's three-masted sail training ship INS Sudarshini left Salalah in Oman after a port call from 14 to 17 October 2026, on Lokayan-2026.

- INS Sudarshini, the Indian Navy's three-masted sail training ship, departed Salalah in Oman after a visit from 14 to 17 October 2026
- The ship is on Lokayan-2026, a historic transoceanic deployment that has now entered its tenth month
- Professional interactions and sporting engagements at Salalah strengthened ties between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman
- The voyage carries forward the civilisational ethos of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and the vision of MAHASAGAR
- MAHASAGAR stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Ship	INS Sudarshini, three-masted sail training ship of the Indian Navy
Deployment	Lokayan-2026, a transoceanic sailing deployment
Port left	Salalah, Oman
Dates of visit	14 to 17 October 2026
Stage of voyage	Tenth month of Lokayan-2026
Host navy	Royal Navy of Oman
Ministry	Ministry of Defence
MAHASAGAR	Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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Swavlamban 2026: Navy Seminar on 26-27 October in New Delhi

19 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy will hold the fifth edition of its NIIO seminar Swavlamban on 26 and 27 October 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, with three documents to be released.

- Swavlamban 2026, the fifth edition of the Indian Navy's NIIO seminar, will be held on 26 and 27 October 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- The curtain raiser press conference was chaired by Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff, in New Delhi on 19 October 2026
- Three documents will be released: the Swavlamban 5.0 Document, the Compendium on Technology Imperatives and the NAUSETU Interface Standards
- Exhibition themes include maritime surveillance, Counter-UAS, artificial intelligence and quantum, NBCD, and safety and efficiency enhancers
- The seminar has run since 2022 and connects the Navy with start-ups, MSMEs, academia and investors, including sessions on the iDEX ecosystem

Event	Swavlamban 2026, fifth edition of the Indian Navy's NIIO seminar
Dates	26 and 27 October 2026
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Curtain raiser chaired by	Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
Documents to be released	Swavlamban 5.0 Document; Compendium on Technology Imperatives; NAUSETU Interface Standards
NAUSETU	Naval Unified Systems, Ethernet and Tactical Utilisation
Exhibition themes	Maritime surveillance, Counter-UAS, AI and quantum, NBCD, safety and efficiency enhancers
Running since	2022

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/swavlamban-2026-navy-seminar-on-26-27-october-in-new-delhi/

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AUSTRAHIND 2026: 5th India-Australia Exercise in Kerala

19 October 2026 · Defence

The 5th edition of India-Australia joint military exercise AUSTRAHIND began at Thiruvananthapuram on 19 October 2026 and runs till 1 November 2026.

- The 5th edition of India-Australia joint military exercise AUSTRAHIND began on 19 October 2026 at the Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
- The exercise runs from 19 October to 1 November 2026 with about 120 personnel from each army
- The Indian contingent is based on the Garhwal Rifles; the Australian contingent comes from 13 Brigade
- Theme: Joint Sub-Conventional Operations in Island and Coastal Environment under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate
- For the first time an observer delegation from New Zealand is taking part; the 4th edition was held at Irwin Barracks, Perth, in October 2025

Exercise	AUSTRAHIND 2026 (5th edition)
Countries	India and Australia (armies)
Venue	Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala
Dates	19 October to 1 November 2026
Strength	About 120 personnel from each army
Indian contingent	Troops of the Garhwal Rifles with other arms and services
Australian contingent	13 Brigade
Theme	Joint Sub-Conventional Operations in Island and Coastal Environment under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate

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Defence Secretary Launches New MoD and DoD Websites

19 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh launched revamped MoD and DoD websites on 19 October 2026, built to DBIM 3.0 and GIGW 3.0 and offered in 22 languages.

- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh launched the revamped websites of the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Defence on 19 October 2026
- Both websites fully comply with the Digital Brand Identity Manual (DBIM) 3.0 and the Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW) 3.0
- The content is available in 22 Indian official languages for wider outreach and better accessibility
- The websites carry ministry policies, initiatives, activities, notifications and defence-related updates and can be used at www.mod.gov.in
- The relaunch is tied to the Digital India and e-governance push for transparency, efficiency and citizen-centric information delivery

Launched by	Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
Date	19 October 2026
Websites	Ministry of Defence and Department of Defence
Standards followed	Digital Brand Identity Manual (DBIM) 3.0 and Guidelines for Indian Government Websites (GIGW) 3.0
Languages	22 Indian official languages
Web address	www.mod.gov.in
Aligned with	Digital India and e-governance

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UPSC Declares CDS (II) 2026 Result, 8,956 Clear Written Test

19 October 2026 · Defence

The Union Public Service Commission declared the written result of Combined Defence Services Examination (II) 2026, with 8,956 candidates cleared for SSB.

- The Union Public Service Commission declared the written result of the Combined Defence Services Examination (II) 2026, a paper held on 13 September 2026.
- 8,956 candidates qualified for the interview conducted by the Service Selection Board of the Ministry of Defence.
- Qualifiers compete for the Indian Military Academy 163rd Direct Entry Course and the Air Force Academy 222 F(P) Pre-Flying Training Course, both from July 2027.
- The Officers Training Academy at Chennai runs the 126th Short Service Commission courses for men and for women from October 2027.
- Mark sheets reach the Commission online portal within 15 days of the Officers Training Academy final result and stay there for 30 days.

Examination	Combined Defence Services Examination (II) 2026
Conducted by	Union Public Service Commission
Written test held	13 September 2026
Qualified for interview	8,956 candidates
Interview body	Service Selection Board, Ministry of Defence
IMA Dehradun	163rd Direct Entry Course, from July 2027
Indian Naval Academy	Ezhimala, Kerala
Air Force Academy	Hyderabad, 222 F(P) Pre-Flying Training Course

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Army Commanders Conference Begins; Land Warfare Doctrine Release

21 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Army's apex biannual Army Commanders' Conference began in New Delhi on 21 October 2026, with the Land Warfare Doctrine to be released at it.

- The Army Commanders' Conference, the Indian Army's apex biannual forum, is being held in New Delhi from 21 to 23 October 2026 and is chaired by the Chief of the Army Staff
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will address the conference and release the Land Warfare Doctrine
- The Chief of Defence Staff, the Chief of the Naval Staff and the Secretary (Electronics and IT) will speak on contemporary security issues
- The Raksha Mantri will unveil the annual United Nations Journal and felicitate Army personnel who served as UN peacekeepers
- The Chief of the Army Staff will confer the Green Military Stations and Aviation Flight Safety awards

Event	Army Commanders' Conference, apex biannual forum of the Indian Army
Dates	21 to 23 October 2026
Venue	New Delhi
Chaired by	Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)
Doctrine released	Land Warfare Doctrine, by the Raksha Mantri
Raksha Mantri	Shri Rajnath Singh
Awards by COAS	Green Military Stations and Aviation Flight Safety

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Defence Ministry Inks Rs 770 Crore Deal for LLLR-I Radars

21 October 2026 · Defence

The Ministry of Defence signed a contract of about Rs 770 crore with Bharat Electronics Limited for Improved Low Level Light Weight Radars for the Army.

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract with Bharat Electronics Limited for Improved Low Level Light Weight Radar, LLLR(I), at a cost of about Rs 770 crore
- The contract was signed in New Delhi in the presence of Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh
- LLLR(I) can detect and track fighter size targets as well as mini and micro drones, and can prioritise aerial targets
- The radar will help the Indian Army counter the threat of Unmanned Aerial Systems
- The ministry linked the deal to Viksit Bharat @2047 and to indigenisation of air defence platforms with a boost to MSMEs

Contract value	About Rs 770 crore
Equipment	Improved Low Level Light Weight Radar, LLLR(I)
Signed with	Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
For	Indian Army
Signed in presence of	Defence Secretary Shri Rajesh Kumar Singh
Place and date	New Delhi, 21 October 2026
Vision linked	Viksit Bharat @2047

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SIMBEX-2026 Opens at Visakhapatnam in Its 33rd Edition

21 October 2026 · Defence

The 33rd Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise opened at Visakhapatnam on 21 October 2026 and runs to 26 October, with a sea phase in the Bay of Bengal.

- The 33rd edition of SIMBEX, the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise, is being held at Visakhapatnam from 21 to 26 October 2026
- Republic of Singapore Navy ship RSS Supreme arrived at Visakhapatnam on the opening day to take part in the exercise
- The opening ceremony was held onboard the Indian Navy warships INS Nilgiri and INS Kamorta
- SIMBEX started in 1994 under the name Exercise Lion King and has expanded in scope and complexity since then
- The harbour phase runs from 21 to 23 October and the sea phase from 24 to 26 October in the Bay of Bengal

Exercise	SIMBEX-2026, Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise
Edition	33rd
Participating navies	Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN)
Venue	Visakhapatnam; sea phase in the Bay of Bengal
Dates	21 to 26 October 2026
Harbour phase	21 to 23 October 2026
Sea phase	24 to 26 October 2026
RSN ship	RSS Supreme

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IAF Holds Industry Outreach on Unmanned Systems Roadmap

21 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Air Force held an industry outreach at Vigyan Bhawan on 21 October 2026 on its unmanned systems roadmap, with about 100 industry representatives.

- The Indian Air Force conducted an Industry Outreach Programme at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 21 October 2026 on unmanned and autonomous systems
- The programme was chaired by Air Marshal Premkumar K, Director General (Weapon Systems) at Air Headquarters
- Around 100 representatives of drone companies and allied industry partners took part in the programme
- The IAF Unmanned and Autonomous Systems Roadmap was released during IAF Dronathon 2026 at Pokhran on 14 September 2026
- Indigenous propulsion, autonomous software, resilient navigation and standardised interfaces were named as the critical technology areas

Event	IAF Industry Outreach Programme on unmanned and autonomous systems
Venue	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Date	21 October 2026
Chaired by	Air Marshal Premkumar K, VM, VSM, Director General (Weapon Systems), Air Headquarters
Participation	Around 100 representatives of drone companies and industry partners
Roadmap	IAF Unmanned and Autonomous Systems Roadmap
Roadmap released at	IAF Dronathon 2026, Pokhran, on 14 September 2026
Critical technology areas	Indigenous propulsion, autonomous software, resilient navigation, standardised interfaces

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IBSAMAR IX Naval Exercise Concludes at Simon's Town

21 October 2026 · Defence

The ninth edition of the India-Brazil-South Africa maritime exercise IBSAMAR ended at Simon's Town in South Africa after ten days of harbour and sea drills.

- The ninth edition of the India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise, IBSAMAR IX, concluded at Simon's Town, South Africa on 20 October 2026
- The exercise ran for ten days across a harbour phase and a sea phase, involving the Indian, Brazilian and South African navies
- INS Tarkash represented India, and its Commanding Officer addressed the closing ceremony
- The stated aims were greater interoperability, stronger operational cooperation and better mutual understanding among the three navies
- IBSAMAR is a trilateral exercise between three countries on three continents that share an interest in safe and stable seas

Exercise	IBSAMAR IX, the India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise
Edition	Ninth
Participants	Navies of India, Brazil and South Africa
Concluded at	Simon's Town, South Africa
Date of conclusion	20 October 2026
Duration	Ten days, in a harbour phase and a sea phase
Indian ship	INS Tarkash
Aim	Interoperability, operational cooperation and mutual understanding at sea

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Defence Secretary Opens GYANDEEP Hindi Library at Sena Bhawan

22 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh opened the Hindi library GYANDEEP at Sena Bhawan in New Delhi under Special Campaign 6 of the Ministry of Defence.

- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh inaugurated the Hindi library GYANDEEP at Sena Bhawan, New Delhi, on 22 October 2026
- The library is part of Special Campaign 6, run by the Ministry of Defence from 2 to 31 October 2026
- About 35,000 square feet of space was freed in South Block and surrendered to the Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum project
- The campaign has closed 1,361 e-files, weeded out 1,746 physical files and earned Rs 4.22 lakh from disposal of e-waste and obsolete items
- Eight Swachhta Veers were felicitated; the work also covers Kartavya Bhawan-II, Vayu Bhawan and KG Marg offices

Library	GYANDEEP, a Hindi library at Sena Bhawan, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh, on 22 October 2026
Campaign	Special Campaign 6 of the Ministry of Defence, 2 to 31 October 2026
Space freed	About 35,000 square feet in South Block
Space given to	Project Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum
Files	1,361 e-files closed and 1,746 physical files weeded out
Revenue	Rs 4.22 lakh from disposal of e-waste and obsolete items
Felicitated	Eight Swachhta Veers for their contribution during the campaign

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Indian Navy's First Training Squadron Arrives in Maldives

22 October 2026 · Defence

INS Tir, INS Sujata and Coast Guard Ship Sarathi of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron reached Male on 21 October 2026 on a long range deployment.

- Ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron reached Male, Maldives, on 21 October 2026 on a Long Range Training Deployment
- The squadron comprised INS Tir, INS Sujata and the Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi
- The Maldives National Defence Force welcomed the ships, and the Senior Officer of the squadron called on the Chief of Defence Force, MNDF, and the Commandant of the MNDF Coast Guard
- The Senior Officer also called on G. Balasubramaniam, High Commissioner of India to the Maldives, and trainees visited the Girifushi Training Centre
- The visit was placed within the MAHASAGAR vision, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Squadron	First Training Squadron (1TS) of the Indian Navy
Ships	INS Tir, INS Sujata and Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi
Port of call	Male, Maldives, arrived 21 October 2026
Host force	Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF)
Training visit	Girifushi Training Centre
High Commissioner of India	G. Balasubramaniam
Vision	MAHASAGAR, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 to Be Held in New Delhi

23 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy will hold the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi from 3 to 5 November, drawing experts from 18 countries of the region.

- The Indian Navy will hold the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi from 3 to 5 November 2026 with the National Maritime Foundation as principal organiser
- The theme of IPRD-2026 is Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, and experts from 18 countries will take part
- Five professional thematic sessions are spread over the three days, covering academic networks, maritime situational awareness, oceanographic science, ocean governance and transformative maritime technologies
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will deliver the Commemorative Address on the opening day, which also has a session called Perspectives from the Flag Bridge
- The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, with its seven maritime lines of thrust, was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 14th East Asia Summit in Bangkok in November 2019

Event	Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 (IPRD-2026)
Host	Indian Navy, with the National Maritime Foundation as principal organiser
Venue and dates	New Delhi, 3 to 5 November 2026
Theme	Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
Participation	Experts from 18 countries across the Indo-Pacific
Sessions	Five professional thematic sessions over three days
Commemorative Address	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, on the first day
Special session	Perspectives from the Flag Bridge, with former naval chiefs of India and Sri Lanka

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INDRA 2026 India-Russia Naval Exercise Ends at Vladivostok

23 October 2026 · Defence

INS Sahyadri sailed out of Vladivostok on 20 October 2026 as INDRA 2026, the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise, closed after harbour and sea phases.

- INS Sahyadri departed Vladivostok in the Russian Federation on 20 October 2026 at the close of the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise INDRA 2026.
- INDRA 2026 was conducted between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy (RuFN) and was run in two phases, harbour and sea.
- The harbour phase covered talks between senior officers, cross-deck visits, exchanges between subject matter experts, operational synchronisation activities, sports and cultural programmes.
- At sea the two navies practised coordinated manoeuvring, integrated communications, helicopter operations and medical evacuation drills.
- The Ministry of Defence said the exercise reaffirmed the enduring defence and maritime partnership between India and Russia.

Exercise	INDRA 2026, India-Russia bilateral naval exercise
Participating navies	Indian Navy and Russian Federation Navy (RuFN)
Indian ship	INS Sahyadri
Port of departure	Vladivostok, Russian Federation
Date of departure	20 October 2026
Phases	Harbour phase and sea phase
Sea phase drills	Coordinated manoeuvring, integrated communications, helicopter operations, medical evacuation
Announced by	Ministry of Defence

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Rajnath Singh Releases Land Warfare Doctrine at Army Conference

23 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the Land Warfare Doctrine at the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on 23 October 2026 and unveiled the UN Journal.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh released the Land Warfare Doctrine at the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on 23 October 2026.
- He asked the Army leadership to plan with a long-term strategic vision for the next 20 to 30 years while staying ready for immediate challenges.
- Defence production in FY 2025-26 reached a record Rs 1.78 lakh crore and defence exports an all-time high of about Rs 38,000 crore.
- He credited innovative thinking, synergy, coordination and advanced weaponry for the success of Operation Sindoor.
- The Raksha Mantri also unveiled the annual United Nations Journal and felicitated Army personnel who served as UN peacekeepers.

Document released	Land Warfare Doctrine of the Indian Army
Released by	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
Occasion	Army Commanders' Conference, New Delhi, 23 October 2026
Defence production, FY 2025-26	Record Rs 1.78 lakh crore
Defence exports, FY 2025-26	All-time high of about Rs 38,000 crore
Strategic horizon urged	Next 20 to 30 years
Also unveiled	Annual United Nations Journal; UN peacekeepers felicitated
Chief of Defence Staff	General NS Raja Subramani

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Swavlamban 2026: Navy's 5th Innovation Seminar in New Delhi

24 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy will hold the fifth Swavlamban seminar at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on 26-27 October 2026 on innovation and indigenisation.

- The fifth edition of Swavlamban, the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar, is set for 26 and 27 October 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi
- The theme of Swavlamban 2026 is 'Strength & Power through Innovation and Indigenisation'; the seminar began in 2022 and is organised with the Defence Innovation Organisation and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will be the chief guest at the plenary session on 26 October 2026 and will felicitate industry partners for their work in defence indigenisation
- The Swavlamban 5.0 document and the Compendium on Technology Imperatives will be released at the plenary session as guides to the Navy's technological priorities
- The exhibition covers Maritime Surveillance, Counter UAS, Artificial Intelligence and Quantum Technologies, NBCD and Safety, and Efficiency Enhancers, with sessions on autonomous and hypersonic technologies and the iDEX ecosystem

Event	Swavlamban 2026, 5th Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar
Service	Indian Navy
Dates	26 and 27 October 2026
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Theme	Strength & Power through Innovation and Indigenisation
First held	2022
Chief guest at plenary	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, on 26 October 2026
Documents to be released	Swavlamban 5.0 document and Compendium on Technology Imperatives

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DRDO AIP Energy Module Begins Setting to Work Phase-2

24 October 2026 · Defence

DRDO opened the Setting to Work Phase-2 activity of its indigenous AIP Energy Module at L&T Hazira, meant for the Navy's diesel-electric submarines.

- The Setting to Work Phase-2 activity of the indigenous AIP Energy Module was inaugurated on 24 October 2026 at L&T's AM Naik Heavy Engineering Complex, Hazira, Gujarat
- The AIP system has been developed indigenously by the Naval Materials Research Laboratory (NMRL) of the DRDO for diesel-electric submarines
- An AIP plant raises underwater endurance by cutting a submarine's dependence on oxygen from the atmosphere; the Indian design rests on hydrogen and fuel cell technology
- Defence Secretary and DRDO Chairman Rajesh Kumar Singh was the chief guest, joining virtually; Vice Admiral B Sivakumar and Dr R Balamuralikrishnan attended
- After testing to Navy protocols the module goes to Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited for integration on a Kalvari-class submarine in early 2027

System	Air Independent Propulsion (AIP) Energy Module
Developed by	Naval Materials Research Laboratory (NMRL), DRDO
Milestone	Inauguration of Setting to Work (STW) Phase-2 activity
Venue	AM Naik Heavy Engineering Complex, L&T, Hazira, Gujarat
Chief guest	Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary and Chairman, DRDO (virtually)
Integration	Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited, on a Kalvari-class submarine in early 2027
Technology	Hydrogen and fuel cell based; raises underwater endurance
Date	24 October 2026

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13th ADMM-Plus at Cebu: Rajnath Singh to Lead India

26 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will lead the Indian delegation at the 13th ASEAN ADMM-Plus meeting at Cebu in the Philippines from 28 to 29 October 2026.

- Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh will lead the Indian delegation at the 13th ADMM-Plus at Cebu, Philippines, on 28 and 29 October 2026
- The Philippines is the chair of ADMM-Plus for the current year; the forum brings together 11 ASEAN member states and 8 Dialogue Partners
- India became a dialogue partner of ASEAN in 1992 and the first ADMM-Plus was held in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 12 October 2010
- ADMM-Plus Ministers have been meeting every year since 2017; the ADMM is the highest defence consultative mechanism within ASEAN
- India co-chairs the Experts Working Group on Counter-Terrorism with Malaysia for the cycle 2024 to 2027, part of defence diplomacy under the Act East policy

Event	13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)
Venue	Cebu, Philippines
Dates	28 to 29 October 2026
Indian delegation led by	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
Chair for the year	Philippines
Participants	11 ASEAN member states and 8 Dialogue Partners
India as ASEAN dialogue partner since	1992
First ADMM-Plus	Hanoi, Vietnam, on 12 October 2010

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Army Seminar MTS 2.0 Themed CHAKRA: Curtain Raiser Held

26 October 2026 · Defence

The Army held the curtain raiser for Mechanisation Technology Seminar 2.0, themed CHAKRA, which will be held at Chandimandir on 14 and 15 December 2026.

- Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh, GOC-in-C Western Command, inaugurated the Curtain Raiser for Mechanisation Technology Seminar 2.0 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- The seminar theme is CHAKRA, Transforming Existing Platforms for Future Combat, and it will be held on 14 and 15 December 2026
- The venue of the seminar is Chandimandir Military Station, organised by Western Command with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)
- MTS 2.0 aims to convert platforms already in service into technologically advanced, future-ready combat systems for mechanised forces
- Focus areas are combat capability enhancement, harnessing technology, adaptability, kinetics, refurbishment and Atmanirbharta, with gaps written up as Problem Definition Statements

Event	Curtain Raiser for Mechanisation Technology Seminar 2.0 (MTS 2.0)
Inaugurated by	Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh, GOC-in-C, Western Command
Curtain raiser venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on 26 October 2026
Seminar theme	CHAKRA, Transforming Existing Platforms for Future Combat
Seminar dates	14 and 15 December 2026
Seminar venue	Chandimandir Military Station
Organisers	Western Command with the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM)
Focus areas	Combat capability enhancement, technology, adaptability, kinetics, refurbishment, Atmanirbharta

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DAC Clears Rs 2.12 Lakh Crore Defence Acquisition Proposals

26 October 2026 · Defence

The Defence Acquisition Council, chaired by Rajnath Singh, granted Acceptance of Necessity to capital proposals worth about Rs 2.12 lakh crore for the three Services.

- The Defence Acquisition Council met on 26 October 2026 under Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and cleared proposals costing about Rs 2,12,000 crore
- Acceptance of Necessity is in-principle administrative approval, the first formal step of a capital acquisition, not the signing of a contract
- Army items include High Mobility Vehicles, a Self-Propelled Tracked Gun System, the Gun Shot Response System, LMRH and VSHORADS
- The Navy gets the Active Offboard Decoy System against anti-ship missiles; the Air Force gets a Mobile X-Band Doppler Weather Radar System
- Roughly 82 per cent of the cleared procurement is to come from Indian industry

Body	Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)
Chaired by	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
Date of meeting	26 October 2026
Approval granted	Acceptance of Necessity (AoN), in-principle administrative approval
Estimated cost	About Rs 2,12,000 crore (Rs 2.12 lakh crore)
Army systems	HMV, Self-Propelled Tracked Gun System, GSRS, LMRH, VSHORADS, C-UAS, surveillance UAV, long-range kamikaze drones
Navy system	Active Offboard Decoy System (AODS) and major indigenous naval platforms
Air Force systems	Helicopters, air defence systems, weapons, Mobile X-Band Doppler Weather Radar System

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SWAVLAMBAN 2026: Rajnath Singh Calls for Aatmanirbharta 2.0

26 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh called for Aatmanirbharta 2.0 in defence while addressing the fifth edition of SWAVLAMBAN, the Indian Navy's indigenisation seminar.

- SWAVLAMBAN 5.0 is the fifth edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar, held at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on 26 and 27 October 2026
- Its theme is 'Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation'; the Indian Navy organised it with the Defence Innovation Organisation and SIDM
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh called for Aatmanirbharta 2.0, a second phase of defence self-reliance serving the vision of Viksit Bharat@2047
- Start-ups and MSMEs have sent more than 4,000 proposals against 229 iDEX challenges issued by the Indian Navy
- 41 Acceptance of Necessity cases worth over Rs 3,500 crore have been accorded and 25 contracts worth over Rs 1,900 crore signed

Event	SWAVLAMBAN 5.0, the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar
Edition	Fifth; the platform was launched in 2022
Theme	Strength and Power through Innovation and Indigenisation
Venue and dates	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, 26 to 27 October 2026
Organised by	Indian Navy with the Defence Innovation Organisation and SIDM
Addressed by	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
Call given	Aatmanirbharta 2.0, the next phase of defence self-reliance
Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan

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INS Trishul Arrives at Civitavecchia Port in Italy

26 October 2026 · Defence

INS Trishul reached Civitavecchia in Italy on its Mediterranean Sea deployment after a Passage Exercise with the Italian Navy ship Carlo Margottini.

- INS Trishul arrived at the port of Civitavecchia in Italy on 25 October 2026 during its operational deployment to the Mediterranean Sea
- Before entering harbour the ship held a Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with the Italian Naval Ship Carlo Margottini
- The PASSEX covered coordinated manoeuvring, communication procedures, replenishment approaches, cross-deck landings, personnel transfers and boarding operations
- The exercise helped the two navies exchange best practices and improve operational synergy with each other
- The ship will be open to visitors during the port call, which also features professional interactions and cultural exchanges

Ship	Indian Naval Ship (INS) Trishul
Port visited	Civitavecchia, Italy
Date of arrival	25 October 2026
Deployment	Operational deployment to the Mediterranean Sea
Exercise held	Passage Exercise (PASSEX)
Partner ship	Italian Naval Ship Carlo Margottini
Drills covered	Coordinated manoeuvring, communication procedures, replenishment approaches, cross-deck landings, personnel transfers, boarding operations
During the port call	Professional interactions, cultural visits and exchanges; the ship open to visitors

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Exercise Garuda Shakti: 11th India-Indonesia Drill Begins

27 October 2026 · Defence

The 11th edition of the India-Indonesia joint special forces exercise Garuda Shakti began at Banyuwangi in Indonesia and runs till 06 November 2026.

- The 11th edition of Exercise Garuda Shakti, the India-Indonesia joint special forces exercise, began on 27 October 2026
- It is being held at Banyuwangi in Indonesia and continues till 06 November 2026
- The Indian contingent is drawn from the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces); Indonesia has fielded its Special Forces personnel
- Training covers special operations in jungle terrain, obstacle crossing, combat marksmanship, mountaineering, air assault and combat-hardening
- The exercise will conclude with a validation exercise testing endurance, coordination and combat readiness

Exercise	Garuda Shakti, 11th edition
Countries	India and Indonesia
Type	Joint Special Forces exercise
Venue	Banyuwangi, Indonesia
Dates	27 October to 06 November 2026
Indian contingent	Parachute Regiment (Special Forces)
Focus	Special operations in jungle environments; interoperability
Conclusion	Validation exercise simulating realistic operational scenarios

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Navy's First Training Squadron Ships Arrive at Colombo

27 October 2026 · Defence

INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron reached Colombo on 26 October 2026 for a port call with the Sri Lanka Navy.

- Ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron reached Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 26 October 2026 and were given a ceremonial welcome by the Sri Lanka Navy
- The squadron on this visit comprises INS Tir, INS Sujata and the Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi
- The Director General of Naval Training and the Commander of the Eastern Naval Area of the Sri Lanka Navy interacted with sea trainees on board
- Cross-training visits and a Passage Exercise, known as PASSEX, are part of the engagements during the port call
- The visit aligns with India's MAHASAGAR vision, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Squadron	First Training Squadron (1TS), Indian Navy
Ships	INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi
Port visited	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Date of arrival	26 October 2026
Host navy	Sri Lanka Navy
Exercise during the call	Passage Exercise (PASSEX)
Vision aligned with	MAHASAGAR, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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SIMBEX-2026: 33rd India-Singapore Maritime Exercise Concludes

27 October 2026 · Defence

The 33rd edition of SIMBEX, the India-Singapore maritime exercise, ended at Visakhapatnam on 26 October, with INS Nilgiri and RSS Supreme taking part.

- SIMBEX-2026, the 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise, concluded on 26 October 2026 after being hosted by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam
- The exercise had a harbour phase of expert exchanges and planning conferences, and a sea phase in the Bay of Bengal with interdiction, anti-submarine, anti-air and anti-surface drills
- Singapore was represented by RSS Supreme, a Formidable-class stealth frigate carrying an SH-70B helicopter
- India deployed the indigenous stealth frigate INS Nilgiri and the anti-submarine corvette INS Kamorta, with P-8I, Dornier, Hawk and MH-60R aviation assets
- RSN Fleet Commander Colonel Bertram Ang called on Rear Admiral Vishal Bishnoi, Flag Officer Commanding Eastern Fleet

Exercise	SIMBEX-2026, Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise
Edition	33rd
Host and venue	Indian Navy, Visakhapatnam
Concluded on	26 October 2026
Sea phase area	Bay of Bengal
Singapore ship	RSS Supreme, a Formidable-class stealth frigate with an SH-70B helicopter
Indian ships	INS Nilgiri (stealth frigate) and INS Kamorta (ASW corvette)
Aviation assets	P-8I, Dornier, Hawk advanced jet trainers, MH-60R helicopters

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Srishti: Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel Launched at Goa

27 October 2026 · Defence

Yard 1283, named Srishti, a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel for the Indian Navy, was launched at Goa Shipyard Limited on 27 October 2026.

- Yard 1283, named Srishti, a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel, was launched at Goa Shipyard Limited in Goa on 27 October 2026
- The launch was performed by Smt Sandeepa Sahay in the presence of Shri Vishvajit Sahay, Secretary (Defence Finance)
- Srishti is a Sanskrit word meaning creation, in keeping with the practice of naming ships of this class after India's heritage
- The NGOPVs will be used for maritime surveillance, search and rescue, protection of offshore assets, humanitarian assistance and disaster relief, and anti-piracy work
- Construction of the NGOPVs is going on at two shipyards at once, Goa Shipyard Limited in Goa and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers in Kolkata

Ship	Srishti (Yard 1283)
Type	Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV)
Launched at	Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa
Date of launch	27 October 2026
Launched by	Smt Sandeepa Sahay
Chief guest	Shri Vishvajit Sahay, Secretary (Defence Finance)
Meaning of name	Creation, or the act of creating, in Sanskrit
Yards building the class	Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata

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Rajnath Singh Holds US, Japan Talks at 13th ADMM-Plus

28 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met the US Secretary of War and Japan's Defense Minister at the 13th ADMM-Plus in Cebu, reviewing frameworks and maritime cooperation.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met the US Secretary of War and Japan's Defense Minister on 28 October 2026 on the margins of the 13th ADMM-Plus in Cebu, the Philippines
- With Pete Hegseth he reviewed the India-US Major Defence Partnership and the 10-year India-US Defence Framework
- India and the United States reiterated a joint commitment against terrorism, with a call for zero tolerance towards states that fund or train terrorist groups
- With Shinjiro Koizumi the talks covered mine countermeasures and possible joint development in naval shipbuilding and design
- Japan Air Self-Defense Force fighters visited India for the first time during exercise Veer Guardian 26, and a Defence Industry Forum in Tokyo drew about 40 companies

Event	13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)
Venue	Cebu, the Philippines
Date	28 October 2026
India represented by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
US counterpart	Secretary of War Pete Hegseth
Japanese counterpart	Minister of Defense Shinjiro Koizumi
India-US framework	10-year India-US Defence Framework, under the Major Defence Partnership
India-Japan relationship	Special Strategic and Global Partnership

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INS Sahyadri Reaches Busan for India-Korea Naval Drill

28 October 2026 · Defence

INS Sahyadri, an indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate, reached Busan on 26 October 2026 for the India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise.

- INS Sahyadri, an indigenously designed and built guided missile stealth frigate, arrived at Busan Naval Harbour in the Republic of Korea on 26 October 2026
- The visit is for the India-Republic of Korea Navy (IN-RoKN) Bilateral Exercise
- The harbour phase covers professional interactions, cross-deck visits, cross-training activities and sporting events
- At sea, INS Sahyadri will carry out coordinated maritime activities with the Republic of Korea Navy ship ROKS Munmu the Great
- The exercise is aimed at stronger maritime cooperation and interoperability in the Indo-Pacific

Indian ship	INS Sahyadri
Type	Indigenously designed and built guided missile stealth frigate
Port visited	Busan Naval Harbour, Republic of Korea
Date of arrival	26 October 2026
Exercise	India-Republic of Korea Navy (IN-RoKN) Bilateral Exercise
Partner navy	Republic of Korea Navy (RoKN)
Partner ship at sea	ROKS Munmu the Great
Region	Indo-Pacific

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DRDO Clears 20,000 Files Under Special Campaign 6.0

29 October 2026 · Defence

DRDO has rolled out Special Campaign 6.0 across its laboratories, weeding out about 20,000 files, digitising 5 lakh pages and earning Rs 35 lakh from scrap.

- DRDO has rolled out the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters, SCDPM 6.0, across its headquarters, laboratories and establishments.
- The campaign is coordinated by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).
- DRDO achieved 100 per cent of its targets on pending public grievances, Parliamentary Assurances and inter-ministerial references.
- About 20,000 files earmarked for weeding out are being disposed of as per record retention schedules, with shredded paper sent to KVIC for recycling.
- Around 5 lakh historical pages have been digitised and the eco-friendly disposal of scrap and obsolete hardware generated Rs 35 lakh in revenue.

Campaign	Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM 6.0)
Organisation	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Coordinated by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Coverage	DRDO headquarters, laboratories and establishments
Targets met	100 per cent on public grievances, Parliamentary Assurances and inter-ministerial references
Files weeded out	About 20,000, as per record retention schedules
Records digitised	Approximately 5 lakh historical pages
Shredded paper sent to	Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)

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INS Trishul Wraps Up Italy Port Call in Mediterranean

29 October 2026 · Defence

INS Trishul ended its port call at Civitavecchia in Italy on 28 October 2026 and has moved to the next phase of its Mediterranean Sea deployment.

- INS Trishul of the Indian Navy concluded its port call at Civitavecchia, Italy, on 28 October 2026 during an operational deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.
- The ship's Commanding Officer called on the Fleet Commander of the Italian Navy, and the crew visited the Italian aircraft carrier ITS Cavour.
- Vani Rao, India's Ambassador to Italy, and Vice Admiral Aurelio De Carolis, Fleet Commander and CINCNAV of the Italian Navy, came aboard the ship.
- A cultural event on board drew the Mayor of Civitavecchia, senior Italian Navy and Coast Guard officers and defence envoys from 13 nations.
- The ship was opened to visitors and has since proceeded to the next phase of its Mediterranean deployment.

Ship	INS Trishul, Indian Navy
Port and country	Civitavecchia, Italy
Port call concluded	28 October 2026
Deployment	Operational deployment in the Mediterranean Sea
Italian carrier visited by crew	ITS Cavour
Ambassador of India to Italy	Vani Rao
Italian Fleet Commander and CINCNAV	Vice Admiral Aurelio De Carolis
Called on by	Commanding Officer of INS Trishul on the Italian Fleet Commander

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Indian Navy's First Training Squadron Departs Colombo

30 October 2026 · Defence

Ships of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron, INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi, left Colombo on 29 October 2026 after a PASSEX with SLNS Nandimithra.

- The First Training Squadron of the Indian Navy, made up of INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi, left Colombo in Sri Lanka on 29 October 2026.
- The Senior Officer of the squadron and the commanding officers of the ships called on the Commander of the Western Naval Area of the Sri Lanka Navy.
- Sea trainees of the squadron visited the Naval and Maritime Academy at Trincomalee, and cadets of the academy came aboard the Indian ships in return.
- On leaving harbour the squadron held a Passage Exercise, or PASSEX, with the Sri Lanka Navy ship SLNS Nandimithra.
- The engagement followed the MAHASAGAR vision, which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

Squadron	First Training Squadron (1TS) of the Indian Navy
Ships	INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi
Port call	Colombo, Sri Lanka
Departure	29 October 2026
Exercise	Passage Exercise (PASSEX) with SLNS Nandimithra
Academy visited	Naval and Maritime Academy, Trincomalee
Senior call on	Commander, Western Naval Area, Sri Lanka Navy
Vision	MAHASAGAR: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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VISV-2026 Opens in Delhi as DRDO Courts Partner Nations

30 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth opened VISV-2026 at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi and released a DRDO product compendium in three foreign languages.

- VISV-2026 was inaugurated by Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi on 30 October 2026
- VISV stands for Vision, Innovation, Synergy and Values, the four pillars named by the minister; it was organised by DRDO with CENJOWS
- The theme was showcasing defence capabilities and strengthening global partnerships, with a seminar on DRDO solutions for partner nations
- A compendium of DRDO products was released in Arabic, Spanish and French to help engagement with international partners
- Secretary (Defence Production) Sanjeev Kumar said invitations are being sent abroad for Aero India 2027 at Bengaluru

Event	VISV-2026 (Vision, Innovation, Synergy, Values)
Inaugurated by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Organisers	DRDO with the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS)
Theme	Showcasing Defence Capabilities, Strengthening Global Partnerships
Compendium languages	Arabic, Spanish and French
Defence Secretary and DRDO Chairman	Rajesh Kumar Singh
Secretary, Defence Production	Sanjeev Kumar

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INS Tarkash Arrives at Port Louis in Mauritius

30 October 2026 · Defence

INS Tarkash reached Port Louis on 30 October 2026 during its deployment to the Southern Indian Ocean and will join the 192nd Aapravasi Diwas events.

- INS Tarkash arrived at Port Louis, Mauritius, on 30 October 2026 during an operational deployment to the Southern Indian Ocean Region
- The crew will hold joint training with the Mauritius Coast Guard to share best practice and improve interoperability
- The ship will join the commemoration of the 192nd Aapravasi Diwas of Mauritius on 2 November 2026
- Aapravasi Diwas marks the arrival of the first indentured labourers from India at Aapravasi Ghat, Port Louis, on 2 November 1834
- The deployment advances MAHASAGAR, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Ship	INS Tarkash, Indian Navy
Port of call	Port Louis, Mauritius
Date of arrival	30 October 2026
Deployment	Southern Indian Ocean Region
Partner force	Mauritius Coast Guard
Event	192nd Aapravasi Diwas, 2 November 2026
Historic date	2 November 1834, arrival of first indentured labourers at Aapravasi Ghat
Vision	MAHASAGAR: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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First BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise in Bay of Bengal

31 October 2026 · Defence

The inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise runs from 30 October to 3 November 2026, bringing seven member states together in the Bay of Bengal region.

- The inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise is being conducted from 30 October to 3 November 2026, the grouping's first joint maritime security drill
- All seven BIMSTEC members take part: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand
- Its mottos are 'Translating Vision to Action' and 'Shared Seas, Shared Security and Shared Prosperity'; it builds on the 6th BIMSTEC Summit theme 'BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open'
- The exercise aims to raise interoperability, maritime domain awareness, coordination and the exchange of best practices in the Bay of Bengal
- It highlights the Andaman and Nicobar Command, India's first integrated tri-service command, and the islands' position astride key sea lanes

Exercise	Inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise
Dates	30 October to 3 November 2026
Participants	Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand
Region	Bay of Bengal
Mottos	Translating Vision to Action; Shared Seas, Shared Security and Shared Prosperity
Summit it builds on	6th BIMSTEC Summit, theme 'BIMSTEC: Prosperous, Resilient and Open'
Command in focus	Andaman and Nicobar Command, India's first integrated tri-service command
Aims	Interoperability, maritime domain awareness, coordination mechanisms, exchange of best practices

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Sports

Indian Women's Squash Team Wins Bronze at Asian Games 2026

1 October 2026 · Sports

The Indian Women's Squash Team has won the Bronze medal at the Asian Games 2026, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the players on the podium finish.

- The Indian Women's Squash Team won the Bronze medal at the Asian Games 2026
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team and called their effort a spirited one
- He said the players showed great resolve and that the podium finish was richly deserved
- The Prime Minister observed that squash is becoming popular in India and that the result would draw youngsters to the sport
- The medal came in the women's team competition in squash, so the players finished third in their event

Team	Indian Women's Squash Team
Sport	Squash (women's team event)
Medal	Bronze
Event	Asian Games 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Remark on the sport	Squash is becoming popular in India and the result will motivate youngsters

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Asian Games 2026: India Take Skiff Silver and Compound Bronze

1 October 2026 · Sports

Prince Noble and Manu Francis won silver in the Men’s Skiff at the Asian Games 2026, and Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru won bronze in Men’s Compound Individual.

- Prince Noble and Manu Francis won the silver medal in the Men’s Skiff event at the Asian Games 2026
- Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru won bronze in the Men’s Compound Individual bronze medal match at the Asian Games
- The Prime Minister said the skiff pair had bettered their earlier performances to reach the podium for the first time
- The Prime Minister praised the compound archer for accuracy under pressure, composure and an unyielding spirit

Games	Asian Games 2026
Silver medal	Men’s Skiff – Prince Noble and Manu Francis
Bronze medal	Men’s Compound Individual – Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru
Skiff crew size	Two athletes, hence two names on the silver
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Asian Games 2026: India Take Men’s 4x400m Relay Bronze

1 October 2026 · Sports

Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK won the bronze medal in the Men’s 4x400m Relay at the Asian Games with a superb timing.

- India won the bronze medal in the Men’s 4x400m Relay at the Asian Games with what the Prime Minister described as a superb timing
- The medal-winning quartet was Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK
- A 4x400m relay team has four runners, each covering one lap of 400 metres, so the bronze is shared by all four athletes
- The Prime Minister called it a spirited team effort and a fitting podium place, and said the success would inspire other athletes

Games	Asian Games
Event	Men’s 4x400m Relay
Medal	Bronze
Team members	Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK
Team size	Four runners, one lap of 400 metres each
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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India Win First-Ever Women's Recurve Team Gold at Asian Games

2 October 2026 · Sports

Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti won India's first-ever gold medal in the Women's Recurve Team archery event at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026.

- Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti won the gold medal in the Women's Recurve Team event at the Asian Games.
- It is India's first-ever gold in the women's recurve team event at the Asian Games, announced on 2 October 2026.
- A recurve team is made up of three archers whose scores are added together, so the medal is shared by all three.
- The Prime Minister praised the trio's composure and accuracy in a closely fought final and called the win a landmark.
- The recurve bow is the Olympic-style bow, which sets these events apart from the compound archery events.

Games	Asian Games
Event	Women's Recurve Team, archery
Medal	Gold
Archers	Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti
Significance	India's first-ever gold in this event at the Asian Games
Bow type	Recurve, the Olympic-style bow
Team size	Three archers per country
Date of the news	2 October 2026

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India Win First-Ever Recurve Mixed Team Silver at Asian Games

2 October 2026 · Sports

Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod won India's first-ever silver medal in the Recurve Mixed Team archery event at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026.

- Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod won the silver medal in the Recurve Mixed Team event at the Asian Games.
- It is India's first-ever silver in the recurve mixed team event at the Asian Games, announced on 2 October 2026.
- An archery mixed team pairs one man and one woman from the same country, so the medal carries exactly two names.
- The Prime Minister praised the skill and zeal of the two archers and called the result a memorable achievement.
- Kumkum Anil Mohod also won the women's recurve team gold the same day, giving her two archery medals on one date.

Games	Asian Games
Event	Recurve Mixed Team, archery
Medal	Silver
Archers	Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod
Significance	India's first-ever silver in this event at the Asian Games
Team format	One man and one woman from the same country
Other medal the same day	Kumkum Anil Mohod was also in the women's recurve team gold
Date of the news	2 October 2026

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Harshita Tomar, Shital Verma Take Women's Skiff Bronze

2 October 2026 · Sports

Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma won the bronze medal in the Women's Skiff sailing event at the Asian Games, bettering India's earlier showing in the class.

- Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma won the bronze medal in the Women's Skiff sailing event at the Asian Games.
- The Prime Minister said the pair's determination and consistency had taken India onto the podium.
- The result bettered India's previous performance in the event, a point the Prime Minister underlined.
- A skiff is a light, fast two-person sailing boat, so the medal is credited to a crew of two sailors.
- The same day brought India archery medals as well, a women's recurve team gold and a recurve mixed team silver.

Games	Asian Games
Sport	Sailing
Event	Women's Skiff
Medal	Bronze
Sailors	Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma
Noted by the Prime Minister	Determination and consistency, and a podium finish
Added significance	Bettered India's previous performance in the event
Date of the news	2 October 2026

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Sujeet Wins Men's 65 kg Freestyle Wrestling Gold at Asian Games

2 October 2026 · Sports

Sujeet won the men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling gold at the Asian Games on his debut, handing India its first wrestling gold of this edition.

- Sujeet won the gold medal in the men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games after a thrilling final.
- The medal is India's first wrestling gold of this edition of the Asian Games.
- Sujeet achieved it on his Asian Games debut, in his first appearance at the Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the wrestler and described the win as a memorable triumph.

Athlete	Sujeet
Event	Men's 65 kg Freestyle Wrestling, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Significance	India's first wrestling gold of this edition of the Asian Games
Milestone	Won on his Asian Games debut
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	2 October 2026

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Lovlina Borgohain Wins Women's 75 kg Boxing Gold at Asian Games

2 October 2026 · Sports

Lovlina Borgohain won the women's 75 kg boxing gold at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026 after an emphatic 5-0 verdict in the final bout of her division.

- Lovlina Borgohain won the gold medal in the women's 75 kg boxing event at the Asian Games.
- She took the title with an emphatic 5-0 verdict in the final bout.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated her and said her sporting journey reflects determination and excellence.
- The Prime Minister's Office shared the congratulatory message in a post on X on 2 October 2026.

Boxer	Lovlina Borgohain
Event	Women's 75 kg Boxing, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Margin in the final	5-0
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	2 October 2026

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Parveen Wins Women's 65 kg Boxing Gold at Asian Games 2026

2 October 2026 · Sports

Parveen won the women's 65 kg boxing gold at the Asian Games after a hard-fought final, adding another chapter to Indian boxing on 2 October 2026.

- Parveen won the gold medal in the women's 65 kg boxing event at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026.
- She took the title after a hard-fought final bout rather than a one-sided contest.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the achievement adds another glorious chapter to Indian boxing.
- He called her success deeply motivating and said it highlights her dedication to sporting excellence.

Boxer	Parveen
Event	Women's 65 kg Boxing, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Nature of the final	Hard-fought contest
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	2 October 2026

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Ankush Wins Men's 80 kg Boxing Gold at Asian Games 2026

2 October 2026 · Sports

Ankush won the men's 80 kg boxing gold at the Asian Games with an emphatic final victory, closing India's boxing campaign at the Games on a high.

- Ankush won the gold medal in the men's 80 kg boxing event at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026.
- He took the title with an emphatic victory in the final bout.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the win ensures India's boxing campaign at the Asian Games ends on a great note.
- The Prime Minister also described the boxer's passion and dedication as noteworthy.

Boxer	Ankush
Event	Men's 80 kg Boxing, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Final	Emphatic victory
Significance	Ends India's boxing campaign at these Asian Games on a great note
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	2 October 2026

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Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Asian Games Gold After 4 Decades

2 October 2026 · Sports

India's women's hockey team claimed the gold medal in hockey at the Asian Games after a wait of more than four decades, a first in over forty years.

- The Indian women's hockey team won the gold medal in hockey at the Asian Games, its first gold in the event in over forty years
- The win ended a wait of more than four decades for an Asian Games hockey gold by Indian women
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team, calling the result the outcome of outstanding skill and teamwork
- The Prime Minister said the team's determination was inspiring and wished the side well for its coming contests
- He expressed the hope that the gold would help spread hockey's popularity across the country

Achievement	Gold medal in hockey at the Asian Games
Team	Indian Women's Hockey Team
Gap since last gold	More than four decades
Sport	Hockey (team event)
Greeted by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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India Win First-Ever Sepaktakraw Medal in Men's Quadrant Event

2 October 2026 · Sports

The Indian men's quadrant team won a bronze medal in sepaktakraw at the Asian Games, India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Games.

- The Indian men's quadrant team won the bronze medal in sepaktakraw at the Asian Games
- It is India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Asian Games, making the result a landmark for the sport in the country
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team and called its determination and fighting spirit exemplary
- The Prime Minister said he hoped the achievement would give sepaktakraw further momentum across the country
- The medal belongs to the team as a whole, since quadrant is a team format within the sepaktakraw programme

Achievement	Bronze medal in sepaktakraw, men's quadrant event
Team	Indian Men's Quadrant Team
Event	Asian Games
Significance	India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Games
Greeted by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Kumkum Anil Mohod Wins Recurve Individual Gold at Asian Games

3 October 2026 · Sports

Kumkum Anil Mohod became the first Indian woman to win the Recurve Individual gold at the 2026 Asian Games, settling the final in a decisive shoot-off.

- Kumkum Anil Mohod is the first Indian woman to win the Recurve Individual gold medal at the Asian Games, a feat achieved at the 2026 edition.
- The gold medal match was decided in a shoot-off, the single-arrow tie-breaker used when two archers are level on set points.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the archer and said her composure in the decisive shoot-off was particularly outstanding.
- Recurve is the bow class used in the individual and team archery events at both the Asian Games and the Olympic Games.

Athlete	Kumkum Anil Mohod
Sport	Archery
Event	Recurve Individual
Games	Asian Games, 2026 edition
Medal	Gold
Distinction	First Indian woman to win Recurve Individual gold at the Asian Games
Match decided by	Shoot-off
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Pranavi Sharath Urs Wins First Asian Games Golf Gold for India

3 October 2026 · Sports

Pranavi Sharath Urs won India's first-ever gold medal in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games, closing her campaign with a superb finish.

- Pranavi Sharath Urs won India's first-ever gold medal in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated her on 3 October 2026 and said her superb finish had given the nation a sporting moment to remember.
- The Prime Minister hoped the victory would draw more young Indians to golf and inspire them to aim for the very top.
- Golf at the Asian Games is played as individual and team events for men and women; the women's individual gold had never previously come to India.

Athlete	Pranavi Sharath Urs
Sport	Golf
Event	Women's Individual
Games	Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Record	India's first-ever gold in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	3 October 2026

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Indian Men's Cricket Team Retains Asian Games Gold Medal

3 October 2026 · Sports

India's men's cricket team retained its Asian Games gold medal, a title defence Prime Minister Narendra Modi called a joyous occasion for the nation.

- The Indian men's cricket team retained its gold medal at the Asian Games, defending a title the side already held.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team on 3 October 2026 and called the result a joyous occasion for the nation.
- The Prime Minister's Office shared the greeting on X, noting that the gold medal had come to India yet again.
- Cricket is a comparatively recent addition to the Asian Games programme and is played there by both men's and women's teams.

Team	Indian men's cricket team
Games	Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Nature of the result	Title retained, not a maiden win
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Words used	A joyous occasion for the nation
Date	3 October 2026

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Indian Men's Hockey Team Wins Fifth Asian Games Gold Medal

3 October 2026 · Sports

The Indian men's hockey team retained the Asian Games gold with a commanding final win, its first back-to-back title and a fifth gold at the Games overall.

- The Indian men's hockey team retained the Asian Games gold medal with a commanding win in the final at the 2026 edition of the Games.
- It is the first time the men's side has won Asian Games hockey gold in consecutive editions, and the fifth hockey gold for Indian men at the Games in all.
- For the first time, India's men's and women's hockey teams both won gold at the same Asian Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team and said Indian hockey stands tall on the Asian stage.

Sport	Hockey
Team	Indian men's hockey team
Games	Asian Games, 2026 edition
Medal	Gold, retained from the previous edition
First	Back-to-back Asian Games golds for the Indian men's team
Second first	Men's and women's hockey teams won gold at the same Asian Games
Golds in all	Fifth hockey gold for Indian men at the Asian Games
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Aman Sehrawat Wins Historic 57 kg Wrestling Gold at Asian Games

3 October 2026 · Sports

Aman Sehrawat won India's first Asian Games gold in men's 57 kg freestyle wrestling, improving on the bronze he had taken at the previous edition of the Games.

- Aman Sehrawat won India's first ever Asian Games gold medal in the men's 57 kg freestyle wrestling event.
- He had won the bronze medal in the same weight category at the previous edition of the Asian Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the wrestler, called the win a phenomenal triumph and said he had displayed great tenacity.
- The men's 57 kg class is the lightest freestyle weight category contested by men at major multi-sport Games.

Athlete	Aman Sehrawat
Sport	Wrestling, freestyle
Event	Men's 57 kg
Games	Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Distinction	India's first Asian Games gold in the men's 57 kg freestyle event
At the previous Games	Bronze in the same weight category
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Deepak Punia Wins 97 kg Freestyle Bronze at Asian Games

3 October 2026 · Sports

Deepak Punia won bronze in the men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games, putting India back on the podium in that class after six decades.

- Deepak Punia won the bronze medal in the men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games after a fiercely contested bout.
- The medal puts India back on the podium in this weight category at the Asian Games after a gap of six decades.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the wrestler and said the achievement adds a new chapter to India's wrestling journey.
- The men's 97 kg class is one of the heavier freestyle weight categories, in which Indian wrestlers have historically won few medals.

Athlete	Deepak Punia
Sport	Wrestling, freestyle
Event	Men's 97 kg
Games	Asian Games
Medal	Bronze
Significance	India's first podium finish in this event in six decades
How it was won	After a fiercely contested bout
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Asian Games 2026: India Wins Silver in Women's Team Golf

4 October 2026 · Sports

Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar won silver for India in the women's team golf event at the Asian Games 2026, the Prime Minister said.

- India won the silver medal in the women's team golf event at the Asian Games 2026.
- The silver-winning Indian team was made up of Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated the three golfers on 4 October 2026 through a message from the Prime Minister's Office.
- The Prime Minister said the result showed the players' determination and their passion for the sport, and wished them further success.

Games	Asian Games 2026
Sport	Golf
Event	Women's team
Medal won by India	Silver
Indian team	Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs, Diksha Dagar
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

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Asian Games: Antim Panghal Wins Silver in 53 kg Wrestling

4 October 2026 · Sports

Antim Panghal won the silver medal in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games, a performance the Prime Minister called exemplary.

- Antim Panghal won the silver medal in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games 2026.
- The Prime Minister called her silver medal exemplary and described her showing as a wonderful performance.
- Shri Narendra Modi wished her further success and hoped she would bring more laurels to the country and motivate other athletes.
- The congratulatory message was posted by the Prime Minister's Office on X on 4 October 2026.

Athlete	Antim Panghal
Sport	Wrestling (freestyle)
Event	Women's 53 kg
Medal	Silver
Games	Asian Games 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

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India Takes 85 Medals at Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya

6 October 2026 · Sports

India closed the 20th Asian Games at Aichi-Nagoya in Japan with 85 medals, among them 21 gold, with the meet running from 19 September to 4 October 2026.

- The 20th Asian Games were staged at Aichi-Nagoya in Japan from 19 September to 4 October 2026 under the slogan 'Imagine One Asia'
- India won 85 medals in all - 21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze - with archery supplying five golds and shooting and boxing three each
- The meet carried 43 sports and 71 disciplines, and 1,407 medals were awarded across 469 events over 16 days of competition
- India's contingent numbered 501 athletes across 36 disciplines, more than 300 of them Asian Games debutants
- The 5th Asian Para Games follow at Aichi-Nagoya from 18 to 24 October 2026, with about 3,000 athletes from 45 nations expected

Event	20th Asian Games 2026 (Asiad)
Host city	Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
Dates	19 September to 4 October 2026
Slogan	Imagine One Asia
Mascot	HONOHON
India's medals	85 (21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze)
Programme	43 sports and 71 disciplines
Medals awarded	1,407 across 469 events

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BRICS Traditional Sports Demonstration Games to Open in Ahmedabad

10 October 2026 · Sports

Mandaviya will open the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 at Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, under India's BRICS Chairship.

- The BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 will be held at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, on 12 October 2026
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya will declare the Games open, with Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi present
- The Games are organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Government of Gujarat under India's BRICS Chairship
- The format is non-competitive: the aim is demonstration, documentation and exchange of traditional sporting practices rather than medals
- India will showcase Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu; Russia brings Sambo and Gorodki, China Wushu and Lion Dance, and Brazil Capoeira

Event	BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026
Venue	Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Date	12 October 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Government of Gujarat
Held under	India's BRICS Chairship
To be inaugurated by	Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Format	Non-competitive demonstration, documentation and exchange
India's entries	Mallakhamb, Yogasana, Kalaripayattu

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Fit India Sundays on Cycle 94th Edition Rides Through Varanasi

11 October 2026 · Sports

The 94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle was held in Varanasi on the theme Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat, drawing over 500 cyclists for a 5.5-km rally.

- The 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle was held in Varanasi and was led by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.
- The theme of the event was Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat; over 500 cyclists and more than 1,000 participants joined in.
- The morning began at 6:00 AM at Namo Ghat with meditation, followed by a Kathak recital, a Zumba session and the Nasha Mukt Bharat pledge.
- The 5.5-km cycle rally went from Namo Ghat to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi.
- Medallists of the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games were felicitated: Prachi Chaudhary, Parul Chaudhary, Jay Kumar and Raj Kumar Pal.

Event	94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle
City	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
Theme	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat
Led by	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
Turnout	Over 500 cyclists, more than 1,000 participants
Rally route	Namo Ghat to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, about 5.5 km
Start	6:00 AM at Namo Ghat, with a meditation session
Pledge taken	Nasha Mukt Bharat pledge

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Asian Games 2026: Services Athletes Win Record 27 Medals

12 October 2026 · Sports

Defence forces athletes won 27 medals, six of them gold, at the 2026 Asian Games in Japan, their best ever showing, and Rajnath Singh felicitated them.

- Services athletes took 27 medals at the 2026 Asian Games in Japan: 6 gold, 11 silver and 10 bronze, the best the defence forces have ever managed.
- 92 athletes from the three Services competed in 19 disciplines; India finished fourth with 85 medals, made up of 21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze.
- Naib Subedar Neeru Dhanda, with two gold and a silver, is the first Indian woman to win gold in the individual women's trap event at the Asian Games.
- Havildar Sawan Barwal's marathon silver came in a national record 2:11:37 and ended a 44-year wait for an Indian marathon medal at the Games.
- The Services contributed 32 per cent of India's medals and 28.57 per cent of its gold; Rajnath Singh set the Los Angeles Olympics 2028 as the next target.

Event	Asian Games 2026, held in Japan
Services medals	27 (6 gold, 11 silver, 10 bronze), their best ever
India's overall tally	85 medals (21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze), fourth place
Services participation	92 athletes in 19 disciplines
Share of India's medals	32 per cent of all medals, 28.57 per cent of gold
Felicitation	By Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on 12 October 2026
Marathon national record	Havildar Sawan Barwal, 2:11:37 (silver)
Talent pipeline	Mission Olympic Wing of the defence forces

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BRICS Traditional Games 2026 Held in Ahmedabad

12 October 2026 · Sports

The BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Demonstration Games 2026 were held at Ahmedabad's Veer Savarkar Sports Complex with 10 BRICS nations showing their sports.

- The BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Demonstration Games 2026 were held on 12 October 2026 at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya opened the games in the presence of Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi; 10 BRICS nations took part.
- The minister said nearly 3.76 billion US dollars has been committed under the Khelo India initiative.
- He proposed a voluntary BRICS Repository of Traditional and Indigenous Sports, exchanges among practitioners, and periodic demonstrations at future BRICS sporting events.
- India demonstrated Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu; 'Sundays on Cycle' has completed 94 editions with over 5 million cyclists at more than 3 lakh locations.

Event	BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Demonstration Games 2026
Date	12 October 2026
Venue	Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Naranpura, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Opened by	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
Also present	Harsh Sanghavi, Deputy Chief Minister of Gujarat
Participating nations	10 BRICS nations
Khelo India commitment	Nearly 3.76 billion US dollars
India's sports shown	Mallakhamb, Yogasana, Kalaripayattu

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Indian Oil to Give Rs 40 Crore Boost to Boxing in India

13 October 2026 · Sports

NSDF, the Sports Authority of India and Indian Oil signed an MoU under which the oil company will put Rs 40 crore into Indian boxing over two years.

- The National Sports Development Fund, Sports Authority of India and Indian Oil Corporation signed an MoU to strengthen boxing in India.
- Indian Oil will provide 40 crore rupees over two years from its CSR funds for talent identification, coaching, sports science and academies.
- The signing followed the inclusion of sports as a thematic area in the Department of Public Enterprises' Common CSR Theme Framework.
- Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya linked the step to the revamped Khelo India Scheme approved by the Union Cabinet.
- At the Asian Games 2026 Indian boxers won six medals, three of them gold and three bronze; NSDF was set up in 1998 under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890.

Partners	NSDF, Sports Authority of India and Indian Oil Corporation
Sport	Boxing
CSR support	40 crore rupees over two years
Union Sports Minister	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
Policy link	Revamped Khelo India Scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet
Enabling framework	Common CSR Theme Framework of the Department of Public Enterprises
Asian Games 2026 boxing medals	Six in all - three gold and three bronze
NSDF established	1998, under the Charitable Endowments Act, 1890

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Sports Ministry Reviews India Fourth Place Finish at Asian Games 2026

15 October 2026 · Sports

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya reviewed India fourth place finish at the 2026 Asian Games with National Sports Federations and set a top three goal for Doha.

- India finished in fourth place at the 2026 Asian Games, held at Aichi-Nagoya, and the Sports Ministry reviewed that performance with National Sports Federations on 15 October 2026
- Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya asked federations to build a continuous pipeline of champions instead of relying on a few medallists such as Mirabai Chanu
- The conclave also assessed preparations for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics, the 2030 Commonwealth Games and the 2030 Asian Games in Doha
- Sports Secretary Hari Ranjan Rao set the goal of finishing among the top three at the 2030 Asian Games in Doha and bettering India record from the 2010 Commonwealth Games
- The revised guidelines booklet for Assistance to National Sports Federations was released, and Col N. S. Johal, CEO of the Target Olympic Podium Scheme, gave the performance review

Event reviewed	India performance at the 2026 Asian Games, Aichi-Nagoya
India finish	Fourth place
Union Sports Minister	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
Minister of State	Smt Raksha Khadse
Secretary, Sports	Shri Hari Ranjan Rao
CEO, Target Olympic Podium Scheme	Col N. S. Johal
Next Olympics	Los Angeles 2028
Asian Games 2030 host	Doha

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Asian Games Kabaddi Gold Team Honoured at Rail Bhawan

16 October 2026 · Sports

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw met the Indian women kabaddi squad that beat Iran 37-34 to retain the Asian Games gold at Aichi-Nagoya in Japan.

- The Indian women kabaddi team won the gold medal at the 2026 Asian Games held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
- India defeated Iran 37-34 in the final played on 26 September 2026 and retained its Asian Games kabaddi title
- Pushpa Rana captained the side and Neeta Moreshwar Dadwe was the head coach
- Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw felicitated the players at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, on 16 October 2026
- Indian Railways supports athletes through the Railway Sports Promotion Board, whose players have competed at the Olympics and Commonwealth Games

Event	Kabaddi (women) at the 2026 Asian Games
Host city	Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
Medal	Gold, title retained
Final	India beat Iran 37-34 on 26 September 2026
Captain	Pushpa Rana
Head coach	Neeta Moreshwar Dadwe (South Central Railway)
Felicitation	Rail Bhawan, New Delhi, 16 October 2026
Supporting body	Railway Sports Promotion Board

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Revised NSF Assistance Scheme Gets Rs 7,386.74 Crore Outlay

16 October 2026 · Sports

The Sports Ministry issued guidelines for the revised Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations, continued till 2030-31 with an outlay of Rs 7,386.74 crore.

- The revised Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations runs from 2026-27 to 2030-31 with an outlay of Rs 7,386.74 crore
- The period matches the 16th Finance Commission cycle and the guidelines carry revised norms for every component
- A federation can get up to Rs 50 crore for hosting an international event in India and up to Rs 50 crore for conducting the National Games
- Single-sport Olympic Training Centres will be set up to cut the reliance of elite Indian athletes on training abroad
- New components back indigenous games, Global South cooperation and sports events for bodies such as BRICS and BIMSTEC

Scheme	Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations (ANSF), revised
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Outlay	Rs 7,386.74 crore
Period	2026-27 to 2030-31 (16th Finance Commission cycle)
Hosting an international event	Up to Rs 50 crore per event
National Games support	Up to Rs 50 crore
Proposals assessed by	Committee headed by Secretary (Sports)
Targets	Commonwealth Games 2030 and the 2036 Olympic bid

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Asian Para Games 2026 Begin in Aichi-Nagoya

18 October 2026 · Sports

The Asian Para Games 2026 opened in Aichi-Nagoya on 18 October, with the Prime Minister sending best wishes to the Indian contingent of para-athletes.

- The Asian Para Games 2026 got under way in Aichi-Nagoya on 18 October 2026
- India has sent a contingent of para-athletes to take part in the continental event
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi wished the Indian contingent well as the Games began
- The Prime Minister said the grit and dedication of India's para-athletes inspire 140 crore Indians
- The Games are a multi-sport competition for athletes with disabilities from across Asia

Event	Asian Para Games 2026
Host city	Aichi-Nagoya
Opened on	18 October 2026
Participants	Athletes with disabilities from across Asia
India	Represented by a contingent of para-athletes
Best wishes from	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Mona Agarwal Gold, Avani Lekhara Silver in 10m Air Rifle SH1

19 October 2026 · Sports

Mona Agarwal won gold with a new Asian Para Games record and Avani Lekhara took silver in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 at the Asian Para Games 2026.

- Mona Agarwal won gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 and her score set a new Asian Para Games record.
- Avani Lekhara won silver in the same women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 final, giving India the top two places in the event.
- Both medals came on the opening day of competition for India at the Asian Para Games 2026.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated both shooters, praising Mona Agarwal's precision and composure and Avani Lekhara's consistency.

Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Event	Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 (para shooting)
Gold medal	Mona Agarwal
Record	New Asian Para Games record in the event, set by Mona Agarwal's score
Silver medal	Avani Lekhara
Day	India's opening day of competition at the Games

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Rinku Hooda Wins Javelin F46 Gold With 65.11 Metre Throw

19 October 2026 · Sports

Rinku Hooda won the men's javelin throw F46 gold at the Asian Para Games 2026 with a season-best 65.11 metres, and Ajeet Singh took the silver medal.

- Rinku Hooda won gold in the men's javelin throw F46 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 with a season-best throw of 65.11 metres.
- Ajeet Singh won the silver medal in the same F46 javelin final, so India took both of the top two places in the event.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated both throwers, praising Rinku Hooda's discipline and Ajeet Singh's competitive spirit.
- In para athletics the letter F marks a field event such as the javelin, and medals are decided separately in each sport class.

Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Event	Men's javelin throw F46 (para athletics)
Gold medal	Rinku Hooda
Winning throw	65.11 metres, his season best
Silver medal	Ajeet Singh
Date of result	19 October 2026

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Soumya Wins 1500m T12/13 Gold on Debut at Asian Para Games

19 October 2026 · Sports

Soumya won the women's 1500m T12/13 gold on debut with a personal best at the Asian Para Games 2026, and Radha Venkatesh took silver in the same race.

- Soumya won the women's 1500m T12/13 gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 on her debut at the Games, with a personal best timing.
- Radha Venkatesh took the silver medal in the same women's 1500m T12/13 race, so India filled both of the top two places.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the exceptional performance on debut reflected Soumya's talent, dedication and determination.
- A combined class such as T12/13 means athletes of two neighbouring sport classes compete together for one set of medals.

Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Event	Women's 1500m T12/13 (para athletics)
Gold medal	Soumya
What made it special	A gold on debut, run in a personal best time
Silver medal	Radha Venkatesh
Date of result	19 October 2026

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Nishad Kumar Wins Men's Long Jump T47 Gold on Event Debut

19 October 2026 · Sports

Nishad Kumar won the men's long jump T47 gold at the Asian Para Games 2026 with an outstanding jump, and the title came on his debut in the event.

- Nishad Kumar won the gold medal in the men's long jump T47 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 with an outstanding jump.
- The gold came on his debut in this event, which the Prime Minister said made the achievement even more special.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised his versatility, determination and sporting excellence and called the performance truly inspiring.
- In para athletics the letter T covers track and jumping events such as the long jump, and medals are decided separately in each sport class.

Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Event	Men's long jump T47 (para athletics)
Medal	Gold
Athlete	Nishad Kumar
Special feature	Gold won on his debut in the event
Date of result	19 October 2026

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Kokila Judo Silver, Ravi Budigina Swim Silver for India

19 October 2026 · Sports

Kokila won silver in the women's J2 -52kg judo and Ravi K. Budigina silver in the men's 100m freestyle S13 at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 19 October.

- Kokila won the silver medal in the women's J2 -52kg judo event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 19 October 2026.
- She had won a bronze at the previous Asian Para Games, so the silver marked a step up the podium in a new category.
- Ravi K. Budigina won the silver medal in the men's 100m freestyle S13 swimming event at the same Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Kokila's perseverance and called Ravi K. Budigina's result a proud moment for the nation.

Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Judo silver	Kokila, women's J2 -52kg
Kokila's earlier medal	Bronze at the previous Asian Para Games
Swimming silver	Ravi K. Budigina, men's 100m freestyle S13
Sports involved	Para judo and para swimming
Date of results	19 October 2026

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India Wins Two Bronze Medals at Asian Para Games 2026

20 October 2026 · Sports

Ravanni Valasanaini took bronze in the Women’s 1500m T11 and Bhavina Patel in the Women’s Singles Class 4-5 at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October.

- Ravanni Valasanaini won the bronze medal in the Women’s 1500m T11 event at the Asian Para Games 2026, and the run was also her personal best.
- Bhavina Patel won the bronze medal in the Women’s Singles Class 4-5 event at the same Games, adding another milestone to her record.
- Both medals came on 20 October 2026 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the two athletes the same day.
- The Prime Minister said Ravanni Valasanaini’s podium finish reflected the determination and perseverance of India’s para-athletes.
- He praised Bhavina Patel’s consistency over the years and her commitment to sporting excellence, and wished her well for her coming events.

Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Ravanni Valasanaini	Bronze, Women’s 1500m T11 event
Extra note on her run	The medal came with a personal best
Bhavina Patel	Bronze, Women’s Singles Class 4-5 event
Date of both medals	20 October 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Deepthi Jeevanji Defends 400m T20 Gold With Games Record

20 October 2026 · Sports

Deepthi Jeevanji retained her Women’s 400m T20 title at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October with a Games Record, improving on her own winning run.

- Deepthi Jeevanji won the gold medal in the Women’s 400m T20 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026.
- The gold was a successful defence of the title she already held in the event, not a first win.
- She set a Games Record in the same race, so she improved her performance while keeping the title.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said she had shown the true spirit of a champion and would inspire countless young athletes.
- In para athletics the class code T20 is part of the event name, so the medal is a Women’s 400m T20 gold.

Athlete	Deepthi Jeevanji
Event	Women’s 400m T20
Medal	Gold
Special note	Title defended and a Games Record set in the same race
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of the medal	20 October 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Prachi Pandey, Sahana Ravi Make Para Table Tennis History

20 October 2026 · Sports

Prachi Pandey won India’s first medal in the Women’s Singles Class 6 and Baby Sahana Ravi the first in the standing category at the Asian Para Games 2026.

- Prachi Pandey won bronze in the Women’s Singles Class 6 event and became the first Indian to win a medal in that event at the Asian Para Games.
- Baby Sahana Ravi won bronze in the Women’s Singles Class 9 event, India’s first-ever medal in the standing category at these Games.
- Both bronze medals came on the athletes’ debut appearance at the Asian Para Games, on 20 October 2026.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Prachi Pandey’s medal a historic first for Indian para table tennis and a pathbreaking achievement.
- He said Baby Sahana Ravi had created history and that the moment would encourage more young athletes to dream big.

Sport	Para table tennis
Prachi Pandey	Bronze, Women’s Singles Class 6
Her first	First Indian to win a medal in the Women’s Singles Class 6 event
Baby Sahana Ravi	Bronze, Women’s Singles Class 9
Her first	India’s first-ever medal in the standing category
Common to both	Won on debut at the Games
Games and date	Asian Para Games 2026, 20 October 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Jehan Madan, Sonalben Patel Add Para Table Tennis Bronze

20 October 2026 · Sports

Jehan Dorab Madan took bronze in the Men’s Singles Class 1 and Sonalben Patel in the Women’s Singles Class 3 at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October.

- Jehan Dorab Madan won the bronze medal in the Men’s Singles Class 1 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026.
- Sonalben Patel won the bronze medal in the Women’s Singles Class 3 event on the same day.
- The medal was the first individual medal Sonalben Patel had added to her record at the Asian Para Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said India’s para table tennis contingent was continuing to make the nation proud.
- He said Sonalben Patel’s success had been made possible by years of dedication, discipline and hard work.

Sport	Para table tennis
Jehan Dorab Madan	Bronze, Men’s Singles Class 1
Sonalben Patel	Bronze, Women’s Singles Class 3
Landmark	Sonalben Patel’s first individual medal at the Asian Para Games
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of both medals	20 October 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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India Takes Silver and Bronze in 10m Air Pistol SH1 Events

20 October 2026 · Sports

Manish Narwal won silver in the Men’s 10m Air Pistol SH1 and Shrishti Arora bronze in the women’s event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October.

- Manish Narwal won the silver medal in the Men’s 10m Air Pistol SH1 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026.
- Shrishti Arora won the bronze medal in the Women’s 10m Air Pistol SH1 event on the same day.
- Shrishti Arora was competing at her first Asian Para Games, so the bronze came on her debut at the Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Manish Narwal continued to distinguish himself through his focus and commitment.
- He called Shrishti Arora’s medal a wonderful beginning and said he was confident she would keep making the nation proud.

Discipline	Para shooting, pistol
Manish Narwal	Silver, Men’s 10m Air Pistol SH1
Shrishti Arora	Bronze, Women’s 10m Air Pistol SH1
Debut note	Shrishti Arora was competing at her first Asian Para Games
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of both medals	20 October 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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India Adds Five Medals in Athletics, Powerlifting, Swimming

20 October 2026 · Sports

Pradeep Kumar and Ashok won silver while Ayush Verma, Praveen Sharma and Himanshu Nandal took bronze at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October.

- Pradeep Kumar won silver in the Men’s Javelin Throw F53/54 event, his second consecutive Asian Para Games silver, with a personal best.
- Ayush Verma won bronze in the same Men’s Javelin Throw F53/54 event on his debut, also with a personal best.
- Praveen Sharma won bronze in the Men’s Shot Put F11 event at the Asian Para Games 2026.
- Ashok won silver in the Men’s -65kg Para Powerlifting event and Himanshu Nandal bronze in the Men’s 400m Freestyle S11 swimming event.
- All five medals came on 20 October 2026 and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated each of the athletes the same day.

Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of the medals	20 October 2026
Pradeep Kumar	Silver, Men’s Javelin Throw F53/54, with a personal best
His record	Second consecutive Asian Para Games silver in the event
Ayush Verma	Bronze, Men’s Javelin Throw F53/54, on debut with a personal best
Praveen Sharma	Bronze, Men’s Shot Put F11
Ashok	Silver, Men’s -65kg Para Powerlifting
Himanshu Nandal	Bronze, Men’s 400m Freestyle S11

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Nishad Kumar Takes High Jump T47 Gold With Games Record

20 October 2026 · Sports

Nishad Kumar won the Men’s High Jump T47 gold with a Games Record at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October, finishing the meet with two gold medals.

- Nishad Kumar won the gold medal in the Men’s High Jump T47 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026.
- The jump also produced a new Games Record in that event, so the gold came with a record.
- He had already won gold in the long jump at the same Games, taking his tally to two golds in one edition.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised his versatility and his pursuit of excellence, and wished him well for the events ahead.
- T47 is a para athletics classification code and forms part of the event name, so the medal is a Men’s High Jump T47 gold.

Athlete	Nishad Kumar
Event	Men’s High Jump T47
Medal	Gold
Record	New Games Record in the event
Other gold at these Games	Long jump
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of the medal	20 October 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Devender Kumar Leads Indian Sweep in Para Discus Throw

20 October 2026 · Sports

Devender Kumar won gold, Rakesh silver and Pradeep Kumar bronze in the Men’s Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64 at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October.

- Devender Kumar won gold in the Men’s Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026.
- Rakesh won the silver medal and Pradeep Kumar the bronze in the same event on the same day.
- All three medals in that discus throw event went to Indian athletes, giving India the full podium.
- Pradeep Kumar’s bronze came with a Personal Best throw, which is his own career-best mark rather than a record of the Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the three athletes and called the gold a celebration of India’s rise in para sport.

Event	Men’s Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64
Gold medallist	Devender Kumar
Silver medallist	Rakesh
Bronze medallist	Pradeep Kumar
Special note	All three medals in the event won by India
Bronze medallist’s mark	Personal Best throw
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of the medals	20 October 2026

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Pranav Soorma Wins Discus Gold With New Asian Record

20 October 2026 · Sports

Pranav Soorma won the Men’s Discus Throw F51/52/53 gold with a new Asian Record at the Asian Para Games 2026, while Ram Ratan Singh took the silver.

- Pranav Soorma won the gold medal in the Men’s Discus Throw F51/52/53 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026.
- His winning throw set a new Asian Record, which is the best mark recorded in the continent in that class.
- Ram Ratan Singh won the silver medal in the same event, so India took both the gold and the silver.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the gold a historic accomplishment and praised the thrower’s strength and competitive spirit.
- An Asian Record outranks a Games Record, which counts only performances achieved at the Asian Para Games.

Event	Men’s Discus Throw F51/52/53
Gold medallist	Pranav Soorma
Record set	New Asian Record
Silver medallist	Ram Ratan Singh
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of the medals	20 October 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Simran Turns Previous Silver Into 200m T12 Gold With Record

20 October 2026 · Sports

Simran won the Women’s 200m T12 gold with a new record at the Asian Para Games 2026, improving on her silver from the last edition, as Tejalben Damor took bronze.

- Simran won the gold medal in the Women’s 200m T12 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026.
- The winning run also produced a new record in the event, so the gold came with a record.
- She had won the silver in the same event at the previous edition of the Asian Para Games, so this was an upgrade to gold.
- Tejalben Damor won the bronze in the same race, and the medal came on her debut appearance at the Asian Para Games.
- T marks a track event in para athletics and the number fixes the athlete’s class, so the medal is a Women’s 200m T12 medal.

Event	Women’s 200m T12
Gold medallist	Simran
Distinction	New record in the event
Her previous edition result	Silver in the same event
Bronze medallist	Tejalben Damor
Note on the bronze	Won on her Asian Para Games debut
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of the medals	20 October 2026

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Preeti Pal Takes Silver as India Adds Two Para Bronze

20 October 2026 · Sports

Preeti Pal won silver in the Women’s 200m T35, Hokato Hotozhe Sema bronze in the shot put and Niranjan Mukundan bronze in swimming on 20 October 2026.

- Preeti Pal won the silver medal in the Women’s 200m T35 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026.
- Hokato Hotozhe Sema won the bronze in the Men’s Shot Put F56/F57 event, bettering his performance from the previous edition of the Games.
- Niranjan Mukundan won the bronze in the Men’s 200m Individual Medley SM7 swimming event on the same day.
- An individual medley requires one swimmer to cover the distance in four different strokes, which is why the Prime Minister praised the skill and endurance it demands.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated all three athletes and hoped Preeti Pal would carry her momentum into her remaining events.

Silver medallist	Preeti Pal
Her event	Women’s 200m T35
Bronze in shot put	Hokato Hotozhe Sema, Men’s Shot Put F56/F57
Note on that bronze	Improved on his performance at the previous edition
Bronze in swimming	Niranjan Mukundan, Men’s 200m Individual Medley SM7
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Date of the medals	20 October 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Simran Wins 100m T12 Gold With Asian Para Games Record

21 October 2026 · Sports

Sprinter Simran won the gold medal in the Women's 100m T12 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 with an outstanding timing and a new Games Record.

- Simran won the gold medal in the Women's 100m T12 event at the Asian Para Games 2026
- Her winning run also set a new Games Record in the event
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called her speed, determination and dedication to sporting excellence truly commendable
- The congratulatory message was shared in a post on X by the Prime Minister's Office on 21 October 2026

Athlete	Simran
Event	Women's 100m T12
Medal	Gold
Meet	Asian Para Games 2026
Record	New Games Record set in the event
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	21 October 2026

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Dilip Gavit Wins Men's 100m T47 Gold at Asian Para Games

21 October 2026 · Sports

Dilip Gavit won the gold medal in the Men's 100m T47 sprint at the Asian Para Games 2026 with a brilliant timing, a result the Prime Minister hailed.

- Dilip Gavit won the gold medal in the Men's 100m T47 event at the Asian Para Games 2026
- The winning run was described as a brilliant timing and an exceptional performance
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Gavit's electrifying speed and skill had brought immense pride to the nation
- The congratulatory message was shared in a post on X by the Prime Minister's Office on 21 October 2026

Athlete	Dilip Gavit
Event	Men's 100m T47
Medal	Gold
Meet	Asian Para Games 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	21 October 2026

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/dilip-gavit-wins-mens-100m-t47-gold-at-asian-para-games/

Asian Para Games 2026: Seven Silver and Four Bronze for India

21 October 2026 · Sports

India took seven silver and four bronze medals at the Asian Para Games 2026, led by Kasthuri Rajamani's first-ever powerlifting medal in the women's -67kg.

- India won seven silver and four bronze medals at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 21 October 2026
- Kasthuri Rajamani's silver in the women's -67kg was India's first-ever medal in that para powerlifting category
- Mohammad Basil M took silver in the men's 100m T47 after breaking the Games Record in the heats and improving his own mark in the final
- Preeti Pal won her second silver of the meet in the women's 100m T35, having earlier finished second in the 200m
- Mohd Yasser took silver and Parveen bronze in the same men's shot put F46 event

Meet	Asian Para Games 2026
Medals on the day	Seven silver and four bronze
First for India	Kasthuri Rajamani, women's -67kg para powerlifting
Games Record in a heat	Mohammad Basil M, men's 100m T47 (silver)
Two silvers	Preeti Pal, women's 100m T35 and 200m
Silver, javelin	Manjeet, men's javelin throw F12/F13
Silver, shot put	Bhagyashree Jadhav (women's F34) and Mohd Yasser (men's F46)
Silver, high jump	Banti, men's high jump T64

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Asian Para Games 2026: Six Bronze and One Swimming Silver

21 October 2026 · Sports

Indian athletes closed 21 October at the Asian Para Games 2026 with one silver and six bronze medals, taken in the swimming pool and on the track.

- Ravi Kartik Budigina won the silver medal in the men's 100m backstroke S13 at the Asian Para Games 2026
- Shailesh Kumar took bronze in the men's long jump T42/T61/T63 with a jump of 5.57m
- Himanshu Nandal won bronze in the men's 100m breaststroke SB11 and Rohit Kumar bronze in the men's 100m breaststroke SB4 on his first appearance at the Games
- Pranav Desai was third in the men's 100m T64, Rakeshbhai Bhatt third in the men's 100m T37 and Anubhav Choudhary third in the men's 100m T35
- Rakeshbhai Bhatt and Anubhav Choudhary both improved their personal bests, and Anubhav was making his debut at the Games

Meet	Asian Para Games 2026
Silver	Ravi Kartik Budigina, men's 100m backstroke S13
Bronze (swimming)	Himanshu Nandal, men's 100m breaststroke SB11; Rohit Kumar, men's 100m breaststroke SB4
Bronze (sprint)	Pranav Desai, men's 100m T64; Rakeshbhai Bhatt, men's 100m T37; Anubhav Choudhary, men's 100m T35
Bronze (field)	Shailesh Kumar, men's long jump T42/T61/T63, with 5.57m
Debut medals	Rohit Kumar and Anubhav Choudhary won on their first appearance
Date	21 October 2026

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Sachin Khilari Retains Shot Put F46 Gold at Asian Para Games

21 October 2026 · Sports

Sachin Khilari defended his Men's Shot Put F46 gold at the Asian Para Games 2026 with a season-best throw and led an all-Indian sweep of the podium.

- Sachin Khilari won gold in the Men's Shot Put F46 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 with a season-best throw
- He defended the title he had won in the same event at the previous edition of the Asian Para Games
- All three podium places in the event went to Indian athletes, an all-Indian sweep led by Khilari
- Mohd Yasser took the silver medal in the same Men's Shot Put F46 final, also with a season-best throw
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated both athletes in messages issued on 21 October 2026

Athlete	Sachin Khilari
Event	Men's Shot Put F46
Medal	Gold, title defended from the previous edition
Mark	Season-best throw
Silver medallist	Mohd Yasser (India), also a season-best throw
Games	Asian Para Games 2026
Note	All three podium places taken by Indian athletes

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Praveen Kumar Defends High Jump T64 Gold With Games Record

21 October 2026 · Sports

Praveen Kumar retained his Men's High Jump T64 gold at the Asian Para Games 2026 and broke his own Games Record, with Banti of India taking the silver.

- Praveen Kumar won gold in the Men's High Jump T64 event at the Asian Para Games 2026
- He defended the title and broke the Games Record that stood in his own name in the event
- Banti of India won the silver medal in the same Men's High Jump T64 final
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated both jumpers in messages issued on 21 October 2026
- The T64 class is for jump and track athletes competing with a prosthesis after a lower-limb amputation

Athlete	Praveen Kumar
Event	Men's High Jump T64
Medal	Gold, title successfully defended
Record	Broke his own Games Record
Silver medallist	Banti (India)
Games	Asian Para Games 2026

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Ayush Verma Wins Shot Put F53 Gold on Asian Para Games Debut

21 October 2026 · Sports

Ayush Verma won the Men's Shot Put F53 gold at the Asian Para Games 2026 and closed his debut campaign with two medals, a gold and a javelin bronze.

- Ayush Verma won the gold medal in the Men's Shot Put F53 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 with an excellent throw
- He had also won the bronze medal in the javelin throw at the same Games, taking his total to two medals
- It was his debut Asian Para Games campaign, which he concluded with a gold and a bronze
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the double a demonstration of talent, versatility and determination
- The F53 class is for seated throwers who compete from a throwing frame

Athlete	Ayush Verma
Gold event	Men's Shot Put F53
Second medal	Bronze in javelin throw
Total medals	Two, at his debut Asian Para Games
Games	Asian Para Games 2026

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Asian Para Games 2026: Compound Silver and Two Sprint Bronzes

21 October 2026 · Sports

Sheetal Devi and Payal Nag won the women's para compound doubles silver at the Asian Para Games 2026, while Rakeshbhai Bhatt and Anubhav Choudhary took sprint bronzes.

- Sheetal Devi and Payal Nag won the silver medal in the Women's Para Compound Doubles event at the Asian Para Games 2026
- Rakeshbhai Bhatt won the bronze medal in the Men's 100m T37 event, clocking a personal best
- Anubhav Choudhary won the bronze medal in the Men's 100m T35 event with an impressive timing and a personal best
- It was Anubhav Choudhary's debut appearance at the Asian Para Games
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated all four athletes in separate messages on 21 October 2026

Silver	Sheetal Devi and Payal Nag, Women's Para Compound Doubles
Bronze	Rakeshbhai Bhatt, Men's 100m T37, personal best
Bronze	Anubhav Choudhary, Men's 100m T35, personal best
Debut	Anubhav Choudhary, first Asian Para Games
Games	Asian Para Games 2026

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Sheetal Devi Wins Two Para Archery Golds at Asian Para Games

22 October 2026 · Sports

Sheetal Devi won two golds in para compound archery at the Asian Para Games 2026, defending her individual title, as Swati Chaudhary took a W1 silver.

- Sheetal Devi won gold in the Women's Individual Para Compound Archery event at the Asian Para Games 2026, successfully defending her title
- The individual gold made Sheetal Devi champion in the event for a second consecutive edition of the Asian Para Games
- Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar won gold in the Para Compound Mixed Team event, her second gold of the day
- Swati Chaudhary won silver in Women's W1 Archery on her debut, India's first ever medal in that category
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated all three archers, calling Swati Chaudhary's silver a very special achievement

Event	Asian Para Games 2026, archery competitions
Sheetal Devi	Gold in Women's Individual Para Compound Archery, second consecutive edition
Second gold	Gold in Para Compound Mixed Team with Toman Kumar
Swati Chaudhary	Silver in Women's W1 Archery on debut, India's first medal in the category
Date	22 October 2026

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India Wins Six Para Badminton Bronzes at Asian Para Games

22 October 2026 · Sports

India collected six para badminton bronze medals at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 22 October, in the SU5, SL3, SL4, SH6 and SL3-SU5 mixed doubles events.

- India won six para badminton bronze medals at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 22 October 2026
- Manisha Ramadass won bronze in Women's Singles SU5, a bronze for the second consecutive edition of the Games
- Sanjana Kumari won bronze in Women's Singles SL3, while Abhijeet Sakhuja and Suhas L. Yathiraj both won bronze in Men's Singles SL4
- Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan and Krishna Nagar won the Mixed Doubles SH6 bronze
- Pramod Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass won the Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5 bronze, giving Manisha two medals in a day

Competition	Asian Para Games 2026, para badminton
Medals	Six bronze medals won by India on 22 October 2026
Women's Singles SU5	Manisha Ramadass, bronze for a second consecutive edition
Women's Singles SL3	Sanjana Kumari, bronze
Men's Singles SL4	Abhijeet Sakhuja on debut and Suhas L. Yathiraj, both bronze
Mixed Doubles SH6	Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan and Krishna Nagar, bronze
Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5	Pramod Bhagat and Manisha Ramadass, bronze

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Anjanaben Wins 400m T47 Gold at Asian Para Games 2026

22 October 2026 · Sports

Anjanaben won the Women's 400m T47 gold at the Asian Para Games 2026, while Suvarna Raj triumphed in discus throw F54 and Tejalben Damor took 400m T12 silver.

- Anjanaben won the gold medal in the Women's 400m T47 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 with an outstanding timing
- Suvarna Raj recorded a victory in the Women's Discus Throw F54 event at the same Games
- Tejalben Damor won the silver medal in the Women's 400m T12 event
- India won two medals over the 400 metres distance on the same day, in the T47 and T12 classifications
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated all three athletes in separate messages on 22 October 2026

Competition	Asian Para Games 2026, para athletics
Gold	Anjanaben, Women's 400m T47
Discus throw	Suvarna Raj, Women's Discus Throw F54
Silver	Tejalben Damor, Women's 400m T12
Date	22 October 2026

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India Sweeps High Jump T42/T63 Podium at Asian Para Games

22 October 2026 · Sports

Shailesh Kumar jumped to gold with a Games Record while Varun Singh Bhati took silver and Rahul bronze, giving India every medal in the high jump T42/T63.

- Shailesh Kumar won the gold medal in the men's high jump T42/T63 at the Asian Para Games 2026 and set a new Games Record with his winning jump
- Varun Singh Bhati, a well-known Indian para athlete, finished second in the same event and took the silver medal
- Rahul won the bronze medal, which completed an Indian sweep of all three places on the podium in one final
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated all three jumpers, calling Shailesh Kumar's effort a magnificent performance
- The classification for the event is written T42/T63 and all three medals were decided on 22 October 2026

Event	Men's High Jump T42/T63, Asian Para Games 2026
Gold	Shailesh Kumar, with a new Games Record
Silver	Varun Singh Bhati
Bronze	Rahul
Result	All three podium places taken by India
Date	22 October 2026

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India Takes Two Para Swimming Medals at Asian Para Games

22 October 2026 · Sports

Kapil Kumar won silver in the men's 400m freestyle S10 and Ravi Karthik Budigina took bronze in the men's 50m freestyle S13 at the Asian Para Games 2026.

- Kapil Kumar won the silver medal in the men's 400m freestyle S10 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 with an impressive timing
- Ravi Karthik Budigina won the bronze medal in the men's 50m freestyle S13 event at the same Games
- Both Indian swimming medals of the day came in freestyle races, one over the longest individual distance and one in the shortest sprint
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi praised Kapil Kumar's endurance and dedication and called Ravi Karthik Budigina's passion and commitment noteworthy
- The S in a para swimming class marks freestyle, backstroke and butterfly events, and the number groups swimmers by level of impairment

Games	Asian Para Games 2026, swimming
Silver	Kapil Kumar, men's 400m freestyle S10
Bronze	Ravi Karthik Budigina, men's 50m freestyle S13
Stroke	Freestyle in both events
Date	22 October 2026

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Sandeep Kumar Gold Marks India's 100th Asian Para Games Medal

23 October 2026 · Sports

Sandeep Kumar won the men's 400m T64 gold with a world record at the Asian Para Games on 23 October 2026, the day India reached its 100th medal there.

- Sandeep Kumar won gold in the men's 400m T64 at the Asian Para Games on 23 October 2026 with a new world record, on his debut at the Games.
- Sandeep Kumar's gold was India's 100th medal at the Asian Para Games.
- Haney won gold with a world record in the men's javelin throw F37/F38 event.
- Harvinder Singh and Vijay Sundi won the men's recurve doubles archery gold; Naveen Sivakumar won badminton men's singles SL4 on debut.
- Nitesh Kumar won badminton men's singles SL3 gold and Pramod Bhagat took the silver in the same class.

Event	Asian Para Games, medals of 23 October 2026
India's 100th medal	Sandeep Kumar's gold in the men's 400m T64
World records	Sandeep Kumar (men's 400m T64) and Haney (men's javelin throw F37/F38)
Archery gold	Harvinder Singh and Vijay Sundi, men's recurve doubles
Badminton golds	Naveen Sivakumar (men's singles SL4), Nitesh Kumar (men's singles SL3)
Silver in SL3	Pramod Bhagat
Debutants who won gold	Sandeep Kumar and Naveen Sivakumar

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Bhawna Choudhary and Pooja Jatyan Win Historic Recurve Silver

23 October 2026 · Sports

Bhawna Choudhary and Pooja Jatyan took India's first-ever women's recurve doubles medal at the Asian Para Games on 23 October 2026, a historic silver.

- Bhawna Choudhary and Pooja Jatyan won silver in women's recurve doubles at the Asian Para Games on 23 October 2026, India's first-ever medal in the event.
- Jehan Dorab Madan and Shubham Wadhwa won bronze in men's doubles class MD4, also India's first-ever medal in that event at the Games.
- Thulasimathi Murugesan won silver in women's singles SU5 and Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan silver in women's singles SH6, improving on her bronze from the previous edition.
- Parmod won silver in the men's 1500m T46, repeating his placing from the previous edition of the Games.
- Ajay Kumar won bronze in the men's 400m T64, the event in which Sandeep Kumar won gold with a world record.

Event	Asian Para Games, medals of 23 October 2026
First-ever medal (archery)	Bhawna Choudhary and Pooja Jatyan, silver in women's recurve doubles
First-ever medal (MD4)	Jehan Dorab Madan and Shubham Wadhwa, bronze in men's doubles class MD4
Badminton silvers	Thulasimathi Murugesan (women's singles SU5), Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan (women's singles SH6)
Athletics silver	Parmod, men's 1500m T46
Athletics bronze	Ajay Kumar, men's 400m T64
Improved on previous edition	Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan, from bronze to silver

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Asian Para Games: India Sweeps Men's Javelin Throw Podium

23 October 2026 · Sports

India took all three medals in the Men's Javelin Throw at the Asian Para Games on 23 October 2026, Sumit winning gold and two throwers setting Games Records.

- India swept the podium in the Men's Javelin Throw at the Asian Para Games: Sumit gold, Mahendra Gurjar silver and Sandip Sanjay Sargar bronze
- Both the silver and the bronze in that javelin final were won with a Games Record, by Mahendra Gurjar and Sandip Sanjay Sargar
- Pranav Soorma retained his gold in the Men's Club Throw F51 with a new Games Record, and Dharambir took the bronze in the same event
- Navdeep won bronze in the Men's Javelin Throw F40/F41, improving on his fourth-place finish at the previous edition
- Sandeep added a bronze in the Men's 100m T44 to his 400m gold and world record; Rakeshbhai Bhatt won his second bronze of the edition in the Men's 200m T37

Event	Asian Para Games
Clean sweep	Men's Javelin Throw - gold, silver and bronze all to India
Javelin gold	Sumit
Javelin silver	Mahendra Gurjar, with a Games Record
Javelin bronze	Sandip Sanjay Sargar, with a Games Record
Men's Club Throw F51	Pranav Soorma gold with a Games Record, title retained; Dharambir bronze
Men's Javelin Throw F40/F41	Navdeep bronze, up from fourth place in the previous edition
Men's 100m T44	Sandeep bronze, after his 400m gold and world record

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Mona Agarwal Shoots Gold With World Record at Para Games

23 October 2026 · Sports

Mona Agarwal won a historic gold in the Women’s 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 at the Asian Para Games on 23 October 2026 with a new world record.

- Mona Agarwal won gold in the Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1 at the Asian Para Games with a new world record and a new Asian Para Games record
- She became the first Indian para shooter to win a medal in that event, which is what made the gold historic
- Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manasi Joshi won the Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 para badminton gold
- Nitesh Kumar and Thulasimathi Murugesan took the Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5 silver, an improvement on their bronze at the previous edition
- Himanshu Nandal won bronze in the Men's 100m Freestyle S11 swimming event, his third bronze of this edition

Event	Asian Para Games
Shooting gold	Mona Agarwal, Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1
Records set	New world record and new Asian Para Games record
First	First Indian para shooter to win a medal in this event
Badminton women's doubles SL3-SU5	Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manasi Joshi, gold
Badminton mixed doubles SL3-SU5	Nitesh Kumar and Thulasimathi Murugesan, silver, up from bronze in the previous edition
Swimming	Himanshu Nandal, bronze in the Men's 100m Freestyle S11, his third bronze of the edition
Date	23 October 2026

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AITA ACE 2032 Holds All-Women Coaches Course in New Delhi

24 October 2026 · Sports

Raksha Khadse addressed the All-Women Coaches Course of the AITA ACE 2032 initiative at the DLTA stadium in New Delhi and sought wider pathways for women.

- An All-Women Coaches Course was held under the All India Tennis Association’s ACE 2032 initiative at the DLTA tennis stadium in New Delhi
- Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports Raksha Khadse addressed it and called for wider pathways for women from grassroots play to coaching and leadership
- The initiative is supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the Sports Authority of India, and links coach education with talent identification
- The ASMITA women’s leagues under Khelo India, launched in 2021, have reached more than three lakh women
- A further course was discussed for Bengaluru from 10 December, with 16 players to be selected for the CHP course

Event	All-Women Coaches Course under the AITA ACE 2032 initiative
Venue	Delhi Lawn Tennis Association (DLTA) tennis stadium, New Delhi
Addressed by	Raksha Khadse, Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports
Organising body	All India Tennis Association (AITA)
Supported by	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) and the Sports Authority of India (SAI)
Women’s leagues	ASMITA leagues under the Khelo India framework, launched in 2021
ASMITA reach	More than three lakh women
Next course	Bengaluru from 10 December, with 16 players to be selected for the CHP course

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India Wins Record 114 Medals at Asian Para Games 2026

25 October 2026 · Sports

India closed the Asian Para Games 2026 with a record 114 medals, the best-ever showing by the country at the event, which Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed.

- India closed the Asian Para Games 2026 with a record 114 medals, the best-ever performance by the country at this continental event for para-athletes.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the result an extraordinary achievement and a moment of pride and joy for the entire nation.
- The Prime Minister credited the exceptional determination of the contingent and said every athlete in the squad had added to the record count.
- His message was carried on the social media platform X on 25 October 2026, as the Games came to a close.

Event	Asian Para Games 2026
India's medals	114, a record for the country
Significance	Best-ever Indian performance at the Asian Para Games
Hailed by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date of the message	25 October 2026
Praised	Every member of the Indian para-athlete contingent

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Mandaviya Chairs UNESCO Anti-Doping COP10 Bureau Meeting

27 October 2026 · Sports

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the COP10 Bureau meeting under the UNESCO anti-doping convention in New Delhi and promised criminal provisions in the law.

- Dr Mansukh Mandaviya chaired the third COP10 Bureau meeting and the fourth Fund Approval Committee meeting for 2026-27 in New Delhi
- The meetings were held under the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport; India is a Vice-Chairperson representing Group IV
- The National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 and its 2025 Amendment both came into force in July 2026
- A further amendment in the next session of Parliament will introduce criminal provisions covering coaches and supply chain stakeholders
- NADA conducted over 7,000 tests and more than 350 awareness sessions reaching 27,000 participants in 2025-26

Meeting	Third COP10 Bureau meeting; fourth Fund Approval Committee meeting for 2026-27
Convention	UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport
Chaired by	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
Venue	New Delhi
COP10 Bureau Chairperson	Farid Gayibov, Minister of Youth and Sports of Azerbaijan
India’s position	Vice-Chairperson representing Group IV
Law	National Anti-Doping Act, 2022 and its 2025 Amendment, in force July 2026
NADA in 2025-26	Over 7,000 tests; more than 350 awareness sessions; 27,000 participants

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India-New Zealand U20 Rugby Series Concludes at Rajgir, Bihar

27 October 2026 · Sports

The India-New Zealand U20 Rugby Series ended at the Rajgir Sports Complex in Bihar, marking 100 years of sporting ties between the two countries.

- The India-New Zealand Under-20 Rugby Series concluded at the Rajgir Sports Complex in Bihar under the 100 Years of Unity through Sport initiative
- The series marked a century of sporting ties between India and New Zealand and featured four Rugby Sevens matches
- Two mixed-team matches were played for the first time, with Indian and New Zealand players on the same side
- The New Zealand delegation had the Under-20 men's team Tama Toa and the Under-20 women's team Hine Toa, with 24 young Maori players
- In May 2026 Rugby India had hosted New Zealand coaching educators at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar, for a course with 35 Indian coaches

Event	India-New Zealand Under-20 Rugby Series
Venue	Rajgir Sports Complex, Bihar
Initiative	100 Years of Unity through Sport
Matches	Four Rugby Sevens matches, including two mixed-team matches played for the first time
New Zealand teams	Tama Toa (men's U20) and Hine Toa (women's U20), with 24 young Maori players
Union Minister of State	Smt Raksha Khadse, Youth Affairs and Sports
Rugby India President	Mr Rahul Bose
Earlier exchange	May 2026 coaching course for 35 Indian coaches at Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar

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India Signs UNESCO Pact on Sports Values in Classrooms

28 October 2026 · Sports

The Sports and Education Ministries exchanged an MoU with UNESCO to carry clean sport values into Indian classrooms through a toolkit in 13 Indian languages.

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Ministry of Education and UNESCO exchanged an MoU on 28 October 2026 on clean sport values in classrooms
- Delivery is through the Sports Values in Every Classroom Toolkit, with video modules in 13 Indian languages
- The MoU was exchanged at NADA India's Clean Sport Conclave; UNESCO was represented by Dr Tim Curtis of its Regional Office for South Asia
- The toolkit builds three values in children: respect, integrity and fairness, in line with Khelo Bharat Niti 2025
- NADA conducted over 7,000 tests and more than 350 awareness sessions reaching 27,000 participants in 2025-26

Agreement	Memorandum of Understanding on sports values in education
Parties	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Education and UNESCO
Instrument	Sports Values in Every Classroom Toolkit
Languages	Video modules in 13 Indian languages
Values taught	Respect, integrity and fairness
Occasion	Clean Sport Conclave of NADA India
Ministers	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya and Shri Pralhad Joshi
UNESCO representative	Dr Tim Curtis, Director, Regional Office for South Asia

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Awards & Honours

Robotics for Good India 2026: Singularity, Ferrum Incubators Win

10 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

Team Ferrum Incubators and Team Singularity won the Senior and Junior titles of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India 2026 at IMC 2026 in New Delhi.

- Team Ferrum Incubators of Cambridge School, Noida, won the Senior Category and Team Singularity of Gopalan International School, Karnataka, won the Junior Category
- The Challenge is run by the ITU with the Department of Telecommunications, supported by IHFC, the Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi, under ITU's AI for Good programme
- Fifty-seven teams took part, 28 Junior and 29 Senior, with about 300 students and mentors from 14 States; competitors were aged 10 to 18
- This year's mission was public health emergency response, linked to UN Sustainable Development Goal 3 on good health and well-being
- Both winning teams go to the Grand Finale at Geneva, Switzerland, during the AI for Good Global Summit in June 2027

Event	Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India 2026–2027 (India Nationals)
Date and venue	10 October 2026, Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on the sidelines of India Mobile Congress 2026
Organisers	International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications
Support	I-Hub Foundation for Cobotics (IHFC), Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi
Parent programme	ITU's AI for Good programme
Senior Category winner	Team Ferrum Incubators, Cambridge School, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Junior Category winner	Team Singularity, Gopalan International School, Karnataka
Field	57 teams (28 Junior, 29 Senior), about 300 students and mentors from 14 States, aged 10 to 18

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12th NLEPC: 62 Young Innovators Felicitated by Jitendra Singh

14 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

Jitendra Singh felicitated 62 young innovators at the 12th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition under INSPIRE-MANAK in New Delhi.

- Dr Jitendra Singh felicitated 62 young innovators at the 12th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition under INSPIRE-MANAK in New Delhi.
- The minister said 25 students have already taken products to market and young innovators have generated around 250 intellectual property rights.
- A total of 729 students took part; the event was organised by the Department of Science and Technology with the National Innovation Foundation-India, and the INSPIRE-MANAK 2026 Compendium was released.
- INSPIRE-MANAK, which stands for Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge, has selected 18,27,580 students up to 2025-26 and covers Classes VI to XII.
- Eleven earlier national exhibitions saw 7,444 students display projects; 46,926 students were selected in 2023-24 and 50,009 in 2024-25.

Event	12th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition (NLEPC), New Delhi
Scheme	INSPIRE-MANAK; MANAK stands for Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge
Felicitated by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Innovators honoured	62
Total participants	729 students
Organisers	Department of Science and Technology with the National Innovation Foundation-India
Released at the event	INSPIRE-MANAK 2026 Compendium
Students with products in the market	25

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Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 106 Young Artists

16 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025 will go to 106 young artists in music, dance and drama at a ceremony in New Delhi on 19 October 2026.

- The Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025 will be conferred on 106 young artists in music, dance and drama
- Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat will present the awards on 19 October 2026 at Meghdoot Complex, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi
- The award was instituted by the Sangeet Natak Akademi in 2006 for artists up to the age of 40
- Each awardee receives Rs 25,000 in cash along with a Tamrapatra and an Angavastram
- The Akademi General Council selected the 106 artists unanimously at its meeting held in New Delhi from 22 to 26 March 2026

Award	Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025
Given by	Sangeet Natak Akademi
Instituted	2006, for artists up to the age of 40
Awardees	106 young artists in music, dance and drama
Ceremony	19 October 2026, Meghdoot Complex, Rabindra Bhavan, New Delhi
Conferred by	Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
Akademi Chairman	Dr Sandhya Purecha (presiding)
Award carries	Rs 25,000, a Tamrapatra and an Angavastram

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SKOCH Gold Award 2026 for Coal Ministry SUVIKALP Mine Tool

21 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

The Coal Controller Organisation won the SKOCH Gold Award 2026 for SUVIKALP, its in-house tool that ranks repurposing projects for closed coal mines.

- SUVIKALP, an in-house mine repurposing tool of the Coal Controller Organisation under the Ministry of Coal, won the SKOCH Gold Award 2026
- The award was given on 26 September 2026 in the category Digital Operational Efficiency - Data Driven Decision Making
- SUVIKALP ranks repurposing projects for worked-out mines against technical, environmental, social and economic criteria
- PRISM, the Post-Mining Repurposing Implementation Strategy Model, then supplies project concepts, case studies, sample DPRs and tender documents
- Twelve thematic webinars were held under the SUVIKALP Samvaad series, covering the RECLAIM and L.I.V.E.S. frameworks and mine transition experience

Initiative	SUVIKALP, an in-house Mine Repurposing Tool
Developed by	Coal Controller Organisation (CCO)
Ministry	Ministry of Coal
Award	SKOCH Gold Award 2026
Award category	Digital Operational Efficiency - Data Driven Decision Making
Date of award	26 September 2026
Companion model	PRISM, Post-Mining Repurposing Implementation Strategy Model
Webinar series	SUVIKALP Samvaad, twelve thematic webinars

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President Murmu Presents Lalit Kala Akademi Awards in New Delhi

21 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

President Droupadi Murmu gave away the Lalit Kala Akademi Awards to artists of the 65th National Exhibition of Art at a ceremony in New Delhi.

- President Droupadi Murmu presented the Lalit Kala Akademi Awards to selected artists of the 65th National Exhibition of Art in New Delhi
- She also felicitated the Grand Prize winners and Honourable Mentions of the 3rd Print Biennale India
- The President urged training for traditional artists of remote areas in new technology and contemporary techniques
- She said the Lalit Kala Akademi and the Ministry of Culture are encouraging the sale of artworks so that artists find buyers
- Art, she said, must reach schools, universities and public spaces instead of staying inside galleries

Event	65th National Exhibition of Art
Awards presented	Lalit Kala Akademi Awards
Presented by	President Droupadi Murmu
Venue	New Delhi
Also felicitated	Grand Prize winners and Honourable Mentions of the 3rd Print Biennale India
Parent ministry	Ministry of Culture

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Ameena Nazreen Wins Global Youth Institute Award in USA

23 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

Indian student Ameena Nazreen A S won the Global Youth Institute Award of US$500 at the World Food Prize Foundation event in Des Moines, Iowa, USA.

- Ms Ameena Nazreen A S of India won the Global Youth Institute Award with a cash prize of US$500 at the World Food Prize Foundation event
- The event was the 2026 Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue, held from 20 to 22 October 2026 in Des Moines, Iowa, in the United States
- The theme of the dialogue was Before Hunger Wins, and India was represented by the National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi
- Seven Indian high school students chosen through the NAAS-YUVA drive presented research papers at the Global Youth Institute programme
- NAAS signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Council for Agricultural Science and Technology of the United States

Award winner	Ms Ameena Nazreen A S of India
Award	Global Youth Institute Award, cash prize of US$500
Event	2026 Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue
Organiser	World Food Prize Foundation
Theme	Before Hunger Wins
Venue and dates	Des Moines, Iowa, United States, 20 to 22 October 2026
Indian body present	National Academy of Agricultural Sciences, New Delhi
MoU signed with	Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST), USA

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IIPA Names Paul H. Appleby 2026 Awardees at 328th EC Meet

26 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

The 328th Executive Council meeting of the IIPA, chaired by Jitendra Singh, named three retired IAS officers for the Paul H. Appleby 2026 award in New Delhi.

- Union Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh chaired the 328th meeting of the Executive Council of the Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) in New Delhi as its Chairman
- The Paul H. Appleby 2026 award goes to retired IAS officers S. S. Kshatriya, D. P. Tiwari and B. R. Sharma
- The Dr. Rajendra Prasad award for academic excellence goes to Prof. K. Chockalingam, former Vice-Chancellor of Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli
- The council thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for One Nation One Subscription (ONOS), which gives faculty access to a wider pool of journals and research papers
- IIPA's structured internship programme, launched in May 2026, was praised and the council asked for its scope to be widened, with interns joining research work

Body	Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), New Delhi
Meeting	328th meeting of the Executive Council
Chaired by	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State, as Chairman IIPA
Paul H. Appleby 2026 award	Retired IAS officers S. S. Kshatriya, D. P. Tiwari and B. R. Sharma
Dr. Rajendra Prasad award	Prof. K. Chockalingam, former Vice-Chancellor, Manonmaniam Sundaranar University, Tirunelveli, Tamil Nadu
Flagship course	Advanced Professional Programme in Public Administration (APPPA)
Scheme cited	One Nation One Subscription (ONOS) for access to journals and research papers
Internship programme	Structured internship programme launched in May 2026

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Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 Enters Guinness World Records

27 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 has entered the Guinness World Records as the largest innovation solution competition, with 2,87,967 project submissions.

- Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 has been certified by Guinness World Records as the Largest Innovation Solution Competition.
- The competition drew 2,87,967 project submissions through its Idea Track and Prototype Track.
- It is conducted by the Department of School Education and Literacy with the Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and AICTE.
- Its four pillars are Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local and Samriddh Bharat.
- Education Minister Pralhad Joshi will felicitate ten national-level winning teams in New Delhi on 28 October 2026.

Competition	Viksit Bharat Buildathon (VBB) 2025
Record	Guinness World Records title for the Largest Innovation Solution Competition
Submissions	2,87,967 projects
Tracks	Idea Track and Prototype Track
Organisers	DoSEL with Atal Innovation Mission, NITI Aayog and AICTE
Four pillars	Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local, Samriddh Bharat
Felicitation	28 October 2026 at New Delhi by Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi
Winners	Ten national-level winning teams

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National Startup Awards 6.0 Launched With 20 Sectoral Categories

27 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

DPIIT has launched the sixth National Startup Awards with 20 sectoral and three special categories, a new Student Innovator Award and a prize of Rs 25 lakh.

- DPIIT has launched the 6th edition of the National Startup Awards under the Startup India initiative to recognise innovation and entrepreneurship
- NSA 6.0 covers 20 sectoral categories and three special categories, with 12 sectoral categories added for the first time
- A Student Innovator or Aspiring Entrepreneur Award has been introduced, open to school and college students across all 36 States and Union Territories
- Winners in sectoral and startup-focused special categories get a cash prize of Rs 25 lakh per category; the student award has a pool of Rs 25 lakh across four sub-categories
- Applications are open from 27 October to 20 November 2026 on the Startup India portal; the year 2026 marks ten years of Startup India, launched in January 2016

Award	National Startup Awards 6.0 (NSA 6.0)
Launched by	DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Parent initiative	Startup India, launched in January 2016
Awards began in	2019
Categories	20 sectoral and three special categories
New sectoral categories	12
New special category	Student Innovator or Aspiring Entrepreneur Award
Cash prize	Rs 25 lakh per category

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Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 Enters Guinness World Records

28 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 has entered the Guinness World Records as the largest innovation solution competition, with 2,87,967 project entries.

- Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 has been certified by the Guinness World Records as the largest innovation solution competition.
- The record rests on 2,87,967 project submissions received across the Idea and Prototype tracks from school students.
- It was organised by DoSEL of the Ministry of Education with the Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog and AICTE.
- Judging ran at three levels and produced 10 national, 100 state and 1,000 district awardees, with a prize pool above Rs 1 crore.
- Union MoS for Education Jayant Chaudhary also released the ULLAS guidelines for Teacher Education Institutions at the same event.

Record	Largest Innovation Solution Competition, Guinness World Records
Competition	Viksit Bharat Buildathon (VBB) 2025
Submissions	2,87,967 projects across Idea and Prototype tracks
Organisers	DoSEL, Ministry of Education, with Atal Innovation Mission (NITI Aayog) and AICTE
Four pillars	Atmanirbhar Bharat, Swadeshi, Vocal for Local, Samriddh Bharat
Awardees	10 national, 100 state and 1,000 district
Prize money	Pool above Rs 1 crore; Rs 17.50 lakh to the 10 national teams
Felicitated by	Union Minister of State for Education Shri Jayant Chaudhary

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Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak 2026 Goes to 490 Personnel

31 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

The Ministry of Home Affairs named 490 personnel of the states, Union Territories, CAPFs and CPOs for the Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak for 2026.

- The Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak for the year 2026 has been awarded to 490 personnel of various states, Union Territories, CAPFs and CPOs.
- The medal was instituted by a Ministry of Home Affairs notification dated 1 February 2024.
- Recipients are announced every year on 31 October, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- Operations, investigation, exceptional performance, intelligence service and forensic science are the five grounds for the award.
- Police forces, security and intelligence organisations, CPOs, CAPFs, the NSG, the Assam Rifles and forensic science services are all covered.

Award	Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak, year 2026
Recipients	490 personnel
Announced by	Ministry of Home Affairs
Instituted	Notification dated 1 February 2024
Announcement date	31 October every year
Occasion	Birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
Covered forces	State and UT police, CAPFs, CPOs, NSG, Assam Rifles, forensic science services
Union Home Minister	Amit Shah, who also holds the Cooperation portfolio

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Appointments

Narendra Bhooshan Assumes Charge as MoEFCC Secretary

1 October 2026 · Appointments

Narendra Bhooshan, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has assumed charge as Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

- Narendra Bhooshan has assumed charge as Secretary of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- He is a 1992-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre with over three decades of service.
- He moves to MoEFCC from the post of Secretary, Department of Land Resources, in the Ministry of Rural Development.
- In Uttar Pradesh he was Additional Chief Secretary for Energy and Technical Education and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Noida Authority.
- He is an Electronics graduate and holds a Master’s degree in International Development Policy from Duke University, USA.

Officer	Narendra Bhooshan
New post	Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
Service and batch	Indian Administrative Service, 1992 batch
Cadre	Uttar Pradesh
Post held earlier	Secretary, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development
Education	Graduate in Electronics; Master’s in International Development Policy, Duke University, USA

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Three High Court Chief Justices Made Supreme Court Judges

5 October 2026 · Appointments

The President appointed Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal, Delhi's Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Telangana's Aparesh Kumar Singh as Supreme Court judges.

- The President of India appointed three sitting High Court Chief Justices as Judges of the Supreme Court of India, announced by the Ministry of Law and Justice on 5 October 2026
- Justice Sunita Agarwal was Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court and her parent High Court is Allahabad; she is the only woman among the three elevated
- Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya was Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, also with Allahabad as his parent High Court
- Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh was Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court, with Jharkhand as his parent High Court
- A separate notification the same day appointed judicial officer Gurvinder Pal Singh as an Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court after consultation with the Chief Justice of India

Announced by	Ministry of Law and Justice, 5 October 2026
Appointing authority	The President of India, under powers given by the Constitution
Elevated from Gujarat HC	Justice Sunita Agarwal (parent High Court: Allahabad)
Elevated from Delhi HC	Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya (parent High Court: Allahabad)
Elevated from Telangana HC	Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh (parent High Court: Jharkhand)
Delhi High Court appointment	Shri Gurvinder Pal Singh, judicial officer, as Additional Judge
Consultation required	The Chief Justice of India was consulted for the Delhi High Court appointment

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Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Named 29th Chief of the Air Staff

6 October 2026 · Appointments

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, at present Vice Chief of the Air Staff, will take over as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on the afternoon of 31 October 2026.

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, has been appointed the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force
- He takes over in the rank of Air Chief Marshal from the afternoon of 31 October 2026, the day Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh retires
- He was commissioned into the fighter stream on 6 December 1986 and was serving as Vice Chief of the Air Staff before the appointment
- He has flown more than 3500 hours on types such as the Mirage-2000, MiG variants, Kiran, Jaguar, IL-78, Hawk and Tejas
- His decorations are the Vayu Sena Medal (2006), Vishisht Seva Medal (2011), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2023) and Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2026)

Appointed as	29th Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), Indian Air Force
Officer	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM
Rank on taking over	Air Chief Marshal
Takes charge	Afternoon of 31 October 2026
Post held earlier	Vice Chief of the Air Staff
Outgoing chief	Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh (retires 31 October 2026)
Commissioned	6 December 1986, fighter stream
Flying experience	More than 3500 hours, including Mirage-2000, MiG variants, Jaguar, IL-78, Hawk, Tejas

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DWBDNC Governing Body: Two New Members Sworn In

7 October 2026 · Appointments

MoSJE Secretary Sudhansh Pant administered the oath of office to Narayan Dewasi and Swaroop Singh Banjara as Members of the DWBDNC Governing Body.

- Shri Narayan Dewasi and Shri Swaroop Singh Banjara took the oath as Members of the Governing Body of the DWBDNC
- The oath was administered by Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Chairman of the Board
- DWBDNC stands for the Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities
- Both members were appointed by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment for a tenure of three years from the date of joining, or until further orders
- Shri Swaroop Singh Banjara assumed charge on 17 September and Shri Narayan Dewasi on 25 September 2026

Board	Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Chairman of the Board	Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, MoSJE
New Members	Shri Narayan Dewasi and Shri Swaroop Singh Banjara
Appointed by	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
Tenure	Three years from the date of joining, or until further orders
Charge assumed	Swaroop Singh Banjara on 17 September; Narayan Dewasi on 25 September 2026
Communities covered	De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic (DNT) communities

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Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia Named Vice Chief of Air Staff

30 October 2026 · Appointments

Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, at present Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Air Command, takes over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff on 1 November.

- Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, AVSM VM, becomes Vice Chief of the Air Staff with effect from 1 November 2026
- He was serving as Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Air Command and is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy
- Commissioned into the fighter stream on 11 June 1988, he is qualified on all variants of the MiG-21, MiG-23, MiG-27, Jaguar and Su-30 MKI
- He has commanded a frontline fighter squadron and the Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment, and was Defence Attache in Japan and South Korea
- He received the Vayu Sena Medal in 2008 and the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal in 2018, and succeeds Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

Appointment	Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS)
Officer	Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, AVSM VM
Effective from	1 November 2026
Earlier post	Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Eastern Air Command
Commissioned	Fighter stream, 11 June 1988
Awards	Vayu Sena Medal (2008), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2018)
Succeeds	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
New Air Chief	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, 29th Chief of the Air Staff, from 31 October 2026

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Ashutosh Dixit Becomes 29th Chief of the Air Staff

31 October 2026 · Appointments

Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on 31 October 2026, succeeding Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, who retired after 42 years.

- Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took over as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on 31 October 2026
- He succeeded Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, who retired the same day after 42 years of service, and was Vice Chief of the Air Staff before this
- An NDA alumnus, he was commissioned into the fighter stream on 6 December 1986 and has flown over 3,300 hours on the Mirage-2000, MiG variants and the Jaguar
- He worked on the Jaguar and MiG-27 upgrades and on the Initial and Final Operational Clearance of the LCA Mk-I Tejas
- He was Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee during Operation Sindoor

New Chief of the Air Staff	Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit PVSM AVSM VM VSM
Which chief in order	29th Chief of the Air Staff
Date of taking charge	31 October 2026
Predecessor	Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, retired after 42 years of service
Commissioned	6 December 1986, fighter stream
Flying experience	More than 3,300 hours, including the Mirage-2000, MiG variants and the Jaguar
Alma mater	National Defence Academy; National Defence College, New Delhi
Post held during Operation Sindoor	Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee

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Government Schemes

Swachhata Hi Seva 2026: Health Ministry Holds Shramdaan

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Health Ministry held a shramdaan in New Delhi on 1 October 2026 under the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign, themed Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath.

- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare held a shramdaan near Gate No. 3 of Kartavya Bhavan-1, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Marg, New Delhi, on 1 October 2026
- The theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign is 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' - one day, one hour, together
- Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary of the Department of Health Research and Director General of ICMR, led the cleanliness drive
- Aradhana Patnaik (Mission Director, NHM), Dr. Rakesh Gupta (DG, NACO) and Dr. Loveneesh G. Krishna (DGHS) took part in it
- The campaign rests on Jan Bhagidari and ties cleanliness to public health under the goals of Swachh Bharat

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva 2026
Theme	Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath (one day, one hour, together)
Activity	Shramdaan (voluntary cleanliness drive)
Led by	Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General, ICMR
Venue	Near Gate No. 3, Kartavya Bhavan-1, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Marg, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
NHM Mission Director	Smt. Aradhana Patnaik, Additional Secretary
NACO Director General	Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Additional Secretary

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Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Sets Aside Rs 5,000 Crore for Tribal Villages

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Drinking Water Department reviewed tap water saturation in PM-JANMAN and DA-JGUA tribal villages, for which Rs 5,000 crore is earmarked under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0.

- A dedicated provision of Rs 5,000 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 has been earmarked for drinking water gaps in PM-JANMAN and DA-JGUA villages.
- PM-JANMAN stands for Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan and DA-JGUA for Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.
- The second follow-up review meeting was chaired by Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is running the SurveySetu exercise to verify functional household tap connections household by household.
- Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh will submit their village proposals during October 2026.

Amount earmarked	Rs 5,000 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Department	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti
Chaired by	Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, DDWS
PM-JANMAN	Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan
DA-JGUA	Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan
Survey exercise	SurveySetu, run by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, verifying functional household tap connections (FHTC)
District platform	District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM), chaired by the Deputy Commissioner or District Magistrate

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NMMSS Application Date Extended to 31 October 2026

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Education Ministry has pushed the last date for NMMSS scholarship applications for 2026-27 to 31 October 2026, with a scholarship of Rs 12,000 a year.

- The last date to apply for the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme for 2026-27 is now 31 October 2026
- Institute Nodal Officer verification must be done by 15 November 2026 and District Nodal Officer verification by 30 November 2026
- Selected students receive Rs 12,000 per annum through Direct Benefit Transfer into their bank accounts
- One lakh fresh scholarships are given each year to Class IX students who clear the State or Union Territory selection examination
- As on 30 September 2026 the National Scholarship Portal had 88,522 fresh and 1,97,133 renewal applications

Scheme	National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)
Ministry	Ministry of Education
Academic year	2026-27
New last date to apply	31 October 2026
L1 and L2 verification	15 November 2026 (institute) and 30 November 2026 (district)
Scholarship amount	Rs 12,000 per annum through Direct Benefit Transfer
Fresh scholarships a year	One lakh, to Class IX students
Eligibility	At least 55 per cent in Class VII, five percentage point relaxation for SC and ST

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SETU NSP App Brings Scholarship Services to One Platform

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry's SETU NSP App lets SC and OBC students register, complete biometric authentication, apply and track scholarships on a single platform.

- SETU stands for Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment; the app works with the National Scholarship Portal
- It is an initiative of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, launched in April 2026
- It serves beneficiaries of the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes
- Students can register, complete biometric authentication, submit applications and track status on one platform
- It also provides services for Institutional, District and State Nodal Officers who process and monitor applications

Application	SETU National Scholarship Portal (NSP) App
SETU stands for	Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Implemented by	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE)
Launched in	April 2026
Schemes covered	Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes
Student services	Registration, biometric authentication, application submission, status tracking
Officials served	Institutional, District and State Nodal Officers

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GOBARdhan Scheme Launched for Compressed Biogas Sector

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the GOBARdhan Central Sector Scheme for compressed biogas, carrying an outlay of Rs 23,731 crore over ten years.

- GOBARdhan is a Central Sector Scheme for the Compressed Biogas sector with an outlay of Rs 23,731 crore, approved by the Union Cabinet on 6 August 2026
- It runs for ten years, from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36, and targets a nearly ten-fold rise in domestic CBG output to about 5 MMSCMD
- The administered CBG price is fixed at Rs 2,110 per MMBtu and capital assistance goes up to Rs 2 crore per TPD of greenfield capacity
- City Gas Distribution firms must source 3 per cent of CNG and domestic PNG needs from CBG in FY 2026-27, rising to 5 per cent from FY 2028-29
- India had more than 217 CBG plants with over 1,700 TPD capacity by August 2026; the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is the single nodal ministry

Scheme	GOBARdhan, a Central Sector Scheme for Compressed Biogas (CBG)
Launched by	Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri
Outlay	Rs 23,731 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36 (ten years)
Cabinet approval	6 August 2026
Production target	Nearly ten-fold rise, to about 5 MMSCMD
Administered CBG price	Rs 2,110 per MMBtu
Nodal ministry	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

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SafaiMitra Shivir Reaches 3.69 Lakh Beneficiaries

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The national SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir reached 3,69,469 beneficiaries across 3,870 urban local bodies, with 3,02,958 health check-ups facilitated.

- A national-level SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir was held in hybrid mode and drew 3,69,469 beneficiaries from across the country
- More than 3,800 urban local bodies, rural local bodies and line departments participated, and the Shivir spread across 3,870 urban local bodies
- 3,02,958 health check-ups were facilitated and 1,28,928 personal protective equipment kits were distributed among SafaiMitras
- 2,24,521 NAMASTE Cards were downloaded, 57,967 Ayushman Cards were distributed and 1,53,253 registrations under government schemes were completed
- Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Bihar organised health camps across their major municipal corporations for the Shivir

Event	National-level SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Format	Hybrid, from the national capital and at participating locations
Beneficiaries	3,69,469
Urban local bodies covered	3,870
Health check-ups	3,02,958
NAMASTE Cards downloaded	2,24,521
PPE kits distributed	1,28,928

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Special Campaign 6 Starts With E-Waste Disposal in Focus

2 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The month-long Special Campaign 6 began on 2 October 2026 in central ministries, with scientific e-waste disposal and pendency clearance as its targets.

- The implementation phase of Special Campaign 6 runs from 2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026 across central ministries and their field offices.
- Its theme this year is the effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste, with a standard operating procedure circulated for scientific disposal.
- The campaign follows DARPG guidelines, and progress is monitored on the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters portal.
- The environment ministry has targeted 132 cleanliness sites, 445 public grievances, 12,234 physical files and 14,164 e-files for review.
- The steel ministry has planned 301 cleanliness activities and the disposal of 20,763 physical files and 9,056 e-files.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters
Implementation phase	2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
Guidelines issued by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Theme	Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
Monitoring platform	SCDPM portal of DARPG
Environment Ministry cleanliness sites	132
Environment Ministry files for review	12,234 physical and 14,164 electronic
Steel Ministry cleanliness activities	301

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Innovative Public Toilets Mark 12 Years of Swachh Bharat

2 October 2026 · Government Schemes

As the Swachh Bharat Mission completes twelve years, cities from Bengaluru to Tirupati have rebuilt public toilets using scrap buses, recycled plastic and smart fittings.

- The Swachh Bharat Mission, launched on 2 October 2014, completes twelve years, and the Toilets 2.0 initiative of 2022 under its urban arm aims to make community and public toilets safe, clean and inviting.
- In Bengaluru, the Sthree Toilet at the KSRTC Majestic terminal was built from a scrap bus for women only, with three Indian-style and two Western-style commodes and solar-powered sensor lights.
- Navi Mumbai Aspirational Toilets at Koparkhairane used 426 square metres of recycled plastic sheeting, 11,700 plastic bottles, 35,200 bottle caps, 85 computer keyboards and 284 kg of scrap metal.
- Bhopal Freshrooms at the 10 Number Market run on a Design-Build-Operate-Transfer model under a public-private partnership, serving 500 to 1,000 visitors a day.
- Karad in Satara district, Maharashtra, collects 300 to 350 kg of sanitary waste daily and treats it at a 600 kg a day facility whose incinerator reaches 1,200 degrees Celsius.

Mission	Swachh Bharat Mission, launched on 2 October 2014
Years completed	Twelve
Toilets 2.0	Initiative of 2022 under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban for community and public toilets
Finding a toilet	SBM Toilet Locator on the Swachhata app
Bengaluru	Sthree Toilet for women, built from a scrap bus at the KSRTC Majestic terminal
Navi Mumbai	Aspirational Toilets at Sector 14, Koparkhairane, using 426 square metres of recycled plastic sheeting
Navi Mumbai materials	11,700 plastic bottles, 35,200 bottle caps, 85 computer keyboards and 284 kg of scrap metal
Bhopal	Freshrooms at the 10 Number Market on a Design-Build-Operate-Transfer model under a public-private partnership

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Swachh Bharat Mission and Its Behaviour Change Journey

2 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A PIB backgrounder traces how the Swachh Bharat Mission, launched on 2 October 2014, used communication to turn sanitation into a shared social habit.

- The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on 2 October 2014 and runs through two components, SBM-Grameen and SBM-Urban
- The target was a clean India by the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and rural India was declared open defecation free on 2 October 2019
- The mission logo depicts the spectacles of Mahatma Gandhi and the word Swachhagrahi was drawn from Satyagraha
- More than 67,000 public toilet blocks across over 3,300 cities were mapped on Google Maps, with the Swachhata App used for complaints
- Sanitation outcomes are certified through the ODF, ODF+, ODF++, Water+ and Star Rating protocols

Launch	Swachh Bharat Mission, 2 October 2014
Components	SBM-Grameen for rural areas and SBM-Urban for cities
Original target	A clean India by the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in 2019
Rural ODF declaration	2 October 2019
Logo	The spectacles of Mahatma Gandhi
Digital mapping	Over 67,000 public toilet blocks in more than 3,300 cities on Google Maps
Certification ladder	ODF, ODF+, ODF++, Water+ and the Star Rating protocol for Garbage Free Cities
Local incentive example	Give Polythene Get Gold in Panchayat Halqa Hiller, Jammu and Kashmir

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2.42 Lakh Special Gram Sabhas Held in India on Gandhi Jayanti

2 October 2026 · Government Schemes

More than 2.42 lakh Special Gram Sabhas were held across India on Gandhi Jayanti, launching the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas.

- More than 2.42 lakh Special Gram Sabhas were held across India on Gandhi Jayanti, scheduled on the GPDP Portal and the Panchayat NIRNAY Portal
- They marked the start of the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas, under which Panchayats will prepare Panchayat Development Plans for 2027-28
- The campaign is led by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj with 21 ministries and departments and has been rolled out since 2018
- The Sixteenth Finance Commission has recommended Rs 4,35,236 crore for Rural Local Bodies for 2026-31, nearly 84 per cent more than the Fifteenth
- The annual per capita grant to Rural Local Bodies rises from about Rs 400 to nearly Rs 950, and over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats prepare plans on eGramSwaraj

Special Gram Sabhas	More than 2.42 lakh, held on Gandhi Jayanti
Campaign launched	People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas
Plans for	Financial year 2027-28
Portals used	GPDP Portal and Panchayat NIRNAY Portal
Ministries and departments	21, led by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Sixteenth Finance Commission award	Rs 4,35,236 crore for Rural Local Bodies, 2026-31
Increase over Fifteenth Finance Commission	Nearly 84 per cent
Per capita grant	From about Rs 400 to nearly Rs 950 a year

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Swachh Bharat Diwas 2026 Marked by Special Gram Sabhas

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Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil joined a Special Gram Sabha at Majigam in Gujarat as villages across India marked Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2 October 2026.

- Swachh Bharat Diwas was observed on 2 October 2026 with Special Gram Sabhas across rural India as the key activity of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026.
- Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C. R. Patil joined the Special Gram Sabha at Majigam village, Chikhli Block, Navsari district, Gujarat, and honoured sanitation workers.
- The sabhas reviewed four-way segregation of waste at source under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and listed bulk waste generators.
- Swachh Seva Aankalan, a yearly digital self-assessment done by a Gram Panchayat itself, was discussed in ODF Plus (Model) panchayats.
- The Minister saw a Waste to Art exhibit and planted a sapling under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam; Ms. Aishvarya Singh is Mission Director of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

Occasion	Swachh Bharat Diwas, observed 2 October 2026
Key activity	Special Gram Sabhas under Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026
Union Minister present	Shri C. R. Patil, Minister of Jal Shakti
Village visited	Majigam, Chikhli Block, Navsari district, Gujarat
Gujarat minister present	Shri Naresh Patel, Cabinet Minister
Mission Director, SBM (Grameen)	Ms. Aishvarya Singh, Joint Secretary
Rules reviewed	Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, including four-way segregation at source
Swachh Seva Aankalan	Annual digital self-assessment by a Gram Panchayat, in ODF Plus (Model) panchayats

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PM-SETU Completes One Year: 850 ITIs Identified for Upgrade

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PM-SETU, the ₹60,000 crore scheme to rebuild 1,000 government ITIs, completes a year on 4 October 2026 with 850 institutes identified and 14 clusters cleared.

- PM-SETU, launched on 4 October 2025, completes one year on 4 October 2026 with an outlay of ₹60,000 crore: ₹30,000 crore Centre, ₹20,000 crore States, ₹10,000 crore industry.
- Component I upgrades 1,000 government ITIs as 200 Hubs and 800 Spokes; Component II strengthens five NSTIs at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana.
- In the first year 850 ITIs were identified, 172 as Hubs and 678 as Spokes, and Strategic Investment Plans for 14 clusters worth ₹3,446 crore were approved.
- In each cluster special purpose vehicle the Anchor Industry Partner holds 51% while the Centre and the State hold 24.5% each.
- The DGT has added 32 new-age courses, and NSTIs are partnered with Singapore, France, Australia and Germany for advanced skilling.

Scheme	PM-SETU, Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
Launched	4 October 2025; completes one year on 4 October 2026
Ministry	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, through the Directorate General of Training
Outlay	₹60,000 crore: Centre ₹30,000 crore, States ₹20,000 crore, industry ₹10,000 crore
Component I	1,000 government ITIs as 200 Hub ITIs and 800 Spoke ITIs
Component II	Five NSTIs at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana
Year-one progress	850 ITIs identified, 172 Hubs and 678 Spokes
Investment plans cleared	14 clusters worth ₹3,446 crore in eight States and one UT

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Jal Arpan Held in Over 1,850 Gram Panchayats Under JJM 2.0

3 October 2026 · Government Schemes

More than 1,850 gram panchayats observed Jal Arpan under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, handing completed rural water schemes to village bodies on Gandhi Jayanti.

- Jal Arpan was observed in more than 1,850 gram panchayats and villages during special gram sabhas held on Gandhi Jayanti, 2 October 2026.
- Completed rural water supply schemes were formally handed over to gram panchayats and Village Water and Sanitation Committees for operation and maintenance.
- For the first time, 346 Har Ghar Jal certificates were issued in regional languages through the Jal Arpan digital module, which supports Hindi, English and seventeen other languages.
- Under Sujalam Bharat, 2691 water supply assets including about 700 sources were geotagged on the same occasion.
- More than 15.96 crore rural households, over 82 per cent of the rural total, now have tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Reform	Jal Arpan, under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Ministry	Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Occasion	Special gram sabhas on Gandhi Jayanti, 2 October 2026
Gram panchayats covered	More than 1,850
Certificates	346 Har Ghar Jal certificates, issued in regional languages for the first time
Languages supported	Hindi, English and seventeen other regional languages
Handed over to	Gram panchayats and Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs)
Geotagging platform	Sujalam Bharat

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Amit Shah Opens Rs 255 Crore Ujjain Dairy Plant at Bhopal Meet

3 October 2026 · Government Schemes

At the Gaupalak Sammelan in Bhopal, Amit Shah laid the foundation of a Rs 255 crore Ujjain milk plant and detailed the targets set under White Revolution 2.0.

- Amit Shah addressed the Gaupalak Sammelan at Dussehra Maidan in Bhopal and inaugurated a state-level exhibition on the new criminal laws.
- He laid the foundation stone of a milk processing plant of 3 lakh litres a day at Ujjain, to be built at a cost of 255 crore rupees.
- Under White Revolution 2.0, 75 thousand new cooperative dairies are to be set up and 46 thousand existing dairies strengthened.
- India's milk production has risen from about 14.60 crore tonnes in 2014-15 to about 24.80 crore tonnes, and per capita availability from around 307 to 485 grams a day.
- Dairy exports stand at about 4,666 crore rupees, and Madhya Pradesh received in-principle approval for 50 acres of land for cattle and buffalo breed improvement.

Event	Gaupalak Sammelan, Dussehra Maidan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Addressed by	Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah
Also inaugurated	State-level exhibition on the new criminal laws
Foundation stone	Milk processing plant of 3 lakh litres a day at Ujjain, costing 255 crore rupees
Inaugurated	Bhopal product dairy plant of 40 thousand litres a day at about 16.5 crore rupees; state-level central laboratory at 12.42 crore rupees
White Revolution 2.0	75 thousand new cooperative dairies, 46 thousand existing dairies to be strengthened
State target	Daily milk procurement in Madhya Pradesh to rise from 12 lakh to 52 lakh
Milk production	About 14.60 crore tonnes in 2014-15 to about 24.80 crore tonnes now

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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 Ends at AIIA, Campaign 6.0 Till 31 Oct

4 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The All India Institute of Ayurveda closed its Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign on 2 October and will run Special Campaign 6.0 on e-waste till 31 October.

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, concluded its Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2026 on 2 October 2026.
- The campaign ran from 17 September 2026 and carried the theme Swachhata Mein Sabhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat.
- A plantation drive was held in the NTPC area under the Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam initiative, and Safai Mitras were felicitated.
- Special Campaign 6.0 continues till 31 October 2026 with the theme of effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste.
- Prof. (Dr.) P. K. Prajapati, Director of AIIA, said cleanliness and hygiene are a shared responsibility.

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign 2026
Institute	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Campaign period	17 September to 2 October 2026
Theme	Swachhata Mein Sabhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
Organised by	Department of Swasthavritta and Yoga, AIIA
Director of AIIA	Prof. (Dr.) P. K. Prajapati
Plantation initiative	Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam, in the NTPC area

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17th Pension Adalat to Take Up 897 Pending Grievances

4 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The 17th Pension Adalat, chaired by Dr. Jitendra Singh at IIPA, New Delhi on 5 October 2026, will take up 897 grievances of super-senior and family pensioners.

- The 17th Pension Adalat will be held on 5 October 2026 at T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall, IIPA, New Delhi, chaired by Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh
- It is the first thematic Pension Adalat: 897 long-pending grievances of super-senior pensioners and family pensioners from 24 ministries and departments, lodged on the CPENGRAMS portal
- Pension Adalats were introduced by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare in 2017 for on-the-spot settlement of central government pensioners complaints
- The first sixteen editions closed 20,676 of 28,797 grievances on the spot, a success rate of 71.79 per cent; the rest were settled in later inter-ministerial reviews
- Complainants may join in hybrid mode; flyers on the 16th Pension Adalat of 13 May 2026 and an FAQ booklet for family pensioners will be released

Event	17th Pension Adalat
Date	5 October 2026
Venue	T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall, IIPA, New Delhi
Chaired by	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Organiser	Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW)
Grievances listed	897, of super-senior pensioners and family pensioners
Ministries and departments covered	24
Portal used for filing	CPENGRAMS

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Andhra Pradesh Gets 3 Lakh PMAY-G Houses Worth Rs 3,600 Crore

4 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Shivraj Singh Chouhan handed Andhra Pradesh 3 lakh PMAY-Gramin houses worth Rs 3,600 crore at Burripalem and launched India's first 3D printed housing pilot.

- Shivraj Singh Chouhan sanctioned 3 lakh pucca houses worth Rs 3,600 crore for Andhra Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) 2.0 at Burripalem, Guntur district, on 4 October 2026
- India's first 3D concrete printing housing project, a pilot of 177 houses costing Rs 14 crore, was launched at Burripalem and Obulnaidupalem; each house is to be ready in about six months
- The state's original quota was 76,000 houses; Andhra Pradesh has sought 9 lakh in all and 6 lakh more are to be cleared in tranches of three lakh
- A farmer in Andhra Pradesh gets Rs 20,000 a year: Rs 6,000 from PM-KISAN and Rs 14,000 from the state's Annadata Sukhibhava scheme
- The national Saras Mela will be held outside Delhi for the first time, in Andhra Pradesh on 15 October, and will be inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) 2.0
Houses sanctioned	3 lakh for Andhra Pradesh
Cost	Rs 3,600 crore
Venue	Burripalem village, Tenali mandal, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh
Union Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development)
Chief Minister	Nara Chandrababu Naidu
First in India	3D concrete printing housing pilot of 177 houses, Rs 14 crore
Earlier quota	76,000 houses

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MY Bharat Holds Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva at 150 Sites

4 October 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat held the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva at over 150 places on 4 October 2026, drawing more than one lakh young people into its anti-drug drive.

- MY Bharat and its partner organisations held the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva at more than 150 locations across India on 4 October 2026
- Over one lakh youth and citizens joined the walks, which covered three to five kilometres each and ran under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan
- MY Bharat functions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, which drove the nationwide programme with partner bodies
- Street plays called nukkad nataks, slogan writing and heritage walks were used alongside the marches to warn young people about substance abuse
- Participants took the Nasha Mukt Yuva Pledge; 2 Lieutenant Governors, 1 Union Cabinet Minister, 8 Members of Parliament and 8 MLAs joined at various venues

Event	Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva
Date	4 October 2026
Organiser	MY Bharat, with partner organisations
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Parent campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan
Locations	More than 150 across India
Participation	Over one lakh youth and citizens
Length of each walk	Three to five kilometres

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DST Marks Swachhata Hi Sewa 2026, Felicitates 110 Safai Mitras

5 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Department of Science and Technology set out its work under the Swachhata Hi Sewa 2026 campaign, which began on 17 September and saw 110 Safai Mitras honoured.

- The Swachhata Hi Sewa 2026 campaign began on 17 September 2026 across DST, its autonomous institutions and the offices of the Survey of India
- The Secretary of the department felicitated 110 Safai Mitras on 29 September 2026 at the Safai Mitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir
- A shramdaan was held on 1 October 2026 at Vigyan Sadan under the nationwide call Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath, and another on Gandhi Jayanti, 2 October 2026
- A financial awareness session was arranged through the Securities and Exchange Board of India on 23 September 2026 under Safai Mitra Suraksha
- Technology Bhawan and Vigyan Sadan were the Cleanliness Target Units, and Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare, Secretary DST, joined the plantation drive

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) 2026
Department	Department of Science and Technology
Start date	17 September 2026
Swachhata Pledge	18 September 2026, administered by the Secretary
Cleanliness Target Units	Technology Bhawan and Vigyan Sadan
Nationwide call	Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath, with shramdaan on 1 October 2026 at Vigyan Sadan
Gandhi Jayanti drive	2 October 2026, led by the Secretary around Technology Bhawan
Safai Mitras felicitated	110, on 29 September 2026

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PMGSY Chintan Shivir: 62 Thousand km Roads in Fourth Phase

5 October 2026 · Government Schemes

At the PMGSY National Chintan Shivir in Bharat Mandapam, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the fourth phase of the scheme will add 62 thousand kilometres of rural roads.

- The two-day National Chintan Shivir on the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 5 October 2026
- Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said about 8.50 lakh kilometres of rural roads have been built in the country so far
- The fourth phase of PMGSY has a target of 62 thousand kilometres of new roads, of which 20 thousand kilometres are already sanctioned
- A limit of 72 days applies between sanction and the start of construction, and agencies doing shoddy work are to be blacklisted
- Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan were praised for quality, and Assam for QR coding of road assets

Event	Two-day National Chintan Shivir on the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Addressed by	Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and of Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Roads built so far	About 8.50 lakh kilometres of rural roads
Fourth phase target	62 thousand kilometres of new roads, 20 thousand kilometres sanctioned
Timeline	72 days from sanction to the start of construction
Maintenance	Responsibility of the agency for five years after construction
Also present	Minister of State Kamlesh Paswan and Rural Development Secretary Rohit Kansal

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Swachhta Udyami Yojana and NFSC: Three Scheme Case Studies

5 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry released three beneficiary accounts covering the Swachhta Udyami Yojana, the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste and an NSFDC subsidy.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment released three scheme beneficiary accounts on 5 October 2026
- Under the Swachhta Udyami Yojana a tractor-mounted Open Nallah Cleaner costing Rs 16,99,952 was financed with a loan of Rs 10,24,964 and a subsidy of Rs 6,74,988
- The beneficiary's monthly income rose from about Rs 8,000 to around Rs 18,000 after the machine was bought
- Under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste, support of about Rs 18 lakh from September 2019 covered fellowship, house rent allowance and contingency, funding a PhD
- Under the NSFDC Electric Auto-Rickshaw Subsidy Scheme, 2024 a beneficiary in Chhindwara received Rs 1,85,000

Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Scheme 1	Swachhta Udyami Yojana (SUY), routed through the Navajeevan Organisation
SUY project	Tractor-mounted Open Nallah Cleaner costing Rs 16,99,952
SUY funding split	Loan of Rs 10,24,964 and capital subsidy of Rs 6,74,988
Income change	From about Rs 8,000 to around Rs 18,000 a month
Scheme 2	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste (NFSC), support from September 2019
NFSC heads	Fellowship, house rent allowance and contingency, totalling about Rs 18 lakh
Scheme 3	NSFDC Electric Auto-Rickshaw Subsidy Scheme, 2024, assistance of Rs 1,85,000

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Agriculture Ministry Reports 10.77 Crore Farmer IDs Made

5 October 2026 · Government Schemes

At the agriculture ministry's first monthly review, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said over 10.77 crore Farmer IDs are ready and a Khet Bachao Abhiyan begins this month.

- Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired the ministry's first comprehensive monthly review meeting at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, on 5 October 2026
- Under the Digital Agriculture Mission, more than 10.77 crore digital Farmer IDs have been made against a national target of 14 crore farmers
- A nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan to protect soil and crops will begin on the 22nd of this month
- In 2025-26 pulses output reached 274.09 lakh tonnes and oilseed output 430.59 lakh tonnes, both above the national targets
- Natural farming now covers 27.32 lakh farmers and 12.85 lakh hectares, and crop insurance enrolment rose 23 per cent to cross 2.83 crore

Meeting	First comprehensive monthly review of the agriculture ministry, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Chaired by	Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Date	5 October 2026
Farmer IDs	More than 10.77 crore, against a target of 14 crore farmers
New campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan, nationwide from the 22nd of this month
Pulses output 2025-26	274.09 lakh tonnes, area 286.46 lakh hectares
Oilseed output 2025-26	430.59 lakh tonnes
Natural farming	27.32 lakh farmers, 12.85 lakh hectares, 33,257 Krishi Sakhis

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eSanjeevani Crosses 50 Crore Teleconsultations in India

6 October 2026 · Government Schemes

India's national telemedicine service eSanjeevani has crossed 50 crore teleconsultations, reaching 50,00,92,730 sittings across all 36 States and UTs.

- eSanjeevani, India's national telemedicine service, crossed 50 crore teleconsultations on 15 September 2026 with a running total of 50,00,92,730 sittings in all 36 States and Union Territories.
- The platform runs on more than 1.42 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandir spokes, 19,473 medical hubs and 901 online OPDs, with 2,41,923 registered health workers and service in 15 languages.
- Women account for 57.14 per cent of the use, citizens of 46 years and above for 40.15 per cent, and those of 60 and above for 16.25 per cent; the busiest day saw 6,30,315 consultations.
- Its AI-powered Clinical Decision Support System won a Gold Award under the National Awards for e-Governance 2026, and the service has been linked to the Emergency Response Support System-112.
- Specialist OPD teleconsultation has begun at AIIMS Jodhpur, AIIMS Jammu and AIIMS Patna; the platform was built by C-DAC, with C-DAC Mohali providing the engineering support.

Platform	eSanjeevani, the National Telemedicine Service of India
Milestone	50 crore teleconsultations (exactly 50,00,92,730)
Date crossed	15 September 2026
Coverage	All 36 States and Union Territories
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Developed by	C-DAC, with C-DAC Mohali giving end-to-end engineering support
Network	Over 1.42 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandir spokes, 19,473 medical hubs, 901 online OPDs
Registered providers	2,41,923 healthcare providers

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VB-G RAM G Schedule Notifies 375 Permissible Rural Works

6 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Rural Development has notified 375 permissible works under the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, a 41 per cent rise over the earlier 266 works.

- The Ministry of Rural Development has notified a Schedule of 375 permissible works under the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, known as VB-G RAM G.
- The list is 41 per cent wider than the 266 works of the earlier framework and is grouped under four pillars.
- Water Security has the most works at 128, followed by Core Rural Infrastructure with 111, Livelihood-related Infrastructure with 98 and Disaster Preparedness with 38.
- For the first time a head of its own covers extreme weather and disaster preparedness; livelihood works now take 26 per cent of the list against 1.1 per cent earlier.
- Works will start from a Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan approved by the Gram Sabha and will be tracked on the Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack.

Notified by	Ministry of Rural Development
Scheme	Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), VB-G RAM G
Act	VB-G RAM G Act, 2025
Permissible works	375
Earlier framework	266 works, so a rise of 41 per cent
Water Security	128 works, the largest pillar
Core Rural Infrastructure	111 works
Livelihood-related Infrastructure	98 works, 26 per cent of the list against 1.1 per cent earlier

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Viksit Bharat Quiz Draws 1,45,26,013 Attempts for VBYLD 2027

6 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Viksit Bharat Quiz for VBYLD 2027 drew 1,45,26,013 attempts, and about 5.7 lakh qualifiers now move to a 500-word essay round closing 15 October 2026.

- The Viksit Bharat Quiz for VBYLD 2027 recorded 1,45,26,013 attempts during the selection process
- The quiz ran on the MY Bharat portal from 17 August to 30 September 2026 with 20 questions, 20 marks and a 10-minute limit
- About 5.7 lakh qualifiers advance to the Viksit Bharat Essay Challenge, writing 500 words on a regional theme
- Essays may be submitted in any of 23 languages on the MY Bharat portal till 15 October 2026
- The pathway runs Quiz to Essay Challenge to District PPT Championship to State or UT dialogue to National VBYLD, under ten regional themes

Programme	Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
Quiz attempts	1,45,26,013
Quiz period	17 August to 30 September 2026
Quiz format	20 questions, 20 marks, 10 minutes
Qualifiers	About 5.7 lakh youth
Essay length and deadline	500 words, till 15 October 2026
Languages allowed	23

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MY Bharat Starts Points, Rewards and Recognition Mechanism

6 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Mera Yuva Bharat has begun a Points, Rewards and Recognition mechanism that rewards young volunteers at milestones running from 1,000 points to 1,00,000 points.

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has operationalised a Points, Rewards and Recognition (PRR) Mechanism on the Mera Yuva Bharat portal
- Youth reaching 1,000 points get a MY Bharat Letter of Recognition signed by the Director of the MY Bharat Division
- The MY Bharat Digital Hall of Fame opens at 5,000 points and the book Modi@20 is awarded at 7,500 points
- A signed copy of The Golden Road by William Dalrymple comes at 10,000 points and Treasures of India by DK at 20,000 points
- At 50,000 and 1,00,000 points achievers meet the Minister of State and the Union Minister at a Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, from October 2027

Mechanism	Points, Rewards and Recognition (PRR) Mechanism
Platform	MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat) Portal
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Announced by	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports
1,000 points	MY Bharat Letter of Recognition
5,000 points	MY Bharat Digital Hall of Fame
7,500 points	Hardbound book Modi@20
10,000 points	The Golden Road by William Dalrymple, signed

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Textiles Ministry Wraps Up Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 Drive

7 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Textiles concluded its Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign, run from 17 September to 2 October 2026, with a plantation drive at NIFT Delhi.

- The Ministry of Textiles concluded its participation in the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 campaign, organised from 17 September to 2 October 2026
- The campaign focused on Cleanliness Target Units, Swachh Paathshala - Yuva for Swachhata, Safai Mitra Suraksha evam Samman Shivir, Jan Bhagidari and Swachhata se Samridhi
- The concluding plantation activity was held at NIFT Delhi on Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, led by Secretary (Textiles) Smt Neelam Shami Rao
- Tree plantation was carried out under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative and Shramdaan under the call Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath
- The campaign culminated on 2 October 2026, which is observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas and the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Textiles
Period	17 September to 2 October 2026
Day of conclusion	2 October, observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas and Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary
Closing activity	Tree plantation at NIFT Delhi
Led by	Secretary (Textiles), Smt Neelam Shami Rao
Plantation initiative	Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
Shramdaan call	Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath

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JOSH Teams Launched for TB Mukt Bharat in 55 Districts

7 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Health Ministry will launch JOSH (Joint Squad for Health) Teams on 8 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, covering 55 districts in 11 States in phase one.

- JOSH stands for Joint Squad for Health; the teams will be launched on 8 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- Three ministries are involved: Health and Family Welfare, Youth Affairs and Sports, and Defence
- The first phase covers 55 districts in 11 States, working at the block, ward and community level
- Each team combines Class-I Officers, MY Bharat Volunteers and NCC Cadets
- An AI chatbot called Khushi Avatar and new IEC material for the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan will be released at the same event

Initiative	JOSH Teams (Joint Squad for Health)
Launch date	8 October 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Lead ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Partner ministries	Youth Affairs and Sports; Defence
Launch led by	Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda
First phase coverage	55 districts in 11 States
Team members	Class-I Officers, MY Bharat Volunteers, NCC Cadets

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PMGSY Chintan Shivir: PMGSY-IV Targets 62,500 km of Roads

7 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A two-day PMGSY Chintan Shivir at Bharat Mandapam reviewed rural roads, with PMGSY-IV carrying an outlay of Rs 70,125 crore for 62,500 km of all-weather roads.

- The two-day PMGSY Chintan Shivir was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 5 and 6 October 2026 to chart the future of rural road connectivity
- PMGSY has built about 8 lakh km of rural roads across its phases over the past 25 years
- PMGSY-IV has an outlay of Rs 70,125 crore and targets about 62,500 km of all-weather roads to connect 25,000 eligible unconnected habitations
- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan called for digital tools, GPS-based monitoring and artificial intelligence in field verification and monitoring
- Experts from CRRI, NDMA, CDRI and the Border Roads Organisation spoke on climate-resilient roads, new materials and AI-enabled monitoring

Event	PMGSY Chintan Shivir, two days
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Dates	5 and 6 October 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Roads built so far	About 8 lakh km over 25 years
PMGSY-IV outlay	Rs 70,125 crore
PMGSY-IV target	About 62,500 km of all-weather roads
Habitations targeted	25,000 eligible unconnected habitations

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Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Review at IIM Bangalore Sets Reforms

7 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A regional review of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 at IIM Bangalore heard that rural tap connections have risen to 15.96 crore households from 3.27 crore at the launch.

- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation held a regional review of States and UTs under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 at IIM Bangalore, chaired by Secretary Ashok K. K. Meena
- More than 15.96 crore rural households now have tap water connections, against 3.27 crore when the Mission was launched in August 2019
- JJM 2.0 marks a shift from infrastructure creation to sustainable and accountable service delivery, with source-to-household connectivity and digital records
- The Jal Seva Adhayan found pipeline leakages and breakages to be the leading cause of supply disruption, followed by power cuts and low voltage
- Professor Gopal Naik of IIM Bangalore presented a study on power cost optimisation, and solarisation of water assets is being examined with the MNRE

Meeting	Regional review of States and UTs under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Venue	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
Department	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
Chaired by	Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, DDWS
Mission Director	Kamal Kishore Soan, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, NJJM
Tap connections now	More than 15.96 crore rural households
At the launch	3.27 crore households, August 2019
Focus of JJM 2.0	Sustainable and accountable service delivery

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National SC-ST Hub Procurement Rises Nearly 39-Fold in a Decade

8 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Procurement from SC/ST-owned MSEs rose nearly 39-fold to Rs 4,013.42 crore in 2025-26 under the National SC-ST Hub, which has aided 1,90,414 beneficiaries.

- The National SC-ST Hub was launched on 18 October 2016 and is implemented through the National Small Industries Corporation under the MSME Ministry
- Procurement from SC/ST-owned MSEs rose nearly 39-fold, from Rs 99.37 crore in 2015-16 to Rs 4,013.42 crore in 2025-26, sourced from 12,524 enterprises
- The scheme has assisted 1,90,414 beneficiaries and trained 54,499 candidates up to 31 July 2026; in 2025-26, 10,717 were trained and 55 per cent of them were women
- Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Assam are the five leading States under the Hub
- The Public Procurement Policy requires 25 per cent of annual purchases from MSEs, with 4 per cent earmarked for SC/ST-owned MSEs

Scheme	National SC-ST Hub (NSSH)
Launched on	18 October 2016
Ministry	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Implementing agency	National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
Beneficiaries assisted	1,90,414 up to 31 July 2026
Candidates trained	54,499 up to 31 July 2026
Procurement in 2025-26	Rs 4,013.42 crore from 12,524 MSEs
Procurement in 2015-16	Rs 99.37 crore, a nearly 39-fold rise since

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Nadda Launches JOSH Teams for Youth-Led TB Elimination

8 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda launched JOSH Teams under TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan at Bharat Mandapam, covering 55 districts in 11 States and UTs first.

- JOSH, short for Joint Squad for Health, was launched by Health Minister J.P. Nadda at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan.
- Every JOSH team has five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets and is headed by a Class-I officer at the block or ward level.
- The first phase covers 55 districts in 11 States and Union Territories, and all 804 districts joined the launch virtually.
- TB incidence in India has dropped 21 per cent against 12 per cent globally, and treatment coverage has reached 92 per cent against 78 per cent worldwide.
- A total of 67,933 Panchayats in 697 districts were recognised as TB Mukt in 2026, and Khushi Avatar now works in 12 Indian languages.

Initiative	JOSH Teams (Joint Squad for Health)
Launched by	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Parent campaign	TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan
Ministries involved	Health and Family Welfare, Youth Affairs and Sports, Defence
Team composition	Five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets, led by a Class-I officer
First phase	55 districts across 11 States and Union Territories
TB incidence decline	21 per cent in India against 12 per cent globally

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PRASHAST Inclusion Module Screened in 60,000 Schools

8 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Education Ministry screened a 30-minute inclusive education module through the PRASHAST Portal in over 60,000 schools, with 72 lakh teachers sensitised.

- More than 60,000 schools joined the nationwide screening of a 30-minute inclusive education module run through the PRASHAST Portal.
- Over 72 lakh teachers have already been sensitised through the module, which has been running for the past three months.
- The module is available in 12 Indian languages and is meant for heads of schools, teachers, special educators and non-teaching staff alike.
- PRASHAST is a school-based digital tool that screens children for probable disability conditions covered by the RPwD Act, 2016.
- Its two-part checklist lets teachers screen on observable indicators while special educators validate cases and arrange medical referrals.

Initiative	Nationwide screening of a sensitisation module on inclusive education
Conducted by	Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education
Platform	PRASHAST Portal
Module length	30 minutes
Languages	12 Indian languages
Schools covered	More than 60,000
Teachers sensitised	More than 72 lakh
Legal basis	Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016

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9th National Review Workshop on Cooperation Opens in Bastar

8 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Cooperation opened its 9th National Review Workshop in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, on the theme Sahkar se Samriddhi: The Road Ahead, on 8 and 9 October 2026.

- The Ministry of Cooperation is holding its 9th National Review Workshop on 8 and 9 October 2026 in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, on the theme Sahkar se Samriddhi: The Road Ahead: Scaling Impact through Cooperative Transformation.
- Secretary Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani said the suggestion to hold it in Bastar, a district long affected by Left Wing Extremism, came from Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah.
- A recent amendment to the NCDC Act allows financial assistance to institutions that are not cooperatives themselves but promote cooperative development.
- A common cooperative digital marketing platform is under consideration, with support offered by the Open Network for Digital Commerce, and a model cooperative banking framework is to be discussed with States.
- Value chains in exports, organic products and seeds are to be strengthened through NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL, while reviews covered multipurpose PACS, PACS computerisation and the grain storage plan.

Event	9th National Review Workshop of the Ministry of Cooperation
Dates	8 and 9 October 2026
Venue	Bastar, Chhattisgarh
Theme	Sahkar se Samriddhi: The Road Ahead: Scaling Impact through Cooperative Transformation
Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation	Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani
Union Minister of Cooperation	Shri Amit Shah, who is also Union Home Minister
Chhattisgarh Chief Secretary	Shri Vikas Sheel
National cooperative bodies named	NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL

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Khadi: NIFT Centre of Excellence Builds 2,129 Design Collections

9 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The MSME Ministry says the Centre of Excellence for Khadi at NIFT Delhi has built 2,129 design collections and that 80% of Khadi artisans are women.

- The Centre of Excellence for Khadi at NIFT, Delhi has developed 2,129 Khadi design collections, while Navyug Khadi was launched with 710 new products.
- An EDII Ahmedabad evaluation found more than 75 per cent of artisans under the schemes recorded a measurable rise in income.
- About 80 per cent of the roughly half a million Khadi artisans are women, with the largest presence in agarbatti, handmade paper and the Honey Mission.
- Khadi Vikas Yojana, Gramodyog Vikas Yojana and PMEGP support employment in the sector; spinning and weaving wages were raised from April 2025.
- Central Sliver Plants at Chittadurga in Karnataka and Kuttur in Kerala are modernised and operational, with Chittadurga meeting 50 per cent of its energy need from solar.

Ministry	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Centre of Excellence for Khadi	NIFT, Delhi, with 2,129 design collections
Navyug Khadi	Launched with 710 new products
Wellness and yoga wear line	Svadha
Income rise	More than 75 per cent of artisans, per EDII Ahmedabad study
Women artisans	About 80 per cent of roughly half a million Khadi artisans
Schemes	Khadi Vikas Yojana, Gramodyog Vikas Yojana and PMEGP
GI tag	Ponduru Khadi

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94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle to Be Held in Varanasi

10 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle will be held in Varanasi on the theme 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat', led by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

- The 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle will be held in Varanasi on 11 October 2026, from Namo Ghat to the Diksha Mandap of Sampurnanand Sanskrit University
- The theme is 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat', linking fitness with the campaign against substance abuse
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya will be the chief guest
- Asian Games medallists joining include Raj Kumar Pal (hockey gold), Jay Kumar (relay silver and bronze), Parul Chaudhary (two bronze) and Prachi Chaudhary (bronze)
- The campaign is run by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Cycling Federation of India, Raahgiri Foundation and MY Bharat, and over 6,000 NAMO Fit India Clubs hold the ride weekly

Event	94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle
City	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
Date	11 October 2026, from 6 in the morning
Route	Namo Ghat to Diksha Mandap, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University
Theme	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat
Chief guest	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
Organised by	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Cycling Federation of India, Raahgiri Foundation and MY Bharat
NAMO Fit India Clubs	More than 6,000 hold the ride every week

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PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana Completes One Year in 100 Districts

10 October 2026 · Government Schemes

PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana completes one year on 11 October 2026; the average score of its 100 aspirational agricultural districts rose to 46.89 in August 2026.

- PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana was approved by the Union Cabinet on 16 July 2025 for six years and launched on 11 October 2025; it completes one year on 11 October 2026
- It covers 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts picked on low productivity, low cropping intensity and low farm credit disbursement, with at least one district in every State
- The scheme converges 36 Central schemes of 11 Ministries and Departments and is tracked through 121 indicators, 74 on output and 47 on outcomes, on the PM-DDKY dashboard
- The average score of the 100 districts rose from 18.85 in April 2026 to 46.89 in August 2026, a gain of 28.04 points
- The National Executive Committee is headed by the Union Agriculture Minister and the National Monitoring Committee by the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Scheme	Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)
Cabinet approval	16 July 2025, for six years from 2025-26
Launched	11 October 2025; first anniversary on 11 October 2026
Coverage	100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts, at least one per State
Selection indicators	Low productivity, low cropping intensity, low agricultural credit disbursement
Convergence	36 Central schemes across 11 Ministries and Departments
Monitoring	121 indicators (74 output, 47 outcome) on the PM-DDKY dashboard
Average district score	18.85 in April 2026 to 46.89 in August 2026, up 28.04 points

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Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan Reaches 1.06 Lakh in First Month

10 October 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat and NSS closed the first month of Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan with a nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela that reached 1,06,855 participants on 9 October 2026.

- The nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela was held on 9 October 2026 by MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme, closing Month 1 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan
- Month 1 carried the theme ‘My Health, My Pride’ and reached 1,06,855 participants across 200 designated institutions and their adopted villages
- The outreach included 93,662 youth participants and 13,193 other citizens, through 15 NSS Regional Directorates
- Activities covered 509 seminars reaching 36,086 youth, 396 awareness stalls reaching 32,909 people and 587 cultural performances reaching 24,944 people
- Month 2 of the campaign will run on the theme ‘Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth’, focused on physical fitness and sports

Event	Nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela, 9 October 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme (NSS)
Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan; Month 1 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan
Month 1 theme	‘My Health, My Pride’
Total outreach	1,06,855 participants
Institutions covered	200 designated institutions and their adopted villages, through 15 NSS Regional Directorates
Break-up of reach	93,662 youth and 13,193 other citizens
Gender break-up	48,269 female and 45,618 male youth participants

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Telangana Delegation Visits Assam Under Yuva Sangam Phase VII

10 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A Telangana youth delegation led by Central University of Karnataka toured Assam under Yuva Sangam Phase VII and met Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

- Yuva Sangam Phase VII is organised by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative
- The programme works through 20 paired states and their higher education institutions to promote national integration
- A Telangana delegation led by the Central University of Karnataka was welcomed at Guwahati by IIT Guwahati on 4 October 2026
- The delegation met the Governor of Assam, Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, on 5 October 2026
- The delegates began their day in Assam with a yoga session, presented as part of India's traditional knowledge and heritage

Programme	Yuva Sangam Phase VII
Umbrella initiative	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Organiser	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
Pairing	20 paired states and their higher education institutions
Delegation	Telangana, led by the Central University of Karnataka
Host institution	IIT Guwahati, Assam
Arrival	Guwahati, 4 October 2026
Governor met	Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Governor of Assam, on 5 October 2026

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Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses Completes One Year

11 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, begun on 11 October 2025 with an outlay of Rs 11,440 crore, completed one year, targeting 350 lakh tonnes by 2030-31.

- The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses was launched on 11 October 2025 and has an allocation of Rs 11,440 crore for 2025-26 to 2030-31.
- By 2030-31 the Mission aims at nearly 350 lakh tonnes of pulses and a yield of 1,130 kg per hectare, on a targeted area of 310 lakh hectares.
- Pulses output reached 274.09 lakh tonnes in 2025-26 against 256.83 lakh tonnes in 2024-25; yield rose from 926 to 957 kg per hectare.
- Pulses imports fell 31.52 per cent to Rs 31,793.59 crore in 2025-26, while exports rose 13.40 per cent to USD 969.53 million.
- NCCF and NAFED are allowed to procure the whole of Tur, Masur and Urad for four years, from 2025-26 to 2028-29.

Mission	Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses
Launched on	11 October 2025
Outlay	Rs 11,440 crore (2025-26 to 2030-31)
Production target	About 350 lakh tonnes by 2030-31
Yield target	1,130 kg per hectare
Area target	310 lakh hectares by 2030-31
Focus crops	Tur, Urad and Masoor
Districts covered	489 districts in cluster mode

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Yuva Sangam Phase VII Takes Uttarakhand Youth to West Bengal

11 October 2026 · Government Schemes

An Uttarakhand delegation toured West Bengal under Yuva Sangam Phase VII of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, hosted by IIT Kharagpur, and met Governor R. N. Ravi.

- Yuva Sangam Phase VII is being implemented by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.
- The programme sends youth from 20 paired States and Union Territories to each other to promote national integration and people-to-people contact.
- An Uttarakhand delegation is visiting West Bengal, with Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University as the nodal institute and IIT Kharagpur as host.
- The delegation was welcomed on 7 October 2026 and interacted with West Bengal Governor Shri R. N. Ravi on 8 October 2026.
- On 9 October 2026 the delegates visited Prinsep Ghat on the Hooghly river in Kolkata and Sundervan.

Programme	Yuva Sangam Phase VII, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Implemented by	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
Pairing in the news	Uttarakhand delegation visiting West Bengal
Paired States and UTs	20
Nodal institute	Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand
Host institute	IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal
Governor met	Shri R. N. Ravi, Governor of West Bengal, on 8 October 2026
Places visited	Prinsep Ghat on the Hooghly river, Kolkata, and Sundervan

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MY Bharat Holds Youth Parliaments at 1,469 Locations in 34 States

12 October 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat organised Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments and Yuva Melas at 1,469 locations in 34 States on 10 October 2026, drawing over 3.65 lakh participants.

- MY Bharat held Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments and Yuva Melas on 10 October 2026 under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan, as part of the 100 Weeks Campaign.
- The programmes covered 1,469 locations across 34 States, with more than 3.65 lakh youth and citizens taking part.
- A total of 4,552 activities were organised and 4,568 slogans were collected from participants during the day.
- Six public representatives attended, comprising one Member of Parliament and five Members of Legislative Assemblies; the parliaments were held at block level.
- Partners included Heartfulness, Project Point, CIPU, ASSOCHAM, FICCI and Brahma Kumaris; activities ranged from the Nasha Mukt Yuva Pledge to nukkad nataks.

Platform	MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan, under the 100 Weeks Campaign
Programmes held	Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments (NYPs) and Yuva Melas
Date of programmes	10 October 2026
Locations	1,469 across 34 States
Participation	Over 3.65 lakh youth and citizens
Activities organised	4,552
Slogans collected	4,568

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PM GatiShakti at Five: 58 Ministries, 23,493 Data Layers

12 October 2026 · Government Schemes

PM GatiShakti, the GIS-based infrastructure planning platform launched on 13 October 2021, completes five years covering 58 ministries and all 36 states and UTs.

- The PM GatiShakti National Master Plan was launched on 13 October 2021 as a GIS-based platform for integrated infrastructure planning across sectors.
- It now covers 58 Central Ministries and Departments and all 36 States and Union Territories, and carried 23,493 data layers as of 12 October 2026.
- Its seven engines are roads, railways, ports, waterways, airports, mass transport and logistics infrastructure; the public platform offers 230 approved datasets.
- As of 11 August 2026 the Network Planning Group had appraised 396 projects worth about 18.66 lakh crore rupees; 256 were sanctioned and 198 under implementation.
- The Cabinet has approved an Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority to appraise projects of 500 crore rupees or more and build a National Transport Data Repository.

Launched on	13 October 2021
Coverage	58 Central Ministries and Departments, all 36 States and UTs
Infrastructure engines	Seven: roads, railways, ports, waterways, airports, mass transport, logistics
Data layers	23,493 as of 12 October 2026
Public datasets	230 approved datasets, opened to private users in October 2025
Projects appraised	396 worth about 18.66 lakh crore rupees as of 11 August 2026
Top tier	Empowered Group of Secretaries, chaired by the Cabinet Secretary
New authority	Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority (ITLA)

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PM-SETU: Rs 440 Crore Cleared for Nine Government ITIs

12 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Shareholders' agreements signed under PM-SETU will upgrade nine government ITIs in Surat and Visakhapatnam with AM/NS India at an approved cost of Rs 440 crore.

- Shareholders' agreements under PM-SETU will upgrade nine Government ITIs: five in Surat, Gujarat and four in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The approved investment is about 440 crore rupees, made up of 240 crore rupees for Surat and 200 crore rupees for the Visakhapatnam cluster.
- In the Special Purpose Vehicles, AM/NS India holds 51 per cent while the Union Government and the state government hold 24.5 per cent equity each.
- PM-SETU has a total outlay of 60,000 crore rupees and aims to upgrade 1,000 Government ITIs and strengthen five National Skill Training Institutes.
- The first 14 Strategic Investment Plans under the scheme carry a total approved proposed investment of 3,446 crore rupees.

Scheme	PM-SETU: Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
Industry partner	ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India (AM/NS India)
Academic partner	New Age Makers' Institute of Technology (NAMTECH)
Clusters	Five Government ITIs in Surat, four in Visakhapatnam
Approved investment	About 440 crore rupees (240 crore for Surat, 200 crore for Visakhapatnam)
Equity in SPVs	AM/NS India 51 per cent; Centre and state 24.5 per cent each
Scheme outlay	60,000 crore rupees
Scheme target	1,000 Government ITIs and five National Skill Training Institutes

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PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana Completes One Year

12 October 2026 · Government Schemes

PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana finished its first year, and Gaya, Nagaur and Umaria were named the best performers among its 100 farm districts.

- PMDDKY completed one year on 11 October 2026; it was launched on 11 October 2025 after being announced in the Union Budget 2025-26.
- The scheme covers 100 districts with low productivity, low cropping intensity and low farm credit, and converges 36 central schemes of 11 ministries with state schemes.
- Gaya in Bihar stood first, Nagaur in Rajasthan second and Umaria in Madhya Pradesh third among the best-performing PMDDKY districts.
- District performance is ranked monthly on a dashboard built around 121 indicators, and 18 districts were honoured across the scheme's six objectives.
- Khet Bachao Abhiyan will run in all states from 22 October to 30 November 2026 to promote balanced fertiliser use and soil health.

Scheme	Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)
Announced in	Union Budget 2025-26
Launched on	11 October 2025
Coverage	100 districts with low productivity, low cropping intensity and low farm credit
Convergence	36 central schemes of 11 ministries and departments, plus state schemes
Monitoring	Dashboard with 121 indicators and monthly district rankings
Best district	Gaya, Bihar (first)
Second and third	Nagaur, Rajasthan; Umaria, Madhya Pradesh

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National SARAS Mela 2026 Moves to Vijayawada for First Time

12 October 2026 · Government Schemes

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- The National SARAS Mela 2026 is being held at Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, from 13 to 31 October 2026, the first edition outside Delhi-NCR
- The Ministry of Rural Development is organising it with the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty, Andhra Pradesh
- More than 1,500 women from self-help groups in over thirty states and union territories are taking part; President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the fair on 15 October
- The fair is aligned with the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission and the goal of six crore Lakhpati Didis by 2029
- Attractions include a sixteen-foot installation named SHAKTI - The Spirit of Lakhpati Didi, fifty food stalls, and Lakhpati Didi, Knowledge, Convergence and Demo pavilions

Event	National SARAS Mela 2026
Venue	Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
First time	First National SARAS Mela held outside Delhi-NCR
Dates	13 to 31 October 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Rural Development with the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty (SERP), Andhra Pradesh
Participants	More than 1,500 self-help group women from over thirty states and union territories
To be inaugurated by	President Droupadi Murmu, on 15 October
Parent mission	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)

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Rural Development Ministry Signs MoU With RUDSETI Academy

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- The Ministry of Rural Development exchanged an MoU with the National Academy of RUDSETI (NAR) on 12 October 2026 to set uniform training standards at Rural Self Employment Training Institutes.
- A target of 6.35 lakh rural youth has been given to the RSETIs for the current year, higher than the target fixed for 2025-26, and it covers women, SC, ST, persons with disabilities and other vulnerable groups.
- The MoU was exchanged between Joint Secretary (Rural Skills) S. Sasikumar and NAR Director General Raju N. Kori, with Rural Development Secretary Rohit Kansal present.
- Candidates will be registered through Kaushal Panjee and their attendance verified by Aadhaar-based face authentication under AEBAS.
- The institutes will run NSQF-aligned courses and Entrepreneurship Development Programme modules, with certification through the ministry’s Unified Portal and compliance with notified Common Norms.

Agreement	MoU between the Ministry of Rural Development and the National Academy of RUDSETI (NAR)
Date	12 October 2026
Institutes covered	Rural Self Employment Training Institutes (RSETIs)
Training target this year	6.35 lakh rural youth
Signed by	S. Sasikumar, Joint Secretary (Rural Skills), and Raju N. Kori, Director General, NAR
Present	Rohit Kansal, Secretary, Department of Rural Development
Registration platform	Kaushal Panjee
Attendance	Aadhaar-based face authentication under AEBAS

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Ashtalakshmi Darshan Programme Takes 590 Students to Northeast

13 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The DoNER ministry says over 590 students have toured the North East in a year under Ashtalakshmi Darshan, as Jyotiraditya Scindia met students in Mizoram.

- More than 590 students from across India have toured the North East under MDoNER's Ashtalakshmi Darshan Programme in the past year.
- The programme is run by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) as a youth exposure and cultural exchange initiative.
- Union Minister for Communications and DoNER Jyotiraditya M. Scindia met students at Mizoram University during a two-day visit to Mizoram.
- The visiting students he spoke to had come to the region from Goa and Chandigarh under the programme.
- 'Ashtalakshmi' stands for the eight north-eastern states, and the ministry ties the programme to the Viksit Bharat 2047 goal.

Programme	Ashtalakshmi Darshan Programme
Run by	Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER)
Students covered	More than 590 in the past year
Minister	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia (Communications, and DoNER)
Interaction venue	Mizoram University, Mizoram
Visiting students from	Goa and Chandigarh
Ashtalakshmi	The eight north-eastern states
Vision linked	Viksit Bharat 2047

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Khadi Sales Touch Record Rs 1.87 Lakh Crore in 2025-26

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Khadi and village industry sales reached an all-time high of Rs 1.87 lakh crore in 2025-26, up 501 per cent on 2013-14, with employment at 2.04 crore.

- Khadi and village industry sales hit a record Rs 1.87 lakh crore in 2025-26, a rise of 501 per cent over 2013-14, while production grew 380 per cent to Rs 1,25,296 crore.
- Employment in the sector rose 56 per cent to 2.04 crore, and women are over 80 per cent of the nearly five lakh artisans working in khadi.
- A spinner's pay went from Rs 4 per hank in 2013-14 to Rs 15 per hank, about 275 per cent more; one hank is 840 yards of yarn and one pound by weight.
- KVIC is a statutory body under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956, and PMEGP has created work for nearly 97.95 lakh people through it since March 2008.
- Khadi Mahotsav is held every year from 2 October to 31 October; Gramodyog Vikas Yojana gave out 37,769 machines and toolkits in 2025-26.

Nodal body	Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC)
Parent Act	Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act, 1956
Sales, 2025-26	Rs 1.87 lakh crore, an all-time high (up to May 2026)
Production	Rs 1,25,296 crore, 380 per cent above 2013-14
Employment	2.04 crore, 56 per cent above 2013-14
Spinner's pay	Rs 15 per hank, against Rs 4 per hank in 2013-14
One hank	840 yards of yarn, one pound by weight
PMEGP	Nearly 97.95 lakh people employed through KVIC since March 2008

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PM GatiShakti Master Plan Completes Five Years With 1,800 Data Layers

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PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, launched in October 2021, completed five years with 1,800 data layers and 58 Central Ministries on the platform.

- PM GatiShakti National Master Plan was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in October 2021 and has now completed five years.
- The platform integrates more than 1,800 data layers covering 58 Central Ministries and Departments and all 36 States and Union Territories.
- The Network Planning Group has evaluated over 400 projects worth about 20.23 lakh crore rupees; in 2026 the count stood at 421 projects.
- The geospatial platform was developed indigenously by BISAG-N, and the public platform through the Unified Geospatial Interface was launched in September 2025.
- The Union Cabinet has approved an Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority to strengthen multimodal connectivity and reduce logistics costs.

Scheme	PM GatiShakti National Master Plan (PMGS NMP)
Launched	October 2021, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Platform built by	BISAG-N, under Atmanirbhar Bharat
Data layers	More than 1,800
Ministries and Departments	58 Central Ministries and Departments
States and UTs	All 36
Appraisal body	Network Planning Group (NPG)
Projects evaluated	421 projects worth about 20.23 lakh crore rupees in 2026

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Tribal Affairs Ministry Signs iGOT Pact for Adi Karmayogi

13 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Karmayogi Bharat signed an MoU on 13 October 2026 to train Adi Karmayogi Volunteers through a dedicated iGOT microsite.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Karmayogi Bharat signed an MoU in New Delhi for a Tribal Affairs Capacity Building Platform under the iGOT Karmayogi framework.
- It extends Mission Karmayogi, so far meant for civil servants, to Adi Karmayogi Volunteers and functionaries working on tribal development schemes.
- Under the Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan the ministry is setting up over 76,000 Adi Sewa Kendras and over 1,54,000 volunteers; 60,507 kendras and 1,22,072 volunteers are registered so far.
- A three-day in-person training by State Administrative Training Institutes is to be completed by Maharashtra, Odisha, Goa and Tripura by 31 October 2026 and by all states by 31 December 2026.
- Secretary Ranjana Chopra said the microsite has seen 646 course enrolments, 235 completions and 112 volunteers finishing at least one course; videos reached over 1,25,000 volunteers.

Agreement	MoU between Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Karmayogi Bharat, New Delhi
Platform	Tribal Affairs Capacity Building Platform on iGOT Karmayogi, with a dedicated AKV microsite
Scheme extended	Mission Karmayogi, so far for civil servants
Campaign	Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan
Targets	Over 76,000 Adi Sewa Kendras and over 1,54,000 Adi Karmayogi Volunteers
Registered so far	60,507 Adi Sewa Kendras and 1,22,072 volunteers
Priority states	Maharashtra, Odisha, Goa and Tripura, training by 31 October 2026
All-state deadline	31 December 2026

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BHAVYA Scheme: Rs 33,660 Crore for 100 Industrial Parks

14 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna, with an outlay of Rs 33,660 crore, will build 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across India between FY2026-27 and FY2031-32.

- Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA) carries an outlay of Rs 33,660 crore to develop 100 plug-and-play industrial parks across India.
- The Cabinet approved it in March 2026 and it was notified on 10 April 2026, to run six years from FY2026-27 to FY2031-32.
- Assistance goes up to Rs 1 crore per acre, with up to 25 per cent of approved funding usable for external road, rail and last-mile logistics links.
- Up to 50 parks will be selected in the first phase through challenge mode in two rounds; each park will span 25 to 1,000 acres and be run by a Special Purpose Vehicle.
- The BHAVYA Portal was launched in June 2026, and in July 2026 the BHAVYA-Rasayan Scheme was approved for three chemical parks.

Scheme	Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA)
Outlay	Rs 33,660 crore
Target	100 plug-and-play industrial parks
Approved / notified	Cabinet approval in March 2026; notified on 10 April 2026
Period	Six years, FY2026-27 to FY2031-32
Assistance	Up to Rs 1 crore per acre
External infrastructure	Up to 25 per cent of approved funding
Phase one	Up to 50 parks through challenge mode in two rounds

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Cabinet Clears Rs 53,428 Crore for Renamed NSAP Pension Scheme

14 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet approved continuing the National Social Assistance Programme with Rs 53,428 crore for 2026-27 to 2030-31 and renamed it and its four sub-schemes.

- The Union Cabinet on 14 October 2026 approved continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme with an outlay of Rs 53,428 crore for the five years from 2026-27 to 2030-31.
- NSAP is renamed Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana, and its old age, widow and disability pensions and the family benefit scheme get Pradhan Mantri names.
- Divyangjan pension is now Rs 375 a month for ages 0-79 years and Rs 625 for 80 years and above, with the benchmark disability bar cut to 40 per cent from 80 per cent.
- The minimum age condition for disability pension is removed, making the benefit available since birth; guidelines are to be issued within three months.
- About 3.20 crore beneficiaries in all 36 States and Union Territories are expected to gain, with the Centre bearing the entire cost.

Decision	Continuation of National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP)
Outlay	Rs 53,428 crore
Period	2026-27 to 2030-31 (five years)
New name of NSAP	Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana
Proposing department	Department of Rural Development
Divyangjan pension	Rs 375 a month for ages 0-79 years; Rs 625 for 80 years and above
Benchmark disability	40 per cent, reduced from 80 per cent
Beneficiaries	3.20 crore across 36 States and Union Territories

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BHARAT TULIP Opens Digital Markets for Traditional Artisans

14 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is running BHARAT TULIP through NBCFDC to brand and sell traditional artisans' products on digital platforms.

- BHARAT TULIP stands for Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme and is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- It is run through the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC) and was launched on 5 November 2024.
- Artisans' products are branded as BHARAT TULIP to improve visibility and allow online sales through digital and e-commerce channels.
- Support covers product promotion, digital marketing, quality assurance, skill development, logistics and delivery, and participation in exhibitions, trade fairs and buyer-seller meets.
- Products include home decor and lifestyle items, handcrafted jewellery, handwoven textiles and fabrics, and traditional leather goods.

Programme	BHARAT TULIP
Full form of TULIP	Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
Implementing ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Implementing agency	National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation (NBCFDC)
Launched on	5 November 2024
Main aim	Expanding market access and product visibility for traditional artisans
Sales route	Digital platforms and e-commerce channels under a common brand
Product range	Home decor and lifestyle items, handcrafted jewellery, handwoven textiles, traditional leather products

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RDI Scheme Widened to Cover Advanced Chemicals Technologies

14 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Advanced Chemicals, Petrochemicals and Material Technologies became an eligible funding area under the Rs 1 lakh crore RDI Scheme from 8 October 2026.

- Advanced Chemicals, Petrochemicals and Material Technologies have been added as an extra technology area eligible for funding under the RDI Scheme, effective from 8 October 2026.
- The Department of Science and Technology took the decision on a proposal from the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.
- The RDI Scheme was launched in November 2025 with a corpus of Rs 1 lakh crore to draw private investment into research, development and innovation.
- The scheme gives long-term financing and refinancing on favourable terms for transformative projects and aims at self-reliance in critical and emerging technologies.
- Union Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda welcomed the move, saying it would aid cheaper and more efficient technologies for chemicals, petrochemicals and polymers.

Scheme	Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Scheme
New technology area	Advanced Chemicals, Petrochemicals and Material Technologies
Effective from	8 October 2026
Approved by	Department of Science and Technology (DST)
Proposed by	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals (DCPC), Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Scheme launched	November 2025
Corpus	Rs 1 lakh crore
Union Minister	Jagat Prakash Nadda, Chemicals and Fertilizers, and Health and Family Welfare

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DDU-GKY 2.0 Captive Employer CXO Meet Held in Jaipur

15 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A Captive Employer CXO Meet on DDU-GKY 2.0 was held in Jaipur on 15 October 2026, where it was stated that 18.49 lakh rural youth have been trained.

- The Ministry of Rural Development and RSLDC held a Captive Employer CXO Meet under DDU-GKY 2.0 at the Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur, on 15 October 2026.
- It was stated at the meet that 18.49 lakh rural youth have been trained under DDU-GKY so far and 12.44 lakh of them have been placed in jobs.
- Project Implementing Agencies have to secure a placement or an eligible self-employment outcome for at least 70 per cent of the candidates they train.
- 20 per cent of the targets of DDU-GKY 2.0 are reserved for Captive Employers, and the national target for Captive Employment is 1.83 lakh candidates.
- Agencies are paid in four instalments of 30:20:20:30, the last of them only after the compulsory six-month employment period is verified.

Event	Captive Employer CXO Meet under DDU-GKY 2.0
Date	15 October 2026
Venue	Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur
Organisers	Ministry of Rural Development with RSLDC
Scheme	Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana (DDU-GKY) 2.0
Youth trained so far	18.49 lakh
Candidates placed	12.44 lakh
Placement norm	At least 70 per cent placement or eligible self-employment

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President Murmu Graces National SARAS Mela at Vijayawada

15 October 2026 · Government Schemes

President Droupadi Murmu attended the National SARAS Mela at Vijayawada on 15 October 2026, where about 1500 self-help group women are selling at over 650 stalls.

- President Droupadi Murmu attended the National SARAS Mela at Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, on 15 October 2026 and met Lakhpati Didis at the stalls.
- The fair is organised by the Union Ministry of Rural Development with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and runs until 31 October 2026.
- About 1500 women self-help group entrepreneurs from 34 States and Union Territories are selling at more than 650 stalls.
- Women linked to self-help groups have crossed 10 crore over the past 12 years and belong to more than 90 lakh groups.
- The President said self-help groups and SARAS Melas can lead the drive towards a developed India by 2047.

Event	National SARAS Mela, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Date of visit	15 October 2026
Graced by	President Droupadi Murmu
Organisers	Union Ministry of Rural Development with the Government of Andhra Pradesh
Participants	Around 1500 women SHG entrepreneurs and Lakhpati Didis from 34 States and Union Territories
Stalls	More than 650
Open till	31 October 2026
SHG strength	More than 10 crore women in over 90 lakh self-help groups, built up over 12 years

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Peyjal Samvad 13th Edition Reviews Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0

15 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Five districts shared rural drinking water practices at the 13th District Collectors' Peyjal Samvad chaired by DDWS Secretary Ashok K.K. Meena.

- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, held the 13th District Collectors' Peyjal Samvad by video conferencing on 15 October 2026.
- Ashok K.K. Meena, Secretary of the department, chaired it; Kamal Kishore Soan, Additional Secretary and Mission Director of the National Jal Jeevan Mission, also addressed it.
- Five districts presented field practices: Kanpur Nagar (Uttar Pradesh), West Tripura (Tripura), Thanjavur (Tamil Nadu), Bargarh (Odisha) and Palamu (Jharkhand).
- Districts must hold monthly District Water and Sanitation Mission meetings and upload the minutes on the DWSM Portal.
- The Decision Support System combines groundwater, rainfall, hydrological and Jal Jeevan Mission data so districts can plan for water-stressed areas.

Event	13th District Collectors' Peyjal Samvad
Organised by	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti
Chaired by	Ashok K.K. Meena, Secretary, DDWS
Also present	Kamal Kishore Soan, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, National Jal Jeevan Mission
Mode	Video conferencing
Mission	Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) 2.0 / Har Ghar Jal
Districts that presented	Kanpur Nagar, West Tripura, Thanjavur, Bargarh and Palamu
Platforms named	Decision Support System, Jal Arpan module, DWSM Portal, Jal Saarthi app, Jal Seva Aankalan

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NMMSS Scholarship Workshop in Bhopal Sets 31 October Deadline

15 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Education Ministry held an NMMSS review workshop at Bhopal and fixed 31 October 2026 as the last date for scholarship registration for 2026-27.

- The Department of School Education and Literacy held a regional orientation and review workshop on the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme at Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, on 14 October 2026
- NMMSS is a Central Sector Scheme that pays an eligible student 12,000 rupees a year to prevent dropping out after Class VIII and to support study up to Class XII
- The last date to register applications for the academic year 2026-27 is 31 October 2026
- Verification deadlines are 15 November 2026 for Institute Nodal Officers and 30 November 2026 for District Nodal Officers
- The workshop was led by Economic Adviser Ms A. Srija and attended by about 40 District Nodal Officers and 5 Institute Nodal Officers from Bhopal district

Scheme	National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)
Type	Central Sector Scheme
Ministry	Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education
Scholarship amount	12,000 rupees per annum
Workshop venue and date	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh, on 14 October 2026
Led by	Ms A. Srija, Economic Adviser, Department of School Education and Literacy
Registration deadline	31 October 2026 for the academic year 2026-27
Verification deadlines	15 November 2026 at INO level, 30 November 2026 at DNO level

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PM-SETU Clears Rs 1,194.92 Crore for Five ITI Clusters

16 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The National Steering Committee of PM-SETU approved five Strategic Investment Plans worth Rs 1,194.92 crore for ITI clusters in Maharashtra, Odisha and Jammu & Kashmir.

- The 6th National Steering Committee of PM-SETU approved five Strategic Investment Plans worth Rs 1,194.92 crore on 16 October 2026
- Cumulative investment approved under PM-SETU has now reached Rs 3,687 crore
- The clusters are Kataka in Odisha, Pune and Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in Maharashtra, and Jammu and Srinagar in Jammu & Kashmir
- Industry partners are Tata Steel Foundation, BVG India, Belrise Industries, Eagle Infra India and Inderdeep Infra India
- Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary of the skill development ministry, chaired the meeting; 3,744 trainers have been trained under Component II

Scheme	PM-SETU: Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
Meeting	6th National Steering Committee meeting
Approved now	Five Strategic Investment Plans worth Rs 1,194.92 crore
Cumulative approvals	Rs 3,687 crore
States and UT covered	Maharashtra, Odisha, Jammu & Kashmir
Chairperson	Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Largest cluster plan	Pune ITI cluster, Rs 241 crore, with BVG India Limited
Trainers trained (Component II)	3,744 through National Skill Training Institutes

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PM-AJAY: 18,093 Villages Declared Adarsh Grams So Far

16 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry said 18,093 villages have been declared Adarsh Grams under PM-AJAY and about Rs 1,730 crore released as Grants-in-Aid to States.

- As on 8 September 2026, 18,093 villages had been declared Adarsh Grams under PM-AJAY
- Over 47,200 villages and more than 47.79 lakh citizens have been covered; 46,944 development works are complete and 27,032 Village Development Plans prepared
- About Rs 1,730 crore was released to States as Grants-in-Aid between 2021-22 and 2025-26, helping over 2.5 lakh beneficiaries
- 785 student hostels were complete by September 2026, and Rs 61.46 crore is allotted in 2026-27 for two hostels for 264 students
- PM-AJAY is a 100 per cent centrally funded scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment with three components

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Adarsh Grams declared	18,093 villages (as on 8 September 2026)
Villages covered	Over 47,200, benefiting more than 47.79 lakh citizens
Grants-in-Aid released	About Rs 1,730 crore (2021-22 to 2025-26)
Hostels completed	785 (as of September 2026)
Allocation for 2026-27	Rs 61.46 crore for two hostels housing 264 students
Funding pattern	100 per cent centrally funded

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Women Farmers' Day: Sanchi Gets 46 Rural Roads Under PMGSY

16 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan marked Women Farmers' Day at Sanchi and performed bhoomi pujan for 46 rural roads under the Gram Sadak Yojana.

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan attended a Women Farmers' Day programme at Sanchi in Madhya Pradesh on 16 October 2026
- He performed the bhoomi pujan of 46 rural roads sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
- A pilot project in Raisen and Vidisha districts will try to link every family of every village to at least one livelihood
- In the Sanchi assembly segment, 3,081 houses were sanctioned in 2025-26 and 5,035 in 2024-25, with 218 under PM JANMAN and 246 under the Dharti Aaba scheme
- A recent survey found a need for 22,477 more houses in the Sanchi assembly segment

Occasion	Women Farmers' Day programme at Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh
Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development
Roads	Bhoomi pujan of 46 rural roads under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
Livelihood pilot	Raisen and Vidisha districts, one livelihood for every family
Houses sanctioned	3,081 in 2025-26 and 5,035 in 2024-25
Other housing schemes	218 houses under PM JANMAN, 246 under the Dharti Aaba scheme
Survey finding	22,477 additional houses needed in the Sanchi assembly segment

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PMAY-U 2.0: 1.93 Lakh More Houses Cleared at 10th CSMC

16 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The 10th CSMC meeting of PMAY-U 2.0 cleared 1.93 lakh more urban houses on 16 October 2026, pushing the mission's total sanctions to 20.80 lakh houses.

- The 10th CSMC meeting under PMAY-U 2.0, held in New Delhi on 16 October 2026, approved 1.93 lakh additional houses
- Total houses sanctioned under PMAY-U 2.0 now stand at 20.80 lakh, cleared for 11 participating states
- Uttar Pradesh took the largest share with 73,182 houses, followed by Bihar with 52,866 and Telangana with 18,120
- PMAY-U 2.0, launched in September 2024, gives up to Rs 2.50 lakh each to 1 crore urban families earning up to Rs 9 lakh a year
- 20.16 lakh houses, or 97 per cent of those sanctioned, are owned or co-owned by women

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0)
Meeting	10th CSMC meeting, New Delhi, 16 October 2026
Chaired by	Satendra Singh, Secretary, Department of Urban Development, MoHUA
New approvals	1.93 lakh houses across 11 states
Cumulative sanctions	20.80 lakh houses under PMAY-U 2.0
Launched	September 2024
Assistance	Up to Rs 2.50 lakh per family; income ceiling Rs 9 lakh a year
Verticals	BLC, AHP, Affordable Rental Housing, Interest Subsidy Scheme

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Khet Bachao Abhiyan to Run 22 October to 30 November

17 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed the Khet Bachao Abhiyan, which runs from 22 October to 30 November 2026 with a target of 4,150 teams.

- The Khet Bachao Abhiyan will be held from 22 October to 30 November 2026 to spread awareness of improved and sustainable farming practices.
- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed preparations in a virtual meeting with agriculture ministers of eleven states.
- A target of 4,150 teams of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and ATMA has been set, with more than 12,000 scientists and ATMA functionaries expected to join.
- Two events a day on average, that is 1.5 lakh meetings in all, are planned; ATMA and ICAR are each to reach 50 lakh participants.
- Camps will cover the Farmer ID, PM Fasal Bima Yojana, Kisan Credit Card, soil health cards, seed and machinery distribution.

Campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan
Duration	22 October to 30 November 2026
Reviewed by	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
Review meeting	Virtual meeting with state agriculture ministers on 17 October 2026
Also present	MoS Bhagirath Choudhary, Secretary Atish Chandra, ICAR Director General Dr M. L. Jat
Teams targeted	4,150 teams of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and ATMA
Scientists and staff	More than 12,000 expected to take part
Meetings targeted	1.5 lakh, at an average of two events a day

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Yoga evam Aatm-Suraksha Diwas Opens Nasha Mukt Yuva Month 2

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MY Bharat and NSS marked Yoga evam Aatm-Suraksha Diwas on 16 October 2026 to open Month 2 of the Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan, drawing 91,179 participants.

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through MY Bharat and NSS, observed Yoga evam Aatm-Suraksha Diwas nationwide on 16 October 2026 to begin Month 2 of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan.
- Month 2 runs under the theme Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth (Shakti evam Seva); the campaign itself was inaugurated by the Prime Minister.
- Week 5 drew 91,179 participants across 183 educational institutions, NSS units and adopted villages in the country.
- The week held 332 yoga sessions for 34,290 participants and 311 self-defence demonstrations for 31,507 participants, besides 180 community awareness activities for 25,391 people.
- Women made up 57.1% of total participation, and 4,197 social media posts went out under the NashaMuktYuva hashtag.

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan, now in its second month
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Implemented through	MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme (NSS)
Observance	Yoga evam Aatm-Suraksha Diwas (Yoga and Self-Defence Day), held nationwide on 16 October 2026
Month 2 theme	Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth (Shakti evam Seva)
Week 5 participation	91,179 people across 183 educational institutions, NSS units and adopted villages
Yoga sessions	332 sessions with 34,290 participants, including 19,882 women
Self-defence demonstrations	311 demonstrations with 31,507 participants, including 18,364 women

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Mines Ministry in Swachhata Hi Seva 2026: 136 Units Renewed

17 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Mines reported 136 Cleanliness Target Units transformed with 10,723 participants and 59 public spaces cleaned under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026.

- The Ministry of Mines and its field offices took part in the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2026, covering drives, Cleanliness Target Units, public spaces and Safai Mitra welfare.
- A total of 136 Cleanliness Target Units were transformed under the campaign, with 10,723 participants contributing to that work.
- In addition, 59 public spaces were cleaned, with 5,498 individuals taking part in those drives.
- The campaign opened with the Swachhata pledge administered under Secretary Shri Keshav Chandra, while Union Coal and Mines Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy joined a drive at Yashwant Palace Market, Chanakyapuri.
- A health camp for Safai Mitras and ministry employees was held at Khanij Kaksh, GPOA-3, Netaji Nagar, New Delhi.

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Mines, with its field offices
Cleanliness Target Units transformed	136
Participants in CTU work	10,723
Public spaces cleaned	59
Participants in public space cleaning	5,498
Secretary, Ministry of Mines	Shri Keshav Chandra
Union Minister for Coal and Mines	Shri G. Kishan Reddy

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Pithoragarh Coldwater Fisheries Cluster Gets PMMSY Push

18 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Fisheries Secretary Abhilaksh Likhi reviewed trout farming at Munsyari in Pithoragarh, where PMMSY has invested over Rs 2,299 crore in India's coldwater regions.

- Fisheries Secretary Dr Abhilaksh Likhi visited Munsyari in Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand, on 18 October 2026 to review coldwater aquaculture in the Himalayan region.
- Pithoragarh is notified as a Cold Water Fisheries Cluster under PMMSY; the Centre has notified 34 fisheries clusters in all across the country.
- PMMSY investment in coldwater regions has crossed Rs 2,299 crore, with over 5,600 raceways, 54 hatcheries, 293 cold storages and 260 feed mills sanctioned.
- Trout production has grown six-fold in a decade to nearly 5,000 MT a year, and Uttarakhand made its first export of trout to Nepal in June 2026.
- Uttarakhand's Trout Protsahan Yojna, with an outlay of Rs 170 crore, targets 1,500 raceways, 100 mini hatcheries and 600 cold-storage units by 2028-29.

Who visited	Dr Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries
Place	Munsyari, Pithoragarh district, Uttarakhand
Cluster	Pithoragarh, a Cold Water Fisheries Cluster under PMMSY
Clusters notified in India	34 fisheries clusters
PMMSY investment in coldwater regions	More than Rs 2,299 crore
Coldwater states and UTs	Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh
Trout output	Nearly 5,000 MT a year, a six-fold rise in a decade
First export	Uttarakhand's first trout export, to Nepal, in June 2026

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Special Campaign 6.0: India Post Settles 1,00,214 Grievances

18 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Department of Posts has settled 1,00,214 public grievances and held cleanliness drives at 73,814 sites under Special Campaign 6.0, up to 16 October 2026.

- Special Campaign 6.0 is being run by the Department of Posts at postal establishments nationwide from 2 to 31 October 2026
- Its targets are 1,50,000 public grievances resolved, 1,500 appeals disposed of and cleanliness drives at 1,35,000 sites
- Up to 16 October 2026 the department had settled 1,00,214 grievances, cleaned 73,814 sites and disposed of 764 appeals
- Scrap of 3,06,026 kg earned Rs 67.56 lakh, and 17,980 kg of e-waste earned Rs 27.64 lakh
- DigiPost, a phygital mail service, delivers traffic e-challans issued by the Gujarat Police on paper to citizens

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0
Run by	Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications
Period	2 to 31 October 2026, nationwide
Grievance target	1,50,000 public grievances
Appeals target	1,500 appeals
Cleanliness target	1,35,000 sites
Grievances resolved	1,00,214 (about 67 per cent of target), up to 16 October 2026
Sites cleaned	73,814 (about 55 per cent of target)

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 in Mysuru: 83 Stalls, 12 States

18 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Social Justice Secretary Sudhansh Pant visited the nine-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Mysuru in Karnataka, which has 83 stalls and artisans from 12 States.

- Union Social Justice and Empowerment Secretary Sudhansh Pant visited the nine-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at the Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds in Karnataka
- The Mysuru fair runs from 11 to 19 October 2026 and carries 83 stalls, of which 80 are allotted to artisans, 37 of them women
- Artisans from 12 States and Union Territories are taking part; NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC hold the fair jointly under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- BHARAT TULIP stands for Traditional Artisans Upliftment Livelihood Programme and sells artisans goods on digital platforms in India and abroad
- The Ministry has held 13 Shilp Samagam Melas since 2022, benefiting 975 artisans; Mysuru is the first of the financial year 2026-27

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, Mysuru edition
Venue	Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru, Karnataka
Dates	11 to 19 October 2026 (nine days)
Visited by	Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Stalls	83 in all, 80 allotted to artisans, 37 of them women artisans
Participation	Artisans from 12 States and Union Territories
Organised by	NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
BHARAT TULIP	Traditional Artisans Upliftment Livelihood Programme

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Agri Welfare Portal Launched by Shivraj Singh Chouhan

19 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the revamped Agri Welfare Portal, a single window carrying farm schemes, subsidies and advisories to mobiles.

- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the revamped Agri Welfare Portal for farmers on the Navami day of Navratri.
- The portal is a single window for the ministry's schemes, subsidies and digital services, and a common gateway for PM-KISAN, AgriStack and the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.
- It follows the MeitY standards DBIM 3.0 and GIGW 3.0, and is secure, mobile friendly, light on weak networks and accessible to persons with disabilities.
- The platform will also connect farmer producer organisations, primary agricultural credit societies, scientists, researchers and start-ups.
- A training campaign for farmers on the portal will be run through Krishi Vigyan Kendras across the country.

Portal	Agri Welfare Portal (revamped)
Launched by	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development
Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Standards	DBIM 3.0 and GIGW 3.0 of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Single window for	PM-KISAN, AgriStack and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
Training through	Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)
Also connects	FPOs, PACS, agricultural scientists, researchers and start-ups
Officials present	Secretary Atish Chandra, Additional Secretary Pramod Mehrda, officers of the ministry and NIC

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Coldwater Fisheries: Pithoragarh Cluster Reviewed Under PMMSY

19 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Fisheries Secretary Abhilaksh Likhi reviewed the Pithoragarh coldwater fisheries cluster, where PMMSY has drawn Rs 2,299 crore of investment into the hilly states.

- Coldwater fisheries clusters have been notified at Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand, Kullu in Himachal Pradesh, Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir and Kargil in Ladakh.
- India’s coldwater fisheries are concentrated in six hilly states and UTs: Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Sikkim and Arunachal Pradesh.
- Under PMMSY, over 5,600 raceways, 54 hatcheries, 293 cold storages and 260 feed mills have been sanctioned in these states, with investment above Rs 2,299 crore.
- Trout production has grown six-fold in a decade to nearly 5,000 MT a year, and Uttarakhand made its first international export, to Nepal, in June 2026.
- Productivity is 250 kg per raceway against a potential of 1,000 kg, and seed output is 15 lakh fingerlings against demand for 40 lakh.

Meeting	Pithoragarh Coldwater Fisheries Cluster review, at the Collectorate, Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
Chaired by	Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary, Department of Fisheries
Ministry	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)
Notified clusters	Pithoragarh (Uttarakhand), Kullu (Himachal Pradesh), Anantnag (Jammu and Kashmir), Kargil (Ladakh)
Sanctioned under PMMSY	Over 5,600 raceways, 54 hatcheries, 293 cold storages, 260 feed mills
Investment	Over Rs 2,299 crore in hilly states; Rs 317 crore in Uttarakhand in six years
Trout production	Nearly 5,000 MT a year, a six-fold rise in a decade

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MY Bharat Holds 1,174 Nasha Mukt Yuva Events in 36 States, UTs

19 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Mera Yuva Bharat held 1,174 programmes across 36 states and union territories in the fifth week of the Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan, drawing 3,43,288 participants.

- MY Bharat held 1,174 programmes across 36 states and union territories on 17 October 2026, in the fifth week of the 100 Weeks Campaign under Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan
- A total of 3,43,288 youth and citizens took part and the same number of pledges were taken, with 3,380 activities organised
- The two themes of the week were Yoga and Meditation for Nasha Mukt Yuva, and the Neighbourhood Youth Parliament discussion Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Par Charcha
- Partner organisations included Heartfulness, Project Point, CIPU, ASSOCHAM, FICCI, CII and the Brahma Kumaris
- MY Bharat is the youth platform of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; the activities covered pledges, yoga and meditation sessions and awareness discussions

Platform	Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan, run as a 100 Weeks Campaign
Week and date	Fifth week, held on 17 October 2026
Themes	Yoga and Meditation for Nasha Mukt Yuva; Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Par Charcha (Neighbourhood Youth Parliament)
Programmes	1,174 across 36 states and union territories
Participation	3,43,288 youth and citizens; 3,43,288 pledges
Activities	3,380
Partners	Heartfulness, Project Point, CIPU, ASSOCHAM, FICCI, CII, Brahma Kumaris

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NFSC Fellowship Helps Solapur Scholar Finish His PhD

19 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said a Solapur scholar completed his PhD with Rs 9.90 lakh of support under the NFSC fellowship scheme.

- Dr Shrikant Dilip Khandare of Solapur, Maharashtra, completed his PhD with support under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC)
- The assistance, including the fellowship and House Rent Allowance, totalled Rs 9.90 lakh and began reaching him in October 2019
- He qualified the CSIR-UGC NET in June 2018; his research deals with sustainable solutions to plastic waste and pollution
- The NFSC scheme is run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and supports eligible Scheduled Caste students in higher education and research
- The ministry highlighted the case to show how timely financial assistance helps scholars from disadvantaged backgrounds complete doctoral studies

Scheme	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Scholar	Dr Shrikant Dilip Khandare, Solapur, Maharashtra
Assistance received	Rs 9.90 lakh, including fellowship and House Rent Allowance
Support began	October 2019
Examination qualified	CSIR-UGC NET, June 2018
Research area	Sustainable solutions to plastic waste and pollution

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UDAN Completes 10 Years, Modified UDAN Opens Next Phase

20 October 2026 · Government Schemes

UDAN, the Regional Connectivity Scheme launched on 21 October 2016, completed ten years with 687 routes and 95 aerodromes operational, as Modified UDAN begins.

- UDAN, the Regional Connectivity Scheme, was launched on 21 October 2016 under the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016, and its first flight linked Shimla with Delhi in April 2017.
- In ten years the scheme has opened 687 regional routes and 95 aerodromes, including 17 heliports and two water aerodromes, carrying 1.72 crore passengers on more than 3.68 lakh flights.
- Viability Gap Funding of Rs 5091.23 crore had been disbursed up to 15 October 2026, while operational airports in India rose from 74 in 2014 to 166.
- Modified UDAN, launched on 4 July 2026, runs from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36 with an outlay of Rs 28,840 crore covering 100 new airports, 200 helipads and airline support.
- In the North East 90 priority routes are operational, and 12 of the 52 aerodromes, heliports and water aerodromes identified there are working.

Scheme	UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik), the Regional Connectivity Scheme
Launched	21 October 2016, under the National Civil Aviation Policy 2016
First UDAN flight	Shimla to Delhi, April 2017
Routes operationalised	687
Aerodromes operationalised	95, including 17 heliports and two water aerodromes
Passengers carried	1.72 crore, on more than 3.68 lakh flights
VGF disbursed	Rs 5091.23 crore, as on 15 October 2026
Operational airports in India	166, up from 74 in 2014

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Opens in Guwahati With 75 Artisans

20 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The second edition of Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 begins in Guwahati, Assam, with 75 artisans showing about 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft goods.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 begins its eight-day Guwahati leg on 21 October 2026 and runs until Wednesday, 28 October
- A total of 75 artisans are taking part, including 31 women, displaying about 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft products
- The venue is Farm Gate, Khanapara, in Guwahati, open to the public from 11 in the morning to 9 at night
- BHARAT-TULIP stands for Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme and is the mela's main focus at Guwahati
- The mela supports artisans tied to NSFDC, NSKFDC and NBCFDC, drawn from SCs, OBCs, Safai Mitras and Denotified Tribes

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 (SSM 2026), Guwahati edition
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam
Duration	Eight days, from 21 October to Wednesday, 28 October 2026
Visiting hours	11 in the morning to 9 at night
Participation	75 artisans, including 31 women, with about 40 product varieties
Key programme	BHARAT-TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
Corporations involved	NSFDC, NSKFDC and NBCFDC

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Concludes in Mysuru, Karnataka

20 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The nine-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 of the Social Justice Ministry ended at Mysuru with 83 stalls and artisans from 12 States and Union Territories.

- The nine-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment closed on 20 October 2026 at the Dasara Exhibition Grounds in Mysuru, Karnataka.
- It carried 83 stalls, of which 80 went to artisans, and 37 of those artisans were women; the sellers came from 12 States and Union Territories.
- The fair serves craft workers from the Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Safai Karamcharis, helped by the NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC.
- The Ministry has run these fairs since 2022; 13 editions have been held and 975 artisans have gained from them, and Mysuru was the first of the financial year 2026-27.
- BHARAT TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme, brands the goods of these groups for sale on digital platforms in India and abroad.

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 (nine days)
Venue	Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru, Karnataka
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Corporations involved	NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
Stalls	83 in all, 80 allotted to artisans
Women artisans	37
States and UTs represented	12
Fairs held since 2022	13, benefiting 975 artisans

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SARAS Mela 2026: First National Edition Outside Delhi-NCR

21 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The National SARAS Mela 2026 at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada is the first held outside Delhi-NCR, with 1,500 women SHG sellers from 34 states and UTs.

- The National SARAS Mela 2026 at Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada (Andhra Pradesh) runs from 13 October to 31 October 2026 and is the first National SARAS Mela held outside the Delhi-NCR region.
- About 1,500 women SHG entrepreneurs and Lakhpati Didis from 34 states and union territories are selling through more than 650 stalls, under DAY-NRLM of the Ministry of Rural Development.
- SARAS began in 1999 with a Delhi fair of about 65 beneficiaries; 117 National SARAS Melas have since been held, with annual sales above Rs 200 crore and about 50 SARAS events a year countrywide.
- A Lakhpati Didi is an SHG member whose household earns at least Rs 1 lakh a year; the target went from two crore in August 2023 to three crore in the Interim Budget 2024-25, and to six crore in February 2026.
- The India Food Court has 50 stalls and over 200 first-generation women food entrepreneurs from more than 28 states and UTs; NABARD and NIRDPR support the fair and eSARAS carries the products online.

Event	National SARAS Mela 2026 (first outside Delhi-NCR)
Venue	Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Dates	13 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
Organised under	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM)
Participation	About 1,500 women SHG entrepreneurs from 34 states and UTs, 650+ stalls
First edition	Delhi, 1999, with about 65 beneficiaries
Editions so far	117 National SARAS Melas, annual sales above Rs 200 crore
Lakhpati Didi	SHG member with household income of at least Rs 1 lakh a year

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Swachhata Campaign 6.0: ICAR Holds Nearly 4,000 Clean Drives

21 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The ICAR network held nearly 4,000 cleanliness drives and freed about 1.3 lakh square feet of space under Swachhata Special Campaign 6.0 in October 2026.

- ICAR and its 114 institutes, Regional Centres, ATARIs and Krishi Vigyan Kendras are running Swachhata Special Campaign 6.0 from 2 to 31 October 2026
- Nearly 4,000 cleanliness campaigns were organised, about 1.3 lakh square feet of space was cleared and around Rs 10 lakh was earned from scrap disposal
- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan felicitated Safai Mitras in a Shramik Samman programme at ICAR-CCARI, Goa
- ICAR-IARI, New Delhi, observed Swachh Bharat Diwas on the theme Swachhta Mein Sahbhag - Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat, addressed by DG (ICAR) Dr. Mangi Lal Jat
- At ICAR-CIARI, Sri Vijaya Puram, waste management covered 213 animals, with shed water and urine reused for fodder irrigation and dung sent for vermicompost

Campaign	Swachhata Special Campaign 6.0, by DARE and ICAR
Period	2 to 31 October 2026, month-long
Network covered	ICAR with 114 institutes, Regional Centres, ATARIs and KVKs
Cleanliness campaigns	Nearly 4,000
Space cleared	About 1.3 lakh square feet
Revenue from scrap	Around Rs 10 lakh
Launch venue	National Agricultural Science Complex, Pusa, New Delhi
Secretary DARE and DG ICAR	Dr. Mangi Lal Jat

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Opens in Guwahati With 75 Artisans

21 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 of the Social Justice Ministry opened in Guwahati with 75 artisans, among them 31 women, showing about 40 craft varieties.

- The eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 began on 21 October in Guwahati, Assam, and runs until 28 October
- It is organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Farm Gate, Khanapara, and is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- A total of 75 artisans, including 31 women, are displaying about 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft products
- A key focus is BHARAT-TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme, which markets artisans' products through outlets and e-commerce platforms
- The first edition of the year concluded at the Dasara Exhibition Ground in Mysuru, Karnataka on 19 October after nine days

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, Guwahati edition
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam
Duration	Eight days, 21 October to 28 October, open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Participation	75 artisans, including 31 women, with about 40 varieties of products
Target groups	Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Safai Mitras and Denotified Tribes
Programme promoted	BHARAT-TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
Corporations involved	NSFDC, NSKFDC and NBCFDC

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PM-DAKSH Subsumed Under PMKVY After Training 1,87,305

22 October 2026 · Government Schemes

PM-DAKSH, the skill training scheme for SC, OBC and Safai Karamchari youth, trained 1,87,305 candidates before it was merged into PMKVY from 2024-25.

- PM-DAKSH stands for Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi, a Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched in 2020-21
- It trained SC, OBC, EWS, De-notified Tribes and Safai Karamcharis including waste pickers, through three corporations: NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
- An empanelled institute had to place at least 70 per cent of its trainees, failing which the third instalment, 30 per cent of the training cost, was forfeited
- Against Rs 276.47 crore allotted from 2020-21 to 2023-24, expenditure of Rs 309.5 crore has been incurred; 1,87,305 candidates were trained and 96,162 placed
- From 2024-25 PM-DAKSH was subsumed under PMKVY because its job roles, drawn from the Skill India Digital Hub portal, duplicated those of PMKVY

Scheme	PM-DAKSH (Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalta Sampann Hitgrahi)
Type	Central Sector Scheme
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Launched	2020-21
Target groups	SC, OBC, EWS, De-notified Tribes (DNTs) and Safai Karamcharis including waste pickers
Implementing corporations	NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
Training institutes	Those empanelled under PMKVY of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Placement condition	At least 70 per cent of trainees placed, else the third instalment of 30 per cent of the training cost is forfeited

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Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana Gets Rs 53,428 Crore

22 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The National Social Assistance Programme becomes the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana, continued for five years to 2030-31 with an outlay of Rs 53,428 crore.

- On 14 October 2026 the Union Cabinet cleared five more years for the National Social Assistance Programme, running 2026-27 to 2030-31, at an outlay of Rs 53,428 crore
- The programme is renamed Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana; its sub-schemes become the Vridhavastha, Vidhawa, Divyangjan and Parivar Labh Yojanas
- The disability pension now uses the 40 per cent benchmark disability of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 in place of 80 per cent, and the minimum age of 18 years is removed
- Central assistance rises to Rs 375 a month for ages 0-79 years and Rs 625 at 80 years and above; disability beneficiaries go from 8.33 lakh to 27.48 lakh
- Launched on 15 August 1995, the programme gives effect to Article 41 of the Constitution and carries 100 per cent central assistance, now covering 3.20 crore beneficiaries

New name	Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana (earlier National Social Assistance Programme)
Approved on	14 October 2026, by the Union Cabinet
Period	Five years, 2026-27 to 2030-31
Outlay	Rs 53,428 crore
Proposing department	Department of Rural Development
Disability benchmark	40 per cent under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016, replacing 80 per cent
Minimum age	Removed; eligibility runs from birth
New rates	Rs 375 a month for ages 0-79 years; Rs 625 at 80 years and above

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Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Reaches Over 35 Crore People

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- More than 32 lakh educational institutions have been covered by the campaign's outreach activities
- NMBA runs under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction and was launched on 15 August 2020, initially in 272 vulnerable districts
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah set 31 December 2029 as the date by which the drug trade is to be uprooted from India, linking it to the Viksit Bharat goal of 2047
- The National De-Addiction Helpline number is 14446, and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment runs the campaign

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Parent plan	National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)
Launched	15 August 2020, initially in 272 vulnerable districts
Reach	Over 35 crore people, 13.94 crore youth, 10.86 crore women
Institutions	More than 32 lakh educational institutions
Target	Drug trade to be uprooted by 31 December 2029
Helpline	National De-Addiction Helpline 14446

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Khet Bachao Abhiyan Launched Nationwide from Taraori, Karnal

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Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan from Taraori in Karnal, to run from 22 October to 30 November 2026.

- Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan on 22 October 2026 from Taraori in Karnal district, Haryana.
- The campaign runs from 22 October to 30 November 2026, with agricultural scientists holding awareness meetings in villages across the country.
- Farmers were given three steps: balanced fertiliser use read off the Soil Health Card, crop rotation with pulses, and natural farming on at least half an acre using Beejamrit and Ghanjeevamrit.
- A fertiliser subsidy of more than Rs 1.5 lakh crore keeps a urea bag at Rs 266 and a DAP bag at Rs 1,350, the Minister said.
- Haryana received a sanction of Rs 1,343.06 crore for 28,422 permanent houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin, handed to state minister Shyam Singh Rana.

Campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan
Launched by	Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Launch place	Taraori, Karnal district, Haryana
Duration	22 October to 30 November 2026
Urea bag price	Rs 266
DAP bag price	Rs 1,350
Fertiliser subsidy	More than Rs 1.5 lakh crore
Haryana housing sanction	Rs 1,343.06 crore for 28,422 houses under PMAY-Gramin

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Tripartite MoU Signed for ST Youth Livelihoods at Rourkela

22 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A tripartite MoU between NSTFDC, NSIC and SAIL's Rourkela Steel Plant was signed to strengthen the livelihood incubation centre for Scheduled Tribe youth.

- A tripartite Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 22 October 2026 for the Livelihood Business Incubation Centre at Rourkela, Odisha, which trains Scheduled Tribe youth.
- The signatories are the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (Ministry of Tribal Affairs), NSIC (Ministry of MSME) and SAIL's Rourkela Steel Plant (Ministry of Steel).
- The centre was established in 2018 and has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Plant and machinery were installed under the ASPIRE scheme of the MSME ministry, the site comes from the Rourkela Steel Plant and recurring costs are borne by NSTFDC.
- More than 600 students have benefited and set up businesses in bakery, mushroom cultivation, beauty parlours and tailoring.

Agreement	Tripartite Memorandum of Understanding signed on 22 October 2026
Signatories	NSTFDC, NSIC and SAIL's Rourkela Steel Plant
Ministries involved	Tribal Affairs; Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; Steel
Centre	Livelihood Business Incubation Centre, Rourkela, Odisha
Established	2018
Recognition	Centre of Excellence by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Machinery	Installed under the ASPIRE scheme of the MSME ministry
Beneficiaries	More than 600 students

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AVYAY Supports 764 Senior Citizen Homes Under IPSrC Component

23 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana, 764 senior citizen homes, 13 continuous care homes, 17 mobile medicare units and 3 physiotherapy clinics are being supported.

- The Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the welfare of senior citizens.
- Its Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens supports 764 senior citizen homes, 13 continuous care homes, 17 mobile medicare units and 3 physiotherapy clinics.
- Each Regional Resource and Training Centre gets annual financial support of Rs 19.58 lakh under the scheme guidelines.
- AVYAY has three components: the IPSrC, the State Action Plan for Senior Citizens and the Regional Resource and Training Centres.
- States and Union Territories may spend up to 20 per cent of their allocated funds on state-specific programmes approved under AVYAY.

Scheme	Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Components	IPSrC, State Action Plan for Senior Citizens (SAPSrC), Regional Resource and Training Centres (RRTCs)
Senior Citizen Homes supported	764
Continuous Care Homes	13
Mobile Medicare Units	17
Physiotherapy Clinics	3
Support to each RRTC	Rs 19.58 lakh a year

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11 Crore Farmer IDs Created Under Digital Agriculture Mission

24 October 2026 · Government Schemes

India has created 11 crore Farmer IDs under the Digital Agriculture Mission, five months before the March 31, 2027 deadline, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said.

- 11 crore Farmer IDs have been created under the Digital Agriculture Mission of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
- The work was finished by the night of 23 October, five months before the 31 March 2027 deadline
- Union Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the milestone
- The Digital Agriculture Mission was approved by the Union Cabinet on 2 September 2024 and builds a Digital Public Infrastructure for farming
- More than 6 crore farmers have already received direct scheme benefits through Farmer ID-based delivery

Milestone	11 crore Farmer IDs created
Mission	Digital Agriculture Mission
Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Agriculture, Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development)
Original deadline	31 March 2027
Completed by	Night of 23 October, five months early
Cabinet approval of mission	2 September 2024
Farmers already benefited	More than 6 crore

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VB-G RAM G Guarantees 125 Days of Rural Wage Employment

24 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, in force since 1 July 2026, guarantees 125 days of wage work a year, and 15.17 crore rural employment cards have been issued.

- The VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 came into force on 1 July 2026 and replaced the Mahatma Gandhi NREGA across all rural areas
- It gives a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment in a financial year to every rural household volunteering for unskilled manual work
- The VGPP framework identifies 318 types of permissible works in four themes: water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood infrastructure and extreme weather mitigation
- As on 24 September 2026 there were 10.88 crore active workers, 31.69 crore person-days and 61.65 percent women's participation
- Rs 93,841 crore was allotted to States and UTs as interim allocation, of which Rs 25,880 crore went out as the first instalment

Framework	Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), or VB-G RAM G
Act	VB-G RAM G Act, 2025
In force from	1 July 2026
Replaced	Mahatma Gandhi NREGA
Employment guarantee	125 days a financial year per rural household
Core planning instrument	Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan (VGPP), approved by the Gram Sabha
Permissible works	318 types across four thematic areas
Wage rate	Rs 300 to Rs 450 a day

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Shram Samvad Campaign Covers 316 Districts on Labour Codes

24 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Labour Ministry’s Shram Samvad, a 90-day campaign launched on 28 September 2026, is reaching 316 districts in 36 States and UTs on the new Labour Codes.

- Shram Samvad, a 90-day nationwide outreach campaign of the Ministry of Labour and Employment, was launched on 28 September 2026
- It takes district-level engagement on labour reforms to 316 districts in all 36 States and Union Territories, with a focus on industrial clusters
- A two-day state-level programme under the campaign is being held at Lucknow with the Government of Uttar Pradesh
- The four Labour Codes covered are the Code on Wages (2019), the Industrial Relations Code (2020), the Code on Social Security (2020) and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code (2020)
- Sessions cover e-Shram, the Shram Suvidha Portal, SAMADHAN and the Labour Stack, and schemes including the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan Yojana

Campaign	Shram Samvad
Ministry	Ministry of Labour and Employment
Launched	28 September 2026, nationwide
Duration	90-day outreach initiative
Coverage	316 districts in all 36 States and Union Territories
State-level programme	Two-day programme at Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
Labour Codes	Code on Wages (2019), Industrial Relations Code (2020), Code on Social Security (2020), Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code (2020)
Bodies taking part	ESIC and EPFO

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Underway at Khanapara in Guwahati

24 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The second Shilp Samagam Mela of 2026-27, with 75 artisans including 31 women, is running at Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, until 28 October.

- The eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 is on at Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, and is the second fair of the series held by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment in 2026-27
- A total of 75 artisans, among them 31 women, are showing about 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft products; the fair runs until 28 October and stays open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- The fair promotes BHARAT-TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme, which markets artisans' products through physical outlets and e-commerce platforms
- It supports artisans linked to three national corporations: NSFDC for Scheduled Castes, NSKFDC for Safai Karamcharis and NBCFDC for Backward Classes, under the principle 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'
- The first fair of the 2026 series ended at the Dasara Exhibition Ground in Mysuru, Karnataka, on 19 October after nine days

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, Guwahati (second of the 2026-27 series)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam
Duration	Eight days, continuing until 28 October
Artisans	75, including 31 women
Products	About 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft items
Programme promoted	BHARAT-TULIP (Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme)
Corporations involved	NSFDC, NSKFDC and NBCFDC

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NSS Marks Gram Seva evam Parampragat Khel Diwas in Villages

24 October 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat NSS took Gram Seva evam Parampragat Khel Diwas to villages in week six of the Nasha Mukt Yuva campaign, drawing over 80,000 participants.

- MY Bharat NSS, under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, held Gram Seva evam Parampragat Khel Diwas as week six of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan
- The Directorate of NSS and 15 NSS Regional Directorates ran it across more than 160 institutions and their adopted villages, drawing over 80,000 participants
- The second month of the campaign runs on the theme Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth (Shakti evam Seva)
- Traditional sports tournaments in kabaddi, kho-kho, tug of war and kushti engaged over 21,500 people, while village service drives drew more than 19,800
- Over 29,500 young women took part and participants put out more than 4,000 social media posts with the hashtag NashaMuktYuva

Activity	Gram Seva evam Parampragat Khel Diwas (Village Service and Traditional Sports Day)
Campaign	Week six of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through MY Bharat NSS
Implemented by	Directorate of NSS with 15 NSS Regional Directorates
Reach	More than 160 institutions and their adopted villages
Total participation	Over 80,000 participants, including Gram Panchayat members and village elders
Second month theme	Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth (Shakti evam Seva)
Traditional sports	Kabaddi, kho-kho, tug of war and kushti, with over 21,500 participants

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Special Campaign 6: NLC India Earns 3.12 Crore From Scrap

25 October 2026 · Government Schemes

NLC India has beaten its Special Campaign 6 targets, clearing 180 sites, selling 1,272 MT of scrap and earning more than 3.12 crore rupees in revenue.

- Special Campaign 6 is run by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, and its implementation phase runs from 2 to 31 October 2026.
- The focus this year is the effective collection, segregation and disposal of institutional e-waste, handled under the E-Waste Management Rules, 2022.
- NLC India took up 180 campaign sites against a target of 145 and cleared 24,96,193 square feet of space against the 24,15,786 square feet proposed.
- NLC India disposed of 1,272 metric tonnes of scrap against a target of 1,266.22 MT and earned 3,11,89,078 rupees, or about 3.12 crore rupees.
- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy reported 60 to 70 per cent progress, with IREDA, SECI, NISE, NIWE and SSS-NIBE taking part.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6
Run by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Focus this year	Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
Preparatory phase	15 to 30 September 2026
Implementation phase	2 to 31 October 2026
Rules followed for e-waste	E-Waste Management Rules, 2022
NLC India comes under	Ministry of Coal
Campaign sites	180 taken up against a target of 145

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Under Way at Guwahati

25 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The second Shilp Samagam Mela of 2026-27 is on at Khanapara in Guwahati till 28 October, with 75 artisans showing about 40 handloom and handicraft varieties.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati is organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and runs from 21 to 28 October
- It is the second mela of the series in the financial year 2026-27; the first closed in Mysuru, Karnataka, on 19 October after nine days at the Dasara Exhibition Ground
- A total of 75 artisans, including 31 women, are displaying about 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft products, open to visitors from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
- The fair supports beneficiaries of three national corporations, NSFDC, NSKFDC and NBCFDC, covering Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Safai Mitras and Denotified Tribes
- A key focus is BHARAT-TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme, which markets artisans' products through outlets and e-commerce platforms

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela (SSM) 2026, Guwahati edition
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam
Dates	21 October to 28 October, an eight-day fair open 11 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Artisans	75 in all, including 31 women, with about 40 varieties of products
Edition	Second mela of the series in the financial year 2026-27
First edition	Closed in Mysuru, Karnataka, on 19 October, nine days at the Dasara Exhibition Ground
Corporations	NSFDC, NSKFDC and NBCFDC

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Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Crosses 1.55 Crore Structures

26 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Over 1.55 crore recharge and storage structures have come up under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari, and a study credits them with 2.43 billion cubic metres of recharge.

- Over 1.55 crore artificial recharge and storage structures have been built under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative.
- JSJB 1.0 ran from 1 April 2024 to 31 May 2025 on the 3Cs - Community, CSR and Cost - and JSJB 2.0 was launched on 1 June 2025.
- An impact study of 23 lakh structures, using rainfall data from 1 June 2025 to 31 December 2025, estimated 2.43 billion cubic metres of groundwater recharge.
- Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain was launched on 22 March 2021, World Water Day, with the slogan Catch the Rain, Where It Falls, When It Falls.
- Jal Shakti Abhiyan of 2019 covered 1,592 water-stressed blocks in 256 districts, and the 2023 edition focused on 150 water-stressed districts.

Campaign	Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari: Catch the Rain (JSJB: CTR)
Structures built	Over 1.55 crore artificial recharge and storage structures
JSJB 1.0 period	1 April 2024 to 31 May 2025
The 3Cs	Community, CSR and Cost
JSJB 2.0 launch	1 June 2025, for over-exploited and critical districts
Impact study	23 lakh structures, 2.43 billion cubic metres of groundwater recharge
JSA: CTR launch	22 March 2021, on World Water Day
JSA: CTR slogan	Catch the Rain, Where It Falls, When It Falls

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First National SARAS Mela at Vijayawada Till 31 October

26 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The first National SARAS Mela held outside Delhi-NCR is on at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada till 31 October 2026, showcasing Lakhpati Didi enterprises.

- The National SARAS Mela 2026 at Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, is the first National SARAS Mela held outside Delhi-NCR and runs till 31 October 2026
- It is organised by the Ministry of Rural Development with the Andhra Pradesh government and support from NABARD, NIRDPR and Kudumbashree
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the Mela and said SARAS Melas will now be held every year in a different State
- A Lakhpati Didi is an SHG household woman with sustainable annual household income of at least Rs 1 lakh; the target is six crore such women by 2029
- A 16-foot installation named SHAKTI - The Spirit of Lakhpati Didi stands at the Lakhpati Didi Pavilion

Event	First National SARAS Mela 2026 held outside Delhi-NCR
Venue	Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Dates	Continues till 31 October 2026, open daily from 11:00 am to 9:30 pm
Organised by	Ministry of Rural Development with the Government of Andhra Pradesh
Supported by	NABARD, NIRDPR and Kudumbashree
Inaugurated by	President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu
Lakhpati Didi	Woman of an SHG household with sustainable annual household income of at least Rs 1 lakh
Target	Six crore Lakhpati Didis by 2029

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Nadda Launches De-addiction Training for 10,000 Providers

26 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda launched a capacity building programme to train 10,000 service providers in drug de-addiction care by March 2029, at New Delhi.

- Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda launched the capacity building training programme for medical and allied healthcare professionals in drug de-addiction services at Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi
- The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare must train 10,000 service providers by March 2029 under the Vision Document on Narcotic Control: 2026-2029
- Training is phased as 2,000 providers this financial year, 3,000 in 2027-28 and 5,000 in 2028-29, towards a Nasha Mukt Bharat by 2029
- Six Drug De-addiction Programme institutions will run it, with NDDTC, AIIMS New Delhi as the coordinating centre and a capacity of 300 participants a week
- The second edition of Substance Use Disorder: Manual for Physicians, first published in 2005, was released at the event

Programme	Capacity Building Training Programme for Medical and Allied Healthcare Professionals in drug de-addiction services
Launched by	Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda
Venue and date	Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi, 26 October 2026, in hybrid mode
Target	10,000 service providers by March 2029
Mandate from	Vision Document on Narcotic Control: 2026-2029, unveiled by Home Minister Shri Amit Shah in June 2026
Phasing	2,000 in the current financial year, 3,000 in 2027-28, 5,000 in 2028-29
Goal	Nasha Mukt Bharat by 2029
Institutions	NDDTC AIIMS New Delhi, NIMHANS Bengaluru, PGIMER Chandigarh, CIP Ranchi, Dr. RML Hospital New Delhi, AIIMS Bhubaneswar

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 in Guwahati Draws 75 Artisans

26 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Khanapara in Guwahati runs till 28 October with 75 artisans, and pushes BHARAT-TULIP market linkages for crafts.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati began on 21 October and continues till 28 October 2026, open from 11 AM to 9 PM
- It is the second mela of the Shilp Samagam series in the financial year 2026-27, after the first edition at Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru, which closed on 19 October
- 75 artisans, including 31 women, are showing about 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft products
- The fair is organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and promotes BHARAT-TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
- Support goes to artisans linked to three national corporations, NSFDC, NSKFDC and NBCFDC, covering Scheduled Castes, OBCs, Safai Mitras and Denotified Tribes

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela (SSM) 2026, Guwahati
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam
Dates	21 October to 28 October 2026, eight days, 11 AM to 9 PM
Participation	75 artisans, including 31 women, with about 40 varieties of products
Edition	Second mela of the series in financial year 2026-27
First edition	Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru, Karnataka, concluded 19 October 2026
Scheme promoted	BHARAT-TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme

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Nasha Mukt Yuva Viksit Bharat Quiz on MY Bharat Portal

26 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has opened the Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz on the MY Bharat portal, running from 26 October to 25 November.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has launched the 'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz' under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan
- The online quiz runs from 26 October to 25 November 2026 on the MY Bharat portal and is open to all citizens
- It has 20 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 10 minutes, with a participation certificate and the correct answers shown at the end
- The Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on 15 August 2020, began in 272 vulnerable districts and now covers every district in the country
- The campaign has reached more than 35 crore people, including 13 crore youth and 10 crore women, and is in its seventh year

Initiative	Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Parent campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Quiz window	26 October to 25 November 2026
Platform	MY Bharat portal
Format	20 multiple-choice questions in 10 minutes, with a participation certificate
NMBA launched	15 August 2020, initially in 272 vulnerable districts, now all districts
Reach	Over 35 crore people, including 13 crore youth and 10 crore women

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Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana: Rs 77.98 Crore for 755 Projects

27 October 2026 · Government Schemes

India's umbrella elderly welfare scheme AVYAY released Rs 77.98 crore in grant-in-aid to 755 senior citizen projects for the quarter ending 30 September 2026.

- AVYAY was launched in 2021 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and subsumed the earlier National Action Plan for Senior Citizens into one umbrella scheme.
- Rs 77.98 crore was released as grant-in-aid to 755 projects under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens for the quarter ending 30 September 2026.
- IPSrC currently supports 764 senior citizen homes, 13 continuous care homes, 17 mobile medicare units and 3 physiotherapy clinics.
- Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana, started in 2017, has supplied 55,87,653 assistive devices to over 10.45 lakh senior citizens through ALIMCO.
- Elderline, the national helpline numbered 14567, has handled more than 8.66 lakh actionable calls since October 2021.

Scheme	Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
Nodal Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Launched	2021, subsuming the National Action Plan for Senior Citizens
Grant released	Rs 77.98 crore to 755 projects for the quarter ending 30 September 2026
Facilities supported	764 senior citizen homes, 13 continuous care homes, 17 mobile medicare units, 3 physiotherapy clinics
Helpline	Elderline, number 14567, launched in October 2021
Elderly population	10.38 crore in Census 2011; projected 23 crore by 2036
Digital tools	JEEVAN app and SHATAYU dashboard, launched in May 2026

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PM Vishwakarma Artisans Show Crafts at BRICS Cultural Bazar

27 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Eight PM Vishwakarma artisans from eight States displayed traditional crafts at the Cultural Bazar held during the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi.

- A two-day Cultural Bazar was held during the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum at the Parliament House Complex, New Delhi, on 26 and 27 October 2026
- Eight PM Vishwakarma artisans took part, one each from Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Karnataka and Maharashtra
- PM Vishwakarma is a scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for traditional artisans and craftspeople
- The trades on show included Tailor, Goldsmith, Sculptor or Stone Carver, Doll and Toy Maker, and Cobbler
- Crafts displayed included Dokra metal craft, the GI-tagged Jabalpur Stone Craft, Kolhapuri chappals, Channapatna and Kinhal toys, and lac bangles

Event	Two-day Cultural Bazar during the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum
Venue and dates	Parliament House Complex, New Delhi, 26 and 27 October 2026
Scheme	PM Vishwakarma Scheme
Ministry	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Artisans	Eight, one each from eight States and Union Territories
States represented	Rajasthan, Jammu and Kashmir, Bihar, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Nagaland, Karnataka, Maharashtra
Trades	Tailor, Goldsmith, Sculptor or Stone Carver, Doll and Toy Maker, Cobbler
GI-tagged craft on show	Jabalpur Stone Craft, worked in New Bhedaghat Marble

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Jal Shakti Ministry Launches Punah Bharan Mobile Application

28 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Jal Shakti Minister launched the Punah Bharan mobile application, built by BISAG-N, to plan groundwater recharge using geospatial data.

- The Union Jal Shakti Minister launched the Punah Bharan Mobile Application on 28 October 2026 for scientific groundwater recharge planning.
- The application has been developed by BISAG-N with the National Water Mission, Department of Water Resources, RD&GR, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Users can identify potential artificial recharge zones within a radial distance of up to 3 km and see which recharge structures suit local conditions.
- The accompanying web portal offers village-level Artificial Recharge Structure (ARS) zonation maps, GIS tools and thematic layers.
- The platform draws on geospatial datasets of rainfall, groundwater levels, groundwater yield, slope and drainage.

Application	Punah Bharan Mobile Application
Launched by	Union Minister of Jal Shakti
Developed by	BISAG-N
In collaboration with	National Water Mission (NWM), Department of Water Resources, RD&GR
Ministry	Ministry of Jal Shakti
Purpose	Scientific groundwater recharge planning
Search range	Potential artificial recharge zones within a radial distance of up to 3 km
Datasets used	Rainfall, groundwater levels, groundwater yield, slope and drainage

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Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0 Launched as 60-Day Drive

28 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Minister of State Prataprao Jadhav launched the 60-day Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0 in New Delhi, putting universities and colleges at the heart of the drive.

- TFYC 4.0 was launched on 28 October 2026 at ABVIMS and Dr. RML Hospital, New Delhi, as a 60-day nationwide drive of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- The first three editions together saw over 5.8 lakh educational institutions and more than 73,000 villages declared tobacco-free
- TFYC 3.0 of October 2025 covered 2,57,807 institutions and 33,850 villages, with 1,45,477 challans issued under Section 4 of COTPA, 2003
- Six strategies guide the edition, among them enforcement of COTPA, 2003 and the Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019, and a first-time focus on universities
- Tobacco smoke holds more than 7,000 chemicals, and nicotine in adolescence damages brain development, attention, memory and learning

Campaign	Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0 (TFYC 4.0)
Launched by	Shri Prataprao Jadhav, MoS (IC) Ayush and MoS Health and Family Welfare
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Venue	ABVIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi
Duration	60 days
New focus	Universities and colleges (Higher Educational Institutions)
Laws enforced	COTPA, 2003 and Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019
First edition	31 May 2023, World No Tobacco Day

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Khet Bachao Abhiyan Rabi 2026: Scientists Visit Delhi Farms

28 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Agriculture Ministry is running Khet Bachao Abhiyan Rabi 2026 from 22 October to 30 November, with KVK Ujwa holding camps at 25 places in rural Delhi.

- Khet Bachao Abhiyan - Rabi 2026 is being held across the country from 22 October to 30 November 2026 by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare through its two departments
- The campaign applies the Lab to Land concept, with agricultural scientists visiting farmers' fields instead of farmers coming to research stations
- KVK Ujwa, Delhi has picked 25 locations in the South-West, North-West and North districts of the National Capital Territory for awareness programmes
- Each team is made up of four to five subject-matter experts, scientists, departmental officials and innovative farmers, with senior IARI Pusa scientists also taking part
- An awareness programme was held at Qazipur village on 27 October 2026 on soil health, timely farm operations, balanced fertiliser use and natural farming

Campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan - Rabi 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, through its two departments
Period	22 October to 30 November 2026
Concept applied	Lab to Land
Krishi Vigyan Kendra	KVK Ujwa, Delhi
Locations in Delhi	25, in the South-West, North-West and North districts
Team composition	Four to five subject-matter experts, scientists, officials and innovative farmers
Institute involved	Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), Pusa, New Delhi

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PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana Cleared With Rs 7,395.55 Crore

28 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet approved the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana, a centrally sponsored panchayat scheme of 7,395.55 crore rupees for 2026-27 to 2030-31.

- The Union Cabinet approved the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme on 28 October 2026
- Outlay is 7,395.55 crore rupees, with a central share of 4,869.48 crore rupees and a state share of 2,526.07 crore rupees
- The scheme runs from 2026-27 to 2030-31, co-terminus with the Sixteenth Finance Commission period
- About 32 lakh elected representatives across over 2.55 lakh panchayats and traditional local bodies are direct beneficiaries
- PANCHAM, an AI-enabled two-way platform in 17 Indian languages, will carry scheme messages to villages

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY)
Type	Centrally Sponsored Scheme
Period	2026-27 to 2030-31, co-terminus with the Sixteenth Finance Commission
Total outlay	7,395.55 crore rupees
Central share	4,869.48 crore rupees
State share	2,526.07 crore rupees
Direct beneficiaries	About 32 lakh elected representatives
Coverage	Over 2.55 lakh panchayats and traditional local bodies in all states and union territories

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Khelo India Sports Goods Scheme Gets Rs 1,856.67 Crore

28 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet approved the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme with an outlay of Rs 1,856.67 crore for the period 2026 to 2033-34.

- The Union Cabinet approved the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme on 28 October 2026 with an outlay of Rs 1,856.67 crore
- The scheme runs from 2026 to 2033-34 and was announced in the Union Budget 2026-27
- Dedicated Sports Goods Manufacturing Zones will be built by converging with the BHAVYA Scheme and NICDC Industrial Parks
- Anchor Investment Support and Turnover Linked Support together carry an outlay of Rs 1,130 crore
- Rs 105 crore is set aside to help manufacturers obtain and renew certification from International Sports Federations

Scheme	Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Total outlay	Rs 1,856.67 crore
Period	2026 to 2033-34
Announced in	Union Budget 2026-27
Investment components	Anchor Investment Support and Turnover Linked Support, with Rs 1,130 crore
Certification support	Rs 105 crore for certification from International Sports Federations

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Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana: Rs 77.98 Crore to 755 Projects

28 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Centre has released Rs 77.98 crore as grant-in-aid to 755 projects under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, a part of Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana.

- Grant-in-aid worth Rs 77.98 crore has gone to 755 projects for senior citizens, covering the quarter that closed on 30 September 2026.
- The programme is a component of Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana, a flagship scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- AVYAY was launched in 2021 and subsumed the earlier National Action Plan for Senior Citizens, resting on Ageing with Dignity and Ageing in Place.
- India's senior citizen population is projected to reach 23 crore by 2036; Census 2011 counted 10.38 crore people aged 60 and above.
- District Committees chaired by the Collector or District Magistrate select indigent beneficiaries and monitor senior citizen homes.

Grant released	Rs 77.98 crore
Projects funded	755
Component	Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC)
Umbrella scheme	Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY), launched in 2021
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Quarter covered	Quarter ending 30 September 2026, financial year 2026-27
Guiding principles	Ageing with Dignity and Ageing in Place
Replaced	National Action Plan for Senior Citizens (NAPSrC)

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ESIC Extends New Amnesty Scheme 2025 Till 31 December 2026

29 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Employees' State Insurance Corporation has extended its New Amnesty Scheme 2025 by three months, keeping the dispute settlement window open till 31 December 2026.

- ESIC has extended the New Amnesty Scheme, 2025 by three months; it now runs from 1 October 2026 to 31 December 2026 on unchanged terms.
- The scheme originally ran from 1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026 and is a one-time route to settle ESI disputes outside court.
- Ad-hoc assessments can be closed by paying the actual contribution with interest, and no damages are levied in such cases.
- Where dues are already paid, a pending case is withdrawn on payment of 10% of the damages in dispute.
- Only court cases filed up to 31 March 2025 are eligible; the announcement came from the Ministry of Labour and Employment.

Scheme	New Amnesty Scheme, 2025
Run by	Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)
Ministry	Ministry of Labour and Employment
Original period	1 October 2025 to 30 September 2026
Extended period	1 October 2026 to 31 December 2026
Length of extension	Three months, on existing terms and conditions
Eligibility	Court cases filed up to 31 March 2025
Ad-hoc assessments	Actual contribution plus interest; no damages levied

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Textile Committee Earns Rs 4,38,444 in Special Campaign 6.0

29 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Textiles said the Textile Committee raised Rs 4,38,444 from scrap disposal under Special Campaign 6.0, held from 2 to 31 October 2026.

- Special Campaign 6.0 is being conducted from 2 to 31 October 2026 with a focus on institutional cleanliness, record management, disposal of pending matters and sustainable practices.
- The Textile Committee generated revenue of Rs 4,38,444 through scrap disposal during the campaign, the Ministry of Textiles reported on 29 October 2026.
- The first week, from 2 to 9 October 2026, covered record management, space management planning, scrap disposal and cleaning of record rooms and storage racks.
- The second week, from 10 to 16 October 2026, removed scrap, cardboard boxes, old cartons and unusable items, with similar drives at all regional offices.
- The third week, from 17 to 23 October 2026, cleared packing material, waste plastic and remnant samples, and produced most of the scrap revenue.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0
Duration	2 to 31 October 2026
Organisation in focus	Textile Committee, under the Ministry of Textiles
Revenue from scrap disposal	Rs 4,38,444
Objectives	Institutional cleanliness, efficient record management, disposal of pending matters, sustainable practices
First week	2 to 9 October 2026, record and space management with cleaning of record rooms
Second week	10 to 16 October 2026, removal of scrap, cartons and unusable items
Third week	17 to 23 October 2026, disposal of packing material, waste plastic and remnant samples

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Ayushman Vay Vandana Completes Two Years of Elderly Care

29 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Ayushman Vay Vandana completed two years on 29 October 2026 after clearing 23.46 lakh hospital admissions worth Rs 5,668.80 crore for people aged 70 and above.

- Ayushman Vay Vandana, launched by the Prime Minister on 29 October 2024, completed two years on 29 October 2026 and covers every citizen aged 70 and above irrespective of income.
- It is implemented by the National Health Authority under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and reaches about 6 crore seniors in roughly 4.5 crore families.
- Cover is up to Rs 5 lakh per family a year, with a separate top-up of up to Rs 5 lakh for members aged 70 and above in families already under AB PM-JAY.
- As on 20 October 2026 the scheme had authorised 23.46 lakh hospital admissions valued at Rs 5,668.80 crore.
- Cataract surgery was the most used treatment with 4.71 lakh procedures, about 20.1 per cent of the total, while PTCA took the largest value at about Rs 649 crore.

Scheme	Ayushman Vay Vandana
Launched	29 October 2024, by the Prime Minister
Eligibility	All citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of income
Implementing body	National Health Authority (NHA)
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Cover	Up to Rs 5 lakh per family per year, plus a separate Rs 5 lakh top-up for AB PM-JAY families
Admissions (to 20 October 2026)	23.46 lakh
Value of admissions	Rs 5,668.80 crore

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Shram Samvad on Labour Codes Held for Employers in Kanpur

29 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Uttar Pradesh Labour Department held Shram Samvad, a programme on the four Labour Codes, at Kanpur.

- Shram Samvad, a regional capacity-building and awareness programme on the Labour Codes, labour welfare and social protection, was held at Kanpur on 28 October 2026.
- It was organised jointly by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Labour Department of the Government of Uttar Pradesh at IIA Bhavan, Dadanagar Industrial Area.
- Officials of EPFO, ESIC and the Directorate General of Labour Welfare took part along with employers and legal, HR and finance professionals.
- The third and fourth technical sessions covered the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan scheme.
- A Handbook of Compliance for Employers and a Compilation of Frequently Asked Questions, both prepared by the Ministry, were shared with participants.

Programme	Shram Samvad, a regional capacity-building and awareness programme on Labour Codes
Date	28 October 2026
Venue	IIA Bhavan, Dadanagar Industrial Area, Kanpur
Organisers	Ministry of Labour and Employment with the Labour Department, Government of Uttar Pradesh
Bodies represented	EPFO, ESIC and the Directorate General of Labour Welfare
Inaugural address	Abhinav J. Jain, IAS, Chief Development Officer, Kanpur Nagar
First technical session	Dr R. G. Meena, Adviser, Ministry of Labour and Employment
Schemes covered	Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM)

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Concludes in Guwahati, Assam

29 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Khanapara in Guwahati ended with 75 artisans, 31 of them women, selling about 40 kinds of handloom and handicraft.

- The eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 concluded at Farm Gate, Khanapara, in Guwahati, Assam, organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- Guwahati was the second edition of the Shilp Samagam series in the financial year 2026-27; the first edition closed at Mysuru in Karnataka on 19 October.
- A total of 75 artisans took part, including 31 women, offering about 40 distinct varieties of handloom and handicraft products.
- BHARAT-TULIP, the Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme, was promoted at the fair to link artisans with physical outlets and e-commerce platforms.
- Ministry Secretary Sudhansh Pant visited with NSFDC Chairman cum Managing Director Prabhat Tyagi; the pavilion showcased schemes of NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC.

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, held over eight days
Venue	Farm Gate, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Edition	Second of the Shilp Samagam series in the financial year 2026-27
First edition	Mysuru, Karnataka, concluded on 19 October
Artisans	75, including 31 women
Products	About 40 distinct varieties of handloom and handicraft
Programme promoted	BHARAT-TULIP, Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme

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Fisheries Sector Gets Rs 39,272 Crore Push for Value Addition

30 October 2026 · Government Schemes

India’s fisheries sector is moving from production to value addition, backed by Rs 39,272 crore of public investment committed since 2015 across central schemes.

- Public investment of Rs 39,272 crore has been committed to the fisheries sector since 2015 through the Blue Revolution Scheme, FIDF, PMMSY, PM-MKSSY and the Kisan Credit Card.
- The schemes reach 74.66 lakh fishers and fish farmers, and 46,500 logistics and market facilities have been added at an investment of over Rs 3,393 crore.
- Five modern smart fish markets are under development and are expected to generate 15,900 employment opportunities.
- 2,195 Fisheries Farmer Producer Organizations have been formed, some linked to ONDC, and 5,500 fisheries cooperatives are being strengthened as FFPOs under PM-MKSSY.
- Under PMMSY, projects worth over Rs 4,155 crore with a central share of Rs 1,572 crore have been approved in five years for more than 1.28 lakh women beneficiaries.

Ministry	Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
Public investment since 2015	Rs 39,272 crore
Schemes	Blue Revolution Scheme, FIDF, PMMSY, PM-MKSSY, Kisan Credit Card
Beneficiaries	74.66 lakh fishers and fish farmers
Facilities added	46,500, with an investment of over Rs 3,393 crore
Smart fish markets	Five under development, expected to generate 15,900 jobs
FFPOs formed	2,195, several linked to ONDC
Cooperatives being made FFPOs	5,500 under PM-MKSSY, with NCDC, NAFED, SFAC and NERAMAC

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Digital Life Certificate Campaign 5 Begins in 2000 Districts

30 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare will run its fifth nationwide Digital Life Certificate drive in 2000 districts from 1 to 30 November 2026.

- The fifth nationwide Digital Life Certificate campaign runs from 1 to 30 November 2026 in 2000 cities and districts, the largest such drive so far
- The target is 2.30 crore digital life certificates, of which 1.50 crore are to be made through face authentication
- 19 pension disbursing banks, 785 district post offices and 56 pensioners welfare associations are among the partners in the month-long drive
- MeitY and UIDAI give the technical support; face authentication works on both Android and iOS phones
- Camps run in Utsav mode with health check-ups and Aadhaar updation, and doorstep service for pensioners who cannot travel

Campaign	Fifth nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign
Dates	1 to 30 November 2026
Reach	2000 districts and cities
Target	2.30 crore DLCs, including 1.50 crore by face authentication
Ministry	Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare)
Technical support	MeitY and UIDAI
Partners	19 banks, 785 district post offices, 56 welfare associations
Guidelines	Office memorandum dated 13 August 2026

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PM-KISAN 24th Instalment Pays Rs 18,690 Crore to Farmers

30 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The 24th PM-KISAN instalment released on 30 October 2026 from Banaskantha sent over Rs 18,690 crore to more than 9.34 crore farmer families by DBT.

- The 24th PM-KISAN instalment was released on 30 October 2026 from Banaskantha in Gujarat and paid about Rs 18,690 crore to more than 9.34 crore farmer families
- Total payment under the scheme has crossed Rs 4.64 lakh crore across 24 instalments since it began on 24 February 2019
- Each eligible farmer family gets Rs 6,000 a year in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000, credited to Aadhaar-seeded accounts
- The Union Cabinet in July 2026 approved the scheme from 2026-27 to 2030-31 with an outlay of Rs 3.15 lakh crore
- The Union Budget 2026-27 allocated Rs 60,000 crore to PM-KISAN; payments move through PFMS, sponsor banks and the NPCI

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)
Instalment	24th, released on 30 October 2026
Amount transferred	Over Rs 18,690 crore
Beneficiaries	More than 9.34 crore farmer families
Place of release	Banaskantha, Gujarat
Annual benefit	Rs 6,000 in three equal instalments of Rs 2,000
Launched on	24 February 2019
Cumulative payout	Over Rs 4.64 lakh crore in 24 instalments

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BharatNet Pact Links 4,767 Tamil Nadu Villages on Demand

30 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Digital Bharat Nidhi, the Tamil Nadu government and TANFINET signed a BharatNet utilisation pact for over five lakh rural fibre links and 4,767 villages.

- Digital Bharat Nidhi of the Department of Telecommunications, the Government of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation signed a BharatNet utilisation agreement at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
- Central subsidy will support more than five lakh rural home fibre connections in Tamil Nadu under the Amended BharatNet Programme
- A further 4,767 villages in the state will get connectivity on a demand basis to strengthen last-mile reach
- The state-led model is used, and the Union Cabinet had approved the Amended BharatNet Programme on 4 August 2023
- Digital Bharat Nidhi is the renamed Universal Service Obligation Fund, set up under the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act of 2003 and renamed by the Telecommunications Act of 2023

Agreement	Utilisation agreement for the BharatNet network in Tamil Nadu under the Amended BharatNet Programme
Signed between	Digital Bharat Nidhi (DoT), Government of Tamil Nadu and Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation (TANFINET)
Venue	Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
Model	State-led model
Home connections	Over five lakh rural home fibre connections in Tamil Nadu
Villages on demand	4,767 villages
DBN Administrator	Shyamal Misra
ABP approved by Cabinet	4 August 2023

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PMGSY-IV Clears 45 Mizoram Road Works Worth Rs 710.40 Crore

31 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Rural Development approved 45 road works of 509.54 km in Mizoram under PMGSY-IV at a cost of Rs 710.40 crore, linking 48 habitations.

- The Ministry of Rural Development has approved 45 road works of 509.54 km in Mizoram under PMGSY-IV, Batch-1 of the financial year 2026-27.
- The total estimated cost of the newly approved works is Rs 710.40 crore.
- 48 habitations in the state will get all-weather road connectivity for the first time through these works.
- The roads are meant to open access to schools, hospitals and rural markets, supporting the goal of a Viksit Bharat.
- Counting everything sanctioned so far, Mizoram has 367 road works of 4,935 km and 7 bridges worth Rs 3,412 crore under PMGSY.

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, Phase IV (PMGSY-IV)
Batch	Batch-1, financial year 2026-27
State	Mizoram
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Road works approved	45
Length approved	509.54 km
Estimated cost	Rs 710.40 crore
Habitations connected	48, for the first time with all-weather roads

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Panchayat Workshop Pushes Atmanirbhar Panchayats, EV MoU

31 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Panchayati Raj held its national workshop on the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27 and signed an MoU with CESL for EV charging on Panchayat land.

- The national workshop on the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27 was held in New Delhi on 30 October 2026 with over 400 participants, and the PPC booklet was released.
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj signed an MoU with CESL, a subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited under the Ministry of Power, for EV charging and battery swapping stations on Panchayat land.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY) for grassroots governance reform.
- The Sixteenth Finance Commission has recommended Rs 4,35,236 crore in grants for Panchayati Raj Institutions and rural local bodies in all 28 states for 2026-31.
- The People's Plan Campaign has run since 2018 under the theme Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas and was launched for this cycle on 2 October 2026.

Event	National Workshop on People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, New Delhi, 30 October 2026
Participants	More than 400 from across the country
Union Minister	Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Panchayati Raj and Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Scheme cited	Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana (PM VGSY), approved by the Union Cabinet
MoU signed with	Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL), a subsidiary of EESL under the Ministry of Power
Purpose of the MoU	EV charging and battery swapping stations on Panchayat land
Sixteenth Finance Commission grants	Rs 4,35,236 crore for PRIs and rural local bodies in 28 states, 2026-31
PPC theme	Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas, run since 2018

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Ayush Ministry Promotes Yoga for Unity Under Yoga 365

31 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Ayush took up the message of Yoga for Unity on National Unity Day 2026, tying it to the Yoga 365 initiative for daily practice through the year.

- The Ministry of Ayush promoted the message of Yoga for Unity on National Unity Day 2026, the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The campaign is integrated with Yoga 365, the ministry's initiative for yoga practice through the whole year.
- Prataprao Jadhav is the Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Ayush and Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.
- Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary of the Ministry of Ayush, linked Yoga 365 with making preventive healthcare part of everyday life.
- Yoga and Naturopathy institutions under the ministry are to hold community activities and collective yoga sessions across the country.

Campaign	Yoga for Unity
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Linked initiative	Yoga 365, for daily yoga through the year
Occasion	National Unity Day 2026, the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
Minister of State (Independent Charge), Ayush	Prataprao Jadhav, also Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare
Secretary, Ministry of Ayush	Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha
Institutions involved	Yoga and Naturopathy institutions of the ministry across the country

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DoLR Reviews WDC-PMKSY 2.0 Watershed Works in Pune

31 October 2026 · Government Schemes

DoLR Secretary Dilip Kumar reviewed WDC-PMKSY 2.0 watershed works in Khed, Pune, and asked that 76 talukas of Maharashtra's drought belt be taken up on priority.

- DoLR Secretary Shri Dilip Kumar reviewed WDC-PMKSY 2.0 watershed works in Varude, Gulani and Wafgaon villages of Pune district on 30 October 2026
- WDC-PMKSY 2.0 is the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana, run by the Department of Land Resources under the Ministry of Rural Development
- He asked villagers to maintain water harvesting structures so they stay functional for the next twenty years, citing Hiware Bazar as the model
- Of Maharashtra's 304 drought-affected talukas, 76 are covered under the scheme and were marked for faster work in view of El Nino conditions
- Structures seen include Continuous Contour Trenches, earthen and cement nala bunds, Kolhapuri-type weirs and ponds, built on the ridge-to-valley approach

Scheme	WDC-PMKSY 2.0, the Watershed Development Component of the Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana
Implementing department	Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development
Official who reviewed	Shri Dilip Kumar, Secretary, DoLR
Villages visited	Varude, Gulani and Wafgaon, Khed, Pune district, Maharashtra
Date of visit	30 October 2026
Review meeting	29 October 2026 at Yashada, Pune
Coverage in Maharashtra	76 talukas under the scheme out of 304 drought-affected talukas
Model village cited	Hiware Bazar

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NMMSS Application Date Extended to 15 November 2026

31 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Education moved the NMMSS 2026-27 application date on the National Scholarship Portal to 15 November 2026, with verification dates also reset.

- The Ministry of Education extended the last date for NMMSS applications for 2026-27 to 15 November 2026
- L1 checking by the Institute Nodal Officer closes on 30 November 2026 and L2 checking by the District Nodal Officer on 15 December 2026
- Up to 30 October 2026 the National Scholarship Portal had 90,483 fresh and 1,99,531 renewal applications
- NMMSS gives one lakh fresh scholarships a year to Class IX students who clear a State or UT selection test
- The scholarship is Rs 12,000 a year by DBT; parental income must stay at or below Rs 3.50 lakh a year

Scheme	National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)
Ministry	Ministry of Education
New last date to apply	15 November 2026, for the academic year 2026-27
L1 verification	Institute Nodal Officer, by 30 November 2026
L2 verification	District Nodal Officer, by 15 December 2026
Portal	National Scholarship Portal (NSP), open to applicants since 1 June 2026
Applications so far	90,483 fresh and 1,99,531 renewal, as on 30 October 2026
Fresh scholarships a year	One lakh, to Class IX students

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Know Your Vote Samvad Reaches 11,000 Youth in 62 Events

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MY Bharat held 62 editions of the Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote campaign across 16 states and union territories on 31 October 2026.

- MY Bharat held 62 editions of Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote on 31 October 2026 across 16 states and union territories, drawing over 11,000 youth.
- The campaign runs from 26 October 2026 to 5 November 2026 and aims to cover 500 universities, colleges and institutions nationwide.
- Counting this round, 158 Yuva Samvads have been held in 28 states and union territories, engaging about 32,000 youth and 158 Youth Icons.
- The drive promotes electoral awareness among first-time voters, covering voting rights, electoral procedure and civic duties.
- MY Bharat works under the Department of Youth Affairs, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; about 250 youth took the Loktantrik Pledge at Ferozepur.

Campaign	Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote
Organiser	Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Department of Youth Affairs
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Programmes on 31 October 2026	62 editions in 16 states and union territories
Youth engaged that day	More than 11,000
Campaign period	26 October 2026 to 5 November 2026
Overall target	500 universities, colleges and institutions
Cumulative Samvads	158 across 28 states and union territories

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Vidyanjali CSR Meet for School Education Held in Gurugram

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- The Department of School Education and Literacy held the National CSR Meet for school education through Vidyanjali at Gurugram, Haryana, on 31 October 2026.
- Vidyanjali is a DoSEL initiative that strengthens government and government-aided schools through community and private sector participation on a digital platform.
- Vidyanjali's CSR framework has two modules, the CSR Module and the Adopt-a-School Module.
- The CSR-State Interaction brought together companies, State Nodal Officers, DoSEL, the Programme Management Unit and the National Informatics Centre.
- Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Mizoram and Delhi presented their experience, and the State Bank of India and Bharti Airtel spoke in the technical sessions.

Event	National CSR Meet for School Education through Vidyanjali
Organiser	Department of School Education and Literacy (DoSEL)
Ministry	Ministry of Education
Venue	Gurugram, Haryana
Date	31 October 2026
What Vidyanjali is	School volunteer programme for government and government-aided schools, run on a digital platform
CSR framework modules	CSR Module and Adopt-a-School Module
Key session	CSR-State Interaction with State Nodal Officers, DoSEL, the Programme Management Unit and the National Informatics Centre

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MY Bharat NSS Drives Mobilise 96,700 Youth Against Drug Abuse

31 October 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat and NSS drew over 96,700 participants into cyclothons, walkathons and runs on 30-31 October 2026 under the Nasha Mukt Yuva Sankalp Abhiyan.

- MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme drew over 96,700 participants into cyclothons, walkathons and runs across India on 30 and 31 October 2026.
- The drive formed Week 7 of the 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat - 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan' of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Events were held at more than 200 institutions under the second month's theme, 'Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth (Shakti evam Seva)'.
- Walkathons and runs of 3 to 5 km drew over 23,300 people, while cycle rallies of 10 to 15 km drew more than 8,000.
- Nearly 26,000 people took the collective Nasha Mukt Sankalp, and plogging drives drew more than 11,400 youth who handed segregated waste to civic bodies.

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat - 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan
Ministry	Youth Affairs and Sports
Organisers	MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme (NSS)
Week and dates	Week 7, on 30 and 31 October 2026
Month 2 theme	Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth (Shakti evam Seva)
Total participation	Over 96,700
Institutions covered	More than 200
Cycle rally and walkathon length	10 to 15 km and 3 to 5 km

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Important Days

Blood Donation Day 2026: One Drop of Humanity Theme

1 October 2026 · Important Days

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day was observed on 1 October 2026 at Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi, on the theme One Drop of Humanity.

- National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is observed on 1 October every year; the 2026 theme was "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives."
- The national observance was held at Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, with Dr M. Srinivas, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, presiding.
- About 75 per cent of the blood collected in the country comes from voluntary donation, Dr Srinivas said.
- Mizoram topped the North-Eastern States, Chandigarh the Union Territories and Haryana the other States for blood collection in 2025.
- A Nationwide Mega Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign is running from 17 September to 2 October 2026, using the e-RaktKosh portal.

Day	National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, observed on 1 October every year
Theme 2026	One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.
Venue	Swarn Jayanti Auditorium, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi
Presided over by	Dr M. Srinivas, Member (Health), NITI Aayog
Organiser	Blood Transfusion Services Division, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Voluntary share	About 75 per cent of blood collection in the country
Portal	e-RaktKosh, for donor registration and monitoring
Toppers for 2025 collection	Mizoram (North-East), Chandigarh (UTs), Haryana (other States)

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Gandhi Jayanti 2026: PM and Vice-President Pay Tributes

2 October 2026 · Important Days

Prime Minister Narendra Modi honoured Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat and Lal Bahadur Shastri at Vijay Ghat on Gandhi Jayanti and urged people to buy Khadi.

- Gandhi Jayanti was observed on 2 October 2026, which is also the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat and to Lal Bahadur Shastri at Vijay Ghat
- The Prime Minister asked people to buy at least one Khadi product on 2 October and to take pride in calling it Swadeshi
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan paid homage at Rajghat and Vijay Ghat and to former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K. Kamaraj on his death anniversary
- The Vice-President recalled the call of Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan given by Lal Bahadur Shastri

Occasion	Gandhi Jayanti and the birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri, 2 October 2026
Rajghat	Memorial of Mahatma Gandhi, where floral tributes were offered
Vijay Ghat	Memorial of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri
Vice-President	Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
Also honoured	Thiru K. Kamaraj, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on his death anniversary
Appeal of the Prime Minister	Buy at least one Khadi product on 2 October and call it Swadeshi with pride
Slogan recalled	Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, given by Lal Bahadur Shastri

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National Anti-Drug Addiction Day Marked in Rajasthan Opium Belt

3 October 2026 · Important Days

The Central Bureau of Narcotics, Rajasthan Unit observed National Anti-Drug Addiction Day on Gandhi Jayanti with awareness drives across opium-growing districts.

- The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) works under the Union Ministry of Finance and regulates licensed opium poppy cultivation in India
- Its Rajasthan Unit observed National Anti-Drug Addiction Day on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, which falls on 2 October
- The awareness session at the University of Kota was held under Operation Yuva Raksha, with Deputy Narcotics Commissioner Naresh Bundel as chief guest
- Programmes ran in Kota, Jhalawar, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Udaipur districts, all part of the licensed poppy-growing belt
- Participants took the Nasha Mukti Pledge, and the Chittorgarh drive ran under the Yuva Raksha and Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan banner

Occasion	National Anti-Drug Addiction Day, observed on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (2 October)
Agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Rajasthan Unit
Parent ministry	Ministry of Finance
Student campaign	Operation Yuva Raksha
Venue of student session	University of Kota
Chief guest at Kota	Naresh Bundel, Deputy Narcotics Commissioner, Kota
Districts covered	Kota, Jhalawar, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Udaipur
Pledge administered	Nasha Mukti Pledge (Oath for an Addiction-Free India)

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World Habitat Day 2026 Theme Adequate Housing for All

5 October 2026 · Important Days

The Housing Ministry marked World Habitat Day 2026 on the theme Adequate Housing for All and gave away the first PMAY-U Awards to the best states.

- World Habitat Day 2026 was observed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on the theme 'Adequate Housing for All'
- The PMAY-U Awards 2026 were given to the best performing states, union territories and urban local bodies, and will now be held every year on World Habitat Day
- Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh were recognised for the highest completion of BLC houses under PMAY-U
- Tamil Nadu with SIPCOT, at 18,720 beds, and SPR India Private Limited, at 11,154 beds, led in affordable rental housing complexes
- A mobile application and revamped websites of PMAY-U and PMAY-U 2.0 were launched at the function

Observance	World Habitat Day 2026, marked on 5 October 2026
Theme	Adequate Housing for All
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
Guest of honour	Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs
Awards given	PMAY-U Awards 2026, now to be held every year on World Habitat Day
BLC houses, best states	Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh
Most reforms under PMAY-U 2.0	Gujarat
Best lending institution	HDFC Bank

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National Postal Week 2026 Opens on World Post Day

6 October 2026 · Important Days

India Post will mark National Postal Week from 9 to 15 October 2026, opening on World Post Day themed 'One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities'.

- National Postal Week runs from 9 to 15 October 2026 and opens with World Post Day on 9 October
- The World Post Day theme this year is 'World Post Day: One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities'
- Fun with Philately Day is on 12 October 2026 and Financial Inclusion and CCS Day on 13 October 2026
- Mails and Parcels Day falls on 14 October 2026 and Technology and Innovation Day closes the week on 15 October 2026
- N-Gen Post Offices, Jan Sewa Connect Post Offices, the Dak Sewa App and the Dak Mitra App are the initiatives being showcased

Observance	National Postal Week 2026
Dates	9 to 15 October 2026
World Post Day	9 October 2026
Theme	World Post Day: One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities
Organiser	Department of Posts (India Post)
Fun with Philately Day	12 October 2026
Financial Inclusion and CCS Day	13 October 2026
Mails and Parcels Day	14 October 2026

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World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026 Marked by MNRE

8 October 2026 · Important Days

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy marked World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026 in New Delhi and released a gap report on India's hydrogen standards.

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy marked World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026 with an event at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi, attended by more than 100 officials, industry figures and researchers.
- Two panel discussions were held, one on hydrogen standards and one on safety at hydrogen facilities, with speakers from CEEW, BIS, PNGRB, PESO and OISD.
- A report titled 'India's Hydrogen Standards: Gap Assessment and Preliminary Action Framework', prepared with Boston Consulting Group, was released at the event.
- Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, was the chief guest, and SECI Managing Director Akash Tripathi gave the special address.
- The National Green Hydrogen Mission, approved in January 2023 with an outlay of 19,744 crore rupees, targets 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen a year by 2030.

Occasion	World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026
Organiser	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
Venue	Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi
Participation	More than 100 officials, industry representatives, researchers and experts
Report released	India's Hydrogen Standards: Gap Assessment and Preliminary Action Framework, with Boston Consulting Group
Chief guest	Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
Special address	Akash Tripathi, Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India
Mission approved	National Green Hydrogen Mission, January 2023

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World Cotton Day Marked by India and Mali at UN Headquarters

9 October 2026 · Important Days

India and Mali jointly marked World Cotton Day at the United Nations Headquarters in New York with an event on cotton, livelihoods and value addition.

- India and Mali jointly organised a World Cotton Day event at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 7 October 2026, on the theme "Cotton for Sustainability: Livelihoods, Value Addition and Partnership".
- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 7 October as World Cotton Day through resolution 75/318.
- Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, India’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, placed four priorities before the meeting: growers’ livelihoods, value addition and market access, sustainability, and technology partnerships.
- Ambassador Issa Konfourou of Mali called India a key partner and sought South-South cooperation to widen his country’s own cotton processing.
- Padmini Singla, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Textiles, explained the Mission for Cotton Productivity and Kasturi Cotton Bharat; the PM MITRA textile park was raised by MP L. K. Sudhish.

Occasion	World Cotton Day, observed on 7 October
Theme	"Cotton for Sustainability: Livelihoods, Value Addition and Partnership"
Hosts	Permanent Missions of India and Mali to the United Nations
Venue	United Nations Headquarters, New York
Date of the event	7 October 2026
Proclaimed by	United Nations General Assembly, resolution 75/318
India’s Permanent Representative	Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni
Mali’s Permanent Representative	Ambassador Issa Konfourou

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World Mental Health Day 2026: Tele-MANAS Passes 47.75 Lakh Calls

9 October 2026 · Important Days

India marks World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2026 on the theme of lived experiences, with Tele-MANAS having taken 47,75,644 calls on helpline 14416.

- World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October 2026; this year's global theme is "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"
- Tele-MANAS, on toll-free helpline 14416, has received 47,75,644 calls since its launch on 10 October 2022 and has 53 cells across all 36 states and union territories
- Of 13,35,275 recorded caller profiles, women make up 43.78 per cent (5,84,587) and men 54.18 per cent (7,23,427); those aged 18 to 45 years form 73.2 per cent
- MANN Jaagriti is a community awareness initiative to build mental health literacy, reduce stigma and encourage early help-seeking
- The District Mental Health Programme is sanctioned for 767 districts, and mental health services run in over 1.83 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs

Day	World Mental Health Day, 10 October 2026
Theme 2026	Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change
Observed by	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Tele-MANAS helpline	14416 (toll-free, 24x7, multilingual)
Tele-MANAS launched	10 October 2022
Calls received	47,75,644 (as of October 2026)
Tele-MANAS cells	53, across all 36 states and union territories
Caller profile	Women 43.78 per cent and men 54.18 per cent of 13,35,275 profiles; 73.2 per cent aged 18-45 years

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Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh Jayanti Observed

11 October 2026 · Important Days

The birth anniversaries of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh were observed on 11 October 2026, with tributes from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- The birth anniversaries of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh both fall on 11 October and were observed on 11 October 2026.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the appeal of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan crossed generations and that he made people see public life as an instrument of national renewal.
- The tribute recalled the fearless voice of Jayaprakash Narayan during the Emergency and his commitment to good governance and to the marginalised.
- Nanaji Deshmukh was remembered as an outstanding nation-builder who showed that real transformation starts at the grassroots.
- Nanaji Deshmukh joined political conviction with constructive social work and devoted himself to rural development and community participation, with a vision of a strong, self-reliant India.

Occasion	Birth anniversaries of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh
Date	11 October
Title of Jayaprakash Narayan	Loknayak, meaning leader of the people
Period recalled for JP	The Emergency, when he raised a fearless voice
Ideals of JP cited	Good governance and reaching the marginalised sections
Nanaji Deshmukh known for	Rural development, community participation, grassroots transformation
Vision of Nanaji Deshmukh	A strong and self-reliant India
Tributes by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through the Prime Minister Office

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India Post and IndiGo Mark Philately Day With Digital Detox

13 October 2026 · Important Days

India Post and IndiGo handed postcard kits to flyers on 12 October 2026, marking Philately Day during National Postal Week with a digital detox campaign.

- The Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, ran a Digital Detox Campaign with IndiGo on 12 October, observed as Philately Day.
- The campaign was part of National Postal Week celebrations held from 9 to 15 October.
- Passengers on selected IndiGo flights received digital detox kits containing specially designed postcards showing iconic city landmarks.
- Flyers wrote their cards in the air, at about 30,000 feet, and posted them in India Post letter boxes placed at arrival airports for onward delivery.
- The campaign connected passengers travelling across Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai.

Campaign	Digital Detox Campaign
Partners	Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, and IndiGo
Date	12 October, observed as Philately Day
Occasion	National Postal Week, 9 to 15 October
Cities	Bengaluru, Delhi, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Mumbai and Chennai
What passengers got	Digital detox kits with postcards showing iconic city landmarks
Height mentioned	About 30,000 feet
Posting	India Post letter boxes placed at arrival airports for onward delivery

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World Standards Day 2026: BIS Launches Silver Refinery Scheme

14 October 2026 · Important Days

On World Standards Day 2026 the Bureau of Indian Standards launched its Silver Refinery Scheme, released seven new Indian Standards and two roadmaps.

- World Standards Day 2026 was marked at a national event in New Delhi on the theme 'Shared Vision for a Better World: SDG 7 (Clean & Affordable Energy)', with Union Minister Pralhad Joshi giving the presidential address.
- BIS launched the Silver Refinery Scheme, bringing silver bullion and coins of 999.9, 999.5 and 999.0 parts per thousand purity under hallmarking through Amendment No. 1 to IS 2112:2025.
- Seven new Indian Standards were released, among them IS 19967:2026 for EV charging cables up to 1,100 V AC and 1,500 V DC, and IS 19891:2026 for pedal assisted bicycles up to 0.25 kW with a 25 km/h cut-off.
- Roadmaps for sustainable agriculture, covering 15 categories and aligned with the National Action Plan on Climate Change, and for sustainable manufacturing were released; 16 technical committees won the Best Technical Committee Award.
- TEC, the telecom standards body under the Department of Telecommunications, marked the day having released 596 standards, designated 82 Conformity Assessment Bodies and issued over 5,400 certificates.

Occasion	World Standards Day 2026, national celebration in New Delhi
Theme	Shared Vision for a Better World: SDG 7 (Clean & Affordable Energy)
Presidential address	Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, New & Renewable Energy and Education
New scheme	BIS Silver Refinery Scheme, modelled on the Gold Refinery Scheme
Silver purity grades	999.9, 999.5 and 999.0 parts per thousand, under Amendment No. 1 to IS 2112:2025
New Indian Standards	Seven, covering EV charging cables, EPACs, wearable robots, Panchakarma Droni, therapeutic footwear, flexible plywood and insect screens
Roadmaps released	Sustainable agriculture (15 categories, aligned with NAPCC) and sustainable manufacturing
Awards	Best Technical Committee Award to 16 technical committees

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Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 Marked at Ambedkar Centre, Delhi

15 October 2026 · Important Days

The Agriculture Ministry marked Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 at the Dr B. R. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi under Secretary Atish Chandra.

- Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 was observed on 15 October 2026 at the Dr B. R. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi, by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- The theme was Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India, and the event was chaired by Secretary Atish Chandra
- A book titled Women Farmers of India: Journey from Challenges to Success was released and outstanding women farmers were felicitated
- The day was also marked by States and Union Territories, the Extension Education Institutes, the SAMETIs and MANAGE, with stress on women farmers from tribal areas
- Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan named the Drone Didi, Krishi Sakhi, Bank Sakhi and Pashu Sakhi cadres in his message for the day

Day	Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026, observed on 15 October 2026
Theme	Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India
Venue	Dr B. R. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
Organised by	Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Chaired by	Atish Chandra, Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Book released	Women Farmers of India: Journey from Challenges to Success
Also observed at	States and Union Territories, Extension Education Institutes, SAMETIs and MANAGE
Union Agriculture Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan

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World Menopause Day 2026: Ayush Ministry Pushes Ayurveda Care

17 October 2026 · Important Days

For World Menopause Day 2026, observed on 18 October, the Ministry of Ayush and CCRAS set out Ayurvedic care, Rasayana therapy and yoga for menopausal health.

- World Menopause Day falls on 18 October every year; the Ministry of Ayush used the 2026 observance to press awareness, preventive care and research on menopausal health.
- Menopause is the permanent end of menstruation caused by the loss of ovarian follicular activity, and it usually begins between the ages of 45 and 55.
- Ayurveda discusses menopause and its clinical features as Rajonivritti and reads it as a natural transformation rather than a disorder.
- CCRAS, the Ayush research council, is validating classical formulations such as Ashokarista and Amalaki Rasayana for hormonal balance, bone health and emotional resilience.
- Perimenopause, as the WHO frames it, runs from the first menstrual change until one year after the final menstrual period.

Observance	World Menopause Day 2026
Date	18 October every year
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Research body	Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS)
Ayurvedic term	Rajonivritti
Usual age of onset	Between 45 and 55 years
Ayush Secretary	Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha
CCRAS Director General	Prof. Rabinarayan Acharya

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Police Commemoration Day 2026 Honours Hot Springs Martyrs

19 October 2026 · Important Days

Union Home Minister Amit Shah will pay homage to police martyrs at the National Police Memorial in New Delhi on Police Commemoration Day, 21 October 2026.

- Police Commemoration Day is observed on 21 October every year; the main function in 2026 will be held at the National Police Memorial, New Delhi, with the Union Home Minister presiding
- The day marks the ambush of 21 October 1959 at Hot Springs in Ladakh, in which ten Indian policemen were killed by heavily armed Chinese troops
- The National Police Memorial at Chanakyapuri was dedicated to the nation by the Prime Minister on Police Commemoration Day in 2018 and has a central sculpture, the Wall of Valour and a museum
- The central sculpture is a granite monolith 30 feet high; the memorial is open on all days except Monday
- A motorcycle rally on the theme Fight Against Drugs, with about 90 riders, will be flagged off and will reach Ekta Nagar in Gujarat for the Ekta Parade on 31 October 2026

Day	Police Commemoration Day, 21 October
Origin	Hot Springs ambush, Ladakh, 21 October 1959; ten policemen killed
Main venue 2026	National Police Memorial, Chanakyapuri, New Delhi
Presided over by	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah
Memorial dedicated	By Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Police Commemoration Day, 2018
Memorial parts	Central sculpture (granite monolith, 30 feet), Wall of Valour, museum
Rally theme	Fight Against Drugs; about 90 riders flagged off
Rally destination	Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, for the Ekta Parade on 31 October 2026

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Police Commemoration Day 2026: Amit Shah Honours Fallen Police

21 October 2026 · Important Days

Union Home Minister Amit Shah paid homage at the National Police Memorial on Police Commemoration Day and flagged off a nationwide anti-drugs motorcycle rally.

- Police Commemoration Day is observed on 21 October, marking the Hot Springs action in Ladakh in 1959 in which ten CRPF men died resisting Chinese troops
- Amit Shah paid tribute at the National Police Memorial, New Delhi, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2018, where 36,852 police personnel are honoured
- The Home Minister said the country was freed from Naxalism on 31 March 2026, after more than 3,600 security personnel and nearly 13,700 civilians died since 1981
- The Union Home Ministry has set 31 December 2029 as the date by which India is to be rid of the drug menace under the Nasha Mukt Bharat roadmap
- A Fight against Drugs motorcycle rally of about 90 riders from states, CAPFs, RPF, NDRF and NIA will reach Ekta Nagar in Gujarat for the Ekta Parade-2026

Occasion	Police Commemoration Day, 21 October 2026
Origin of the day	Hot Springs post, Ladakh, 21 October 1959
Personnel lost in that action	Ten CRPF men, killed resisting Chinese troops
Ceremony venue	National Police Memorial, New Delhi
Memorial inaugurated	2018, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Police personnel honoured there	36,852
Freedom from Naxalism	31 March 2026
Drug-free India target	31 December 2029

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Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026 Parade to Be Held at Ekta Nagar

21 October 2026 · Important Days

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026 will be marked at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat on 31 October with an evening Ekta Parade, and the cultural theme is Vande Mataram.

- Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026 and Bharat Parv 2026 will be held at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat, with the main function on 31 October 2026
- The day opens with the Prime Minister paying tribute to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Statue of Unity, and the Ekta Parade is held in the evening
- Vande Mataram is the theme of the cultural items and tableaux, as 2026 is its 150th year
- The National School of Drama play before the Prime Minister is based on Anandamath, the novel by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
- About 2,000 artists from 126 districts once hit by armed Naxalism will perform, and about 5,000 people from those districts have been invited as spectators

Occasion	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026 and Bharat Parv 2026
Date of main function	31 October 2026
Venue	Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
Announced by	Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan, at a press conference in New Delhi
Tribute	Prime Minister to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel at the Statue of Unity
Cultural theme	Vande Mataram, in its 150th year
Theatrical play	Based on Anandamath by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, presented by the National School of Drama
NSD presentation	Naxal Mukt Bharat, about 2,000 artists from 126 districts

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Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 Theme: Probity for Prosperity

26 October 2026 · Important Days

Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 is being observed from 26 October to 1 November on the theme Probity for Prosperity, with J. P. Nadda leading the Integrity Pledge.

- Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 is being observed from 26 October to 1 November 2026 across central ministries and their offices
- The theme for the year is 'Satyanishtha se Samriddhi', given in English as Probity for Prosperity
- The week is always placed around the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, which falls on 31 October
- Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda administered the Integrity Pledge at Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi, with Ministers of State Prataprao Jadhav and Anupriya Patel present
- At the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Secretary Sudhansh Pant administered the pledge and ordered timely disposal of scheme-related public grievances

Observance	Vigilance Awareness Week 2026
Dates	26 October to 1 November 2026
Theme	Satyanishtha se Samriddhi (Probity for Prosperity)
Why this week	It covers the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on 31 October
Health ministry ceremony	Integrity Pledge administered by Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda at Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi
Ministers of State present	Prataprao Jadhav (Health and AYUSH, Independent Charge) and Anupriya Patel
Law ministry ceremony	Pledge administered by Additional Secretary Manoj Kumar at Kartavya Bhawan-2
Social justice ministry	Pledge administered by Secretary Sudhansh Pant

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Vigilance Awareness Week 2026: Probity for Prosperity Theme

27 October 2026 · Important Days

The Central Vigilance Commission is observing Vigilance Awareness Week from 26 October to 1 November 2026 on the theme Probity for Prosperity.

- Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 is being observed from 26 October to 1 November 2026 by the Central Vigilance Commission.
- The theme is Probity for Prosperity, rendered in Hindi as Satyanishtha se Samriddhi.
- Central Vigilance Commissioner A. S. Rajeev and Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Vashista administered the integrity pledge at Satarkata Bhawan, New Delhi.
- All central ministries and organisations have been advised to run a three-month preventive vigilance campaign from 17 August to 16 November 2026.
- A one-day workshop on Transformation Through Technology is scheduled for 30 October 2026.

Observance	Vigilance Awareness Week 2026
Dates	26 October to 1 November 2026
Theme	Probity for Prosperity (Satyanishtha se Samriddhi)
Organiser	Central Vigilance Commission
Pledge administered by	A. S. Rajeev, Central Vigilance Commissioner, with Vigilance Commissioner Praveen Vashista
Venue	Satarkata Bhawan, New Delhi
Preventive campaign	Three months, 17 August to 16 November 2026, with five focus areas
Workshop	Transformation Through Technology, on 30 October 2026

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Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026: Over 300 Tribal Projects

27 October 2026 · Important Days

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will hold Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada from 1 to 15 November 2026, with over 300 projects and two national digital launches.

- Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada will be observed from 1 to 15 November 2026, ending on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on 15 November
- 15 November was designated Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in 2021 to mark the birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda
- More than 300 projects will be taken up, with 228 ready for inauguration and 74 for foundation stone laying
- The Jan-HIT Portal, built with ICMR, is India's first platform for tribe-disaggregated health data and covers 20 States
- The National FRA Digital Platform will take forest rights claims under the Forest Rights Act, 2006 onto a single system

Observance	Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, 1 to 15 November 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas	15 November, designated in 2021
Honours	Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Projects	Over 300; 228 for inauguration and 74 for foundation stone laying
Digital launches	Jan-HIT Portal (with ICMR), covering 20 States; National FRA Digital Platform
Women's conclave	Rani Durgavati Adivasi Mahila Sammelan, 14 November, 500 entrepreneurs from 30 States/UTs
Healers	About 1,500 traditional healers from 9 States/UTs trained at Hyderabad

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Rashtriya Ekta Diwas Marks Patel's 151st Birth Anniversary

31 October 2026 · Important Days

Rashtriya Ekta Diwas was observed on 31 October 2026, the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, with the unity pledge taken in ministries.

- Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, or National Unity Day, is observed every year on 31 October, the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- The year 2026 marked the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda administered the unity pledge to officials of the Health and Family Welfare and Chemicals and Fertilizers ministries at Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi.
- President Droupadi Murmu paid floral tributes at Rashtrapati Bhavan and at Sardar Patel Chowk in New Delhi.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi described Patel as the Iron Man of India and the architect of a united India.

Day	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day)
Observed on	31 October every year
Occasion in 2026	151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
Pledge administered by	Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda
Venue of the ceremony	Kartavya Bhawan-1, New Delhi
Ministries that took the pledge	Health and Family Welfare; Chemicals and Fertilizers
Tributes by the President	Rashtrapati Bhavan and Sardar Patel Chowk, New Delhi

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Obituaries

Veteran Hindi and Marathi Actor Nana Patekar Passes Away

8 October 2026 · Obituaries

Veteran actor Nana Patekar, whose work spanned Hindi and Marathi cinema, passed away, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi called his passing a deep void.

- Veteran actor Nana Patekar passed away, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued a condolence message on 8 October 2026
- The actor's work spanned two film industries, Hindi cinema and Marathi cinema, and his contribution to both was described as immense
- The Prime Minister spoke of the intensity, individuality and unmistakable presence that few actors possessed, and of characters that will be remembered for generations
- The actor was also admired for his frank and forthright views, and for never hesitating to express what he believed in
- The condolence was issued by the Prime Minister's Office and shared in a post on X, with versions in Marathi and Konkani besides English

Person	Nana Patekar, veteran actor
Event	Passing away, condoled by the Prime Minister
Date of condolence	8 October 2026
Film industries	Hindi cinema and Marathi cinema
Tribute by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Qualities noted	Intensity, individuality and unmistakable presence
Also admired for	Frank and forthright views
Released by	Prime Minister's Office

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Vummidi Ethiraj, Craftsman of the Historic Sengol, Passes Away

21 October 2026 · Obituaries

Prime Minister Narendra Modi mourned the death of Thiru Vummidi Ethiraj of Tamil Nadu, who helped craft the historic Sengol given to Jawaharlal Nehru.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed deep grief at the passing of Thiru Vummidi Ethiraj, who helped craft the historic Sengol
- The Sengol was presented to the first Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru and the craftsman belonged to a distinguished family of Tamil Nadu
- In 2023 the government gave the Sengol a place of pride in the new Parliament building
- The Prime Minister said he had met the craftsman around that time and thanked him for his contribution to the nation and its culture
- The Prime Minister said his life and craftsmanship represent a link between India's glorious traditions and the national journey

Person	Thiru Vummidi Ethiraj
Known for	Crafting the historic Sengol
State	Tamil Nadu
Sengol presented to	Former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru
Sengol installed in new Parliament building	2023
Tribute by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Environment

Meghwal Leads Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Drive at IIAC in Delhi

2 October 2026 · Environment

Law and Justice Minister of State Arjun Ram Meghwal led a tree plantation drive at the India International Arbitration Centre in Vasant Kunj, Delhi.

- A tree plantation drive was held at the India International Arbitration Centre, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, on 1 October 2026, the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.
- It was organised by the Department of Legal Affairs under the theme Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, as part of Special Campaign 6 and Swachhata Hi Seva 2026.
- Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Law and Justice, led the drive and planted saplings on the campus.
- Dr Rajiv Mani, Secretary of the Legislative Department and the Department of Legal Affairs, is the Chairperson of the arbitration centre; Navin Kumar Singh is its Chief Executive Officer.
- The minister recalled Gandhi's stay in Champaran in 1917, where sanitation work grew into a mass movement and helped the indigo farmers.

Event	Tree plantation drive at the India International Arbitration Centre
Date of event	1 October 2026, the eve of Gandhi Jayanti
Theme	Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
Held under	Special Campaign 6 and Swachhata Hi Seva 2026
Organised by	Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
Led by	Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice
Chairperson of the centre	Dr Rajiv Mani, Secretary, Legislative Department and Department of Legal Affairs
Chief Executive Officer of the centre	Navin Kumar Singh

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First Tigress Released in Buxa Tiger Reserve of West Bengal

2 October 2026 · Environment

A tigress brought from Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar was released in Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal, opening a phased Tiger Reintroduction Programme.

- A tigress named T138 was translocated from Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar and released in Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.
- The release opened India's Wildlife Week 2026 and the first phase of a Tiger Reintroduction Programme for Buxa.
- Buxa was declared a Tiger Reserve in 1983 and is linked to forests and protected areas in Bhutan and Assam.
- Under the Tiger Augmentation and Recovery Project, run with NTCA and WII since 2018, more than 800 chital were released and about 380 hectares of grassland restored.
- Camera traps recorded tigers in 2021, 2023 and 2026, and a tiger photographed in 2023 was matched with one from Manas Tiger Reserve in Assam.

Reserve	Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal
Animal released	Tigress identified as T138
Brought from	Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar
Released in the presence of	Union Minister Bhupender Yadav and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari
Occasion	Beginning of India's Wildlife Week 2026
Declared a Tiger Reserve	1983
Project	Tiger Augmentation and Recovery Project, with NTCA and WII since 2018
Prey base	More than 800 chital released

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Ghaziabad to Be Second Indian City Earning Carbon Credits

2 October 2026 · Environment

A PIB backgrounder says Ghaziabad will be the first urban body in Uttar Pradesh, and the second in India after Indore, to turn waste into carbon credits.

- Ghaziabad is set to become the first urban local body in Uttar Pradesh and the second in India, after Indore, to earn carbon credits from waste management
- The Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation is accredited under the Verified Carbon Standard supported by the UNFCCC and expects to cut about 2.7 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide
- The Integrated Waste Management Facility at Saligao in Goa covers 113,000 square metres and handles 250 metric tons of wet and dry waste every day
- Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh manages 144 tons of waste a day with RFID tags, GPS and facial recognition attendance for sanitation workers
- Gandhinagar in Gujarat ran zero waste activities at 25 locations, engaging over 600 citizens directly and more than 40,000 through social media

Carbon credit city	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, second in the country after Indore
Accreditation	Verified Carbon Standard, supported by the UNFCCC
Expected reduction	About 2.7 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide, equal to the same number of carbon credits
Goa facility	Integrated Waste Management Facility, Saligao, run by the Goa Waste Management Corporation
Goa capacity	113,000 square metres, 250 metric tons of waste a day, 7 to 8 tons of compost
Kakinada	East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, 144 tons of waste a day across 50 wards
Kakinada technology	RFID tags, GPS on 108 hopper vehicles, facial recognition attendance and an online waste management system
Gandhinagar	Zero waste activities at 25 locations, over 600 citizens engaged, My Theli stalls

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Great Indian Bustard Rewilding Begins at Desert National Park

3 October 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma began the release of two captive-bred Great Indian Bustards in Jaisalmer.

- The release of two captive-bred Great Indian Bustards into the wild was set in motion at Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, during Wildlife Week 2026.
- The breeding centres at Sam and Ramdevra hold 97 birds, 40 of them hatched from wild-laid eggs and 57 bred in captivity, and 11 are earmarked for release.
- The pillar-less Rewilding Aviary at Ramdevra, 160 m by 64 m by 14 m, was built for ₹9.25 crore so captive birds can build flight muscle before release.
- Captive reproduction gave 24 chicks in 2025 and 29 in 2026, while the jumpstart method hatched six chicks in Rajasthan and two in Gujarat.
- The Bustard Recovery Programme is run by the Environment Ministry, the Rajasthan Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India, funded by National CAMPA.

Species	Great Indian Bustard, critically endangered, State bird of Rajasthan
Site of release	Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
Occasion	Wildlife Week 2026
Breeding centres	Sam and Ramdevra, holding 97 birds in all
Birds earmarked for release	11 of the 97
Rewilding Aviary	At Ramdevra, 160 m by 64 m by 14 m, sanctioned at ₹9.25 crore
Built by	Rajasthan Forest Department through RSRDC
Programme partners	MoEFCC, Rajasthan Forest Department and Wildlife Institute of India

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Great Indian Bustards Released in Desert National Park

4 October 2026 · Environment

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav freed two male Great Indian Bustards into the wild at Sam in Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released two male Great Indian Bustards into the wild at Sam in the Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- The conservation-breeding centres at Sam and Ramdevra hold 97 birds: 40 from wild-laid eggs and 57 bred in captivity; 86 are kept for breeding and 11 marked for release
- Captive breeding produced 24 live chicks in 2025 and 29 in 2026, and the jumpstart method hatched six chicks in Rajasthan and two in Gujarat
- The Bustard Recovery Programme is run by the Environment Ministry, the Rajasthan Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India, funded by National CAMPA
- About 200 sq km of fenced grassland enclosures inside the Desert National Park have been identified by WII telemetry as prime breeding habitat

Species	Great Indian Bustard (critically endangered)
Released by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Site	Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
Birds released	Two males
Birds in captivity	97 at Sam and Ramdevra (40 from wild-laid eggs, 57 captive-bred)
Earmarked for release	11 birds, of which 86 are kept for captive reproduction
Chicks bred	24 in 2025 and 29 in 2026
Programme partners	MoEFCC, Rajasthan Forest Department and Wildlife Institute of India

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CAQM Inspects 25 Ring Road Stretches in Delhi for Dust

4 October 2026 · Environment

CAQM deployed four flying squads on Delhi's Ring Road, inspected 25 stretches over about 35 km and reported 17 violations of visible road dust and C and D waste.

- CAQM conducted a special inspection drive along Delhi's Ring Road on 3 October 2026 to assess visible road dust and road cleaning operations
- Four flying squad teams inspected 25 road stretches covering about 35 kilometres of the Inner and Outer Ring Road under PWD, Delhi
- 17 violations of high visible road dust and accumulated construction and demolition waste were reported during the drive
- PWD Delhi and other agencies have been directed to take corrective steps on priority through regular sweeping and removal of dust and C and D waste
- Such inspection drives will continue under Operation Clean Air across Delhi-NCR to find gaps in compliance

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Date of drive	3 October 2026
Place	Inner and Outer Ring Road, Delhi
Teams deployed	Four flying squad teams
Stretches inspected	25
Length covered	About 35 kilometres
Violations reported	17
Nature of violations	High visible road dust and accumulated construction and demolition waste

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Kuno Cheetah KJP21 Delivers Five Cubs, India Tally Reaches 60

5 October 2026 · Environment

An India-born cheetah named KJP21 delivered five cubs at Kuno National Park, pushing the country’s cheetah count to 60, of which 41 were born here.

- KJP21, a 32-month-old India-born female cheetah, gave birth to five healthy cubs at Kuno National Park on 5 October 2026
- India’s cheetah population has risen to 60 animals, of which 41 were born in the country itself
- KJP21 is the third India-born female cheetah to breed, following Mukhi and KGP12
- The cubs’ father is a Botswanan male, so the litter begins the Botswanan bloodline in India and adds fresh genetic diversity
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced the birth and credited the Project Cheetah veterinary and field teams

Event	Birth of five cheetah cubs under Project Cheetah
Mother	KJP21, a 32-month-old India-born female cheetah
Place	Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh
Cheetah population in India	60, including 41 born in India
Earlier India-born mothers	Mukhi and KGP12
Father’s origin	Botswana, beginning the Botswanan bloodline in India
Announced by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav

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Windergy India 2026 in Chennai, Wind Capacity at 58.52 GW

5 October 2026 · Environment

The 8th Windergy India will run from 7 to 9 October 2026 at the Chennai Trade Centre, as India's installed wind capacity reaches 58.52 GW with 6.05 GW added last year.

- The 8th edition of Windergy India will be held from 7 to 9 October 2026 at the Chennai Trade Centre
- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi will inaugurate it on 8 October 2026, with MoS Shripad Yesso Naik also present
- India added a record 6.05 GW of wind capacity in 2025-26 and cumulative capacity reached 58.52 GW by August 2026
- Another 28 GW of wind capacity is under implementation against a target of 100 GW by 2030
- Around 400 exhibitors from over 20 countries and 500 delegates are expected, with pavilions from Denmark, Germany and Spain

Event	Windergy India 2026, 8th edition
Dates and venue	7 to 9 October 2026, Chennai Trade Centre
Inauguration	Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on 8 October 2026
Organisers	Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association and PDA Ventures, supported by MNRE and Ministry of Power
Wind capacity added in 2025-26	A record 6.05 GW
Cumulative wind capacity	58.52 GW by August 2026
Under implementation	28 GW
Target	100 GW of wind capacity by 2030

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India, Japan Launch Joint Crediting Mechanism Manual

5 October 2026 · Environment

India and Japan launched the Operational Manual for their Joint Crediting Mechanism, a carbon market arrangement under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.

- India and Japan launched the Operational Manual for the India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism in New Delhi on 30 September 2026, announced by the environment ministry on 5 October 2026
- It was launched by Japan's Ambassador to India Keiichi Ono and the then Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Tanmay Kumar
- The mechanism operationalises bilateral cooperation under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement and covers emission reductions and removals in India
- A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed on 7 August 2025 and the Rule of Implementation was adopted on 8 June 2026 before the Manual came
- The Manual covers the full project cycle, from submission of a Project Idea Note to the issuance and authorisation of JCM credits

Mechanism	India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)
Document launched	Operational Manual for the India-Japan JCM
Launched on	30 September 2026 in New Delhi; announced 5 October 2026
Launched by	Keiichi Ono, Ambassador of Japan to India, and Tanmay Kumar, then Secretary, MoEFCC
Treaty basis	Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement
Memorandum of Cooperation	Signed on 7 August 2025
Rule of Implementation	Adopted on 8 June 2026
Project cycle	From a Project Idea Note to issuance and authorisation of JCM credits

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CAQM Deploys Flying Squads in 34 Stubble Burning Districts

5 October 2026 · Environment

CAQM has deployed Flying Squads in 34 districts of Punjab and Haryana, 18 and 16 respectively, from 1 October to 30 November 2026 to curb paddy stubble burning.

- CAQM has deployed Flying Squads in 34 districts across Punjab and Haryana from 1 October to 30 November 2026 to prevent paddy stubble burning
- The deployment covers 18 districts in Punjab and 16 districts in Haryana, among them Sangrur, Bathinda, Jind, Kaithal and Karnal
- The step follows a communication from CAQM to the Central Pollution Control Board and is arranged in successive phases through the 2026 harvesting season
- The squads will coordinate with farmers, the Parali Protection Force, district authorities, State Nodal Officers and State Pollution Control Boards
- The squads will report the ground situation and the preventive action taken to the CAQM Cell at SAS Nagar on a daily basis

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Action	Deployment of Flying Squads against paddy stubble burning
Districts covered	34 in all, 18 in Punjab and 16 in Haryana
Period	1 October to 30 November 2026
Communication sent to	Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
Reporting	Daily reports to the CAQM Cell at SAS Nagar
Partners on the ground	Farmers, Parali Protection Force, district authorities, State Nodal Officers, State Pollution Control Boards
Announced by	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 5 October 2026

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India Presses for Equity and CBDR-RC at Pre-COP31 in Fiji

6 October 2026 · Environment

Bhupender Yadav led India at the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 in Fiji, seeking equal attention to adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation before COP31.

- Union Minister Bhupender Yadav is leading the Indian delegation at the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meetings co-hosted by Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
- Addressing the Leaders Plenary at Fiji, he sought equal attention to adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation ahead of COP31
- India insisted that Equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) be upheld in letter and spirit
- India offered to share its coastal resilience and space-based expertise with Pacific partners, citing ISRO, NCSCM and NCCR
- COP31, the annual UN Climate Change Conference, will be held in Antalya, Türkiye, in November

Meeting	UNFCCC Pre-COP31 preparatory meetings
Co-hosts	Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
India represented by	Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, leading the Indian delegation
Venue of the plenary	Leaders Plenary at Fiji
India demand	Equal attention to adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation
Principles stressed	Equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities
Institutions named	ISRO, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management, National Centre for Coastal Research
Project cited	Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project

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CAQM Orders More PTZ Cameras at NCR Industries

6 October 2026 · Environment

CAQM has ordered industries in the NCR to fit additional PTZ cameras by 31 October 2026 so that fuel use can be watched in real time ahead of winter.

- CAQM has ordered industries in the NCR to install additional PTZ cameras by 31 October 2026 under a standard operating procedure
- Cameras must cover all fuel storage areas and fuel charging points, and the gas gauge or meter where gas-based fuel is used
- Video feeds must be streamed live to CPCB, the state pollution control boards and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, with power backup assured
- The boards and the Delhi committee must report the status of implementation to the Commission by 1 November 2026
- The order follows reports by CAQM Flying Squads of unapproved fuels being used at industries during incognito inspections

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Measure	Additional Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) cameras at industries
Installation deadline	31 October 2026
Status report due	1 November 2026
Feeds streamed to	CPCB, state pollution control boards and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee
Areas to be covered	Fuel storage areas, fuel charging points, gas gauge or meter
Trigger	Flying Squad inspections found unapproved fuels in use
Related system	Online Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (OCEMS)

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Pre-COP31 in Fiji: Bhupender Yadav Leads Indian Delegation

7 October 2026 · Environment

At the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting in Fiji, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav urged COP31 to close gaps and speed up Paris Agreement delivery.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav led the Indian delegation at the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting in Fiji, co-hosted by Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
- India asked COP31 to close gaps in understanding, honour existing climate commitments and accelerate delivery of the Paris Agreement
- COP31, this year's UN Climate Change Conference, will be held at Antalya in Türkiye in November 2026
- The COP31 Presidencies have built their agenda around three themes: consensus, decision-making and implementation
- Yadav said Antalya must be judged by faster delivery, support reaching the needy and scaling up solutions that already work, not by new declarations alone

Event	UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting
Held in	Fiji
Date	7 October 2026
Co-hosts	Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
India represented by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
COP31 venue	Antalya, Türkiye
COP31 month	November 2026
Temperature ambition cited	Limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius

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India Seeks Balanced COP31 Outcome at Pre-COP in Nadi, Fiji

8 October 2026 · Environment

At Pre-COP31 in Nadi, Fiji, Bhupender Yadav sought flexibility and pragmatism for a balanced COP31 outcome backed by finance and technology transfer.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav addressed the Plenary Discussion on Political Landing Zones and Outcomes at the Pre-COP31 meeting in Nadi, Fiji
- India called for flexibility, pragmatism and mutual respect to secure an ambitious and balanced outcome at UNFCCC COP31
- COP31 will be held in Antalya, Turkiye, in November; a Pre-COP is a preparatory meeting held a few weeks before the annual UN climate conference
- India stressed that higher ambition must be matched by scaled-up climate finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, and that implementation must respect nationally determined pathways
- India welcomed Article 9.1 on the provisional agenda and sought strategic use of Article 6 cooperative approaches to unlock market-driven resources

Event	Pre-COP31 meeting ahead of UNFCCC COP31
Venue of Pre-COP	Nadi, Fiji
India represented by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Session addressed	Plenary Discussion on Political Landing Zones and Outcomes
COP31 venue	Antalya, Turkiye
COP31 month	November
Temperature goal cited	Limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius
Provisions highlighted	Article 9.1 on the provisional agenda; Article 6 cooperative approaches

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C.R. Paatil Chairs 20th Ganga Empowered Task Force Meeting

8 October 2026 · Environment

Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Paatil chaired the 20th Empowered Task Force meeting on Ganga rejuvenation in New Delhi and reviewed 527 Namami Gange projects.

- The 20th Empowered Task Force meeting on Ganga rejuvenation was chaired by Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil in New Delhi.
- Namami Gange has sanctioned 527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees as of August 2026, of which 368 stand completed.
- Of 219 sanctioned sewerage projects, 147 are complete, giving 4,339 MLD of treatment capacity and 4,615 km of sewer network.
- The master plan for Gomti Udgam Sthal at Pilibhit was cleared in the 68th Executive Committee meeting of NMCG in December 2025.
- NMCG and NIUA have developed two river courses, Principles of Urban River Management and Eco-friendly Waterfront Development.

Meeting	20th Empowered Task Force (ETF) meeting on Ganga rejuvenation
Chaired by	Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil
Venue	New Delhi
Programme reviewed	Namami Gange Programme, run by the National Mission for Clean Ganga
Projects sanctioned	527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees as of August 2026
Projects completed	368
Sewerage capacity created	4,339 MLD of a sanctioned 6,603 MLD
Sewer network	4,615 km built of a sanctioned 5,245 km

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Pralhad Joshi Opens 8th Windergy India 2026 in Chennai

8 October 2026 · Environment

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi opened the 8th Windergy India 2026 in Chennai and said wind capacity stood at 59.20 GW, with 100 GW targeted by 2030.

- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the 8th edition of Windergy India 2026 in Chennai on 8 October 2026; the conference runs from 7 to 9 October.
- India had 59.20 GW of installed wind capacity as on 30 September 2026 and aims to cross 100 GW by 2030.
- A record 6.05 GW of wind capacity was added in FY2026, the highest annual installation so far, and FY2027 is expected to be higher.
- The event drew around 400 exhibitors from over 20 countries and 500 delegates, with country pavilions from Denmark, Germany and Spain.
- The IWTMA-BWE Global MoU, the IWTMA-PTB Letter of Intent and an IWTMA-OECD collaboration were announced at the inauguration.

Event	8th edition of Windergy India 2026
Venue and dates	Chennai, 7 to 9 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi
Tamil Nadu Minister present	C. T. R. Nirmal Kumar, Minister for Energy Resources and Law
Installed wind capacity	59.20 GW as on 30 September 2026
Record annual addition	6.05 GW in FY2026
Target	100 GW of wind capacity by 2030
Participation	About 400 exhibitors from more than 20 countries and 500 delegates

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NHAI Lists Rs 19,700 Crore of Wildlife Mitigation Work

8 October 2026 · Environment

NHAI released a document on Wildlife Mitigation Measures and Structures, recording Rs 19,700 crore spent and over 2,150 structures on National Highways.

- NHAI released a document on 'Wildlife Mitigation Measures & Structures' to mark National Wildlife Week, observed from 2 to 8 October 2026.
- The document was released by Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari during a Chintan Shivir at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
- About Rs 19,700 crore has been invested in wildlife mitigation infrastructure and environmental safeguards on National Highway projects over the last five years.
- More than 2,150 wildlife mitigation structures have been built or proposed along National Highways across the country.
- Guide fencing and noise barriers have been provided along over 300 km of National Highway alignments.

Document	'Wildlife Mitigation Measures & Structures', released by NHAI
Occasion	National Wildlife Week, 2 to 8 October 2026
Released by	Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways
Place of release	Chintan Shivir, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
Investment in five years	About Rs 19,700 crore
Mitigation structures	More than 2,150, built and/or proposed
Highest item of spending	Viaducts, about Rs 8,300 crore
Animal underpasses	About Rs 4,600 crore

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NBA Gets Rs 9.68 Crore Under Access and Benefit Sharing

8 October 2026 · Environment

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- The National Biodiversity Authority received Rs 9.68 crore from users of biological resources between 1 April 2026 and 30 September 2026, of which Rs 9.56 crore was for access to those resources.
- The agri-seed sector contributed the most at Rs 7.16 crore, followed by food and beverages at Rs 1.59 crore and animal husbandry at Rs 62.01 lakh.
- M/s East West Seeds India Ltd was the largest contributor with about Rs 2.01 crore, while the single biggest payment was Rs 1.17 crore from M/s Synergia Life Science Ltd.
- Since 2008 the Authority has realised about Rs 278 crore through access and benefit sharing and disbursed more than Rs 200 crore for conservation and benefit claimers.
- Collections are made under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023, and the money is routed through State Biodiversity Boards and Union Territory Biodiversity Councils.

Body	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
Amount received	Rs 9.68 crore
Period	1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026
Towards access to resources	Rs 9.56 crore of the total
Law	Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023, and the ABS Regulations
Top sector	Agri-seed, Rs 7.16 crore
Second and third sectors	Food and beverages Rs 1.59 crore; animal husbandry Rs 62.01 lakh
Largest contributor	M/s East West Seeds India Ltd, about Rs 2.01 crore

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CAQM Reviews Stubble Burning Curbs in Amritsar, Tarn Taran

10 October 2026 · Environment

A CAQM team led by Dr. S.D. Attri reviewed stubble burning curbs with the Amritsar and Tarn Taran administrations and visited hotspot villages in Punjab.

- A CAQM team led by Member (Technical) Dr. S.D. Attri visited the Amritsar and Tarn Taran districts of Punjab, both stubble burning hotspots
- A review meeting with the Deputy Commissioners of both districts was held at Amritsar on 10 October 2026, with field visits on 9 and 10 October
- CAQM has deployed Flying Squads in 18 districts of Punjab from 1 October to 30 November 2026
- Amritsar has set up a Control Room and Help Desk at the District Administrative Complex and a district helpline to report stubble fires
- Paddy stubble burning is described as a major cause of winter air pollution in the NCR and adjoining areas

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Team led by	Dr. S.D. Attri, Member (Technical), CAQM
Districts visited	Amritsar and Tarn Taran, Punjab
Review meeting	Amritsar, 10 October 2026, with Deputy Commissioners of both districts
Field visits	Hotspot villages on 9 and 10 October 2026
Flying Squads	Deployed in 18 districts of Punjab, 1 October to 30 November 2026
Machinery	Crop Residue Management (CRM) machines and balers for in-situ and ex-situ use
Ministry	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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NBA Disburses Rs 2.02 Crore of Seed Sector ABS Funds to States

10 October 2026 · Environment

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- The National Biodiversity Authority has disbursed Rs 2.02 crore of seed-sector Access and Benefit-Sharing funds to 27 states and 3 union territories
- The top ten states accounted for Rs 1.43 crore of the amount, with Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal receiving the largest shares
- Cumulative ABS disbursement by the NBA has now reached Rs 202 crore
- Shares were fixed by cultivation area using the Ministry of Agriculture's statistics, and go to State Biodiversity Boards and UT Biodiversity Councils
- India's ABS framework rests on the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and supports Targets 13 and 19 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Body	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
Amount disbursed	Rs 2.02 crore
Recipients	27 State Biodiversity Boards and 3 Union Territory Biodiversity Councils
Top ten states	Rs 1.43 crore of the total
Largest shares	Madhya Pradesh, followed by West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar and Gujarat
Cumulative ABS disbursement	Rs 202 crore
Parent law	Biological Diversity Act, 2002
Action plan	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, 2024 to 2030

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IGNFA Begins IFS Mid-Career Training for 68 Officers

12 October 2026 · Environment

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav met 68 Indian Forest Service officers from 18 cadres at the Mid-Career Training Phase-III programme in New Delhi on 12 October 2026.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav interacted with Indian Forest Service officers of the Mid-Career Training Phase-III programme in New Delhi on 12 October 2026.
- The programme, the nineteenth of its series, is being organised by the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) from 12 October to 6 November 2026.
- It has 68 participants drawn from 18 cadres, and is meant for IFS officers with seven to nine years of service.
- The minister named Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, MISHTI, Aravalli Green Wall and Nagar Van Yojana among citizen-engaging conservation initiatives, and tied conservation to Viksit Bharat@2047.
- Thematic visits under the course go to Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh; modules cover line ministries, management and forestry including AI, climate finance and FCA amendments.

Minister	Bhupender Yadav, Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Course	Mid-Career Training (MCT) Phase-III, nineteenth of the series
Organised by	Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA)
Dates	12 October to 6 November 2026
Participants	68 IFS officers from 18 cadres
Eligibility	IFS officers with seven to nine years of service
Secretary, MoEFCC	Narendra Bhooshan
DG (Forests) and Special Secretary	Santosh Tiwari

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IBCA Headquarters Opens at 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi

12 October 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the new office of the International Big Cat Alliance at 55 Lodhi Estate in New Delhi, now the Alliance's headquarters.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the new office premises of the International Big Cat Alliance at 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi
- IBCA is a treaty-based inter-governmental international organisation headquartered in India for the conservation of seven big cats
- The seven big cats are the lion, tiger, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma
- India has pledged an initial contribution of Rs 150 crore for five years, from 2023-24 to 2027-28
- 29 countries including India are members, five are observers and eleven more have agreed to join; IBCA's Director General is Dr S. P. Yadav

Organisation	International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA)
New headquarters address	55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Nature	Treaty-based inter-governmental international organisation headquartered in India
Big cats covered	Lion, tiger, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma
India's initial pledge	Rs 150 crore for five years, 2023-24 to 2027-28
Members	29 countries, with five observers and eleven more consenting to join
Director General	Dr S. P. Yadav

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Delhi Gets 150 Electric Buses and 13 New CAAQMS Stations

13 October 2026 · Environment

Bhupender Yadav and Delhi CM Rekha Gupta flagged off 150 electric buses and opened 13 new air quality monitoring stations, taking Delhi's network to 60.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta flagged off 150 electric buses at Anand Vihar under the Sewa Sankalp Abhiyaan.
- Thirteen new CAAQMS were inaugurated, taking Delhi's monitoring network from 47 to 60 stations, with data shared through the CPCB server and the SAMEER app.
- Air quality monitoring in Delhi now follows a grid of one station per 25 square kilometres, to be extended to other NCR cities.
- Public EV charging stations were opened at five locations: ISBT Anand Vihar and the Nand Nagri, Rohini Sector-37, Nangloi and Keshopur depots.
- The DPCC's AI-enabled Integrated Command and Control Centre at Shastri Park will link fifteen external data systems, nine of which are already connected.

Event date	13 October 2026
Union Environment Minister	Bhupender Yadav
Delhi Chief Minister	Rekha Gupta
Hotspot reviewed	Anand Vihar, Delhi
Electric buses flagged off	150, under Sewa Sankalp Abhiyaan
New monitoring stations	13 CAAQMS, taking the network to 60
Monitoring grid	One station per 25 square kilometres
Command centre	AI-enabled ICCC of DPCC at Shastri Park

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Namami Gange: Ganga Basin GPI Compliance Reaches 86% in 2025

13 October 2026 · Environment

Under Namami Gange, compliance among grossly polluting industries in the Ganga basin rose from 39% in 2017 to 86% in 2025, with BOD load down 72.46%.

- The 2025 inspection cycle assessed 3,703 grossly polluting industries, 1,296 in the Ganga basin and 2,407 in the Yamuna basin, across 113 districts in six states and one Union Territory.
- Compliance in the Ganga basin rose from 39% in 2017 to 86% in 2025, while its BOD load fell from 26 TPD to 7.16 TPD, a cut of 72.46%.
- Ganga basin effluent discharge dropped from 349 MLD to 274.88 MLD, down 21.24%, even as the count of operational GPIs grew from 888 to 3,154.
- For the 2026 cycle 40 technical institutes have been nominated to inspect GPIs, up from 25 engaged in the 2025 exercise, with CPCB as national regulatory authority.
- Of 41 common effluent treatment plants assessed, 40 were operational with 514.53 MLD capacity against 286.31 MLD utilisation, and 27 complied with the norms.

Programme	Namami Gange, Ministry of Jal Shakti
National regulatory authority	Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
GPIs assessed in 2025	3,703 (Ganga basin 1,296; Yamuna basin 2,407)
Spread	113 districts in six states and one Union Territory; 46 tributaries and sub-tributaries
Ganga basin compliance	39% in 2017 to 86% in 2025
Ganga basin BOD load	26 TPD to 7.16 TPD, a fall of 72.46%
Ganga basin effluent discharge	349 MLD to 274.88 MLD, down 21.24%
Operational GPIs	Up from 888 in 2017 to 3,154 in 2025

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Bhupender Yadav Chairs 27th G.B. Pant Society Meeting

15 October 2026 · Environment

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- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired the 27th meeting of the G.B. Pant Society of Himalayan Environment and Development in New Delhi
- Four publications of the institute were released at the meeting, covering eco-sensitive zone biodiversity, a glaciated system, e-PBR governance and Ramsar wetlands
- The minister stressed access and benefit-sharing rights and People's Biodiversity Registers as ways to improve the livelihoods of native Himalayan villagers
- The policy framework for the Indian Himalayan Region aims to balance ecological security with sustainable socio-economic growth by 2047
- MoEFCC Secretary Narendra Bhooshan and Director General (Forests) and Special Secretary Santosh Tewari were among those who attended

Meeting	27th meeting of the G.B. Pant Society of Himalayan Environment and Development
Chaired by	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Venue and date	New Delhi, 15 October 2026
Publications released	Four
Subjects covered	Bhagirathi Eco-sensitive Zone biodiversity, Gangotri Glaciated System, e-PBR governance, Ramsar wetlands of the Indian Himalayan Region
Themes stressed	Access and benefit-sharing rights, People's Biodiversity Registers, community participation
Policy horizon	2047, for the Indian Himalayan Region
Secretary, MoEFCC	Shri Narendra Bhooshan

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India's Ramsar Site Tally Reaches 103 with Sukhna, Sauj Jheel

15 October 2026 · Environment

India's tally of Ramsar wetlands has risen to 103 after Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced that Sukhna in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in UP were designated.

- India's Ramsar site tally reached 103 with the designation of Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in Uttar Pradesh
- The addition was announced on 15 October 2026 by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Shri Bhupender Yadav
- Sukhna Wetland is in the Union Territory of Chandigarh, while Sauj Jheel lies in Uttar Pradesh
- The minister tied wetland protection to biodiversity conservation, water and climate security, and the livelihoods of nearby communities
- The announcement carried the hashtag #AmritDharohar and congratulated both Uttar Pradesh and Chandigarh

India's Ramsar site tally	103
New site 1	Sukhna Wetland, Chandigarh
New site 2	Sauj Jheel, Uttar Pradesh
Announced by	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Date of announcement	15 October 2026
Hashtag used	#AmritDharohar

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CAQM Orders PTZ Cameras at NCR Polluting Industries

16 October 2026 · Environment

CAQM has extended mandatory PTZ camera monitoring to all industries covered by Direction No. 98 in the NCR, to be installed and running by 30 November 2026.

- CAQM has extended the requirement for Pan-Tilt-Zoom cameras to all industries covered by its Statutory Direction No. 98 in the NCR
- Covered units include the 17 categories of highly polluting industries identified by CPCB, medium and large Red Category air-polluting units, food, food processing and textile units with boilers, and metal units with furnaces
- Cameras must be installed at fuel-feeding points, gas meters, stacks, OCEMS sampling ports and fume extraction areas, with live feeds streamed to CPCB and state boards over RTSP
- All covered units must have the cameras installed and operational by 30 November 2026; the order supersedes the one issued on 5 October 2026
- Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and the Delhi administration, with CPCB and the pollution control boards, are to enforce the order

Regulator	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Order	Extends PTZ camera monitoring under Statutory Direction No. 98
Supersedes	The Commission order dated 5 October 2026
Deadline	Installation and operation by 30 November 2026
Industries covered	17 CPCB categories of highly polluting industries, medium and large Red Category units, food and textile units with boilers, metal units with furnaces
Streaming	Real time video over Real Time Streaming Protocol (RTSP) to CPCB, SPCB and DPCC servers
Enforcement	Haryana, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and the Delhi administration with CPCB and the boards
Reason	Flying squad inspections found use of unapproved fuels in NCR industrial units

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Bhupender Yadav Meets Start-ups on Delhi-NCR Air Pollution

17 October 2026 · Environment

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav met start-up innovators on 17 October 2026 to find affordable, scalable technology answers to Delhi-NCR air pollution.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav interacted with start-ups and innovation companies on 17 October 2026 for technology-driven answers to Delhi-NCR air pollution.
- The meeting came under the campaign theme 'Saaf Hawa mein Hissedaari, Hum Sabhi ki hai Zimmedaari', with Union MoS Kirti Vardhan Singh and Delhi Minister Manjinder Singh Sirsa present.
- The Minister put out problem statements covering 9 key areas of air pollution management, placing the effort beside the Graded Response Action Plan, cleaner fuels and electric mobility.
- Solutions shown ranged from tamper-proof OCEMS and PUC systems to AI-based source apportionment, drone mapping and round-the-clock detection of stubble burning.
- Yadav sought guidelines on parali storage with MoAFW, CAQM and CPCB, an in-field crop-residue storage model, and OCEMS data joined to plant-operation data.

Who	Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav
What	Interaction with start-ups and innovation companies on air pollution mitigation
Focus region	Delhi-NCR
Campaign theme	Saaf Hawa mein Hissedaari, Hum Sabhi ki hai Zimmedaari
Problem statements	9 key areas of air pollution management
Union MoS present	Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh
Delhi minister present	Sardar Manjinder Singh Sirsa (Environment, Forest and Wildlife, GNCTD)
Bodies represented	MoEFCC, MoHUA, MoAFW, Delhi government, CAQM, CPCB, DPCC

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CAQM Reviews NCR Enforcement: 124 Inspections, 55 Violations

17 October 2026 · Environment

The CAQM Enforcement Task Force, at its 141st meeting, reviewed 124 inspections across the NCR over a 15-day window that threw up 55 pollution violations.

- The CAQM Enforcement Task Force held its 141st meeting on 16 October 2026 to review air pollution enforcement across the National Capital Region.
- A total of 124 inspections were reported for 25 September to 9 October 2026: six at construction and demolition sites, 54 industrial and 64 on diesel generator sets.
- The inspections produced 55 violations, with closure proposed for two construction projects and three industrial units and sealing for 12 units.
- CAQM Flying Squads had inspected 28,868 units, projects and entities in all as on 16 October 2026, issuing 1,837 closure directions and 1,491 resumption orders.
- The Commission told its squads to focus inspections on Red and Orange category industries, particularly units running furnaces and boilers.

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Enforcement wing	Enforcement Task Force (ETF)
Meeting	141st ETF meeting, held 16 October 2026
Reporting period	25 September to 9 October 2026 (15 days)
Inspections	124 in all: six C&D, 54 industrial, 64 DG sets
Violations	55 in all: five C&D, 35 industrial, 15 DG sets
Closure proposed	Two C&D projects and three industrial units
Flying Squad inspections	28,868 units, projects and entities as on 16 October 2026

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NBA Gives Rs 1.19 Crore to 29 State Biodiversity Boards

17 October 2026 · Environment

The National Biodiversity Authority has released Rs 1.19 crore of Access and Benefit Sharing money to 29 State Biodiversity Boards and one UT council.

- The National Biodiversity Authority disbursed Rs 1.19 crore under Access and Benefit Sharing to 29 State Biodiversity Boards and one Union Territory Biodiversity Council
- Maharashtra received the largest share, followed by Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh; the whole distribution added up to Rs 1,18,61,655
- Shares were fixed in proportion to the estimated cultivation area of each resource, using data from the Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics
- The money must be spent only on purposes listed in Section 32(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- NBA has disbursed Rs 86 crore from the agriculture sector and more than Rs 203 crore in total so far

Body	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
Ministry	Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Mechanism	Access and Benefit Sharing (ABS)
Amount disbursed	Rs 1.19 crore (Rs 1,18,61,655)
Recipients	29 State Biodiversity Boards and one UT Biodiversity Council
Largest share	Maharashtra, first in the allocation list
Second and third	Rajasthan second and Madhya Pradesh third
Crops involved	Maize, rice, pearl millet and cotton

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CAQM Team Reviews Stubble Management in Firozpur, Faridkot

17 October 2026 · Environment

A CAQM team led by Dr T. S. Panwar reviewed paddy stubble management in Firozpur and Faridkot districts of Punjab and visited hotspot villages.

- A high level CAQM team led by Dr T. S. Panwar, Member (Technical), visited Firozpur and Faridkot districts of Punjab to review paddy stubble management
- The visit followed an earlier CAQM trip to Moga district; a joint review meeting was held at the Deputy Commissioner office in Firozpur
- Availability and deployment of Crop Residue Management machinery, field surveillance, hotspot monitoring and enforcement were reviewed
- The Commission pressed for drones and low cost sensors for technology based monitoring, and for farmer awareness about stubble burning and PM2.5
- The team then visited selected hotspot villages in both districts to assess ground level implementation

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Team led by	Dr T. S. Panwar, Member (Technical), CAQM
Districts visited	Firozpur and Faridkot, Punjab
Earlier visit	Moga district, Punjab
Meeting venue	Office of the Deputy Commissioner, Firozpur
Machinery	Crop Residue Management (CRM) machinery
Technology for monitoring	Drones and low cost sensors
Pollutant highlighted	PM2.5

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Special Campaign 6: Schools E-Waste Drive on 28 October

18 October 2026 · Environment

The Department of School Education and Literacy will hold a nationwide e-waste awareness and collection drive in schools on 28 October 2026 under Special Campaign 6.

- A nationwide e-waste awareness and collection drive will be held in schools on 28 October 2026 by the Department of School Education and Literacy
- Special Campaign 6 is being run by the Department from 2 to 31 October 2026, covering pendency reduction, campus cleanliness and e-waste management
- Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE lead the cleanliness and e-waste activities in schools across the country
- An e-waste mural made from 50 kg of e-waste gathered by school pupils, along with e-waste bins, was installed at Kartavya Bhavan 2 for International e-Waste Day on 14 October 2026
- DoSEL Secretary T. K. Anil Kumar reviewed the preparations with States, Union Territories and autonomous bodies in a video conference on 16 October 2026

Campaign	Special Campaign 6, run from 2 to 31 October 2026
Department	School Education and Literacy (DoSEL), Ministry of Education
Nationwide school drive	E-waste awareness and collection drive on 28 October 2026
Focus areas	Cutting pendency in official work, campus cleanliness, e-waste management
Led in schools by	Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE
International e-Waste Day	14 October 2026
Mural	Made from 50 kg e-waste gathered by school pupils, installed with e-waste bins at Kartavya Bhavan 2
Message	Reduce, Reuse and Recycle

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Pumped Storage: India Has 345.38 GW Potential, 7.43 GW Live

19 October 2026 · Environment

A PIB backgrounder says India has marked 320 pumped storage sites holding 345.38 GW of potential, of which 7.43 GW is running across 10 projects.

- PIB's backgrounder of 19 October 2026 explains pumped storage as a water battery: water is pumped to an upper reservoir when power is surplus and released through turbines when demand peaks
- India has marked 320 pumped storage sites with 345.38 GW of potential; 7.43 GW across 10 projects is operational as of August 2026 and 15.87 GW across 11 projects is being built
- The CEA puts the storage requirement at 73.93 GW by 2031-32, made up of 26.69 GW of pumped storage and 47.24 GW of battery energy storage systems
- The Western Region holds the largest identified potential at 129.72 GW, with Maharashtra at 67.36 GW and Gujarat at 33.36 GW
- World pumped hydro capacity was 159.8 GW at the end of 2025 by IRENA's count; India ranked fourth with 7.18 GW behind China, Japan and the United States

Subject	Pumped Storage Hydropower, PIB backgrounder of 19 October 2026
Identified potential	345.38 GW across 320 projects
Operational capacity	7.43 GW across 10 projects (August 2026)
Under construction	15.87 GW across 11 projects
CEA storage projection	73.93 GW by 2031-32 (26.69 GW PSP, 47.24 GW BESS)
Leading region	Western Region, 129.72 GW
World capacity, end 2025	159.8 GW (IRENA); India fourth with 7.18 GW
Scheme types	On-stream, off-stream open-loop, off-stream closed-loop

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Green Diwali Campaign Launched for 130 NCAP Cities

20 October 2026 · Environment

WWF-India's EIACP centre, backed by the Environment Ministry, launched a nationwide Green Diwali Campaign from 20 October to 8 November 2026 under Mission LiFE.

- WWF-India's Programme Centre - Resource Partner launched the nationwide Green Diwali Campaign on 20 October 2026, supported by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- The campaign runs from 20 October to 8 November 2026 and asks citizens to mark a cracker-free, clean and green Diwali in line with Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment).
- All 130 cities covered by the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) get special focus, besides schools, colleges, resident welfare associations and local communities.
- The Green Diwali Pledge covers avoiding firecrackers, using diyas and energy-efficient lights, keeping away from single-use plastic, segregating waste and choosing local products.
- Citizens are also urged to take WWF-India's Carbon Footprint Survey, while institutions report activities online and selected entries feature on EIACP websites.

Campaign	Green Diwali Campaign
Launched by	WWF-India EIACP Programme Centre - Resource Partner (PC-RP)
Supported by	Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Duration	20 October to 8 November 2026
Aligned with	Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)
Special focus	130 cities under the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)
Main appeal	Celebrate a cracker-free, clean and green Diwali
Also promoted	WWF-India's Carbon Footprint Survey

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Namami Gange: 199 Sewerage Projects Worth Rs 31,327 Crore Taken Up

21 October 2026 · Environment

Under Namami Gange, 199 sewerage projects of about Rs 31,327 crore have been taken up, of which 116 are complete, with 2,237 MLD of new STP capacity built.

- The Namami Gange Programme, launched in 2014, is an integrated conservation mission to abate pollution and rejuvenate the National River Ganga
- It has taken up 199 sewerage infrastructure projects worth an estimated Rs 31,327 crore, of which 116 are complete
- Against a target of 5,270 MLD of new STP capacity, 2,237 MLD has been created, and 873 MLD of the 925 MLD rehabilitation target is done
- Five Food Chain Reactor based STPs are operational, two at Bhatpara in West Bengal and three at Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh
- The four-storey 7.5 MLD plant at Muni Ki Reti is the first such municipal STP in the country under the programme, built on about 900 square metres

Programme	Namami Gange Programme, launched 2014
Objective	Pollution abatement and rejuvenation of the National River Ganga
Sewerage projects	199 projects worth about Rs 31,327 crore, 116 completed
New STP capacity	2,237 MLD created against a target of 5,270 MLD
Rehabilitation	873 MLD done out of a target of 925 MLD
Food Chain Reactor plants	Two at Bhatpara, West Bengal and three at Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
First four-storey municipal STP	Muni Ki Reti, Chandreshwar Nagar, of 7.5 MLD on about 900 square metres
Constructed wetlands	Bithoor, Uttar Pradesh, six wetlands treating about 2 MLD

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CAQM Invokes GRAP Stage-I in Delhi-NCR as AQI Reaches 245

21 October 2026 · Environment

The CAQM invoked all 25 action points of Stage-I of the GRAP across the NCR with immediate effect after Delhi's average AQI climbed to 245, in the poor band.

- The CAQM invoked Stage-I of the GRAP across the entire NCR with immediate effect on 21 October 2026
- Delhi's daily average AQI was 244 at 2 PM and rose to 245 at 4 PM, both in the poor category
- The poor category of the Air Quality Index covers readings from 201 to 300
- All 25 action points of Stage-I now apply, covering construction dust, waste burning, vehicle norms, diesel generator sets and public transport
- The decision was taken by the CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP after reviewing CPCB readings and IMD and IITM forecasts

Decision	Stage-I of the GRAP invoked across the entire NCR with immediate effect
Taken by	CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP
Date	21 October 2026
Delhi AQI	244 at 2 PM, rising to 245 at 4 PM
Category	Poor, an AQI of 201 to 300
Action points	All 25 under Stage-I
Readings from	Central Pollution Control Board daily AQI bulletin
Forecasts from	India Meteorological Department and Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology

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Bhupender Yadav Seeks Joint Push on Circular Economy at CII

22 October 2026 · Environment

At the CII Circular Economy Conference, Bhupender Yadav said 499.60 lakh metric tonnes of waste has been processed and 86,043 producers are registered under EPR.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav addressed the CII Circular Economy Conference in New Delhi and sought coordinated action by government, industry and urban local bodies
- Sector-specific rules now cover nine waste streams, including plastic waste, battery waste, e-waste, waste tyres, used oil, end-of-life vehicles and non-ferrous scrap metal
- Nearly 499.60 lakh metric tonnes of waste has been processed across regulated waste streams as on date
- More than 86,043 producers and 4,880 recyclers are registered under the Extended Producer Responsibility framework
- The minister highlighted the LiFE initiative and four-stream segregation of solid waste into wet, dry, sanitary and special-care waste

Event	CII Circular Economy Conference, New Delhi
Addressed by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Waste processed	Nearly 499.60 lakh metric tonnes across regulated streams
EPR registrations	More than 86,043 producers and 4,880 recyclers
Waste streams covered	Nine, from plastic and battery waste to non-ferrous scrap metal
Initiative cited	Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE)
Segregation	Four streams: wet, dry, sanitary and special-care waste

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Odisha to Target 1 GW Agrivoltaics by 2030 Under New Policy

22 October 2026 · Environment

At the AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026, Odisha said its Agrivoltaics Policy 2026 will target 1 GW by 2030 with 90 per cent of sites kept cultivable.

- Day two of the AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 featured a ministerial track organised with the International Institute for Sustainable Development and the Council on Energy, Environment and Water.
- Odisha is finalising an Agrivoltaics Policy 2026 with a target of 1 GW by 2030, keeping at least 90 per cent of every project site cultivable.
- Odisha will offer power purchase agreements of twenty-five years through GRIDCO along with grid connectivity and investment incentives.
- Uttar Pradesh will solarise sixteen lakh agricultural tubewells with waived bills, while Bihar has advanced work on about 2,700 agricultural feeders.
- A roundtable with the World Bank, KfW, the European Investment Bank and IREDA discussed blended finance and concessional lending for agrivoltaics.

Event	AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026, day two
Ministerial track organisers	International Institute for Sustainable Development and Council on Energy, Environment and Water
States represented	Odisha, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Bihar
Odisha policy	Agrivoltaics Policy 2026, target of 1 GW by 2030
Cultivable condition	At least 90 per cent of each project site must remain cultivable
Odisha offtake	Power purchase agreements of twenty-five years through GRIDCO
Bihar	Work advanced on about 2,700 agricultural feeders
Pitch-Hub curator	National Solar Energy Federation of India

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CAQM Reviews Stubble Burning Curbs in Punjab and Haryana

22 October 2026 · Environment

The Commission for Air Quality Management held separate reviews with Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh, warning districts against any laxity on stubble burning.

- The Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas held separate review meetings with Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh on 22 October 2026 under Chairperson Rajesh Verma.
- The Punjab review covered the State Action Plan framed under CAQM Direction No. 99 dated 15 May 2026, enforcement, and the use of Crop Residue Management machinery.
- Direction No. 92 requires paddy straw based biomass pellets and briquettes in brick kilns, and biomass co-firing targets at thermal power plants were also reviewed.
- Burnt-area assessment is being validated in the field against satellite fire alerts, with drones and low-cost sensors deployed district-wise to track burning.
- The Haryana review also covered vehicular pollution, Automatic Number Plate Recognition at fuel and CNG stations for PUC enforcement, dust control and industrial pollution.

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Chairperson	Rajesh Verma
States reviewed	Punjab and Haryana, in separate meetings
Venue	Chandigarh
Date	22 October 2026
Direction No. 99	Dated 15 May 2026, on the State Action Plan against paddy stubble burning
Direction No. 92	Use of paddy straw based biomass pellets and briquettes in brick kilns
Monitoring tools	Satellite fire alerts, drones and low-cost sensors

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AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 Meets in New Delhi

23 October 2026 · Environment

The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference met in New Delhi from 21 to 23 October 2026 on the theme Powering the Global South, as India mapped its agri-solar scope.

- The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference was held in New Delhi from 21 to 23 October 2026 on the theme Powering the Global South
- As of August 2025 India had 36 operational agrivoltaics projects with 37.54 megawatts of installed capacity and 10 pilot projects under development
- India's agrivoltaic potential is estimated between 3,000 GW and nearly 14,000 GW, and a GIS screening found 47.35 million hectares of restricted cropland fit for AgriPV
- PM KUSUM, launched in February 2019, envisages central financial assistance of about Rs 34,422 crore for solar power in farming
- Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh hold nearly 50 per cent of the estimated AgriPV generation potential

Event	7th AgriVoltaics World Conference
Venue and dates	New Delhi, 21 to 23 October 2026
Theme	Powering the Global South
Projects running (August 2025)	36 projects, 37.54 megawatts installed, plus 10 pilots
Estimated potential	3,000 GW to nearly 14,000 GW
Land fit for AgriPV	47.35 million hectares of restricted cropland
PM KUSUM	Launched February 2019, central assistance about Rs 34,422 crore
Centre of Excellence	National Institute of Solar Energy with ICAR's Indian Agricultural Research Institute; 100-kilowatt system

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Great Indian Bustard Rewilding Begins at Desert National Park

24 October 2026 · Environment

Four male Great Indian Bustards were released into the wild at Desert National Park in Jaisalmer in October 2026, the first of 10 birds picked for rewilding.

- Four male Great Indian Bustards were released into the wild in October 2026 at Desert National Park near Sam, Jaisalmer, out of 10 birds earmarked for release
- The conservation-breeding programme was sanctioned in 2016 with an outlay of Rs 33.85 crore for five years; the first captive-bred chick hatched at Sam in March 2023
- National CAMPA approved Rs 77.05 crore in December 2024 for a five-year action plan covering the Great Indian Bustard and the Lesser Florican
- By October 2026 the Sam and Ramdevra centres held 96 birds, 40 from wild-origin eggs and 56 bred in captivity, with 86 kept for breeding
- The Jumpstart Approach, which moved an egg 770 km from Sam to Naliya in Gujarat, has yielded six chicks in Rajasthan and two in Gujarat

Species	Great Indian Bustard (GIB), Critically Endangered
Release site	Desert National Park, near Sam, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
Birds released	Four males, out of 10 earmarked for release
Breeding centres	Sam and Ramdevra, Jaisalmer
Programme sanctioned	2016, outlay of Rs 33.85 crore for five years
First captive-bred chick	March 2023, Sam Conservation Breeding Centre
CAMPA approval	Rs 77.05 crore in December 2024 for a five-year plan covering GIB and Lesser Florican
Captive stock, October 2026	96 birds (40 from wild-origin eggs, 56 captive-bred); 86 kept for breeding

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NBA Releases Rs 1.04 Crore ABS Money to Biodiversity Boards

24 October 2026 · Environment

The National Biodiversity Authority has shared about Rs 1.04 crore of access and benefit-sharing money with 27 State Biodiversity Boards and two UT councils.

- The National Biodiversity Authority has disbursed about Rs 1.04 crore of access and benefit-sharing money among 27 State Biodiversity Boards and two Union Territory Biodiversity Councils
- The money was paid by Crystal Crop Protection Limited, Savannah Seeds Private Limited and Nunhems India Private Limited for access to pearl millet, jowar, maize, rice and bottle gourd
- Shares were fixed by an area-based method using farm statistics from the Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics; Uttar Pradesh got the largest share at Rs 10,35,790 and the total came to Rs 1,03,63,188
- India’s ABS framework rests on the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, amended in 2023, the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024, and the Access and Benefit-Sharing Regulations, 2025, with Section 21 on fair sharing
- The NBA has released over Rs 204 crore in ABS benefits so far, and India will showcase its ABS work at a CBD COP 17 side event on 28 October 2026 in Yerevan, Armenia

Body	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
Amount disbursed	About Rs 1.04 crore (Rs 1,03,63,188)
Recipients	27 State Biodiversity Boards and 2 Union Territory Biodiversity Councils
Companies that paid	Crystal Crop Protection Ltd, Savannah Seeds Pvt Ltd, Nunhems India Pvt Ltd
Crops covered	Pearl millet, jowar, maize, rice and bottle gourd
Largest state share	Uttar Pradesh, Rs 10,35,790
Method of allocation	Area-based, using the Unified Portal for Agricultural Statistics
ABS released till date	Over Rs 204 crore (about $21.48 million)

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CAQM Reviews Stubble Management in Amritsar, Tarn Taran

24 October 2026 · Environment

A CAQM team led by chairperson Rajesh Verma reviewed paddy stubble management in Punjab's Amritsar and Tarn Taran districts and ordered firmer field action.

- A CAQM team led by chairperson Rajesh Verma reviewed paddy stubble management with the Deputy Commissioners of Amritsar and Tarn Taran districts of Punjab on 24 October 2026
- The review covered in-situ and ex-situ stubble management and the machinery and infrastructure available in the two districts
- The Commission pressed for maximum use of stubble as fuel in thermal power plants, brick kilns and industries, with sector-wise nodal officers reporting compliance
- Tarn Taran, which reports among the highest numbers of stubble burning cases, was told to treat the issue as its topmost priority
- The team inspected an industrial boiler in Amritsar running on paddy stubble pellets as an example of productive ex-situ use

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Chairperson	Rajesh Verma
Districts reviewed	Amritsar and Tarn Taran, Punjab
Subject	Paddy stubble management and prevention of stubble burning
Key direction	Maximum use of stubble as fuel in thermal power plants, brick kilns and industries
Coordination sought	Between farmers, Custom Hiring Centres and machinery providers
District under focus	Tarn Taran, among the highest in stubble burning incidents
Date	24 October 2026

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Ramsar Sites in India Reach 103 With Sukhna and Sauj Jheel

25 October 2026 · Environment

India's Ramsar Site network reached 103 wetlands on 15 October 2026 as Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in Uttar Pradesh joined the list.

- India had 103 Ramsar Sites as on 15 October 2026, up from 26 in 2014, covering more than 13.87 lakh hectares across 28 States and Union Territories.
- Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh, a reservoir built in 1958 below the Shivalik hills, and Sauj Jheel in Mainpuri district of Uttar Pradesh are the newest additions.
- The Ramsar Convention was agreed at Ramsar in Iran on 2 February 1971 and took effect in 1975; it now has 172 Contracting Parties and over 2,536 listed sites.
- Tamil Nadu leads the States with 20 sites and Uttar Pradesh follows with 14; Chilika Lake and Keoladeo National Park were India's first, on 1 October 1981.
- India's network ranks first in Asia and third in the world, and rests on the Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules, 2017 and the NPCA scheme.

Ramsar Sites in India	103, as on 15 October 2026
Area covered	Over 13.87 lakh hectares in 28 States and Union Territories
Rank	First in Asia, third in the world by number of sites
Convention adopted	Ramsar, Iran, on 2 February 1971; in force from 1975
India joined	1 February 1982
Newest sites	Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh) and Sauj Jheel (Uttar Pradesh)
State with most sites	Tamil Nadu with 20, then Uttar Pradesh with 14
First Indian sites	Chilika Lake (Odisha) and Keoladeo National Park (Rajasthan), 1 October 1981

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MoRTH Amends Motor Vehicle Rules for E85, E100 Flex Fuel

26 October 2026 · Environment

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, to include E100 alongside E85 in emission certification for flex fuel cars.

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, to support flex fuel vehicles using E85 and other high ethanol fuels
- The emission certification provisions now name E100 expressly alongside E85, and certified vehicles must meet the emission and safety norms of their category
- E85 is a petrol-ethanol blend with up to 85 per cent ethanol by volume; E denotes ethanol and the number its share, so E100 is predominantly ethanol
- Compatibility with E10 or E20 does not make a vehicle suitable for E85, and no existing vehicle owner has to switch fuels or modify the vehicle
- The amendments also update biodiesel provisions and take effect from the date of publication in the Official Gazette

Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)
Rules amended	Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989
Change made	E100 included expressly alongside E85 in the emission certification provisions
E85	Petrol and ethanol blend containing up to 85 per cent ethanol by volume
Meaning of E	Ethanol; the number gives the proportion of ethanol in the fuel
E100	A fuel consisting predominantly of ethanol
Countries already using flex fuel	Brazil and the United States
Fuel tank	A single tank, with engine controls adjusting automatically to the fuel composition

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Kuno Cheetah KNG22 Dies of Pellet Injuries; Centre Sends Team

28 October 2026 · Environment

A 19-month-old male cheetah, KNG22, of Kuno National Park died of firearm pellet injuries, and the Centre has sent a high-level team to Madhya Pradesh.

- A 19-month-old male cheetah coded KNG22, an offspring of the female Nirva, died on 27 October 2026 of firearm pellet injuries.
- It was found injured on 25 October 2026 in the territorial forests of Morena, outside Kuno National Park, and rescued from the Sheopur Territorial Forest Division.
- Five gun pellets were taken out during emergency surgery at the veterinary facility in Jabalpur, and internal injuries matched them.
- The MoEFCC team has the Inspector General of Forests, NTCA, the Additional Director, WCCB, and a Regional Deputy Director of the WCCB.
- Madhya Pradesh has set up a Special Task Force of forest and police officers; the central team will also review protection and monitoring protocols.

Animal	Male cheetah KNG22, 19 months old, offspring of Nirva
Home	Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh
Cause of death	Firearm pellet injuries; five pellets recovered
Found injured	25 October 2026, territorial forests of Morena
Rescued from	Sheopur Territorial Forest Division
Treated at	Veterinary facility, Jabalpur (emergency surgery)
Date of death	27 October 2026
Central team	IG Forests (NTCA), Additional Director (WCCB), Regional Deputy Director (WCCB)

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National Green Hydrogen Mission: Targets, Outlay and Progress

28 October 2026 · Environment

A PIB backgrounder on green hydrogen sets out the National Green Hydrogen Mission's Rs 19,744 crore outlay, its 5 MMT target for 2030 and progress so far.

- The Union Cabinet approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission in January 2023 with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore.
- The Mission targets at least 5 MMT of annual green hydrogen production capacity by 2030, which could reach 10 MMT with export demand.
- India's Green Hydrogen Standard, notified in August 2023, allows a maximum of 2 kg of CO2 equivalent per kg of hydrogen, well-to-gate, on a 12-month average.
- Deendayal Port (Kandla), V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Tuticorin) and Paradip Port have been recognised as green hydrogen hubs.
- The Mission is expected to attract over Rs 8 lakh crore in investment, create more than 6 lakh jobs and avert nearly 50 MMT of carbon dioxide emissions a year.

Mission	National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Cabinet approval	January 2023
Outlay	Rs 19,744 crore
Production target	At least 5 MMT a year by 2030; up to 10 MMT with export demand
SIGHT programme outlay	Rs 17,490 crore up to 2029-30
Green Hydrogen Standard	Maximum 2 kg CO2 equivalent per kg of hydrogen, well-to-gate, 12-month average (notified August 2023)
Port hubs	Deendayal Port (Kandla), V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Tuticorin), Paradip Port
Hydrogen Valley Innovation Clusters	Jodhpur, Odisha, Pune and Kerala

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DRI Seizes 45 Live Reptiles at Trichy Airport, Two Arrested

28 October 2026 · Environment

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence recovered 45 sedated live reptiles hidden in food packets at Trichy airport and arrested two passengers from Bangkok.

- DRI, with the Air Intelligence Unit at Trichy, foiled the smuggling of 45 live reptiles through Trichy International Airport
- Two Indian passengers arriving from Bangkok via Colombo on 26 October 2026 were intercepted on specific intelligence and later arrested
- The live wildlife was found concealed in 27 food packets, with every animal in a sedated condition
- The haul was made up of 23 Corn Snakes, 16 Ball Pythons, 5 Argentine Black and White Tegus and 1 Snow White Iguana
- The arrests were made under the provisions of the Customs Act, 1962, and the wildlife was handed to AIU, Trichy, for further action

Agencies	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence with Air Intelligence Unit, Trichy
Airport	Trichy International Airport, Tamil Nadu
Seizure	45 live reptiles, all sedated
Concealment	27 food packets in passengers' baggage
Species	23 Corn Snakes, 16 Ball Pythons, 5 Argentine Black and White Tegus, 1 Snow White Iguana
Route	Bangkok to Colombo to Trichy
Date of interception	26 October 2026
Law applied	Customs Act, 1962

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India Releases Four Biodiversity Papers at CBD COP-17

28 October 2026 · Environment

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav released four publications on biodiversity, biosafety and benefit sharing at a CBD COP-17 side event in Yerevan, Armenia.

- India released four publications on biodiversity, biosafety and Access and Benefit Sharing at a side event of CBD COP-17 in Yerevan, Armenia
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav led the Indian side and called for turning global biodiversity pledges into implementation and finance
- The side event was organised by the Environment Ministry with the National Biodiversity Authority and the UNDP
- The publications are the I-OECM designation guidelines of 2026, the 5th National Report on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety, a CBD handbook and India's ABS Success Story
- CBD COP-17 President Hambardzum Matevosyan, who is Armenia's Environment Minister, and the CBD Secretariat's ABS unit head Dr Taukondjo Shikongo attended

Conference	17th Conference of the Parties (COP-17) to the Convention on Biological Diversity
Venue	Yerevan, Armenia
India represented by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Side event theme	From Policy to Practice: Advancing India's Biodiversity Commitments through Innovation, Finance, ABS and OECMs
Organised with	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) and United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
Publications released	Four, on I-OECM designation, biosafety reporting, a CBD handbook and India's ABS record
COP-17 President	Hambardzum Matevosyan, Minister of Environment of Armenia
CBD Secretariat official	Dr Taukondjo Shikongo, Head of the Access and Benefit-sharing unit

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India Tops World in Green Hydrogen Offtake Commitments

29 October 2026 · Environment

Indian companies have signed green hydrogen offtake commitments of 5,55,610 MTPA till October 2026, the world's largest, needing about Rs 90,000 crore of capital.

- India's signed green hydrogen offtake commitments reached 5,55,610 MTPA by October 2026, the largest order book of its kind in the world.
- Indian companies closed 18 fresh offtake agreements during 2026, taking the tally since 2023 to 23 contracts, with over 70 per cent of the volume meant for export.
- Reliance Industries' agreement with Samsung C&T of South Korea, valued above USD 3 billion, ranks among the world's largest green ammonia offtake contracts.
- Under the SIGHT programme, 6,70,000 MTPA of green ammonia goes to 11 fertiliser units and 30,000 MTPA of green hydrogen to IOCL, BPCL, HPCL and NRL refineries.
- The National Green Hydrogen Mission carries an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore up to 2029-30 and aims at 5 MMTPA of green hydrogen by 2030.

Announced by	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Total offtake commitments	5,55,610 MTPA of green hydrogen equivalent (October 2026)
Contracts signed	23 since 2023, of which 18 during 2026
Export share	Over 70 per cent of the committed volume
Capital required	About Rs 90,000 crore (USD 9.5 billion)
Share of mission target	About 11 per cent
Mission outlay	Rs 19,744 crore up to 2029-30
Targets by 2030	5 MMTPA green hydrogen, 125 GW renewable capacity addition, over 6 lakh jobs, 50 MMT CO2 avoided

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National Workshop on Coastal Resilience Opens in Delhi

29 October 2026 · Environment

A two-day national workshop on coastal resilience opened in New Delhi under the Green Climate Fund's GCF-ECRICC project, drawing close to 150 participants.

- The National Workshop on 'Enhancing Coastal Resilience through Adaptive Strategies' was held in New Delhi on 29 and 30 October 2026 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
- It was organised under the Green Climate Fund project Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities (GCF-ECRICC).
- The project restores mangroves, coastal watersheds, seagrass, salt marshes and corals, and is running in Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha.
- MoEFCC Secretary Narendra Bhooshan said the National Coastal Mission would be the fulcrum for coastal resilience, linked to the Viksit Bharat 2047 vision.
- Close to 150 participants attended, and the project's Climate Champion model of women volunteers known as ECRICC Didi was showcased.

Workshop	National Workshop on 'Enhancing Coastal Resilience through Adaptive Strategies'
Dates and venue	29 and 30 October 2026, New Delhi
Organised by	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
Project	Enhancing Climate Resilience of India's Coastal Communities (GCF-ECRICC)
Funding	Green Climate Fund (GCF)
Project States	Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha
Ecosystems covered	Mangroves, coastal watersheds, seagrass, salt marshes and corals
MoEFCC Secretary	Narendra Bhooshan

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PAVAN-I3C Centre Tracks Delhi-NCR Air Quality in Real Time

30 October 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav reviewed CAQM's new PAVAN integrated command and control centre, which pulls over 30 air quality data streams together.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav reviewed CAQM's Integrated Command and Control Centre named PAVAN in New Delhi on 30 October 2026
- PAVAN stands for Platform for Air quality Vigilance and Analytics for NCR and integrates more than 30 APIs and data streams on a single screen
- It draws on 111 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations, over 2,300 industries and more than 3,200 active construction sites
- The platform works on the principle of detect, analyse and act, raising alerts that are escalated to the agency concerned for action
- Construction and demolition activity across the NCR will be halted from 5 to 20 November to curb pollution

Platform	PAVAN: Platform for Air quality Vigilance and Analytics for NCR
Built by	Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)
Reviewed by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Data streams	More than 30 APIs and data streams
Monitoring stations	111 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations
Industries and sites	Over 2,300 industries and more than 3,200 construction sites
Working principle	Detect, Analyse, Act
Construction halt	C and D activity stopped across NCR from 5 to 20 November

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Delhi Logs Best October Air Quality in Eight Years at AQI 166

31 October 2026 · Environment

Delhi's average air quality index for October 2026 came in at 166, the capital's cleanest October in eight years, with 220 good to moderate days so far.

- Delhi's average AQI for October 2026 was 166, the lowest October figure in eight years and down from 223 in October 2025.
- The average AQI from 1 January to 31 October 2026 was 167, against 170 in the same period of 2025 and 201 in 2018.
- Average PM2.5 for 1 January to 29 October 2026 was 69 micrograms per cubic metre, while PM10 averaged 171 micrograms per cubic metre.
- Delhi had 220 'Good to Moderate' days (daily AQI under 200) in January-October 2026, the highest since 2018 apart from 2020, when there were 224.
- 'Poor to Severe+' days (daily AQI above 200) numbered 84, down from 104 in both 2025 and 2024; CAQM coordinates the clean-up across Delhi-NCR.

Month reported	October 2026
Delhi's October 2026 average AQI	166 (lowest for October in eight years)
October 2025 average AQI	223
Average AQI, 1 Jan to 31 Oct 2026	167
Average PM2.5, 1 Jan to 29 Oct 2026	69 micrograms per cubic metre
Average PM10, 1 Jan to 29 Oct 2026	171 micrograms per cubic metre
'Good to Moderate' days, Jan-Oct 2026	220
'Poor to Severe+' days, Jan-Oct 2026	84

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First National Household Travel Survey: Two-Wheelers Lead at 42.6%

5 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

NSO released India's first National Household Travel Survey, covering 4,92,023 households, and found two-wheelers carry 42.6% of workers to fixed workplaces.

- NSO under MoSPI released the first-ever National Household Travel Survey, conducted from July 2025 to June 2026, as a factsheet on 5 October 2026
- The survey covered 14,274 villages and 10,377 urban blocks, collecting data from 4,92,023 households and 20,34,371 persons
- Two-wheelers are the leading mode for work trips at 42.6% (52.3% urban, 37.1% rural), while 57.6% of workers aged 15 and above travel over a kilometre to work
- Average commute is 23 minutes for students and 25 minutes for workers; 87.6% of students and 83.4% of workers reach within 30 minutes
- For overnight trips buses account for 55.8% and inter-city railways 17.7%, with 70.2% of such travel driven by social and religious purposes

Survey	National Household Travel Survey (NHTS), the first of its kind in India
Conducted by	National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Period	July 2025 to June 2026
Coverage	14,274 villages and 10,377 urban blocks
Sample	4,92,023 households and 20,34,371 persons
Definition of a trip	Travel of more than one kilometre
Top mode for work trips	Two-wheelers, 42.6% of workers
Top modes for overnight trips	Buses 55.8% and inter-city railways 17.7%

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TRAI Report: Telephone Users Reach 1,330.58 Million

5 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI's Yearly Performance Indicators for 2025-26 put telephone subscribers at 1,330.58 million and tele-density at 93.26 per cent at the end of March 2026.

- TRAI released The Indian Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators for 2025-26 on 5 October 2026, covering 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Total telephone subscribers rose to 1,330.58 million and overall tele-density to 93.26 per cent at the end of March 2026
- Internet subscribers reached 1092.79 million, of which broadband accounted for 1065.88 million and narrowband 26.91 million
- Monthly ARPU for wireless service rose to Rs 180.73 and average wireless data use per subscriber to 25.51 GB a month, while realisation per GB fell to Rs 8.02
- Sector Gross Revenue stood at Rs 4,04,067 crore and Adjusted Gross Revenue at Rs 3,34,659 crore in 2025-26

Report	The Indian Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators, 2025-26
Released by	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), 5 October 2026
Period covered	1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
Telephone subscribers	1,330.58 million, up 10.81 per cent
Tele-density	93.26 per cent overall; urban 151.47 per cent, rural 60.46 per cent
Internet subscribers	1092.79 million, broadband 1065.88 million
Wireless ARPU per month	Rs 180.73
Data use per subscriber	25.51 GB a month at Rs 8.02 per GB

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MoSPI Paper Proposes Wider Index of Services Production Coverage

6 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI has issued an approach paper to bring education, health and public administration into the Index of Services Production, raising coverage to about 78.4 per cent.

- MoSPI has released an approach paper on expanding the scope and coverage of the Index of Services Production and invited comments from stakeholders
- The monthly ISP for the formal sector began on a trial basis in July 2026 with 2024-25 as the base year and covers 19 broad service sub-sectors
- The present framework uses high-frequency administrative data and GST outward supply data covering about 60 per cent of services gross value added
- Education, human health and residential care, and public administration and defence are proposed for inclusion; they make up nearly 21 per cent of services GVA
- With these three areas added, the index would cover roughly 78.4 per cent of services sector GVA; comments are open till 16 October 2026

Document	Approach paper on expanding the scope and coverage of the Index of Services Production
Issued by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Base year of ISP	2024-25
Monthly compilation began	July 2026, on a trial basis, for the formal sector
Sub-sectors covered now	19 broad service sub-sectors
Present coverage	About 60 per cent of services sector gross value added
Proposed additions	Education; human health and residential care; public administration and defence
Share of the additions	Nearly 21 per cent of services gross value added

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TRAI Drive Test Grades Mobile Networks in Balasore City

7 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI's independent drive test on a 345 km route in Balasore city from 18 to 20 August 2026 found average download speeds from 8.18 Mbps to 239.24 Mbps.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test conducted in Balasore city, in the Odisha licensed service area, for August 2026.
- The test covered a city drive of 345 km and 7 hotspot locations from 18 to 20 August 2026, supervised by TRAI's regional office at Hyderabad.
- Average download speeds were 239.24 Mbps for Reliance Jio, 67.10 Mbps for Airtel, 24.65 Mbps for Vi and 8.18 Mbps for BSNL on 3G.
- Dropped calls were 3 of 387 for Reliance Jio, 4 of 393 for Airtel, 8 of 390 for Vi and 11 of 356 for BSNL.
- Voice parameters checked include call setup success rate, drop call rate, call silence rate and speech quality measured as the Mean Opinion Score.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
City and service area	Balasore, Odisha licensed service area
Dates	18 to 20 August 2026
Route covered	City drive of 345 km and 7 hotspot locations
Supervised by	TRAI regional office, Hyderabad
Highest average download	239.24 Mbps (Reliance Jio)

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MoSPI Releases Environmental Accounts Strategy for 2026-2030

7 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released a Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030, extending the 2022-2026 roadmap.

- MoSPI has released a document titled Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030, extending the earlier 2022-2026 strategy
- India follows the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA), endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission; MoSPI began work on environment accounts in 2018
- The 2022-2026 strategy had identified Material Flow Accounts, Ocean Accounts, Energy Accounts and thematic accounts for biodiversity and urban areas
- The new roadmap covers forest, minerals, soil resources, land, water, carbon stock, biodiversity and environment statistics, drawing on the report Green National Account in India - A Framework and the SEEA Central Framework
- The System of National Accounts 2025 recognises natural resource accounting; the strategy is offered as a reference for States and Union Territories

Document	Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Accounting system followed	System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)
Endorsed by	United Nations Statistical Commission
Work began	2018
Earlier strategy	Strategy for Environmental-Economic Accounts in India 2022-2026, issued by the National Statistical Office
Areas in the earlier strategy	Material Flow Accounts, Ocean Accounts, Energy Accounts, thematic accounts for biodiversity and urban areas
Basis of the new strategy	Report Green National Account in India - A Framework and the SEEA Central Framework

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Women Form 43% of Ayush Services Workforce: RIS Report

8 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

Women hold 43 per cent of Ayush services jobs and over half the posts in hospitals and wellness units, says the RIS Ayush Service Sector Report.

- Women make up 43 per cent of the overall Ayush services workforce, and more than half the workforce in hospitals, day-care centres, educational institutes and wellness establishments
- Segment shares: over 60 per cent in spas and wellness resorts, 58 per cent in educational institutes, 57 per cent in day-care centres and 53 per cent in hospitals
- The Ayush Service Sector Report is a study by RIS, brought out on Ayurveda Day 2026
- The Ayush services economy stood at US$36.92 billion in FY2024-25, a 16.91 per cent CAGR since FY2022-23, supporting about 1.76 million livelihoods
- Standalone clinics earn US$16.21 billion or 43.9 per cent of revenue; Ayurveda alone accounts for US$17.73 billion, and the sector may reach US$216-318 billion by 2047

Report	Ayush Service Sector Report, a study by RIS
Brought out on	Ayurveda Day 2026
Women in workforce	43 per cent of the overall Ayush services workforce
Sector size	US$36.92 billion in FY2024-25
Growth	16.91 per cent CAGR since FY2022-23
Livelihoods supported	About 1.76 million
Largest segment	Standalone clinics, US$16.21 billion (43.9 per cent of revenue)
Largest system	Ayurveda, US$17.73 billion (about 48 per cent)

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World Development Report 2026 on AI Launched in New Delhi

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Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the World Bank Group's World Development Report 2026: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence in New Delhi.

- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the World Bank Group's World Development Report 2026: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence in New Delhi on 8 October 2026.
- The India launch was organised by the IndiaAI Mission and MeitY in collaboration with the World Bank Group.
- The report prescribes a path of adoption, adaptation and advancement, and asks developing countries to be optimistic, be strategic and be pragmatic.
- Of the world's 25 low-income countries, only one has published a national AI strategy, the report notes.
- World Bank Group Chief Economist Michael Kremer gave the keynote lecture; Gaurav Nayyar, Director of the report, presented its key findings.

Report	World Development Report 2026: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence
Published by	World Bank Group
Launched in India by	Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Railways, and Information and Broadcasting
Venue	The Oberoi, New Delhi
Organisers of the India launch	IndiaAI Mission and MeitY with the World Bank Group
Framework	Adoption, adaptation and advancement
Core advice	Be optimistic, be strategic, be pragmatic
Key finding	Only one of the world's 25 low-income countries has published a national AI strategy

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Rajya Sabha Panel Tables 382nd Report on NTA Reforms

9 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

A Rajya Sabha standing committee headed by Mukul Wasnik tabled its 382nd report on strengthening the National Testing Agency on 9 October 2026.

- The 382nd report, on "Reforms and Strengthening of the National Testing Agency", was presented to the Rajya Sabha Chairman on 9 October 2026
- The committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports is headed by Rajya Sabha member Mukul Wasnik; the report was adopted on 25 August 2026
- The NTA conducts JEE-Main, NEET-UG, UGC-NET and CUET, and about 1.2 crore candidates appear in its examinations every year
- Only 23 of the 39 sanctioned posts in the NTA are filled, a vacancy of 41 per cent, and all 39 permanent posts run on deputation
- The panel wants NEET-UG shifted to computer-based testing and the 1,000 secure government CBT centres of the K. Radhakrishnan panel set up

Report	382nd report on "Reforms and Strengthening of the National Testing Agency (NTA)"
Committee	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports
Chairman	Mukul Wasnik, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha
Presented to	Chairman, Rajya Sabha, on 9 October 2026
Adopted on	25 August 2026
Concerned department	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
Candidates a year	About 1.2 crore in NTA examinations
Staffing	23 officers against 39 sanctioned posts, a 41 per cent vacancy

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TRAI Report: Phone Users Rise to 1,348.08 Million in June

12 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI's report for April-June 2026 puts total telephone subscribers at 1,348.08 million, tele-density at 94.31% and wireless ARPU at Rs 187.12 a month.

- TRAI released the Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicator Report for the quarter ending 30 June 2026
- Total telephone subscribers rose from 1,330.58 million to 1,348.08 million, a quarterly growth of 1.31 per cent; overall tele-density reached 94.31 per cent
- Internet subscribers increased to 1,114.17 million, with broadband at 1,087.50 million and narrowband at 26.67 million
- Monthly ARPU for wireless service rose to Rs 187.12 and average data use per subscriber reached 28.39 GB a month
- Sector Gross Revenue for the quarter was Rs 1,06,797 crore and Adjusted Gross Revenue was Rs 88,796 crore

Report	Indian Telecom Services Performance Indicator Report, quarter ending 30 June 2026
Released by	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Total telephone subscribers	1,348.08 million
Overall tele-density	94.31 per cent
Internet subscribers	1,114.17 million
Wireless ARPU a month	Rs 187.12
Data use per subscriber a month	28.39 GB
Gross Revenue	Rs 1,06,797 crore

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DARPG Releases 53rd CPGRAMS Monthly Report for September 2026

13 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

DARPG's 53rd CPGRAMS report shows 2,38,579 grievances settled by Central Ministries in September 2026, while States and UTs redressed 1,15,168 cases.

- The 53rd CPGRAMS report for September 2026 records 2,38,579 grievances redressed by Central Ministries and Departments against 2,27,837 received.
- Disposal in the Central Secretariat crossed one lakh cases for the 51st month in a row, and the average disposal time for 2026 is 13 days.
- The 50th report for States and UTs shows 1,15,168 cases redressed, the year's highest, with Uttar Pradesh closing 45,970 and total pendency at 2,37,128.
- Department of Posts, DFS (Insurance Division) and Department of Telecommunications topped Group A of the GRAI rankings for September 2026.
- Under Sevottam, 1,312 training courses have trained about 43,738 officers over the last five financial years.

Report	53rd CPGRAMS monthly report (Central Ministries/Departments)
Released by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Month covered	September 2026
Central disposals	2,38,579 grievances
Central receipts	2,27,837 grievances
Central pendency	85,687 cases
Average disposal time (2026)	13 days
States/UTs report	50th report: 99,134 received, 1,15,168 redressed

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Sarvekshana: MoSPI Releases 121st Issue of Statistics Journal

14 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

The National Statistical Systems Training Academy released the 121st issue of Sarvekshana, the bi-annual journal of official statistics, with three papers.

- The 121st issue of Sarvekshana, the bi-annual Journal of Official Statistics, was released by the National Statistical Systems Training Academy under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
- The issue carries three peer-reviewed technical papers, on in-kind social transfers, on the role of factory size in efficiency using Annual Survey of Industries data for 2022-23, and on PPS circular systematic sampling.
- It also presents highlights of two National Sample Survey rounds: the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises 2025 and the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2025, both covering January to December 2025.
- Sarvekshana disseminates research based on National Sample Survey data and is circulated among researchers, data users, ministries, departments and reputed national and international institutions.
- The issue is available on the websites of the ministry and of the National Statistical Systems Training Academy.

Publication	Sarvekshana, the Journal of Official Statistics
Issue released	121st issue
Periodicity	Bi-annual
Released by	National Statistical Systems Training Academy (NSSTA)
Ministry	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Technical papers	Three, all peer-reviewed
Paper topics	In-kind social transfers and level of living; factory size and efficiency from ASI 2022-23; PPS circular systematic sampling in ASI
Survey highlights carried	ASUSE 2025 and PLFS 2025, both for January to December 2025

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TRAI Drive Tests Rate Mobile Quality in Kolkata, Andaman

15 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI released Independent Drive Test findings for the Kolkata LSA and for South Andaman, where Reliance Jio recorded the fastest average download speeds.

- TRAI released findings of two Independent Drive Tests on 15 October 2026, one for the Kolkata LSA in July 2026 and one for South Andaman under the West Bengal LSA in August 2026
- The Kolkata test covered a city drive of 309.7 km, 10 hotspots and a walk test of 2.8 km between 13 and 16 July 2026
- The Andaman test covered a city drive of 259.8 km, a coastal stretch of 52.8 km from Port Blair to Havelock and 10 hotspots between 17 and 21 August 2026
- Average download speeds in the Kolkata area were 297.95 Mbps for RJIL and 255.13 Mbps for Airtel, against 7.98 Mbps for BSNL
- Drive tests measure coverage gap, Call Setup Success Rate, Drop Call Rate, call silence, speech quality and data throughput on 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT) findings released on 15 October 2026
First area	Parts of Kolkata city, Howrah and Hooghly districts, Kolkata LSA, July 2026
Second area	South Andaman district and the Port Blair to Havelock coastal route, West Bengal LSA, August 2026
Kolkata coverage	City drive 309.7 km, 10 hotspots, walk test 2.8 km, 13 to 16 July 2026
Andaman coverage	City drive 259.8 km, coastal 52.8 km, walk test 1.1 km, 17 to 21 August 2026
Best download, Kolkata	RJIL 297.95 Mbps, followed by Airtel at 255.13 Mbps
Best download, Andaman	RJIL 77.61 Mbps, followed by Airtel at 67.06 Mbps

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NITI Aayog Unveils Data Centre Evaluation Framework for States

15 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub released the Data Centre Evaluation Framework, built on five pillars, to help States plan sustainable growth of data centres.

- NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub released the Data Centre Evaluation Framework on 14 October 2026 to guide States on sustainable data-centre growth.
- The framework rests on five pillars: Power and Energy; Water and Cooling; Siting and Environmental Sustainability; Economic and Strategic Value; and Policy, Governance and Implementation.
- India's data-centre capacity has risen from about 375 MW in 2020 to roughly 1.5 GW at present.
- Eligible foreign cloud service providers using India-based data centres enjoy a tax holiday until 2047.
- It was released in the presence of NITI Aayog Member Abhay Karandikar and Chief Executive Officer Anurag Jain, and was drafted with inputs from MeitY, the Ministry of Power, DPIIT and industry.

Document	Data Centre Evaluation Framework
Released by	Frontier Tech Hub, NITI Aayog
Date of release	14 October 2026
Pillars	Five: Power and Energy; Water and Cooling; Siting and Environmental Sustainability; Economic and Strategic Value; Policy, Governance and Implementation
Capacity growth	About 375 MW in 2020 to roughly 1.5 GW at present
Tax holiday	Until 2047 for eligible foreign cloud service providers using India-based data centres
NITI Aayog Member present	Prof. Abhay Karandikar
NITI Aayog CEO	Shri Anurag Jain

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CII White Paper Charts $100 Billion Media Entertainment Goal

15 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

A CII white paper released at the Big Picture Summit 2026 in Mumbai set out a roadmap for India's media and entertainment sector to reach $100 billion.

- A CII white paper, 'The New Economics of Media and Entertainment', maps a route for India's media and entertainment sector to reach $100 billion by the early 2030s
- It was released at the two day CII Big Picture Summit 2026 in Mumbai, themed 'The New Economics of Media and Entertainment: Building India's Future Global Media Companies'
- I&B Secretary Shri Chanchal Kumar urged the industry to focus on original intellectual property, sustainable business models and global expansion
- He linked the theme to the Prime Minister's WAVES 2025 vision of 'Create In India, Create For The World' and named WAVES, WAVES Bazaar, IICT and India Cine Hub
- The WAVES Global Investor and Investee Meet brought together more than 150 investors and investees, including about 20 from WaveX and WAVES Bazaar

White paper	The New Economics of Media and Entertainment, released by CII
Target	$100 billion media and entertainment sector by the early 2030s
Event	Two day CII Big Picture Summit 2026, Mumbai
Summit theme	The New Economics of Media and Entertainment: Building India's Future Global Media Companies
Inaugural address	Shri Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Vision cited	WAVES 2025, 'Create In India, Create For The World'
Initiatives named	WAVES, WAVES Bazaar, Indian Institute of Creative Technologies (IICT), India Cine Hub
Investor meet	WAVES Global Investor and Investee Meet, more than 150 investors and investees

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Ayush Patent Report Records 4,077 Filings Since 2014-15

16 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

A status report released on the 11th Ayurveda Day counts 4,077 Ayush patent applications and 711 grants between 2014-15 and 2025-26 in India.

- The Status Report on Ayush Related Inventions in India (2014-2026) was released during the 11th Ayurveda Day celebrations and records 4,077 patent applications and 711 grants.
- It was published by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM) under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Annual filings rose from 63 in 2014-15 to 590 in 2025-26, a growth of about 836.5 per cent, after peaking at 606 applications in 2022-23.
- Maharashtra leads the states with 744 filings and 142 grants, while natural persons filed 2,113 applications, or 51.9 per cent of the total.
- The period from 2020-21 to 2025-26 alone saw 2,854 filings, 70 per cent of the total, and 657 grants, 92.4 per cent of all patents granted.

Report	Status Report on Ayush Related Inventions in India (2014-2026)
Released during	Celebrations of the 11th Ayurveda Day
Published by	Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM), DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Applications filed	4,077 between 2014-15 and 2025-26
Patents granted	711
Leading state	Maharashtra, with 744 filings and 142 grants
Annual filings	Up from 63 in 2014-15 to 590 in 2025-26, a rise of about 836.5 per cent
Top applicant type	Natural persons, with 2,113 filings or 51.9 per cent of the total

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/ayush-patent-report-records-4077-filings-since-2014-15/

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PAIMANA Dashboard Update: Highway Awards Up 62.9 Per Cent

16 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI's quarterly PAIMANA infrastructure dashboard update shows 2,236.3 km of national highways awarded, up 62.9 per cent, and 184 indicators now tracked.

- MoSPI released the quarterly update of the PAIMANA Performance Monitoring Dashboard, which was launched on 16 April 2026
- The dashboard now tracks 184 indicators after 21 new ones were added, and data was refreshed for 41 indicators
- National highway projects awarded rose 62.9 per cent to 2,236.3 km in April-September of FY 2026-27
- Major port cargo grew 7.2 per cent to 390.4 million tonnes and air cargo rose 12 per cent to 18.6 lakh tonnes
- Installed power capacity reached 5,32,739.7 MW, with renewables at 2,23,273 MW, about 42 per cent of the total

Dashboard	PAIMANA: Project Assessment, Infrastructure Monitoring and Analytics for Nation-building
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Launched on	16 April 2026
Indicators	184 in total, including 21 added in this update
Five dimensions	Access, Quality, Fiscal Cost and Revenue, Utilization, Affordability
National highways awarded	2,236.3 km, up 62.9 per cent (April-September, FY 2026-27)
Major port cargo	390.4 million tonnes, up 7.2 per cent
Installed power capacity	5,32,739.7 MW, renewables 2,23,273 MW (about 42 per cent)

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/paimana-dashboard-update-highway-awards-up-629-per-cent/

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AIIA Report: 37.74 Lakh Patients Treated in a Decade

16 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

The All India Institute of Ayurveda said 37,74,524 patients were treated across its campuses between October 2016 and September 2026, with footfall up fourfold.

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, treated 37,74,524 patients between October 2016 and September 2026, its ten-year report says
- About 30,37,077 of them were seen at the main campus in Sarita Vihar, which has a 200-bed inpatient wing and OPD capacity of about 3,000 patients a day
- Outreach and affiliated centres, including a satellite centre in Goa and units at Safdarjung Hospital, the UPSC Building, Jhajjar, Mussoorie and Kevadia, served about 7.37 lakh patients
- Patient numbers rose from about 1.23 lakh in 2020 to over 5.40 lakh by September 2026, a more than fourfold increase, said Director Prof. (Vaidya) P. K. Prajapati
- AIIA is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Ayush; the report was released on Foundation Day along with KAUMARACON-2026

Institute	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
Parent ministry	Ministry of Ayush (autonomous institution)
Patients in ten years	37,74,524 (October 2016 to September 2026)
At main campus	30,37,077 at Sarita Vihar, New Delhi
Capacity	About 3,000 OPD patients a day; 200-bed IPD
Outreach centres	About 7.37 lakh patients; satellite centre in Goa
Growth	About 1.23 lakh patients in 2020 to over 5.40 lakh by September 2026
Director	Prof. (Vaidya) P. K. Prajapati

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PLFS Sampling Design to Change from January 2027: NSO

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The National Statistics Office will change the Periodic Labour Force Survey sampling design and schedule from January 2027 and add a stratum for gig workers.

- The National Statistics Office will change the Periodic Labour Force Survey sampling design, estimation procedure and schedule from January 2027
- The NSO has conducted the PLFS since 2017, and its sampling design was revamped from January 2025 for monthly, quarterly and annual estimates
- A new Second Stage Stratum for digital platform workers is being introduced, taking the count to four such strata in rural and five in urban areas, with 14 households per First Stage Unit
- Fresh samples for the two-year period 2027-2028, called Panel 6, will be drawn from an updated frame that also reflects a follow-up updation of the rural Census 2011 frame
- New questions on unpaid household and caregiving work, volunteer work and unpaid trainee work go into Schedule 10.4 for persons aged 15 years and above

Survey	Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)
Conducted by	National Statistics Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Running since	2017
Earlier revamp	Sampling design revamped from January 2025
Gig worker data	Digital platform workers covered experimentally since January 2026
Changes effective	January 2027
New panel	Panel 6, for the two-year period 2027-2028
Second Stage Strata	Four in rural areas, five in urban areas

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/plfs-sampling-design-to-change-from-january-2027-nso/

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MoSPI Flash Report: 1,853 Projects Worth Rs 37.56 Lakh Crore

26 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation now monitors 1,853 central sector infrastructure projects costing Rs 37.56 lakh crore as of September 2026.

- MoSPI's Flash Report for September 2026 tracks 1,853 ongoing central sector infrastructure projects worth Rs 37.56 lakh crore
- Cumulative expenditure on them is Rs 17.73 lakh crore, about 47.21 per cent of the project cost
- Of the total, 780 are mega projects of Rs 1,000 crore and above and 1,073 are major projects below that level
- Transport and Logistics has 1,320 projects and Energy 225; together they are 83.4 per cent of the monitored projects
- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has the most projects at 974, costing Rs 9.46 lakh crore

Report	Monthly Flash Report on Central Sector Infrastructure Projects, September 2026
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Platform	PAIMANA, renamed PAIMANA-PROJ, with PAIMANA-CRIP as the data repository
Projects monitored	1,853 ongoing projects across 17 Ministries and Departments
Total cost	Rs 37.56 lakh crore
Expenditure	Rs 17.73 lakh crore, about 47.21 per cent of cost
Coverage threshold	Projects costing Rs 150 crore and above
Mega and major projects	780 mega projects of Rs 1,000 crore and above; 1,073 major projects below that

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ASUSE 2027-28 to Shift to April-March Financial Year

26 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI will run the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises from April 2027 to March 2028, aligning it with the financial year and adding new questions.

- ASUSE 2027-28 is proposed to be conducted from April 2027 to March 2028, shifting the survey period from the calendar year to the financial year
- The National Statistics Office under MoSPI has conducted the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises since 2021-22
- For the first time the survey will capture gender-specific constraints faced by women entrepreneurs; new questions cover electricity sources and long-period investment in fixed assets
- Two questions to identify handloom, power-loom and handicraft establishments were added at the request of the Ministry of Textiles
- The January to March 2027 quarter will be surveyed on the existing ASUSE 2026 schedule so the quarterly series is not broken; comments are invited till 15 November 2026

Survey	Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE)
Conducted by	National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Running since	2021-22
New survey period	April 2027 to March 2028 for ASUSE 2027-28
Change made	Reference period shifted from the calendar year (January-December) to the financial year (April-March)
Aligned with	Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) and Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE)
First-time question	Gender-specific constraints faced by women entrepreneurs
Other new questions	Sources of electricity used; investment in fixed assets over a longer reference period

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TRAI: India's Tele-density at 95.52 Per Cent in September 2026

27 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

India's overall tele-density stood at 95.52 per cent at the end of September 2026, TRAI data shows, with urban density at 155.85 and rural far behind at 61.30.

- India's overall tele-density with machine-to-machine connections counted in stood at 95.52 per cent at the end of September 2026, and 85.41 per cent without them
- Urban tele-density was 155.85 per cent against a rural figure of 61.30 per cent, leaving a wide gap between towns and villages
- Towns and cities held 59.05 per cent of all telephone subscribers and villages 40.95 per cent
- The subscriber base grew 0.53 per cent during the month, with urban growth at 0.69 per cent and rural growth at 0.31 per cent
- Porting requests in the month came to 16.77 million and active wireless users at peak Visitor Location Register stood at 1,212.80 million

Released by	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Data month	September 2026
Overall tele-density	95.52 per cent with M2M connections
Tele-density without M2M	85.41 per cent
Urban tele-density	155.85 per cent
Rural tele-density	61.30 per cent
Share of subscribers	Urban 59.05 per cent, rural 40.95 per cent
Monthly growth rate	0.53 per cent

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Index of Services Production for August 2026 Released

29 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI released the trial Index of Services Production for August 2026 across 19 sub-sectors, with retail trade growing fastest and air transport down 9.6 per cent.

- MoSPI released the trial Index of Services Production for August 2026, covering 19 broad sub-sectors on the base year 2024-25.
- Accommodation and food services recorded the highest index reading, followed by retail trade and repair services.
- Retail trade grew fastest over August 2025, with repair services and real estate next at an equal pace and insurance behind them.
- Air transport was the weakest, contracting 9.6 per cent to 89.2, the only reading below the base-year level.
- Arts, entertainment and recreation services, the other sub-sector to shrink, fell 4.7 per cent to 111.7, while railway transport grew the least at 3.7 per cent.

Index	Index of Services Production (ISP), trial sub-sectoral series
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Month	August 2026
Sub-sectors covered	19
Base year	2024-25
Highest reading	Accommodation and food services
Fastest growth	Retail trade, over August 2025
Weakest sub-sector	Air transport, index 89.2, down 9.6 per cent

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TRAI Drive Test Checks Mobile Networks in Kachchh

29 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI released findings of an Independent Drive Test in the Kachchh area of Gujarat, covering 245.2 km of city routes and the Bhuj-Bhachau highway of 75.7 km.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test conducted in the Kachchh area of Gujarat, including Gandhidham and Bhuj cities and the Bhuj to Bhachau highway.
- The testing was carried out from 8 to 11 September 2026 under the supervision of TRAI's regional office at Jaipur.
- The agency covered 245.2 km of city routes, 9 hotspot locations and 75.7 km of the Bhuj-Bhachau highway using live voice and data sessions on 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G.
- In the city stretch average download speeds were 231.92 Mbps for Reliance Jio and 177.25 Mbps for Airtel, with 31.68 Mbps for Vodafone Idea and 10.27 Mbps for BSNL.
- On the highway the average download speed was 241.22 Mbps for Jio and 139.15 Mbps for Airtel, and the findings have been shared with the service providers.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
Area tested	Kachchh, including Gandhidham and Bhuj cities, and the Bhuj to Bhachau highway
Licensed service area	Gujarat LSA
Dates	8 to 11 September 2026
Supervised by	TRAI Regional Office, Jaipur
City drive	245.2 km, plus 9 hotspot locations
Highway drive	75.7 km, Bhuj to Bhachau

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TRAI Drive Test Checks Mobile Networks in Leh Region

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TRAI released findings of its independent drive test across Leh, Nubra Valley and Pangong under the Jammu and Kashmir service area, held in August 2026.

- TRAI published on 30 October 2026 the findings of its independent drive test across Leh and nearby routes in the Jammu and Kashmir service area, held in August 2026
- The test ran from 17 to 21 August 2026 and covered a city drive of 62.6 km and a highway drive of 396.3 km under the TRAI regional office at Delhi
- On the Leh city route average download speeds were 121.65 Mbps for Airtel, 8 Mbps for BSNL and 267.13 Mbps for Reliance Jio
- On the Leh to Nubra Valley highway downloads averaged 109.57 Mbps for Airtel, 16.39 Mbps for BSNL and 122.16 Mbps for Reliance Jio
- Parameters measured include coverage gap, call setup success rate, drop call rate, call silence instances, mean opinion score, throughput, latency and jitter

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
Service area	Jammu and Kashmir Licensed Service Area (Leh and nearby routes)
Testing period	17 to 21 August 2026
Findings released	30 October 2026
City drive	62.6 km, with seven hotspot locations
Highway drive	396.3 km
Walk test	1.1 km at Leh Market

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TRAI Tests Mobile Networks in Hyderabad and Adoni

30 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI released findings of its September 2026 drive test across Hyderabad and the Adoni-Mantralayam stretch in the Andhra Pradesh licensed service area.

- TRAI released on 30 October 2026 the findings of its September 2026 drive test in the Andhra Pradesh Licensed Service Area covering Hyderabad and the Adoni-Mantralayam stretch
- The Hyderabad leg covered a city drive of 63 km and a walk test of 21.5 km on 15 and 16 September 2026, supervised by the TRAI regional office at Hyderabad
- The Adoni-Mantralayam leg in Kurnool district covered 201.8 km with six hotspot locations on 17 and 18 September 2026
- Average download speeds in Hyderabad were 82.88 Mbps for Airtel, 7.13 Mbps for BSNL, 145.79 Mbps for Reliance Jio and 41.41 Mbps for Vodafone Idea
- On the Adoni-Mantralayam stretch Reliance Jio recorded the highest average download speed at 209.11 Mbps, ahead of Airtel at 118.55 Mbps

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
Service area	Andhra Pradesh Licensed Service Area
Hyderabad leg	City drive of 63 km and walk test of 21.5 km, 15 and 16 September 2026
Second leg	Adoni-Mantralayam and nearby areas, 201.8 km, 17 and 18 September 2026
District	Kurnool
Findings released	30 October 2026
Supervision	TRAI regional office, Hyderabad

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5th Kautilya Economic Conclave: Resilience in an Age of Flux

1 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave will be held in New Delhi from 3 to 5 October 2026 on the theme Resilience in an Age of Flux, said the Finance Ministry.

- The 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC 2026) will be held in New Delhi from 3 to 5 October 2026 on the theme Resilience in an Age of Flux.
- It is an initiative of the Institute of Economic Growth, founded by Professor V.K.R.V. Rao in 1952, held in partnership with the Ministry of Finance.
- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan will deliver the inaugural address and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar the concluding address.
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra will give the special address at the plenary on Central Banking in an Age of Flux.
- More than 180 participants will attend, including over 80 international delegates from about 30 countries; the Conclave was first held in 2022.

Event	5th Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC 2026)
Dates and venue	3 to 5 October 2026, New Delhi
Theme	Resilience in an Age of Flux
Organiser	Institute of Economic Growth, with the Ministry of Finance
IEG founder	Professor V.K.R.V. Rao, in 1952
Inaugural address	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Concluding address	External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
RBI Governor	Sanjay Malhotra, special address on central banking

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G20 Trade Ministers Meet at Milwaukee Under US Presidency

1 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal joined the opening day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting at Milwaukee, where ministers agreed on a statement on weaponisation of food.

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal attended the opening day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the United States G20 Presidency
- Ministers reached consensus on an outcome document, the G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions
- Goyal said more than 800 million people in India get foodgrains free of cost and that food must never be used as an instrument of pressure
- He cited the Bali Ministerial Decision, the Geneva Ministerial Declaration and the G20 Agricultural Market Information System set up in 2011
- Goyal held bilaterals with Brazil, the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Mexico and Poland, and visited the Rockwell Automation factory at Mequon

Event	G20 Trade Ministers Meeting
Venue	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States
Presidency	United States G20 Presidency
India represented by	Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal
Outcome document	G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions
US Trade Representative	Jamieson Greer
Factory visited	Rockwell Automation, Mequon, Wisconsin
AMIS set up in	2011

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Goyal at G20 Trade Ministers Meeting in Milwaukee, US

2 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Piyush Goyal attended the closing day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting at Milwaukee and asked that trade distortions be corrected only through WTO-consistent means.

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal took part in the concluding day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the United States.
- He said trade-distorting support leading to dumping must be answered through WTO-consistent anti-dumping and countervailing duties based on evidence and open to judicial review.
- He called Most-Favoured-Nation treatment the key guarantee of a rules-based system, sought preservation of special and differential treatment and asked for the two-tier dispute settlement system to be restored.
- On forced labour he cited Article 23 of the Constitution, India ratification of ILO Conventions 29 and 105, and the July 2026 amendment of the Foreign Trade Policy barring imports of goods made with forced labour.
- India extended full support to the United Kingdom for the G20 Presidency in 2027; Goyal held bilateral meetings with the trade ministers of Australia, Saudi Arabia, France, the Republic of Korea and Canada.

Event	G20 Trade Ministers Meeting, concluding day
Venue	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States
India represented by	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Current G20 Presidency	United States
Next G20 Presidency backed by India	United Kingdom, in 2027
Constitutional provision cited	Article 23, which prohibits forced labour as a fundamental right
ILO Conventions ratified by India	Conventions 29 and 105 on forced labour
Trade policy change cited	Foreign Trade Policy amended in July 2026 to prohibit import of goods produced with forced labour

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Vice-President Opens 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in Delhi

3 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in New Delhi, held on the theme ‘Resilience in an Age of Flux’.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan delivered the inaugural address at the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in New Delhi on 3 October 2026.
- The theme of the edition was ‘Resilience in an Age of Flux’; the conclave is organised by the Institute of Economic Growth, set up in 1952 under Professor V. K. R. V. Rao.
- He said more than 590 million Jan Dhan accounts had been opened as of August 2026, while GST registrations rose from about 6.65 million in 2017 to 16.5 million in May 2026.
- Around 9.2 million Self-Help Groups cover more than 100 million rural women, and over 34.6 million Lakhpati Didis have emerged.
- More than 250 million Indians have moved out of extreme poverty, and consensus-backed reforms support the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Event	5th Kautilya Economic Conclave
Theme	‘Resilience in an Age of Flux’
Venue and date	New Delhi, 3 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Organiser	Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), established 1952
IEG founder	Professor V. K. R. V. Rao
Jan Dhan accounts	More than 590 million as of August 2026
GST registrations	About 6.65 million in 2017 to 16.5 million in May 2026

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MoRTH to Hold Chintan Shivir 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat

4 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways will hold Chintan Shivir 2026 on 5-6 October at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat's Narmada district, with five themes.

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways will organise Chintan Shivir 2026 on 5 and 6 October 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
- The inaugural session will be addressed by Minister Nitin Gadkari and Ministers of State Ajay Tamta and Harsh Malhotra
- State road transport and public works ministers, State PWD officials and implementing agencies have been invited to the two-day conclave
- Five thematic sessions cover PM GatiShakti, Land Acquisition and Bhoomi Rashi, Model Concession Agreements and Ratings, Designing Safe Highways, and Quality Assurance and Project Monitoring
- The aim is better Centre-State coordination and replicable solutions for project delivery, quality, safety and efficiency in the highway sector

Event	Chintan Shivir 2026
Organiser	Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
Dates	5 and 6 October 2026 (two days)
Venue	Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
Union Minister	Nitin Gadkari
Ministers of State	Ajay Tamta and Harsh Malhotra
Thematic sessions	Five
Themes	PM GatiShakti; Land Acquisition and Bhoomi Rashi; Model Concession Agreements and Ratings; Designing Safe Highways; Quality Assurance and Project Monitoring

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Gadkari Opens Chintan Shivir 2026 on Highway Infrastructure

5 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Chintan Shivir 2026, a national conclave on highway infrastructure held at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat under the motto Gatishakti se Pragati.

- Chintan Shivir 2026, a national conclave on highway infrastructure, was inaugurated by Nitin Gadkari at Tent City 2 near the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
- The two-day conclave carries the motto Gatishakti se Pragati and was also addressed by Minister of State Harsh Malhotra
- A document on Environment and Wildlife Mitigation Measures and a BRICS Compendium on Perspectives in Sustainable Transport were launched
- Sessions cover PM GatiShakti, land acquisition and Bhoomi Rashi, model concession agreements, safe and green highways, road safety, toll reform and quality assurance
- The minister highlighted the FASTag Annual Pass and Multi-Lane Free Flow as tolling reforms, and asked for stronger preparation at the Detailed Project Report stage

Event	Chintan Shivir 2026 – A National Conclave on Highway Infrastructure
Motto	Gatishakti se Pragati
Inaugurated by	Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari
Also addressed by	Minister of State Harsh Malhotra
Venue	Tent City 2, Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
Duration	Two days
Documents launched	Environment and Wildlife Mitigation Measures; BRICS Compendium on Perspectives in Sustainable Transport
Session themes	PM GatiShakti, Bhoomi Rashi, model concession agreements, safe and green highways, road safety and toll reform

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India Chem 2026 Theme Advantage Bharat, 14th Edition in Mumbai

5 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Anupriya Patel launched the 14th India Chem on the theme Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub, to be held in Mumbai from 22 to 24 October.

- India Chem 2026 is the fourteenth edition of the biennial flagship event of the chemicals and petrochemicals industry
- The theme is 'Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub' and the venue is Mumbai, from 22 to 24 October
- It is hosted by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals with FICCI as partner
- The stated aim is to make India a global hub for battery, speciality and semiconductor chemicals by 2040
- Minister of State Anupriya Patel launched the edition and spoke on the BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme for chemical parks

Event	India Chem 2026, 14th edition
Theme	Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub
Venue and dates	Mumbai, 22 to 24 October
Launched by	Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers
Host	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, with FICCI
Frequency	Biennial, held once in two years
Scheme named	BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme, for dedicated chemical parks
Sector target	One trillion dollar chemical industry by 2040

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ESTIC 2026 Ocean Sciences Curtain Raiser Held at Kochi

6 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Earth Sciences held the ESTIC 2026 curtain raiser on Ocean Sciences and Maritime Technologies at CMLRE in Kochi, ahead of the October conclave.

- CMLRE, Kochi, an attached office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, hosted the ESTIC 2026 curtain raiser on the theme Ocean Sciences and Maritime Technologies
- The event was held alongside a stakeholder workshop on the IndOBIS portal, built to support biodiversity research under the Deep Ocean Mission
- ESTIC 2026 was launched by Dr Jitendra Singh at the National Media Centre, New Delhi, on 10 September 2026
- The conclave will be held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026 and will cover 12 thematic areas
- Dr Srinivasa Kumar Tummala, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, linked ocean resources to the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047 in his video message

Host institution	Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (CMLRE), Kochi
Parent ministry	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Theme previewed	Ocean Sciences and Maritime Technologies
ESTIC full form	Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave
Portal workshop held alongside	IndOBIS, the Indian Ocean Biodiversity Information System
Mission it supports	Deep Ocean Mission
ESTIC 2026 launched by	Dr Jitendra Singh, on 10 September 2026, National Media Centre, New Delhi
Conclave venue and dates	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 27 to 29 October 2026

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Sagarmanthan 2026: 3rd Great Oceans Dialogue in New Delhi

7 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The third Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue opened in New Delhi, with PM Modi calling in a written message for a free, open, secure and rules-based maritime order.

- The third edition of Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue is being held in New Delhi, organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways with the Observer Research Foundation
- In a written message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a free, open, secure and rules-based maritime order for greater peace, prosperity and progress
- Sagarmanthan means the churning of the ocean, which in Indian tradition is linked to the discovery of new possibilities
- India's major ports have nearly doubled their capacity and turnaround times have come down significantly; Indian seafarers form the second largest maritime workforce in the world
- The maritime push was linked to the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, with a new era of shipbuilding and green shipping being prepared

Event	Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue, third edition
Venue	New Delhi
Organisers	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Observer Research Foundation
Message by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Maritime order sought	Free, open, secure and rules-based
Meaning of Sagarmanthan	Churning of the ocean
Indian seafarers	Second largest maritime workforce in the world
Historical references	Lothal port, Chola dynasty, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

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Harivansh Leads India at 153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha

8 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh led India's delegation on day three of the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly at Arusha in Tanzania.

- Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh led the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania, on 7 October 2026.
- The General Debate theme was 'Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all'.
- An emergency item on urgent parliamentary action against climate-related disasters in the Himalayan region, proposed by Nepal and backed by India, was adopted.
- Anda Filip is the first woman Secretary General in the IPU's 137-year history and was elected at the 152nd Assembly in Istanbul, Türkiye.
- The delegation held a bilateral meeting with Konstantin Kosachev of the Federation Council of Russia and met outgoing IPU President Tulia Ackson.

Event	153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
Venue	Arusha, Tanzania
Indian delegation led by	Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
General Debate theme	Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all
Emergency item adopted	Urgent parliamentary action on climate-related disasters and resilience in the Himalayan region and other vulnerable regions
Proposed by	Nepal, supported by India among others
IPU Secretary General	Anda Filip, the first woman in the body's 137-year history
Elected at	The 152nd IPU Assembly, Istanbul, Türkiye

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PM Chairs National Summit on Women and Child Development

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the closing session of the two-day National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the valedictory session of the two-day National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi
- The summit is one of a series of departmental summits conceived by the Prime Minister, attended by ministers and senior officials from the states and union territories
- The agenda covered nutrition, care in early childhood, protection of children, the safety and empowerment of women, and convergence to strengthen service delivery
- The Prime Minister proposed Chintan Shivirs at the district, Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels, and dedicated Chintan Shivirs for Anganwadi workers
- He suggested universities adopt nearby Anganwadi Centres for social-impact studies, and named Vocal for Local and One District One Product (ODOP) for women’s empowerment

Event	National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development
Chaired by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi (valedictory session)
Venue	Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi
Duration	Two days
Who attended	Ministers and senior officials from the states and union territories
Idea stressed	Jan Bhagidari — Anganwadi Centres as centres of community participation
Proposal for states	Chintan Shivirs at district, Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels
Movements named for women’s empowerment	Vocal for Local and One District One Product (ODOP)

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Scindia Opens ITU AI for Good Lab Workshop at IMC 2026

9 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia opened the DoT-ITU AI for Good Lab Workshop at India Mobile Congress 2026, with India as a pilot country.

- Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the "AI for Good Lab Workshop: From Strategy to Impact" at India Mobile Congress 2026 in New Delhi
- It was organised jointly by the Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union
- India is one of ten pilot countries for the AI for Good Lab framework, with partners from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Gulf
- The framework rests on three pillars: AI Readiness and Policy, AI Skills Development, and Public AI Infrastructure
- Under the IndiaAI Mission of over ₹10,000 crore, more than 38,000 high-end GPUs have been onboarded and another 20,000 are being added

Event	"AI for Good Lab Workshop: From Strategy to Impact" at India Mobile Congress 2026, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and Development of the North Eastern Region
Organised by	Department of Telecommunications with the International Telecommunication Union
ITU dignitary	Dr Bilel Jamoussi, Deputy Director, ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
Three pillars	AI Readiness and Policy; AI Skills Development; Public AI Infrastructure
Pilot countries	India is one of ten, with partners from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Gulf
IndiaAI Mission	Outlay of over ₹10,000 crore; over 38,000 high-end GPUs onboarded and 20,000 more being added
AI talent	India first globally in relative AI skill penetration; about 5.2 per cent of open-source AI projects on GitHub with ten or more stars

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Cooperation Ministry’s 9th National Review Workshop Ends in Bastar

9 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Cooperation’s two-day 9th National Review Workshop closed in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, on 9 October 2026 with a call for state-specific action plans.

- The Ministry of Cooperation’s 9th National Review Workshop was held on 8 and 9 October 2026 at Bastar in Chhattisgarh
- Its theme was ‘Sahkar se Samriddhi — The Road Ahead: Scaling Impact through Cooperative Transformation’; the ministry is headed by Amit Shah
- Cooperation Secretary Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani asked states for prioritised, time-bound action plans with named officials and regular monitoring
- The first phase of PACS computerisation is to be completed by December 2026, with audits for 2024-25 and 2025-26 done by October 2026
- NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL were cited for produce aggregation and better prices, while NABARD is developing a uniform Core Banking Solution for cooperative banks

Event	9th National Review Workshop, Ministry of Cooperation
Dates	8 and 9 October 2026 (two days)
Venue	Bastar, Chhattisgarh
Theme	Sahkar se Samriddhi — The Road Ahead: Scaling Impact through Cooperative Transformation
Union Minister of Cooperation	Amit Shah (also Union Home Minister)
Concluding address	Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation
PACS computerisation	First phase to be completed by December 2026
Audits	For 2024-25 and 2025-26, to be completed by October 2026

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Third National CSR Conference NCCSR 2026 Concludes in Delhi

10 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility concluded at The Ashok, New Delhi, drawing 600 plus senior representatives.

- NCCSR 2026, the Third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility, was held on 6 and 7 October 2026 at The Ashok, New Delhi
- It was organised by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), through its School of Business Environment, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- The theme was ‘Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment’, and 600 plus senior representatives took part
- Satish Chandra Dubey, MoS for Coal and Mines, inaugurated it and released the Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies; the India CSR Factbook 2024-25 was also released
- Ajit Seth, former Cabinet Secretary, delivered the valedictory address and released the Compendium of CSR Best Practices 2025

Event	Third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility (NCCSR 2026)
Dates	6 and 7 October 2026
Venue	The Ashok, New Delhi
Organiser	School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Theme	‘Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment’
Inaugurated by	Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines
Valedictory address	Ajit Seth, former Cabinet Secretary
Publications released	Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies; India CSR Factbook 2024-25; Compendium of CSR Best Practices 2025

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GI-AI4FS Second Meeting Held at IMC 2026 in New Delhi

10 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The second meeting of the UN Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems was hosted by TEC and ICAR in New Delhi alongside India Mobile Congress 2026.

- The second meeting of the UN Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI4FS) was held in New Delhi alongside India Mobile Congress 2026
- It was hosted by the Telecommunication Engineering Centre of the Department of Telecommunications jointly with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- GI-AI4FS is coordinated by the International Telecommunication Union with the FAO, IFAD and the World Food Programme
- About 70 delegates took part in person and 25 online; Dr. Sebastian Bosse is the Chair of GI-AI4FS
- A two-day international hackathon on AI for agri-food systems preceded it on 8-9 October 2026 at the ICAR campus, New Delhi

Event	Second meeting of the Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI4FS)
Venue	New Delhi, alongside India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026
Indian hosts	Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), Department of Telecommunications, with ICAR
Coordinated by	International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
Partner UN agencies	FAO, IFAD and World Food Programme (WFP)
Chair of GI-AI4FS	Dr. Sebastian Bosse
Participation	Around 70 delegates in person and 25 online
Hackathon	Two-day international hackathon on 8-9 October 2026 at the ICAR campus, New Delhi

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Fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave Concludes in New Delhi

10 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave, on the theme Resilience in an Age of Flux, ended in New Delhi after three days of talks on India's economic priorities.

- The fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave was held from 3 to 5 October 2026 in New Delhi on the theme Resilience in an Age of Flux
- It is convened by the Institute of Economic Growth together with the Union Ministry of Finance, and began in 2022
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated it; Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed the special plenary on India's economic priorities
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar gave the special concluding address in the session India and the World: Adaptive by Design
- More than 200 participants attended, including over 80 international delegates from about 30 countries

Event	Fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC 2026)
Theme	Resilience in an Age of Flux
Dates	3 to 5 October 2026
Venue	New Delhi
Convenors	Institute of Economic Growth with the Ministry of Finance
Inaugurated by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Concluding address	External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
First edition	2022, on the theme Redefining the Future

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BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 Opens at NSD, New Delhi

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The BRICS Theatre Festival 2026, themed 'Shared Stories, Shared Futures', opened at the National School of Drama in New Delhi with nine countries taking part.

- The BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 opened on 12 October 2026 at the National School of Drama, New Delhi, and runs to 14 October 2026.
- Its theme is 'Shared Stories, Shared Futures', and nine BRICS member and partner countries are taking part.
- The participants are India, Thailand, Indonesia, Russia, Iran, Vietnam, South Africa, Kazakhstan and Ethiopia; Russia sent two groups and India staged two productions.
- Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat was the Chief Guest; the opening play was Samudra Manthan, directed by NSD Director Chittaranjan Tripathy.
- India's BRICS Presidency 2026 carries the theme 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'; NSD is the festival's nodal agency.

Event	BRICS Theatre Festival 2026
Theme	'Shared Stories, Shared Futures'
Dates	12 to 14 October 2026 (three days)
Main venue	National School of Drama, New Delhi
Organiser	Ministry of Culture, under India's BRICS Presidency 2026
Nodal agency	National School of Drama (NSD)
Participating countries	Nine: India, Thailand, Indonesia, Russia, Iran, Vietnam, South Africa, Kazakhstan, Ethiopia
Chief Guest	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism

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APARC General Assembly 2026 Opens at IITM in Pune

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The APARC General Assembly 2026, a quadrennial meeting of the World Climate Research Programme, opened at IITM Pune with over 550 participants from across the world.

- The APARC General Assembly 2026 was inaugurated at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, with India hosting the quadrennial event
- APARC stands for Atmospheric Processes and their Role in Climate and is a core project of the World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)
- The five-day assembly runs from 12 to 16 October 2026 with more than 550 participants, of whom 380 are present in person, 250 Indian and 130 foreign
- Ministry of Earth Sciences Secretary Dr Srinivasa Kumar Tummala was chief guest and WMO Deputy Secretary-General Ko Barrett was guest of honour, both online
- The programme has 67 oral presentations and more than 400 posters across six core themes, with over 120 students and 150 early career researchers attending

Event	APARC General Assembly 2026
Full form	Atmospheric Processes and their Role in Climate
Venue	Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune
Dates	12 to 16 October 2026, five days
Parent programme	World Climate Research Programme (WCRP)
Frequency	Once every four years, quadrennial
Participants	More than 550, with 380 in person, 250 Indian and 130 foreign
Chief guest	Dr Srinivasa Kumar Tummala, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences

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Bloomberg New Economy Forum Held in India for the First Time

13 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Bloomberg New Economy Forum was held in India for the first time, in New Delhi, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi set out the idea of Power to Empower.

- The Bloomberg New Economy Forum was held in India for the first time, in New Delhi, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressing it on 13 October 2026.
- The Prime Minister's theme was Power to Empower: power used to enable, collaborate and help others succeed rather than to control or dominate.
- India's startups have grown from a few hundred before 2014 to more than 250,000, nearly half from small cities, and over 45 per cent have a woman director or partner.
- India met its Paris pledge of 40 per cent non-fossil installed capacity by 2030 in November 2021 itself, nine years early, the first G20 nation to do so.
- April-June quarter growth was 7.8 per cent, the current account deficit 0.61 per cent last year and foreign exchange reserves above 700 billion dollars.

Event	Bloomberg New Economy Forum, first edition held in India
Venue	New Delhi
Addressed by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Idea offered	Power to Empower
Startups	More than 250,000, over 45 per cent with a woman director or partner
Non-fossil milestone	40 per cent target for 2030 met in November 2021, first G20 nation
Renewable capacity	About 300 gigawatts, against nearly 75 gigawatts in 2014
Growth rate	7.8 per cent in the April-June quarter

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10th Agrivision National Convention Opens at Pusa in New Delhi

13 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 10th National Convention of Agrivision-2026 opened at the ICAR-NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi, drawing about 450 students from 25 states.

- The 10th National Convention of Agrivision-2026 is being held on 13 and 14 October at the ICAR-NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi.
- About 450 students of agriculture and allied sciences from 25 states are taking part, along with scientists, ICAR officials, entrepreneurs and farmers.
- Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary of DARE and Director General of ICAR, was the chief guest at the inaugural session.
- Dr Jat said Indian agriculture must move beyond a production centric approach to an agri food system and value chain perspective, backed by market research and market intelligence.
- The convention is organised under the aegis of Agrivision and the Agricultural Education Division of ICAR, with discussions on agricultural education, research, entrepreneurship and farmer centred development.

Event	10th National Convention of Agrivision-2026
Dates	13 and 14 October 2026
Venue	ICAR-NASC Complex, Pusa, New Delhi
Organised by	Agrivision with the Agricultural Education Division of ICAR
Students attending	About 450, from 25 states
Chief guest	Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary, DARE and Director General, ICAR
Deputy Director General (Agricultural Education)	Dr Y. S. Malik
Vice-Chancellor, CAU Imphal	Dr Anupam Mishra

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Brihattar Bharat Conference Opens at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi

14 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat opened IGNCA's three-day conference on India's cultural connections, marking the Greater India Society centenary.

- The three-day international conference 'Bharat's Cultural Connections across the Globe' was inaugurated by Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, and runs from 14 to 16 October 2026.
- It is organised by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture.
- The conference marks the centenary of the Greater India Society, established in Calcutta on 14 October 1926.
- The Brihattar Bharat Project involves collaborative research with scholars from around 51 countries and plans multinational nominations of shared intangible heritage to UNESCO's Representative List.
- Deliberations cover ten themes and fall under the Brihattar Bharat Scheme (2026-2031) of the Ministry of Culture's International Cultural Relations Division, implemented by IGNCA.

Conference	Bharat's Cultural Connections across the Globe, three days
Dates and venue	14 to 16 October 2026, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism
Organiser	Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA), under the Ministry of Culture
Centenary marked	Greater India Society, established in Calcutta on 14 October 1926
Exhibition	Asia's Shared Cultural Heritage
Scholars involved	Researchers from around 51 countries under the Brihattar Bharat Project
Scheme	Brihattar Bharat Scheme (2026-2031), ICR Division of the Ministry of Culture, implemented by IGNCA

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Vice-President Inaugurates KAUMARACON-2026 at AIIA Delhi

15 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan opened the third edition of KAUMARACON at the All India Institute of Ayurveda and launched the AYUSH Start-up Portal.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the third edition of KAUMARACON-2026, the international conference on Kaumarabhritya, at AIIA, New Delhi
- The theme is Shaping the Future of Child Health: Global Perspectives, Research Innovations, and Clinical Frontiers in Kaumarabhritya
- He launched the AYUSH Start-up Portal, the AIIA-iCAINE website, AyuDIVA, the Vamana App and the Panchakarma Assessment App
- An MoU between Maharishi International University, USA and AIIA was exchanged; AIIA also marked its 10th Foundation Day
- He recalled the separate Ministry of AYUSH created in 2014 and the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine at Jamnagar

Event	KAUMARACON-2026, third edition of the international conference on Kaumarabhritya
Inaugurated by	Vice-President of India Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
Organiser and venue	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
Theme	Shaping the Future of Child Health: Global Perspectives, Research Innovations, and Clinical Frontiers in Kaumarabhritya
Launches	AYUSH Start-up Portal, AIIA-iCAINE website, AyuDIVA, Vamana App, Panchakarma Assessment App
MoU	Maharishi International University (MIU), USA with AIIA, New Delhi
Milestone	AIIA 10th Foundation Day
Ministry of AYUSH	Set up as a separate ministry in 2014

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Puri at SRCC Conclave: Samudra Manthan Outlay Rs 84,084 Crore

16 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Union Minister Hardeep Singh Puri closed SRCC's two-day centenary conclave in New Delhi on 16 October 2026 and cited the Rs 84,084 crore Samudra Manthan Scheme.

- Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri delivered the valedictory address at SRCC's two-day centenary conclave in New Delhi on 16 October 2026
- The conference was titled 'Pathways to Viksit Bharat: A Centenary Conclave' and was held at the Stein Auditorium of the India Habitat Centre
- The Samudra Manthan Scheme, also called the National Offshore Exploration Scheme, carries an approved outlay of Rs 84,084 crore for offshore hydrocarbon exploration
- Puri linked the GOBARdhan scheme, launched on 1 October, to the ideas of 'Waste to Wealth' and 'Annadata to Urjadata'
- He said India kept essential fuel supplies steady through the recent West Asian crises by diversifying sources and strengthening domestic capacity

Event	'Pathways to Viksit Bharat: A Centenary Conclave', a two-day national conference
Organiser	Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC), University of Delhi
Venue	Stein Auditorium, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Valedictory address	Hardeep Singh Puri, Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas
Scheme highlighted	Samudra Manthan Scheme (National Offshore Exploration Scheme)
Outlay	Rs 84,084 crore
Scheme focus	Faster exploration, modern technology, shared infrastructure, domestic manufacturing
Other scheme cited	GOBARdhan, launched on 1 October

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National e-Governance Reforms Conference Opens in Dharamshala

16 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The two-day National Conference on e-Governance Reforms began in Dharamshala, with Himachal Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu addressing the opening.

- The two-day National Conference on e-Governance Reforms began on 16 October 2026 at Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh
- It is organised by DARPG under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Chief Secretary Kamlesh Kumar Pant and DARPG Secretary Nivedita Shukla Verma addressed the inaugural session
- Five State initiatives were showcased: Him Parivar, Sukhashraya, Vidya Samiksha Kendra, Green Himachal and the Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojna
- Day two on 17 October 2026 covers cybersecurity, replication of best practices and data analytics, followed by the valedictory session

Event	Two-day National Conference on e-Governance Reforms
Venue	Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh
Dates	16 and 17 October 2026
Organiser	DARPG, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Secretary, DARPG	Smt. Nivedita Shukla Verma
Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister	Shri Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
State initiatives showcased	Him Parivar, Sukhashraya, Vidya Samiksha Kendra, Green Himachal, Rajiv Gandhi Van Samvardhan Yojna

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India Mining Week Shifted to 24-26 February 2027

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The Ministry of Coal has moved India Mining Week from November 2026 to 24-26 February 2027 at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi.

- India Mining Week has been rescheduled from 15 to 17 November 2026 to 24 to 26 February 2027
- The event will be held at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi and is organised under the Ministry of Coal
- The change followed consultation with industry partners, exhibitors, speakers and government stakeholders
- The new dates avoid clashes with other major events and the festival and winter travel period, helping participation by ministries, PSUs and global delegates
- All registrations, exhibitor bookings and sponsorship commitments transfer automatically; the venue, themes and format remain unchanged

Event	India Mining Week, flagship mining event
Ministry	Ministry of Coal
New dates	24 to 26 February 2027
Original dates	15 to 17 November 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi
Reason for change	Avoiding clashes with other events and the festive and winter travel period
Components	Exhibition, conference and business networking sessions
Bookings	Registrations, exhibitor bookings and sponsorships carried over automatically

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ITRA Jamnagar Hosts Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 on AI in Ayurveda

16 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

ITRA Jamnagar marked its sixth Foundation Day as ITRA Day and held Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026, a national conference on artificial intelligence and Ayurveda.

- ITRA Jamnagar observed its sixth Foundation Day as ITRA Day on 15 October 2026 and held the national conference Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 on AI and Ayurveda
- ITRA is the first Ayurveda institute in India to receive the status of Institute of National Importance; PM Narendra Modi dedicated it to the nation on 15 October 2020
- Its NABH-accredited 300-bed hospital has treated 18,47,807 patients through 22 OPDs in six years and 27,520 patients in the IPD
- Prof. Tanuja Nesari is the Director of ITRA, Jamnagar, which functions under the Ministry of Ayush
- The institute's television channel, Ayush Next Communication Network (ANCN), completed one year

Institute	Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar, Gujarat
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Conference	Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026, on AI and Ayurveda
Occasion	Sixth Foundation Day, observed as ITRA Day on 15 October 2026
Status	First Ayurveda institute declared an Institute of National Importance
Dedicated to the nation	By Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 October 2020
Director	Prof. Tanuja Nesari
Hospital	NABH-accredited, 300 beds

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IITM Pune Hosts First CSSIF Climate Services Consultation

17 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

IITM Pune held the first stakeholder meeting of the Climate Science into Services for India Forum with 150 participants from over 80 institutions.

- The first Stakeholder Consultation Meeting of the Climate Science into Services for India Forum was held at IITM, Pune, on 17 October 2026.
- More than 150 participants from over 80 institutions took part, from ministries, agencies, research bodies, NGOs, civil society and industry.
- IITM, Pune, functions under the Ministry of Earth Sciences; its Director Dr A. Suryachandra Rao gave the welcome address.
- Prof V. K. Dadhwal, former Director of the Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, was the Chief Guest.
- Sessions discussed the need for a Climate Services Information System for India and sector groups on water, agriculture, health, energy and disasters.

Event	First Stakeholder Consultation Meeting of the Climate Science into Services for India Forum (CSSIF)
Host and venue	Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune
Parent ministry	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Date	17 October 2026
Participation	More than 150 participants from over 80 institutions
Director, IITM	Dr A. Suryachandra Rao
Chief Guest	Prof V. K. Dadhwal, former Director, Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology
System proposed	Climate Services Information System (CSIS) for the nation

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India to Host 61st CIML Meeting in New Delhi for First Time

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New Delhi gets the 61st CIML Meeting from 26 to 28 October 2026, the first time India has been given the yearly meeting of the legal metrology committee.

- The 61st CIML Meeting is set for New Delhi from 26 to 28 October 2026, and India has been given this yearly gathering of the legal metrology committee for the first time
- The Department of Consumer Affairs is organising it with the International Organization of Legal Metrology, and more than 100 delegates and experts are expected
- An international seminar on Evolutions in Legal Metrology is set for 26 October 2026 and an OIML Strategy Workshop for 27 October 2026
- OIML was founded in 1955 as an intergovernmental body to harmonise legal metrology; CIML is its principal decision-making organ and meets every year
- The 60th CIML Meeting was held on 13 and 15 October 2025 in Paris, with 55 Member States, 12 Corresponding Members and five organisations in liaison

Event	61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML)
Dates	26 to 28 October 2026
Venue	New Delhi, India hosting for the first time
Organisers	Department of Consumer Affairs with the OIML
Participation	More than 100 international delegates and experts
Seminar	Evolutions in Legal Metrology, on 26 October 2026
Strategy Workshop	OIML Strategy Workshop on 27 October 2026
OIML founded	1955, as an intergovernmental organisation

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Rajnath Singh at 25th SCO Heads of Government Meet in Dushanbe

20 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh led India at the 25th SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, and sought joint action on terror.

- The 25th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government was held at Dushanbe in Tajikistan on 20 October 2026, with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh speaking for India.
- Rajnath Singh sought concerted effort to dismantle the entire ecosystem of terrorism, saying terror allows no excuse, no twin yardsticks and no refuge for its financiers and hosts.
- India supported the Action Plan for the Multilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation Programme for 2026-2030, and welcomed the Universal Centre at Tashkent and the Anti-Drug Centre at Dushanbe as permanent SCO bodies.
- The Minister named the International North-South Transport Corridor and Chabahar Port as links from Central Asia to wider markets, and said connectivity must respect sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- The Joint Communique adopted at the meeting carried the SCO budget for 2027; India has been a full member of the grouping since 2017.

Event	25th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government (CHG)
Venue	Dushanbe, Tajikistan
Date	20 October 2026
India represented by	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
Trade plan supported	Action Plan for the Multilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation Programme, 2026-2030
New permanent bodies	Universal Centre at Tashkent; Anti-Drug Centre at Dushanbe
Connectivity routes named	International North-South Transport Corridor and Chabahar Port
Budget adopted	SCO budget for 2027, in the Joint Communique

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India Chem 2026 in Mumbai: Theme Advantage Bharat, Japan Partner

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The 14th India Chem will be held at Mumbai from 22 to 24 October 2026 on the theme Advantage Bharat, with Japan taking part as the partner country.

- The 14th India Chem 2026 will be held from 22 to 24 October 2026 at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, NESCO, Mumbai, organised by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals with FICCI
- The theme of the edition is Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub and Japan is the partner country
- Union Minister JP Nadda will inaugurate the event and Minister of State Anupriya Patel will also attend
- India is the sixth-largest chemicals producer in the world and the fourth-largest in Asia, with the industry projected at USD 300 billion by 2030 and USD 1 trillion by 2040
- Over 100 countries, more than 200 exhibitors and over 8,000 business visitors are expected, against 72 countries and 8,720 visitors at India Chem 2024

Event	14th India Chem 2026
Dates	22 to 24 October 2026
Venue	Bombay Exhibition Centre, NESCO, Mumbai
Theme	Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub
Partner country	Japan
Organisers	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals with FICCI
To be inaugurated by	Union Minister JP Nadda
India's rank	Sixth-largest chemicals producer in the world, fourth-largest in Asia

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AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 Opens at Bharat Mandapam

21 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference began at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on the theme Powering the Global South, hosted for the first time in the Global South.

- The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference (AWC) 2026 opened on 21 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- It is the first edition of this global summit to be hosted in the Global South, with India as host, on the theme 'Powering the Global South'
- The three-day conference is hosted by the MNRE with support from Germany's BMUV, in partnership with Conexio-PSE
- Three knowledge resources were released: the Decision-Making Tool by the India Agrivoltaics Alliance, the Book of Abstracts by IWMI and MNRE's AgriPV Policy Handbook
- More than 1200 delegates are attending, including over 150 foreign participants

Event	7th AgriVoltaics World Conference (AWC) 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Theme	Powering the Global South
Host	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
Supported by	BMUV, Germany; organised with Conexio-PSE
First	First edition hosted in the Global South, and in India
Duration	Three days, from 21 October 2026
Participation	Over 1200 delegates, including more than 150 from abroad

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Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 Set for Bhopal

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The Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 is being held in Bhopal on 23 October 2026, and Madhya Pradesh will release its fisheries export policy.

- The Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 is being held on 23 October 2026 at Bhopal by the Madhya Pradesh fisheries department and the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
- The Madhya Pradesh Fisheries Investment and Export Guidelines, 2026 are being released at the conclave, along with SOPs on the export potential of inland states
- The Centre has notified Madhya Pradesh as a Reservoir Fisheries Cluster; the state holds about 4.50 lakh hectares of water area
- India's fish production reached 197.75 lakh tonnes in 2024-25, of which 151.60 lakh tonnes, nearly three-fourths, came from inland fisheries
- India's seafood exports were valued at Rs 73,890 crore in 2025-26, and over 1,000 fish farmers are expected at the Bhopal conclave

Event	Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026
Date of event	23 October 2026 (announced 22 October 2026)
Venue	Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Organisers	Department of Fisheries, Madhya Pradesh, and Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Policy released	Madhya Pradesh Fisheries Investment and Export Guidelines, 2026
Madhya Pradesh tag	Notified by the Centre as a Reservoir Fisheries Cluster
Union Minister	Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh (Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; Panchayati Raj)
Minister of State	Prof. S. P. Singh Baghel

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Law Commission Opens Cooperative Federalism and Law Reforms Meet

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Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the Law Commission of India conference on cooperative federalism and law reforms at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the conference 'Co-operative Federalism and Law Reforms: National and State Perspectives' at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 22 October 2026
- The Law Commission of India organised the conference; its Chairperson is Justice Dinesh Maheshwari and its Member Secretary is Dr Anju Rathi Rana
- The Vice-President said three colonial-era criminal laws have been replaced and more than 1,700 obsolete laws repealed over the past twelve years
- He urged State Law Commissions to identify dated statutes for amendment or repeal, and described 'Team India' as consultation, coordination and shared responsibility between Centre and States
- Reform was linked to Viksit Bharat @2047, and he cited the Sengol in Parliament and the Tamil saint-poet Thiruvalluvar on good governance

Event	Conference on 'Co-operative Federalism and Law Reforms: National and State Perspectives'
Inaugurated by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Organiser	Law Commission of India
Venue	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Date	22 October 2026
Obsolete laws repealed	More than 1,700 in the past twelve years
Law Commission Chairperson	Justice Dinesh Maheshwari
Law Commission Member Secretary	Dr Anju Rathi Rana

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India to Host 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum on 26-27 October

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Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla said the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum will meet in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on 26 and 27 October 2026.

- The Parliament of India will host the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum on 26 and 27 October 2026 in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan
- The overarching theme is 'Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development', with four sessions on Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla announced the forum at a press conference in Parliament House on 22 October 2026
- Delegations from 11 BRICS member countries and 10 partner countries are expected; Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend and meet their leaders
- A meeting of the Secretaries of delegations on 25 October 2026 will finalise the Joint Statement of the forum

Event	12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum
Dates	26 and 27 October 2026, inaugurated on 26 October
Venue	Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi
Theme	Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development
Host	Parliament of India, under India's chairship of BRICS
Announced by	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, at Parliament House on 22 October 2026
Sessions	Four high-level sessions: Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
Participation	11 member countries and 10 partner countries of BRICS

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J. P. Nadda Opens 14th India Chem 2026 in Mumbai

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Union Minister J. P. Nadda inaugurated the 14th India Chem 2026 in Mumbai on the theme 'Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub', Japan the partner country.

- Union Minister J. P. Nadda inaugurated the 14th edition of India Chem 2026 in Mumbai, a three-day international exhibition and conference
- The theme is 'Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub', Japan is the partner country and seven states are partner states
- The BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme, or Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana, has been launched for three new dedicated chemical parks and was called a game changer
- India's chemical industry is projected to reach USD 300 billion by 2030 and USD 1 trillion by 2040
- Over 200 exhibitors, more than 8,000 business visitors and 50 leading CEOs are part of the event, organised with FICCI

Event	14th India Chem 2026, Mumbai, three days
Inaugurated by	Union Minister J. P. Nadda
Theme	Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub
Partner country	Japan
Organisers	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals with FICCI
Scheme	BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme for three new dedicated chemical parks
Projection	USD 300 billion by 2030 and USD 1 trillion by 2040
Participation	Over 200 exhibitors, 8,000 business visitors, 50 CEOs

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Bhubaneswar to Host 19th Urban Mobility India Conference

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MoHUA will hold the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference on 23-24 October 2026 and the 2nd National Urban Conclave on 24-25 October at Bhubaneswar.

- The 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition 2026 will be held on 23 and 24 October 2026 at Hotel Mayfair Sanctuary, Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The second National Urban Conclave follows on 24 and 25 October 2026 at the same venue, with its first edition having been held in New Delhi in November 2025.
- The conference theme is Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age, while the conclave theme is Urban Rising - Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery.
- Union Minister of State Tokhan Sahu will inaugurate both events, with Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, NITI Aayog CEO Anurag Jain and Member Rajiv Gauba attending the conclave.
- About 1,500 delegates and 28 exhibitors are expected, and the best three of 46 selected research papers get a cash award of Rs 25,000 each.

Events	19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition 2026; 2nd National Urban Conclave 2026
Dates	23-24 October 2026 and 24-25 October 2026
Venue	Hotel Mayfair Sanctuary, Bhubaneswar, Odisha
UMI theme	Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age
Conclave theme	Urban Rising - Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery
Inaugurated by	Union Minister of State Tokhan Sahu, with Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi
Delegates	About 1,500, with 28 exhibitors
Enabling policy	National Urban Transport Policy (NUTP), 2006

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19th Urban Mobility India Conference Opens in Bhubaneswar

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The 19th Urban Mobility India Conference opened in Bhubaneswar on 23 October 2026 on the theme 'Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age'.

- The 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition 2026 was inaugurated by MoS Tokhan Sahu at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 23 October 2026, the first time the city is hosting it.
- The theme is 'Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age'; about 1,500 delegates and 28 exhibitors are taking part.
- India's operational metro network has grown from 248 km in 2014 to over 1,185 km across 26 cities, with another 998 km under construction.
- The conference is an annual initiative of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs under the National Urban Transport Policy, 2006, and has been held since 2008.
- A research symposium selected 46 papers, with cash awards of Rs 25,000 each for the three best; the National Urban Conclave 2026 follows on 24 and 25 October.

Event	19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition 2026
Venue and dates	Hotel Mayfair Sanctuary, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 23-24 October 2026
Theme	Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age
Inaugurated by	Union MoS for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Tokhan Sahu
Organisers	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through the Institute of Urban Transport (India), with the Government of Odisha
Policy framework	National Urban Transport Policy, 2006; conference held since 2008
Metro network	248 km in 2014 to over 1,185 km in 26 cities; 998 km under construction
Participation	About 1,500 delegates and 28 exhibitors

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India Chem 2026 Ends in Mumbai With Japan as Partner Country

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The 14th India Chem closed in Mumbai on the theme Advantage Bharat, with Japan as partner country and a sector target of USD 1 trillion by 2040.

- India Chem 2026, the 14th edition of the biennial chemicals and petrochemicals expo and conference, was held in Mumbai from 22 to 24 October 2026
- Its theme was Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub, and Japan was the partner country
- Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers Jagat Prakash Nadda inaugurated it; the Chief Ministers of Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha and MoS Anupriya Patel were present
- The sector is to grow from about USD 220 billion now to around USD 1 trillion by 2040 and about USD 1.6 trillion by 2047
- The Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals organised it with FICCI; footfall crossed 5,000 visitors and partner states were Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha

Event	India Chem 2026, the 14th biennial international expo and conference
Theme	Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub
Venue and dates	Mumbai, 22 to 24 October 2026
Partner country	Japan
Partner states	Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha
Inaugurated by	Jagat Prakash Nadda, Union Minister for Chemicals and Fertilizers and for Health and Family Welfare
Organisers	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals with FICCI
Present market size	About USD 220 billion

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19th Urban Mobility India Conference Ends in Bhubaneswar

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The 19th Urban Mobility India Conference closed in Bhubaneswar with about 1,500 delegates, as Manohar Lal set out integration, inclusiveness and intelligence.

- The 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition 2026 concluded in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 24 October 2026 after a two-day run on 23 and 24 October
- It was organised by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through the Institute of Urban Transport (India) on the theme 'Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age'
- Union Minister Manohar Lal offered integration, inclusiveness and intelligence, the 3-I formula, as the pillars of future urban mobility
- Nine metro projects of about 174 km worth over ₹59,000 crore have been approved since December 2025; the operational metro network stands at about 1,185 km in 26 cities
- Under PM e-Bus Sewa, 1,100 electric buses run in 28 cities; the conference drew about 1,500 delegates and 28 exhibitors

Event	19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference and Exhibition 2026
Venue and dates	Bhubaneswar, Odisha; 23 and 24 October 2026
Theme	Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age
Organiser	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs through the Institute of Urban Transport (India)
Three pillars	Integration, Inclusiveness and Intelligence (3-I)
Metro approvals since December 2025	Nine projects, about 174 km, over ₹59,000 crore
Operational metro network	About 1,185 km across 26 cities
PM e-Bus Sewa	1,100 electric buses in 28 cities

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National Urban Conclave 2026 Opens in Bhubaneswar

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Tokhan Sahu inaugurated the second National Urban Conclave at Bhubaneswar on the theme Urban Rising, drawing over 1,200 participants from across the country.

- The second National Urban Conclave was inaugurated in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 24 October 2026 by Union Minister of State Tokhan Sahu; it runs on 24 and 25 October
- Theme: 'Urban Rising – Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery'; the National Institute of Urban Affairs is the knowledge partner and over 1,200 participants are taking part
- India's urban population has grown from about 377 million in 2011 to around 500 million and may reach 600 million by 2036
- Reforms cited include a ₹1 lakh crore Urban Challenge Fund, a Credit Repayment Guarantee Scheme of ₹5,000 crore and an Urbanisation Premium Grant of ₹10,000 crore suggested by the Sixteenth Finance Commission
- Launches included HUDCO's Urban Invest Window journal, the Samarthya platform for CPHEEO, the ANKUR Handbook and the PMAY-U 2.0 mobile application

Event	National Urban Conclave 2026, second edition
Venue and dates	Bhubaneswar, Odisha; 24 and 25 October 2026
Theme	Urban Rising – Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery
Inaugurated by	Tokhan Sahu, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs
Knowledge partner	National Institute of Urban Affairs; HUDCO and NBCC are principal sponsors
Participation	Over 1,200 participants, including ministers, mayors and ULB representatives
Urban population	About 377 million in 2011, around 500 million now, 600 million expected by 2036
Funds named	Urban Challenge Fund ₹1 lakh crore; Credit Repayment Guarantee Scheme ₹5,000 crore; Urbanisation Premium Grant ₹10,000 crore

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NITI Aayog Urges Elected Mayors at 2nd National Urban Conclave

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At the 2nd National Urban Conclave, NITI Aayog Member Rajiv Gauba sought directly elected mayors with five-year terms and all 18 functions for cities.

- Rajiv Gauba, Member of NITI Aayog, closed the 2nd National Urban Conclave with a call for empowered city governments to unlock India's growth potential.
- India's population is expected to stabilise near 165 crore around 2060, while the urban population grows from about 50 crore now to 85 crore by 2050.
- The NITI Aayog and Housing Ministry report Moving Towards Effective City Governance seeks directly elected mayors with five-year terms and timely municipal polls.
- States were asked to devolve all 18 functions of the 74th Amendment to urban local bodies, including master planning, water supply, fire services and traffic.
- The Urban Challenge Fund of the 2025-26 budget is 1 lakh crore rupees; this year's budget gives 5,000 crore rupees each to 7 city economic regions over five years.

Event	2nd National Urban Conclave, valedictory session
Speaker	Rajiv Gauba, Member, NITI Aayog
Goal referred to	Viksit Bharat @ 2047
Population outlook	Stabilising at about 165 crore around 2060
Urban population	From about 50 crore now to 85 crore by 2050
Report cited	Moving Towards Effective City Governance, by NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Functions to be devolved	All 18 functions of the 74th Amendment to urban local bodies
Mayors	Directly elected, with a term of five years, plus a Mayor-in-Council system

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BRICS Parliamentary Forum: India Hosts 12th Edition in Delhi

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India will host the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum at the Parliament House Complex on 26 and 27 October 2026 on the theme of people-centric development.

- The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum is being hosted by the Parliament of India at the Parliament House Complex on 26 and 27 October 2026.
- Its theme is Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development, taken up through four high-level sessions on Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla met the Russian delegation led by Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma, ahead of the forum.
- India holds the BRICS presidency in 2026, and the Speaker said a people-centric approach would guide it.
- India and Russia complete 80 years of diplomatic relations in 2027; Russia supports India's permanent membership of the UN Security Council.

Event	12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum
Host	Parliament of India
Venue	Parliament House Complex, New Delhi
Dates	26 to 27 October 2026
Theme	Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development
Sessions	Four high-level sessions on Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability
Russian delegation	Led by Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma
BRICS presidency	India holds it in 2026

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Urban Conclave 2026 Launches Used Water Marketplace, UCF Portal

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The National Urban Conclave 2026 ended in Bhubaneswar with a used water marketplace under AMRUT 2.0, a UCF portal and a municipal finance data hub.

- The National Urban Conclave 2026 closed in Bhubaneswar on 25 October 2026, with Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal giving the closing address.
- A Used Water Marketplace was opened under AMRUT 2.0 so urban local bodies can sell treated water to industries, institutions and private buyers.
- The UCF Portal became the common digital window for the Urban Challenge Fund, covering project submission, appraisal, tracking and monitoring.
- Development work formally began on 18 Street Food Hubs selected under PM SVANidhi, with the first tranche of funds released.
- JICA and CPHEEO signed a memorandum of understanding on circular use of treated used water, and the Model Municipal Law, 2003 is to be revised.

Event	National Urban Conclave 2026 (concluding day)
Venue	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Concluded on	25 October 2026
Closing address	Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs
Technical sessions	Seven, from Right to Walk to Model Municipal Law
Marketplace launched	Used Water Marketplace, under AMRUT 2.0
Portal launched	UCF Portal, for the Urban Challenge Fund
Street Food Hubs	18, under PM SVANidhi, first tranche released

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12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum Under India's Chairship

26 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum will take up institutional resilience, AI governance, South-South cooperation and sustainability under India's BRICS Chairship.

- The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum is to strengthen parliamentary dialogue and cooperation among member and partner countries of the grouping.
- Its sittings will discuss institutional resilience, AI governance, South-South cooperation and sustainability.
- The agenda is guided by the four pillars of India's 2026 BRICS Chairship.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla wrote on the Forum's role, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared the article on 26 October 2026.

Event	12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum
Purpose	Strengthening parliamentary dialogue and cooperation
Subjects on the agenda	Institutional resilience, AI governance, South-South cooperation, sustainability
Guiding framework	The four pillars of India's 2026 BRICS Chairship
Who wrote on it	Shri Om Birla, Speaker of the Lok Sabha
Participants	Member and partner countries of BRICS

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India Hosts 61st CIML Meeting in New Delhi for First Time

26 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

India is hosting the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology at New Delhi from 26 to 28 October 2026, its first time as host.

- India is hosting the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) at New Delhi from 26 to 28 October 2026, the first time it has hosted this OIML gathering.
- Dr. Bob Joseph Matthew is President of CIML; Ms. Renee Hansson of Sweden is First Vice-President and Mr. Anthony Donellan directs the BIML.
- The opening international seminar carried the theme 'Evolutions in Legal Metrology'; an OIML Strategy Workshop follows on 27 October 2026.
- India has been recognised as an OIML-CS Issuing Authority, and runs the e-Maap national portal along with Government Approved Test Centres.
- The National Time Dissemination Project 'One Nation, One Time' will carry traceable Indian Standard Time to banking, telecom, 5G, navigation and power systems.

Event	61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML)
Dates	26 to 28 October 2026
Venue	New Delhi
Parent body	International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)
Host ministry	Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
CIML President	Dr. Bob Joseph Matthew
First Vice-President	Ms. Renee Hansson (Sweden)
BIML Director	Mr. Anthony Donellan

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CBD COP-17: India Lists 1,134 Protected Areas at Yerevan

27 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Union Minister Bhupender Yadav read India's national statement at CBD COP-17 in Yerevan, Armenia, citing 1,134 protected areas and 23 biodiversity targets.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav delivered India's National Statement at the High-Level Segment of CBD COP-17 at Yerevan, Armenia.
- India's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan turns the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework into 23 National Biodiversity Targets with 142 indicators.
- India reported 1,134 Protected Areas, 103 Ramsar sites, 57 Biodiversity Heritage Sites and 18 Biosphere Reserves, 13 of them in UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere network.
- India supported benefit sharing from digital sequence information through the multilateral mechanism, including the Cali Fund.
- The statement ended on the theme One Earth, One Family, One Future.

Event	17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD COP-17)
Venue	Yerevan, Armenia
India represented by	Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav
Framework	Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
National targets	23 National Biodiversity Targets with 142 indicators
Protected Areas	1,134
Ramsar sites	103
Biodiversity Heritage Sites	57

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12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum Ends With Joint Declaration

27 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum closed in New Delhi with a Joint Declaration backing UN Security Council reform, as Om Birla handed China the 2027 chair.

- The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum concluded in New Delhi on 27 October 2026 with a Joint Declaration adopted by consensus
- Its theme was "Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development"; Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla gave the valedictory address
- The declaration endorses UN Security Council reform, citing Paragraph 13 of the New Delhi Declaration, for greater Global South representation
- Paragraph 40 of the New Delhi Declaration underpins its condemnation of cross-border terrorism, terror financing and safe havens
- Om Birla handed the Forum chairship to China, which assumes the BRICS chair for 2027

Event	12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum, 2026
Venue	New Delhi; valedictory session at Constitution House of the Parliament of India
Theme	Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development
Outcome	Joint Declaration adopted by consensus
Valedictory address	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
UNSC reform	Endorsed, citing Paragraph 13 of the New Delhi Declaration
Terrorism	Cross-border terrorism, terror financing and safe havens condemned (Paragraph 40)
Next chair	China, for the year 2027

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ARISE Cities Forum 2026 Opens in New Delhi for Global South

27 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The second ARISE Cities Forum opened at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi with over 200 delegates, and will adopt the Delhi Declaration on 28 October.

- The second ARISE Cities Forum opened on 27 October 2026 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, organised by ICLEI South Asia with NIUA and supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- The theme is From Bharat to Antalya - Commit. Implement. Deliver., with 3 technical plenaries and 14 technical sessions
- More than 200 delegates from over 50 cities across more than 18 countries of the Global South are taking part
- The Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals 2026 will be adopted on 28 October 2026 and presented at COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye
- Day one saw the launch of the SUMMIT centre for sustainable urban mobility and the award of the Ritu Thakur Memorial Award to Youth for Climate Hackathon winners

Event	ARISE Cities Forum 2026, second edition
Venue and date	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, from 27 October 2026
Theme	From Bharat to Antalya - Commit. Implement. Deliver.
Organisers	ICLEI South Asia with the National Institute of Urban Affairs, supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Opened by	Shri Tokhan Sahu, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs
Participation	Over 200 delegates from more than 50 cities in over 18 countries
Outcome document	Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals 2026, to be adopted on 28 October 2026
To be presented at	COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye

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PM Modi Opens ESTIC 2026 Conclave at Bharat Mandapam

28 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, drawing over 5,000 delegates.

- ESTIC 2026 opened at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 27 October 2026 with more than 5,000 delegates from India and abroad.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated it and sought measurable, scalable outcomes within a three-year operating horizon.
- Dr Jitendra Singh said startups grew from about 400 in 2014 to more than 2.3 lakh, with 50 to 60 per cent in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
- Principal Scientific Adviser Prof. Ajay K. Sood set out the conclave's 12 core thematic priority domains.
- Nobel laureates Joachim Frank (Chemistry, 2017) and Sir Richard J. Roberts (Physiology or Medicine, 1993) delivered plenary talks.

Event	Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Opening day	27 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Delegates	More than 5,000 from across the world
Science and Technology Minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (Independent Charge)
Principal Scientific Adviser	Prof. Ajay K. Sood
Thematic priority domains	12

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Shripad Naik Leads India at Singapore Energy Week 2026

28 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Power Minister of State Shripad Yesso Naik led India at Singapore International Energy Week 2026 and held talks with Singapore, Bhutan, IRENA and IEA.

- Shripad Yesso Naik, MoS for Power and New and Renewable Energy, led India at Singapore International Energy Week 2026 from 26 to 28 October.
- India's installed electricity capacity stood at 558.9 GW on 30 September 2026, of which about 308 GW or 55 per cent is non-fossil.
- India reached 50 per cent non-fossil installed capacity in June 2025, five years ahead of its 2030 NDC target, and now aims at 500 GW by 2030.
- He held bilateral meetings with Singapore, Bhutan, IRENA and IEA, covering a cross-border power link and the Punatsangchhu projects.
- He visited Sembcorp's 326 MWh battery storage plant on Jurong Island, the largest utility-scale battery system in Southeast Asia.

Event	Singapore International Energy Week (SIEW) 2026
Venue and dates	Marina Bay Sands Expo and Convention Centre, Singapore, 26 to 28 October 2026
India led by	Shri Shripad Yesso Naik, MoS for Power and New and Renewable Energy
Installed capacity	558.9 GW as on 30 September 2026
Non-fossil share	About 308 GW, or 55 per cent
Target	500 GW non-fossil capacity by 2030
Bilaterals	Singapore, Bhutan, IRENA and IEA
Bhutan projects	Punatsangchhu-I (1200 MW) and Punatsangchhu-II (1020 MW)

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Rajnath Singh Addresses 13th ADMM-Plus Meeting in Cebu

29 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the 13th ADMM-Plus at Cebu in the Philippines on 29 October 2026 and proposed a defence Youth Bridge with ASEAN.

- The 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) was held at Cebu in the Philippines, where Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh spoke on 29 October 2026.
- The theme of the 13th ADMM-Plus is 'Navigating Our Future, Together'; the Defence Minister tied it to the saying 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah'.
- India and Malaysia are co-chairing the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism for the 2024 to 2027 cycle.
- India has declared 2026 the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation, and the second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise was conducted in it.
- Rajnath Singh proposed a defence 'Youth Bridge' with ASEAN for people-to-people contact, digital innovation and capacity building.

Event	13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)
Venue	Cebu, Philippines
Date of address	29 October 2026
Theme	'Navigating Our Future, Together'
India represented by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Counter-terrorism working group	India and Malaysia co-chair the Experts' Working Group for the 2024 to 2027 cycle
Maritime year	2026 declared the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation
Proposal made	Defence 'Youth Bridge' with ASEAN countries

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Delhi Declaration 2026 Adopted at ARISE Cities Forum

29 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The ARISE Cities Forum 2026 in New Delhi adopted the Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals, which will be carried to COP31 in Antalya.

- The ARISE Cities Forum 2026, held on 27 and 28 October 2026 at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, was the second edition of the forum.
- It was organised by ICLEI South Asia with the National Institute of Urban Affairs, supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- The Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals was adopted on 28 October 2026 and will be taken to COP31 at Antalya in Turkiye.
- The theme was 'From Bharat to Antalya - Commit. Implement. Deliver.', and more than 200 participants from over 50 cities in more than 18 countries took part.
- The declaration sets out ten shared commitments and the closing ceremony launched the Delhi Biodiversity Map developed by ICLEI South Asia.

Event	ARISE Cities Forum 2026, second edition
Dates	27 and 28 October 2026
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Organisers	ICLEI South Asia with the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA)
Supported by	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Theme	From Bharat to Antalya - Commit. Implement. Deliver.
Document adopted	Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals, on 28 October 2026
Commitments	Ten shared commitments

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14th International Tourism Mart Opens in Tawang, Arunachal

29 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat opened the 14th International Tourism Mart at Tawang, which drew 43 foreign buyers from 22 countries.

- The 14th International Tourism Mart opened at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, on 29 October 2026 and runs for three days till 31 October 2026.
- It is organised by the Union Ministry of Tourism with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the other north eastern states, and covers all eight states of the region.
- The edition drew 43 international buyers from 22 countries, the highest foreign participation so far, along with 42 domestic buyers from 16 states and union territories and 81 sellers.
- Domestic tourist visits to the eight north eastern states rose from 95.65 lakh in 2019 to 1.51 crore in 2025, a growth of about 58 per cent.
- The mart returned to Tawang after 13 years; the second edition was held there in 2013. A regional meeting of north eastern tourism ministers is scheduled for 30 October 2026.

Event	14th International Tourism Mart (ITM) 2026
Venue	Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
Dates	29 to 31 October 2026, three days
Organiser	Ministry of Tourism with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and other north eastern states
Inaugurated by	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Tourism and Culture
Chief Ministers present	Pema Khandu (Arunachal Pradesh) and Prem Singh Tamang (Sikkim)
International buyers	43 from 22 countries, the highest ever at ITM
Domestic buyers and sellers	42 buyers from 16 states and union territories; 81 sellers

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CGIAR Science and Partnership Week 2027 to be Held in New Delhi

30 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

ICAR and CGIAR announced that New Delhi will host the CGIAR Science and Partnership Week from 12 to 17 April 2027, with over 5,000 delegates expected.

- New Delhi will host the CGIAR Science and Partnership Week from 12 to 17 April 2027, with over 5,000 delegates expected
- It is organised by ICAR, under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, along with CGIAR
- CGIAR is a partnership of 15 research centres working in more than 100 countries; ten of them operate in India
- The first CGIAR Science Week was held in Nairobi, Kenya, in April 2025
- Dr M L Jat is Secretary of DARE and Director General of ICAR; Dr Ismahane Elouafi is Executive Managing Director of CGIAR

Event	CGIAR Science and Partnership Week 2027
Venue	New Delhi
Dates	12 to 17 April 2027
Delegates expected	Over 5,000
Organisers	ICAR, under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, with CGIAR
First edition	Nairobi, Kenya, April 2025
CGIAR	Partnership of 15 research centres working in more than 100 countries
DG, ICAR	Dr M L Jat, also Secretary, DARE

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14th International Tourism Mart Concludes in Tawang

30 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 14th International Tourism Mart ended its main sessions at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh with a regional meeting of North Eastern tourism ministers.

- The 14th International Tourism Mart was held at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, from 29 to 31 October 2026 by the Ministry of Tourism
- It drew 43 international buyers from 22 countries, 42 domestic buyers from 16 States and Union Territories and 81 sellers, with 1580 B2B meetings
- Union Tourism and Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat chaired the regional meeting of North Eastern tourism ministers on 30 October 2026
- Presentations covered Dekho Apna Desh 2.0, the National Digital Tourism Stack, the live concert economy and RAP or PAP simplification
- Domestic tourist visits rose from 1.32 billion in 2014 to 4.34 billion in 2025; tourism supports 89 million jobs and 5.22 per cent of GDP

Event	14th International Tourism Mart (ITM)
Venue	Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
Dates	29 to 31 October 2026
Organiser	Ministry of Tourism with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh
Participation	43 international buyers from 22 countries, 42 domestic buyers, 81 sellers
B2B meetings	1580
Ministers' meeting chaired by	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister for Tourism and Culture
Schemes presented	Dekho Apna Desh 2.0 and the National Digital Tourism Stack

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Persons in News

Narendra Modi Completes 25 Years as Head of Government

7 October 2026 · Persons in News

Narendra Modi completed 25 unbroken years as Head of Government on 7 October 2026, counting from his first term as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001 to the present.

- Narendra Modi completed 25 continuous years as Head of Government on 7 October 2026, a milestone marked by congratulatory messages from world leaders
- The count starts in 2001, when he first became Chief Minister of Gujarat, a post he held for more than twelve years before becoming Prime Minister of India in 2014
- Greetings came from the leaders of Bhutan, Nigeria, the Philippines, Botswana, Belgium, Japan, Dominica, the Republic of Korea, Serbia and Nepal
- Nigeria's President Bola Ahmed Tinubu recalled the State Visit to Abuja in November 2024, when Modi was conferred the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger
- The messages highlighted infrastructure, digital public goods, financial inclusion, innovation and the Viksit Bharat vision of a nation of 1.4 billion people

Milestone	25 continuous years as Head of Government
Date reached	7 October 2026
First office	Chief Minister of Gujarat, assumed in 2001
Tenure in Gujarat	More than twelve years
Prime Minister of India since	2014
Bhutan	Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay
Nigeria	President Bola Ahmed Tinubu
Japan	Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi

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Kittur Rani Chennamma's 202nd Vijayotsava Held in Parliament

23 October 2026 · Persons in News

The birth anniversary of Kittur Rani Chennamma and her 202nd Victory Celebration were marked at Prerana Sthal in the Parliament premises in New Delhi.

- The birth anniversary of Kittur Rani Chennamma and her 202nd Victory Celebration were observed at Prerana Sthal in the Parliament premises, New Delhi.
- The programme was held under the leadership of V. Somanna, Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti and Member of Parliament from Tumakuru.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil attended and paid floral tributes to the queen.
- Rani Chennamma, hailed as Veera Vanithe, is remembered for her victory against the British and as a symbol of resistance to imperial power.
- Kannadigas from several districts of Karnataka and from Delhi joined the ceremony, which is now organised at the site every year.

Occasion	Birth anniversary of Kittur Rani Chennamma and her 202nd Victory Celebration (Vijayotsava)
Venue	Prerana Sthal, Parliament premises, New Delhi
Led by	V. Somanna, Union Minister of State for Railways and Jal Shakti, MP from Tumakuru
Lok Sabha Speaker present	Om Birla
Union Minister present	C.R. Patil, Jal Shakti
Title used for the queen	Veera Vanithe, the brave queen of Kittur
Victory remembered	Her victory against the British
Ministry issuing the release	Ministry of Railways

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Books & Authors

Vice-President Releases Memoir ‘Dancing with Joy’

14 October 2026 · Books & Authors

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan released ‘Dancing with Joy’, the memoir of classical dancer Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant, at Uprashtrapathi Bhavan in New Delhi.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan released ‘Dancing with Joy’, an inspirational memoir by Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant, at Uprashtrapathi Bhavan.
- The author is a renowned classical dancer, author and former officer of the Indian Railway Traffic Service, and the memoir traces her journey through cancer.
- The Vice-President referred to the book’s message that the D in DANCER helped its author overcome the C in cancer.
- He said over 700 District Clinics and 500 Day Care Cancer Centres have been established, with 19 State Cancer Institutes and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres approved for operationalisation.
- He cited the Rs 5 lakh annual cover under Ayushman Bharat and the HPV vaccination campaign launched in February 2026, which aims to protect about 1.2 crore girls, with over 50 lakh already vaccinated.

Book	‘Dancing with Joy’, an inspirational memoir
Author	Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant, classical dancer, author and former Indian Railway Traffic Service officer
Released by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Venue	Uprashtrapathi Bhavan
Theme	Passion, resilience and life beyond cancer
District Clinics	Over 700 established
Day Care Cancer Centres	500 established
Approved institutes	19 State Cancer Institutes and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres

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State News

Jammu & Kashmir Auctions Its First Two Mineral Blocks

2 October 2026 · State News

In a historic first, two limestone blocks in Anantnag district of Jammu & Kashmir were auctioned by the Ministry of Mines, opening organised mining in the UT.

- In a historic first, two mineral blocks in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir have been auctioned through the Ministry of Mines.
- Both are limestone blocks in Anantnag district: the Koot-Kapran Limestone Block and the Wantrag Limestone Block.
- The Koot-Kapran block covers 22.43 hectares with estimated resources of 4.75 million tonnes, explored up to the G-4 stage.
- The Wantrag block covers 5.36 hectares with estimated resources of 10.853 million tonnes, explored up to the G-3 stage including 159 metres of drilling.
- The Jammu & Kashmir government had entrusted the auction of its mineral blocks to the Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

What happened	First-ever auction of mineral blocks in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Number of blocks	Two
Mineral	Limestone
District	Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir
Block 1	Koot-Kapran Limestone Block - 22.43 hectares, 4.75 million tonnes, G-4 stage
Block 2	Wantrag Limestone Block - 5.36 hectares, 10.853 million tonnes, G-3 stage with 159 metres of drilling
Location of Block 1	Koot and Kapran villages, Dooru Tehsil, Anantnag district
Auction conducted by	Ministry of Mines, Government of India

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Silkworm Seed Centre at Jorhat Gets Grainage, Cold Storage

8 October 2026 · State News

Union Minister of State Pabitra Margherita opened a new grainage building and cold storage at the silkworm seed production centre in Jorhat, Assam.

- Union Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita inaugurated a new grainage building and cold storage facility at the CSB Silkworm Seed Production Centre, Rowriah, Jorhat, Assam.
- The facility was built under the North-East Region Textile Promotion Scheme and can produce 30 lakh disease-free layings of mulberry hybrid seed a year while preserving up to 1 crore DFLs.
- Assam contributes about 84 per cent (73 MT) of India's Muga silk and about 74 per cent (2,131 MT) of its Eri silk production.
- In 2026-27 up to July the North-Eastern Region recorded 142 MT of mulberry silk, 2,890 MT of Eri silk, 87 MT of Muga silk and 3 MT of Tasar silk.
- Sericulture is estimated to employ about 29.50 lakh persons during 2025-26.

Inaugurated by	Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for Textiles
Facility	Grainage building and cold storage at CSB Silkworm Seed Production Centre, Rowriah, Jorhat, Assam
Scheme	North-East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS)
Annual capacity	30 lakh disease-free layings (DFLs) of mulberry hybrid seed
Preservation capacity	Up to 1 crore DFLs
Assam's Muga silk share	About 84 per cent of India, or 73 metric tonnes
Assam's Eri silk share	About 74 per cent, or 2,131 metric tonnes
North-Eastern Region output	142 MT mulberry, 2,890 MT Eri, 87 MT Muga and 3 MT Tasar silk

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PM Mementos E-Auction Lists 18 Andhra Pradesh Craft Gifts

9 October 2026 · State News

Eighteen mementos gifted to the Prime Minister from Andhra Pradesh are in the PM Mementos e-auction, whose proceeds go to the Namami Gange programme.

- Eighteen mementos presented to the Prime Minister from Andhra Pradesh are part of the PM Mementos e-auction run by the Ministry of Culture
- The lot includes a Kondapalli wooden bullock cart and a Kalamkari textile carrying a photoprint of the Prime Minister
- A commemorative memento from Sree Shivaji Sphoorti Kendram at Srisailam is also in the collection
- Proceeds from the auction are directed to the Namami Gange programme for conserving the river Ganga
- The e-auction is live and has been extended until 31 October 2026 on the official PM Mementos portal

Initiative	PM Mementos e-auction
Ministry	Ministry of Culture
State in focus	Andhra Pradesh
Mementos featured	Eighteen
Crafts named	Kondapalli woodcraft, Kalamkari textile
Award memento	Stree Shakti Pratibha Award-2025
Painting	Good Governance of India (acrylic)
Religious site memento	Sree Shivaji Sphoorti Kendram, Srisailam

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Scindia Opens Rs 331 Crore Development Projects in Mizoram

12 October 2026 · State News

Union DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated and laid foundation stones for ten projects worth Rs 331 crore in Mizoram on 12 October 2026.

- Union DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated five projects worth about Rs 102 crore and laid foundation stones for five worth Rs 228.54 crore in Mizoram, Rs 331 crore in all.
- Mizoram Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma attended the function at Tuivamit; the works cover roads, power transmission, water supply, health, education, sport and culture.
- MDoNER has Rs 6,812.30 crore for the North Eastern Region in 2026-27; of 375 projects worth Rs 4,617.70 crore taken up in Mizoram, 295 worth Rs 2,692.31 crore are complete.
- The Rs 189.79 crore Mizoram Ginger Mission will bring nearly 20,000 farming households into an integrated value chain for Mizo ginger.
- The 51.38-kilometre Bairabi-Sairang railway line has carried more than 15 lakh passengers on over 1,100 trips, and Mizoram logged 4,94,362 domestic tourist visits in the first half of 2026.

Minister	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and DoNER
State	Mizoram; Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma present
Date	12 October 2026, first day of a two-day visit
Total value of projects	About Rs 331 crore (ten projects)
Dedicated to the people	Five projects worth about Rs 102 crore
Foundation stones laid	Five projects worth Rs 228.54 crore
MDoNER outlay for the North East, 2026-27	Rs 6,812.30 crore
Projects in Mizoram	375 worth Rs 4,617.70 crore taken up; 295 worth Rs 2,692.31 crore completed

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NH-22 Four-Laning in Bihar Approved at Rs 3,590.73 Crore Cost

13 October 2026 · State News

The Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa stretch of NH-22 in Bihar is being widened to four lanes over 82.57 km at a cost of Rs 3,590.73 crore under HAM.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved four-laning of the 82.57-km Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa section of NH-22 in August 2026.
- The total capital cost is Rs 3,590.73 crore and the work is being taken up on the Hybrid Annuity Mode under the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan.
- The project includes seven major bridges, among them a 340-metre bridge over the Bagmati river, three railway overbridges and two flyovers.
- The highway is designed for 100 kmph with an average operating speed of 80 kmph and no at-grade median openings.
- It will serve five economic nodes including four industrial estates and a Mega Food Park, and link to Bhithamore Land Port on the India-Nepal border.

Highway	National Highway-22 (NH-22), Bihar
Section	Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa
Length	82.57 km
Capital cost	Rs 3,590.73 crore
Mode	Hybrid Annuity Mode (HAM)
Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, August 2026
Structures	Seven major bridges, three railway overbridges, two flyovers
Longest bridge	340 metres over the Bagmati river

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CBN Holds Five Mission Yuva Raksha Drug Camps in MP

17 October 2026 · State News

The Central Bureau of Narcotics Madhya Pradesh Unit held five drug awareness programmes under Mission Yuva Raksha at colleges and schools in October 2026.

- The Central Bureau of Narcotics, Madhya Pradesh Unit, organised five drug awareness programmes under Mission Yuva Raksha during October 2026
- The venues were at Neemuch, Jaora, Jawad, Mandsaur and Garoth, and the Brahma Kumaris partnered in two of the programmes
- About 450 students attended at the CM Rise Government School, Jawad, and nearly 450 at the CM Rise School, Sabakheda in Mandsaur
- Around 200 students and teachers took part at Neemuch and about 230 at the Sanskar Valley Higher Secondary School, Garoth
- Sessions used question and answer competitions, videos, presentations, meditation and poster making, and ended with a pledge against drug use

Agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Madhya Pradesh Unit
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Campaign	Mission Yuva Raksha
Linked campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan
Number of programmes	Five, during October 2026
Places	Neemuch, Jaora, Jawad, Mandsaur and Garoth
Partner organisation	Brahma Kumaris
Largest gatherings	About 450 students each at Jawad and at Sabakheda, Mandsaur

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Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 Held in Bhopal

23 October 2026 · State News

Madhya Pradesh released its Fisheries Investment and Export Guidelines 2026 at the Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave held in Bhopal on 23 October 2026.

- The Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 was held in Bhopal on 23 October 2026 by the Madhya Pradesh and Union Departments of Fisheries with the NFDB.
- The Madhya Pradesh Fisheries Investment and Export Guidelines, 2026 and the SOPs for Inland State Export Potential were released at the event.
- Under the Budget Announcement for 2026-27, 49 reservoirs at Rs 8755.60 lakh and five Amrit Sarovars at Rs 69 lakh were approved for the State, an investment of Rs 88.25 crore.
- India's fish production was 197.75 lakh MT in 2024-25, with 151.60 lakh tonnes from inland fisheries, and seafood exports stood at Rs 73,890 crore in 2025-26.
- Madhya Pradesh's fish production rose from 2.00 lakh MT in 2019-20 to 4.45 lakh MT in 2024-25, an increase of about 123 per cent.

Event	Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026
Venue and date	Bhopal, 23 October 2026
Organisers	Department of Fisheries of Madhya Pradesh with the Union Department of Fisheries (MoFAHD) and NFDB
Documents released	Madhya Pradesh Fisheries Investment and Export Guidelines, 2026; SOPs of Inland State Export Potential
Union Minister present	Rajiv Ranjan Singh, Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and Panchayati Raj
Chief Minister present	Mohan Yadav of Madhya Pradesh
Budget 2026-27 approval	49 reservoirs at Rs 8755.60 lakh and five Amrit Sarovars at Rs 69 lakh, Rs 88.25 crore in all
India's fish production	197.75 lakh MT in 2024-25, inland share 151.60 lakh tonnes

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President Droupadi Murmu Attends Bastar Dussehra at Jagdalpur

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- President Droupadi Murmu attended a public programme at Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh, on the occasion of Bastar Dussehra on 23 October 2026.
- She called Bastar Dussehra a vibrant symbol of Chhattisgarh’s cultural pride and collective faith.
- The President said the region had been freed from Naxal violence through coordinated efforts of the Union and state governments.
- She linked support to tribal entrepreneurs and market linkages to the goal of a developed India by 2047.
- She interacted with Manjhi and Chalki at the Muriya Darbar and offered puja at the Maa Danteshwari Temple in Jagdalpur.

Who	President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu
Occasion	Bastar Dussehra
Place	Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh
Date	23 October 2026
Temple visited	Maa Danteshwari Temple, Jagdalpur
Traditional assembly	Muriya Darbar, where she met local Manjhi and Chalki
Goal mentioned	Developed India (Viksit Bharat) by 2047 through equitable and inclusive development

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Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026: ICAR Meets Champaran Farmers

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ICAR-MGIFRI, Motihari held a farmer awareness programme under Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026 at a village in East Champaran, Bihar on 27 October 2026.

- ICAR-MGIFRI, Motihari held a farmer awareness programme under Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026 at Kothia Hariram village in Mehsi block of East Champaran, Bihar.
- Twenty-nine farmers and participants attended and interacted with scientists on orchard productivity and resource-use efficiency.
- Dr. Amol K. Jadhav, Scientist at the institute, led the programme and pressed for soil-test-based nutrient management.
- Farmers were advised to recycle crop residues, fallen leaves, farmyard manure and compost to build soil organic matter.
- Legumes and other local crops were suggested as intercrops in mango and litchi orchards, chosen by orchard age, canopy cover and moisture.

Institute	ICAR-Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute (ICAR-MGIFRI), Motihari, Bihar
Parent department	Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE)
Campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026
Venue	Kothia Hariram village, Mehsi block, East Champaran district, Bihar
Date	27 October 2026
Participants	Twenty-nine farmers and participants
Led by	Dr. Amol K. Jadhav, Scientist, ICAR-MGIFRI
Crops in focus	Mango and litchi orchards

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. What is the theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign?

(A) 'Swachhata Se Samriddhi'
(B) 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath'
(C) 'Mera Shahar, Meri Zimmedari'
(D) 'Ek Bharat, Swachh Bharat'

2. Who led the shramdaan organised by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi on 1 October 2026?

(A) Dr. Rakesh Gupta
(B) Smt. Aradhana Patnaik
(C) Dr. Rajiv Bahl
(D) Dr. Loveneesh G. Krishna

3. Who has assumed charge as Secretary of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change?

(A) Keshav Chandra
(B) Narendra Bhooshan
(C) Ashok K. K. Meena
(D) Kamal Kishore Soan

4. Narendra Bhooshan, the new Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, belongs to which cadre of the Indian Administrative Service?

(A) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Maharashtra
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Bihar

5. How much has been earmarked under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 to address drinking water gaps in PM-JANMAN and DA-JGUA villages?

(A) Rs 2,500 crore
(B) Rs 5,000 crore
(C) Rs 7,500 crore
(D) Rs 12,000 crore

6. Which ministry is running the SurveySetu exercise to verify the status of functional household tap connections?

(A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(B) Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

7. Which department has launched Special Campaign 6.0?

(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

8. The implementation phase of Special Campaign 6.0 covers which period?

(A) 16 September to 30 September
(B) 1 October to 15 October
(C) 2 October to 31 October
(D) 2 October to 2 November

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9. Lonar Crater Lake, proposed as a venue for a Surya Kiran air show, is located in which district of Maharashtra?

(A) Buldhana
(B) Nagpur
(C) Satara
(D) Nashik

10. The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Display Team belongs to which of the following?

(A) Indian Army
(B) Indian Navy
(C) Indian Air Force
(D) Indian Coast Guard

11. Where were the centenary celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
(D) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka

12. In which year did the Union Public Service Commission have its beginning?

(A) 1919
(B) 1926
(C) 1935
(D) 1950

13. Exercise Varuna is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

(A) United Kingdom
(B) France
(C) Russia
(D) Japan

14. Which edition of Exercise Varuna is INS Trishul taking part in?

(A) 20th
(B) 22nd
(C) 24th
(D) 26th

15. What is the theme of the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave being held in New Delhi?

(A) The Indian Era
(B) Resilience in an Age of Flux
(C) Seeking Prosperity in Turbulent Times
(D) Navigating a World on Fire

16. Which institution organises the Kautilya Economic Conclave in partnership with the Ministry of Finance?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Institute of Economic Growth
(C) National Council of Applied Economic Research
(D) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations

17. National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is observed in India on which date every year?

(A) 1 October
(B) 14 June
(C) 1 December
(D) 7 April

18. What was the theme of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day 2026?

(A) Give Blood, Keep the World Beating
(B) One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.
(C) Safe Blood for All
(D) Blood Connects Us All

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19. What is the revised stock holding limit for a sugar dealer in most of the country?

(A) 500 quintals
(B) 1,000 quintals
(C) 2,000 quintals
(D) 5,000 quintals

20. Which of these has been given a higher sugar stock holding limit than the rest of the country?

(A) Mumbai and the State of Gujarat
(B) Chennai and the State of Kerala
(C) Kolkata with its extended metropolitan areas and the State of Assam
(D) Delhi and the State of Punjab

21. How much central assistance was released to States and Union Territories over three financial years for the PCR and PoA Acts?

(A) Rs 1,423.30 crore
(B) Rs 1,234.30 crore
(C) Rs 2,423.30 crore
(D) Rs 923.30 crore

22. How many Exclusive Special Courts have been established for offences under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act?

(A) 127
(B) 171
(C) 217
(D) 271

23. At which toll plaza has Tamil Nadu's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system been started?

(A) Chorayasi Toll Plaza
(B) Gharaunda Toll Plaza
(C) Paranur Toll Plaza
(D) Manoharpura Toll Plaza

24. The Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling system identifies a passing vehicle mainly through which technology?

(A) Automatic Number Plate Recognition
(B) Global Positioning System tracking of each vehicle
(C) Radio broadcast of the chassis number
(D) Manual entry of the registration number by toll staff

25. How much does a student selected under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme receive every year?

(A) Rs 6,000
(B) Rs 12,000
(C) Rs 24,000
(D) Rs 36,000

26. Which class must a student be in to appear for the NMMSS selection examination and win a fresh scholarship?

(A) Class VII
(B) Class VIII
(C) Class IX
(D) Class XI

27. Which body is conducting the Forward-Looking Survey on Private Corporate Sector CAPEX Investment Intentions?

(A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) National Statistics Office
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Securities and Exchange Board of India

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28. In the CAPEX 2025 findings, which activity accounted for the largest share of provisional capital spending in 2025-26?

(A) Information and communication
(B) Transportation and storage
(C) Manufacturing
(D) Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

29. INS Tarkash, which made a goodwill port call in Kenya, is which type of warship?

(A) An aircraft carrier
(B) A frontline stealth frigate
(C) A conventional submarine
(D) A survey vessel

30. MAHASAGAR, the initiative whose spirit the Mombasa port call reflects, stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Harbour Safety and Growth Agreement for Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Alliance for Shared Oceans and Growth Across Regions
(D) Mission for Advanced Harbour Services and Growth of Regions

31. What is the title of the People's Plan Campaign launched in the Special Gram Sabhas?

(A) Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
(B) Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas
(C) Mera Gaon, Meri Yojana
(D) Gram Swaraj, Gram Vikas

32. For which financial year will Gram Panchayats prepare their development plans under this campaign?

(A) 2025-26
(B) 2026-27
(C) 2027-28
(D) 2028-29

33. Which medal did the Indian Women's Squash Team win at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal, a fourth place finish

34. In which sport did the Indian women's team win a bronze medal at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Table tennis
(B) Squash
(C) Badminton
(D) Hockey

35. In which year was India's Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) established?

(A) 1995
(B) 2001
(C) 2008
(D) 2014

36. Nalanda University, which signed an MoU with the CSIR-TKDL Unit, is situated at which place?

(A) Bodh Gaya, Bihar
(B) Vaishali, Bihar
(C) Rajgir, Bihar
(D) Patna, Bihar

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37. Which pair won the silver medal in the Men's Skiff event at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Prince Noble and Manu Francis

(B) Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru and Manu Francis

(C) Prince Noble and Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru

(D) Manu Francis and Smit Machchhar

38. Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru won a medal at the Asian Games in which event?

(A) Men's Skiff

(B) Men's Compound Individual

(C) Men's Recurve Team

(D) Men's Compound Team

39. Under the revised guidelines, an exempted FASTag issued to a person with 70 to 100 per cent disability is valid for how long?

(A) One year

(B) Three years

(C) Five years

(D) Ten years

40. From which date do the revised guidelines for exempted FASTags for Divyangjan take effect?

(A) 1 October 2026

(B) 2 October 2026

(C) 1 November 2026

(D) 1 April 2027

41. The two offshore mineral blocks whose auction was launched are located in which sea?

(A) Arabian Sea

(B) Andaman Sea

(C) Laccadive Sea

(D) Bay of Bengal, off Odisha

42. What type of mineral deposit do Sewell Rise-01 and West Sewell Ridge-01 contain?

(A) Bauxite and laterite

(B) Polymetallic nodules and crusts

(C) Coal seams

(D) Placer gold deposits

43. Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff was raised on which date, observed as Tri-Service Day?

(A) 1 October 2001

(B) 1 October 1999

(C) 15 January 2002

(D) 1 January 2020

44. What was the theme of the HQ IDS Silver Jubilee celebrations?

(A) "Atmanirbharta in Defence"

(B) "Future readiness through jointness and Integration"

(C) "Joint Training for Joint Victory"

(D) "Synergy in Space and Cyber"

45. Which institute will implement Phase-I of the ICAR-FCI research project on alternative fumigation?

(A) ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

(B) ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana

(C) ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal

(D) Central Warehousing Corporation, New Delhi

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46. Which two chemicals has India's foodgrain storage relied on for post-harvest pest control?

(A) Aluminium phosphide and malathion
(B) Nitrogen and carbon dioxide
(C) Endosulfan and DDT
(D) Phosphine and chlorpyrifos

47. In the SETU NSP App, what does SETU stand for?

(A) Scheme for Education Transfer and Upgradation
(B) Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment
(C) Student Education Transparency Utility
(D) Scholarship Evaluation and Tracking Unit

48. The SETU NSP App is an initiative of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

49. What is the outlay of the GOBARdhan Scheme launched for the compressed biogas sector?

(A) Rs 10,900 crore
(B) Rs 23,731 crore
(C) Rs 31,500 crore
(D) Rs 45,000 crore

50. Which ministry is the single nodal ministry for the GOBARdhan Scheme?

(A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(B) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(C) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
(D) Ministry of Jal Shakti

51. How much financial support has the Centre approved for the Amended BharatNet Programme in Maharashtra?

(A) Rs 5,240 crore
(B) Rs 8,375 crore
(C) Rs 10,520 crore
(D) Rs 14,600 crore

52. Which company will implement the Amended BharatNet Programme in Maharashtra?

(A) MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limited
(B) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
(C) Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation Limited
(D) Railtel Corporation of India Limited

53. In which American city was the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting attended by Piyush Goyal held?

(A) Chicago
(B) Milwaukee
(C) Mequon
(D) Madison

54. What was the outcome document agreed upon by the G20 trade ministers?

(A) G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions
(B) G20 Declaration on Fertiliser Security and Supply Chains
(C) Milwaukee Declaration on Rules-Based Multilateral Trade
(D) G20 Framework on Public Stockholding for Food Security

55. Which medal did the Indian men's 4x400m relay team win at the Asian Games?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal, fourth place

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56. Who among the following was part of the Indian bronze-winning Men's 4x400m Relay team at the Asian Games?

(A) Dharmveer Chaudhary
(B) Prince Noble
(C) Manu Francis
(D) Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru

57. Which Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department did Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh address at DRDO Bhawan?

(A) 259th
(B) 269th
(C) 279th
(D) 289th

58. The Treasury Single Account system launched in the Ministry of Defence is integrated with which platform of the Reserve Bank of India?

(A) eKUBER
(B) NEFT
(C) SPARSH
(D) PRISM

59. How many beneficiaries attended the national-level SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir?

(A) 1,28,928
(B) 2,24,521
(C) 3,02,958
(D) 3,69,469

60. Which ministry organised the national-level SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir?

(A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) Ministry of Labour and Employment

61. How many places and geographical features in the Union Territory of Ladakh have been identified by standard names on the official Survey of India map?

(A) 18
(B) 24
(C) 28
(D) 32

62. On whose official map have the 28 standard place and feature names of Ladakh been marked?

(A) Geological Survey of India
(B) Survey of India
(C) Indian Space Research Organisation
(D) National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation

63. The implementation phase of Special Campaign 6 is being observed during which period?

(A) 15 September to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 October to 31 October 2026
(C) 1 November to 30 November 2026
(D) 2 October to 2 November 2026

64. What is the stated focus area of this year's Special Campaign 6?

(A) Digitisation of land records
(B) Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
(C) Single-use plastic phase-out
(D) Energy audit of government buildings

65. Who holds charge as Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice?

(A) Arjun Ram Meghwal
(B) Rajiv Mani
(C) Navin Kumar Singh
(D) Kiren Rijiju

66. Under which theme was the tree plantation drive at the India International Arbitration Centre organised?

(A) Mera Ped Mera Desh
(B) Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
(C) Harit Bharat Abhiyan
(D) Van Mahotsav Sankalp

67. Up to which date has the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme been extended?

(A) 30 September 2026
(B) 31 December 2026
(C) 31 March 2027
(D) 30 June 2027

68. Which notification of the Department of Commerce extended the RoDTEP scheme?

(A) Notification No. 37/2026-27
(B) Notification No. 39/2026-27
(C) Notification No. 41/2026-27
(D) Notification No. 45/2026-27

69. What is the full form of RELIEF, the export intervention whose Component II timelines have been extended?

(A) Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation
(B) Remission of Levies and Insurance for Export Finance
(C) Reimbursement of Logistics and Insurance for Exporters and Farmers
(D) Resilient Export Logistics and Infrastructure Expansion Fund

70. Component II of RELIEF encourages exporters to obtain cover from which body, and at what level of risk coverage?

(A) EXIM Bank, with 80 per cent risk coverage
(B) ECGC, with 95 per cent risk coverage
(C) DGFT, with 90 per cent risk coverage
(D) SIDBI, with 75 per cent risk coverage

71. In which American city was the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting attended by Piyush Goyal held?

(A) Chicago, Illinois
(B) Milwaukee, Wisconsin
(C) Detroit, Michigan
(D) Minneapolis, Minnesota

72. Which Article of the Constitution of India, cited by the minister at the G20 meeting, prohibits forced labour as a fundamental right?

(A) Article 19
(B) Article 21
(C) Article 23
(D) Article 32

73. APEDA facilitated the export of popped makhana from Purnea in Bihar to which country?

(A) Greece
(B) Spain
(C) Canada
(D) Italy

74. Which Indian state accounts for roughly 80 to 85 per cent of the country makhana production?

(A) West Bengal
(B) Assam
(C) Bihar
(D) Odisha

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75. Under which initiative of NITI Aayog was the National Workshop on SDG Budgeting at Kolkata organised?

(A) Aspirational Districts Programme
(B) State Support Mission
(C) Atal Innovation Mission
(D) Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office

76. How many States and Union Territories sent participants to the National Workshop on SDG Budgeting?

(A) 24
(B) 28
(C) 32
(D) 36

77. On which date was the Swachh Bharat Mission launched?

(A) 15 August 2014
(B) 2 October 2014
(C) 2 October 2015
(D) 26 January 2015

78. The Sthree Toilet, built from a scrap bus for women travellers, is at a bus terminal in which city?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Bhopal
(C) Navi Mumbai
(D) Tirupati

79. Which Indian trio won the gold medal in the Women's Recurve Team event at the Asian Games?

(A) Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti
(B) Harshita Tomar, Shital Verma and Kirti
(C) Ankita Bhakat, Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kirti
(D) Kumkum Anil Mohod, Shital Verma and Ankita Bhakat

80. In which event did India win its first-ever gold medal at the Asian Games, as announced on 2 October 2026?

(A) Women's Compound Team
(B) Recurve Mixed Team
(C) Women's Recurve Team
(D) Women's Skiff

81. Who won the silver medal for India in the Recurve Mixed Team event at the Asian Games?

(A) Dhiraj Bommadevara and Ankita Bhakat
(B) Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod
(C) Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma
(D) Ankita Bhakat and Kirti

82. Which medal did India win in the Recurve Mixed Team event at the Asian Games, as announced on 2 October 2026?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal

83. Who won the bronze medal for India in the Women's Skiff event at the Asian Games?

(A) Ankita Bhakat and Kirti
(B) Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma
(C) Kumkum Anil Mohod and Shital Verma
(D) Harshita Tomar and Kirti

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84. The skiff event, in which Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma won bronze at the Asian Games, belongs to which sport?

(A) Rowing
(B) Canoeing
(C) Sailing
(D) Kayaking

85. The tigress released in Buxa Tiger Reserve under the Tiger Reintroduction Programme was brought from which reserve?

(A) Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam
(B) Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar
(C) Sundarbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal
(D) Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh

86. In which year was Buxa declared a Tiger Reserve?

(A) 1973
(B) 1983
(C) 1992
(D) 2018

87. The proceeds of the PM Mementos e-auction are devoted to which project?

(A) Namami Gange
(B) Swachh Bharat Mission
(C) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
(D) Smart Cities Mission

88. Which city is the theme of the eighth edition of the PM Mementos auction?

(A) Varanasi
(B) Ahmedabad
(C) Delhi
(D) Lucknow

89. APEDA facilitated the export of a 24 MT frozen food consignment from Sonipat in Haryana to which country?

(A) Greece
(B) Canada
(C) Australia
(D) The United Arab Emirates

90. What was the total value of the frozen food consignment exported from Haryana to Canada?

(A) CAD 25,140
(B) CAD 35,140
(C) CAD 45,295
(D) CAD 55,295

91. At which memorial in Delhi were floral tributes offered to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary?

(A) Rajghat
(B) Vijay Ghat
(C) Shanti Van
(D) Shakti Sthal

92. The Vice-President paid tribute, on his death anniversary, to which former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

(A) Thiru K. Kamaraj
(B) C. N. Annadurai
(C) M. Bhaktavatsalam
(D) P. S. Kumaraswamy Raja

93. On which date did the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign begin with the taking of the Swachhata pledge?

(A) 2 September 2026
(B) 17 September 2026
(C) 1 October 2026
(D) 25 September 2026

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94. The closing day of the campaign marked which birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?

(A) 150th
(B) 155th
(C) 157th
(D) 160th

95. The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on which date?

(A) 2 October 2014
(B) 15 August 2014
(C) 2 October 2019
(D) 1 April 2015

96. What does the logo of the Swachh Bharat Mission depict?

(A) The charkha of Mahatma Gandhi
(B) The spectacles of Mahatma Gandhi
(C) The walking stick of Mahatma Gandhi
(D) The sandals of Mahatma Gandhi

97. Which city is set to become the second urban local body in India to turn waste into carbon credits?

(A) Kanpur
(B) Ghaziabad
(C) Varanasi
(D) Lucknow

98. The Integrated Waste Management Facility at Saligao, built on a former garbage dump, is located in which state?

(A) Kerala
(B) Maharashtra
(C) Goa
(D) Karnataka

99. Under which law were the seized narcotic drugs destroyed by the Central Bureau of Narcotics?

(A) The Customs Act, 1962
(B) The NDPS Act, 1985
(C) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
(D) The Opium Act, 1878

100. The seized opium was deposited at the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works located at which place?

(A) Mandsaur
(B) Khor
(C) Neemuch
(D) Jaipur

101. In which weight category did Sujeet win the freestyle wrestling gold at the Asian Games?

(A) Men's 57 kg
(B) Men's 65 kg
(C) Men's 74 kg
(D) Men's 86 kg

102. Sujeet's Asian Games gold was India's first gold of the edition in which discipline?

(A) Archery
(B) Wrestling
(C) Sailing
(D) Shooting

103. Lovlina Borgohain won the Asian Games gold in which boxing weight category?

(A) Women's 57 kg
(B) Women's 66 kg
(C) Women's 75 kg
(D) Women's 81 kg

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104. By what margin did Lovlina Borgohain win her Asian Games boxing final?

(A) 3-2
(B) 4-1
(C) 5-0
(D) By a walkover

105. Parveen won the Asian Games boxing gold in which weight category?

(A) Women's 54 kg
(B) Women's 60 kg
(C) Women's 65 kg
(D) Women's 70 kg

106. How was Parveen's Asian Games boxing final officially described?

(A) As a hard-fought final
(B) As a walkover
(C) As a bout stopped in the first round
(D) As a contest decided by a countback

107. In which weight category did Ankush win the boxing gold at the Asian Games?

(A) Men's 71 kg
(B) Men's 80 kg
(C) Men's 86 kg
(D) Men's 92 kg

108. What did Prime Minister Narendra Modi note about the wider importance of Ankush's gold medal?

(A) That it ensures India's boxing campaign at the Asian Games ends on a great note
(B) That it was India's first boxing gold of the edition
(C) That it came on the boxer’s Asian Games debut
(D) That it took India to the top of the overall medal tally

109. Which mineral do the two blocks auctioned for the first time in Jammu & Kashmir contain?

(A) Bauxite
(B) Limestone
(C) Iron ore
(D) Manganese ore

110. Both mineral blocks auctioned in Jammu & Kashmir are located in which district?

(A) Baramulla
(B) Udhampur
(C) Anantnag
(D) Kathua

111. In which sport did the Indian women's team win the gold medal at the Asian Games after a gap of more than four decades?

(A) Hockey
(B) Kabaddi
(C) Handball
(D) Basketball

112. The Indian women's hockey team's gold at the Asian Games came after a gap of how long?

(A) Less than one decade
(B) Exactly two decades
(C) More than four decades
(D) More than eight decades

113. India won its first-ever Asian Games medal in the men's quadrant event of which sport?

(A) Kurash
(B) Sepaktakraw
(C) Wushu
(D) Pencak Silat

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114. Which medal did the Indian men's quadrant team win in sepaktakraw at the Asian Games?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal, fourth place

115. The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held in which city?

(A) Mumbai
(B) Visakhapatnam
(C) New Delhi
(D) Kochi

116. Who described the Indian Navy as a strategic force multiplier while addressing the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026?

(A) Gen Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff
(B) Gen NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff
(C) Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and IT
(D) Rajnath Singh, Raksha Mantri

117. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan held bilateral agriculture talks in New Delhi with the minister of which country?

(A) Denmark
(B) The Netherlands
(C) Belgium
(D) Germany

118. How many Centres of Excellence in the agriculture and horticulture sectors were reviewed in the India-Netherlands talks?

(A) 15
(B) 25
(C) 35
(D) 50

119. How many Special Gram Sabhas were held across India on Gandhi Jayanti in 2026?

(A) More than 1.42 lakh
(B) More than 2.42 lakh
(C) More than 3.42 lakh
(D) More than 4.42 lakh

120. The Special Gram Sabhas held on Gandhi Jayanti marked the start of which campaign?

(A) Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas (People's Plan Campaign)
(B) Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan
(C) Swachhata Hi Seva
(D) Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari

121. From which country was narco-trafficking kingpin Navpreet Singh deported to India in October 2026?

(A) United Arab Emirates
(B) Türkiye
(C) Thailand
(D) Portugal

122. Under which fake identity had Navpreet Singh obtained Turkish citizenship?

(A) Navab Virk
(B) Navdeep Brar
(C) Nawaz Virdi
(D) Noor Virk

123. What was the theme of the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave held in New Delhi?

(A) Reform, Perform, Transform
(B) Resilience in an Age of Flux
(C) Growth with Green Transition
(D) One Earth, One Economy

124. Which institution organises the Kautilya Economic Conclave, and in which year was it established?

(A) Institute of Economic Growth, established in 1952

(B) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, established in 1981

(C) National Council of Applied Economic Research, established in 1956

(D) Institute of Economic Growth, established in 1964

125. How much did NABKISAN Finance Limited raise through India's first WASH-focused social bond?

(A) ₹90 crore

(B) ₹180 crore

(C) ₹250 crore

(D) ₹360 crore

126. NABKISAN Finance Limited, which issued India's first WASH social bond, is a subsidiary of which institution?

(A) Small Industries Development Bank of India

(B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

(C) National Housing Bank

(D) Export-Import Bank of India

127. In which country is the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held?

(A) Kenya

(B) United Republic of Tanzania

(C) Uganda

(D) Ethiopia

128. Who leads the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha

(B) The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha

(C) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha

(D) The Minister of External Affairs

129. Which village did the Union Minister of Jal Shakti visit for the Special Gram Sabha on Swachh Bharat Diwas 2026?

(A) Sayli, Dadra and Nagar Haveli

(B) Majigam, Navsari district, Gujarat

(C) Ratipur, Palwal district, Haryana

(D) Pindarkom, Ranchi district, Jharkhand

130. What is Swachh Seva Aankalan, discussed in the Special Gram Sabhas on Swachh Bharat Diwas?

(A) A central award for the cleanest district

(B) An annual digital self-assessment carried out by a Gram Panchayat

(C) A survey of urban household toilets

(D) A subsidy for buying waste collection vehicles

131. National Anti-Drug Addiction Day is observed on the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

(B) Mahatma Gandhi

(C) Lal Bahadur Shastri

(D) Dr B. R. Ambedkar

132. The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) functions under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs

(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

(C) Ministry of Finance

(D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

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133. At which protected area did India set in motion the release of captive-bred Great Indian Bustards into the wild?

(A) Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
(B) Desert National Park, Jaisalmer
(C) Sariska Tiger Reserve
(D) Keoladeo National Park

134. The Great Indian Bustard is the State bird of which State?

(A) Gujarat
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Haryana

135. What is the total outlay of the PM-SETU scheme for upgrading government ITIs?

(A) ₹40,000 crore
(B) ₹50,000 crore
(C) ₹60,000 crore
(D) ₹75,000 crore

136. Under Component I of PM-SETU, how many of the 1,000 government ITIs are Hub ITIs?

(A) 100
(B) 200
(C) 400
(D) 800

137. On which date did DARE and ICAR begin Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 15 August 2026
(B) 2 October 2026
(C) 26 January 2026
(D) 1 July 2026

138. Which Union Minister felicitated Safai Mitras at ICAR-CCARI in Goa during Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(B) Shri C. R. Patil
(C) Shri Bhupender Yadav
(D) Shri Shripad Yesso Naik

139. Who became the first Indian woman to win the Recurve Individual gold medal at the Asian Games?

(A) Deepika Kumari
(B) Kumkum Anil Mohod
(C) Ankita Bhakat
(D) Simranjeet Kaur

140. In which archery event did Kumkum Anil Mohod win her gold medal at the 2026 Asian Games?

(A) Compound Individual
(B) Recurve Team
(C) Recurve Individual
(D) Compound Mixed Team

141. Who won India's first-ever gold medal in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games?

(A) Aditi Ashok
(B) Pranavi Sharath Urs
(C) Diksha Dagar
(D) Avani Prashanth

142. In which sport did Pranavi Sharath Urs win a historic gold medal for India at the Asian Games?

(A) Golf
(B) Archery
(C) Shooting
(D) Equestrian

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143. Which Indian team was congratulated by the Prime Minister for retaining its gold medal at the Asian Games?

(A) The women's cricket team
(B) The men's cricket team
(C) The men's hockey team
(D) The men's kabaddi team

144. What was the nature of the Indian men's cricket team's Asian Games gold medal described in the Prime Minister's message?

(A) A maiden gold, won for the first time
(B) A bronze upgraded after a disqualification
(C) A title retained from a previous edition
(D) A shared gold after a tied final

145. Over what distance was India's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link demonstrated?

(A) 2.5 km
(B) 5.56 km
(C) 10.2 km
(D) 25 km

146. Which three organisations jointly demonstrated India's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link?

(A) ISRO, DRDO and IIT Bombay
(B) QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar
(C) C-DOT, BEL and IISc Bengaluru
(D) BARC, TIFR and IIT Madras

147. How many Centres of Excellence for studies in Classical Languages has the Ministry of Education approved?

(A) Three
(B) Four
(C) Five
(D) Six

148. The Centre of Excellence for Classical Pali has been approved at which institution?

(A) Central University of Gujarat
(B) Central University of Odisha
(C) Tezpur University
(D) Visva-Bharati University

149. In which country was the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise AIME 2026 conducted?

(A) Indonesia
(B) Philippines
(C) Singapore
(D) Viet Nam

150. What was the theme of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise AIME 2026?

(A) Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
(B) Partners for a Secure Indo-Pacific
(C) One Ocean, One Future
(D) Stronger Together at Sea

151. In which sport did India win gold in both the men's and women's events at the same Asian Games for the first time in 2026?

(A) Kabaddi
(B) Hockey
(C) Archery
(D) Wrestling

152. The Asian Games gold won by the Indian men's hockey team in 2026 was the team's gold medal number what at these Games?

(A) Third
(B) Fourth
(C) Fifth
(D) Seventh

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153. Aman Sehrawat won India's first Asian Games gold medal in which wrestling event?

(A) Men's 57 kg freestyle
(B) Men's 65 kg freestyle
(C) Men's 74 kg freestyle
(D) Men's 97 kg freestyle

154. Which medal had Aman Sehrawat won in the same weight category at the previous Asian Games?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) He had won no medal

155. In which event did Deepak Punia win a bronze medal at the Asian Games?

(A) Men's 57 kg freestyle wrestling
(B) Men's 86 kg freestyle wrestling
(C) Men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling
(D) Men's 125 kg freestyle wrestling

156. What made Deepak Punia's bronze medal in men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling notable?

(A) It was India's first wrestling medal of any kind at the Asian Games
(B) It returned India to the podium in this event after six decades
(C) It was awarded without a contest being held
(D) It was India's only medal at the Games

157. Jal Arpan, observed in more than 1,850 gram panchayats, is a reform under which mission?

(A) Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)
(B) Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
(C) Atal Bhujal Yojana
(D) National River Conservation Plan

158. How many Har Ghar Jal certificates were generated in regional languages through the Jal Arpan module?

(A) 246
(B) 346
(C) 546
(D) 1,850

159. The proceeds of the eighth edition of the PM Mementos auction will go to which project?

(A) Namami Gange Project
(B) Swachh Bharat Kosh
(C) National Sports Development Fund
(D) Project Tiger

160. Who became the first Indian to win a Paralympic gold medal in archery, an arrow presented by whom features in the PM Mementos auction?

(A) Navdeep Singh
(B) Nitesh Kumar
(C) Harwinder Singh
(D) Sumit Antil

161. Under White Revolution 2.0, how many new cooperative dairies are to be established in the country?

(A) 25 thousand
(B) 46 thousand
(C) 75 thousand
(D) 1 lakh

162. The foundation stone of a milk processing plant of 3 lakh litres a day was laid in which city of Madhya Pradesh?

(A) Indore
(B) Ujjain
(C) Shivpuri
(D) Gwalior

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163. Which medal did the Indian women's team win in the team golf event at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) Fourth place, no medal

164. Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar won a silver medal for India at the Asian Games 2026 in which sport?

(A) Archery
(B) Shooting
(C) Golf
(D) Squash

165. Antim Panghal won a silver medal at the Asian Games in which weight category of freestyle wrestling?

(A) 50 kg
(B) 53 kg
(C) 57 kg
(D) 62 kg

166. Antim Panghal's Asian Games silver medal came in which style of wrestling?

(A) Greco-Roman
(B) Beach wrestling
(C) Freestyle
(D) Belt wrestling

167. What was the theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2026 concluded at the All India Institute of Ayurveda?

(A) Swachh Bharat, Swasth Bharat
(B) Swachhata Mein Sabhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
(C) Clean India, Green India
(D) Sampoorna Swachhata Abhiyan

168. Special Campaign 6.0, which runs till 31 October 2026, is themed on the effective collection, segregation and disposal of which kind of waste?

(A) Plastic waste
(B) Biomedical waste
(C) E-waste
(D) Construction and demolition waste

169. At which site were two male Great Indian Bustards released into the wild in October 2026?

(A) Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer
(B) Tal Chhapar Sanctuary, Churu
(C) Ramdevra conservation-breeding centre, Pokhran
(D) Kachchh Bustard Sanctuary, Gujarat

170. How many Great Indian Bustards are presently housed at the Sam and Ramdevra facilities?

(A) 40
(B) 57
(C) 86
(D) 97

171. Where is the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organising Chintan Shivir 2026?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
(C) Pune, Maharashtra
(D) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

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172. How many thematic sessions will Chintan Shivir 2026 feature?

(A) Three
(B) Four
(C) Five
(D) Six

173. Which Union Minister of State chairs the 17th Pension Adalat?

(A) Shri Nitin Gadkari
(B) Dr. Jitendra Singh
(C) Shri Amit Shah
(D) Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

174. How many long-pending grievances have been listed for redressal at the 17th Pension Adalat?

(A) 597
(B) 697
(C) 897
(D) 997

175. How many pucca houses were sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) 2.0 at Burripalem?

(A) 76,000
(B) 1 lakh
(C) 3 lakh
(D) 9 lakh

176. India's first housing project using 3D concrete printing technology was launched in which state?

(A) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Telangana
(D) Tamil Nadu

177. The 58th Foundation Day celebrations held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, belonged to which institute?

(A) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
(B) Institute of Company Secretaries of India
(C) Institute of Cost Accountants of India
(D) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

178. Which document did the Vice-President launch at the ICSI Foundation Day celebrations?

(A) MSME Compliance Calendar 2027
(B) Corporate Governance Index 2026
(C) Start-up Compliance Handbook
(D) National Governance Charter

179. The Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026, addressed by the Vice-President, was held at which venue in New Delhi?

(A) Bharat Mandapam
(B) Vigyan Bhawan
(C) Rashtrapati Bhavan
(D) Talkatora Stadium

180. Who was presented the Jain Samaj Ratna Award at the Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026?

(A) Kanhaiya Lal Jain
(B) Dinesh Doshi
(C) K. C. Jain
(D) Vipin Jain

181. How many road stretches of the Inner and Outer Ring Road were inspected by CAQM flying squads in Delhi?

(A) 15
(B) 20
(C) 25
(D) 35

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182. The inspection drive along Delhi's Ring Road was conducted by which body?

(A) Central Pollution Control Board

(B) Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

(C) National Green Tribunal

(D) Delhi Pollution Control Committee

183. At how many locations was the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva organised on 4 October 2026?

(A) More than 50

(B) More than 100

(C) More than 150

(D) More than 250

184. The Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva was held as a part of which campaign?

(A) Fit India Movement

(B) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan

(C) Swachhata Hi Seva

(D) Khelo India Abhiyan

185. In which year was the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) launched?

(A) 2010

(B) 2015

(C) 2018

(D) 2022

186. As of September 2026, what was the combined capacity of the supercomputers deployed in India under NSM?

(A) 32 PF

(B) 45 PF

(C) 68 PF

(D) 123 PF

187. In which city is the Cotton Corporation of India holding its reforms showcase under Reform Utsav 2026?

(A) Nagpur

(B) Coimbatore

(C) Hyderabad

(D) Ahmedabad

188. Which digital platform brings grower enrolment, slot booking and Aadhaar-enabled payment in cotton procurement into one chain?

(A) Kapas Kisan

(B) e-NAM

(C) Kisan Suvidha

(D) Kasturi Cotton Bharat

189. The first international cargo voyage from Dibrugarh is bound for which port?

(A) Chattogram Port

(B) Pangaon Port, Dhaka

(C) Mongla Port

(D) Sittwe Port

190. Which river has been declared National Waterway-2, used by the maiden voyage from Bogibeel?

(A) The Ganga

(B) The Barak

(C) The Brahmaputra

(D) The Mahanadi

191. What was the total quantity of contraband drugs seized by the DRI in its three recent operations?

(A) 7.116 kg

(B) 15.59 kg

(C) 21.5 kg

(D) 4.9 kg

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192. At which airport did the DRI recover cocaine concealed inside chocolate tubes?

(A) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi
(B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai
(C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
(D) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

193. Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) is a public sector enterprise under which department?

(A) Ministry of Mines
(B) Department of Atomic Energy
(C) Ministry of Coal
(D) Department of Science and Technology

194. At which place were UCIL's Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations held?

(A) Narwapahar
(B) Jaduguda
(C) Trombay
(D) Kalpakkam

195. How much support has the Technology Development Board sanctioned for Project VeerAI from the RDI Fund?

(A) Rs 100 crore
(B) Rs 130 crore
(C) Rs 260 crore
(D) Rs 500 crore

196. What is Project VeerAI developing?

(A) A memory chip for data centres
(B) A camera-focused AI Vision System-on-Chip
(C) A general-purpose mobile processor
(D) A quantum computing processor

197. India’s first free trade agreement with an economic bloc in Europe has been signed with which grouping?

(A) European Union
(B) European Free Trade Association
(C) Benelux Union
(D) Eurasian Economic Union

198. How much investment is the India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement expected to bring into India over the following 15 years?

(A) 50 billion dollars
(B) 75 billion dollars
(C) 100 billion dollars
(D) 250 billion dollars

199. According to the PIB backgrounder, how many trains were speeded up in the 2026 railway timetable?

(A) 376
(B) 459
(C) 549
(D) 649

200. What are the length and operating speed of the Mumbai–Ahmedabad high-speed rail corridor?

(A) 408 km and 300 kmph
(B) 508 km and 320 kmph
(C) 608 km and 350 kmph
(D) 508 km and 250 kmph

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201. What was Coal India's total coal offtake in the first half of the financial year 2026-27?

(A) 357.0 MT
(B) 376.5 MT
(C) 384.2 MT
(D) 402.6 MT

202. Roughly what share of Coal India's first-half offtake in 2026-27 was sent to the power sector?

(A) 59 per cent
(B) 69 per cent
(C) 79 per cent
(D) 89 per cent

203. The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator has helped prevent suspected cyber-fraud losses of more than

(A) 1,000 crore rupees
(B) 2,500 crore rupees
(C) 5,000 crore rupees
(D) 10,000 crore rupees

204. Which facility on the Sanchar Saathi portal is used to report suspected fraud communication and spam?

(A) Chakshu
(B) Trusted Contact Details
(C) Digital Intelligence Platform
(D) Keep Yourself Aware

205. Who inaugurated Chintan Shivir 2026, the national conclave on highway infrastructure?

(A) Harsh Malhotra
(B) Nitin Gadkari
(C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
(D) Piyush Goyal

206. What is the motto under which Chintan Shivir 2026 is being held?

(A) Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
(B) Gatishakti se Pragati
(C) Safar Suhana, Safar Surakshit
(D) Viksit Bharat Sankalp

207. How many Safai Mitras were felicitated by the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology?

(A) 75
(B) 100
(C) 110
(D) 150

208. On which date did the Swachhata Hi Sewa 2026 campaign commence at the Department of Science and Technology?

(A) 15 August 2026
(B) 17 September 2026
(C) 1 October 2026
(D) 2 October 2026

209. How many cubs did the India-born cheetah KJP21 give birth to at Kuno National Park?

(A) Three
(B) Four
(C) Five
(D) Six

210. KJP21 is the third India-born female cheetah to give birth. Which two India-born females had bred before her?

(A) Mukhi and KGP12
(B) Jwala and Aasha
(C) Nirva and Veera
(D) Gamini and Dheera

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211. Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

(A) Saudi Arabia
(B) United Arab Emirates
(C) Oman
(D) Qatar

212. How many personnel in total are participating in Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026?

(A) 45
(B) 92
(C) 150
(D) 250

213. Which organisation conducted India's first National Household Travel Survey, released on 5 October 2026?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) National Statistics Office
(C) Reserve Bank of India
(D) Census Commissioner of India

214. According to the National Household Travel Survey, which is the leading primary mode of transport for workers commuting to a workplace?

(A) Bus, 29.5% of workers
(B) Walking, 36.6% of workers
(C) Two-wheeler, 42.6% of workers
(D) Suburban rail, 20.7% of workers

215. How many kilometres of new roads are targeted in the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana?

(A) 32 thousand kilometres
(B) 62 thousand kilometres
(C) 85 thousand kilometres
(D) One lakh kilometres

216. Where was the National Chintan Shivir on the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(D) Pragati Maidan auditorium, New Delhi

217. The study on managing bedwetting in children through Ayurveda and yoga was conducted at which institute?

(A) All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi
(B) Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar
(C) National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur
(D) Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy

218. By about how much did bedwetting improve in the group that received Ayurvedic medicine along with yoga asanas?

(A) About 31 per cent
(B) About 38 per cent
(C) About 61 per cent
(D) About 70 per cent

219. From which terminal was the first international cargo from upper Assam since independence flagged off?

(A) Pandu Terminal, Guwahati
(B) Bogibeel Terminal, Dibrugarh
(C) Dhubri Terminal
(D) Jogighopa Terminal

220. How long is the stretch of the Brahmaputra that has been declared National Waterway-2?

(A) 768 km
(B) 891 km
(C) 1,300 km
(D) 218 km

221. How many long-pending grievances were taken up at the 17th All India Pension Adalat?

(A) 648
(B) 756
(C) 897
(D) 1,024

222. Which department organises the All India Pension Adalat?

(A) Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Department of Expenditure

223. At which shipyard is the Indian Navy's first Fleet Support Ship FSS-1 being launched?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
(C) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
(D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders, Kolkata

224. What is the displacement of each Fleet Support Ship being built for the Indian Navy?

(A) 25,000 tonnes
(B) 37,000 tonnes
(C) 43,500 tonnes
(D) 52,000 tonnes

225. Which HAL division is marking the delivery of its 2,000th aero-engine?

(A) Bengaluru division
(B) Koraput division
(C) Nashik division
(D) Hyderabad division

226. What is the investment in the second production line for Shakti engines at HAL Koraput?

(A) Rs 118 crore
(B) Rs 218 crore
(C) Rs 418 crore
(D) Rs 818 crore

227. What was India's cumulative installed wind power capacity by August 2026?

(A) 48.52 GW
(B) 52.85 GW
(C) 58.52 GW
(D) 65.20 GW

228. Windergy India 2026, the 8th edition of the wind energy show, is being held in which city?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Chennai
(C) Ahmedabad
(D) Pune

229. Which department is the nodal department for the government's Special Campaign on cleanliness and pendency?

(A) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(B) Department of Personnel and Training
(C) Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
(D) Department of Expenditure

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230. How much space did the Department of Sports and its organisations reclaim in the previous Special Campaign?

(A) 1,20,000 square feet
(B) 2,50,000 square feet
(C) 3,90,000 square feet
(D) 5,40,000 square feet

231. The Swachhta Udyami Yojana provides assistance mainly for which purpose?

(A) Scholarships for sanitation workers' children
(B) Purchase of mechanised sanitation equipment for self-employment
(C) Construction of household toilets
(D) Pension for retired municipal staff

232. Which three heads make up the award under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste?

(A) Fellowship, house rent allowance and contingency
(B) Tuition fee, hostel fee and books grant
(C) Stipend, travel grant and thesis grant
(D) Fellowship, medical allowance and laptop grant

233. Justice Sunita Agarwal, appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of India in October 2026, was until then the Chief Justice of which High Court?

(A) Allahabad High Court
(B) Gujarat High Court
(C) Delhi High Court
(D) Telangana High Court

234. Who was appointed an Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court by the President in the notification issued on 5 October 2026?

(A) Shri Gurvinder Pal Singh
(B) Shri Aparesh Kumar Singh
(C) Shri Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya
(D) Shri Tanmay Kumar

235. According to TRAI's Yearly Performance Indicators for 2025-26, what was India's overall tele-density at the end of March 2026?

(A) 85.04 per cent
(B) 89.88 per cent
(C) 93.26 per cent
(D) 151.47 per cent

236. As per the TRAI report for 2025-26, the total number of telephone subscribers in India at the end of March 2026 was about:

(A) 1,200.80 million
(B) 1,282.33 million
(C) 1,330.58 million
(D) 1092.79 million

237. The Joint Crediting Mechanism whose Operational Manual was launched in 2026 is an arrangement between India and which country?

(A) Germany
(B) Japan
(C) South Korea
(D) Australia

238. The India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism operationalises cooperation under which provision of the Paris Agreement?

(A) Article 4.1
(B) Article 5.3
(C) Article 6.2
(D) Article 9.4

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239. CAQM has deployed Flying Squads to prevent paddy stubble burning in how many districts of Punjab and Haryana?

(A) 24 districts
(B) 30 districts
(C) 34 districts
(D) 42 districts

240. For which period have the Flying Squads been deployed in Punjab and Haryana?

(A) 1 September to 31 October 2026
(B) 1 October to 30 November 2026
(C) 15 October to 15 December 2026
(D) 1 November to 31 December 2026

241. How many digital Farmer IDs have been created in the country under the Digital Agriculture Mission so far?

(A) More than 8.50 crore
(B) More than 10.77 crore
(C) More than 14 crore
(D) More than 26.73 crore

242. Which nationwide campaign focused on soil health and crop residue management begins on the 22nd of this month?

(A) Khet Bachao Abhiyan
(B) Makhana Development Mission
(C) National Natural Farming Mission
(D) Digital Crop Survey

243. What is the theme of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026?

(A) Digital India for All
(B) Scale Without Boundaries
(C) Connecting the Next Billion
(D) Sovereign Telecom Future

244. At which venue is India Mobile Congress 2026 being held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
(C) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(D) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

245. What is the theme of India Chem 2026, the 14th edition of the chemicals and petrochemicals event?

(A) Chemicals for a Viksit Bharat
(B) Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub
(C) Green Chemistry, Green Growth
(D) Make in India for the World

246. Under which scheme are dedicated chemical parks with plug and play facilities to be developed?

(A) National Manufacturing Mission
(B) Critical Mineral Mission
(C) BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme
(D) Rare Earth Corridor

247. What was the theme of World Habitat Day 2026 as observed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

(A) Housing for All by 2030
(B) Adequate Housing for All
(C) Resilient Cities, Resilient Homes
(D) Urban Crisis Response

248. On which occasion will the PMAY-U Awards now be given every year?

(A) World Cities Day
(B) World Habitat Day
(C) National Urban Day
(D) Good Governance Day

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249. What is the theme of NCCSR 2026, the third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility?

(A) CSR for Sustainable Development Goals

(B) Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment

(C) Trusteeship and the Indian Corporation

(D) From Spending to Transforming

250. Which former President of India suggested that 2 October be dedicated to corporate social responsibility?

(A) Pranab Mukherjee

(B) Ram Nath Kovind

(C) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

(D) Droupadi Murmu

251. Who delivered the 2nd Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre?

(A) Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant

(B) Justice Vikram Nath

(C) Attorney General R. Venkataramani

(D) Prof. S. Sivakumar

252. What was the theme of the 2nd Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture?

(A) Legal Education for a New India

(B) Access to Justice for the Last Citizen

(C) Judging with Compassion: Human Understanding in the Practice of Law

(D) Indian Personal Law: Unity and Diversity

253. eSanjeevani, the telemedicine service that has crossed 50 crore teleconsultations, works under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

(C) Ministry of Science and Technology

(D) Ministry of Rural Development

254. On which date did eSanjeevani cross the mark of 50 crore teleconsultations?

(A) 15 August 2026

(B) 1 September 2026

(C) 15 September 2026

(D) 6 October 2026

255. How many permissible works have been notified under the new Schedule of the VB-G RAM G Act?

(A) 266

(B) 300

(C) 375

(D) 425

256. Which pillar of the new VB-G RAM G Schedule carries the highest number of permissible works?

(A) Water Security

(B) Core Rural Infrastructure

(C) Livelihood-related Infrastructure

(D) Disaster Preparedness

257. Who will chair the Steel Industry Safety Council announced by the Ministry of Steel?

(A) The Union Minister of Steel

(B) The Chairman of SAIL

(C) The Secretary, Ministry of Steel

(D) The Chairman of NMDC

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258. NMDC has commissioned a 2 MTPA pellet plant at Nagarnar. In which state is Nagarnar located?

(A) Odisha
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Chhattisgarh
(D) West Bengal

259. What is the value of the contract signed for BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers for Indian Navy ships?

(A) Rs 451.20 crore
(B) Rs 661.50 crore
(C) Rs 1,061.50 crore
(D) Rs 266.15 crore

260. Under which procurement category did the Ministry of Defence place the BrahMos fire control system order?

(A) Buy (Global)
(B) Buy and Make (Indian)
(C) Buy (Indian-IDDM)
(D) Make-II

261. What is the name given to India's first indigenously built Fleet Support Ship, launched in October 2026?

(A) Jala Usha
(B) Surya
(C) Varuna
(D) Samudra

262. The upgraded Slipway-4 at Hindustan Shipyard Limited now allows the yard to build and launch ships of what maximum size?

(A) Up to 25,000 DWT
(B) Up to 35,000 DWT
(C) Up to 45,000 DWT
(D) Up to 60,000 DWT

263. Which Indian institute coordinated the decade-long optical study of the blazar OJ 287?

(A) Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru
(B) Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences, Nainital
(C) Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune
(D) Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad

264. The two supermassive black holes at the centre of OJ 287 orbit each other once in how many years?

(A) Five years
(B) Eight years
(C) Twelve years
(D) Twenty years

265. In which city is the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held?

(A) Nairobi, Kenya
(B) Arusha, Tanzania
(C) Kampala, Uganda
(D) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

266. Who led the Indian parliamentary delegation to the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha
(B) The Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(C) The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(D) The Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha

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267. What is the full form of ESTIC, whose ocean theme curtain raiser was held at Kochi?

(A) Earth Sciences and Technology Innovation Congress

(B) Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave

(C) Engineering Sciences and Technology Industry Conference

(D) Exploration of Seas, Technology and Innovation Convention

268. Where and when will ESTIC 2026 be held?

(A) Kochi, from 10 to 12 September 2026

(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026

(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, from 6 to 8 October 2026

(D) Hyderabad, from 27 to 29 November 2026

269. Who chaired the first meeting of the Development Council for Textile Industry?

(A) The Union Minister of Textiles

(B) The Secretary, Ministry of Textiles

(C) The Chairman of the Cotton Corporation of India

(D) The Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog

270. At which venue was the first meeting of the Development Council for Textile Industry held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

(B) Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi

(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

(D) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

271. How much has the Union Cabinet committed towards the establishment of the SME Growth Fund?

(A) Rs 5,000 crore

(B) Rs 7,500 crore

(C) Rs 10,000 crore

(D) Rs 25,000 crore

272. Through which kind of vehicle will the SME Growth Fund make its investments?

(A) A public sector bank

(B) An Alternative Investment Fund

(C) A sovereign wealth fund

(D) A regional rural bank

273. What is the cost threshold above which ITLA will carry out the technical appraisal of central infrastructure projects?

(A) Rs 100 crore

(B) Rs 250 crore

(C) Rs 500 crore

(D) Rs 1,000 crore

274. Which of the following will ITLA build to bring transport data together in one place?

(A) National Transport Data Repository

(B) National Freight Exchange

(C) Unified Logistics Interface Platform

(D) National Mobility Grid

275. Which DRDO laboratory is designing and developing the High-Altitude Platform that was flight-tested in October 2026?

(A) Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment, Agra

(B) Defence Electronics Research Laboratory, Hyderabad

(C) Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bengaluru

(D) Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad

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276. What altitude above mean sea level did the platform attain during the experimental flight?

(A) 12 km
(B) 17 km
(C) 21 km
(D) 35 km

277. At which drop zone did DRDO conduct the maiden live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute?

(A) Agra
(B) Nyoma (Mudh DZ)
(C) Pokhran
(D) Chandipur

278. At what altitude above mean sea level was the AHAP jump executed?

(A) 10,000 feet
(B) 13,700 feet
(C) 16,000 feet
(D) 22,000 feet

279. Who conferred the degrees at the first convocation of AIIMS Bilaspur in October 2026?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The President
(C) The Vice-President
(D) The Governor of Himachal Pradesh

280. What health cover does a family receive each year under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana?

(A) Rs 1 lakh
(B) Rs 3 lakh
(C) Rs 5 lakh
(D) Rs 10 lakh

281. Which countries co-hosted the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meetings addressed by India?

(A) Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
(B) New Zealand, Samoa and Tonga
(C) Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Nauru
(D) Brazil, Chile and Peru

282. What does the principle CBDR-RC, stressed by India at Pre-COP31, stand for?

(A) Climate Burden Distribution and Resource Compensation
(B) Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities
(C) Coastal Baseline Development and Risk Containment
(D) Carbon Budget Division and Regional Cooperation

283. How many gold medals did India win at the Asian Games 2026 at Aichi-Nagoya?

(A) 18
(B) 21
(C) 27
(D) 37

284. Which city hosted the 20th Asian Games?

(A) Hangzhou
(B) Hiroshima
(C) Aichi-Nagoya
(D) Tokyo

285. Which milestone did the Koraput Division of HAL mark on 6 October 2026?

(A) Delivery of its 1,000th aero-engine
(B) Delivery of its 2,000th aero-engine
(C) Overhaul of its 5,000th aero-engine
(D) Export of its 500th aero-engine

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286. What is the investment announced for the second Shakti engine production line?

(A) Rs 135 crore
(B) Rs 218 crore
(C) Rs 335 crore
(D) Rs 661 crore

287. On which date is World Post Day observed, opening National Postal Week 2026?

(A) 1 October
(B) 9 October
(C) 12 October
(D) 15 October

288. What is the theme of World Post Day this year?

(A) One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities
(B) Connecting Every Doorstep
(C) Innovate to Communicate
(D) Post for a Digital Bharat

289. By which date must industries in the NCR install the additional PTZ cameras ordered by CAQM?

(A) 15 October 2026
(B) 31 October 2026
(C) 1 November 2026
(D) 31 December 2026

290. What do the PTZ cameras ordered by CAQM have to capture at industrial units?

(A) Only the factory entry gates
(B) Fuel storage areas and fuel charging points
(C) Worker attendance registers
(D) Only effluent discharge channels

291. How many attempts were recorded in the Viksit Bharat Quiz held for VBYLD 2027?

(A) 1,05,26,013
(B) 1,45,26,013
(C) 2,45,26,013
(D) 45,26,013

292. What is the required length of the essay in the Viksit Bharat Essay Challenge?

(A) 250 words
(B) 500 words
(C) 750 words
(D) 1,000 words

293. How much has Switzerland earmarked for strengthening the Indo-Swiss research partnership?

(A) CHF 25 million
(B) CHF 45 million
(C) CHF 90 million
(D) CHF 150 million

294. Who is Guy Parmelin, who met Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi?

(A) President of the Swiss Confederation
(B) Swiss Ambassador to India and Bhutan
(C) President of the Swiss National Science Foundation
(D) Swiss State Secretary for Education and Research

295. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed as which Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force?

(A) 27th
(B) 28th
(C) 29th
(D) 30th

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296. Which post was Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit holding at the time he was named the next Chief of the Air Staff?

(A) Vice Chief of the Air Staff

(B) Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command

(C) Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee

(D) Commandant, National Defence College

297. Who chaired the review meeting on the progress of financial inclusion schemes with public and private sector banks?

(A) The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

(B) The Secretary, Department of Financial Services

(C) The Union Finance Minister

(D) The Chairman of the State Bank of India

298. What are the dates of the FI saturation campaign that banks were asked to join?

(A) 1 October to 31 December 2026

(B) 21 October to 31 December 2026

(C) 21 October 2026 to 31 March 2027

(D) 1 November to 31 December 2026

299. What is the base year of the Index of Services Production being compiled by MoSPI?

(A) 2011-12

(B) 2017-18

(C) 2022-23

(D) 2024-25

300. How many broad service sub-sectors does the present framework of the Index of Services Production track?

(A) 12

(B) 19

(C) 24

(D) 33

301. Which Gujarat initiative for hearing citizens grievances received the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010?

(A) PRAGATI

(B) SWAGAT

(C) Jyotigram

(D) PM-JANMAN

302. The Union Cabinet resolution congratulated the Prime Minister on completing how many years of continuous leadership as head of government?

(A) 15 years

(B) 20 years

(C) 25 years

(D) 30 years

303. Asia’s first Telecom Manufacturing Zone is being set up in which city?

(A) Indore

(B) Gwalior

(C) Bhopal

(D) Jabalpur

304. How much central assistance is being given for the first-phase infrastructure of the Telecom Manufacturing Zone?

(A) Rs 493 crore

(B) Rs 349 crore

(C) Rs 934 crore

(D) Rs 439 crore

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305. Mt Kamet, climbed by the joint Indo-Argentine Army expedition, is the highest peak in India after which two mountains?

(A) Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi
(B) Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Saltoro Kangri
(C) Mt Nanda Devi and Mt Trishul
(D) Mt Nun and Mt Kun

306. Who led the Joint Indo-Argentine Army Mountaineering Expedition of 2026?

(A) General Dhiraj Seth
(B) Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee
(C) Colonel Ranveer Jamwal
(D) Major Sita Sahu

307. SAREX-2026, conducted by the Indian Coast Guard, is which edition of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise?

(A) 10th
(B) 11th
(C) 12th
(D) 14th

308. How many international observers are attending SAREX-2026, and from how many countries?

(A) 32 observers from 30 countries
(B) 30 observers from 32 countries
(C) 24 observers from 20 countries
(D) 15 observers from 12 countries

309. Under the MY Bharat PRR Mechanism, at how many points does a young person get a place in the MY Bharat Digital Hall of Fame?

(A) 1,000
(B) 2,500
(C) 5,000
(D) 7,500

310. Which book, written by William Dalrymple, is given to youth reaching the 10,000-point milestone?

(A) The Golden Road
(B) Treasures of India
(C) Modi@20
(D) The Anarchy

311. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University holds which NAAC grade?

(A) A
(B) A+
(C) A++
(D) B++

312. The Gyan Bharatam Mission, mentioned at the convocation, has a foundational corpus of how much?

(A) Rs 100 crore
(B) Rs 250 crore
(C) Rs 500 crore
(D) Rs 1,000 crore

313. COP31, the annual UN Climate Change Conference, is scheduled to be held in which city?

(A) Baku, Azerbaijan
(B) Antalya, Türkiye
(C) Suva, Fiji
(D) Belém, Brazil

314. The UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting, at which India was represented, was co-hosted by which group of countries?

(A) India, Fiji and Australia
(B) Türkiye, Australia and Tuvalu
(C) Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
(D) Fiji, Samoa and Tonga

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315. Which ministry released India's National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing (NSAM)?

(A) Ministry of Heavy Industries
(B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(C) Ministry of Science and Technology
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

316. What share of the global additive manufacturing market does NSAM aim to capture for India?

(A) 2 per cent
(B) 5 per cent
(C) 10 per cent
(D) 15 per cent

317. TRAI's Independent Drive Test reported for August 2026 was carried out in Balasore city, which falls in which licensed service area?

(A) Odisha
(B) Bihar
(C) West Bengal
(D) Jharkhand

318. Which operator recorded the highest average data download speed in TRAI's Balasore drive test?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) Reliance Jio
(D) Vi

319. At which shipyard was FSS-1, the first of the Indian Navy's Fleet Support Ships, launched?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
(D) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi

320. What is the indigenous content of the Fleet Support Ships being built for the Indian Navy?

(A) Over 50 per cent
(B) Over 65 per cent
(C) Over 82 per cent
(D) Over 95 per cent

321. In which city is the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held?

(A) Nairobi, Kenya
(B) Arusha, Tanzania
(C) Geneva, Switzerland
(D) Kampala, Uganda

322. Who leads the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha
(B) Dr Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha
(C) Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(D) Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha

323. Which Union Minister held meetings with the heads of leading American companies in New York to invite investment into India?

(A) The Minister of Finance
(B) The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal
(C) The Minister of External Affairs
(D) The Minister of Electronics and Information Technology

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324. India's vision of 'Insurance for All by 2047' came up in the Minister's meeting with the Non-Executive Chairman of which company?

(A) MetLife
(B) General Atlantic
(C) AIA Group
(D) Neuberger Berman

325. Which ministry released the document 'Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030'?

(A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(B) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(D) NITI Aayog

326. The System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA), which India follows for its environment accounts, has been endorsed by which body?

(A) The United Nations Statistical Commission
(B) The World Bank
(C) The United Nations Environment Programme
(D) The International Monetary Fund

327. Over which period was the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign organised?

(A) From 15 August to 2 October 2026
(B) From 17 September to 2 October 2026
(C) From 1 September to 30 September 2026
(D) From 2 October to 31 October 2026

328. Who led the concluding tree plantation activity of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 at NIFT Delhi?

(A) The Union Minister of Textiles
(B) The Director General of NIFT
(C) Secretary (Textiles), Smt Neelam Shami Rao
(D) The Development Commissioner for Handlooms

329. Which four countries form the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), India's partner in the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)?

(A) Austria, Denmark, Finland and Sweden
(B) Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland
(C) Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Ireland
(D) Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland

330. On which date did the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) come into force?

(A) 1 October 2024
(B) 1 April 2025
(C) 1 October 2025
(D) 1 October 2026

331. What does JOSH stand for in the newly launched JOSH Teams for tuberculosis elimination?

(A) Joint Squad for Health
(B) Youth Organisation for Sanitation and Health
(C) Joint Outreach Scheme for Hospitals
(D) Jan Outreach Squad for Hygiene

332. In its first phase, the JOSH Teams initiative will be rolled out across how many districts and States?

(A) 35 districts in 9 States
(B) 45 districts in 10 States
(C) 55 districts in 11 States
(D) 75 districts in 15 States

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333. The newly developed metal-free catalyst TTT-DHTD is designed to replace which costly metal used in clean-energy devices?

(A) Palladium
(B) Platinum
(C) Iridium
(D) Ruthenium

334. In laboratory tests, TTT-DHTD held its performance without decay for how long of continuous operation?

(A) 48 hours
(B) 72 hours
(C) 120 hours
(D) 240 hours

335. Who administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Members of the Governing Body of the DWBDNC?

(A) The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment
(B) Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) The Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes
(D) The Cabinet Secretary

336. DWBDNC, which swore in two new Governing Body Members, works for which group of communities?

(A) Scheduled Tribes living in forest areas
(B) De-notified, nomadic and semi-nomadic communities
(C) Transgender persons and beggars
(D) Safai karamcharis and manual scavengers

337. Sadhana Shrinkhla (Series) 2026, whose second regional workshop is being held at Guwahati, is organised by which body?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Capacity Building Commission
(C) Union Public Service Commission
(D) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

338. How many Training Institutes are connected by the UNNATI portal launched during Sadhana Saptah 2026?

(A) More than 300
(B) More than 500
(C) More than 700
(D) More than 1,200

339. Which department is the nodal department for Special Campaign 6 in the Union Government?

(A) Department of Personnel and Training
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Science and Technology
(D) Department of Expenditure

340. What is the period of the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1 September to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 October to 31 October 2026
(C) 2 October to 31 December 2026
(D) 15 October to 15 November 2026

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341. Where is the sea phase of the Multinational Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-2026 being conducted?

(A) Off Kochi
(B) Off Paradip
(C) Off Port Blair
(D) Off Visakhapatnam

342. How large is the Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR) reviewed at the 24th NMSAR Board Meeting?

(A) 2.4 million square kilometres
(B) 4.6 million square kilometres
(C) 7.8 million square kilometres
(D) 1.2 million square kilometres

343. Which Ghanaian institution signed the agricultural research MoU with ICAR in October 2026?

(A) Crops Research Institute (CSIR-CRI), Accra
(B) University of Ghana, Legon
(C) Ghana Cocoa Board
(D) Ghana Standards Authority

344. For how long will the India-Ghana agricultural research MoU remain in force?

(A) Three years
(B) Five years
(C) Seven years
(D) Ten years

345. Under the revised SOP approved in October 2026, proof and testing charges have been waived for which category of projects?

(A) Only foreign collaboration projects
(B) iDEX, TDF, Make and other MoD developmental projects
(C) Only projects of ordnance factories
(D) Only export orders above a fixed value

346. What has replaced the arbitration provision in the revised Standard Operating Procedure?

(A) A Conciliation Agreement Clause
(B) A mandatory civil court reference
(C) An ombudsman for defence contracts
(D) A tribunal under the Ministry of Law

347. By what percentage did India’s live events sector grow over the past year, as stated at the 5th LEDC meeting?

(A) 22 per cent
(B) 44 per cent
(C) 56 per cent
(D) 18 per cent

348. On which platform has the Single Window Clearances Portal for the live events industry been built?

(A) India Cine Hub portal
(B) National Single Window System
(C) iGOT Karmayogi platform
(D) Bharat Events Portal

349. Through how many cities has the Government’s buffer onion been distributed, as stated in October 2026?

(A) 97 cities
(B) 123 cities
(C) 145 cities
(D) 210 cities

350. From which States had fresh kharif onion arrivals commenced?

(A) Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh
(B) Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan
(C) Gujarat, Kerala and Assam
(D) Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha

351. Which traditional craft of Chhattisgarh, with a history of more than 4,000 years in India, is at the centre of the 8th PM Mementos collection?

(A) Bidri work
(B) Dhokra metal casting
(C) Pattachitra painting
(D) Bidriware inlay

352. Proceeds from the PM Mementos auction will support which project?

(A) Namami Gange Project
(B) Swachh Bharat Mission
(C) Adopt a Heritage Project
(D) Project Tiger

353. Which city hosted the fourth India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue?

(A) Mumbai
(B) London
(C) New Delhi
(D) Edinburgh

354. On which date did the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) enter into force?

(A) 29 September 2026
(B) 1 April 2026
(C) 15 July 2026
(D) 15 August 2026

355. The Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue is organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways along with which body?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Observer Research Foundation
(C) Indian Council of World Affairs
(D) FICCI

356. Indian seafarers today form which position in the global maritime workforce?

(A) The largest
(B) The second largest
(C) The third largest
(D) The fifth largest

357. In which year did Narendra Modi first assume office as Chief Minister of Gujarat?

(A) 1998
(B) 2001
(C) 2004
(D) 2014

358. Which honour conferred by Nigeria on the Indian Prime Minister was recalled in the congratulatory message of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu?

(A) Order of the Companions of Oliver Tambo
(B) Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger
(C) Order of the Republic
(D) Grand Cross of the Order of the Nile

359. What is the outlay announced for PMGSY-IV?

(A) Rs 62,500 crore
(B) Rs 70,125 crore
(C) Rs 25,000 crore
(D) Rs 80,000 crore

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360. How many eligible unconnected habitations is PMGSY-IV meant to connect?

(A) 12,500
(B) 25,000
(C) 62,500
(D) 1,00,000

361. The Create with AI programme is a collaboration between YouTube and which institution?

(A) Film and Television Institute of India
(B) Indian Institute of Creative Technologies
(C) Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute
(D) National School of Drama

362. The AI-enabled film Chekavar is set against the backdrop of which battle?

(A) Battle of Colachel, 1741
(B) Battle of Plassey, 1757
(C) Battle of Talikota, 1565
(D) Battle of Wandiwash, 1760

363. How many rural households were reported to have tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission?

(A) More than 3.27 crore
(B) More than 11.50 crore
(C) More than 15.96 crore
(D) More than 19.20 crore

364. The regional review meeting of States and Union Territories under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 was held at which institution?

(A) IIM Bangalore
(B) IIM Ahmedabad
(C) IIT Madras
(D) IIM Kozhikode

365. Under which Act has the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions notified the Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Committee Regulations?

(A) NCAHP Act, 2021
(B) Clinical Establishments Act, 2010
(C) National Medical Commission Act, 2019
(D) Allied Health Services Act, 2015

366. How many members will the Central Assessment Committee constituted under the new regulations have?

(A) 10 to 20 members, including a President
(B) 10 to 30 members, including a President
(C) 15 to 25 members, including a Chairperson
(D) 20 to 40 members, including a Chairperson

367. Which department has directed bankers committees to report Scheduled Caste beneficiary data scheme-wise and bank-wise?

(A) Department of Financial Services
(B) Department of Expenditure
(C) Department of Revenue
(D) Department of Economic Affairs

368. Under which constitutional provision is the National Commission for Scheduled Castes required to evaluate the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes?

(A) Article 338(5)(c)
(B) Article 330
(C) Article 341
(D) Article 342

369. Where did the Prime Minister interact with the Board members of the GSMA?

(A) Bharat Mandapam
(B) Seva Teerth
(C) Hyderabad House
(D) Pragati Maidan

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370. Which edition of the India Mobile Congress is India preparing to host in New Delhi?

(A) 8th
(B) 9th
(C) 10th
(D) 12th

371. Which regulator approved the proposed combination amalgamating BMM Ispat into JSW Steel?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) Competition Commission of India
(C) Reserve Bank of India
(D) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

372. What equity stake does JSW Projects currently hold in BMM Ispat Limited?

(A) 26.00 per cent
(B) 51.00 per cent
(C) 58.47 per cent
(D) 74.90 per cent

373. How many companies have been granted telecom licences for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) services in India?

(A) One
(B) Two
(C) Three
(D) Six

374. Under the licence terms described by the government, what must a satellite communication licensee in India do before it can seek assignment of spectrum?

(A) List its shares on a recognised stock exchange
(B) Demonstrate compliance with the security conditions of its licence
(C) Launch its own satellite from Indian soil
(D) Enrol a minimum of ten lakh subscribers

375. What is the share of women in the overall Ayush services workforce?

(A) 33 per cent
(B) 43 per cent
(C) 53 per cent
(D) 63 per cent

376. Which segment is the largest revenue earner in India's Ayush services sector?

(A) Hospitals
(B) Day-care centres
(C) Standalone clinics
(D) Spas and wellness resorts

377. In which country was the Pre-COP31 meeting held, at which India called for an ambitious and balanced outcome at COP31?

(A) Fiji
(B) Turkiye
(C) Brazil
(D) Azerbaijan

378. Where is UNFCCC COP31 scheduled to be held?

(A) Nadi, Fiji
(B) Antalya, Turkiye
(C) Belem, Brazil
(D) New Delhi, India

379. Through which agency is the National SC-ST Hub scheme implemented?

(A) Small Industries Development Bank of India
(B) National Small Industries Corporation
(C) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
(D) National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation

380. What was the procurement from SC/ST-owned micro and small enterprises in 2025-26 under the National SC-ST Hub?

(A) Rs 99.37 crore
(B) Rs 356.10 crore
(C) Rs 1,013.42 crore
(D) Rs 4,013.42 crore

381. Veteran actor Nana Patekar, who passed away in October 2026, was associated with which two film industries?

(A) Hindi and Marathi
(B) Hindi and Bengali
(C) Marathi and Tamil
(D) Hindi and Telugu

382. Which veteran actor of Hindi and Marathi cinema passed away on 8 October 2026?

(A) Nana Patekar
(B) Paresh Rawal
(C) Ashok Saraf
(D) Mohan Agashe

383. Which edition of the India Mobile Congress was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 8 October 2026?

(A) 8th edition
(B) 9th edition
(C) 10th edition
(D) 12th edition

384. At which venue was the India Mobile Congress 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
(C) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(D) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

385. What does JOSH stand for in the initiative launched under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan?

(A) Joint Squad for Health
(B) Youth Squad for Hygiene
(C) Joint Outreach for Social Health
(D) Junior Officers for Social Health

386. How is a single JOSH Team constituted?

(A) Ten MY Bharat volunteers led by a doctor
(B) Five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets led by a Class-I officer
(C) Five ASHA workers and five NSS volunteers led by a Panchayat head
(D) Three NCC cadets and seven NSS volunteers led by a district magistrate

387. Who chaired the 20th meeting of the Empowered Task Force on Ganga rejuvenation?

(A) The Union Environment Minister
(B) The Union Jal Shakti Minister
(C) The Director General of NMCG
(D) The Union Urban Affairs Minister

388. As reviewed at the meeting, how many projects has the Namami Gange Programme sanctioned, and at what cost?

(A) 427 projects worth 33,266 crore rupees
(B) 527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees
(C) 627 projects worth 53,266 crore rupees
(D) 327 projects worth 23,266 crore rupees

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389. PRASHAST, in the news in October 2026, is a tool used for which purpose?

(A) Screening school children for probable disability conditions

(B) Recording midday meal attendance in schools

(C) Grading teachers on classroom performance

(D) Allotting scholarships to first-generation learners

390. How many schools took part in the nationwide screening of the inclusive education module?

(A) More than 20,000

(B) More than 40,000

(C) More than 60,000

(D) More than 90,000

391. The 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting, attended by India, was held in which city?

(A) Jakarta, Indonesia

(B) Manila, the Philippines

(C) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

(D) Bangkok, Thailand

392. What was India's installed electricity generation capacity as on 30 September 2026, as stated at the meeting?

(A) 458.8 GW

(B) 508.8 GW

(C) 558.8 GW

(D) 608.8 GW

393. In which city is the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held?

(A) Istanbul, Türkiye

(B) Arusha, Tanzania

(C) Geneva, Switzerland

(D) Nairobi, Kenya

394. Which country proposed the emergency item adopted at the 153rd IPU Assembly on climate-related disasters in the Himalayan region?

(A) India

(B) Bhutan

(C) Nepal

(D) Bangladesh

395. Off which coast was the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, SAREX-2026, conducted?

(A) Kochi, Kerala

(B) Paradip, Odisha

(C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

(D) Mormugao, Goa

396. What was the theme of SAREX-2026, the national maritime search and rescue exercise held in October 2026?

(A) Safe Seas, Safe Shores

(B) Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety

(C) Blue Economy for a Resilient Coastline

(D) One Ocean, One Response

397. What was India’s installed wind power capacity as on 30 September 2026?

(A) 48.75 GW

(B) 59.20 GW

(C) 68.40 GW

(D) 75.10 GW

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398. In which city was the 8th edition of Windergy India 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Chennai
(B) Ahmedabad
(C) New Delhi
(D) Bengaluru

399. According to Piyush Goyal, what were India's exports last year and what is the target for the current year?

(A) USD 712 billion last year, USD 900 billion target
(B) USD 863 billion last year, USD 1 trillion target
(C) USD 925 billion last year, USD 1.2 trillion target
(D) USD 650 billion last year, USD 800 billion target

400. Where and when will the 31st CII Partnership Summit be held?

(A) Amaravati, on 12 and 13 December
(B) Visakhapatnam, on 12 and 13 November
(C) New Delhi, on 20 and 21 November
(D) Hyderabad, on 5 and 6 December

401. Which of the following films is NFAI's first-ever copy among the three Tamil prints donated in October 2026?

(A) Thillana Mohanambal
(B) Thiruvilayadal
(C) Thiruvarutchelvar
(D) Rathakaneer

402. Where is the NFDC-National Film Archive of India located?

(A) Pune
(B) Chennai
(C) Mumbai
(D) Kolkata

403. In TRAI's independent drive test at Fazilka, which operator recorded the highest average download speed?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) Reliance Jio
(D) Vodafone Idea

404. How long was the city drive route in TRAI's independent drive test at Fazilka?

(A) 96.2 km
(B) 145.3 km
(C) 184.6 km
(D) 212.8 km

405. During which period is Special Campaign 6 for cleanliness and e-waste disposal being carried out?

(A) 15 to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 1 to 15 November 2026
(D) 2 to 31 December 2026

406. How much revenue did the Department of Biotechnology earn from the disposal of e-waste and other scrap under Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 12,45,600
(B) Rs 39,33,055
(C) Rs 56,80,120
(D) Rs 1,04,70,000

407. Where did the Indian Air Force hold its 94th Air Force Day parade?

(A) Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad
(B) Air Force Station Palam, Delhi
(C) Air Force Station Chandigarh
(D) Air Force Station Prayagraj

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408. What was the theme of Air Force Day 2026?

(A) Indian Air Force: Swift, Silent, Supreme

(B) Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise

(C) Indian Air Force: Touch the Sky with Glory

(D) Indian Air Force: Agile, Airborne, Aatmanirbhar

409. Which organisation publishes the World Development Report, whose 2026 edition is subtitled "The Promise of Artificial Intelligence"?

(A) International Monetary Fund

(B) World Bank Group

(C) World Economic Forum

(D) United Nations Development Programme

410. The World Development Report 2026 recommends which three-step path for developing economies on artificial intelligence?

(A) Adoption, adaptation and advancement

(B) Research, regulation and rollout

(C) Invent, invest and integrate

(D) Compute, connect and commercialise

411. How much has been invested in wildlife mitigation infrastructure on National Highway projects over the last five years, as per the NHAI document?

(A) About Rs 9,700 crore

(B) About Rs 19,700 crore

(C) About Rs 29,700 crore

(D) About Rs 39,700 crore

412. Who released the document on "Wildlife Mitigation Measures & Structures", and at which event?

(A) The Environment Minister, at a meeting of the National Board for Wildlife

(B) Nitin Gadkari, at a Chintan Shivir in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat

(C) The Chairman of NHAI, at a press conference in New Delhi

(D) The Prime Minister, at a wildlife conference in Gandhinagar

413. Under the Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, what is the timeline for processing a general Right of Way application?

(A) 30 days

(B) 45 days

(C) 60 days

(D) 67 days

414. How many mobile towers had been commissioned through Digital Bharat Nidhi funded projects as of 31 August 2026?

(A) 15,367

(B) 25,367

(C) 35,367

(D) 45,367

415. The new grainage and cold storage facility inaugurated in October 2026 is located at which silkworm seed production centre?

(A) Rowriah, Jorhat, Assam

(B) Lahdoigarh, Jorhat, Assam

(C) Mysuru, Karnataka

(D) Berhampore, West Bengal

416. Assam accounts for approximately what share of India's Muga silk production?

(A) 54 per cent

(B) 64 per cent

(C) 74 per cent

(D) 84 per cent

417. According to Dr Jitendra Singh, what is the present size of India's space economy?

(A) About USD 2 billion
(B) About USD 9 billion
(C) About USD 24 billion
(D) About USD 45 billion

418. What is India's target for nuclear energy capacity, as mentioned by the minister?

(A) 50 GW by 2040
(B) 75 GW by 2035
(C) 100 GW by 2047
(D) 200 GW by 2050

419. The 57th GST Council meeting recommended raising the monetary threshold for launching prosecution under GST to which amount?

(A) Rs 1 crore
(B) Rs 2 crore
(C) Rs 5 crore
(D) Rs 10 crore

420. Which section of the CGST Act, 2017 is to be omitted so that the power of arrest under GST ends?

(A) Section 69
(B) Section 74
(C) Section 125
(D) Section 132

421. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy held its World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026 event at which venue in New Delhi?

(A) Bharat Mandapam
(B) Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan
(C) Vigyan Bhawan
(D) Yashobhoomi

422. What is the outlay of the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

(A) Rs 9,744 crore
(B) Rs 15,744 crore
(C) Rs 19,744 crore
(D) Rs 29,744 crore

423. At what level have margins in the supply and sale of non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines been capped?

(A) 10 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price
(B) 20 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price
(C) 30 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price
(D) 50 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price

424. How much are cancer patients expected to save every year because of the wider margin cap?

(A) Rs 984 crore
(B) Rs 1,500 crore
(C) Rs 2,500 crore
(D) Rs 5,000 crore

425. Which edition of the International Bharat 6G Symposium was inaugurated at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi?

(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Third
(D) Fifth

426. How many Working Group white papers were released by the Bharat 6G Alliance at the symposium?

(A) Five
(B) Seven
(C) Nine
(D) Seventeen

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427. How much did the National Biodiversity Authority receive under the Access and Benefit Sharing framework during April to September 2026?

(A) Rs 5.68 crore
(B) Rs 9.68 crore
(C) Rs 19.68 crore
(D) Rs 96.80 crore

428. Which sector contributed the largest share of these access and benefit sharing receipts?

(A) Food and beverages
(B) Animal husbandry
(C) Agriculture and seeds
(D) Cosmetics

429. In which city did the National Human Rights Commission hold its two-day Bihar open hearing and camp sitting?

(A) Gaya
(B) Darbhanga
(C) Patna
(D) Muzaffarpur

430. Who is the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission who led this open hearing?

(A) Justice (Dr.) Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi
(B) Smt. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani
(C) Shri Piyush Goyal
(D) Justice V. Ramasubramanian

431. Where is the 9th National Review Workshop of the Ministry of Cooperation being held?

(A) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
(B) Bastar, Chhattisgarh
(C) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
(D) New Delhi

432. Which three national cooperative bodies were named for strengthening export, organic and seed value chains?

(A) NAFED, NCCF and NDDB
(B) NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL
(C) NABARD, NCDC and IFFCO
(D) KRIBHCO, AMUL and NDDB

433. On which date is World Cotton Day observed every year?

(A) 5 October
(B) 7 October
(C) 10 October
(D) 16 October

434. Through which United Nations General Assembly resolution was World Cotton Day proclaimed?

(A) Resolution 70/218
(B) Resolution 72/204
(C) Resolution 75/318
(D) Resolution 77/300

435. Which country is India’s largest source of foreign direct investment?

(A) Mauritius
(B) Singapore
(C) United States
(D) Japan

436. What is the approximate cumulative foreign direct investment from Singapore into India between April 2000 and March 2026?

(A) USD 94.68 billion
(B) USD 144.68 billion
(C) USD 194.68 billion
(D) USD 234.68 billion

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437. By how much have daily coal supplies to the power sector risen from the September low, as stated by the Ministry of Coal?

(A) About 12%
(B) About 24%
(C) About 36%
(D) About 48%

438. Which rake-loading target was achieved on three consecutive days in October 2026, according to the Ministry of Coal?

(A) 420 rakes a day
(B) 450 rakes a day
(C) 470 rakes a day
(D) 510 rakes a day

439. Where was the 15th meeting of the AITIGA Joint Committee held?

(A) ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Putrajaya, Malaysia
(D) Bangkok, Thailand

440. How many of the sub-committees under the AITIGA Joint Committee held meetings on the sidelines of its 15th round?

(A) Two of six
(B) Three of eight
(C) Five of eight
(D) All eight

441. The Health Ministry's draft amendment on advertising of prescription medicines seeks to amend which rules?

(A) The Drugs Rules, 1945
(B) The Drugs and Magic Remedies Rules, 1955
(C) The Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011
(D) The Clinical Establishments Rules, 2012

442. Through which Gazette notification was the draft amendment on prescription drug advertising notified?

(A) G.S.R. 612(E) dated 12 August 2026
(B) G.S.R. 861(E) dated 28 September 2026
(C) S.O. 904(E) dated 1 October 2026
(D) G.S.R. 455(E) dated 30 June 2026

443. How many Khadi design collections has the Centre of Excellence for Khadi at NIFT, Delhi developed?

(A) 1,024
(B) 1,750
(C) 2,129
(D) 3,400

444. According to the MSME Ministry, roughly what share of Khadi artisans are women?

(A) About 40 per cent
(B) About 55 per cent
(C) About 65 per cent
(D) About 80 per cent

445. What was the theme of the 5th National Training-cum-Conference on the ERMED Consortium?

(A) Health for All Through Technology
(B) Digital Health Resources: Redefining Access Through Libraries
(C) Libraries for a Viksit Bharat
(D) Evidence to Action in Clinical Practice

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446. According to the Union Health Secretary, the National Medical Library network has expanded to how many medical colleges?

(A) 63 medical colleges
(B) 78 medical colleges
(C) 93 medical colleges
(D) 120 medical colleges

447. CTIL, which marked its ninth anniversary in New Delhi, is housed at which institution?

(A) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
(B) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations
(C) National Law University, Delhi
(D) Indian Institute of Public Administration

448. How many legal opinions has CTIL provided, according to its Head at the ninth anniversary celebration?

(A) More than 1,500
(B) More than 2,500
(C) More than 4,000
(D) More than 6,500

449. Which body has issued the Draft DRM-based Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual, 2026?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(C) Prasar Bharati
(D) Central Board of Film Certification

450. Schedule X of the Interconnection (Addressable Systems) Regulations lays down requirements mainly for which kind of system?

(A) DRM-based systems used for IPTV distribution
(B) Conditional access systems and set-top boxes
(C) FM radio transmission equipment
(D) Community radio stations

451. Proceeds from the PM Mementos e-auction are directed to which programme?

(A) Swachh Bharat Mission
(B) Namami Gange
(C) Jal Jeevan Mission
(D) Atal Bhujal Yojana

452. Kondapalli woodcraft, seen in one of the auctioned mementos, belongs to which state?

(A) Odisha
(B) Karnataka
(C) Andhra Pradesh
(D) Telangana

453. What is the reserve price fixed for the HIL (India) Limited land parcel at Najafgarh, New Delhi?

(A) Rs 629.69 crore
(B) Rs 829.69 crore
(C) Rs 1,029.69 crore
(D) Rs 16.60 crore

454. The National Land Monetization Corporation functions under which department?

(A) Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
(B) Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
(D) Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Home Affairs

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455. Who inaugurated the Project Seabird Phase IIA residential infrastructure at Naval Base, Karwar?

(A) The Chief of the Naval Staff

(B) General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff

(C) The Raksha Mantri

(D) Vice Admiral Vivek Dahiya, Director General Seabird

456. About how many uniformed personnel and defence civilians, with their families, will the Karwar naval base support once Project Seabird is complete?

(A) About 2,500

(B) About 5,000

(C) About 10,000

(D) About 25,000

457. On which date will the National Human Rights Commission, India mark its 33rd Foundation Day?

(A) 2 October

(B) 10 December

(C) 12 October

(D) 24 October

458. Who will be the chief guest at the 33rd Foundation Day function of the NHRC, India?

(A) The President of India

(B) Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant

(C) NHRC Chairperson, Justice V. Ramasubramanian

(D) The Union Home Minister

459. What is the theme of the 10th India Mobile Congress 2026?

(A) 'Scale Without Boundaries'

(B) 'Digital India for All'

(C) 'Connecting the Unconnected'

(D) 'Innovation to Scale'

460. Which platform at the MeitY pavilion in IMC 2026 demonstrates artificial intelligence for Indian languages?

(A) Entity Locker

(B) API Setu

(C) BHASHINI

(D) DigiLocker

461. Which institute is conducting the five-day Geriatric Care Training Programme at Diu?

(A) National Institute of Social Defence

(B) National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development

(C) National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences

(D) National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration

462. In which Union Territory was the five-day geriatric care training programme inaugurated?

(A) Lakshadweep

(B) Puducherry

(C) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

(D) Ladakh

463. At which venue was the two-day National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan

(B) Sushma Swaraj Bhawan

(C) Bharat Mandapam

(D) Rashtrapati Bhavan

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464. The Prime Minister suggested that states take the summit model forward by organising Chintan Shivirs at which levels?

(A) Only at the state capital level

(B) At the district level and at Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels

(C) Only at the national level, once a year

(D) Only in the offices of district collectors

465. Who heads the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports that presented the 382nd report on the National Testing Agency?

(A) Dr K. Radhakrishnan

(B) Mukul Wasnik

(C) Harivansh

(D) Jayant Chaudhary

466. According to the 382nd report, how many candidates appear every year in examinations conducted by the National Testing Agency?

(A) About 50 lakh

(B) About 80 lakh

(C) About 1.2 crore

(D) About 2.5 crore

467. What is the base year used in the draft guideline for compiling Gross State Domestic Product estimates by the expenditure approach?

(A) 2011-12

(B) 2017-18

(C) 2022-23

(D) 2024-25

468. Which expenditure component is at present not compiled by any State or Union Territory, according to the release?

(A) Gross Fixed Capital Formation

(B) Government Final Consumption Expenditure

(C) Private Final Consumption Expenditure

(D) Net exports

469. Which position did Team India secure at the 48th WorldSkills Competition held in Shanghai?

(A) 5th

(B) 8th

(C) 10th

(D) 13th

470. How many silver medals did India win at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026?

(A) 4 silver medals

(B) 6 silver medals

(C) 11 silver medals

(D) 20 silver medals

471. Who was elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at its 153rd Assembly?

(A) Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha

(B) Milton Dick, Speaker of Australia's House of Representatives

(C) Dr Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha

(D) Dr Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha

472. Where was the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held?

(A) Geneva, Switzerland

(B) Nairobi, Kenya

(C) Arusha, Tanzania

(D) Kathmandu, Nepal

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473. Which organisation developed the artificial-intelligence based ASTR tool used to identify fraudulent mobile connections?

(A) C-DOT
(B) TRAI
(C) BSNL
(D) NIC

474. How much did Indians lose to organised telecom and cyber fraud in 2024, as stated by the minister?

(A) Over ₹5,000 crore
(B) Over ₹12,400 crore
(C) Over ₹22,800 crore
(D) Over ₹45,000 crore

475. Which two bodies jointly organised the "AI for Good Lab Workshop: From Strategy to Impact" at India Mobile Congress 2026?

(A) MeitY and UNESCO
(B) Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union
(C) TRAI and the World Bank
(D) NITI Aayog and the World Economic Forum

476. Which of the following is NOT one of the three pillars of the AI for Good Lab framework?

(A) AI Readiness and Policy
(B) AI Skills Development
(C) Public AI Infrastructure
(D) AI Export Promotion

477. India’s defence exports in the financial year 2025-26 stood at a record figure of about:

(A) ₹21,083 crore
(B) ₹38,424 crore
(C) ₹45,600 crore
(D) ₹52,900 crore

478. By which year does India aim to reach defence exports of ₹50,000 crore?

(A) 2027
(B) 2028
(C) 2029
(D) 2032

479. Mangrol, the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft of the Indian Navy, has been built by:

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
(D) Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam

480. Which hull-mounted sonar is fitted on the anti-submarine warfare craft Mangrol?

(A) Humsa
(B) Abhay
(C) Maareech
(D) Nagan

481. What is the toll-free helpline number of Tele-MANAS, India’s tele mental health service?

(A) 14416
(B) 14446
(C) 15100
(D) 18001801104

482. World Mental Health Day 2026 was observed on which date, and on what theme?

(A) 10 October, “Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change”

(B) 10 October, “Mental health is a universal human right”

(C) 7 April, “Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change”

(D) 2 October, “Mental health in an unequal world”

483. The 9th National Review Workshop of the Ministry of Cooperation concluded at which place?

(A) Bastar, Chhattisgarh

(B) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

(C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat

(D) Nagpur, Maharashtra

484. By when is the first phase of PACS computerisation to be completed, as stated at the workshop?

(A) March 2026

(B) December 2026

(C) March 2027

(D) December 2027

485. Which meeting of the GST Council recommended the next-generation GST process reforms?

(A) 55th

(B) 56th

(C) 57th

(D) 58th

486. How many registered GST taxpayers were there as on September 2026?

(A) 60 lakh

(B) 1.20 crore

(C) 1.70 crore

(D) 2.50 crore

487. What is the theme of the 10th India Mobile Congress, held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi?

(A) Scale Without Boundaries

(B) Connecting the Unconnected

(C) Digital India, Global Partner

(D) Networks for Viksit Bharat

488. How many countries are taking part in India Mobile Congress 2026?

(A) More than 50

(B) More than 75

(C) More than 100

(D) More than 150

489. How many new MoUs did the Bharat 6G Alliance exchange at the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium?

(A) Three

(B) Four

(C) Five

(D) Seven

490. Who delivered the valedictory address at the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium?

(A) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

(B) Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani

(C) Dr. Jitendra Singh

(D) Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay

491. The Department of Posts signed an agreement for India Post Parcel services with which company?

(A) Delhivery

(B) Blue Dart Express Limited

(C) DTDC Express

(D) Gati Limited

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492. How many post offices does the Department of Posts operate across India?

(A) About 1.10 lakh
(B) About 1.64 lakh
(C) About 2.25 lakh
(D) About 3.50 lakh

493. In which city was the Second Regional Review Conference on implementation of the Forest Rights Act held?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Bhubaneswar
(C) Kolkata
(D) Ranchi

494. The Forest Rights Act, whose implementation was reviewed at the conference, was enacted in which year?

(A) 2005
(B) 2006
(C) 2008
(D) 2013

495. Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026, the second edition of the multinational air exercise, was conducted by which force?

(A) Indian Army
(B) Indian Navy
(C) Indian Air Force
(D) Indian Coast Guard

496. How many friendly foreign countries flew their aircraft in Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026?

(A) Five
(B) Seven
(C) Twelve
(D) Eighteen

497. Who has been elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at its 153rd Assembly?

(A) Harivansh
(B) Milton Dick
(C) Mussa Azzan Zungu
(D) Sasmit Patra

498. The 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in which city?

(A) Nairobi, Kenya
(B) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
(C) Arusha, Tanzania
(D) Kampala, Uganda

499. In which city will the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 be held?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Ahmedabad
(C) Bhopal
(D) Pune

500. Which of the following traditional sports will India showcase at the BRICS Demonstration Games 2026?

(A) Sambo, Gorodki and Wushu
(B) Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu
(C) Capoeira, Tinku and Rayuela
(D) Asyk Atu, Togyzkumalak and Al Tabbah

501. AIIMS Deoghar, whose second convocation was addressed by the Vice-President, is located in which state?

(A) Bihar
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Odisha
(D) West Bengal

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502. Of the students who graduated at the second convocation of AIIMS Deoghar, how many were women?

(A) 87 of 173
(B) 132 of 173
(C) 132 of 240
(D) 96 of 150

503. What is the theme of the 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle?

(A) Fit Youth, Fit India
(B) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat
(C) Cycle for Clean Air
(D) Khelo India, Badho India

504. In which city was the 94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle organised, with Namo Ghat as the starting point?

(A) Prayagraj
(B) Varanasi
(C) Haridwar
(D) Patna

505. How many lighthouses stand along India's coastline?

(A) 155
(B) 205
(C) 255
(D) 305

506. Where is the 77-metre Lighthouse Museum, planned as the tallest of its kind in the world, coming up?

(A) Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu
(B) Lothal, Gujarat
(C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(D) Fort Aguada, Goa

507. How many districts are covered by the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana?

(A) 75
(B) 100
(C) 150
(D) 250

508. Who heads the National Executive Committee of the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(C) The Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(D) The Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog

509. How much quantum-secure communication has India achieved under the National Quantum Mission?

(A) 500 km
(B) 1,000 km
(C) 1,500 km
(D) 2,000 km

510. What is the target set for India's bioeconomy by 2030?

(A) US$150 billion
(B) US$196 billion
(C) US$300 billion
(D) US$500 billion

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511. What was the total outreach of the nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela held on 9 October 2026?

(A) 93,662 participants
(B) 1,06,855 participants
(C) 1,36,086 participants
(D) 2,00,000 participants

512. Which theme was followed in Month 1 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan?

(A) 'Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth'
(B) 'My Health, My Pride'
(C) 'Youth for Viksit Bharat'
(D) 'Swachh Yuva, Swasth Bharat'

513. Which institute organised the Third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility (NCCSR 2026)?

(A) Indian Institute of Public Administration
(B) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
(C) National Institute of Financial Management
(D) Institute of Company Secretaries of India

514. Who inaugurated NCCSR 2026 and released the Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies?

(A) Ajit Seth, former Cabinet Secretary
(B) Pallavi Jain Govil, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs
(C) Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines
(D) Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA

515. Which team won the Junior Category of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India 2026?

(A) Team Mech Minds
(B) Team Singularity
(C) Team Botics Alpha
(D) Team Vajra

516. Where will the winning teams represent India at the Grand Finale of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge?

(A) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
(B) Geneva, Switzerland
(C) Singapore
(D) Nairobi, Kenya

517. Under Yuva Sangam Phase VII, Odisha has been paired with which State?

(A) Assam
(B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Telangana

518. Which institution is the nodal institution leading the Odisha delegation under Yuva Sangam Phase VII?

(A) IIM Sambalpur
(B) IIT Bhubaneswar
(C) NIT Rourkela
(D) Utkal University

519. What is the approximate total value of the development projects being inaugurated, dedicated and started at Chennai on 11 October 2026?

(A) Over ₹3,700 crore
(B) Over ₹8,500 crore
(C) Over ₹13,000 crore
(D) Over ₹21,000 crore

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520. The Poonamallee-Vadapalani corridor being opened in Chennai belongs to which project, and what is its special structural feature?

(A) Phase I of Chennai Metro, with an underground twin tunnel

(B) Phase II of Chennai Metro, with a double-decker structure of 3.7 km

(C) Chennai Suburban Rail, with an elevated cable-stayed span

(D) Phase III of Chennai Metro, with a floating station

521. The Sainya Sampark Mela visited by the Vice-President on 10 October 2026 was held at which place?

(A) Ranchi, Jharkhand

(B) Deoghar, Jharkhand

(C) Dumka, Jharkhand

(D) Bokaro, Jharkhand

522. What does the theme of the mela, Sadaiv Aapke Saath, mean, and for whom was the event organised?

(A) Always with You; for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their dependents

(B) Service before Self; for serving soldiers on the border

(C) Always Ready; for cadets of the National Cadet Corps

(D) Nation First; for families of serving officers only

523. Which two countries will the Defence Secretary of India visit from 12 to 15 October 2026?

(A) Cyprus and Greece

(B) Malta and Italy

(C) Cyprus and Turkey

(D) Greece and Egypt

524. Which two themes are expected to be prominent in the Defence Secretary's talks with Cyprus and Greece?

(A) Space launch services and satellite navigation

(B) Maritime security and defence industrial cooperation

(C) Counter-terrorism financing and extradition

(D) Tourism promotion and student mobility

525. Which United Nations agency coordinates the Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI4FS)?

(A) Food and Agriculture Organization

(B) International Telecommunication Union

(C) World Food Programme

(D) International Fund for Agricultural Development

526. The second GI-AI4FS meeting in New Delhi was hosted by the Telecommunication Engineering Centre jointly with which Indian body?

(A) Indian Council of Agricultural Research

(B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India

(C) NITI Aayog

(D) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

527. Which two districts of Punjab did the CAQM team visit for its review of stubble burning prevention?

(A) Ludhiana and Patiala

(B) Amritsar and Tarn Taran

(C) Sangrur and Bathinda

(D) Moga and Mansa

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528. In how many districts of Punjab has CAQM deployed Flying Squads for the paddy harvesting season?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 18
(D) 22

529. At which shipyard was the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel Shreyas launched?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Cochin Shipyard, Kochi
(D) Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam

530. What is the meaning of the name given to the newly launched Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel?

(A) 'Courage' or 'valour'
(B) 'Best' or 'most excellent'
(C) 'Guardian of the seas'
(D) 'Invincible'

531. How much did the National Biodiversity Authority disburse from seed-sector access and benefit-sharing contributions?

(A) Rs 1.43 crore
(B) Rs 2.02 crore
(C) Rs 20.2 crore
(D) Rs 202 crore

532. Which law provides the basis for India's access and benefit-sharing framework?

(A) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
(B) The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
(C) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
(D) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

533. Where was the Youth for Viksit Bharat: MY Bharat Youth Convention held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
(C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(D) Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow

534. Which Union Minister addressed the MY Bharat Youth Convention at Varanasi?

(A) The Union Minister for Education
(B) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports
(C) Girish Chandra Yadav
(D) Sunil Paliwal

535. Yuva Sangam is organised under which initiative?

(A) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(B) Fit India Movement
(C) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
(D) Study in India

536. Which institution led the Telangana delegation that visited Assam under Yuva Sangam Phase VII?

(A) IIT Guwahati
(B) Central University of Karnataka
(C) University of Hyderabad
(D) Tezpur University

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537. What was the theme of the fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave?

(A) The Indian Era
(B) Resilience in an Age of Flux
(C) Navigating a World on Fire
(D) Seeking Prosperity in Turbulent Times

538. Who delivered the inaugural address at the fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Prime Minister
(C) The Vice-President of India
(D) The Union Finance Minister

539. Who chaired the Fourth All Science and Technology Clusters Meet held at Chandigarh?

(A) The Union Minister of Science and Technology
(B) The Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
(C) The Director of IIT Ropar
(D) The Vice-Chancellor of Panjab University

540. How many Science and Technology Clusters took part in the fourth All S&T Clusters Meet?

(A) Five
(B) Six
(C) Eight
(D) Eleven

541. At which place did the Defence Correspondents Course conclude?

(A) Guwahati
(B) Tezpur
(C) Shillong
(D) Jodhpur

542. How many journalists took part in the Defence Correspondents Course that concluded at Tezpur?

(A) 18
(B) 24
(C) 30
(D) 42

543. What is the financial outlay of the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses?

(A) Rs 7,047 crore
(B) Rs 11,440 crore
(C) Rs 14,217 crore
(D) Rs 6,431 crore

544. What pulses production does India target by 2030-31 under the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses?

(A) 274.09 lakh tonnes
(B) 286.46 lakh tonnes
(C) 350 lakh tonnes
(D) 310 lakh tonnes

545. How much foreign-origin gold did the DRI seize in its October 2026 operations in the eastern region?

(A) About 2.5 kg
(B) About 7.8 kg
(C) About 15 kg
(D) About 22 kg

546. At which toll plaza did DRI officers intercept the vehicle carrying 50 gold bars?

(A) Palsit Toll Plaza
(B) Barasat Toll Plaza
(C) Dankuni Toll Plaza
(D) Kharagpur Toll Plaza

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547. How much suspected methamphetamine did the DRI seize from a train passenger in October 2026?

(A) 1.253 kg
(B) 3.500 kg
(C) 5.753 kg
(D) 9.250 kg

548. Which unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence made the crystal meth seizure?

(A) Mangalore Regional Unit
(B) Kolkata Regional Unit
(C) Lucknow Regional Unit
(D) Ahmedabad Regional Unit

549. How many graduate-level NTPC vacancies has Indian Railways notified under CEN No. 06/2026?

(A) 2,750
(B) 3,548
(C) 5,696
(D) 8,113

550. Which post accounts for the largest share of vacancies in the NTPC graduate recruitment of 2026?

(A) Senior Clerk Cum Typist
(B) Junior Accounts Assistant Cum Typist
(C) Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor
(D) Goods Train Manager

551. Which Indian Navy warship has arrived at Plymouth to take part in Exercise KONKAN-26?

(A) INS Tabar
(B) INS Trishul
(C) INS Teg
(D) INS Talwar

552. Exercise KONKAN is an annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the navy of which country?

(A) France
(B) Australia
(C) The United Kingdom
(D) The United States of America

553. In which city was the 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle organised?

(A) Lucknow
(B) Prayagraj
(C) Varanasi
(D) Kanpur

554. What was the theme of the 94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle?

(A) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat
(B) Fit Yuva for Swachh Bharat
(C) Khelo India, Badho India
(D) Cycle for Clean Air

555. Yuva Sangam is implemented under which programme of the Government of India?

(A) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(B) Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan
(C) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
(D) Study in India

556. In Yuva Sangam Phase VII, the Uttarakhand delegation visited which state?

(A) Odisha
(B) West Bengal
(C) Assam
(D) Tamil Nadu

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557. Exercise INDRA 2026, for which INS Sahyadri has reached Vladivostok, is a bilateral exercise between India and which country?

(A) Japan
(B) Russia
(C) Indonesia
(D) Oman

558. In the Ministry of Defence statement on INS Sahyadri, MAHASAGAR stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Highway for Shipping, Access, Growth and Regional Reach
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Alliance for Secure Harbours, Growth and Reconstruction
(D) Mission for Advancement of Shipping, Agriculture, Growth and Rural Reform

559. In which city did the Prime Minister dedicate a new metro stretch and launch development projects on 11 October 2026?

(A) Coimbatore
(B) Chennai
(C) Madurai
(D) Tiruchirappalli

560. Which port is being developed as a world-class mega container and green energy hub, as announced in the Prime Minister address at Chennai?

(A) Ennore Port
(B) Karaikal Port
(C) VOC Port, Thoothukudi
(D) Chennai Port

561. The ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research (ICMR-CHAMP) is being set up at which place?

(A) Leh, Ladakh
(B) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
(C) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Munsiyari, Uttarakhand

562. Which body is establishing the first dedicated centre for high-altitude medicine and public health research in India?

(A) Defence Research and Development Organisation
(B) All India Institute of Medical Sciences
(C) Indian Council of Medical Research
(D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

563. Which leader, remembered on 11 October, is known by the title Loknayak?

(A) Jayaprakash Narayan
(B) Ram Manohar Lohia
(C) Acharya Narendra Deva
(D) Morarji Desai

564. Whose birth anniversary, also falling on 11 October, was marked with a tribute recalling his work for rural development and community participation?

(A) Vinoba Bhave
(B) Nanaji Deshmukh
(C) Jagjivan Ram
(D) Kamaraj

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565. Which agency seized 5,832.90 grams of foreign-origin gold from a cavity in a car at Visakhapatnam?

(A) Central Bureau of Investigation
(B) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
(C) Narcotics Control Bureau
(D) Enforcement Directorate

566. Where in the car was the smuggled gold concealed?

(A) Inside the spare wheel in the boot
(B) In a cavity below the leg space of the front passenger seat
(C) Inside the fuel tank
(D) Behind the dashboard panel

567. How much poppy straw did the Central Bureau of Narcotics seize in its two Madhya Pradesh operations?

(A) 1,209.80 kg
(B) 2,750.50 kg
(C) 4,209.80 kg
(D) 6,480.25 kg

568. What was loaded over the poppy straw in the Mandsaur case to disguise the consignment?

(A) Bags of wheat
(B) Crates of fruit
(C) Bales of cotton
(D) Sacks of cement

569. Which institute hosted the APARC Early Career Researcher Workshop 2026 that acted as the curtain-raiser for ESTIC?

(A) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
(B) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune
(C) National Institute of Oceanography, Goa
(D) National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Noida

570. Who delivered the principal address at the curtain-raiser event for the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave held on 11 October 2026?

(A) Dr. Suryachandra A. Rao
(B) Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar
(C) Dr. Maria Molina
(D) Dr. Suvarna Fadnavis

571. Over which period is the Government of India's nationwide Special Campaign 6.0 being conducted?

(A) 1 to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 15 August to 15 September 2026
(D) 1 to 31 December 2026

572. The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, which detailed its activities under Special Campaign 6.0, functions under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Defence
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

573. In which year did the Vishwa Hindu Vidya Kendra begin as a small school at West Mambalam in Chennai?

(A) 1965
(B) 1970
(C) 1975
(D) 1980

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574. The number of universities in India has grown from about 750 in 2014 to more than how many today?

(A) 900
(B) 1,100
(C) 1,300
(D) 1,600

575. What was the coal stock at India's domestic coal-based power plants on 10 October 2026?

(A) 16.418 MT
(B) 18.205 MT
(C) 19.932 MT
(D) 21.640 MT

576. How many rakes a day, on average, were loaded for the power sector between 1 and 10 October 2026?

(A) 426 rakes
(B) 447 rakes
(C) 469 rakes
(D) 482 rakes

577. The Technology Development Board has extended Rs 86 crore of RDI Fund support to which company for the VIGOR programme?

(A) Biocon Limited, Bengaluru
(B) Peptris Technologies Private Limited, Bengaluru
(C) Bharat Biotech International, Hyderabad
(D) Serum Institute of India, Pune

578. What is the total cost of the VIGOR drug development project for which TDB has committed Rs 86 crore?

(A) Rs 108 crore
(B) Rs 145 crore
(C) Rs 172 crore
(D) Rs 250 crore

579. MY Bharat organised Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments and Yuva Melas on 10 October 2026 at how many locations?

(A) 1,049 locations
(B) 1,469 locations
(C) 2,146 locations
(D) 3,650 locations

580. The Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments and Yuva Melas of October 2026 were held under which campaign?

(A) Fit India Movement
(B) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan
(C) Khelo India Yuva Abhiyan
(D) Swachh Bharat Yuva Abhiyan

581. The Mid-Career Training Phase-III programme for Indian Forest Service officers that began on 12 October 2026 is organised by which institution?

(A) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration
(B) Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy
(C) Forest Research Institute
(D) Wildlife Institute of India

582. How many officers are attending the Mid-Career Training Phase-III programme, and from how many cadres do they come?

(A) 48 officers from 12 cadres
(B) 68 officers from 18 cadres
(C) 86 officers from 21 cadres
(D) 108 officers from 24 cadres

583. How many medals did sportspersons of the Indian defence forces win at the 2026 Asian Games?

(A) 21
(B) 27
(C) 37
(D) 85

584. Who became the first Indian woman to win gold in the individual women's trap event at the Asian Games?

(A) Naib Subedar Neeru Dhanda
(B) Havildar Sawan Barwal
(C) Naib Subedar Gulveer Singh
(D) Naib Subedar Sarvesh Kushare

585. With which organisation did the Indian Army sign an MoU for the use of warehousing and material-handling resources during operational contingencies?

(A) NAFED
(B) Food Corporation of India
(C) Border Roads Organisation
(D) Central Warehousing Corporation

586. Which agency will supply Bharat Rice to the defence forces during the financial year 2026-27?

(A) Food Corporation of India
(B) NAFED
(C) Army Purchase Organisation
(D) State civil supplies corporations

587. On which date was the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan launched?

(A) 13 October 2021
(B) 15 August 2021
(C) 13 October 2022
(D) 1 April 2020

588. How many Central Ministries and Departments does the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan cover?

(A) 36
(B) 46
(C) 58
(D) 230

589. What is the total outlay of the PM-SETU scheme?

(A) 440 crore rupees
(B) 3,446 crore rupees
(C) 60,000 crore rupees
(D) 1,000 crore rupees

590. In the Special Purpose Vehicles for the Surat and Visakhapatnam ITI clusters, what stake will AM/NS India hold?

(A) 24.5 per cent
(B) 49 per cent
(C) 51 per cent
(D) 74 per cent

591. The CAPSS-IAF seminar held in New Delhi was organised on the sidelines of which exercise?

(A) Exercise Tarang Shakti-26
(B) Exercise Vayu Shakti
(C) Exercise Gagan Shakti
(D) Exercise Desert Flag

592. In which year was the Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies established?

(A) 1991
(B) 2001
(C) 2011
(D) 2021

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593. The directive on displaying healthcare service rates is based on which Act?

(A) Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010
(B) National Medical Commission Act, 2019
(C) Consumer Protection Act, 2019
(D) Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940

594. In which languages must clinical establishments display their service rates under the Rules?

(A) English only
(B) Hindi and English only
(C) The local language as well as English
(D) Any one language of the Eighth Schedule

595. Which district was ranked the best-performing district under the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana?

(A) Nagaur, Rajasthan
(B) Umaria, Madhya Pradesh
(C) Gaya, Bihar
(D) Banka, Bihar

596. How many districts does the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana cover?

(A) 50
(B) 100
(C) 250
(D) 500

597. What was India's retail inflation rate based on the Consumer Price Index in September 2026?

(A) 4.83%
(B) 5.54%
(C) 6.08%
(D) 7.74%

598. Which item recorded the highest rate of inflation at the all-India combined level in September 2026?

(A) Garlic
(B) Silver jewellery
(C) Onion
(D) Ginger

599. What is the theme of the BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 held in New Delhi?

(A) Shared Stories, Shared Futures
(B) One Earth, One Stage
(C) Theatre for a New World
(D) Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability

600. Which institution is the nodal agency for the BRICS Theatre Festival 2026?

(A) Sangeet Natak Akademi
(B) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
(C) National School of Drama
(D) Indian Council for Cultural Relations

601. Where were the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Demonstration Games 2026 held?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
(C) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
(D) Pune, Maharashtra

602. Which of these traditional sports was demonstrated by India at the BRICS games in Ahmedabad?

(A) Sambo
(B) Gorodki
(C) Mallakhamb
(D) Al Tabbah

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603. In which state is the ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research being set up?

(A) Uttarakhand
(B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Sikkim
(D) Arunachal Pradesh

604. Which two bodies are the main partners in setting up the high-altitude research centre at Keylong?

(A) DRDO and the Indian Air Force
(B) ICMR and the Armed Forces Medical Services
(C) CSIR and the Indian Army
(D) ICAR and the Border Roads Organisation

605. How many Second Level Fund Managers were announced in the first cohort of the Research, Development and Innovation Fund?

(A) 14
(B) 19
(C) 5
(D) 24

606. Which body houses the Independent Business Unit that manages the Research, Development and Innovation Fund?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
(C) Anusandhan National Research Foundation
(D) Small Industries Development Bank of India

607. In which country is the ninth edition of the IBSAMAR naval exercise being held?

(A) Brazil
(B) South Africa
(C) India
(D) Namibia

608. Since which year has the IBSAMAR exercise been conducted once every two years?

(A) 2003
(B) 2008
(C) 2012
(D) 2016

609. In which year was the National Human Rights Commission of India established?

(A) 1990
(B) 1993
(C) 1997
(D) 2000

610. Who was the chief guest at the 33rd Foundation Day function of the NHRC?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Chief Justice of India
(C) The Union Home Minister
(D) The Vice-President of India

611. According to TRAI's performance indicator report, what was India's total telephone subscriber base at the end of June 2026?

(A) 1,330.58 million
(B) 1,300.25 million
(C) 1,348.08 million
(D) 1,114.17 million

612. What was the overall tele-density in India at the end of the quarter ending June 2026?

(A) 90.96 per cent
(B) 93.26 per cent
(C) 94.31 per cent
(D) 153.43 per cent

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613. By which year did Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal call for doubling India-UK bilateral trade?

(A) 2028
(B) 2030
(C) 2035
(D) 2040

614. Where and when will the 17th India-UK JETCO meeting be held?

(A) In India in 2027
(B) In the United Kingdom in 2027
(C) In the United Kingdom in 2028
(D) In India in 2029

615. Where were the new office premises of the International Big Cat Alliance inaugurated?

(A) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
(B) 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi
(C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
(D) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

616. Which of the following is NOT among the seven big cats covered by the International Big Cat Alliance?

(A) Jaguar
(B) Puma
(C) Clouded leopard
(D) Snow leopard

617. At which institute was the APARC General Assembly 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune
(B) India Meteorological Department, New Delhi
(C) National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Noida
(D) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, Hyderabad

618. APARC, whose General Assembly 2026 is being hosted by India, is a core project of which programme?

(A) World Climate Research Programme
(B) Global Atmosphere Watch Programme
(C) International Geosphere-Biosphere Programme
(D) Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission

619. Which shipyard designed and built INS Mangrol, the warship commissioned by the Indian Navy in October 2026?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
(D) Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam

620. INS Mangrol is the third ship of which class of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft?

(A) Arnala class
(B) Mahe class
(C) Kamorta class
(D) Abhay class

621. Which edition of the India-UK Science and Innovation Council meeting was held in New Delhi in October 2026?

(A) Sixth
(B) Seventh
(C) Eighth
(D) Ninth

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622. Which British company is a partner in the India Genomics Centre of Excellence inaugurated in New Delhi?

(A) Oxford Nanopore Technologies
(B) Illumina
(C) AstraZeneca
(D) GlaxoSmithKline

623. What is the height of Mount Mukut, the peak scaled by the Indian Coast Guard mountaineering team?

(A) 6,512 metres
(B) 7,045 metres
(C) 7,816 metres
(D) 8,126 metres

624. Which institute guided the Indian Coast Guard team during its Mount Mukut expedition?

(A) Nehru Institute of Mountaineering, Uttarkashi
(B) Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling
(C) Jawahar Institute of Mountaineering, Pahalgam
(D) Indian Mountaineering Foundation, New Delhi

625. In which city is the National SARAS Mela 2026 being held, the first such fair outside Delhi-NCR?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Vijayawada
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Tirupati

626. Who will inaugurate the National SARAS Mela 2026 at Vijayawada?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The President of India
(C) The Vice-President
(D) The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh

627. Which organisation dedicated the Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System to the nation in October 2026?

(A) National Disaster Management Authority
(B) India Meteorological Department
(C) Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services
(D) National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting

628. Who chaired the Pre-Cyclone Exercise Meeting for the post-monsoon season of 2026, at which the new Decision Support System was launched?

(A) The Union Minister of Earth Sciences
(B) The Director General of Meteorology, IMD
(C) The Chairperson of the National Disaster Management Authority
(D) The Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs

629. What was the total value of the development projects inaugurated and begun by the Union DoNER Minister in Mizoram in October 2026?

(A) Rs 102 crore
(B) Rs 228.54 crore
(C) Rs 331 crore
(D) Rs 512 crore

630. What is the outlay of the Mizoram Ginger Mission announced for the state's ginger growers?

(A) Rs 89.79 crore
(B) Rs 189.79 crore
(C) Rs 289.79 crore
(D) Rs 389.79 crore

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631. How many rural youth are the Rural Self Employment Training Institutes expected to train in the current year?

(A) 3.35 lakh
(B) 4.50 lakh
(C) 6.35 lakh
(D) 8.75 lakh

632. With which body did the Ministry of Rural Development exchange an MoU in October 2026 to strengthen the Rural Self Employment Training Institutes?

(A) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
(B) National Academy of RUDSETI
(C) National Skill Development Corporation
(D) National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

633. Who is the President of Singapore, on whom the Union Finance Minister called during her October 2026 visit?

(A) Lawrence Wong
(B) Tharman Shanmugaratnam
(C) Gan Kim Yong
(D) Vivian Balakrishnan

634. Singapore is due to take the Chairmanship of ASEAN in which year?

(A) 2026
(B) 2027
(C) 2028
(D) 2030

635. Which Union ministry runs the Ashtalakshmi Darshan Programme?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region
(D) Ministry of Tourism

636. How many students have taken part in the Ashtalakshmi Darshan Programme in the past year?

(A) More than 290
(B) More than 450
(C) More than 590
(D) More than 860

637. What were the sales of khadi and village industry products in 2025-26?

(A) Rs 1.87 lakh crore
(B) Rs 1.25 lakh crore
(C) Rs 2.04 lakh crore
(D) Rs 1.45 lakh crore

638. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission is a statutory body set up under an Act of which year?

(A) 1948
(B) 1951
(C) 1956
(D) 1962

639. In which city was the Bloomberg New Economy Forum held when it came to India for the first time?

(A) Mumbai
(B) New Delhi
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Gandhinagar

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640. India became the first G20 nation to source 40 per cent of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil fuels. When did it reach this mark?

(A) November 2021
(B) November 2019
(C) March 2023
(D) August 2015

641. Which BHASHINI platform provided real-time English to Spanish translation at the NCGG programme in Mussoorie?

(A) Shrutlekh
(B) Anuvaad
(C) Vaani
(D) Samvaad

642. BHASHINI-enabled language technologies have been integrated across how many government platforms?

(A) 1,253
(B) 2,353
(C) 3,500
(D) 800

643. How many grievances were redressed by Central Ministries and Departments in September 2026, as per the 53rd CPGRAMS monthly report?

(A) 2,27,837
(B) 2,38,579
(C) 1,15,168
(D) 85,687

644. Which State recorded the highest number of public grievance disposals in September 2026 under CPGRAMS?

(A) Andhra Pradesh
(B) Haryana
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Karnataka

645. How much freight did Indian Railways load in September 2026?

(A) 127.52 million tonnes
(B) 135.35 million tonnes
(C) 833.7 million tonnes
(D) 143.70 million tonnes

646. Which commodity recorded the highest percentage growth in rail freight loading in September 2026?

(A) Coal
(B) Clinker
(C) Food grain
(D) Iron ore

647. How much did day one of NLMC's first end-to-end e-auction of RINL land parcels fetch in successful bids?

(A) 312.48 crore rupees
(B) 366.33 crore rupees
(C) 180.50 crore rupees
(D) 216.00 crore rupees

648. Which public sector company's surplus land was offered in the e-auction conducted by NLMC in October 2026?

(A) Steel Authority of India Limited
(B) Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited
(C) RailTel Corporation of India
(D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

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649. How many electric buses were flagged off at Anand Vihar in Delhi on 13 October 2026?

(A) 100
(B) 150
(C) 250
(D) 500

650. After the stations inaugurated on 13 October 2026, how many Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations does Delhi have?

(A) 47
(B) 53
(C) 60
(D) 75

651. With which country's First Deputy Prime Minister did Defence Minister Rajnath Singh hold bilateral defence talks in New Delhi on 13 October 2026?

(A) Poland
(B) Czech Republic
(C) Slovakia
(D) Hungary

652. Under which mechanism did India and the Czech Republic agree to expand defence industrial cooperation?

(A) India-Czech Joint Defence Committee
(B) India-Czech Strategic Partnership Council
(C) India-Czech Defence Procurement Board
(D) India-Czech Military Cooperation Group

653. Who delivered the keynote address at the Conference of State Planning, Finance and IT Secretaries organised by MoSPI in October 2026?

(A) The Union Finance Minister
(B) The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
(C) The Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog
(D) The Chief Statistician of India

654. Which year has been adopted as the base year for the new National Accounts Series referred to at the conference?

(A) 2011-12
(B) 2017-18
(C) 2022-23
(D) 2024-25

655. At which naval base will the Indian Navy commission the Multi-Purpose Vessel Samarthak?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Kochi
(C) Karwar
(D) Mumbai

656. Samarthak is the first of how many Multi-Purpose Vessels being inducted into the Indian Navy?

(A) Two
(B) Three
(C) Four
(D) Six

657. On which date does the window under the EPFO Amnesty Scheme, 2026 close?

(A) 30 September
(B) 28 December
(C) 31 January
(D) 31 March

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658. A formal exemption order for a Provident Fund Trust is granted under section 17 of which Act?

(A) The Income Tax Act, 1961

(B) The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952

(C) The Payment of Gratuity Act, 1972

(D) The Employees' State Insurance Act, 1948

659. The new Standard Treatment Guidelines on dermatological disorders cover which four traditional systems?

(A) Ayurveda, Yoga, Naturopathy and Siddha

(B) Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy

(C) Ayurveda, Unani, Naturopathy and Sowa-Rigpa

(D) Siddha, Unani, Sowa-Rigpa and Homoeopathy

660. On which occasion were the Ayush Standard Treatment Guidelines on skin disorders made public?

(A) World Health Day

(B) National Doctors' Day

(C) The 11th Ayurveda Day

(D) International Yoga Day

661. What is the length of the NH-22 section in Bihar approved for four-laning?

(A) 62.57 km

(B) 82.57 km

(C) 92.57 km

(D) 112.57 km

662. Under which mode of implementation has the four-laning of NH-22 in Bihar been approved?

(A) Engineering, Procurement and Construction

(B) Build, Operate and Transfer (Toll)

(C) Hybrid Annuity Mode

(D) Build, Own, Operate and Transfer

663. How many mementos from Uttarakhand feature in the eighth edition of the PM Mementos e-auction?

(A) 17

(B) 21

(C) 27

(D) 37

664. Proceeds from the PM Mementos e-auction support which programme?

(A) Swachh Bharat Mission

(B) Namami Gange Programme

(C) Jal Jeevan Mission

(D) Atal Bhujal Yojana

665. Under the Namami Gange programme, what was the compliance level of grossly polluting industries in the Ganga basin in 2025?

(A) 39%

(B) 86%

(C) 70%

(D) 95%

666. How many grossly polluting industries were assessed in the 2025 inspection cycle under Namami Gange?

(A) 1,296

(B) 2,407

(C) 3,703

(D) 3,154

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667. Which institute developed the improved soybean varieties NRC 268 and NRC 270?

(A) ICAR-Indian Institute of Pulses Research, Kanpur

(B) ICAR-National Soybean Research Institute, Indore

(C) ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi

(D) ICAR-Central Research Institute for Dryland Agriculture, Hyderabad

668. What is the present average soybean productivity in India?

(A) About 5 to 6 quintals per hectare

(B) About 10 to 11 quintals per hectare

(C) About 18 to 19 quintals per hectare

(D) About 30 to 32 quintals per hectare

669. Which document was adopted at the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers Meeting held in New Delhi?

(A) Bangkok Vision

(B) Delhi Declaration

(C) Bay of Bengal Charter

(D) Jamnagar Protocol

670. The proposed BIMSTEC Disaster Management Centre is to be set up in which Indian state?

(A) Odisha

(B) Tamil Nadu

(C) Gujarat

(D) West Bengal

671. How many data layers are integrated on the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan platform?

(A) More than 800

(B) More than 1,200

(C) More than 1,800

(D) More than 2,500

672. Which body appraises infrastructure projects on PM GatiShakti principles?

(A) Network Planning Group

(B) Public Investment Board

(C) National Infrastructure Council

(D) Project Monitoring Group

673. What is the full form of JOSH, the teams deployed in the TB awareness campaign?

(A) Joint Outreach for State Health

(B) Joint Squad for Health

(C) Youth Organisation for Social Health

(D) Jan Outreach and Screening for Health

674. By what percentage did new tuberculosis cases in India decline between 2015 and 2024?

(A) 12%

(B) 17%

(C) 21%

(D) 28%

675. How much will Indian Oil Corporation provide over two years to strengthen boxing in India?

(A) Rs 20 crore

(B) Rs 40 crore

(C) Rs 60 crore

(D) Rs 100 crore

676. How many medals did Indian boxers win at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Four, including two gold

(B) Six, including three gold

(C) Eight, including one gold

(D) Three, all bronze

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677. Till which date has the registration window for IndiaSkills 2026-27 been reopened?

(A) 9 October 2026
(B) 15 October 2026
(C) 19 October 2026
(D) 31 October 2026

678. What position did Team India secure at the WorldSkills Competition held in Shanghai?

(A) Fifth
(B) Tenth
(C) Thirteenth
(D) Twentieth

679. Which edition of the Agrivision National Convention is being held in New Delhi in October 2026?

(A) Eighth
(B) Ninth
(C) Tenth
(D) Twelfth

680. About how many students, and from how many states, are attending the Agrivision-2026 convention?

(A) About 250 students from 20 states
(B) About 450 students from 25 states
(C) About 600 students from 28 states
(D) About 1,000 students from 36 states

681. In which city was the 21st Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) meeting held?

(A) Chennai
(B) Mumbai
(C) Kochi
(D) Visakhapatnam

682. Under which law did the Maritime State Development Council become a statutory consultative body?

(A) The Major Port Authorities Act, 2021
(B) The Indian Ports Act, 2025
(C) The Merchant Shipping Act, 2024
(D) The Inland Vessels Act, 2021

683. The two offshore mineral blocks offered for auction by the Ministry of Mines lie in which sea?

(A) Arabian Sea
(B) Andaman Sea
(C) Laccadive Sea
(D) Bay of Bengal off Odisha

684. What is the total area of the two offshore mineral blocks offered for auction?

(A) 632 square kilometres
(B) 1,000 square kilometres
(C) 1,632 square kilometres
(D) 2,632 square kilometres

685. Which three heritage sites are covered by the memorandum of agreement signed by HAL, NCF and ASI?

(A) Hampi, Taj Mahal and Bekal Fort
(B) Hampi, Khajuraho and Golconda Fort
(C) Taj Mahal, Konark and Chittorgarh Fort
(D) Ajanta Caves, Taj Mahal and Bekal Fort

686. How much financial support has HAL approved in principle for the heritage conservation projects?

(A) 13.60 crore rupees
(B) 23.60 crore rupees
(C) 33.60 crore rupees
(D) 123.60 crore rupees

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687. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs signed its capacity building MoU with which organisation?

(A) Karmayogi Bharat
(B) National Institute of Rural Development
(C) TRIFED
(D) National Skill Development Corporation

688. Which four states are expected to complete the in-person training of Adi Karmayogi Volunteers by 31 October 2026?

(A) Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Bihar and Assam
(B) Maharashtra, Odisha, Goa and Tripura
(C) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Kerala and Manipur
(D) Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Goa and Nagaland

689. Which institute developed the machine learning aided filter for treating dye contaminated wastewater?

(A) Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali
(B) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
(C) National Environmental Engineering Research Institute, Nagpur
(D) Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee

690. Which natural material was used to synthesise the zinc oxide nanoparticles in this work?

(A) Neem leaf extract
(B) Turmeric extract
(C) Tulsi extract
(D) Banana peel extract

691. The Digital Detox Campaign of the Department of Posts was organised in collaboration with which airline?

(A) Air India
(B) IndiGo
(C) SpiceJet
(D) Akasa Air

692. On which day of the National Postal Week was the Digital Detox Campaign held?

(A) World Post Day
(B) Philately Day
(C) Mail Day
(D) Antyodaya Diwas

693. At which venue is ESTIC-2026, where DRDO will lead a session on semiconductors, scheduled to be held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(D) Bengaluru Palace Grounds

694. How many ministries and departments are jointly organising ESTIC-2026?

(A) Eight
(B) Ten
(C) Twelve
(D) Fifteen

695. The North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 was inaugurated at which venue?

(A) Mizoram University, Aizawl
(B) Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati
(C) North Eastern Hill University, Shillong
(D) Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar

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696. According to the conclave, how much credit is extended for every 100 rupees deposited in banks in the Northeast?

(A) 27 rupees
(B) 37 rupees
(C) 47 rupees
(D) 57 rupees

697. Which country is the world's largest producer and exporter of coir and coir products?

(A) Indonesia
(B) India
(C) the Philippines
(D) Sri Lanka

698. What was the value of India's exports of coir and coir products in FY 2025-26?

(A) ₹1,630.33 crore
(B) ₹3,284.75 crore
(C) ₹6,614.40 crore
(D) ₹16,000 crore

699. What was the All-India Wholesale Price Index inflation rate for September 2026?

(A) 9.92 per cent
(B) 11.39 per cent
(C) 8.67 per cent
(D) 9.78 per cent

700. Which major group recorded the highest year-on-year wholesale inflation in September 2026?

(A) Primary Articles
(B) Manufactured Products
(C) Fuel and Power
(D) Electricity

701. Where was the first ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum held in October 2026?

(A) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
(B) MP-IDSA, New Delhi
(C) Jakarta, Indonesia
(D) Manila, Philippines

702. What is the full form of MAHASAGAR, cited by the Raksha Mantri at the forum?

(A) Maritime Harmony and Security Alliance for Growth and Regional Advancement
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Highway for South Asian Growth and Regional Access
(D) Mission for Advancement of Harbours, Shipping and Growth Across Regions

703. What is the outlay of the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojna (BHAVYA)?

(A) Rs 2,500 crore
(B) Rs 33,660 crore
(C) Rs 7.82 lakh crore
(D) Rs 97,328 crore

704. How many industrial parks are to be developed under BHAVYA, and how many in its first phase?

(A) 100 in all, up to 50 in the first phase
(B) 260 in all, up to 100 in the first phase
(C) 370 in all, up to 50 in the first phase
(D) 50 in all, up to 25 in the first phase

705. In which city did the Indian Navy hand over command of Combined Task Force 154?

(A) Doha
(B) Manama
(C) Muscat
(D) Djibouti

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706. How many nations make up the Combined Maritime Forces partnership served by CTF 154?

(A) 27
(B) 37
(C) 47
(D) 57

707. How much financial support has the Technology Development Board agreed to give for the YETI project?

(A) Rs 101 crore
(B) Rs 151 crore
(C) Rs 251 crore
(D) Rs 302 crore

708. What is the maximum payload YETI is designed to carry?

(A) 50 kg
(B) 100 kg
(C) 200 kg
(D) 500 kg

709. Where was the North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 held?

(A) Mizoram University, Aizawl
(B) Gauhati University, Guwahati
(C) Tripura University, Agartala
(D) Rajiv Gandhi University, Itanagar

710. How many of the identified villages in the Northeast are now connected to a bank branch or India Post Payments Bank?

(A) 5,905 of 9,479
(B) 6,905 of 9,479
(C) 7,905 of 9,479
(D) 8,479 of 9,479

711. The National Social Assistance Programme has been renamed as which of the following?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Samajik Suraksha Yojana
(B) Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana
(C) Pradhan Mantri Jan Kalyan Yojana
(D) Pradhan Mantri Vridhavastha Pension Yojana

712. Under the revised divyangjan pension, what is the monthly assistance for a beneficiary aged 80 years and above?

(A) Rs 375
(B) Rs 500
(C) Rs 625
(D) Rs 1,000

713. The Productivity Linked Bonus approved for railway employees is equal to how many days' wages?

(A) 60 days
(B) 72 days
(C) 78 days
(D) 90 days

714. What is the total amount sanctioned for the Productivity Linked Bonus to railway employees?

(A) Rs 1,879.23 crore
(B) Rs 2,009.61 crore
(C) Rs 2,245.50 crore
(D) Rs 3,102.40 crore

715. Which agency carried out Operation Deep Manifest against the smuggling of Pakistan-origin rock salt?

(A) Central Bureau of Investigation
(B) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
(C) Enforcement Directorate
(D) Narcotics Control Bureau

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716. Through which third country's port were the Pakistan-origin rock salt consignments routed?

(A) Sri Lanka
(B) Bangladesh
(C) Oman
(D) Singapore

717. Operation Parivartan, under which illicit cannabis cultivation was destroyed, was carried out in which district?

(A) Kullu, Himachal Pradesh
(B) Chamba, Himachal Pradesh
(C) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
(D) Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir

718. The Central Bureau of Narcotics functions under which ministry of the Government of India?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Finance
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

719. How many clinical trial sites will be adopted under the NIPER Raebareli and AstraZeneca India collaboration?

(A) 10
(B) 25
(C) 50
(D) 100

720. The clinical research collaboration signed at New Delhi advances which flagship government initiative?

(A) Biopharma SHAKTI
(B) Ayushman Bharat
(C) Mission Indradhanush
(D) PRIP Scheme

721. In BHARAT TULIP, the abbreviation TULIP stands for which of the following?

(A) Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
(B) Textile Upgradation and Livelihood Investment Programme
(C) Tribal Upliftment and Local Industry Programme
(D) Training for Urban Livelihood and Industrial Production

722. BHARAT TULIP is being implemented by which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
(D) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

723. Which entity has been approved as the Strategic Buyer for IDBI Bank Ltd?

(A) M/s 10955230 Canada Inc, a Fairfax Financial Holdings entity
(B) Life Insurance Corporation of India
(C) Prem Watsa Capital Partners Ltd
(D) Emirates NBD Bank PJSC

724. What is the total stake being sold in IDBI Bank Ltd under the approved restructuring?

(A) 45.48 per cent
(B) 51 per cent
(C) 60.72 per cent
(D) 94.71 per cent

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725. India's accession has been approved to which fisheries agreement?

(A) Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement
(B) Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
(C) Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention
(D) Bay of Bengal Fisheries Compact

726. Which country has the largest share of high seas fishing?

(A) Japan
(B) Spain
(C) China
(D) South Korea

727. Who has been made chairman of the committee constituted to examine issues relating to sugarcane farmers and the sugar sector?

(A) Prof. Ramesh Chand
(B) Dr. Ashok Dalwai
(C) Prof. Abhijit Sen
(D) Dr. Himanshu Pathak

728. Representatives of sugarcane farmers from which two States met the Union Ministers before the committee was constituted?

(A) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
(B) Karnataka and Maharashtra
(C) Punjab and Haryana
(D) Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh

729. Who is the Chairman of the High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes (HLCDC), which launched its web portal?

(A) Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar (Retd.)
(B) Justice Rohinton Fali Nariman (Retd.)
(C) The Union Home Secretary
(D) The Registrar General of India

730. Which ministry constituted the High-Level Committee on Demographic Changes?

(A) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(B) Ministry of Home Affairs
(C) Ministry of External Affairs
(D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

731. MSCARO, 2026 mandated by the Ministry of Cooperation relates to which subject?

(A) Election of office bearers in cooperative banks
(B) Statutory audit reporting by Multi-State Cooperative Societies
(C) Registration of new primary agricultural credit societies
(D) Minimum capital norms for urban cooperative banks

732. Under which provision has the Central Government been empowered to prescribe auditing and accounting standards for Multi-State Cooperative Societies?

(A) Section 73(6) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023
(B) Section 35 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949
(C) Section 143 of the Companies Act, 2013
(D) Article 243ZH of the Constitution

733. Who is the author of the memoir 'Dancing with Joy', released by the Vice-President?

(A) Dr. Sandhya Purecha
(B) Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant
(C) Dr. P. Raghu Ram
(D) Dr. Sachchidanand Joshi

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734. How many Day Care Cancer Centres were said to have been established, as cited at the event?

(A) 200
(B) 350
(C) 500
(D) 900

735. What was the theme of World Standards Day 2026?

(A) Shared Vision for a Better World: SDG 7 (Clean & Affordable Energy)
(B) Standards for Climate Resilient Infrastructure
(C) Quality for a Self-Reliant India
(D) Standards for a Digital Decade

736. Which purity grades of silver are covered by the BIS Silver Refinery Scheme announced on World Standards Day 2026?

(A) 995.0, 990.0 and 985.0 parts per thousand
(B) 999.9, 999.5 and 999.0 parts per thousand
(C) 916, 875 and 750 parts per thousand
(D) 999.99 and 999.95 parts per thousand only

737. What is the fundraising target of IIT Kanpur's 'Greater Than Us' campaign?

(A) US$500 million by March 2029
(B) US$1 billion by March 2029
(C) US$2 billion by March 2030
(D) Rs 4,155 crore by March 2028

738. The National Military Drone Technology Hub, whose approval process is nearing completion, is being set up at which institute?

(A) IIT Madras
(B) IIT Delhi
(C) IIT Kanpur
(D) IIT Bombay

739. How many young innovators were felicitated at the 12th National Level Exhibition and Project Competition?

(A) 42
(B) 52
(C) 62
(D) 72

740. What does MANAK stand for in the INSPIRE-MANAK scheme?

(A) Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge
(B) Mission for Advancing National Aptitude and Knowledge
(C) Model Academy for Nurturing Applied Knowledge
(D) Manthan for National Aspirations and Capability

741. Which issue of Sarvekshana, the Journal of Official Statistics, has been released?

(A) 111th
(B) 118th
(C) 121st
(D) 125th

742. Which body released the 121st issue of Sarvekshana?

(A) National Statistical Commission
(B) National Statistical Systems Training Academy
(C) Central Statistics Office
(D) National Sample Survey Office

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743. Which edition of the India-Brunei Darussalam Joint Trade Committee met to review bilateral trade?

(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Third
(D) Fifth

744. Which sectors were identified as key areas for further India-Brunei cooperation at the meeting?

(A) Textiles, leather and gems
(B) Pharmaceuticals, healthcare and energy
(C) Defence, space and shipping
(D) Fisheries, mining and railways

745. What was the theme of the AI for Good Build-a-thon 5.0 held at India Mobile Congress 2026?

(A) Agentic AI for Digital Bharat
(B) Creating innovative agents in 5G
(C) AI for Inclusive Connectivity
(D) Standards First, AI Next

746. Which team won the first prize at the AI for Good Build-a-thon 5.0?

(A) Team SNR
(B) Team Agentnet
(C) Team Netaxis, RVCE Bangalore
(D) Team Nethealers

747. Under which scheme have Advanced Chemicals, Petrochemicals and Material Technologies been made eligible for funding?

(A) Production Linked Incentive Scheme
(B) Research, Development and Innovation Scheme
(C) Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech Sector
(D) National Manufacturing Mission

748. Which department approved the inclusion of the chemicals and petrochemicals sector under the RDI Scheme?

(A) Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals
(B) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
(C) Department of Science and Technology
(D) Department of Scientific and Industrial Research

749. Which two bodies jointly launched the inaugural Tech Familiarization Programme for Global South diplomats?

(A) ICAR and the Ministry of Agriculture
(B) CSIR and the Ministry of External Affairs
(C) DRDO and the Ministry of Defence
(D) ISRO and the Department of Space

750. How many Ambassadors and embassy officials, and from how many countries, attended the inaugural programme?

(A) 29 officials from 33 countries
(B) 33 officials from 29 countries
(C) 43 officials from 39 countries
(D) 23 officials from 19 countries

751. How many judicial districts has the Ministry of Law and Justice targeted under its new research-based mission on pendency?

(A) Top 50 districts
(B) Top 75 districts
(C) Top 100 districts
(D) Top 150 districts

752. Approximately how many cases are pending across courts in India, according to the Law Ministry?

(A) Over 2.8 crore
(B) Over 4.5 crore
(C) Over 5.8 crore
(D) Over 7.2 crore

753. What was the theme of the two-day international conference organised by the Central Electricity Authority?

(A) Making Indian Power Sector AI Enabled
(B) Clean Energy for a Viksit Bharat
(C) Grid of the Future: Storage and Flexibility
(D) Digital India for Rural Electrification

754. Which portal was launched by the Central Electricity Authority during the inaugural session of the conference?

(A) Urja Mitra Portal
(B) Vidhyut Dwar Portal
(C) PRAAPTI Portal
(D) Saubhagya Portal

755. The Brihattar Bharat conference inaugurated in New Delhi marks the centenary of which organisation?

(A) Asiatic Society of Bengal
(B) Greater India Society
(C) Indian Council for Cultural Relations
(D) Archaeological Survey of India

756. Which institution organised the three-day conference on Bharat's Cultural Connections across the Globe?

(A) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
(B) National Museum, New Delhi
(C) Sahitya Akademi
(D) Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage

757. The Captive Employer CXO Meet held at Jaipur on 15 October 2026 was organised under which scheme?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
(B) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana 2.0
(C) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Urban Livelihoods Mission
(D) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act

758. How many rural youth have been trained so far under DDU-GKY, as stated at the Jaipur meet?

(A) 12.44 lakh
(B) 18.49 lakh
(C) 20.50 lakh
(D) 1.83 lakh

759. At the BHASHINI Rajyam Workshop held in October 2026, the Digital India BHASHINI Division signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the government of which state?

(A) Mizoram
(B) Meghalaya
(C) Manipur
(D) Nagaland

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760. The Digital India BHASHINI Division functions under which ministry of the Government of India?

(A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

761. The Adi Vaani platform, positioned as the National Tribal Language Repository, has been developed by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in collaboration with which institution?

(A) IIT Kanpur
(B) IIT Delhi
(C) Tezpur University
(D) Central Institute of Indian Languages

762. Who chaired the first meeting of the Working Group on Tribal Languages held in October 2026?

(A) The Union Minister of Tribal Affairs
(B) The Chairman of the Bhasha Samiti
(C) The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) The Director of the Central Institute of Indian Languages

763. Who chaired the 27th meeting of the G.B. Pant Society of Himalayan Environment and Development held in New Delhi in October 2026?

(A) The Union Minister for Jal Shakti
(B) The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(C) The Union Minister for Earth Sciences
(D) The Union Minister for Tribal Affairs

764. How many publications of the institute were released at the 27th meeting of the G.B. Pant Society of Himalayan Environment and Development?

(A) Two
(B) Three
(C) Four
(D) Six

765. Which department is the nodal department for Special Campaign 6 on Swachhata and disposal of pending matters?

(A) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(B) Department of Personnel and Training
(C) Department of Posts
(D) Department of Expenditure

766. Until which date does the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6 continue?

(A) 15 October 2026
(B) 30 October 2026
(C) 31 October 2026
(D) 30 November 2026

767. According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey figures cited in October 2026, what was the female Labour Force Participation Rate in 2025?

(A) 22 per cent
(B) 23.3 per cent
(C) 38.8 per cent
(D) 40 per cent

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768. Under the Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana, what is the ceiling on collateral-free credit for micro and small enterprises?

(A) 10 lakh rupees
(B) 20 lakh rupees
(C) 50 lakh rupees
(D) 1 crore rupees

769. Which of the following is NOT part of the 5D Security Threat named by the Raksha Mantri at the Defence Conclave?

(A) Disinformation
(B) Deception
(C) Deterrence
(D) Destabilisation

770. According to the Raksha Mantri, India annual defence production has risen to which level?

(A) Over Rs 1.78 lakh crore
(B) Over Rs 1.25 lakh crore
(C) Over Rs 2.45 lakh crore
(D) Over Rs 95,000 crore

771. Who inaugurated the third edition of KAUMARACON-2026 at the All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Vice-President of India
(C) The Prime Minister of India
(D) The Union Health Minister

772. KAUMARACON-2026 was an international conference on which branch of Ayurveda?

(A) Panchakarma
(B) Rasashastra
(C) Kaumarabhritya
(D) Shalya Tantra

773. Where and when will ESTIC 2026 be held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, from 20 to 22 October
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October
(C) Technology Bhawan, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 November
(D) Science City, Ahmedabad, from 15 to 17 October

774. What is the theme of ESTIC 2026?

(A) Science for self-reliance and sustainability
(B) Creative minds catalyzing science and empowering technology
(C) Innovation for a developed India
(D) Research, innovation and entrepreneurship for all

775. The 9th Workshop on Recent Advancements in Hydrogen Value Chain was organised by which centre?

(A) ARCI, the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials
(B) National Institute of Solar Energy
(C) Central Power Research Institute
(D) National Physical Laboratory

776. Where was the workshop commemorating National Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day held?

(A) IIT Delhi, New Delhi
(B) IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai
(C) IISc Bengaluru
(D) ARCI campus, Hyderabad

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777. Under which Licensed Service Area was the TRAI drive test in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands conducted?

(A) Tamil Nadu LSA
(B) West Bengal LSA
(C) Kolkata LSA
(D) Andhra Pradesh LSA

778. Which operator recorded the highest average download speed in the Kolkata area drive test?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) RJIL
(D) VIL

779. Which organisation received the Rs 2,563 crore contract for the GSAT-7C communication satellite?

(A) Bharat Dynamics Limited
(B) New Space India Limited
(C) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
(D) Bharat Electronics Limited

780. Varunastra, ordered for Rs 1,543 crore from Bharat Dynamics Limited, is what kind of weapon?

(A) A surface-to-air missile
(B) A ship-launched anti-submarine heavy weight torpedo
(C) An anti-tank guided missile
(D) A submarine-launched ballistic missile

781. What is the approximate total cost of the five development projects inaugurated in Ladakh on 15 October 2026?

(A) Rs 1,250 crore
(B) Rs 2,500 crore
(C) Rs 3,350 crore
(D) Rs 5,600 crore

782. The new terminal inaugurated at Leh belongs to which airport?

(A) Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport
(B) Zanskar Valley Airport
(C) Nubra Shyok Airport
(D) Changthang Airport

783. In which city did President Droupadi Murmu attend the National SARAS Mela on 15 October 2026?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Vijayawada
(C) Guntur
(D) Tirupati

784. How many stalls are women entrepreneurs using at this edition of the National SARAS Mela?

(A) More than 250
(B) More than 450
(C) More than 650
(D) More than 850

785. The Data Centre Evaluation Framework has been released by which body?

(A) Frontier Tech Hub of NITI Aayog
(B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(C) Central Electricity Authority
(D) Bureau of Energy Efficiency

786. How many pillars does the Data Centre Evaluation Framework rest on?

(A) Three
(B) Four
(C) Five
(D) Seven

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787. As per the PLFS bulletin for September 2026, what was the overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above?

(A) 3.2 per cent
(B) 5 per cent
(C) 6.4 per cent
(D) 7.8 per cent

788. Urban labour force participation rate in September 2026 rose to which level?

(A) 47.2 per cent
(B) 50.7 per cent
(C) 55.5 per cent
(D) 58 per cent

789. The Seva Sankalp Abhiyan, under which assistive devices are being distributed, marks what milestone?

(A) Ten years of the Ministry of Cooperation
(B) Twenty-five years of the Prime Minister in public office
(C) Seventy-five years of the Constitution
(D) Fifty years of the Right to Education

790. How many persons with disabilities were helped at the Jagdalpur camp held from 5 to 7 October 2026?

(A) More than 1,200
(B) More than 2,400
(C) More than 3,600
(D) More than 9,000

791. The District Collectors' Peyjal Samvad is organised by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, which works under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
(D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

792. At the 13th Peyjal Samvad, which district reported round-the-clock piped water supply to IIM Sambalpur?

(A) Palamu, Jharkhand
(B) Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu
(C) Bargarh, Odisha
(D) West Tripura, Tripura

793. Dr L. Murugan resignation from the Union Council of Ministers was accepted under which provision of the Constitution?

(A) Clause (1) of Article 74
(B) Clause (2) of Article 75
(C) Clause (3) of Article 77
(D) Article 78

794. Who accepted Dr L. Murugan resignation from the Union Council of Ministers, and on whose advice?

(A) The Prime Minister, on the advice of the Cabinet
(B) The Vice-President, on the advice of the Prime Minister
(C) The President of India, on the advice of the Prime Minister
(D) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha, on the advice of the President

795. Where was the National Strategic Trade Command Centre (NSTCC) launched?

(A) Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi

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796. Which department has developed the National Strategic Trade Command Centre?

(A) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
(B) Department of Commerce
(C) Department of Revenue
(D) Department of Economic Affairs

797. What were India total exports of merchandise and services in September 2026?

(A) 72.76 billion dollars
(B) 80.75 billion dollars
(C) 94.05 billion dollars
(D) 44.40 billion dollars

798. Which group of exports recorded the highest percentage growth in September 2026?

(A) Engineering goods
(B) Petroleum products
(C) Electronic goods
(D) Drugs and pharmaceuticals

799. Where did India finish on the medal standings of the 2026 Asian Games?

(A) Second place
(B) Third place
(C) Fourth place
(D) Fifth place

800. Which city has been named as the host of the 2030 Asian Games?

(A) Doha
(B) Riyadh
(C) Aichi-Nagoya
(D) Hangzhou

801. From which date does the NHAI policy on independent checking of bridge designs take effect?

(A) 1 November 2026
(B) 1 December 2026
(C) 1 January 2027
(D) 1 April 2027

802. A major river bridge comes under independent design checking when its design discharge is at least:

(A) 1,000 cubic metres per second
(B) 2,000 cubic metres per second
(C) 3,000 cubic metres per second
(D) 5,000 cubic metres per second

803. How much is the annual scholarship under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme?

(A) 6,000 rupees
(B) 12,000 rupees
(C) 20,000 rupees
(D) 36,000 rupees

804. What is the last date for registration of NMMSS applications for the academic year 2026-27?

(A) 15 October 2026
(B) 31 October 2026
(C) 15 November 2026
(D) 30 November 2026

805. The Technology Development Board functions under which department?

(A) Department of Biotechnology
(B) Department of Science and Technology
(C) Department of Health Research
(D) Department of Pharmaceuticals

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806. Which company has been supported for the development of an indigenous 32-slice CT scanner?

(A) Panacea Medical Technologies Private Limited
(B) Bharat Electronics Limited
(C) Hindustan Antibiotics Limited
(D) HLL Lifecare Limited

807. Which city hosted the 14th High Level Meeting between the Indian Coast Guard and the Korea Coast Guard?

(A) Busan
(B) Incheon
(C) Seoul
(D) Jeju

808. Who led the Indian Coast Guard delegation at the 14th High Level Meeting with the Korea Coast Guard?

(A) Senior Superintendent General Im Myeong Gil
(B) Inspector General T. Sashi Kumar
(C) The Director General of the Indian Coast Guard
(D) The Chief of the Naval Staff

809. Which session of the India-Japan Joint Working Group on the roads and road transportation sector was held in New Delhi on 15 October 2026?

(A) The 9th session
(B) The 10th session
(C) The 12th session
(D) The 14th session

810. Which two ministries, besides the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, took active part in the India-Japan Joint Working Group session on roads?

(A) Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Power
(B) Ministry of Shipping and Ministry of Civil Aviation
(C) Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Commerce
(D) Ministry of Housing and Ministry of Environment

811. What was the theme of Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026?

(A) Women Farmers for a Hunger Free India
(B) Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India
(C) Empowering Women Through Farm Mechanisation
(D) Women in Climate Resilient Agriculture

812. Which book was released during the Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 programme in New Delhi?

(A) Women Farmers of India: Journey from Challenges to Success
(B) Daughters of the Soil
(C) Annadata: The Women Who Feed India
(D) Krishi Sakhi: A Handbook for Extension Workers

813. After the addition of Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel, how many Ramsar sites does India have?

(A) 101
(B) 102
(C) 103
(D) 105

814. Sukhna Wetland, newly designated a Ramsar site, is located in which Union Territory?

(A) Delhi
(B) Chandigarh
(C) Puducherry
(D) Ladakh

815. Which city hosted the 114th Meeting of the Development Committee Plenary of the World Bank?

(A) Jakarta
(B) Bangkok
(C) Manila
(D) Singapore

816. What was the agenda of the 114th Development Committee Plenary that India addressed?

(A) Debt Sustainability and Climate Finance
(B) Private Capital Mobilisation and Jobs
(C) Food Security and Rural Credit
(D) Digital Public Infrastructure and Trade

817. Which industry body released the white paper 'The New Economics of Media and Entertainment'?

(A) FICCI
(B) CII
(C) ASSOCHAM
(D) NASSCOM

818. According to the CII white paper, what size should India's media and entertainment sector reach by the early 2030s?

(A) $50 billion
(B) $75 billion
(C) $100 billion
(D) $250 billion

819. How many National Waterways does India have at present?

(A) 101
(B) 106
(C) 111
(D) 121

820. India's first riverine lighthouses are being set up on which river?

(A) Ganga, National Waterway-1
(B) Brahmaputra, National Waterway-2
(C) West Coast Canal, National Waterway-3
(D) Godavari, National Waterway-4

821. To which country did APEDA flag off India's maiden consignment of organic Palmyra jaggery powder?

(A) Bulgaria
(B) Bahrain
(C) Belgium
(D) Brazil

822. The maiden organic Palmyra jaggery powder consignment was sourced from which district?

(A) Erode, Tamil Nadu
(B) Krishna, Andhra Pradesh
(C) Mysuru, Karnataka
(D) Thrissur, Kerala

823. The Jamsaheb Memorial Youth Exchange Programme is held between India and which country?

(A) Poland
(B) Hungary
(C) Czech Republic
(D) Lithuania

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824. Where is the Balachadi Polish Children's Camp Memorial located?

(A) Jamnagar, Gujarat
(B) Kolhapur, Maharashtra
(C) Porbandar, Gujarat
(D) Nashik, Maharashtra

825. According to the Status Report on Ayush Related Inventions in India (2014-2026), how many Ayush patent applications were filed between 2014-15 and 2025-26?

(A) 2,854
(B) 4,077
(C) 711
(D) 1,223

826. Which state recorded the highest Ayush patent activity, with 744 filings and 142 grants?

(A) Maharashtra
(B) Kerala
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Gujarat

827. The first-ever Kanda Express onion consignment is being sent to which city?

(A) Guwahati
(B) Agartala
(C) Kohima
(D) Dimapur

828. Buffer onions moved by the Kanda Express are released from which fund?

(A) Price Stabilization Fund
(B) Market Intervention Scheme Fund
(C) Agriculture Infrastructure Fund
(D) National Food Security Fund

829. BHASHINI has developed text-to-speech models for Sourashtra in collaboration with which institution?

(A) IIT Madras
(B) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
(C) IIIT Hyderabad
(D) Anna University

830. Sourashtra, for which the new text-to-speech models were built, belongs to which language family and is spoken mainly in which state?

(A) Dravidian, Tamil Nadu
(B) Indo-Aryan, Tamil Nadu
(C) Indo-Aryan, Gujarat
(D) Dravidian, Karnataka

831. The Ministry of Textiles held workshops on cyber security and e-waste management under which government campaign?

(A) Swachh Bharat Mission
(B) Special Campaign 6
(C) Digital India Mission
(D) Mission Karmayogi

832. Which of the following was NOT among the cyber threats discussed at the Ministry of Textiles session?

(A) Phishing attacks
(B) Malware
(C) Digital arrest scams
(D) Cryptojacking of office servers

833. Which ship was commissioned as the Indian Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel?

(A) INS Nistar
(B) INS Samarthak
(C) INS Arnala
(D) INS Sandhayak

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834. At which place was INS Samarthak commissioned into the Indian Navy?

(A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(B) Kochi, Kerala
(C) Karwar, Karnataka
(D) Mumbai, Maharashtra

835. The Technology Development Board signed an agreement for quantum-secure technology support with which company?

(A) QNu Labs Private Limited, Bengaluru
(B) QpiAI India Private Limited, Pune
(C) BosonQ Psi Private Limited, Bhopal
(D) Quantum Ecosystems Technology Council of India

836. What is the amount of TDB support and the total cost of the QNu Labs quantum project?

(A) Support of Rs 100 crore in a project of Rs 250 crore
(B) Support of Rs 150 crore in a project of Rs 300 crore
(C) Support of Rs 200 crore in a project of Rs 400 crore
(D) Support of Rs 250 crore in a project of Rs 500 crore

837. How much investment did the 6th National Steering Committee of PM-SETU approve for five ITI clusters?

(A) Rs 1,194.92 crore
(B) Rs 1,492.11 crore
(C) Rs 2,194.92 crore
(D) Rs 3,687 crore

838. Which industry partner will upgrade the Kataka ITI cluster in Odisha under PM-SETU?

(A) BVG India Limited
(B) Tata Steel Foundation
(C) Belrise Industries Limited
(D) Eagle Infra India Limited

839. The PAIMANA Performance Monitoring Dashboard is released by which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(B) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(C) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
(D) NITI Aayog

840. How many kilometres of national highway projects were awarded in April-September of FY 2026-27, according to the dashboard?

(A) 1,236.3 km
(B) 2,236.3 km
(C) 3,326.2 km
(D) 4,236.3 km

841. Which mineral identified at Neyveli in Tamil Nadu helped establish it as a Martian analogue site?

(A) Melanterite
(B) Gypsum
(C) Hematite
(D) Olivine

842. Which institution's research team identified the Martian analogue sites using a laser Raman spectrometer?

(A) Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad
(B) University of Kerala, Department of Geology
(C) Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru
(D) National Centre for Earth Science Studies

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843. Who inaugurated Khadi Mahotsav-2026 at the KVIC Central Office in Mumbai?

(A) The Union Minister for MSME
(B) Shri Manoj Goel, Chairman of KVIC
(C) The Chief Minister of Maharashtra
(D) The CEO of KVIC

844. How many units and from how many states are taking part in Khadi Mahotsav-2026?

(A) 57 units from 10 states
(B) 67 units from 11 states
(C) 77 units from 12 states
(D) 87 units from 14 states

845. What is the approved outlay of the Samudra Manthan Scheme, also called the National Offshore Exploration Scheme?

(A) Rs 48,048 crore
(B) Rs 84,084 crore
(C) Rs 64,064 crore
(D) Rs 94,094 crore

846. Which institution organised the two-day national conference 'Pathways to Viksit Bharat: A Centenary Conclave'?

(A) Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi
(B) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru University
(D) Delhi School of Economics

847. The arbitration case that NHAI defended in the Chittorgarh-Udaipur stretch concerned which national highway?

(A) NH-44
(B) NH-48
(C) NH-76
(D) NH-27

848. Under which body was the three-member arbitral tribunal in the Chittorgarh-Udaipur case constituted?

(A) Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes (SAROD)
(B) Indian Council of Arbitration
(C) International Centre for Alternative Dispute Resolution
(D) National Company Law Tribunal

849. Where was the 14th India-Mongolia Defence Joint Working Group meeting held?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Ulaanbaatar
(C) Kathmandu
(D) Astana

850. Which joint military exercise of India and Mongolia was welcomed at the 14th Joint Working Group meeting?

(A) Exercise Nomadic Elephant
(B) Exercise Mitra Shakti
(C) Exercise Surya Kiran
(D) Exercise Garuda Shakti

851. How many villages had been declared Adarsh Grams under PM-AJAY as on 8 September 2026?

(A) 9,540
(B) 18,093
(C) 27,032
(D) 47,200

852. Which ministry implements the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

853. Where did the two-day National Conference on e-Governance Reforms begin on 16 October 2026?

(A) Shimla
(B) Dharamshala
(C) Mussoorie
(D) New Delhi

854. Which department organised the National Conference on e-Governance Reforms?

(A) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(B) Department of Telecommunications
(C) Department of Science and Technology
(D) Department of Expenditure

855. Which institute reconstructed 4,600 years of monsoon and environmental history from Karela Lake?

(A) Wadia Institute of Himalayan Geology
(B) Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences
(C) National Institute of Oceanography
(D) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology

856. Karela Lake, the site of the study, is located near which city?

(A) Patna
(B) Prayagraj
(C) Lucknow
(D) Kanpur

857. Under which scheme were the 46 rural roads at Sanchi given bhoomi pujan?

(A) Bharatmala Pariyojana
(B) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
(C) Setu Bharatam
(D) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

858. In which two districts is the pilot project to link every family to a livelihood being launched?

(A) Raisen and Vidisha
(B) Rewa and Satna
(C) Ujjain and Dewas
(D) Betul and Harda

859. Which country did India defeat in the women kabaddi final at the 2026 Asian Games?

(A) Bangladesh
(B) Iran
(C) Chinese Taipei
(D) Thailand

860. Who captained the Indian women kabaddi team that won gold at the 2026 Asian Games?

(A) Ritu Negi
(B) Pinky Roy
(C) Pushpa Rana
(D) Raj Rani

861. Under which ministry does the All India Institute of Ayurveda function as an autonomous institution?

(A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Ayush
(C) Ministry of Science and Technology
(D) Ministry of Education

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862. According to its decade report, how many patients did AIIA treat between October 2016 and September 2026?

(A) 17,74,524
(B) 27,74,524
(C) 37,74,524
(D) 47,74,524

863. Which body instituted the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar?

(A) Lalit Kala Akademi
(B) Sahitya Akademi
(C) Sangeet Natak Akademi
(D) National School of Drama

864. How many young artists will receive the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for the years 2024 and 2025?

(A) 72
(B) 84
(C) 106
(D) 128

865. By which date must NCR industries covered by the new CAQM order install and operationalise PTZ cameras?

(A) 31 October 2026
(B) 30 November 2026
(C) 31 December 2026
(D) 31 March 2027

866. Which body has issued the order extending PTZ camera-based remote monitoring in the National Capital Region?

(A) National Green Tribunal
(B) Central Pollution Control Board
(C) Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas
(D) Delhi Pollution Control Committee

867. India Mining Week has been rescheduled to which dates?

(A) 15 to 17 November 2026
(B) 10 to 12 January 2027
(C) 24 to 26 February 2027
(D) 5 to 7 April 2027

868. At which venue will India Mining Week be held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi
(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) Mahatma Mandir, Gandhinagar

869. In which city was Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026 inaugurated by the Vice-President?

(A) Thiruvananthapuram
(B) Kochi
(C) Kozhikode
(D) Thrissur

870. Who received the Sarga Kesari Award at Navaratri Sargotsavam 2026?

(A) A. K. Prasanth
(B) P. R. Rajendran
(C) C. Sadanandan Master
(D) Vidhu-bala

871. What is the total outlay of the revised Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations?

(A) Rs 3,062 crore
(B) Rs 7,386.74 crore
(C) Rs 12,500 crore
(D) Rs 980 crore

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872. Under the revised scheme, what is the maximum assistance a federation can receive for hosting an international sports event in India?

(A) Rs 10 crore
(B) Rs 25 crore
(C) Rs 50 crore
(D) Rs 100 crore

873. How many additional houses were approved under PMAY-U 2.0 at the 10th meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee?

(A) 1.93 lakh
(B) 2.93 lakh
(C) 1.19 lakh
(D) 3.91 lakh

874. Which state received the largest number of houses sanctioned at the 10th CSMC meeting of PMAY-U 2.0?

(A) Bihar
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Telangana
(D) West Bengal

875. ITRA, Jamnagar, which observed its sixth Foundation Day as ITRA Day, is the first institute of which system of medicine to be granted the status of Institute of National Importance?

(A) Ayurveda
(B) Yoga and Naturopathy
(C) Homoeopathy
(D) Unani

876. How many patients have been treated in the inpatient department of ITRA Jamnagar's hospital over the past six years?

(A) 27,520
(B) 18,47,807
(C) 2,752
(D) 1,84,780

877. During the parliamentary debate on which law was an amendment moved to restrict dilution of the Government's shareholding in IDBI?

(A) IDBI (Repeal) Act, 2003
(B) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
(C) State Bank of India Act, 1955
(D) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

878. Which court decided All India IDBI Officers' Association versus Union of India and Others, dismissing the challenge to dilution of the Government's stake?

(A) Supreme Court of India
(B) Delhi High Court
(C) Bombay High Court
(D) National Company Law Tribunal

879. Which structure built under the Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link is the world’s highest railway arch bridge?

(A) Anji Khad Bridge
(B) Chenab Rail Bridge
(C) Pamban Bridge
(D) Bogibeel Bridge

880. What are the route length and the cost of the USBRL project?

(A) 272 km at Rs 43,780 crore
(B) 119 km at Rs 6,808 crore
(C) 216 km at Rs 2,700 crore
(D) 190 km at Rs 1,677 crore

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881. Which two sugars does the FSSAI draft amendment propose to keep out of products meant for infants up to six months of age?

(A) Lactose and maltose
(B) Sucrose and fructose
(C) Glucose polymers and lactose
(D) Sorbitol and mannitol

882. The FSSAI draft amendment of 2026 modifies which parent regulations on foods for infant nutrition?

(A) Foods for Infant Nutrition Regulations, 2011
(B) Foods for Infant Nutrition Regulations, 2016
(C) Foods for Infant Nutrition Regulations, 2020
(D) Foods for Infant Nutrition Regulations, 2024

883. Who held the interaction with start-ups on affordable, scalable solutions for air pollution in Delhi-NCR on 17 October 2026?

(A) Shri Kirti Vardhan Singh
(B) Shri Bhupender Yadav
(C) Sardar Manjinder Singh Sirsa
(D) The Chairperson of CAQM

884. Under which campaign theme was the Environment Ministry's interaction with air-pollution start-ups held?

(A) Saaf Hawa mein Hissedaari, Hum Sabhi ki hai Zimmedaari
(B) Swachh Vayu, Swasth Jeevan
(C) Mera Shehar, Meri Hawa
(D) Hawa Badlo, Desh Badlo

885. What size is India's space economy expected to reach over the next seven to eight years?

(A) USD 15-20 billion
(B) USD 40-45 billion
(C) USD 90-100 billion
(D) USD 5-9 billion

886. In which period was India's space sector opened to private participation, as recalled by the Minister?

(A) 2014-2015
(B) 2016-2017
(C) 2019-2020
(D) 2022-2023

887. Project Seabird, whose Phase IIA facilities were inaugurated in October 2026, is located at which naval base?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Karwar
(C) Kochi
(D) Mumbai

888. To what bed strength has the naval hospital INHS Patanjali at Karwar been enlarged?

(A) 209 beds
(B) 300 beds
(C) 409 beds
(D) 509 beds

889. The first Stakeholder Consultation Meeting of the Climate Science into Services for India Forum was hosted by which institute?

(A) India Meteorological Department, New Delhi
(B) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune
(C) National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa
(D) Indian Institute of Space Science and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram

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890. IITM, Pune, which hosted the consultation, functions under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(B) Ministry of Science and Technology
(C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(D) Ministry of Jal Shakti

891. In the FSSAI draft amendment, what Maximum Residue Limit is proposed for Acetamiprid in tea?

(A) 10 ppm
(B) 20 ppm
(C) 30 ppm
(D) 50 ppm

892. Which authority has notified the draft amendment on pesticide residue limits in tea?

(A) Tea Board of India
(B) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(C) Central Insecticides Board and Registration Committee
(D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research

893. What is the duration of the Khet Bachao Abhiyan announced by the Ministry of Agriculture?

(A) 2 October to 31 October 2026
(B) 22 October to 30 November 2026
(C) 1 November to 31 December 2026
(D) 22 November to 30 December 2026

894. How many teams of Krishi Vigyan Kendras and ATMA have been targeted for the Khet Bachao Abhiyan?

(A) 1,450 teams
(B) 2,150 teams
(C) 4,150 teams
(D) 41,500 teams

895. The Yuva Samvad attended by Shivraj Singh Chouhan marked how many years of Vande Mataram?

(A) 100 years
(B) 125 years
(C) 150 years
(D) 175 years

896. Where did the Minister plant saplings along with youth from seven states?

(A) Lal Parade Ground, Bhopal
(B) Smart City Park, Bhopal
(C) Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal
(D) Shaurya Smarak, Bhopal

897. On which date was Yoga evam Aatm-Suraksha Diwas observed across India to begin the second month of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan?

(A) 14 October 2026
(B) 15 October 2026
(C) 16 October 2026
(D) 18 October 2026

898. How many participants did Week 5 of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan draw?

(A) 34,290
(B) 91,179
(C) 31,507
(D) 25,391

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899. On which date is World Menopause Day observed every year?

(A) 8 October
(B) 18 October
(C) 28 October
(D) 15 October

900. Which research council works under the Ministry of Ayush on Ayurvedic approaches to menopausal health?

(A) Indian Council of Medical Research
(B) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
(C) Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences
(D) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation

901. CAQM, which reviewed NCR pollution enforcement at its Enforcement Task Force meeting, stands for which body?

(A) Central Agency for Quality Monitoring
(B) Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas
(C) Committee on Air Quality and Mobility
(D) Central Air Quality Mission

902. How many inspections did CAQM report for the fortnight from 25 September to 9 October 2026?

(A) 88
(B) 124
(C) 216
(D) 341

903. The High Powered Enquiry Committee that has launched the portal hpec.nic.in was constituted by which authority?

(A) The Supreme Court of India
(B) The National Human Rights Commission
(C) The Delhi High Court
(D) The Election Commission of India

904. The violence being enquired into by the HPEC took place at which Delhi location?

(A) Ramlila Maidan
(B) Jantar Mantar
(C) Boat Club
(D) Raj Ghat

905. What were India estimated cumulative exports during April to September of 2026-27?

(A) US$ 418.31 billion
(B) US$ 476.20 billion
(C) US$ 512.60 billion
(D) US$ 389.75 billion

906. In which city was the Leveraging FTAs outreach programme of the Department of Commerce held?

(A) Jodhpur
(B) Udaipur
(C) Jaipur
(D) Bhilwara

907. Which Union Minister addressed the Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvaad programme in Porbandar district, Gujarat?

(A) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
(B) Shri Piyush Goyal
(C) Shri Bhupender Yadav
(D) Shri G. Kishan Reddy

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908. How many young leaders did the Minister say are being developed across the country?

(A) Ten thousand
(B) Fifty thousand
(C) One lakh
(D) Ten lakh

909. How many Cleanliness Target Units were transformed by the Ministry of Mines under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026?

(A) 96
(B) 136
(C) 186
(D) 236

910. Which Union Minister took part in the Swachhata Hi Seva drive at Yashwant Palace Market, Chanakyapuri?

(A) Shri Keshav Chandra
(B) Shri Bhupender Yadav
(C) Shri G. Kishan Reddy
(D) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya

911. NPPA has capped the trade margin on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs at what share of the Maximum Retail Price?

(A) 15%
(B) 20%
(C) 30%
(D) 50%

912. From which date will the revised prices of the 137 anti-cancer drugs become effective?

(A) 17 October 2026
(B) 1 November 2026
(C) 9 November 2026
(D) 1 January 2027

913. The Indian Navy First Training Squadron completed a port call at Port Victoria, which is the main port of which country?

(A) Mauritius
(B) Seychelles
(C) Maldives
(D) Madagascar

914. Which ships formed the First Training Squadron during its Seychelles port call?

(A) INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi
(B) INS Shivalik, INS Kamorta and ICGS Samarth
(C) INS Tarangini, INS Sudarshini and ICGS Vikram
(D) INS Delhi, INS Satpura and ICGS Abhinav

915. How much money did the National Biodiversity Authority disburse to the State Biodiversity Boards under the Access and Benefit Sharing mechanism?

(A) Rs 1.19 crore
(B) Rs 11.9 crore
(C) Rs 86 lakh
(D) Rs 2.3 crore

916. Which State received the largest share of this Access and Benefit Sharing disbursal?

(A) Rajasthan
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Maharashtra
(D) Karnataka

917. Which officer led the CAQM team that reviewed paddy stubble management in Firozpur and Faridkot?

(A) Dr T. S. Panwar, Member (Technical)
(B) The Chairperson of CAQM
(C) The Deputy Commissioner of Moga
(D) The Chief Secretary of Punjab

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918. CRM machinery, discussed during the review, stands for which of the following?

(A) Crop Rotation Management machinery
(B) Crop Residue Management machinery
(C) Climate Risk Mitigation machinery
(D) Central Rural Mechanisation machinery

919. How many stalls are there at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 being held at Mysuru?

(A) 63
(B) 73
(C) 83
(D) 93

920. The Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 is being held at which venue?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Karnataka
(C) Dilli Haat, New Delhi
(D) Surajkund, Haryana

921. The Central Bureau of Narcotics held its drug awareness programmes in Madhya Pradesh under which mission?

(A) Mission Yuva Shakti
(B) Mission Yuva Raksha
(C) Mission Nasha Mukti
(D) Mission Swasth Yuva

922. The Central Bureau of Narcotics functions under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(C) Ministry of Finance
(D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

923. Exercise KONKAN-26 was a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which other country?

(A) France
(B) The United Kingdom
(C) The United States
(D) Japan

924. Which Indian warship represented the Indian Navy in Exercise KONKAN-26?

(A) INS Tabar
(B) INS Talwar
(C) INS Trishul
(D) INS Teg

925. Which foundation day was marked by the All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, as KAUMARACON 2026 concluded?

(A) 5th Foundation Day
(B) 10th Foundation Day
(C) 15th Foundation Day
(D) 25th Foundation Day

926. On its 10th Foundation Day, the All India Institute of Ayurveda signed Memorandums of Understanding with which two organisations?

(A) Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth and Arogya Bharati
(B) The National Medical Commission and Arogya Bharati
(C) Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth and the Indian Council of Medical Research
(D) The Ministry of Ayush and the National Medical Commission

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927. Which city is hosting the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation?

(A) Tashkent
(B) Dushanbe
(C) Astana
(D) Bishkek

928. Who represents India at the 25th SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting in October 2026?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The External Affairs Minister
(C) The Defence Minister
(D) The Commerce and Industry Minister

929. Which organisation, working under MeitY, held the Tech Conclave on AI for Health and Assistive Technologies with CIIE, IIT (BHU)?

(A) National Informatics Centre
(B) Software Technology Parks of India
(C) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
(D) Education and Research Network

930. Shri S. Krishnan, who delivered the keynote address at the Tech Conclave, holds which post?

(A) Director General, STPI
(B) Director, IIT (BHU)
(C) Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(D) Chief Executive Officer, Uttar Pradesh Startup Mission

931. In which year was the biofortified purple-fleshed potato variety Kufri Jamunia officially released?

(A) 2018
(B) 2021
(C) 2024
(D) 2026

932. How much Vitamin C does the flesh of Kufri Jamunia contain per 100 grams?

(A) 23.15 mg
(B) 32.23 mg
(C) 42.75 mg
(D) 80.66 mg

933. How much crystal methamphetamine did the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seize in Nagapattinam district?

(A) 37 kg
(B) 137 kg
(C) 157 kg
(D) 237 kg

934. The seized consignment of crystal methamphetamine was to be smuggled to which country through a mid-sea transfer?

(A) Bangladesh
(B) Myanmar
(C) Maldives
(D) Sri Lanka

935. Which district has been notified as a Cold Water Fisheries Cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?

(A) Nainital
(B) Pithoragarh
(C) Chamoli
(D) Almora

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936. What is the outlay of Uttarakhand's Trout Protsahan Yojna?

(A) Rs 70 crore
(B) Rs 170 crore
(C) Rs 270 crore
(D) Rs 317 crore

937. How long is the Namo Bharat corridor between Delhi and Meerut?

(A) 62 km
(B) 72 km
(C) 82 km
(D) 92 km

938. On which date was the entire Namo Bharat corridor dedicated to the nation along with Meerut Metro?

(A) 20 October 2023
(B) 22 February 2026
(C) 17 October 2026
(D) 15 August 2025

939. The Asian Para Games 2026 are being held in which city?

(A) Hangzhou
(B) Jakarta
(C) Aichi-Nagoya
(D) Incheon

940. On which date did the Asian Para Games 2026 begin?

(A) 16 October 2026
(B) 17 October 2026
(C) 18 October 2026
(D) 19 October 2026

941. Which Indian Air Force aircraft carried out the short-notice casualty evacuation from Leh?

(A) C-17 Globemaster III
(B) C-130J
(C) An-32
(D) IL-76

942. The critically ill patient was airlifted from Leh and landed at which place?

(A) Hindon
(B) Palam
(C) Chandigarh
(D) Srinagar

943. INS Sudarshini, in the news in October 2026, is which type of naval vessel?

(A) An aircraft carrier
(B) A three-masted sail training ship
(C) A nuclear-powered submarine
(D) A guided-missile destroyer

944. INS Sudarshini departed from which port during her Lokayan-2026 deployment in October 2026?

(A) Muscat, Oman
(B) Djibouti, Djibouti
(C) Salalah, Oman
(D) Port Victoria, Seychelles

945. Special Campaign 6.0 of the Department of Posts is being run during which period in 2026?

(A) 1 to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 15 October to 15 November 2026
(D) 2 to 31 December 2026

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946. What is the target for resolution of public grievances under Special Campaign 6.0 of the Department of Posts?

(A) 1,00,214
(B) 1,35,000
(C) 1,50,000
(D) 1,500

947. In which city is the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 visited by the Union Social Justice and Empowerment Secretary being held?

(A) Mysuru, Karnataka
(B) Guwahati, Assam
(C) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
(D) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh

948. How many stalls in all does the Mysuru Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 have, and how many of them are allotted to artisans?

(A) 80 stalls in all, 72 to artisans
(B) 83 stalls in all, 80 to artisans
(C) 90 stalls in all, 83 to artisans
(D) 75 stalls in all, 37 to artisans

949. On which date will the Department of School Education and Literacy hold its nationwide e-waste awareness and collection drive in schools?

(A) 14 October 2026
(B) 16 October 2026
(C) 28 October 2026
(D) 31 October 2026

950. Which body leads the campus cleanliness and e-waste collection activities in schools under Special Campaign 6?

(A) National Service Scheme units
(B) Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE
(C) National Green Corps Rangers
(D) Bharat Scouts and Guides troops

951. How much pumped storage potential has India identified in all, according to the PIB backgrounder?

(A) 288.71 GW
(B) 345.38 GW
(C) 105.56 GW
(D) 159.8 GW

952. Which region of India holds the largest identified pumped storage potential?

(A) Southern Region
(B) Northern Region
(C) Western Region
(D) Eastern Region

953. Which city will host the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology?

(A) Paris
(B) New Delhi
(C) Geneva
(D) Tokyo

954. In which year was the International Organization of Legal Metrology established?

(A) 1945
(B) 1955
(C) 1965
(D) 1975

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955. How many Ministry of Earth Sciences institutes have been recognised as AcSIR Associated Research Institutes?

(A) Five
(B) Seven
(C) Ten
(D) Twelve

956. Where was the MoES-AcSIR agreement formally declared?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi

957. Which body organised the Human Rights Quiz-2026 in collaboration with MyGov?

(A) National Commission for Women
(B) National Human Rights Commission
(C) National Commission for Minorities
(D) Law Commission of India

958. How many submissions did the NHRC's Human Rights Quiz-2026 receive?

(A) 16,712
(B) 26,459
(C) 57,530
(D) 1,67,127

959. Who won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Avani Lekhara
(B) Mona Agarwal
(C) Rubina Francis
(D) Sheetal Devi

960. Which medal did Avani Lekhara win in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) She finished fourth and won no medal

961. Which portal for farmers was launched by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan?

(A) Kisan Suvidha Portal
(B) Agri Welfare Portal
(C) AgriStack Portal
(D) Annadata Seva Portal

962. The Agri Welfare Portal has been developed in line with the DBIM 3.0 and GIGW 3.0 standards of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(B) Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

963. The Centre has notified coldwater fisheries clusters at Pithoragarh, Kullu, Anantnag and which other place?

(A) Leh
(B) Kargil
(C) Shimla
(D) Gangtok

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964. India’s annual trout production has grown six-fold in the last decade to reach nearly how much?

(A) 500 MT
(B) 5,000 MT
(C) 15,000 MT
(D) 50,000 MT

965. How many cleanliness target units were transformed by the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas under the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign?

(A) 8,845
(B) 9,548
(C) 9,845
(D) 10,845

966. During which period was the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas held?

(A) 2 September to 17 October 2026
(B) 17 September to 2 October 2026
(C) 1 September to 30 September 2026
(D) 2 October to 31 October 2026

967. After the CCPA's action against online listings of regulated explosives, how many sellers were delisted from the seven platforms?

(A) 2,700
(B) 3,092
(C) 3,940
(D) 4,206

968. Which organisation issues the licence required to deal lawfully in Ammonium Nitrate and PETN in India?

(A) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
(B) Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO)
(C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
(D) Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)

969. Under which law did the DRI seize the amphetamine and cocaine recovered in these three operations?

(A) The Customs Act, 1962
(B) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
(C) The Explosives Act, 1884
(D) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002

970. At which airport did the DRI recover the single largest amphetamine consignment in these operations?

(A) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru
(B) Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi
(C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad
(D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport, Ahmedabad

971. Under which law were the three persons arrested in the DRI's Gujarat gold smuggling case?

(A) The Customs Act, 1962
(B) The NDPS Act, 1985
(C) The Gold Control Act, 1968
(D) The Foreign Exchange Management Act, 1999

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972. In which Gujarat city did the syndicate run its illegal gold-melting facility?

(A) Surat
(B) Vadodara
(C) Rajkot
(D) Gandhinagar

973. Who won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw F46 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Ajeet Singh
(B) Rinku Hooda
(C) Sumit Antil
(D) Sandeep Chaudhary

974. How long was the throw with which Rinku Hooda won the F46 javelin gold at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) 62.11 metres
(B) 63.50 metres
(C) 65.11 metres
(D) 67.11 metres

975. Who won the gold medal in the women's 1500m T12/13 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Radha Venkatesh
(B) Soumya
(C) Simran Sharma
(D) Preeti Pal

976. What made Soumya's win in the women's 1500m T12/13 at the Asian Para Games 2026 notable?

(A) She won on her debut at the Games and clocked a personal best
(B) She set a new world record in the final
(C) She won a second gold in the same event
(D) She ran the race without a guide runner

977. Who won the gold medal in the men's long jump T47 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Praveen Kumar
(B) Nishad Kumar
(C) Sharad Kumar
(D) Mariyappan Thangavelu

978. What made Nishad Kumar's gold medal in the men's long jump T47 at the Asian Para Games 2026 even more special?

(A) It came on his debut in this event
(B) It was a new world record
(C) It was India's only medal of the Games
(D) He won it after returning from retirement

979. Which Indian judoka won the silver medal in the women's J2 -52kg event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Kokila
(B) Kapil Parmar
(C) Avani Lekhara
(D) Mona Agarwal

980. Kokila's silver at the Asian Para Games 2026 followed which medal at the previous edition of the Games?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) She won no medal at the previous edition

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981. Police Commemoration Day, observed on 21 October, commemorates the policemen killed in an ambush at which place?

(A) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(B) Hot Springs, Ladakh
(C) Nathu La, Sikkim
(D) Walong, Arunachal Pradesh

982. The National Police Memorial in New Delhi was dedicated to the nation in which year?

(A) 2014
(B) 2016
(C) 2018
(D) 2020

983. Swavlamban 2026, the fifth edition of the Indian Navy's innovation and indigenisation seminar, will be held at which venue?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) INS Shikra, Mumbai

984. In the context of Swavlamban 2026, what does NAUSETU stand for?

(A) National Autonomous Underwater Systems and Tactical Utility
(B) Naval Unified Systems, Ethernet and Tactical Utilisation
(C) Naval Undersea Surveillance and Electronic Tracking Unit
(D) Naval Upgrade Scheme for Equipment and Technology Users

985. How much revenue had Special Swachhata Campaign 6.0 earned from scrap disposal as on 19 October 2026?

(A) Rs 304.72 crore
(B) Rs 425.06 crore
(C) Rs 491.28 crore
(D) Rs 113.12 crore

986. Which department reported the highest number of cleanliness campaign sites under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) Department of School Education and Literacy
(B) Department of Personnel and Training
(C) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(D) Department of Biotechnology

987. NHAI has introduced the Toll Plaza Feedback feature on which mobile application?

(A) Rajmargyatra
(B) FASTag Saathi
(C) Sugam Sadak
(D) Highway Mitra

988. Which category of users receives an automatic notification inviting toll plaza feedback after crossing a plaza?

(A) Users who pay by cash
(B) Annual pass users
(C) Commercial vehicle owners only
(D) Users travelling at night

989. How many programmes did Mera Yuva Bharat organise in the fifth week of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan?

(A) 874
(B) 1,174
(C) 2,174
(D) 3,380

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990. Mera Yuva Bharat, which runs the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan, works under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(B) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(C) Ministry of Education
(D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

991. The NFSC fellowship, in the news for supporting a Solapur scholar's doctorate, is run by which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Science and Technology

992. What was the total assistance received by the scholar under the NFSC scheme, including House Rent Allowance?

(A) Rs 4.50 lakh
(B) Rs 6.60 lakh
(C) Rs 9.90 lakh
(D) Rs 12.50 lakh

993. The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement came into force on which date?

(A) 27 April 2026
(B) 20 October 2026
(C) 22 December 2025
(D) 16 March 2025

994. How much investment into India has New Zealand committed to facilitate under the agreement?

(A) USD 10 billion
(B) USD 15 billion
(C) USD 20 billion
(D) USD 25 billion

995. Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026, which began in October 2026, is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

(A) Austria
(B) Australia
(C) New Zealand
(D) Indonesia

996. Which Indian regiment forms the core of the Indian Army contingent at AUSTRAHIND 2026?

(A) Gorkha Rifles
(B) Rajputana Rifles
(C) Garhwal Rifles
(D) Jat Regiment

997. The saturation campaign of financial inclusion schemes announced by the Ministry of Finance will run during which period?

(A) 2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
(B) 21 October 2026 to 31 December 2026
(C) 1 November 2026 to 31 March 2027
(D) 21 October 2026 to 26 January 2027

998. Which department is organising the nationwide saturation campaign of financial inclusion schemes?

(A) Department of Expenditure
(B) Department of Economic Affairs
(C) Department of Financial Services
(D) Department of Revenue

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999. PRAGATI 2026, the national seminar on standardisation in Ayurveda and Yoga, was organised by which body?

(A) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(B) Bureau of Indian Standards
(C) National Medical Commission
(D) Quality Council of India

1000. The 5th Sowa-Rigpa Sectional Committee meeting of BIS was held at which place?

(A) Belagavi, Karnataka
(B) Dharamshala, Himachal Pradesh
(C) Leh, Ladakh
(D) Gangtok, Sikkim

1001. Who launched the revamped websites of the Ministry of Defence and the Department of Defence in October 2026?

(A) The Defence Minister
(B) The Defence Secretary
(C) The Chief of Defence Staff
(D) The Chief of Army Staff

1002. In how many Indian official languages is content on the new Ministry of Defence website available?

(A) Twelve
(B) Sixteen
(C) Twenty-two
(D) Twenty-eight

1003. The India-Saudi Arabia Electrical Interconnection initiative was reviewed in a virtual bilateral meeting led on the Indian side by which official?

(A) The Secretary, Ministry of Power
(B) The Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs
(C) The Chairperson, Central Electricity Authority
(D) The Secretary, Ministry of New and Renewable Energy

1004. Which of the following was NOT among the areas in which Saudi Arabia sought enhanced cooperation with India in this meeting?

(A) Extra High Voltage transmission systems
(B) Power requirements of emerging data centres
(C) Updating of grid codes
(D) Construction of nuclear power reactors

1005. How many candidates qualified in the written stage of the Combined Defence Services Examination (II) 2026?

(A) 5,742
(B) 8,956
(C) 11,204
(D) 7,318

1006. The 163rd Direct Entry Course of the Indian Military Academy, open to CDS (II) 2026 qualifiers, begins in which month and year?

(A) January 2027
(B) July 2027
(C) October 2027
(D) April 2027

1007. How much ganja did the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seize in its Uttar Pradesh operation of 17-18 October 2026?

(A) 591.3 kg
(B) 391.5 kg
(C) 719.2 kg
(D) 481.6 kg

1008. Through which border crossing was the seized ganja consignment expected to enter Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Raxaul
(B) Sonauli
(C) Jogbani
(D) Banbasa

1009. What was the value of the foreign-origin cigarettes seized by the DRI in Mizoram?

(A) Rs 6.48 crore
(B) Rs 8.64 crore
(C) Rs 12.30 crore
(D) Rs 4.32 crore

1010. At which Mizoram village was the truck carrying the smuggled cigarettes intercepted?

(A) Tuirial
(B) Champhai
(C) Zokhawthar
(D) Lengpui

1011. On which date was the Regional Connectivity Scheme, UDAN, launched?

(A) 21 October 2014
(B) 21 October 2016
(C) 27 April 2017
(D) 4 July 2026

1012. How many regional routes has UDAN made operational in its first decade?

(A) 687
(B) 441
(C) 368
(D) 95

1013. Which body launched the nationwide Green Diwali Campaign with support from the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change?

(A) Central Pollution Control Board
(B) WWF-India's Programme Centre - Resource Partner (EIACP)
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) Botanical Survey of India

1014. The Green Diwali Campaign gives special focus to how many cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme?

(A) 102
(B) 122
(C) 130
(D) 150

1015. In which city was the 25th Meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government held?

(A) Tashkent
(B) Bishkek
(C) Dushanbe
(D) Astana

1016. India supported an SCO Action Plan for the Multilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation Programme for which period?

(A) 2024-2028
(B) 2025-2029
(C) 2026-2030
(D) 2027-2031

1017. India is working towards how much nuclear power capacity by 2047?

(A) 50 GW
(B) 75 GW
(C) 100 GW
(D) 150 GW

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1018. By which year does India aim to reach Net Zero emissions, as named in these remarks?

(A) 2037
(B) 2047
(C) 2060
(D) 2070

1019. How many ancient idols have been brought back to India in the past 12 years, as stated in the Vijaya Dashami address of 20 October 2026?

(A) More than 350
(B) More than 450
(C) More than 650
(D) More than 850

1020. Which Indian festival was described in the address as having been inscribed on UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity list?

(A) Holi
(B) Deepavali
(C) Chhath
(D) Navratri

1021. In which city is the second edition of Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 being held?

(A) Mysuru
(B) Guwahati
(C) Jodhpur
(D) Lucknow

1022. BHARAT-TULIP, the initiative promoted at Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, stands for which of the following?

(A) Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
(B) Tribal Upliftment and Local Industry Promotion
(C) Textile Units' Livelihood Improvement Plan
(D) Traditional Unified Loom Investment Programme

1023. Where was the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, which concluded on 20 October 2026, organised?

(A) Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru
(B) Dilli Haat, New Delhi
(C) Surajkund, Faridabad
(D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

1024. How many of the 83 stalls at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 in Mysuru were allotted to artisans?

(A) 60
(B) 75
(C) 80
(D) 83, all of them

1025. Bhavina Patel won a bronze medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Women’s Singles Class 4-5
(B) Women’s 1500m T11
(C) Women’s Singles Class 9-10
(D) Women’s Doubles Class 4-5

1026. Which Indian athlete won bronze in the Women’s 1500m T11 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 with a personal best?

(A) Bhavina Patel
(B) Ravanni Valasanaini
(C) Deepa Malik
(D) Simran Sharma

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1027. Deepthi Jeevanji won a gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Women's 400m T20
(B) Women's 200m T20
(C) Women's 400m T11
(D) Women's 1500m T20

1028. What additional distinction did Deepthi Jeevanji's gold-medal run at the Asian Para Games 2026 carry?

(A) A world record
(B) A Games Record
(C) A national record only
(D) No record of any kind

1029. Prachi Pandey became the first Indian to win a medal in which event at the Asian Para Games?

(A) Women's Singles Class 6
(B) Women's Singles Class 9
(C) Women's Singles Class 3
(D) Women's Doubles Class 6

1030. Baby Sahana Ravi's bronze at the Asian Para Games was significant because it was India's first medal in which category?

(A) The wheelchair category
(B) The standing category
(C) The mixed doubles category
(D) The team category

1031. Jehan Dorab Madan won a bronze medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Men's Singles Class 1
(B) Men's Singles Class 3
(C) Men's Doubles Class 1
(D) Women's Singles Class 1

1032. Sonalben Patel's bronze at the Asian Para Games 2026 was significant for which reason?

(A) It was her first individual medal at these Games
(B) It was the first medal of her entire career
(C) It was India's first medal in table tennis
(D) It came in a mixed doubles event

1033. Manish Narwal won which medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 and in which event?

(A) Gold in the Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1
(B) Silver in the Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1
(C) Silver in the Men's 50m Rifle SH1
(D) Bronze in the Women's 10m Air Pistol SH1

1034. Shrishti Arora's bronze medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 is notable for which reason?

(A) It came at her first Asian Para Games
(B) It was India's first medal in para shooting
(C) It was won in a rifle event
(D) It was won in a mixed team event

1035. By which date did Union Home Minister Amit Shah say Punjab would be freed of the drug trade?

(A) 31 December 2027
(B) 31 December 2029
(C) 15 August 2030
(D) 26 January 2028

1036. At the Ludhiana Vijayadashami event attended by the Union Home Minister, the effigy of Ravana that was burnt symbolised what?

(A) Chitta, that is drugs
(B) Corruption in public offices
(C) Stubble burning
(D) Illegal migration

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1037. Which two Indian athletes won medals in the Men's Javelin Throw F53/54 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Pradeep Kumar and Ayush Verma
(B) Pradeep Kumar and Praveen Sharma
(C) Ashok and Himanshu Nandal
(D) Ayush Verma and Praveen Sharma

1038. Pradeep Kumar's silver at the Asian Para Games 2026 was notable because

(A) it was his first medal at the Games
(B) it was his second consecutive silver in the event
(C) it was won in a team event
(D) it was won in the shot put

1039. Nishad Kumar won a gold medal with a new Games Record at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Men's Long Jump T47
(B) Men's High Jump T47
(C) Men's High Jump T44
(D) Men's Triple Jump T47

1040. How many gold medals did Nishad Kumar finish with at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) One
(B) Two
(C) Three
(D) Four

1041. Who won the gold medal in the Men's Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Rakesh
(B) Pradeep Kumar
(C) Devender Kumar
(D) Ram Ratan Singh

1042. What was notable about India's performance in the Men's Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) India won only the gold medal
(B) India won all three medals in the event
(C) India won the silver and bronze only
(D) India finished without a medal

1043. Pranav Soorma won gold at the Asian Para Games 2026 with a throw that set which record?

(A) A Games Record
(B) A new Asian Record
(C) A world record
(D) A national record

1044. Who won the silver medal in the Men's Discus Throw F51/52/53 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Devender Kumar
(B) Rakesh
(C) Ram Ratan Singh
(D) Pradeep Kumar

1045. Simran won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Women's 200m T35
(B) Women's 400m T12
(C) Women's 200m T12
(D) Women's 100m T12

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1046. What made Simran's gold in the Women's 200m T12 at the Asian Para Games 2026 particularly significant?

(A) It was her first international medal

(B) She improved on her silver from the previous edition and set a new record

(C) She won without facing any competition

(D) It was the only medal India won that day

1047. Which medal did Preeti Pal win in the Women's 200m T35 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Gold

(B) Silver

(C) Bronze

(D) She finished fourth

1048. Hokato Hotozhe Sema won his bronze medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Men's Discus Throw F51/52/53

(B) Men's Javelin Throw F53/54

(C) Men's Shot Put F56/F57

(D) Men's Shot Put F11

1049. According to Rajnath Singh's address in Dushanbe, India's defence exports have reached a record figure of:

(A) Rs 21,083 crore

(B) Rs 38,424 crore

(C) Rs 46,210 crore

(D) Rs 52,500 crore

1050. In his Dushanbe address, the Defence Minister said India has entered into free trade agreements with how many countries?

(A) 18

(B) 27

(C) 38

(D) 52

1051. The first National SARAS Mela to be organised outside the Delhi-NCR region is being held in which city?

(A) Visakhapatnam

(B) Vijayawada

(C) Hyderabad

(D) Bhopal

1052. SARAS Melas are organised under which of the following missions?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Gramin

(B) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission

(C) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme

(D) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana

1053. Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on which date?

(A) 15 August

(B) 21 October

(C) 30 January

(D) 2 October

1054. Ten CRPF personnel were killed in 1959 at the Hot Springs post located in which region?

(A) Ladakh

(B) Arunachal Pradesh

(C) Sikkim

(D) The Jammu region

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1055. SUVIKALP, the mine repurposing tool honoured with the SKOCH Gold Award 2026, has been developed by which body?

(A) Coal India Limited
(B) Coal Controller Organisation
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Central Pollution Control Board

1056. In which category was SUVIKALP given the SKOCH Gold Award 2026?

(A) Digital Operational Efficiency - Data Driven Decision Making
(B) Environment and Climate Action
(C) Corporate Social Responsibility
(D) Skill Development and Livelihoods

1057. How many ICAR institutes are taking part in Swachhata Special Campaign 6.0 along with its Regional Centres, ATARIs and Krishi Vigyan Kendras?

(A) 74
(B) 96
(C) 114
(D) 150

1058. Swachhata Special Campaign 6.0 of DARE and ICAR is being observed during which period?

(A) 2 to 31 October 2026
(B) 1 to 15 September 2026
(C) 2 to 31 January 2026
(D) 15 August to 2 October 2026

1059. Who presented the Lalit Kala Akademi Awards to the selected artists of the 65th National Exhibition of Art?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Vice-President of India
(C) The Prime Minister
(D) The Union Minister of Culture

1060. The Grand Prize winners of which event were felicitated along with the Lalit Kala Akademi awardees?

(A) Kala Kumbh
(B) Print Biennale India
(C) India Art Fair
(D) Kochi-Muziris Biennale

1061. Which document is to be released by the Raksha Mantri at the Army Commanders' Conference that began on 21 October 2026?

(A) Joint Doctrine for Amphibious Operations
(B) Land Warfare Doctrine
(C) Maritime Security Strategy
(D) Air Power Doctrine

1062. Who chairs the Army Commanders' Conference, the apex-level biannual forum of the Indian Army?

(A) The Raksha Mantri
(B) The Chief of Defence Staff
(C) The Chief of the Army Staff
(D) The Defence Secretary

1063. With which company did the Ministry of Defence sign the contract for Improved Low Level Light Weight Radars?

(A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
(B) Bharat Electronics Limited
(C) Bharat Dynamics Limited
(D) Bharat Earth Movers Limited

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1064. Which threat is the LLLR(I) radar mainly intended to help the Indian Army counter?

(A) Ballistic missiles
(B) Submarines
(C) Unmanned Aerial Systems
(D) Cyber intrusions

1065. Thiru Vummidi Ethiraj, whose death was mourned by the Prime Minister, is remembered for crafting which object?

(A) The Ashoka Pillar replica
(B) The Sengol
(C) The Amrit Kalash
(D) The Rashtrapati Bhavan mace

1066. In which year was the Sengol given a place of pride in the new Parliament building?

(A) 2019
(B) 2021
(C) 2023
(D) 2025

1067. In which year was the Namami Gange Programme launched?

(A) 2011
(B) 2014
(C) 2016
(D) 2019

1068. Where is the country's first four-storey sewage treatment plant for a municipality built under Namami Gange?

(A) Prayagraj
(B) Bhatpara
(C) Muni Ki Reti
(D) Bithoor

1069. Which country is the partner country at the 14th India Chem 2026?

(A) Germany
(B) Japan
(C) South Korea
(D) United States

1070. What is the theme of the 14th India Chem 2026?

(A) Chemicals for a Green Tomorrow
(B) Make in India, Make for the World
(C) Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub
(D) Sustainable Petrochemicals for Viksit Bharat

1071. SIMBEX is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

(A) Indonesia
(B) Singapore
(C) Thailand
(D) Malaysia

1072. Under what name was the SIMBEX series first held in 1994?

(A) Exercise Sea Dragon
(B) Exercise Lion King
(C) Exercise Tiger Triumph
(D) Exercise Bold Kurukshetra

1073. What is the theme of the cultural performances and tableaux at Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026?

(A) Jai Hind
(B) Vande Mataram
(C) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(D) Naxal Mukt Bharat

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1074. The theatrical play to be presented before the Prime Minister at Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026 is based on which novel?

(A) Durgeshnandini
(B) Anandamath
(C) Devdas
(D) Gora

1075. At which event was the IAF Unmanned and Autonomous Systems Roadmap released?

(A) Aero India 2026 at Bengaluru
(B) IAF Dronathon 2026 at Pokhran
(C) DefExpo 2026 at Gandhinagar
(D) Exercise Vayu Shakti at Jaisalmer

1076. Who chaired the Indian Air Force's Industry Outreach Programme on unmanned and autonomous systems held on 21 October 2026?

(A) The Chief of Air Staff
(B) The Director General (Weapon Systems), Air Headquarters
(C) The Defence Secretary
(D) The Chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation

1077. Simran won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Women's 200m T12
(B) Women's 100m T12
(C) Women's 400m T13
(D) Women's Long Jump T12

1078. What made Simran's performance in the women's sprint final at the Asian Para Games 2026 especially notable?

(A) She equalled the world record in the class
(B) She set a new Games Record while winning gold
(C) She won the race after a photo finish
(D) She won India's first medal of the meet

1079. Dilip Gavit won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Men's 200m T47
(B) Men's 400m T47
(C) Men's 100m T47
(D) Men's Long Jump T47

1080. Which colour of medal did Dilip Gavit take in the men's sprint final at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) He finished fourth

1081. Kasthuri Rajamani won India's first-ever Asian Para Games medal in which category?

(A) Women's discus throw F55
(B) Women's -67kg para powerlifting
(C) Women's shot put F34
(D) Women's 100m T35

1082. Which Indian sprinter broke the Games Record in the heats of the men's 100m T47 at the Asian Para Games 2026 and then went on to win the silver medal?

(A) Banti
(B) Sukhchain
(C) Mohammad Basil M
(D) Ravi Rongali

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1083. What is the theme of the 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 held in New Delhi?

(A) Food for All, Power for All
(B) Powering the Global South
(C) From Power to Empower
(D) Climate Resilient Agriculture

1084. Which ministry hosted the AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026, and which country supported it?

(A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, supported by Japan
(B) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, supported by Germany
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, supported by France
(D) Ministry of Power, supported by Denmark

1085. The IBSAMAR naval exercise is conducted between which three countries?

(A) India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka
(B) India, Brazil and South Africa
(C) India, Britain and Australia
(D) India, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia

1086. Where did the ninth edition of the IBSAMAR exercise conclude in October 2026?

(A) Kochi, India
(B) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil
(C) Simon's Town, South Africa
(D) Port Louis, Mauritius

1087. Stage-I of the Graded Response Action Plan is invoked when Delhi's air quality falls in which category?

(A) Moderate, an AQI of 101 to 200
(B) Poor, an AQI of 201 to 300
(C) Very Poor, an AQI of 301 to 400
(D) Severe, an AQI above 400

1088. How many action points were brought into force when CAQM invoked Stage-I of the GRAP in the NCR on 21 October 2026?

(A) 11
(B) 16
(C) 25
(D) 32

1089. Which Indian swimmer won the silver medal in the men's 100m backstroke S13 at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Himanshu Nandal
(B) Rohit Kumar
(C) Ravi Kartik Budigina
(D) Pranav Desai

1090. Shailesh Kumar won a bronze medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event, and with what mark?

(A) Men's long jump T42/T61/T63, with 5.57m
(B) Men's high jump T64, with 1.95m
(C) Men's triple jump T47, with 13.20m
(D) Men's shot put F46, with 15.10m

1091. Scientists of which institute found that the X-ray pulsar Centaurus X-3 accretes matter through an accretion disk?

(A) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
(B) Raman Research Institute
(C) Physical Research Laboratory
(D) Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics

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1092. Why is the finding about Centaurus X-3 considered unusual?

(A) A high-mass X-ray binary usually captures stellar wind directly instead of forming a disk

(B) The pulsar was found to have no magnetic field at all

(C) The companion star was found to be smaller than the Sun

(D) The system was found to lie outside our galaxy

1093. The Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 that began on 21 October is being held in which city?

(A) Mysuru

(B) Guwahati

(C) Bhubaneswar

(D) Patna

1094. How many artisans are participating in the Guwahati edition of the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, and how many of them are women?

(A) 60 artisans, including 25 women

(B) 75 artisans, including 31 women

(C) 90 artisans, including 45 women

(D) 120 artisans, including 50 women

1095. In which event did Sachin Khilari win the gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Men's Discus Throw F46

(B) Men's Shot Put F46

(C) Men's Javelin Throw F46

(D) Men's Shot Put F57

1096. Who won the silver medal behind Sachin Khilari in the Men's Shot Put F46 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Praveen Kumar

(B) Ayush Verma

(C) Mohd Yasser

(D) Anubhav Choudhary

1097. Praveen Kumar won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Men's Long Jump T64

(B) Men's High Jump T47

(C) Men's High Jump T64

(D) Men's Shot Put F46

1098. Which record did Praveen Kumar break while winning the Men's High Jump T64 gold at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) The world record in the event

(B) The Games Record set by himself

(C) The Asian record held by another jumper

(D) The national record in the long jump

1099. Ayush Verma won the gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Men's Javelin Throw F53

(B) Men's Shot Put F53

(C) Men's Shot Put F46

(D) Men's Discus Throw F53

1100. How many medals did Ayush Verma win at his debut Asian Para Games, and of which kinds?

(A) One gold only

(B) Two: a gold and a bronze

(C) Two: a gold and a silver

(D) Three: a gold, a silver and a bronze

1101. Which Indian pair won the silver medal in the Women's Para Compound Doubles event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Sheetal Devi and Payal Nag

(B) Sheetal Devi and Banti

(C) Payal Nag and Rakeshbhai Bhatt

(D) Sheetal Devi and Anubhav Choudhary

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1102. Rakeshbhai Bhatt won the bronze medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Men's 100m T35
(B) Men's 200m T37
(C) Men's 100m T37
(D) Men's High Jump T64

1103. By what rate did the Index of Core Industries grow year-on-year in September 2026, as per the provisional data?

(A) 5.9 per cent
(B) 7.9 per cent
(C) 5.1 per cent
(D) 4.8 per cent

1104. Which core sector recorded the highest year-on-year growth in September 2026?

(A) Coal
(B) Electricity
(C) Iron ore
(D) Cement

1105. Which Indian body signed the Memorandum of Cooperation on electronic origin data exchange with the New Zealand Customs Service?

(A) Directorate General of Foreign Trade
(B) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Reserve Bank of India

1106. When did the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement enter into force?

(A) 19 October 2026
(B) 20 October 2026
(C) 21 October 2026
(D) 1 November 2026

1107. In which city is the Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 being held?

(A) Indore
(B) Bhopal
(C) Jabalpur
(D) Raipur

1108. What was India's total fish production in 2024-25?

(A) 151.60 lakh tonnes
(B) 173.50 lakh tonnes
(C) 197.75 lakh tonnes
(D) 215.40 lakh tonnes

1109. PM-DAKSH, now subsumed under PMKVY, was a scheme of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Rural Development
(D) Ministry of Labour and Employment

1110. How many candidates were trained under PM-DAKSH between 2020-21 and 2023-24?

(A) 96,162
(B) 1,87,305
(C) 2,76,470
(D) 3,09,500

1111. Who inaugurated the conference on 'Co-operative Federalism and Law Reforms: National and State Perspectives' in New Delhi?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Vice-President of India
(C) The Chief Justice of India
(D) The Union Home Minister

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1112. According to the Vice-President, how many obsolete laws have been repealed in the last twelve years?

(A) More than 700
(B) More than 1,200
(C) More than 1,700
(D) More than 2,500

1113. What is the theme of Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0?

(A) “Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen”
(B) “Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat”
(C) “Tamil Mozhi Valarchi”
(D) “Sangam to Kashi”

1114. How many participants from Tamil Nadu will take part in Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0, and in how many groups?

(A) About 1,000 in five groups
(B) About 1,400 in seven groups
(C) About 2,100 in seven groups
(D) About 1,400 in fourteen groups

1115. What is the outlay approved for the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana for 2026-27 to 2030-31?

(A) Rs 9,652 crore
(B) Rs 35,428 crore
(C) Rs 53,428 crore
(D) Rs 73,428 crore

1116. Under the revised disability pension, what benchmark of disability now decides eligibility?

(A) 40 per cent, under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016
(B) 80 per cent, under the National Trust Act 1999
(C) 50 per cent, under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016
(D) 60 per cent, under the National Trust Act 1999

1117. Who, as Secretary DARE and Director General ICAR, addressed a roundtable at the Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue?

(A) Dr M. L. Jat
(B) Dr B. S. Dwivedi
(C) Dr Karim Meredia
(D) Dr P. V. Varaprasad

1118. The Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue is organised by which body?

(A) The Food and Agriculture Organization
(B) The World Food Prize Foundation
(C) The Consultative Group on International Agricultural Research
(D) The International Food Policy Research Institute

1119. India and Poland have set a target of doubling their bilateral trade by which year?

(A) 2028
(B) 2030
(C) 2035
(D) 2040

1120. During the October 2026 visit, Poland announced that it was joining which India-linked platform?

(A) International Solar Alliance
(B) Global Biofuels Alliance
(C) Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure
(D) Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative

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1121. What was the revenue of the Department of Posts in the first half of the financial year 2026-27?

(A) Rs 6,636 crore
(B) Rs 8,212.7 crore
(C) Rs 4,201.5 crore
(D) Rs 10,500 crore

1122. Which business vertical of India Post recorded the highest year-on-year growth in the second quarter of FY 2026-27?

(A) Post Office Savings Bank
(B) Mails
(C) Parcels
(D) International Relations and Global Business

1123. What is the theme of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum being hosted by India?

(A) Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development
(B) Parliaments for a Resilient and Digital Future
(C) Parliamentary Diplomacy for Global Governance Reform
(D) Inclusive Growth through Legislative Cooperation

1124. At which venue will the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum be held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam
(B) Vigyan Bhawan
(C) Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan
(D) Yashobhoomi Convention Centre

1125. Which organisation will host APAC 23, the 23rd Asia Pacific Automotive Engineering Conference 2026?

(A) SIAM
(B) SAEINDIA
(C) ARAI
(D) NITI Aayog

1126. Where and when will APAC 23 be held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 13-14 November 2026
(B) Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi, 13-14 November 2026
(C) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, 3-4 December 2026
(D) Chennai Trade Centre, 13-14 November 2026

1127. GYANDEEP, inaugurated by the Defence Secretary in New Delhi, is which of the following?

(A) A Hindi library at Sena Bhawan
(B) A digital records portal of the armed forces
(C) A training academy for defence civilians
(D) A museum of military history

1128. How much space did the Ministry of Defence free in South Block during Special Campaign 6, and to which project was it surrendered?

(A) About 25,000 square feet, to the National Archives
(B) About 35,000 square feet, to Project Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum
(C) About 45,000 square feet, to the National War Memorial
(D) About 35,000 square feet, to the National Museum of Natural History

1129. How much space has the Department of Science and Technology freed under Special Campaign 6, as reported up to 16 October 2026?

(A) 35,000 square feet
(B) 61,888 square feet
(C) 71,888 square feet
(D) 81,250 square feet

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1130. How did the number of cleanliness campaign sites identified by DST change during Special Campaign 6?

(A) It rose from 315 to 401
(B) It rose from 401 to 800
(C) It fell from 401 to 397
(D) It rose from 135 to 315

1131. In which event did Sheetal Devi defend her title and win gold at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Women's W1 Archery
(B) Women's Individual Para Compound Archery
(C) Para Compound Mixed Team
(D) Women's Individual Para Recurve Archery

1132. Who partnered Sheetal Devi to the Para Compound Mixed Team gold at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Krishna Nagar
(B) Pramod Bhagat
(C) Toman Kumar
(D) Shubham Wadhwa

1133. Which Indian para shuttler won two bronze medals on a single day at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Sanjana Kumari
(B) Manisha Ramadass
(C) Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan
(D) Suhas L. Yathiraj

1134. In which para badminton class did India win two bronze medals at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Women's Singles SU5
(B) Men's Singles SL4
(C) Mixed Doubles SH6
(D) Women's Singles SL3

1135. Anjanaben won a gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Women's 400m T12
(B) Women's 400m T47
(C) Women's Discus Throw F54
(D) Women's 200m T47

1136. Which Indian para athlete won the Women's Discus Throw F54 event at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Tejalben Damor
(B) Anjanaben
(C) Suvarna Raj
(D) Sanjana Kumari

1137. Which of the following was part of the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron that arrived in the Maldives in October 2026?

(A) INS Vikrant
(B) INS Sujata
(C) INS Vikramaditya
(D) INS Arihant

1138. MAHASAGAR, the vision mentioned in connection with the First Training Squadron's visit to the Maldives, stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Alliance for Harmony, Security and Growth Across Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Mission for Advancement of Shared Growth and Regional Security
(D) Maritime Highway for Safety, Growth and Regional Stability

1139. Which institution subscribed to NSDC's maiden Zero Coupon Zero Principal issue on the NSE Social Stock Exchange?

(A) SIDBI
(B) NABARD
(C) EXIM Bank
(D) NHB

1140. In the NSDC skilling programme financed through the Social Stock Exchange, what share of the cost does the Government of Madhya Pradesh bear on successful placement of candidates abroad?

(A) 15 per cent
(B) 35 per cent
(C) 50 per cent
(D) 75 per cent

1141. What was the total value of the Yamuna rejuvenation projects inaugurated and begun in Delhi on 22 October 2026?

(A) Rs 5,941 crore
(B) Rs 8,941 crore
(C) Rs 11,941 crore
(D) Rs 2,941 crore

1142. By which year is the Yamuna to be made clean, according to the roadmap described at the ceremony?

(A) 2027
(B) 2028
(C) 2029
(D) 2030

1143. Who won the gold medal in the men's high jump T42/T63 at the Asian Para Games 2026 with a new Games Record?

(A) Varun Singh Bhati
(B) Rahul
(C) Shailesh Kumar
(D) Toman Kumar

1144. In which event did India win all three medals at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 22 October?

(A) Men's High Jump T42/T63
(B) Men's Long Jump T42/T63
(C) Men's 400m Freestyle S10
(D) Women's High Jump T42/T63

1145. In which event did Kapil Kumar win a silver medal at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Men's 50m freestyle S13
(B) Men's 400m freestyle S10
(C) Men's 100m backstroke S10
(D) Men's 400m individual medley SM10

1146. Who won the bronze medal for India in the men's 50m freestyle S13 at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) Kapil Kumar
(B) Suhas L. Yathiraj
(C) Ravi Karthik Budigina
(D) Shubham Wadhwa

1147. Under which national plan does the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan operate?

(A) National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction
(B) National Health Mission
(C) National Social Assistance Programme
(D) National Rural Livelihoods Mission

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1148. How many vulnerable districts did the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan focus on when it was launched?

(A) 112
(B) 272
(C) 372
(D) 750

1149. What was the growth in Indian Railways' coal loading in October 2026 up to the 18th of the month, compared with the same period a year earlier?

(A) 7.1 per cent
(B) 14 per cent
(C) 22.5 per cent
(D) 32.5 per cent

1150. How many coal rakes a day did Indian Railways dispatch on average to thermal power plants in the first half of FY 2026-27?

(A) 87
(B) 340
(C) 430
(D) 530

1151. What is the theme of the 14th India Chem 2026 held in Mumbai?

(A) Chemicals for a Sustainable Future
(B) Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub
(C) Make in India for the World
(D) Atmanirbhar Rasayan Bharat

1152. Which country joined as the partner country for India Chem 2026?

(A) Germany
(B) Japan
(C) Republic of Korea
(D) United States

1153. How much waste has been processed across India's regulated waste streams, as stated by the Union Environment Minister?

(A) 299.60 lakh metric tonnes
(B) 399.60 lakh metric tonnes
(C) 499.60 lakh metric tonnes
(D) 599.60 lakh metric tonnes

1154. How many recyclers are registered under the Extended Producer Responsibility framework?

(A) 4,880
(B) 8,604
(C) 48,800
(D) 86,043

1155. Which milestone in non-fossil electricity capacity did India cross for the first time, as stated by the Prime Minister at the NDTV World Summit 2026?

(A) 200 gigawatts
(B) 250 gigawatts
(C) 300 gigawatts
(D) 400 gigawatts

1156. Around which central idea were the deliberations of the NDTV World Summit 2026 framed, as referred to by the Prime Minister?

(A) The Asian Century
(B) The World Between Orders
(C) One Earth, One Family, One Future
(D) Reforming Multilateralism Together

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1157. From which place was the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan launched on 22 October 2026?

(A) Sirsa, Haryana
(B) Taraori in Karnal district, Haryana
(C) Sehore, Madhya Pradesh
(D) Pusa, New Delhi

1158. Until which date will the nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan awareness drive run in villages?

(A) 31 October 2026
(B) 15 November 2026
(C) 30 November 2026
(D) 31 December 2026

1159. What is the theme of the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition 2026?

(A) Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age
(B) Cities for All, Mobility for All
(C) Urban Rising - Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery
(D) Green Mobility for Viksit Bharat

1160. In which city are the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and the second National Urban Conclave being held in October 2026?

(A) Indore
(B) Bhubaneswar
(C) Ahmedabad
(D) New Delhi

1161. Which state announced at the AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 that it is finalising a dedicated agrivoltaics policy with a target of 1 GW by 2030?

(A) Uttar Pradesh
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Odisha
(D) Bihar

1162. Under Odisha's proposed agrivoltaics policy, what minimum share of a project site must remain cultivable?

(A) 50 per cent
(B) 70 per cent
(C) 80 per cent
(D) 90 per cent

1163. Who chairs the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, which reviewed pollution control work with Punjab and Haryana?

(A) Rajesh Verma
(B) Bhupender Yadav
(C) Tanmay Kumar
(D) Atal Dulloo

1164. Which CAQM direction mandates the use of paddy straw based biomass pellets and briquettes in brick kilns?

(A) Direction No. 76
(B) Direction No. 88
(C) Direction No. 92
(D) Direction No. 99

1165. The Livelihood Business Incubation Centre at Rourkela, covered by the tripartite MoU, has been recognised as a Centre of Excellence by which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Steel
(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

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1166. Under which scheme were plant and machinery installed at the Rourkela livelihood incubation centre?

(A) ASPIRE
(B) SAMARTH
(C) PM Vishwakarma
(D) Stand Up India

1167. What was the theme of the 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference held in New Delhi?

(A) Food First, Energy Next
(B) Powering the Global South
(C) Sunlight for Every Farm
(D) Climate Resilient Water Management

1168. As of August 2025, how many operational agrivoltaics projects did India have and what was their installed capacity?

(A) 26 projects, 27.54 megawatts
(B) 36 projects, 37.54 megawatts
(C) 46 projects, 47.54 megawatts
(D) 10 projects, 100 megawatts

1169. Which Indian student won the Global Youth Institute Award at the World Food Prize Foundation event?

(A) Ms Ameena Nazreen A S
(B) Dr M. L. Jat
(C) Ms Anjali Sharma
(D) Dr Norman E Borlaug

1170. What was the theme of the 2026 Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue held in Des Moines, Iowa?

(A) Agricultural Higher Education
(B) Before Hunger Wins
(C) Powering the Global South
(D) Feeding a Warming Planet

1171. What is the theme of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 to be held by the Indian Navy?

(A) Maritime Security and Blue Economy
(B) Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
(C) Collaborative Approaches to Ocean Governance
(D) Powering the Global South

1172. At which summit did Prime Minister Narendra Modi announce the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative?

(A) The 14th East Asia Summit in Bangkok
(B) The 14th G20 Summit in Osaka
(C) The 13th East Asia Summit in Singapore
(D) The 15th East Asia Summit in Hanoi

1173. Which body conducts the Periodic Labour Force Survey in India?

(A) The Reserve Bank of India
(B) The National Statistics Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) The Ministry of Labour and Employment

1174. From which month will the modified sampling design and schedule of the Periodic Labour Force Survey take effect?

(A) January 2025
(B) January 2026
(C) January 2027
(D) April 2027

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1175. C-DOT's sixth Centre of Excellence has been set up at which institution?

(A) IIT Kanpur
(B) IISc Bengaluru
(C) IIT (BHU), Varanasi
(D) IIT Roorkee

1176. C-DOT, which signed the agreement for the new Centre of Excellence, works under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(B) Ministry of Communications
(C) Ministry of Education
(D) Ministry of Science and Technology

1177. C-DAC signed an MoU on quantum technologies for banking with which bank?

(A) State Bank of India
(B) Bank of India
(C) Punjab National Bank
(D) Bank of Baroda

1178. C-DAC, which signed the quantum banking agreement, is an autonomous society under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of Science and Technology
(C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(D) Ministry of Communications

1179. Where was the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan inaugurated?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(D) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi

1180. The Chinmaya Mission, whose global Sammelan was opened in New Delhi, was founded by whom?

(A) Swami Vivekananda
(B) Swami Sivananda
(C) Eknath Ranade
(D) Swami Chinmayananda

1181. Special Campaign 6 in central ministries is being conducted under the aegis of which department?

(A) Department of Expenditure
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

1182. What is the period of Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1 to 15 October 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 15 October to 15 November 2026
(D) 2 to 31 December 2026

1183. Which Indian Navy ship took part in Exercise INDRA 2026 with the Russian Federation Navy?

(A) INS Shivalik
(B) INS Sahyadri
(C) INS Talwar
(D) INS Tabar

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1184. Exercise INDRA 2026 was a bilateral naval exercise between India and which country?

(A) China
(B) France
(C) Russia
(D) Japan

1185. How many Civil Defence Master Trainers are to be trained by the Indian Army in the first phase of the new joint initiative?

(A) 300
(B) 600
(C) 1,200
(D) 6,000

1186. Which body of the Ministry of Home Affairs is running the Civil Defence Master Trainer programme with the Indian Army?

(A) National Disaster Response Force
(B) National Disaster Management Authority
(C) Directorate General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards
(D) Bureau of Police Research and Development

1187. Rani Chennamma, whose birth anniversary and Victory Celebration were marked at Prerana Sthal, was the queen of which princely state?

(A) Kittur
(B) Jhansi
(C) Keladi
(D) Mysore

1188. Which Victory Celebration of Kittur Rani Chennamma was observed at the Parliament premises in New Delhi?

(A) The 150th
(B) The 175th
(C) The 200th
(D) The 202nd

1189. The draft National Steel Policy, Vision 2047, sets what target for India's crude steel capacity?

(A) 300 MT
(B) 500 MT
(C) 604 MT
(D) 750 MT

1190. Under the Green Steel Initiative, Green Steel Certificates have been issued to how many distinct steel producers up to October 2026?

(A) 54
(B) 104
(C) 204
(D) 404

1191. In which city was the Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 organised?

(A) Indore
(B) Bhopal
(C) Jabalpur
(D) Gwalior

1192. What was India's total fish production in 2024-25, as quoted at the conclave?

(A) 151.60 lakh MT
(B) 175.50 lakh MT
(C) 197.75 lakh MT
(D) 225.40 lakh MT

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1193. What fish production target has India set for the next five years, as announced by the Fisheries Secretary?

(A) 20 million tonnes
(B) 25 million tonnes
(C) 30 million tonnes
(D) 40 million tonnes

1194. The National Plan of Action for small-scale inland fisheries is being developed with which inter-governmental organisation?

(A) Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation
(B) Indian Ocean Rim Association
(C) Asian Fisheries Society
(D) World Organisation for Animal Health

1195. The TRINETRA AI-based video surveillance system has been deployed around which temple?

(A) Kashi Vishwanath Temple, Varanasi
(B) Mahakaleshwar Temple, Ujjain
(C) Somnath Temple, Gujarat
(D) Jagannath Temple, Puri

1196. The Panchayat Advancement Index (PAI) assesses gram panchayats using how many indicators?

(A) 75 indicators
(B) 120 indicators
(C) 150 indicators
(D) 216 indicators

1197. What is the engineering goods export target set for 2030 at the Chintan Shivir held by the Department of Commerce and EEPC India?

(A) US$150 billion
(B) US$250 billion
(C) US$400 billion
(D) US$1 trillion

1198. India's total exports of merchandise and services during April-September 2026-27 stood at:

(A) US$352.80 billion
(B) US$476.20 billion
(C) US$512.40 billion
(D) US$618.90 billion

1199. How many senior citizen homes are currently supported under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens of AVYAY?

(A) 432
(B) 586
(C) 764
(D) 921

1200. Under AVYAY, what is the annual financial support extended to each Regional Resource and Training Centre (RRTC)?

(A) Rs 9.75 lakh
(B) Rs 19.58 lakh
(C) Rs 25 lakh
(D) Rs 1.2 crore

1201. The study on the effect of black hole spin on quasi-periodic oscillations was led by scientists of which institute?

(A) Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru
(B) Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)
(C) Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad
(D) Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune

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1202. In the context of black hole research, QPO stands for:

(A) Quantum Photon Oscillation
(B) Quasi-Periodic Oscillation
(C) Quadrupole Phase Orbit
(D) Quasar Polar Outflow

1203. President Droupadi Murmu attended a public programme on the occasion of Bastar Dussehra in which city?

(A) Raipur
(B) Bilaspur
(C) Jagdalpur
(D) Durg

1204. Which temple did the President visit at Jagdalpur during her Bastar Dussehra visit?

(A) Maa Danteshwari Temple
(B) Maa Bamleshwari Temple
(C) Mahamaya Temple
(D) Rajiv Lochan Temple

1205. Shri Piyush Goyal and which German minister jointly inaugurated the India Centre at the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin?

(A) Ms Katherina Reiche
(B) Mr Martin Blessing
(C) Ms Emma Marcegaglia
(D) Dr Tan See Leng

1206. The India-Germany Business Roundtable co-chaired by Shri Piyush Goyal was organised with DGAP and which body?

(A) Federation of German Industries
(B) Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business
(C) German Chamber of Commerce in India
(D) European Business Council

1207. Who won India's 100th medal at the Asian Para Games, and in which event?

(A) Haney, men's javelin throw F37/F38
(B) Sandeep Kumar, men's 400m T64
(C) Nitesh Kumar, men's singles SL3
(D) Naveen Sivakumar, men's singles SL4

1208. In which event did Haney win gold with a new world record at the Asian Para Games?

(A) Men's javelin throw F37/F38
(B) Men's shot put F37
(C) Men's discus throw F38
(D) Men's 1500m T46

1209. Bhawna Choudhary and Pooja Jatyan won India's first-ever Asian Para Games medal in which event?

(A) Women's compound doubles
(B) Women's recurve doubles
(C) Women's singles SU5
(D) Mixed team recurve

1210. Which Indian shuttler moved from bronze in the previous edition to silver in women's singles SH6 at the Asian Para Games?

(A) Thulasimathi Murugesan
(B) Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan
(C) Pooja Jatyan
(D) Bhawna Choudhary

1211. Which document did Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh release at the Army Commanders' Conference on 23 October 2026?

(A) Joint Doctrine for Air Operations
(B) Land Warfare Doctrine
(C) Maritime Security Strategy
(D) National Cyber Security Policy

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1212. What figure for India's defence production in the financial year 2025-26 was cited at the Army Commanders' Conference?

(A) Rs 1.27 lakh crore
(B) Rs 1.78 lakh crore
(C) Rs 2.34 lakh crore
(D) Rs 95,000 crore

1213. Who chaired the 30th meeting of the Financial Stability and Development Council held on 23 October 2026?

(A) The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India
(B) The Union Finance Minister
(C) The Chairperson of SEBI
(D) The Chief Economic Adviser

1214. The Financial Sector Cyber Security Strategy noted at the FSDC meeting was formulated by which body?

(A) An Inter-Ministerial Group of financial regulators and cyber security agencies
(B) The FSDC Sub-Committee alone
(C) A committee of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India
(D) The International Financial Services Centres Authority

1215. Where was the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition 2026 inaugurated on 23 October 2026?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
(C) Bengaluru, Karnataka
(D) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

1216. What is the theme of the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference 2026?

(A) Mobility for All: Clean, Green and Safe
(B) Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age
(C) Transit Oriented Development for Viksit Bharat
(D) Smart Cities, Smarter Commuters

1217. At the Asian Para Games, Indian athletes swept all three medals in which event?

(A) Men's Club Throw F51
(B) Men's Javelin Throw
(C) Men's 200m T37
(D) Women's Long Jump T47

1218. Who retained his gold medal in the Men's Club Throw F51 at the Asian Para Games with a new Games Record?

(A) Dharambir
(B) Sumit
(C) Pranav Soorma
(D) Navdeep

1219. Mona Agarwal won a historic gold medal at the Asian Para Games in which event?

(A) Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1
(B) Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1
(C) Women's 25m Pistol SH1
(D) Women's Doubles SL3-SU5

1220. Which pair won the Women's Doubles SL3-SU5 para badminton gold medal for India at the Asian Para Games?

(A) Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manasi Joshi
(B) Nitesh Kumar and Thulasimathi Murugesan
(C) Manasi Joshi and Mona Agarwal
(D) Thulasimathi Murugesan and Himanshu Nandal

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1221. Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) is described as India's first dedicated Non Banking Financial Company in which sector?

(A) Railways
(B) Maritime
(C) Civil aviation
(D) Renewable energy

1222. How much had SMFCL disbursed as on 30 September 2026?

(A) Rs 11,563 crore
(B) Rs 60,205 crore
(C) Rs 5,107 crore
(D) Rs 9,800 crore

1223. Who has been named the Chairperson of the committee constituted to review pharmaceutical marketing practices?

(A) Smt. Preeti Sudan
(B) Dr. Naresh Trehan
(C) Dr. M. Srinivas
(D) The Union Health Secretary

1224. The Uniform Code for Pharmaceutical Marketing Practices (UCPMP) was first introduced in which year?

(A) 2015
(B) 2024
(C) 2019
(D) 2026

1225. The Third Regional Review Conference on the implementation of the Forest Rights Act was held in which city?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Kolkata
(C) Srinagar
(D) New Delhi

1226. As of 31 August 2026, what share of the Forest Rights Act claims received in the country had been disposed of?

(A) 80.64 per cent
(B) 54 per cent
(C) 43.56 per cent
(D) 25.42 per cent

1227. In October 2026, how many captive-bred male Great Indian Bustards were released into the wild at Desert National Park?

(A) Two
(B) Four
(C) Six
(D) Ten

1228. Whose annual progress report for 2016-17 recorded a 75 per cent decline in the Great Indian Bustard population over the previous 30 years?

(A) Zoological Survey of India
(B) Wildlife Institute of India
(C) Bombay Natural History Society
(D) National Biodiversity Authority

1229. How many Farmer IDs have been created under the Digital Agriculture Mission, as announced in October 2026?

(A) 7 crore
(B) 9 crore
(C) 11 crore
(D) 14 crore

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1230. What was the original deadline for completing the Farmer ID target, which was met five months early?

(A) 31 December 2026
(B) 31 March 2027
(C) 30 September 2027
(D) 31 March 2028

1231. How many days of wage employment does the VB-G RAM G Act guarantee in a financial year?

(A) 100 days
(B) 120 days
(C) 125 days
(D) 150 days

1232. VB-G RAM G, in force since 1 July 2026, has replaced which earlier rural employment programme?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
(B) Mahatma Gandhi NREGA
(C) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - NRLM
(D) Sampoorna Grameen Rozgar Yojana

1233. Which edition of the All India Conference of GRP Chiefs concluded in New Delhi in October 2026?

(A) 6th
(B) 7th
(C) 8th
(D) 9th

1234. Who is the Director General of the Railway Protection Force who presided over the conference?

(A) Sonali Mishra
(B) Satish Kumar
(C) Arun Kumar
(D) Jaya Varma Sinha

1235. Which Union Minister concluded a two-day official visit to Germany with engagements in Berlin in October 2026?

(A) S. Jaishankar
(B) Piyush Goyal
(C) Nirmala Sitharaman
(D) Ashwini Vaishnaw

1236. Mr Levin Holle, whom the Commerce Minister met at the German Federal Chancellery, holds which position?

(A) Federal Minister for Economic Affairs of Germany
(B) Economic and Financial Policy Advisor and G7/G20 Sherpa
(C) President of the German Federal Bank
(D) Germany’s Ambassador to India

1237. The Shram Samvad campaign of the Ministry of Labour and Employment is covering how many districts?

(A) 216
(B) 316
(C) 416
(D) 516

1238. Which of the four Labour Codes was enacted in 2019, with the other three dating from 2020?

(A) Code on Social Security
(B) Industrial Relations Code
(C) Code on Wages
(D) Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code

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1239. What does AATAL, the new facility set up for Delhi NCR, stand for?

(A) Advanced Aerosol Tracking and Atmospheric Laboratory

(B) Integrated Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory

(C) All India Air Toxicity Assessment Laboratory

(D) Atmospheric Analysis and Thermal Aerosol Laboratory

1240. Under which mission has the AATAL air pollution analysis laboratory for Delhi NCR been established?

(A) Mission LiFE

(B) National Clean Air Programme

(C) Mission Mausam

(D) Mission Vayu Shakti

1241. Under which Act does India's access and benefit-sharing (ABS) mechanism operate?

(A) The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

(B) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002

(C) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

(D) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

1242. Which state received the largest share of the access and benefit-sharing amount distributed by the National Biodiversity Authority?

(A) Maharashtra

(B) Madhya Pradesh

(C) Uttar Pradesh

(D) Bihar

1243. Swavlamban 2026 is the flagship innovation seminar of which armed force?

(A) The Indian Army

(B) The Indian Air Force

(C) The Indian Navy

(D) The Indian Coast Guard

1244. What is the theme of Swavlamban 2026?

(A) Strength & Power through Innovation and Indigenisation

(B) Aatmanirbhar Bharat at Sea

(C) Innovation for Maritime Security

(D) Technology for Blue Economy

1245. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela?

(A) The Ministry of Textiles

(B) The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

(C) The Ministry of Culture

(D) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

1246. What is the full form of BHARAT-TULIP, the programme promoted at the Shilp Samagam Mela?

(A) Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme

(B) Tribal Upliftment and Livelihood Improvement Plan

(C) Textile Units' Livelihood Incentive Programme

(D) Traditional Udyam Livelihood Investment Plan

1247. What was the theme of India Chem 2026, held in Mumbai?

(A) Chemicals for a Green Tomorrow

(B) Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub

(C) Make in India for the World

(D) Sustainable Petrochemicals, Sustainable Growth

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1248. Which country was the partner country at the 14th India Chem held in Mumbai?

(A) The United States
(B) Germany
(C) Japan
(D) The Republic of Korea

1249. The All-Women Coaches Course held at the DLTA stadium in New Delhi was organised under which initiative?

(A) Khelo India Rising Stars
(B) AITA ACE 2032
(C) Target Olympic Podium Scheme
(D) SAI Coach Connect

1250. The ASMITA women's leagues, discussed at the course, run under which framework and were launched in which year?

(A) Khelo India, launched in 2021
(B) Fit India, launched in 2019
(C) Khelo India, launched in 2016
(D) National Sports Development Fund, launched in 2014

1251. Gram Seva evam Parampragat Khel Diwas was observed as part of which campaign?

(A) Fit India Movement
(B) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan
(C) Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan of the Ministry of Social Justice
(D) Khelo India Grameen Khel Mahotsav

1252. What is the theme of the second month of the Nasha Mukt Yuva campaign, under which week six was organised?

(A) Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth (Shakti evam Seva)
(B) Swachh Gaon, Swasth Gaon
(C) Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat
(D) Khel se Nasha Mukti

1253. The Satna–Devendranagar and Rewa–Churhat rail sections opened in October 2026 form part of which railway project?

(A) Katni–Singrauli project
(B) Lalitpur–Singrauli project
(C) Indore–Dahod project
(D) Jabalpur–Gondia project

1254. Which district was brought on to the national railway network when rail services reached Churhat?

(A) Panna
(B) Satna
(C) Sidhi
(D) Chhatarpur

1255. Which DRDO laboratory has indigenously developed the AIP Energy Module for the Indian Navy's submarines?

(A) Naval Materials Research Laboratory
(B) Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory
(C) Naval Physical and Oceanographic Laboratory
(D) Research Centre Imarat

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1256. What is the chief advantage an Air Independent Propulsion system gives a diesel-electric submarine?

(A) It allows the submarine to carry ballistic missiles
(B) It increases underwater endurance by reducing dependence on atmospheric oxygen
(C) It replaces the submarine's torpedo tubes with vertical launchers
(D) It makes the submarine capable of flight-deck operations

1257. In which city did the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition 2026 conclude?

(A) Bhubaneswar
(B) New Delhi
(C) Kochi
(D) Chennai

1258. What was the theme of the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Exhibition?

(A) Mobility for All in Smart Cities
(B) Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age
(C) Green Transport for Viksit Bharat
(D) Rail-Led Integrated Urban Development

1259. Under which theme is the second National Urban Conclave being held in Bhubaneswar?

(A) Cities of Tomorrow
(B) Urban Rising – Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery
(C) Samruddha Odisha, Viksit Bharat
(D) Adequate Housing for All

1260. Which institution is the knowledge partner for the National Urban Conclave 2026?

(A) National Institute of Urban Affairs
(B) Institute of Urban Transport (India)
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Indian Institute of Public Administration

1261. The Integrated Manufacturing Cluster at Gaya is being developed under which industrial corridor?

(A) Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor
(B) Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor
(C) Chennai–Bengaluru Industrial Corridor
(D) Vizag–Chennai Industrial Corridor

1262. How many MoUs were signed at the launch of BIMCGL, and for what proposed investment?

(A) Twelve MoUs for about ₹4,200 crore
(B) Twelve MoUs for about ₹31,750 crore
(C) Twenty MoUs for about ₹16,500 crore
(D) Eight MoUs for about ₹1,339 crore

1263. Who is the chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas?

(A) Rajesh Verma
(B) Rajesh Kumar Singh
(C) Manohar Lal
(D) Satendra Singh

1264. In which state are Amritsar and Tarn Taran, the districts whose stubble management CAQM reviewed?

(A) Haryana
(B) Punjab
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Rajasthan

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1265. The 29th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD-2026), where BHASHINI showed its multilingual AI tools, was hosted by which institution?

(A) IIT Bombay
(B) IIT Delhi
(C) IIT Kanpur
(D) IISc Bengaluru

1266. BHASHINI Pragati, the document translation workbench presented at ETD-2026, was developed for which body?

(A) Comptroller and Auditor General of India
(B) Election Commission of India
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Reserve Bank of India

1267. How many Ramsar Sites did India have after the designations of 15 October 2026?

(A) 96
(B) 101
(C) 103
(D) 110

1268. Which two wetlands were added to the Ramsar list in October 2026 as the newest Indian sites?

(A) Surha Tal and Glaw Lake
(B) Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel
(C) Chilika Lake and Keoladeo National Park
(D) Kolleru Lake and Deepor Beel

1269. How many medals did India win at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) 94
(B) 104
(C) 114
(D) 124

1270. India's medal haul at the Asian Para Games 2026 is best described as which of the following?

(A) Its first appearance at the Games
(B) Its best-ever performance at the Games
(C) Exactly equal to its previous best
(D) Its weakest showing in recent editions

1271. Which episode of Mann Ki Baat was broadcast on 25 October 2026?

(A) 129th
(B) 135th
(C) 139th
(D) 141st

1272. The Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre , which aims to map 100 human brains in 3D, has been set up at which institution?

(A) IISc Bengaluru
(B) IIT Madras
(C) AIIMS New Delhi
(D) IIT Bombay

1273. Which department runs Special Campaign 6 across Union ministries and public sector undertakings?

(A) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(B) Department of Personnel and Training
(C) Department of Expenditure
(D) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

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1274. What is the stated focus of Special Campaign 6 this year?

(A) Conservation of water in government buildings
(B) Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
(C) Making every office paperless
(D) Removal of single-use plastic from canteens

1275. India's urban population is projected to rise from about 50 crore at present to how many by 2050?

(A) 65 crore
(B) 75 crore
(C) 85 crore
(D) 95 crore

1276. How many functions did NITI Aayog ask States to devolve to urban local bodies in line with the 74th Amendment?

(A) 11
(B) 15
(C) 18
(D) 29

1277. Which agency led Operation Trident, the anti-narcotics strike carried out in the North East in October 2026?

(A) National Investigation Agency
(B) Narcotics Control Bureau
(C) Central Bureau of Investigation
(D) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence

1278. Operation Trident searched 38 locations spread across which three States?

(A) Assam, Meghalaya and Mizoram
(B) Nagaland, Manipur and Tripura
(C) Assam, Mizoram and Manipur
(D) Mizoram, Tripura and Nagaland

1279. What is the overarching theme of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum hosted by India?

(A) Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development
(B) Parliaments for a Greener Planet
(C) One Earth, One Family, One Future
(D) Reforming Multilateralism for a Just World

1280. Who led the Russian parliamentary delegation that met the Lok Sabha Speaker ahead of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum?

(A) Sergey Lavrov, Foreign Minister
(B) Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma
(C) Valentina Matviyenko, Chairperson of the Federation Council
(D) Mikhail Mishustin, Prime Minister

1281. Which authority imposed penalties on e-commerce entities for misleading walkie-talkie advertisements?

(A) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(B) Bureau of Indian Standards
(C) Central Consumer Protection Authority
(D) Competition Commission of India

1282. Under which law were the penalties for misleading walkie-talkie advertisements imposed?

(A) Consumer Protection Act, 1986
(B) Consumer Protection Act, 2019
(C) Legal Metrology Act, 2009
(D) Information Technology Act, 2000

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1283. Under which mission was the Used Water Marketplace launched at the National Urban Conclave 2026?

(A) Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban
(B) AMRUT 2.0
(C) PM SVANidhi
(D) Smart Cities Mission

1284. How many Street Food Hubs under PM SVANidhi had their development formally commenced at the National Urban Conclave 2026?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 18
(D) 24

1285. Which two Reserve Bank of India facilities were inaugurated at Bhubaneswar on 25 October 2026?

(A) A currency printing press and a note sorting centre
(B) A data centre and a cyber security training institute
(C) A regional office and a banking ombudsman office
(D) A coin museum and a financial literacy centre

1286. Who is the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India who attended the Bhubaneswar inauguration?

(A) Shaktikanta Das
(B) Nirmala Sitharaman
(C) Sanjay Malhotra
(D) Mohan Charan Majhi

1287. Which framework covers India-South Korea cooperation in shipbuilding, shipping and maritime logistics?

(A) SAGAR
(B) VOYAGES
(C) HORIZON
(D) MAHASAGAR

1288. By which year does India aim to be among the world's top five shipbuilding nations?

(A) 2030
(B) 2035
(C) 2047
(D) 2040

1289. Which institute hosted Hack the Fork, described as India's first hackathon on Artificial Intelligence and food technology?

(A) NIFTEM-Kundli
(B) CFTRI Mysuru
(C) IIFPT Thanjavur
(D) NDRI Karnal

1290. Which industry's problems were the Hack the Fork teams asked to solve using Artificial Intelligence?

(A) Cold chain logistics
(B) Alternative protein industry
(C) Sugar industry
(D) Marine fisheries

1291. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela being held at Khanapara in Guwahati?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Rural Development

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1292. How many artisans are taking part in the Guwahati Shilp Samagam Mela, and how many of them are women?

(A) 40 artisans, 21 of them women
(B) 60 artisans, 28 of them women
(C) 75 artisans, 31 of them women
(D) 90 artisans, 45 of them women

1293. Which port, visited by Piyush Goyal, is Europe's largest and a gateway for Indian goods to the European market?

(A) Port of Hamburg
(B) Port of Antwerp
(C) Port of Rotterdam
(D) Port of Le Havre

1294. Which portfolio does Piyush Goyal hold, as seen in his Netherlands engagements?

(A) External Affairs
(B) Commerce and Industry
(C) Finance
(D) Ports, Shipping and Waterways

1295. What was the turnover of India's khadi and village industries sector in the 2025-26 financial year, as stated by KVIC?

(A) More than Rs 1.34 lakh crore
(B) More than Rs 1.87 lakh crore
(C) More than Rs 2.04 lakh crore
(D) More than Rs 2.51 lakh crore

1296. The Khadi and Village Industries Commission (KVIC) works under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

1297. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, congratulated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, was re-elected President of which country?

(A) Argentina
(B) Brazil
(C) Chile
(D) Peru

1298. How did the Prime Minister describe the India-Brazil relationship in his congratulatory message?

(A) A Comprehensive Economic Partnership
(B) A multifaceted Strategic Partnership
(C) A Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership
(D) A Civil Nuclear Partnership

1299. Which body is organising the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC 2026)?

(A) Indian Council of Medical Research
(B) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
(C) Indian Space Research Organisation
(D) Department of Atomic Energy

1300. Who was the Chief Guest at the ESTIC 2026 curtain raiser hosted by ICGEB New Delhi?

(A) Dr. Rajesh S. Gokhale, Secretary, DBT
(B) Dr. Ramesh V. Sonti, Director, ICGEB New Delhi
(C) Prof. Gobardhan Das, Member, NITI Aayog
(D) Dr. Dhananjay Kumar Tiwary, MD, BIRAC

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1301. How many artificial recharge and storage structures have been constructed under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative?

(A) Over 55 lakh
(B) Over 1.55 crore
(C) Over 2.43 crore
(D) Over 3.55 crore

1302. Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain was launched on 22 March 2021, which is observed as which day?

(A) World Environment Day
(B) World Water Day
(C) World Wetlands Day
(D) World Earth Day

1303. How much has the Union Budget 2026-27 allocated for AVGC Content Creator Labs?

(A) Rs 150 crore
(B) Rs 250 crore
(C) Rs 500 crore
(D) Rs 1,000 crore

1304. Which of these is NOT one of the three forms of Extended Reality (XR)?

(A) Virtual Reality
(B) Augmented Reality
(C) Haptic Reality
(D) Mixed Reality

1305. Which edition of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum is being held under India's BRICS Chairship?

(A) 10th
(B) 11th
(C) 12th
(D) 14th

1306. Which of the following is NOT among the subjects the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum will discuss?

(A) Institutional resilience
(B) AI governance
(C) A common monetary union
(D) South-South cooperation

1307. How much support has the Technology Development Board sanctioned to Manastu Space Technologies under the RDI Fund?

(A) Rs 96 crore
(B) Rs 116 crore
(C) Rs 277.63 crore
(D) Rs 350 crore

1308. The green propulsion system being developed by Manastu Space is built around which propellant?

(A) Hydrazine
(B) Liquid hydrogen
(C) Hydrogen peroxide with additives
(D) Kerosene with liquid oxygen

1309. Component II of the RELIEF initiative has been extended until which date?

(A) 31 December 2026
(B) 31 March 2027
(C) 30 September 2027
(D) 31 March 2028

1310. What percentage of risk coverage is offered under Component II of RELIEF?

(A) 75 per cent
(B) 80 per cent
(C) 90 per cent
(D) 95 per cent

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1311. The 13th ADMM-Plus is being hosted by which country?

(A) Vietnam
(B) Indonesia
(C) Philippines
(D) Singapore

1312. In which year did India become a dialogue partner of ASEAN?

(A) 1992
(B) 1995
(C) 2002
(D) 2010

1313. What is the theme of Mechanisation Technology Seminar 2.0 announced by Western Command?

(A) CHAKRA, Transforming Existing Platforms for Future Combat
(B) VAJRA, Mechanised Forces for a New Era
(C) PRALAY, Indigenous Armour for Tomorrow
(D) SHAKTI, Self-Reliance in Defence Manufacturing

1314. Where will Mechanisation Technology Seminar 2.0 be held?

(A) Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
(B) Chandimandir Military Station
(C) Jhansi Military Station
(D) Pune Military Station

1315. Which edition of the National Summit on Facilitating School-to-Work Transition is being organised by CBSE?

(A) Second
(B) Third
(C) Fourth
(D) Fifth

1316. Recognition of skills across education systems, named as a priority at the summit, is to be achieved through which framework?

(A) National Skills Qualification Framework
(B) National Credit Framework
(C) National Curriculum Framework
(D) National Higher Education Qualification Framework

1317. Who will deliver the 67th Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture?

(A) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
(B) Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(C) Dr. S. Jaishankar
(D) Shri Ajit Doval

1318. The Sardar Patel Memorial Lecture series has been organised by Akashvani since which year?

(A) 1950
(B) 1955
(C) 1960
(D) 1975

1319. Who chairs the Defence Acquisition Council, which cleared capital acquisition proposals worth about Rs 2.12 lakh crore on 26 October 2026?

(A) The Chief of Defence Staff
(B) The Defence Secretary
(C) The Raksha Mantri
(D) The National Security Adviser

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1320. The Active Offboard Decoy System (AODS), cleared along with other platforms in this round of approvals, is meant for which Service?

(A) The Indian Army
(B) The Indian Navy
(C) The Indian Air Force
(D) The Indian Coast Guard

1321. Which committee, chaired by the Cabinet Secretary, met on 26 October 2026 to review preparedness for the cyclone building over the Bay of Bengal?

(A) The National Disaster Management Authority
(B) The National Crisis Management Committee
(C) The National Executive Committee
(D) The Cabinet Committee on Security

1322. Cyclonic storm Arnab was forecast to cross the coast between which two places?

(A) Puri and Paradip
(B) Bapatla and Visakhapatnam
(C) Chennai and Nellore
(D) Kakinada and Machilipatnam

1323. According to MoSPI's Flash Report for September 2026, how many ongoing central sector infrastructure projects are being monitored and at what cost?

(A) 1,853 projects worth Rs 37.56 lakh crore
(B) 1,320 projects worth Rs 20.07 lakh crore
(C) 780 projects worth Rs 17.73 lakh crore
(D) 1,073 projects worth Rs 11.04 lakh crore

1324. Which Ministry accounts for the largest number of projects in the September 2026 Flash Report?

(A) Ministry of Railways
(B) Ministry of Power
(C) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(D) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

1325. In TRAI's recommendations released on 26 October 2026, what does the abbreviation ALTD stand for?

(A) Advanced Linear Television Dissemination
(B) Application-based Linear Television Distribution
(C) Audience Linked Television Data
(D) Addressable Local Television Delivery

1326. Under which law has TRAI recommended that ALTD Service be made a distinct sub-category of Television Channel Distribution Services?

(A) The TRAI Act, 1997
(B) The Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995
(C) The Telecommunications Act, 2023
(D) The Information Technology Act, 2000

1327. How many product catalogue listings does The AABHAR Collection on the Government e-Marketplace carry?

(A) 194 listings from 8 emporiums
(B) 294 listings from 10 emporiums
(C) 394 listings from 12 emporiums
(D) 494 listings from 15 emporiums

1328. Mrignayani and Poompuhar, two of the emporiums listed on the storefront, belong to which States respectively?

(A) Maharashtra and Karnataka
(B) Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu
(C) Gujarat and Kerala
(D) Jharkhand and Odisha

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1329. The first National SARAS Mela to be held outside Delhi-NCR is taking place at which venue?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada
(C) Marina Beach, Chennai
(D) Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad

1330. Who is defined as a Lakhpati Didi?

(A) A woman who has taken a bank loan of at least Rs 1 lakh
(B) A woman of an SHG household with a sustainable annual household income of at least Rs 1 lakh
(C) A woman who has saved Rs 1 lakh in a self-help group account
(D) A woman whose enterprise has an annual turnover above Rs 1 crore

1331. Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and disposal of pending matters is being held during which period in 2026?

(A) 15 August to 15 September
(B) 2 October to 31 October
(C) 1 November to 30 November
(D) 2 September to 2 October

1332. How much revenue did central public sector undertakings under the Ministry of Coal earn from scrap disposal under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) About Rs 9.79 crore
(B) About Rs 24.22 crore
(C) About Rs 53.94 crore
(D) About Rs 65.66 crore

1333. In which city did Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal attend the ministerial roundtable held on World Maritime Day?

(A) Seoul
(B) Busan
(C) Incheon
(D) Tokyo

1334. Who is the Secretary-General of the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) who shared the World Maritime Day roundtable platform with Sarbananda Sonowal?

(A) Kitack Lim
(B) Arsenio Dominguez
(C) Moon Seong-hyeok
(D) Nam Jaeheon

1335. Which Service organises the SWAVLAMBAN seminar, whose fifth edition was held in New Delhi in October 2026?

(A) The Indian Army
(B) The Indian Air Force
(C) The Indian Navy
(D) The Indian Coast Guard

1336. How many challenges issued by the Indian Navy under iDEX have drawn more than 4,000 proposals from start-ups and MSMEs?

(A) 129
(B) 229
(C) 329
(D) 429

1337. The new express train flagged off on 26 October 2026 runs between Jaipur (Khatipura), Tatanagar and which other station?

(A) Howrah
(B) Santragachi
(C) Kharagpur
(D) Jalpaiguri Road

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1338. How many stations in Jharkhand are being redeveloped under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme?

(A) 47
(B) 52
(C) 57
(D) 67

1339. How many service providers is the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to train in de-addiction services by March 2029?

(A) 5,000
(B) 10,000
(C) 20,000
(D) 50,000

1340. Which institution will coordinate the capacity building programme for professionals in drug de-addiction services?

(A) NIMHANS, Bengaluru
(B) PGIMER, Chandigarh
(C) NDDTC, AIIMS, New Delhi
(D) Central Institute of Psychiatry, Ranchi

1341. Which rules has the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways amended to support E85 and E100 flex fuel vehicles?

(A) The Motor Vehicles Act, 1988
(B) The Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989
(C) The Environment Protection Rules, 1986
(D) The Energy Conservation Rules, 2001

1342. E85 fuel contains up to what share of ethanol by volume?

(A) 20 per cent
(B) 50 per cent
(C) 85 per cent
(D) 100 per cent

1343. ASUSE 2027-28 is proposed to be conducted over which period?

(A) January 2027 to December 2027
(B) April 2027 to March 2028
(C) July 2027 to June 2028
(D) October 2027 to September 2028

1344. Which information will the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises capture for the first time?

(A) Use of digital payment instruments
(B) Gender-specific constraints faced by women entrepreneurs
(C) District-level estimates by participating States
(D) Presence of establishments on e-commerce marketplaces

1345. INS Trishul arrived at the port of Civitavecchia in which country?

(A) Spain
(B) Italy
(C) Greece
(D) France

1346. With which Italian Navy ship did INS Trishul carry out a Passage Exercise?

(A) Carlo Margottini
(B) Giuseppe Garibaldi
(C) Andrea Doria
(D) Francesco Morosini

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1347. Which edition of the Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) is India hosting in New Delhi in October 2026?

(A) 59th
(B) 60th
(C) 61st
(D) 62nd

1348. The International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) is the governing committee of which international organisation?

(A) International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)
(B) International Organization for Standardization (ISO)
(C) World Trade Organization (WTO)
(D) International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

1349. What is the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026?

(A) Probity for Prosperity
(B) Vigilance for Viksit Bharat
(C) Say No to Corruption, Commit to the Nation
(D) Integrity Begins at Home

1350. Vigilance Awareness Week is observed every year in the week that covers the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar
(B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(C) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(D) Jawaharlal Nehru

1351. The Vice-President addressed the Ruby Jubilee celebrations of which university in October 2026?

(A) Andhra University, Visakhapatnam
(B) Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada
(C) Sri Venkateswara Institute of Medical Sciences, Tirupati
(D) Osmania University, Hyderabad

1352. According to the Vice-President, how many medical colleges does India have at present?

(A) 387
(B) 648
(C) 846
(D) 1,046

1353. Shilp Samagam Mela is organised by which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Rural Development
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

1354. What does BHARAT-TULIP, promoted at the Shilp Samagam Mela, stand for?

(A) Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
(B) Tribal Udyog Livelihood Investment Programme
(C) Textile Upgradation and Local Industry Promotion
(D) Training for Urban Livelihoods and Industrial Production

1355. The 'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz' has been launched by which ministry?

(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

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1356. When was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched?

(A) 2 October 2019
(B) 15 August 2020
(C) 26 January 2021
(D) 15 August 2022

1357. Who chaired the 328th meeting of the Executive Council of the Indian Institute of Public Administration?

(A) The Cabinet Secretary
(B) Dr. Jitendra Singh
(C) The Vice-President of India
(D) Prof. K. Chockalingam

1358. The Paul H. Appleby 2026 award of the IIPA has been announced for which category of recipients?

(A) Serving district collectors
(B) Retired IAS officers
(C) University vice-chancellors
(D) Research scholars of the institute

1359. The India-Netherlands Business Forum of October 2026 was co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and which Dutch minister?

(A) Heleen Herbert, Minister of Economic Affairs and Climate
(B) Sjoerd Sjoerdsma, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation
(C) Arthur van Dijk, King's Commissioner of North Holland
(D) The Dutch Minister of Finance

1360. Approximately how many participants took part in the India-Netherlands Business Forum?

(A) 100
(B) 150
(C) 200
(D) 300

1361. Which ministry is the nodal ministry for the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana?

(A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Rural Development
(D) Ministry of Women and Child Development

1362. How much grant-in-aid was released under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens for the quarter ending 30 September 2026?

(A) Rs 55.40 crore
(B) Rs 77.98 crore
(C) Rs 98.70 crore
(D) Rs 120.50 crore

1363. Which department recognises startups under the Startup India initiative?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
(C) Department of Economic Affairs
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

1364. How much foreign direct investment did India receive between FY 2014-15 and FY 2025-26?

(A) USD 313 billion
(B) USD 500 billion
(C) USD 843 billion
(D) USD 1,020 billion

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1365. How much did Union Budget 2026-27 allocate to the CCUS scheme over five years?

(A) Rs 5,000 crore
(B) Rs 10,000 crore
(C) Rs 20,000 crore
(D) Rs 50,000 crore

1366. Which institute hosts India first integrated CCUS Field Laboratory?

(A) IIT Delhi
(B) IIT Bombay
(C) IIT Madras
(D) IISc Bengaluru

1367. What is the theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026?

(A) Probity for Prosperity
(B) Vigilance for Viksit Bharat
(C) Integrity and Transparency
(D) Say No to Corruption

1368. Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 is being observed during which period?

(A) 16 to 22 October 2026
(B) 26 October to 1 November 2026
(C) 31 October to 6 November 2026
(D) 1 to 7 November 2026

1369. The two industrial settlements of October 2026 involved which bank?

(A) Bihar Gramin Bank
(B) Dakshin Bihar Gramin Bank
(C) Bihar State Co-operative Bank
(D) Central Bank of India

1370. What is the approximate total financial benefit from the two Bihar Gramin Bank settlements?

(A) Rs 10.52 crore
(B) Rs 67.17 crore
(C) Rs 77.69 crore
(D) Rs 92.40 crore

1371. Which dam forms part of the Ken-Betwa Link Project reviewed by the Jal Shakti Ministry?

(A) Daudhan Dam
(B) Gandhi Sagar Dam
(C) Bansagar Dam
(D) Rajghat Dam

1372. Who is the Union Minister for Jal Shakti who chaired the review of water resources projects?

(A) Shri Raj Bhushan Choudhary
(B) Shri C. R. Patil
(C) Shri Bhupender Yadav
(D) Shri Piyush Goyal

1373. Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 has entered the Guinness World Records in which category?

(A) Largest science exhibition
(B) Largest Innovation Solution Competition
(C) Largest coding lesson
(D) Largest robotics fair

1374. How many project submissions were recorded in the Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025?

(A) 1,87,967
(B) 2,87,967
(C) 3,87,967
(D) 87,967

1375. CBD COP-17, where India delivered its National Statement, was held in which city?

(A) Baku, Azerbaijan
(B) Yerevan, Armenia
(C) Tbilisi, Georgia
(D) Cali, Colombia

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1376. India's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan translates the global framework into how many National Biodiversity Targets?

(A) 17 targets
(B) 23 targets
(C) 30 targets
(D) 42 targets

1377. The advisory on 'Women's Safety at Work and Public Spaces' focuses on how many key areas for action?

(A) Five
(B) Six
(C) Eight
(D) Ten

1378. As cited by the NHRC, what was the participation of women in the labour force in September 2026?

(A) 24.6 per cent
(B) 34.6 per cent
(C) 41.2 per cent
(D) 48.5 per cent

1379. Special Campaign 6 for cleanliness and disposal of pending matters is guided by which department?

(A) Department of Expenditure
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

1380. How many physical files did the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas review under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 712
(B) 3,593
(C) 5,593
(D) 6,006

1381. ICAR-MGIFRI, which held a farmer programme under Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026, is located at which place?

(A) Motihari, Bihar
(B) Samastipur, Bihar
(C) Ranchi, Jharkhand
(D) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

1382. The ICAR-MGIFRI programme under Khet Bachao Abhiyan 2026 dealt with the sustainable management of which orchards?

(A) Apple and walnut
(B) Mango and litchi
(C) Grape and pomegranate
(D) Coconut and areca nut

1383. What was the theme of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum held in New Delhi?

(A) Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development
(B) Parliaments for a Sustainable Planet
(C) Democracy, Dialogue and Development
(D) Strengthening the Global South Together

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1384. Which country assumes the BRICS chair for the year 2027, as announced at the valedictory session of the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum?

(A) Brazil
(B) Russia
(C) China
(D) South Africa

1385. Exercise Garuda Shakti is a joint special forces exercise between India and which other country?

(A) Malaysia
(B) Indonesia
(C) Vietnam
(D) Thailand

1386. Where is the 11th edition of Exercise Garuda Shakti being conducted?

(A) Banyuwangi, Indonesia
(B) Agra, India
(C) Jakarta, Indonesia
(D) Belagavi, India

1387. Who chaired the third formal meeting of the COP10 Bureau under the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport, held in New Delhi?

(A) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
(B) Farid Gayibov
(C) Hari Ranjan Rao
(D) Gustavo Merino

1388. How many tests did the National Anti-Doping Agency of India conduct in 2025-26?

(A) Over 3,000
(B) Over 5,000
(C) Over 7,000
(D) Over 12,000

1389. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is observed every year on which date?

(A) 9 August
(B) 15 November
(C) 1 November
(D) 26 November

1390. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas marks the birth anniversary of which tribal leader?

(A) Rani Durgavati
(B) Tilka Manjhi
(C) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(D) Alluri Sitarama Raju

1391. The PM Vishwakarma Scheme, whose artisans took part in the BRICS Cultural Bazar, is implemented by which ministry?

(A) The Ministry of Textiles
(B) The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
(C) The Ministry of Culture
(D) The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

1392. Channapatna toys and Kinhal toys, shown by an artisan at the Cultural Bazar, belong to the craft traditions of which State?

(A) Karnataka
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Nagaland
(D) Madhya Pradesh

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1393. In which district did the All India Institute of Ayurveda conduct its community-based Ayurveda programme for elderly people?

(A) Gurugram, Haryana
(B) Faridabad, Haryana
(C) Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
(D) Gautam Buddh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh

1394. The All India Institute of Ayurveda is an autonomous institution under which Union Ministry?

(A) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) The Ministry of Ayush
(C) The Ministry of Science and Technology
(D) The Ministry of Education

1395. According to TRAI's September 2026 data, what was India's overall tele-density counting machine-to-machine cellular connections?

(A) 85.41 per cent
(B) 92.12 per cent
(C) 95.52 per cent
(D) 99.05 per cent

1396. What was the gap between urban and rural tele-density in India at the end of September 2026?

(A) Urban 155.85 per cent and rural 61.30 per cent
(B) Urban 147.47 per cent and rural 60.72 per cent
(C) Urban 89.09 per cent and rural 10.91 per cent
(D) Urban 59.05 per cent and rural 40.95 per cent

1397. Within what distance of a national highway fee plaza must a vehicle owner live to be eligible for the Concessional Local Pass?

(A) 10 km
(B) 20 km
(C) 25 km
(D) 50 km

1398. What is the annual charge for a Concessional Local Pass at a fee plaza located outside a municipal or local town area?

(A) Rs 1,000
(B) Rs 1,500
(C) Rs 3,000
(D) Rs 5,000

1399. How many Station Master vacancies has Indian Railways notified under CEN No. 08/2026?

(A) 1,065
(B) 1,265
(C) 1,562
(D) 2,165

1400. Which Railway Recruitment Board has notified the highest number of Station Master vacancies?

(A) Chennai
(B) Jammu-Srinagar
(C) Mumbai
(D) Secunderabad

1401. Which ships make up the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron that arrived at Colombo in October 2026?

(A) INS Vikrant, INS Vikramaditya and ICGS Samudra
(B) INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi
(C) INS Shivalik, INS Kadmatt and ICGS Vajra
(D) INS Tarangini, INS Sudarshini and ICGS Abhinav

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1402. Which exercise did the Indian and Sri Lankan navies plan to conduct during this port call?

(A) SLINEX
(B) MILAN
(C) Passage Exercise (PASSEX)
(D) Garuda Shakti

1403. Which department has launched the 6th edition of the National Startup Awards?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
(C) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
(D) Department of Science and Technology

1404. How many sectoral and special categories does National Startup Awards 6.0 carry?

(A) 12 sectoral and 4 special
(B) 15 sectoral and 3 special
(C) 20 sectoral and 3 special
(D) 24 sectoral and 2 special

1405. At which event did Dr Jitendra Singh speak on India's potential in gene research?

(A) India International Science Festival
(B) Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026
(C) Indian Science Congress
(D) Global Bio-India Summit

1406. Which capability did Dr Jitendra Singh ask India to build at home to reduce dependence on overseas suppliers?

(A) Gene synthesis
(B) Satellite launch services
(C) Semiconductor fabrication
(D) Vaccine cold-chain storage

1407. SIMBEX is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

(A) Malaysia
(B) Indonesia
(C) Singapore
(D) Thailand

1408. Where did the sea phase of SIMBEX-2026 take place?

(A) Arabian Sea
(B) Bay of Bengal
(C) Andaman Sea
(D) Gulf of Mannar

1409. At which shipyard was the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel Srishti launched?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa
(C) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
(D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam

1410. What does the name of the newly launched vessel Srishti mean in Sanskrit?

(A) Victory
(B) Ocean
(C) Creation
(D) Courage

1411. Under which mission of the Ministry of Culture was the manuscript heritage MoU with the National Library of France signed?

(A) Gyan Bharatam Mission
(B) National Mission for Manuscripts
(C) Adopt a Heritage Mission
(D) Bharat Shared Repository Mission

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1412. Who signed the manuscript heritage MoU on behalf of the Government of India?

(A) Gilles Pecout, President of the BnF
(B) Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Culture
(C) The Director General of the National Archives of India
(D) The Librarian of the National Library, Kolkata

1413. The India-New Zealand Under-20 Rugby Series concluded at which venue?

(A) Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
(B) Rajgir Sports Complex, Bihar
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
(D) Sardar Patel Stadium, Ahmedabad

1414. Under which initiative was the India-New Zealand U20 Rugby Series organised?

(A) Khelo India Rising Stars
(B) Fit India Movement
(C) 100 Years of Unity through Sport
(D) Sports for All Partnership

1415. At which venue did the second ARISE Cities Forum open?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka

1416. The Delhi Declaration adopted at the ARISE Cities Forum will be presented at which global meeting?

(A) COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye
(B) COP30 in Belem, Brazil
(C) The G20 Summit in Johannesburg
(D) The World Urban Forum in Cairo

1417. Which country reaffirmed support for India's bid to win European Union recognition for its ship-recycling yards?

(A) South Korea
(B) Cyprus
(C) Greece
(D) Malta

1418. By which year does India aim to become a globally competitive hub for shipbuilding, shipping and maritime services?

(A) 2030
(B) 2035
(C) 2040
(D) 2047

1419. The cheetah KNG22, which died of firearm pellet injuries in October 2026, belonged to the reintroduced population of which national park?

(A) Bandhavgarh National Park
(B) Kuno National Park
(C) Gir National Park
(D) Panna National Park

1420. The central team deputed to investigate the death of the cheetah KNG22 is drawn from which two organisations?

(A) National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau
(B) National Board for Wildlife and Central Zoo Authority
(C) Zoological Survey of India and Wildlife Institute of India
(D) Central Pollution Control Board and National Green Tribunal

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1421. Who inaugurated the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026?

(A) The President of India
(B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
(C) Dr Jitendra Singh
(D) Prof. Ajay K. Sood

1422. ESTIC 2026 is organised around how many core thematic priority domains?

(A) Eight
(B) Ten
(C) Twelve
(D) Fifteen

1423. The 14th International Tourism Mart for the North Eastern Region is being held at which place?

(A) Gangtok, Sikkim
(B) Shillong, Meghalaya
(C) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Imphal, Manipur

1424. The 43 international buyers expected at the 14th International Tourism Mart come from how many countries?

(A) 15
(B) 18
(C) 22
(D) 28

1425. India signed the Terms of Reference to launch Preferential Trade Agreement negotiations with which country?

(A) Brazil
(B) Mexico
(C) Argentina
(D) Chile

1426. At which summit did the leaders of India and Mexico reach the understanding that led to these trade negotiations?

(A) BRICS Summit in South Africa
(B) G7 Summit in Canada
(C) G20 Summit in Brazil
(D) APEC Summit in Peru

1427. The Punah Bharan Mobile Application, launched to support groundwater recharge planning, was developed by which agency?

(A) NRSC
(B) BISAG-N
(C) NIC
(D) Survey of India

1428. Within what radial distance does the Punah Bharan application help users identify potential artificial recharge zones?

(A) Up to 1 km
(B) Up to 3 km
(C) Up to 5 km
(D) Up to 10 km

1429. Which body issued the advisory on the 'Protection of Human Rights of Female Inmates and their Children'?

(A) National Commission for Women
(B) National Human Rights Commission
(C) Bureau of Police Research and Development
(D) National Legal Services Authority

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1430. Within what period has the NHRC sought an Action Taken Report on its advisory for female inmates?

(A) One month
(B) Two months
(C) Six months
(D) One year

1431. At which port did the DRI seize around 55,000 smuggled e-cigarettes in two operations?

(A) Jawaharlal Nehru Port
(B) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
(C) Deendayal Port, Kandla
(D) Paradip Port

1432. Under which law are electronic cigarettes and all Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems prohibited in India?

(A) Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019
(B) Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act, 2003
(C) Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
(D) Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940

1433. What is the outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

(A) Rs 8,240 crore
(B) Rs 17,490 crore
(C) Rs 19,744 crore
(D) Rs 24,500 crore

1434. Under India's Green Hydrogen Standard, what is the maximum permitted emission for hydrogen to qualify as green?

(A) 2 kg of CO_2 equivalent per kg of hydrogen
(B) 5 kg of CO_2 equivalent per kg of hydrogen
(C) 9 kg of CO_2 equivalent per kg of hydrogen
(D) 12 kg of CO_2 equivalent per kg of hydrogen

1435. Through which mission did India become the fourth country to demonstrate docking of two spacecraft in orbit?

(A) Gaganyaan
(B) SpaDeX
(C) Chandrayaan-3
(D) Aditya-L1

1436. What is the approved outlay for the Next Generation Launch Vehicle cleared by the Union Cabinet?

(A) Rs 4,120 crore
(B) Rs 8,240 crore
(C) Rs 12,400 crore
(D) Rs 19,744 crore

1437. Which ministry launched the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(C) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

1438. For how many days does the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0 run?

(A) 30 days
(B) 45 days
(C) 60 days
(D) 90 days

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1439. India's proposed mega greenfield shipyard, discussed in Seoul, is to be built at which place?

(A) Kandla, Gujarat
(B) Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
(C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(D) Paradip, Odisha

1440. Which company has confirmed its intent to be the primary strategic investor in the Thoothukudi shipyard?

(A) Hyundai Motor India
(B) HD Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering
(C) Mitsui OSK Lines
(D) Cochin Shipyard Limited

1441. The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement came into force on which date?

(A) 1 April 2024
(B) 1 October 2025
(C) 7 October 2026
(D) 28 October 2026

1442. How much FDI do the EFTA States aim to bring into India under TEPA, and over what period?

(A) 50 billion dollars over 10 years
(B) 75 billion dollars over 12 years
(C) 100 billion dollars over 15 years
(D) 150 billion dollars over 20 years

1443. How many live reptiles did the DRI recover at Trichy International Airport?

(A) 27
(B) 35
(C) 45
(D) 55

1444. Under which law were the two passengers carrying the reptiles arrested?

(A) The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
(B) The Customs Act, 1962
(C) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
(D) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986

1445. How much revenue did SECL generate through scrap disposal under Special Campaign 6?

(A) About Rs 12.50 crore
(B) About Rs 26.17 crore
(C) About Rs 46.02 crore
(D) About Rs 72.00 crore

1446. SECL, which surpassed its Special Campaign 6 targets, is a subsidiary of which company?

(A) NTPC Limited
(B) Coal India Limited
(C) NMDC Limited
(D) Steel Authority of India Limited

1447. Khet Bachao Abhiyan - Rabi 2026 is being held during which period?

(A) 1 September to 15 October
(B) 22 October to 30 November
(C) 1 November to 31 December
(D) 15 December to 31 January

1448. Which concept is being put into practice through Khet Bachao Abhiyan?

(A) Land to Lab
(B) Lab to Land
(C) Farm to Fork
(D) Seed to Shelf

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1449. By how many percentage points did the Union Cabinet raise Dearness Allowance in its decision of 28 October 2026?

(A) 2 per cent
(B) 3 per cent
(C) 4 per cent
(D) 5 per cent

1450. From which date does the revised Dearness Allowance rate apply?

(A) 1 January 2026
(B) 1 April 2026
(C) 1 July 2026
(D) 1 October 2026

1451. What is the total outlay of the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) 4,869.48 crore rupees
(B) 7,395.55 crore rupees
(C) 2,526.07 crore rupees
(D) 10,000 crore rupees

1452. PM VGSY is approved for a period that is co-terminus with the award period of which body?

(A) The 8th Central Pay Commission
(B) The Sixteenth Finance Commission
(C) The Fifteenth Finance Commission
(D) NITI Aayog's governing council

1453. What is the budgetary outlay of the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) 8,891 crore rupees
(B) 10,000 crore rupees
(C) 7,395 crore rupees
(D) 12,500 crore rupees

1454. Under CMPS, India's annual container manufacturing capacity is targeted to rise to how much?

(A) 2.5 lakh TEUs
(B) 5 lakh TEUs
(C) 7.5 lakh TEUs
(D) 10 lakh TEUs

1455. What was the growth rate of India's Index of Industrial Production in September 2026?

(A) 4.9 per cent
(B) 6.7 per cent
(C) 8.0 per cent
(D) 11.2 per cent

1456. Which sector recorded the fastest growth in the Index of Industrial Production for September 2026?

(A) Manufacturing
(B) Mining and quarrying
(C) Electricity and gas supply
(D) Water supply, sewerage and waste management

1457. In how many Indian languages will the video modules of the Sports Values in Every Classroom Toolkit be available?

(A) 8
(B) 13
(C) 17
(D) 22

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1458. At which event was the Memorandum of Understanding on sports values exchanged?

(A) The Clean Sport Conclave of NADA India
(B) The Khelo India Youth Games
(C) The National Sports Awards ceremony
(D) The Asian Para Games

1459. The 13th ADMM-Plus, on whose margins Rajnath Singh held bilateral talks, was hosted by which country?

(A) Indonesia
(B) The Philippines
(C) Vietnam
(D) Malaysia

1460. Who is the Japanese Minister of Defense that Rajnath Singh met at Cebu?

(A) Shinjiro Koizumi
(B) Pete Hegseth
(C) Tim Curtis
(D) Hambardzum Matevosyan

1461. What is the total outlay of the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) Rs 1,130 crore
(B) Rs 1,500 crore
(C) Rs 1,856.67 crore
(D) Rs 2,500 crore

1462. The Sports Goods Manufacturing Zones under the new scheme will be developed by convergence with which of the following?

(A) The BHAVYA Scheme and NICDC Industrial Parks
(B) The PM Gati Shakti corridors only
(C) Special Economic Zones alone
(D) Khelo India stadium projects

1463. Which Indian Navy ship arrived at Busan in October 2026 for the bilateral exercise with the Republic of Korea Navy?

(A) INS Shivalik
(B) INS Sahyadri
(C) INS Kolkata
(D) INS Vikrant

1464. INS Sahyadri will carry out coordinated maritime activities at sea with which Republic of Korea Navy ship?

(A) ROKS Sejong the Great
(B) ROKS Dokdo
(C) ROKS Munmu the Great
(D) ROKS Chungmugong Yi Sun-sin

1465. CBD COP-17, where India released four publications on biodiversity, was held in which city?

(A) Yerevan
(B) Baku
(C) Tbilisi
(D) Astana

1466. Which of the following was NOT among the four publications India released at the CBD COP-17 side event?

(A) Guidelines for the Designation of India's Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures
(B) The 5th National Report on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety
(C) India State of Forest Report
(D) India's ABS Success Story

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1467. Under Part 2 of the PLI Scheme for Textiles, the minimum turnover criterion has been reduced to:

(A) 50 crore rupees
(B) 100 crore rupees
(C) 200 crore rupees
(D) 300 crore rupees

1468. The application portal for Round 4 of the PLI Scheme for Textiles will remain open during which period?

(A) 1 October to 30 November 2026
(B) 1 November to 31 December 2026
(C) 1 December 2026 to 31 January 2027
(D) 1 November 2026 to 31 March 2027

1469. For how many brands of anti-cancer medicines has NPPA released revised maximum retail prices?

(A) 137 brands
(B) 543 brands
(C) 755 brands
(D) 326 brands

1470. From which date must the revised maximum retail prices of the 543 anti-cancer medicine brands be charged?

(A) 17 October 2026
(B) 27 October 2026
(C) 1 November 2026
(D) 9 November 2026

1471. Under which title has Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 been entered in the Guinness World Records?

(A) Largest Science Exhibition
(B) Largest Innovation Solution Competition
(C) Largest School Quiz
(D) Largest Student Hackathon

1472. How many project submissions did Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 receive?

(A) 1,87,967
(B) 2,87,967
(C) 3,87,967
(D) 2,78,967

1473. How much grant-in-aid has the Centre released to 755 projects under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens?

(A) Rs 55.98 crore
(B) Rs 77.98 crore
(C) Rs 97.78 crore
(D) Rs 107.98 crore

1474. Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana subsumed and expanded which earlier plan?

(A) National Action Plan for Senior Citizens
(B) National Social Assistance Programme
(C) National Policy on Older Persons
(D) Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme

1475. What was India's installed electricity capacity as on 30 September 2026, as stated at Singapore International Energy Week 2026?

(A) 458.9 GW
(B) 508.9 GW
(C) 558.9 GW
(D) 608.9 GW

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1476. With which of these did the Indian Minister NOT hold a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of SIEW 2026?

(A) Bhutan
(B) Japan
(C) IRENA
(D) IEA

1477. Which committee of the European Parliament sent the delegation received by the Vice-President of India?

(A) Committee on International Trade
(B) Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)
(C) Committee on Budgets
(D) Committee on Industry, Research and Energy

1478. How did the Vice-President describe the proposed India-EU Free Trade Agreement?

(A) The deal of the century
(B) Mother of all deals
(C) The bridge of two continents
(D) The partnership of equals

1479. Till which date has the ESIC New Amnesty Scheme, 2025 been extended?

(A) 30 September 2026
(B) 31 December 2026
(C) 31 March 2027
(D) 30 June 2027

1480. Court cases filed up to which date are eligible for settlement under the New Amnesty Scheme, 2025?

(A) 31 March 2024
(B) 31 March 2025
(C) 30 September 2025
(D) 31 December 2025

1481. In which city was the 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) held?

(A) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
(B) Cebu, Philippines
(C) Jakarta, Indonesia
(D) Hanoi, Vietnam

1482. What is the theme of the 13th ADMM-Plus addressed by the Raksha Mantri?

(A) Shared Seas, Shared Future
(B) Youth, Peace and Security
(C) Navigating Our Future, Together
(D) Peace Through Partnership

1483. Which rabi crop has been given the highest absolute increase in Minimum Support Price for Marketing Season 2027-28?

(A) Wheat
(B) Safflower
(C) Lentil (masur)
(D) Gram

1484. Which body recommends the Minimum Support Prices announced by the Union Government?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Food Corporation of India
(C) Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices
(D) National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation

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1485. Technology innovation hubs under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems have been set up at how many academic institutions?

(A) 15
(B) 20
(C) 25
(D) 30

1486. ESTIC 2026, where the session on autonomous systems and robotics was held, was organised at which venue?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru
(D) Science City, Kolkata

1487. In the wake of which cyclone did the Union Home Minister speak to the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and Chhattisgarh?

(A) Cyclone Montha
(B) Cyclone Arnab
(C) Cyclone Dana
(D) Cyclone Remal

1488. Which of the following was NOT among the states or Union Territory whose Chief Minister the Home Minister spoke to after Cyclone Arnab?

(A) Odisha
(B) Chhattisgarh
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Puducherry

1489. What was the total green hydrogen offtake commitment signed by Indian companies as of October 2026?

(A) 3,55,610 MTPA
(B) 4,55,610 MTPA
(C) 5,55,610 MTPA
(D) 6,55,610 MTPA

1490. What is the initial outlay approved for the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

(A) Rs 8,000 crore
(B) Rs 19,744 crore
(C) Rs 10,371 crore
(D) Rs 90,000 crore

1491. How many government departments had adopted MeghRaj 2.0 by September 2026?

(A) 1,230
(B) 2,330
(C) 3,230
(D) 4,330

1492. What is the approved outlay of the IndiaAI Mission?

(A) Rs 7,500 crore
(B) Rs 10,371.92 crore
(C) Rs 19,744 crore
(D) Rs 25,000 crore

1493. Who chairs the Ganga Flood Control Board?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The Union Minister of Jal Shakti
(C) The Chairman of the Ganga Flood Control Commission
(D) A Member of NITI Aayog

1494. When was the Ganga Flood Control Board constituted by the Government of India?

(A) 18 April 1972
(B) 18 April 1976
(C) 15 August 1972
(D) 26 January 1980

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1495. How many workers will benefit from the two Memorandums of Settlement signed at UltraTech, Bathinda?

(A) 117
(B) 217
(C) 317
(D) 417

1496. With which two trade unions were the settlements at UltraTech, Bathinda concluded?

(A) BMS and INTUC
(B) CITU and AITUC
(C) HMS and SEWA
(D) INTUC and AITUC

1497. How much revenue did the Textile Committee generate through scrap disposal under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) Rs 2,38,444
(B) Rs 3,48,444
(C) Rs 4,38,444
(D) Rs 5,48,444

1498. What is the duration of Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 1 to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 2 to 23 October 2026
(D) 1 to 31 December 2026

1499. Ayushman Vay Vandana gives health cover to citizens of which minimum age?

(A) 60 years
(B) 65 years
(C) 70 years
(D) 75 years

1500. Which procedure has been availed most often under Ayushman Vay Vandana in its first two years?

(A) Total knee replacement
(B) Cataract surgery
(C) Chronic haemodialysis
(D) Percutaneous Transluminal Coronary Angioplasty

1501. At which forum was the Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals adopted?

(A) ARISE Cities Forum 2026
(B) World Urban Forum
(C) India Habitat Summit
(D) Global Mayors Assembly

1502. What was the theme of the ARISE Cities Forum 2026?

(A) Cities for Climate Justice
(B) From Bharat to Antalya - Commit. Implement. Deliver.
(C) Local Action, Global Goals
(D) Resilient Cities, Resilient Planet

1503. Which ministry releases the Index of Services Production?

(A) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(B) Ministry of Finance
(C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(D) Reserve Bank of India

1504. What is the base year of the Index of Services Production released for August 2026?

(A) 2011-12
(B) 2017-18
(C) 2024-25
(D) 2026-27

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1505. According to Piyush Goyal, what is the aggregate GDP of the economies opened by India's nine trade agreements?

(A) USD 25 trillion
(B) USD 40 trillion
(C) USD 60 trillion
(D) USD 85 trillion

1506. What target has been set for India's space economy, according to the Commerce and Industry Minister?

(A) USD 20 billion by 2030
(B) USD 44 billion by 2033
(C) USD 60 billion by 2035
(D) USD 100 billion by 2040

1507. Which department coordinates the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters?

(A) Department of Personnel and Training
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Defence Research and Development
(D) Department of Expenditure

1508. Where is the shredded paper from DRDO's weeded-out files sent?

(A) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
(B) National Archives of India
(C) Central Pollution Control Board
(D) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited

1509. Which body has taken suo motu cognizance of the reported parading of three persons by police in Kolkata?

(A) National Commission for Women
(B) National Human Rights Commission
(C) Supreme Court of India
(D) National Commission for Protection of Child Rights

1510. To whom did the NHRC issue its notice in this matter, and within what time was a report sought?

(A) Chief Secretary of West Bengal, within one month
(B) Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, within two weeks
(C) Director General of Police, West Bengal, within ten days
(D) District Magistrate, Kolkata, within three weeks

1511. The regional Shram Samvad programme on the Labour Codes held on 28 October 2026 took place in which city?

(A) Lucknow
(B) Kanpur
(C) Noida
(D) Varanasi

1512. Which two schemes formed the subject of the third and fourth technical sessions at the Kanpur Shram Samvad?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan
(B) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana and Ayushman Bharat
(C) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana and the National Pension System
(D) Atal Pension Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana

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1513. Which edition of the NCDC General Council meeting was held in New Delhi in October 2026?

(A) 83rd
(B) 90th
(C) 93rd
(D) 95th

1514. Which Union Minister chairs the General Council of the National Cooperative Development Corporation?

(A) The Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(B) The Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation
(C) The Minister of Finance
(D) The Minister of Rural Development

1515. Who chairs the Review Committee for Narmada Control Authority (RCNCA)?

(A) The Union Home Minister
(B) The Union Minister of Jal Shakti
(C) The Chief Minister of Gujarat
(D) The Attorney General for India

1516. Which four States are parties to the Memorandum of Agreement adopted by the RCNCA?

(A) Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra
(B) Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Goa
(C) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana
(D) Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Gujarat

1517. Which ministry organised the National Workshop on 'Enhancing Coastal Resilience through Adaptive Strategies'?

(A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

1518. In which three States is the GCF-ECRICC project being implemented?

(A) Gujarat, Kerala and Tamil Nadu
(B) Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha
(C) West Bengal, Odisha and Tamil Nadu
(D) Goa, Karnataka and Kerala

1519. INS Trishul concluded a port call at Civitavecchia, which lies in which country?

(A) Greece
(B) Italy
(C) Spain
(D) France

1520. In which sea was INS Trishul deployed when it made the Civitavecchia port call?

(A) Arabian Sea
(B) Mediterranean Sea
(C) Baltic Sea
(D) South China Sea

1521. At how many railway stations was Rail Jan Samvaad organised on 22 October 2026?

(A) 3,884
(B) 4,884
(C) 5,884
(D) 6,884

1522. Rail Jan Samvaad was held to collect passenger feedback mainly on which of the following?

(A) Fare revision and ticket pricing
(B) Cleanliness, passenger amenities and service delivery
(C) New railway line surveys
(D) Recruitment and vacancies

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1523. Which regulator conducts the Independent Drive Test to assess mobile network quality?

(A) TRAI
(B) SEBI
(C) BIS
(D) FSSAI

1524. TRAI's Independent Drive Test released in October 2026 covered which area of Gujarat?

(A) Saurashtra, including Rajkot and Jamnagar
(B) Kachchh, including Gandhidham and Bhuj
(C) South Gujarat, including Surat and Valsad
(D) Central Gujarat, including Vadodara and Anand

1525. Which institution organises the AyushTech Innovate: National Open Ayurveda AI Challenge?

(A) Techfest, IIT Bombay
(B) Techfest, IIT Delhi
(C) Kshitij, IIT Kharagpur
(D) Shaastra, IIT Madras

1526. AyurParam, on which the national Ayurveda AI challenge is built, is best described as which of the following?

(A) An Ayurvedic drug licensing portal of the Ministry of Ayush
(B) An open-source Ayurveda large language model from IIT Bombay
(C) A seed-funding scheme for Ayurveda startups
(D) An intellectual property rights facility for Ayurveda

1527. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

1528. In the initiative BHARAT-TULIP, what does TULIP stand for?

(A) Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
(B) Tribal Upliftment and Livelihood Improvement Plan
(C) Textile Upgradation and Local Industry Programme
(D) Training for Urban Livelihood and Industrial Progress

1529. The 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' campaign is organised by which body?

(A) National Service Scheme
(B) Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
(C) National Youth Council of India
(D) Bharat Scouts and Guides

1530. How many universities, colleges and institutions is the 'Know Your Vote' campaign of MY Bharat meant to cover?

(A) 250
(B) 500
(C) 750
(D) 1,000

1531. Where is the 14th International Tourism Mart being held?

(A) Shillong, Meghalaya
(B) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Gangtok, Sikkim
(D) Guwahati, Assam

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1532. How many international buyers from how many countries are taking part in the 14th International Tourism Mart?

(A) 32 buyers from 18 countries
(B) 43 buyers from 22 countries
(C) 81 buyers from 16 countries
(D) 42 buyers from 14 countries

1533. According to Piyush Goyal, India's concluded and ongoing trade agreements would give it preferential market access to roughly what share of global GDP?

(A) 52 per cent
(B) 64 per cent
(C) 76 per cent
(D) 88 per cent

1534. The Motupalli Abhaya Shasana, recalled by Piyush Goyal as an early charter assuring traders of stability, was issued in 1244 by which ruler?

(A) Krishnadevaraya of Vijayanagara
(B) Ganapati Deva of the Kakatiya dynasty
(C) Rajaraja Chola I
(D) Prataparudra II of Warangal

1535. Which body was empowered by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs to decide procedural issues and allow deviations in strategic disinvestment, and so fixed the best offer round for IDBI Bank?

(A) The Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) The Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment
(C) The Reserve Bank of India
(D) The Department of Financial Services

1536. IDBI Bank changed from a government owned to a government controlled banking company in which year, after LIC acquired majority stakes?

(A) 2015
(B) 2017
(C) 2019
(D) 2021

1537. How much dividend did the National Small Industries Corporation present to the Government of India for the financial year 2025-26?

(A) Rs 29.40 crore
(B) Rs 47.76 crore
(C) Rs 112.50 crore
(D) Rs 159 crore

1538. Under which category of public sector enterprise is the National Small Industries Corporation classified?

(A) Maharatna
(B) Navratna
(C) Schedule 'A' Mini Ratna
(D) Schedule 'C' undertaking

1539. Who inaugurated the new Academic Building of the National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration in New Delhi?

(A) The Union Minister for Education
(B) The Union Minister for Skill Development
(C) The Vice-President of India
(D) The Minister of State for Education

1540. How much has been made available in soft loans for higher education under the PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme, as stated at the NIEPA function?

(A) Rs 10,000 crore
(B) Rs 35,000 crore
(C) Rs 60,000 crore
(D) Rs 1,20,000 crore

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1541. The National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers has been constituted under which law?

(A) Code on Wages
(B) Industrial Relations Code
(C) Code on Social Security
(D) Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code

1542. Who presides over the newly notified National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The Union Minister for Labour and Employment
(C) The Union Finance Minister
(D) The Secretary of the Ministry of Labour and Employment

1543. How much public investment has the Government of India committed to the fisheries sector since 2015?

(A) Rs 29,272 crore
(B) Rs 39,272 crore
(C) Rs 49,272 crore
(D) Rs 3,393 crore

1544. How many Fisheries Farmer Producer Organizations (FFPOs) has the Department of Fisheries supported the formation of?

(A) 1,195
(B) 2,195
(C) 5,500
(D) 15,900

1545. In which state are the Holy Relics of Lord Buddha being exposed for public veneration from 31 October 2026?

(A) Sikkim
(B) Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Himachal Pradesh
(D) Mizoram

1546. The Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha were excavated from a site in which present-day district of Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Kushinagar
(B) Siddharthnagar
(C) Shravasti
(D) Gorakhpur

1547. Which ships make up the Indian Navy's First Training Squadron that departed Colombo on 29 October 2026?

(A) INS Vikrant, INS Vikramaditya and ICGS Samudra
(B) INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi
(C) INS Tabar, INS Trikand and ICGS Vikram
(D) INS Shivalik, INS Kadmatt and ICGS Abhinav

1548. What is the full form of MAHASAGAR, the vision mentioned in connection with the Indian Navy's visit to Sri Lanka?

(A) Maritime Alliance for Harbour Access, Security and Growth Across Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Mutual Assistance for Humanitarian Aid, Security and Growth of All Regions
(D) Maritime Harmony and Shared Action for Growth Across Regions

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1549. In which district of Uttar Pradesh did the DRI bust a clandestine synthetic drug manufacturing laboratory?

(A) Jhansi
(B) Jalaun
(C) Hamirpur
(D) Banda

1550. Which finished narcotic drug was recovered during the follow-up search at the residence of an accused?

(A) Heroin
(B) Methaqualone
(C) Mephedrone
(D) Ketamine

1551. In how many cities and districts will the fifth nationwide Digital Life Certificate campaign hold camps?

(A) 1000
(B) 1500
(C) 2000
(D) 2500

1552. How many digital life certificates is DLC Campaign 5 meant to generate through face authentication?

(A) 50 lakh
(B) 1.50 crore
(C) 2.30 crore
(D) 3 crore

1553. Where was the 19th session of the India-BLEU Joint Economic Commission held?

(A) Brussels
(B) New Delhi
(C) Luxembourg
(D) Antwerp

1554. In the India-BLEU Joint Economic Commission, what does the abbreviation BLEU stand for?

(A) Baltic and Levant Economic Union
(B) Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union
(C) Belarus-Lithuania Economic Union
(D) Benelux Labour and Enterprise Union

1555. Which city will host the CGIAR Science and Partnership Week in April 2027?

(A) Nairobi
(B) Hyderabad
(C) New Delhi
(D) Rome

1556. Where was the first edition of the CGIAR Science Week held?

(A) Nairobi, Kenya
(B) Cairo, Egypt
(C) Lusaka, Zambia
(D) Kampala, Uganda

1557. From where was the 24th instalment of the PM-KISAN scheme released on 30 October 2026?

(A) Banaskantha, Gujarat
(B) Nagpur, Maharashtra
(C) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
(D) Dindigul, Tamil Nadu

1558. How much money was transferred to farmers under the 24th instalment of PM-KISAN?

(A) About Rs 11,200 crore
(B) About Rs 18,690 crore
(C) About Rs 25,400 crore
(D) About Rs 31,500 crore

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1559. Development projects of what value were launched at Banaskantha in Gujarat on 30 October 2026?

(A) More than Rs 6,500 crore
(B) More than Rs 14,000 crore
(C) More than Rs 21,000 crore
(D) More than Rs 35,000 crore

1560. The new research centre at Banaskantha is the country's first dedicated facility for which breed?

(A) Sahiwal cattle
(B) Kankrej cattle
(C) Murrah buffalo
(D) Jaffarabadi buffalo

1561. In which state is the Gandhigram Rural Institute, which marked its Golden Jubilee and 39th convocation on 30 October 2026, located?

(A) Kerala
(B) Karnataka
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Andhra Pradesh

1562. Which former ISRO aerospace scientist received an honorary doctorate at the 39th convocation of Gandhigram Rural Institute?

(A) S. Nambi Narayanan
(B) K. Sivan
(C) S. Somanath
(D) G. Madhavan Nair

1563. Which body released the draft Guidelines on Responsible Use of Artificial Intelligence in Telecommunication Networks on 30 October 2026?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(D) Department of Telecommunications

1564. On how many guiding sutras or principles are the India AI Governance Guidelines anchored?

(A) Five
(B) Six
(C) Seven
(D) Nine

1565. TRAI's independent drive test whose findings were released on 30 October 2026 was conducted in which licensed service area?

(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Jammu and Kashmir
(C) Punjab
(D) Rajasthan

1566. Which operator recorded the highest average download speed on the Leh city drive route?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) Reliance Jio
(D) Vodafone Idea

1567. The TRAI drive test released on 30 October 2026 covering Hyderabad and Adoni-Mantralayam belonged to which licensed service area?

(A) Telangana
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Karnataka
(D) Tamil Nadu

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1568. How long was the drive test route covered across Adoni, Mantralayam and nearby areas?

(A) 63 km
(B) 121.5 km
(C) 201.8 km
(D) 396.3 km

1569. Under the utilisation agreement signed for Tamil Nadu, how many villages are to be given connectivity on a demand basis?

(A) 2,767 villages
(B) 4,767 villages
(C) 5,767 villages
(D) 3,476 villages

1570. Digital Bharat Nidhi, one of the parties to the Tamil Nadu BharatNet agreement, is the renamed form of which fund?

(A) Universal Service Obligation Fund
(B) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund
(C) Telecom Technology Development Fund
(D) National Broadband Mission Fund

1571. Which agency seized 50 kg of methamphetamine in Mizoram and Assam in October 2026?

(A) Narcotics Control Bureau
(B) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
(C) Central Bureau of Investigation
(D) National Investigation Agency

1572. The 50 kg of methamphetamine recovered in the two operations was made up of which quantities?

(A) 25 kg of tablets and 25 kg of crystal meth
(B) 35 kg of tablets and 15 kg of crystal meth
(C) 30 kg of tablets and 20 kg of crystal meth
(D) 40 kg of tablets and 10 kg of crystal meth

1573. What do the four letters of VISV-2026 stand for?

(A) Vision, Industry, Strength, Valour
(B) Vision, Innovation, Synergy, Values
(C) Victory, Innovation, Science, Vision
(D) Vision, Integration, Security, Valour

1574. The compendium of DRDO products released at the event was brought out in which languages?

(A) Russian, German and Japanese
(B) Arabic, Spanish and French
(C) Arabic, Portuguese and Russian
(D) French, German and Korean

1575. What is the theme of the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave 2026?

(A) Science for Self-Reliance, Innovation for All
(B) Creative Minds, Catalysing Science, Empowering Society
(C) Young Minds, New Science, New India
(D) Research to Reality, Science to Society

1576. Which DRDO laboratory developed the Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuits and Infrared Focal Plane Arrays displayed at the conclave?

(A) Solid State Physics Laboratory, Delhi
(B) Defence Electronics Research Laboratory, Hyderabad
(C) Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad
(D) Instruments Research and Development Establishment, Dehradun

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1577. In the name of CAQM's new command centre, what does PAVAN stand for?

(A) Pollution Alert and Vigilance Agency Network

(B) Platform for Air quality Vigilance and Analytics for NCR

(C) Programme for Air Ventilation and Atmospheric Nowcasting

(D) Platform for Ambient Verification and Air Numbers

1578. How many continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations feed data into the PAVAN platform?

(A) 88

(B) 96

(C) 111

(D) 134

1579. What were the total receipts of the Government of India up to September 2026?

(A) Rs 12,76,088 crore

(B) Rs 18,35,422 crore

(C) Rs 25,49,835 crore

(D) Rs 18,95,288 crore

1580. How much was transferred to state governments as devolution of the share of taxes up to September 2026?

(A) Rs 4,80,732 crore

(B) Rs 6,54,547 crore

(C) Rs 6,99,409 crore

(D) Rs 6,46,010 crore

1581. Of the commercial coal mines allotted since 2020, how many are producing, according to the Ministry of Coal?

(A) 25 of 137

(B) 37 of 125

(C) 52 of 137

(D) 25 of 90

1582. How much coal did India produce in the financial year 2025-26?

(A) 778 million tonnes

(B) 893 million tonnes

(C) 1,041 million tonnes

(D) 1,250 million tonnes

1583. Who has been appointed Chairman of the High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat?

(A) Shirish Chandra Murmu

(B) Suresh N. Patel

(C) Padmaja Chunduru

(D) N. S. Vishwanathan

1584. What is the tenure of the High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat?

(A) Three months

(B) Six months

(C) One year

(D) Two years

1585. Who has been appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff with effect from 1 November 2026?

(A) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

(B) Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia

(C) Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh

(D) Air Marshal Sujeet Pushpakar

1586. Which command was Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia heading before this appointment?

(A) Western Air Command

(B) Southern Air Command

(C) Eastern Air Command

(D) Training Command

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1587. Which attraction has become the first in the United Arab Emirates to accept UPI for e-commerce bookings?

(A) Museum of the Future
(B) At the Top, Burj Khalifa
(C) Dubai Frame
(D) Ferrari World Abu Dhabi

1588. Which country is set to become the eleventh where UPI is accepted?

(A) Kazakhstan
(B) Uzbekistan
(C) Indonesia
(D) Oman

1589. At which port did INS Tarkash arrive during its Southern Indian Ocean deployment?

(A) Victoria, Seychelles
(B) Port Louis, Mauritius
(C) Male, Maldives
(D) Mombasa, Kenya

1590. Aapravasi Diwas in Mauritius commemorates the arrival of the first indentured labourers from India in which year?

(A) 1810
(B) 1834
(C) 1857
(D) 1901

1591. Where was the 14th International Tourism Mart held?

(A) Shillong, Meghalaya
(B) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Guwahati, Assam
(D) Gangtok, Sikkim

1592. How many business-to-business meetings were held at the 14th International Tourism Mart?

(A) 980
(B) 1250
(C) 1580
(D) 2100

1593. Which cyclone's damage led the Department of Telecommunications to keep Intra-Circle Roaming operational across districts of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha?

(A) Cyclone Montha
(B) Cyclone Arnab
(C) Cyclone Remal
(D) Cyclone Dana

1594. What does the Intra-Circle Roaming (ICR) arrangement allow a mobile subscriber to do?

(A) Make all calls free of charge anywhere in India
(B) Connect to another operator's network within the same telecom circle
(C) Use a satellite phone without a separate licence
(D) Change the mobile number without changing the SIM card

1595. Which open network runs the DigiDukaan initiative that digitises kirana stores as buyers?

(A) Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)
(B) Government e-Marketplace (GeM)
(C) National Payments Corporation of India
(D) Open Credit Enablement Network

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1596. How many retailers and brands had ONDC DigiDukaan connected, as reported at the Bharat Commerce Chintan Shivir?

(A) Over 12,000 retailers with more than 300 brands
(B) Over 21,000 retailers with more than 450 brands
(C) Over 45,000 retailers with more than 800 brands
(D) Over 16,000 retailers with more than 250 brands

1597. Where were the commemorative postage stamps on breast cancer awareness released?

(A) Nirman Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Dak Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

1598. How many screenings for oral, breast and cervical cancers have been conducted in all under the NP-NCD programme?

(A) 49.02 crore
(B) 22.90 crore
(C) 86.97 crore
(D) 14.05 crore

1599. Under which department does the Survey of India, organiser of the geospatial transformation workshop, function?

(A) Department of Space
(B) Department of Science and Technology
(C) Department of Land Resources
(D) Department of Scientific and Industrial Research

1600. Which three-word formula did Dr. Jitendra Singh describe as the way forward for the geospatial sector?

(A) Reform, perform and transform
(B) Enable, invest and adopt
(C) Survey, map and share
(D) Measure, monitor and manage

1601. The Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak is announced every year on the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Mahatma Gandhi
(B) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(C) Dr B. R. Ambedkar
(D) Lal Bahadur Shastri

1602. How many personnel have been awarded the Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak for the year 2026?

(A) 390
(B) 450
(C) 490
(D) 590

1603. India's social protection coverage, which stood at 19% in 2015, has risen to what level in 2026?

(A) 48.4%
(B) 58.4%
(C) 68.4%
(D) 78.4%

1604. In September 2026, the wage ceiling for mandatory EPFO coverage was raised to which level?

(A) Rs 15,000 per month
(B) Rs 21,000 per month
(C) Rs 25,000 per month
(D) Rs 30,000 per month

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1605. How many road works have been approved for Mizoram under PMGSY-IV, Batch-1 of 2026-27?

(A) 35
(B) 40
(C) 45
(D) 55

1606. What is the total estimated cost of the road works approved for Mizoram under PMGSY-IV?

(A) Rs 510.40 crore
(B) Rs 610.40 crore
(C) Rs 710.40 crore
(D) Rs 810.40 crore

1607. Which launch vehicle carried the NVS-03 navigation satellite?

(A) PSLV-C61
(B) GSLV-F18
(C) LVM3-M5
(D) SSLV-D4

1608. NVS-03 has been launched to strengthen which Indian system?

(A) GAGAN
(B) Bhuvan
(C) NavIC
(D) Antrix

1609. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas is observed every year on which date?

(A) 2 October
(B) 31 October
(C) 26 November
(D) 14 April

1610. The year 2026 marked which birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

(A) 148th
(B) 150th
(C) 151st
(D) 152nd

1611. Under which theme has the Ministry of Panchayati Raj run the People's Plan Campaign since 2018?

(A) Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
(B) Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas
(C) Mera Gaon, Mera Gaurav
(D) Gaon Chalo, Yojana Banao

1612. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj signed an MoU for EV charging and battery swapping stations on Panchayat land with which organisation?

(A) NTPC Limited
(B) Convergence Energy Services Limited
(C) Indian Oil Corporation Limited
(D) Rural Electrification Corporation

1613. Bharat Parv 2026, where the Prime Minister visited the CCIC pavilion, is being held at which place?

(A) Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
(D) Red Fort, New Delhi

1614. The Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India Ltd (CCIC) works under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Textiles
(C) Ministry of Tourism
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

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1615. Which company received CCI approval to acquire 100% of the equity share capital of IntelliSmart Infrastructure Private Limited?

(A) Aditya Birla Renewables Limited
(B) Adani Energy Solutions Limited
(C) Energy Efficiency Services Limited
(D) Shell Overseas Investment B.V.

1616. From whom is Aditya Birla Renewables Limited acquiring 100% of the issued share capital of Solenergi Power Private Limited?

(A) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund
(B) Energy Efficiency Services Limited
(C) Shell Overseas Investment B.V.
(D) Adani Energy Solutions Limited

1617. What share of the issued share capital of Vodafone Group PLC will Vega SAS acquire with CCI approval?

(A) 9.9%
(B) 16.2%
(C) 26%
(D) 51%

1618. MIH Payments Holdings B.V., cleared to acquire shareholding in Navi Limited, is a subsidiary of which company?

(A) Prosus N.V.
(B) Maya SAS
(C) Shell Overseas Investment B.V.
(D) Devyani International Limited

1619. By which date has the government set the target of making India completely free from drugs?

(A) 31 December 2027
(B) 31 December 2029
(C) 15 August 2030
(D) 31 March 2028

1620. According to the Union Home Minister, in how many days after independence did Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel create an undivided India by integrating the princely states?

(A) 562 days
(B) 1,218 days
(C) 1,947 days
(D) 2,100 days

1621. The Yoga for Unity message promoted on National Unity Day 2026 has been integrated with which initiative?

(A) Fit India Movement
(B) Yoga 365
(C) Eat Right India
(D) Khelo India

1622. Which ministry carried the Yoga for Unity campaign on the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Ayush
(C) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(D) Ministry of Culture

1623. How many cleanliness campaigns did the Ministry of Corporate Affairs conduct under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 45
(B) 60
(C) 75
(D) 100

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1624. How much office space was freed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 12,500 square feet
(B) 23,285 square feet
(C) 33,285 square feet
(D) 45,000 square feet

1625. Who released the commemorative postage stamp in honour of Mata Bhagwati Devi at the Gayatri Parivar centenary celebration in New Delhi?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Lok Sabha Speaker
(C) The Vice-President
(D) The Minister of Culture

1626. Under the leadership of Mata Bhagwati Devi, the Mahila Jagran Abhiyan was launched in which year?

(A) 1958
(B) 1975
(C) 1986
(D) 1990

1627. Who assumed charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force?

(A) Air Chief Marshal AP Singh
(B) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(C) Air Marshal Narmdeshwar Tiwari
(D) Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra

1628. How many hours of flying experience does the new Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, have?

(A) Over 1,300 hours
(B) Over 2,300 hours
(C) Over 3,300 hours
(D) Over 5,300 hours

1629. The inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise, held from 30 October to 3 November 2026, focuses on which maritime region?

(A) Arabian Sea
(B) Bay of Bengal
(C) Gulf of Aden
(D) South China Sea

1630. Which of the following countries is NOT a member of BIMSTEC taking part in the inaugural Maritime Security Exercise?

(A) Bhutan
(B) Nepal
(C) Maldives
(D) Thailand

1631. Up to which date has the Government of India extended the customs duty exemption on cotton imports?

(A) 31 October 2026
(B) 30 November 2026
(C) 31 December 2026
(D) 31 March 2027

1632. Which department notified the extension of the customs duty exemption on cotton imports?

(A) Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance
(B) Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(C) Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(D) Office of the Textile Commissioner, Ministry of Textiles

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1633. Who is the President of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, in whose presence its 72nd Annual General Body Meeting was addressed?

(A) The President of India

(B) The Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan

(C) Dr Jitendra Singh

(D) The Cabinet Secretary

1634. What is the membership of the Indian Institute of Public Administration, as stated at its 72nd Annual General Body Meeting?

(A) 9,611

(B) 10,116

(C) 11,611

(D) 16,111

1635. WDC-PMKSY 2.0, under which watershed works were reviewed in Pune district, is implemented by which department?

(A) Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development

(B) Department of Water Resources, Ministry of Jal Shakti

(C) Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

(D) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation

1636. Which village was held up as the model that the Khed Project villages should follow in becoming water-secure and self-reliant?

(A) Ralegan Siddhi

(B) Hiware Bazar

(C) Punsari

(D) Dharnai

1637. The workshop 'Planning a Shared Roadmap for Clean Delhi' was organised by which department, in collaboration with Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban?

(A) Department of Capital Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

(B) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti

(C) Department of Urban Development, Government of Delhi

(D) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

1638. In the context of urban sanitation discussed at the Clean Delhi workshop, what does the abbreviation GVP stand for?

(A) Garbage Vulnerable Points

(B) Green Verification Protocol

(C) Gross Vehicle Parking

(D) Garbage Volume Projection

1639. What is the extended last date for submitting applications under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme for the academic year 2026-27?

(A) 31 October 2026

(B) 15 November 2026

(C) 30 November 2026

(D) 15 December 2026

1640. How much does a student selected under NMMSS receive every year?

(A) Rs 6,000

(B) Rs 10,000

(C) Rs 12,000

(D) Rs 15,000

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1641. Sapphire Foods India Limited has been cleared by the CCI to merge with and into which company?

(A) Jubilant FoodWorks Limited
(B) Devyani International Limited
(C) Westlife Foodworld Limited
(D) Barbeque Nation Hospitality Limited

1642. Which two franchise brands are run in India by both Devyani International and Sapphire Foods?

(A) Domino's Pizza and Subway
(B) KFC and Pizza Hut
(C) McDonald's and Burger King
(D) Starbucks and Taco Bell

1643. Who chaired the meeting of the Hindi Advisory Committee of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises?

(A) Jitan Ram Manjhi
(B) Shobha Karandlaje
(C) Bharat Khera
(D) Piyush Goyal

1644. Udyam Prabha, one of the two magazines released at the meeting, is published by which organisation?

(A) National Small Industries Corporation
(B) Small Industries Development Bank of India
(C) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
(D) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

1645. Which department steers Special Campaign 6.0 for institutionalising Swachhata and reducing pendency in government offices?

(A) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(B) Department of Personnel and Training
(C) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade
(D) Department of Expenditure

1646. Over which period in 2026 was Special Campaign 6.0 conducted?

(A) 1 to 15 September
(B) 2 to 31 August
(C) 2 to 31 October
(D) 1 to 30 November

1647. Who presented the Sardar Katha attended by the Vice-President at Uprashtrapati Bhavan?

(A) Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna
(B) Sudha Murty
(C) Dr Kiran Bedi
(D) Chitra Mudgal

1648. Rashtriya Ekta Diwas on 31 October 2026 marked which birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel?

(A) 148th
(B) 150th
(C) 151st
(D) 152nd

1649. How much did the Union Government release to the states as an additional instalment of tax devolution on 31 October 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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1650. The tax devolution of Rs 1,09,019 crore released on 31 October 2026 was which additional instalment of that kind in the financial year?

(A) The first
(B) The second
(C) The third
(D) The fourth

1651. The Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote campaign is organised by which body?

(A) The Election Commission of India
(B) Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
(C) The National Youth Council
(D) The University Grants Commission

1652. How many universities, colleges and institutions does the Know Your Vote campaign aim to cover?

(A) 250
(B) 500
(C) 750
(D) 1,000

1653. Vidyanjali, the school volunteer programme, is an initiative of which department?

(A) The Department of Higher Education
(B) The Department of School Education and Literacy
(C) The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) The Department of Youth Affairs

1654. Which two modules form the CSR framework of Vidyanjali?

(A) The CSR Module and the Adopt-a-School Module
(B) The Volunteer Module and the Donation Module
(C) The School Grant Module and the Teacher Support Module
(D) The Community Module and the Asset Transfer Module

1655. What was Delhi's monthly average Air Quality Index for October 2026?

(A) 143
(B) 166
(C) 189
(D) 223

1656. How many 'Good to Moderate' air quality days did Delhi record between January and October 2026?

(A) 200 days
(B) 206 days
(C) 220 days
(D) 224 days

1657. The Simhastha Maha Kumbh at Nashik is held on the banks of which river?

(A) Ganga
(B) Shipra
(C) Godavari
(D) Narmada

1658. Who attended the Dhwaj Stambh Pujan, Dhwaja Pujan and Dhwajarohan ceremony of the Simhastha Maha Kumbh at Nashik?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The President
(C) The Vice-President
(D) The Governor of Maharashtra

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1659. Under which campaign did MY Bharat and the NSS hold nationwide cyclothons and walkathons on 30-31 October 2026?

(A) Fit India Freedom Run

(B) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat - 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan

(C) Swachh Bharat Mission - Urban

(D) Khelo India Yuva Abhiyan

1660. How many participants in all did the Week 7 cyclothons, walkathons and runs draw?

(A) Over 23,300

(B) More than 11,800

(C) Over 96,700

(D) Nearly 26,000

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Answer key

1.	**B**	**'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath'** – The correct answer is 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath', which translates as one day, one hour, together.
2.	**C**	**Dr. Rajiv Bahl** – He is Secretary of the Department of Health Research and also holds charge as Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, and he led the voluntary cleanliness drive held near Gate No. 3 of Kartavya Bhavan-1 on Dr. Rajendra Prasad Marg in New D...
3.	**B**	**Narendra Bhooshan** – He has taken over as Secretary of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the ministry that handles forests, wildlife, pollution control and climate policy for the country.
4.	**C**	**Uttar Pradesh** – Narendra Bhooshan is an Indian Administrative Service officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, and he belongs to the batch of the year 1992.
5.	**B**	**Rs 5,000 crore** – This is the dedicated provision set aside under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 for closing drinking water gaps in the tribal villages covered by the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan and the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.
6.	**C**	**Ministry of Tribal Affairs** – It has carried out a state-wise exercise named SurveySetu, in which the status of functional household tap connections is verified at the level of each household.
7.	**B**	**Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, known by its short form DARPG.
8.	**C**	**2 October to 31 October** – The campaign is built in two parts.
9.	**A**	**Buldhana** – Lonar Crater Lake is a unique natural formation in the Buldhana district of Maharashtra, and it attracts visitors because of its distinctive geological and environmental features.
10.	**C**	**Indian Air Force** – The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Display Team is the air force's formation display team, and it has a reputation for precision, skill and closely coordinated aerial manoeuvres.
11.	**B**	**Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The hundredth-year celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission were held there, and the Prime Minister took part along with chairpersons of the Public Service Commissions of the states.
12.	**B**	**1926** – The Commission began in that year under colonial rule, and the Prime Minister contrasted those origins with the way the body later turned its work towards the aims of an independent country, which is why the celebration in 2026 marks a full hundred years.
13.	**B**	**France** – Varuna is the annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the French Navy, and in its twenty-fourth edition the Indian warship Trishul sailed to the French port of Toulon to take part.
14.	**C**	**24th** – The Ministry of Defence stated that INS Trishul arrived at Toulon to join the twenty-fourth edition of the exercise, which makes Varuna one of the longest-running bilateral naval exercises India takes part in.
15.	**B**	**Resilience in an Age of Flux** – The correct answer is Resilience in an Age of Flux, the theme announced by the Ministry of Finance for the fifth edition of the Conclave, to be held in New Delhi from 3 to 5 October 2026.
16.	**B**	**Institute of Economic Growth** – The correct answer is the Institute of Economic Growth, usually written as IEG, which runs the Conclave together with the Ministry of Finance.

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17.	**A**	**1 October** – The day is observed on this date every year to spread awareness about voluntary blood donation and to encourage healthy, eligible people to donate regularly and without payment.
18.	**B**	**One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.** – Give Blood.
19.	**B**	**1,000 quintals** – Under the revised norms a dealer may not hold more than this quantity at any time or at any place in the country, and the rule runs from 15 October 2026 to 30 November 2026.
20.	**C**	**Kolkata with its extended metropolitan areas and the State of Assam** – The correct answer is Kolkata with its extended metropolitan areas and the State of Assam.
21.	**A**	**Rs 1,423.30 crore** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment stated that this amount was released to States and Union Territories across three financial years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the two Acts.
22.	**C**	**217** – As reported by the states and Union Territories, 217 Exclusive Special Courts have been set up in 15 States and Union Territories to try offences under the Act of 1989, the purpose being speedy trial and quicker disposal of cases.
23.	**C**	**Paranur Toll Plaza** – It lies on the Tambaram-Tindivanam section of NH-179B and has become the first location in Tamil Nadu where the National Highways Authority of India charges toll without a boom barrier, letting vehicles roll through while cameras and FASTag settle the fee.
24.	**A**	**Automatic Number Plate Recognition** – Cameras at the plaza read the registration plate of every vehicle that crosses, and the FASTag-based Electronic Toll Collection system then debits the user fee from the account linked to that vehicle.
25.	**B**	**Rs 12,000** – A student selected under the scheme receives that amount every year, and the money is credited straight into the student's own bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer, which removes middlemen from the payment chain.
26.	**C**	**Class IX** – Fresh scholarships under the scheme go to Class IX students who qualify in the selection examination conducted by the respective State or Union Territory government, and one lakh such awards are made every year.
27.	**B**	**National Statistics Office** – The correct answer is the National Statistics Office, which works under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and is running this round as CAPEX 2026, its third such exercise, between October and December.
28.	**C**	**Manufacturing** – In the second round of the survey it took slightly more than half of the provisional aggregate capital expenditure for that year, a share of 50.17 per cent, worth Rs 5,73,900 crore, which is far ahead of every other activity category.
29.	**B**	**A frontline stealth frigate** – That is how the ship has been described in the announcement of her visit to the Kenyan port, and a frigate of this class is a general purpose warship built with a reduced radar signature so that it is harder to detect at sea.
30.	**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.
31.	**B**	**Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas** – That is the title under which the People's Plan Campaign for the year is launched when Special Gram Sabhas assemble on the second of October, and under it every Gram Panchayat draws up its development plan for the next financial year through participatory, ev...
32.	**C**	**2027-28** – The campaign itself is named for the current round, but the plan a Gram Panchayat prepares in it is for the financial year that follows, which is how village planning is meant to work: the Sabha decides priorities well before the money for that year is alloca...

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33.	**C**	**Bronze** – The Indian women's team in squash finished third in its event at the Games and so took the bronze medal, a result the Prime Minister described as a richly deserved place on the podium while congratulating the players for a spirited effort and for the resolve...
34.	**B**	**Squash** – The bronze was won by the Indian Women's Squash Team, and while congratulating them the Prime Minister added a remark about the game itself, saying the success would motivate young people towards squash and that the sport is becoming popular in India.
35.	**B**	**2001** – The Government of India created the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library in that year, bringing CSIR and the Ministry of AYUSH together for the purpose, and it was the first database of its kind anywhere in the world.
36.	**C**	**Rajgir, Bihar** – Nalanda University has been established at Rajgir in Nalanda district of Bihar as an international university of national importance, and it functions under the aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs.
37.	**A**	**Prince Noble and Manu Francis** – The two of them finished second in the Men's Skiff event at the Asian Games 2026 and took the silver medal, and the Prime Minister congratulated them on a result he said was built on skill and determination, adding that they had bettered their previous perfor...
38.	**B**	**Men's Compound Individual** – Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru came through the Men's Compound Individual bronze medal match at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister praised him for accuracy under pressure, for his composure and for an unyielding spirit, saying he had brought the country gr...
39.	**C**	**Five years** – The revised framework of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ties the validity of an exempted FASTag to the percentage of disability on record, and the higher slab of 70 to 100 per cent carries a validity of five years.
40.	**B**	**2 October 2026** – The ministry announced the revision and stated that the new guidelines would come into force from that date, covering both the issuance and the renewal of exempted FASTags for eligible Divyangjan and persons with disabilities.
41.	**B**	**Andaman Sea** – The Ministry of Mines offered Sewell Rise-01, in the southern part of Sewell Rise, and West Sewell Ridge-01, which lies off Great Nicobar Island, and both blocks sit in the Andaman Sea.
42.	**B**	**Polymetallic nodules and crusts** – Both blocks are described as holding deposits of this kind, and they host cobalt, nickel, manganese, copper and rare earth elements, which are needed for advanced manufacturing, clean energy technology, electric mobility and electronics.
43.	**A**	**1 October 2001** – HQ IDS was established in New Delhi on that date, and the day is observed every year as Tri-Service Day; the organisation therefore completed 25 years and celebrated its Silver Jubilee under the theme of future readiness through jointness and integration.
44.	**B**	**"Future readiness through jointness and Integration"** – Under this theme HQ IDS organised Trishakti Manthan, released a Silver Jubilee Book and a film on its milestones, and conferred CDS Unit Citations on personnel.
45.	**B**	**ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana** – The correct answer is ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana, the Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, which will carry out the two-year Phase-I of the project on alternatives to chemical fumigation in wheat and rice.
46.	**A**	**Aluminium phosphide and malathion** – For decades these two have been the mainstay of post-harvest pest control in the country's grain reserves, and their widespread, repeated use is what pushed pest resistance to 72 to 100 per cent in key states while raising fumigation cycles and costs.
47.	**B**	**Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment** – The app carries this name together with the National Scholarship Portal and belongs to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, serving

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		beneficiaries of the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes.
48.	**C**	**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, through its Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, which launched the app in April 2026.
49.	**B**	**Rs 23,731 crore** – The Union Cabinet cleared GOBARdhan on 6 August 2026 with this outlay, and the scheme gives the compressed biogas sector a ten-year framework running from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36.
50.	**C**	**Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** – One of the main changes GOBARdhan brings is that a single ministry now anchors compressed biogas instead of the fragmented support the sector had before, and that ministry is Petroleum and Natural Gas.
51.	**C**	**Rs 10,520 crore** – That is the financial support the Government of India has approved for running the Amended BharatNet Programme in Maharashtra under the state-led model, and the agreement signed at Sanchar Bhawan puts it into effect through MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limi...
52.	**A**	**MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limited** – The project in Maharashtra will be implemented through MDIL, which is why it is one of the five parties to the agreement.
53.	**B**	**Milwaukee** – The correct answer is Milwaukee, in the state of Wisconsin, and the meeting is hosted under the United States G20 Presidency.
54.	**A**	**G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions** – The correct answer is the G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions.
55.	**C**	**Bronze** – The Indian quartet of Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK finished on the podium in third place in the men's 4x400m relay, and the Prime Minister congratulated them on the bronze, praising the timing they clocked.
56.	**A**	**Dharmveer Chaudhary** – The relay bronze was won by a team of four: Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK.
57.	**C**	**279th** – The Raksha Mantri launched the department's publications and digital initiatives at this celebration held at DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi, and he congratulated the department on nearly three centuries of service to the nation, which fits an edition in the high tw...
58.	**A**	**eKUBER** – The Treasury Single Account system, inaugurated for just-in-time release of funds to autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Defence, is fully integrated with RBI eKUBER.
59.	**D**	**3,69,469** – Every other option is a real figure from the same Shivir attached to the wrong service, which is exactly how such a question is set.
60.	**B**	**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – A senior official of this ministry gave out the attendance and service figures for the Shivir and named the states whose municipal corporations organised health camps, namely Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Bihar.
61.	**C**	**28** – The Centre, acting in consultation with the Union Territory of Ladakh, settled standard place and feature names for twenty-eight locations and had them marked on the official map of Ladakh issued by the Survey of India.
62.	**B**	**Survey of India** – The twenty-eight places and features were marked with their standard names on the Survey of India's official map of the Union Territory of Ladakh, and that map, along with further places and features, can be seen in the state maps section of the Survey of Ind...
63.	**B**	**2 October to 31 October 2026** – Both the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry of Steel said on the opening day that the implementation phase of the campaign would run

through that month.

64.	**B**	**Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste** – The campaign retains its older aims of cleanliness and clearing pendency, but electronic waste is the subject singled out for this round, and a standard operating procedure for scientific disposal of such waste has been sent to every subordinate office, auton…
65.	**A**	**Arjun Ram Meghwal** – He is the Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Law and Justice, and in that capacity he led the tree plantation drive on the campus of the India International Arbitration Centre at Vasant Kunj in New Delhi.
66.	**B**	**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam** – The Department of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Law and Justice organised the drive under that theme on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, and it formed part of Special Campaign 6 as well as Swachhata Hi Seva 2026.
67.	**B**	**31 December 2026** – The Department of Commerce has carried the RoDTEP scheme forward to that date, and the benefit is available for exports made by Domestic Tariff Area units, Advance Authorisation holders, Special Economic Zone units and Export Oriented Units in the meantime.
68.	**C**	**Notification No. 41/2026-27** – The correct answer is Notification No. 41/2026-27, which the Department of Commerce issued on 30 September 2026 to continue the RoDTEP scheme up to 31 December 2026.
69.	**A**	**Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation** – RELIEF is a time-bound intervention under the Export Promotion Mission and was launched on 19 March 2026 to support exporters struck by extraordinary freight escalation, higher insurance premia and war-related export risks arising on the Gulf and the wider We…
70.	**B**	**ECGC, with 95 per cent risk coverage** – Component II nudges an exporter into taking Export Credit Guarantee Corporation cover for upcoming shipments to the specified regions, and that cover carries ninety-five per cent risk coverage, available on a Stand Alone Policy or a Whole Turnover Policy obta…
71.	**B**	**Milwaukee, Wisconsin** – The correct answer is Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry joined the concluding day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting under the United States Presidency.
72.	**C**	**Article 23** – Speaking on ending forced labour in global supply chains, the minister said India commitment to eliminating forced labour is absolute and unconditional, and that the Constitution forbids forced labour as a fundamental right enforceable by the Supreme Court.
73.	**A**	**Greece** – The consignment of popped phool makhana left Purnea in Bihar for Greece, sailing from Mundra Port in India to the Piraeus Port at the Greek end.
74.	**C**	**Bihar** – The correct answer is Bihar, which contributes about eighty to eighty-five per cent of the national output, with India itself the global leader in makhana production.
75.	**B**	**State Support Mission** – The correct answer is the State Support Mission, the initiative under which NITI Aayog works with states on planning and budgeting, and under which this workshop was held with the Government of West Bengal and technical support from the United Nations Develop…
76.	**C**	**32** – Alongside these participants, the workshop drew senior officials from NITI Aayog, the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Controller General of Accounts, the Department of Public…
77.	**B**	**2 October 2014** – The correct answer is 2 October 2014, the date from which the mission counts the twelve years it now completes.

78.	**A**	**Bengaluru** – The correct answer is Bengaluru, in Karnataka, where an old vehicle at the Majestic terminal of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation was converted into a facility for women alone.
79.	**A**	**Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti** – The three of them shot together in the women's recurve team event at the Asian Games and brought India the gold medal, the country's first ever in that event, and the Prime Minister congratulated all three by name.
80.	**C**	**Women's Recurve Team** – India had never taken the gold in this archery event at the Asian Games before, and Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti ended that wait, which is why the Prime Minister described the win as historic and as a landmark for the sport.
81.	**B**	**Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod** – The two shot together in the recurve mixed team event at the Asian Games and finished with the silver medal, which is India's first in that event at these Games, and the Prime Minister congratulated both by name.
82.	**B**	**Silver** – Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod finished second in the recurve mixed team event, and the Prime Minister noted that the pair had given the country its first ever silver in this event at the Asian Games.
83.	**B**	**Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma** – The two sailed together in the women's skiff event at the Asian Games and finished third for the bronze medal, and the Prime Minister congratulated both by name while noting that they had bettered India's previous performance in the event.
84.	**C**	**Sailing** – A skiff is a light and fast sailing boat driven by the wind in its sails and handled by a crew of two, so every skiff class event belongs to sailing.
85.	**B**	**Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar** – The tigress, identified as T138, was moved from Valmiki in Bihar to Buxa in West Bengal after ecological, veterinary and management parameters had been assessed and the laid-down protocols followed, and the Environment Minister thanked the Bihar Chief Ministe...
86.	**B**	**1983** – Buxa, long regarded as an important tiger landscape of North Bengal, was given the status of a Tiger Reserve in that year, and it forms part of a larger ecological unit connected to forests and protected areas in Bhutan and Assam.
87.	**A**	**Namami Gange** – Gifts and artefacts presented to the Prime Minister are catalogued and offered for public bidding, and whatever the sale earns is placed at the service of the Namami Gange project, the programme devoted to the cleaning and conservation of the Ganga.
88.	**C**	**Delhi** – The edition puts up thirty mementos chosen to show the many dimensions of the capital, and the lots bear this out: a framed artwork of St. Stephen's College, a crystal memento of the Old Secretariat building, a textile artwork of the New Parliament Building,...
89.	**B**	**Canada** – The consignment of frozen food products was flagged off from Sonipat in Haryana for the Canadian market, it was exported by Aterna Foods Producer Company Limited, and the Chairman of APEDA said at the event that he expected exports to Canada to grow further.
90.	**B**	**CAD 35,140** – The consignment comprised 2,295 boxes of frozen food products weighing 24 MT in all, and its declared shipment value was CAD 35,140, the currency being the Canadian dollar because the buyer is in Canada.
91.	**B**	**Vijay Ghat** – On the birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri, both the Prime Minister and the Vice-President went to Vijay Ghat to lay flowers at the memorial of the former Prime Minister.
92.	**A**	**Thiru K. Kamaraj** – Apart from offering homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat and to Lal Bahadur Shastri at Vijay Ghat, the Vice-President paid tribute at Upa-Rashtrapati Bhavan to Thiru K. Kamaraj, a former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on his death anniversary.

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93.	**B**	**17 September 2026** – The campaign opened on that date with the taking of the Swachhata pledge and ran as a fortnight-long drive that ended on 2 October 2026, the day observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas.
94.	**C**	**157th** – On the concluding day of the campaign the Department offered floral tribute to the Father of the Nation on his 157th birth anniversary, the date that is observed across the country as Swachh Bharat Diwas.
95.	**A**	**2 October 2014** – The mission was launched on that date and grew into one of the largest government-led sanitation movements in the country, working through two components, one for rural areas and one for urban areas.
96.	**B**	**The spectacles of Mahatma Gandhi** – The logo of the mission is built around the round glasses associated with the Father of the Nation.
97.	**B**	**Ghaziabad** – The municipal corporation of this city in Uttar Pradesh has registered for an international carbon credit project verified by the United Nations and has been accredited under the Verified Carbon Standard, which is supported by the United Nations Framework Con...
98.	**C**	**Goa** – The facility at Saligao is operated by the Goa Waste Management Corporation and stands on land that was once used as a garbage dump.
99.	**B**	**The NDPS Act, 1985** – The correct answer is the NDPS Act, 1985, that is, the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.
100.	**C**	**Neemuch** – Along with the destruction of the bulk of the seized contraband, the bureau deposited 154.375 kg of seized opium at the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works at Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh as part of the prescribed disposal process.
101.	**B**	**Men's 65 kg** – Sujeet won the gold medal in the men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games after a thrilling final, and the weight class is the detail a paper setter is most likely to test.
102.	**B**	**Wrestling** – Sujeet competed in the freestyle wrestling competition, and his win gave India its first wrestling gold of this edition of the Asian Games.
103.	**C**	**Women's 75 kg** – Lovlina Borgohain won the gold medal in the women's 75 kg boxing event at the Asian Games, and the weight division is the single detail most likely to be tested, because several Indian boxers compete in neighbouring classes.
104.	**C**	**5-0** – The boxer closed out the final with a 5-0 scoreline, which the government described as an emphatic victory, and that margin is the reason the win was reported as a dominant one rather than a narrow escape.
105.	**C**	**Women's 65 kg** – Parveen won the gold medal in the women's 65 kg boxing event at the Asian Games after a hard-fought final, and the division is the detail most often tested on a medal story of this kind.
106.	**A**	**As a hard-fought final** – The official account of the result records that the boxer won the gold after a hard-fought final, which tells aspirants that the bout stayed competitive until the end.
107.	**B**	**Men's 80 kg** – Ankush won the gold medal in the men's 80 kg boxing event at the Asian Games with an emphatic victory in the final, and the weight division is the detail that decides this question.
108.	**A**	**That it ensures India's boxing campaign at the Asian Games ends on a great note** – The correct answer is that it ensures India's boxing campaign at the Asian Games ends on a great note.
109.	**B**	**Limestone** – Both the blocks auctioned in the Union Territory are limestone blocks, named the Koot-Kapran Limestone Block and the Wantrag Limestone Block, and both lie in Anantnag district.
110.	**C**	**Anantnag** – Both the Koot-Kapran Limestone Block and the Wantrag Limestone Block lie in Anantnag district of the Union Territory, and the first of them is located more precisely in Koot and Kapran villages

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of Dooru Tehsil.

111.	**A**	**Hockey** – The gold medal that ended a wait of more than four decades was won in the hockey competition at the Asian Games by India's women's team, and the Prime Minister's message spoke of the win carrying hockey's popularity further across the country.
112.	**C**	**More than four decades** – That is the length of the wait that the Indian women's hockey team ended by winning the gold medal at the Asian Games, and it is the figure named when the win was described as a very special moment for Indian hockey.
113.	**B**	**Sepaktakraw** – The men's quadrant event belongs to the sepaktakraw programme at the Asian Games, and the bronze won by the Indian men's quadrant team is India's first medal in that event at the Games, which is why the win was called a landmark moment for Indian sepaktakraw.
114.	**C**	**Bronze** – The Indian men's quadrant team finished third in the men's quadrant event of the sepaktakraw competition at the Asian Games and took the bronze medal, and that bronze is India's first medal ever in this event at the Games.
115.	**C**	**New Delhi** – The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was conducted in New Delhi over three days, from 29 September to 1 October 2026, and it was at this apex-level sitting that the Navy's operational and materiel preparedness was reviewed.
116.	**B**	**Gen NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff** – The correct answer is Gen NS Raja Subramani, the Chief of Defence Staff.
117.	**B**	**The Netherlands** – Silvio Erkens, the Dutch Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature, held bilateral talks with the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in New Delhi, and the discussions covered the Centres of Excellence being set up in agricu...
118.	**B**	**25** – The two sides discussed the progress made on establishing twenty-five Centres of Excellence in the agriculture and horticulture sectors, and these centres are the main instrument through which Dutch expertise in horticulture and protected cultivation reaches...
119.	**B**	**More than 2.42 lakh** – That many Special Gram Sabhas were scheduled across the country on the GPDP Portal and the Panchayat NIRNAY Portal for Gandhi Jayanti, and they were attended by residents, elected representatives, Panchayat functionaries and officials.
120.	**A**	**Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas (People's Plan Campaign)** – The correct answer is Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas, the title of the People's Plan Campaign for the year, under which Panchayats will prepare their Panchayat Development Plans for the financial year that follows.
121.	**B**	**Türkiye** – Navpreet Singh, named by the Ministry of Home Affairs as a hardened kingpin of the narcotics trade, had settled in Türkiye and taken Turkish nationality under the invented identity of Navab Virk.
122.	**A**	**Navab Virk** – That was the false name under which the narco-trafficking kingpin secured citizenship of Türkiye, and behind it he continued sending heroin and methamphetamine into India from Afghanistan.
123.	**B**	**Resilience in an Age of Flux** – The conclave was organised on that theme by the Institute of Economic Growth, and the Vice-President used it to argue that economic resilience cannot be separated from social resilience, that inclusion is the foundation of resilience, and that no citizen, ent...
124.	**A**	**Institute of Economic Growth, established in 1952** – The Vice-President recalled that the institute was set up that year under Professor V. K. R. V. Rao and has stayed close to India’s development journey ever since; it hosts this conclave.
125.	**B**	**₹180 crore** – NABKISAN Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD, placed India's first social bond meant only for water, sanitation and hygiene work, and investors bid for 1.8 times the paper on offer.

126. **B** **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** – NABKISAN Finance Limited is a NABARD subsidiary, and the listing of the WASH bond was described as a step that strengthens the commitment of both NABARD and NABKISAN to new financing routes for rural development.

127. **B** **United Republic of Tanzania** – The Assembly and the meetings held around it are taking place at Arusha, a city in that country, from 5 to 9 October 2026, and the Indian Parliamentary Delegation left for Arusha for this purpose.

128. **B** **The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha** – The correct answer is the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Shri Harivansh, who heads the nine-member team that went to Arusha.

129. **B** **Majigam, Navsari district, Gujarat** – Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C. R. Patil attended the Special Gram Sabha there, in Chikhli Block, on Swachh Bharat Diwas.

130. **B** **An annual digital self-assessment carried out by a Gram Panchayat** – The correct answer is an annual digital self-assessment carried out by a Gram Panchayat.

131. **B** **Mahatma Gandhi** – National Anti-Drug Addiction Day falls on 2 October, the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, and the Central Bureau of Narcotics tied its Rajasthan programmes to Gandhi's message of self-discipline and social responsibility.

132. **C** **Ministry of Finance** – The release on the Rajasthan Unit's anti-addiction programmes was issued under the Ministry of Finance, which is the parent ministry of the Central Bureau of Narcotics; the bureau licenses and supervises legal opium poppy cultivation.

133. **B** **Desert National Park, Jaisalmer** – The two captive-bred birds were moved from a soft-release facility at this park in the Thar desert, with the Union Environment Minister present at the site and the Chief Minister of Rajasthan joining by video conference during Wildlife Week 2026.

134. **C** **Rajasthan** – The bird is the State bird of Rajasthan, and the Chief Minister called the day of its rewilding a day of pride for the whole State, noting that the species is part of the cultural heritage of the Thar and has been brought back from the brink of extinction.

135. **C** **₹60,000 crore** – The scheme is funded three ways: the Centre contributes ₹30,000 crore, the State governments ₹20,000 crore and industry ₹10,000 crore, which together make up the full outlay.

136. **B** **200** – Component I covers a thousand government Industrial Training Institutes, split into 200 Hub ITIs and 800 Spoke ITIs, so option D names the number of spokes rather than hubs.

137. **B** **2 October 2026** – The Department of Agricultural Research and Education and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research started the campaign on that day, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, which is also observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas.

138. **A** **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** – The correct answer is Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, who honoured the Safai Mitras of the ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute with shawls, bouquets and gifts for keepi...

139. **B** **Kumkum Anil Mohod** – She became the first Indian woman to win the Recurve Individual gold medal at the Asian Games, doing so at the 2026 edition, and the Prime Minister congratulated her on the achievement the same day.

140. **C** **Recurve Individual** – The medal was won in the individual event shot with the recurve bow, and it is this event in which no Indian woman had previously finished on the top step at the Asian Games.

141. **B** **Pranavi Sharath Urs** – She won the country's first gold medal in the Women's Individual Golf event at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister congratulated her the same day, describing the achievement as one for the history books and praising the superb finish that produced it.

142. **A** **Golf** – The medal was won in the Women's Individual Golf event, and it is India's first gold in that event at the Asian Games.

143. **B** **The men's cricket team** – The Prime Minister congratulated the Indian men's cricket side on retaining its gold medal at the Asian Games, called the result a joyous occasion for the nation and wished the players well for their future endeavours.

144. **C** **A title retained from a previous edition** – The message spoke of the team retaining its title and of the gold coming to India yet again, which together make clear that the side was defending a medal it already owned rather than claiming one for the first time.

145. **B** **5.56 km** – That is the span over which the country's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link was established, between the BISAG-N campus and IIT Gandhinagar, in a field trial run on the night of 27 and 28 September.

146. **B** **QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar** – QNu Labs supplied the hardware QKD device Armos, BISAG-N contributed the post-quantum cryptography platform Vedic Kavach along with one end of the link, and IIT Gandhinagar hosted the other end and provided the field setting.

147. **C** **Five** – The Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education approved the establishment of five Centres of Excellence, one each for Classical Assamese, Classical Bengali, Classical Marathi, Classical Pali and Classical Prakrit.

148. **B** **Central University of Odisha** – This pairing is a favourite with paper setters precisely because it is not the one a candidate would guess, since Pali is not a language a reader would associate with a particular modern State in the way Assamese or Bengali is.

149. **B** **Philippines** – The ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise was conducted there, with INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish representing the Indian Navy through both the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase.

150. **A** **Anchored in Trust, United at Sea** – Themes are among the most heavily tested details in questions on exercises and summits, because they are specific, short and easy to confuse with a plausible alternative.

151. **B** **Hockey** – The Prime Minister, in congratulating the men's team on retaining its Asian Games gold, noted that the triumph was made more special because India's men's and women's hockey teams had both won gold at the same Asian Games for the first time.

152. **C** **Fifth** – The Prime Minister's message recorded that the men's team had won back-to-back Asian Games golds for the first time and had secured a fifth gold in all at the Games, which fixes the running total at five.

153. **A** **Men's 57 kg freestyle** – The wrestler won the gold medal in that weight category, and it was recorded as the first time India has won an Asian Games gold in this event, which is precisely what makes the category worth memorising along with the name.

154. **C** **Bronze** – The congratulatory message traced the wrestler's progress from a bronze medal at the last Asian Games to standing at the top of the podium this time, and it was this climb that the Prime Minister described as a display of great tenacity.

155. **C** **Men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling** – The bronze medal was won in that weight category after a fiercely contested bout, and the result was described as bringing India back on to the podium in the event after six decades.

156. **B** **It returned India to the podium in this event after six decades** – The correct answer is that it returned India to the podium in this event after six decades.

157. **B** **Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0** – Jal Arpan is described as a key reform under that mission, and it places rural drinking water systems in the hands of the communities that use them by handing completed schemes

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to gram panchayats and to Village Water and Sanitation Committees.

158. **B** — **346** – That many Har Ghar Jal certificates were generated for eligible gram panchayats and villages, and the issue of these certificates in regional languages through the Jal Arpan module was itself described as a first.

159. **A** — **Namami Gange Project** – The auction of mementos presented to the Prime Minister is held so that the gifts serve a larger public purpose, and the money raised in this edition is directed to the Namami Gange Project, the programme for cleaning and conserving the river Ganga.

160. **C** — **Harwinder Singh** – He is identified as the first Indian to win a Paralympic gold medal in archery, and an arrow presented by him is one of the seven mementos from Haryana in this edition of the auction.

161. **C** — **75 thousand** – The target set under White Revolution 2.0 is to establish that many new cooperative dairies across the country, and alongside it to strengthen 46 thousand dairies that already exist.

162. **B** — **Ujjain** – The Union Cooperation Minister digitally laid the foundation stone of a milk processing plant of 3 lakh litres a day there, to be built at a cost of 255 crore rupees.

163. **B** — **Silver** – The Indian women's side finished second in the team golf event at the Asian Games 2026, and the Prime Minister congratulated Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar on winning the silver medal.

164. **C** — **Golf** – All three athletes were part of the Indian women's team in the team golf event, and the Prime Minister's congratulatory message names golf as the sport in which the silver medal came.

165. **B** — **53 kg** – Antim Panghal finished second in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister congratulated her on that silver medal, calling it exemplary.

166. **C** — **Freestyle** – The event named in the Prime Minister's congratulatory message is the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling competition, so that is the style in which the silver medal was won.

167. **B** — **Swachhata Mein Sabhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat** – This was the theme under which the fortnight-long campaign ran at the All India Institute of Ayurveda from 17 September to 2 October 2026, and it ties participation in cleanliness to the larger goals of a clean and a developed India.

168. **C** — **E-waste** – After the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign ended, the All India Institute of Ayurveda moved on to Special Campaign 6.0, which was already under way and continues till 31 October 2026 with the theme of collecting, segregating and disposing of electronic waste effect…

169. **A** — **Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer** – The correct answer is Sam, in the Desert National Park of Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

170. **D** — **97** – The two conservation-breeding facilities at Sam and Ramdevra together hold 97 Great Indian Bustards, and that total is made up of two streams of birds. 40 is wrong on its own because that is only the count of birds that began as eggs collected from the wild,…

171. **B** — **Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat** – The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is holding its two-day Chintan Shivir there on 5 and 6 October 2026, bringing together senior representatives of the Centre, the States and the agencies that carry out highway work.

172. **C** — **Five** – The conclave is built around five thematic sessions: PM GatiShakti and integrated infrastructure planning; Land Acquisition and Bhoomi Rashi; Model Concession Agreements and Ratings; Designing Safe Highways; and Quality Assurance and Project Monitoring.

173. **B** — **Dr. Jitendra Singh** – The 17th Pension Adalat is being held under the chairmanship of the Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh, at the T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall of the Indian Institute of Public Administration in New Delhi…

174.	**C**	**897** – The 17th Pension Adalat is thematic and lists 897 long-pending grievances belonging only to super-senior pensioners and family pensioners.
175.	**C**	**3 lakh** – Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan handed Andhra Pradesh a sanction of three lakh permanent houses, costing Rs 3,600 crore, at Burripalem village in Guntur district, with Chief Minister Nara Chandrab...
176.	**B**	**Andhra Pradesh** – The foundation stone of the country's first housing project built with 3D concrete printing was laid at Burripalem and Obulnaidupalem in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.
177.	**B**	**Institute of Company Secretaries of India** – Its 58th Foundation Day was celebrated at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, and the Vice-President addressed the gathering, praising the institute for nearly six decades of work in strengthening transparent, ethical and inclusive corporate governance.
178.	**A**	**MSME Compliance Calendar 2027** – The Vice-President released this calendar at the Foundation Day function and welcomed the institute's work for micro, small and medium enterprises and for start-ups, including the ICSI MSME and Start-up Catalyst.
179.	**B**	**Vigyan Bhawan** – The ceremony, organised by the Bhagwan Mahavir Memorial Committee along with Jain Mahasabha Delhi, was held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, and the Vice-President described the occasion as a celebration of the universal values of forgiveness, friendship, non-v...
180.	**C**	**K. C. Jain** – The correct answer is K. C. Jain, who was given the Jain Samaj Ratna Award by the Vice-President at the ceremony in New Delhi.
181.	**C**	**25** – Four flying squad teams set up by the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas inspected twenty five road stretches of the Inner and Outer Ring Road, together covering about thirty five kilometres, all of them under the Public Works De...
182.	**B**	**Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas** – The correct answer is the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, known as CAQM, which conducted the special inspection drive in Delhi and constituted the flying squad teams for it.
183.	**C**	**More than 150** – MY Bharat and its partner organisations spread the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva across more than 150 locations in the country on that single day, and over one lakh youth and citizens joined in at those venues.
184.	**B**	**Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan** – The walk was organised as one activity within that abhiyan, which seeks to mobilise young people and communities against substance abuse through sustained awareness, wide participation and collective action.
185.	**B**	**2015** – India started the National Supercomputing Mission in April 2015 to build up the country's computing strength, and it was given an outlay of roughly Rs 4,500 crore.
186.	**C**	**68 PF** – By September 2026 India had 40 supercomputers in service, all built within the country, and their capacity added up to 68 PF.
187.	**C**	**Hyderabad** – The Ministry of Textiles is holding the special showcase of cotton sector reforms at Hyderabad in Telangana on 6 October 2026, and the event is run by the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd, a public sector undertaking of the ministry.
188.	**A**	**Kapas Kisan** – It is the platform named as a key initiative of the showcase, and it carries the stages of a cotton purchase online: enrolling the grower, booking a slot, sending messages about the purchase and making payment through Aadhaar.
189.	**B**	**Pangaon Port, Dhaka** – The vessel leaving the Bogibeel Terminal at Dibrugarh carries methanol made by Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited and sails to Pangaon Port, which lies at Dhaka in Bangladesh.

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190.	C	**The Brahmaputra** – The methanol consignment sailing from the Bogibeel Terminal at Dibrugarh to Pangaon Port in Dhaka moves on National Waterway-2, which is the Brahmaputra, and afterwards on the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route.
191.	B	**15.59 kg** – The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized this cumulative quantity of amphetamine, cocaine and heroin in three separate intelligence-led operations carried out on 29 and 30 September 2026, and five persons were arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.
192.	C	**Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad** – Acting on precise intelligence, officers there stopped an Indian passenger who had arrived from Doha.
193.	B	**Department of Atomic Energy** – UCIL is described as a public sector enterprise working under the Department of Atomic Energy, and it supplies the uranium that feeds the country's nuclear power programme.
194.	B	**Jaduguda** – The Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations of Uranium Corporation of India Limited were held at Jaduguda, bringing together senior officials, scientists, engineers, technical personnel, employees and media professionals.
195.	B	**Rs 130 crore** – The Technology Development Board, which works under the Department of Science and Technology, agreed to give BigEndian Semiconductors of Bengaluru exactly this amount out of the Research Development and Innovation Fund, and the money is being routed through O...
196.	B	**A camera-focused AI Vision System-on-Chip** – Project VeerAI is building a single piece of silicon that lets a camera do its own thinking, combining artificial intelligence processing with security, privacy and connectivity features on a sovereign technology platform.
197.	B	**European Free Trade Association** – The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement that took effect in October of the previous year was concluded between India and the EFTA countries, and it is the first free trade agreement India has with any economic bloc in Europe.
198.	C	**100 billion dollars** – The agreement is described as an ambitious blueprint for investment, innovation, jobs and shared prosperity, and the two sides expect it to deliver investment of 100 billion dollars in India together with 10 lakh direct jobs across a span of 15 years.
199.	C	**549** – The backgrounder states that the 2026 railway timetable speeded up 549 trains across the network, and it breaks that total into four bands.
200.	B	**508 km and 320 kmph** – The corridor will serve 12 stations and includes India’s first undersea rail tunnel, which runs about 7 km beneath Thane Creek, and the first service on it is targeted for August 2027.
201.	C	**384.2 MT** – Coal India lifted 384.2 MT in the first six months of the financial year 2026-27, an increase of 27.2 MT or 7.6 per cent over the same months of the previous year.
202.	C	**79 per cent** – Of the coal Coal India lifted in the first half of the financial year 2026-27, nearly 79 per cent was directed to the power sector, which confirms how central electricity generation is to the company’s distribution strategy.
203.	C	**5,000 crore rupees** – The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator, built partly from what citizens report on Sanchar Saathi, provides risk-based intelligence on mobile numbers that may be linked to financial fraud, and the ministry credits it with preventing suspected losses of more than 5...
204.	A	**Chakshu** – It is the reporting facility on Sanchar Saathi through which a citizen can flag suspicious calls, SMS or WhatsApp messages, including fake KYC and bill-payment alerts, people impersonating government, police or bank officials, and fraudulent investment, job o...

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205.	**B**	**Nitin Gadkari** – The correct answer is Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, who inaugurated the conclave at Tent City 2 near the Statue of Unity at Ekta Nagar in the Narmada district of Gujarat.
206.	**B**	**Gatishakti se Pragati** – The correct answer is Gatishakti se Pragati, which translates as progress through Gatishakti and ties the conclave to the PM GatiShakti approach of planning infrastructure in an integrated way rather than ministry by ministry.
207.	**C**	**110** – At the Safai Mitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir held on 29 September 2026, the Secretary of the department felicitated 110 Safai Mitras in recognition of their contribution to cleanliness and hygiene at the department, an exercise meant to underline the dignit...
208.	**B**	**17 September 2026** – The campaign started on that date across the department, its autonomous institutions and the offices of the Survey of India located throughout the country, and officials took the Swachhata Pledge the very next day, administered by the Secretary.
209.	**C**	**Five** – The Environment Ministry announced that KJP21, a female cheetah aged 32 months and herself born on Indian soil, delivered a litter of five healthy cubs at Kuno National Park.
210.	**A**	**Mukhi and KGP12** – The Union Environment Minister stated that KJP21 is the third female cheetah born in India to have given birth, and that she follows Mukhi and KGP12 in that line.
211.	**B**	**United Arab Emirates** – The Ministry of Defence announced that the India–UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 began at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, with equal participation from both armies and mountain warfare as the theme.
212.	**B**	**92** – The Ministry of Defence stated that a total of 92 personnel are taking part in the exercise, with the Indian Army and the UAE Army represented in equal numbers.
213.	**B**	**National Statistics Office** – The NSO, which works under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, carried out the first all-India National Household Travel Survey between July 2025 and June 2026 and released its key indicators through a factsheet.
214.	**C**	**Two-wheeler, 42.6% of workers** – The survey found the two-wheeler to be the single largest primary mode for work trips across the country, with a share of 52.3% in urban areas and 37.1% in rural areas.
215.	**B**	**62 thousand kilometres** – At the National Chintan Shivir the Union Rural Development Minister said the fourth phase of the scheme carries a target of 62 thousand kilometres of new rural roads, of which 20 thousand kilometres have already been sanctioned.
216.	**B**	**Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The two-day National Chintan Shivir on the rural roads scheme was held at Bharat Mandapam, was addressed by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and of Rural Development, and was attended by secretaries and chief engineers from every state an...
217.	**B**	**Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar** – The correct answer is the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar.
218.	**D**	**About 70 per cent** – Children who took the Ayurvedic formulation and also practised the four selected asanas showed roughly 70 per cent improvement in the frequency of bedwetting over the eight weeks of the study.
219.	**B**	**Bogibeel Terminal, Dibrugarh** – The barge DLB Patkai, pushed by the tug Kushal Konwar, left Bogibeel on 5 October 2026 carrying 540 metric tonnes of methanol for Bangladesh, and it is the first consignment sent from upper Assam to a foreign port since India became independent in 1947.
220.	**B**	**891 km** – The reach of the Brahmaputra between Sadiya and Dhubri measures 891 kilometres and was notified as National Waterway-2 in 1988, although scheduled cargo movement on it began only in December 2017.

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221.	**C**	**897** – The 17th All India Pension Adalat listed 897 long-pending grievances of family pensioners and super-senior pensioners for consideration, and of these 756 were settled on the day of the sitting, giving a redressal rate of 84.2 per cent.
222.	**A**	**Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare** – The correct answer is the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, known as DoPPW, which sits in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
223.	**B**	**Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam** – The yard is building all five Fleet Support Ships ordered by the Indian Navy, and FSS-1 will be launched there on 6 October 2026 into the waters of the Bay of Bengal, eighteen months after its steel was first cut.
224.	**C**	**43,500 tonnes** – Each of the five Fleet Support Ships is a vessel of this size, built to replenish warships while they remain at sea by passing across fuel, stores and provisions, so that a task force can keep operating without returning to harbour.
225.	**B**	**Koraput division** – The correct answer is the Koraput division, which is in Odisha and has been building aero-engines for close to six decades.
226.	**B**	**Rs 218 crore** – That is the investment behind the second Shakti engine production line being highlighted at the Koraput event, and the added capacity is intended for indigenous helicopter platforms, named in the announcement as the Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and the Pra...
227.	**C**	**58.52 GW** – That is the cumulative installed wind capacity India had reached by August 2026, according to the figures the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy issued ahead of Windergy India.
228.	**B**	**Chennai** – The correct answer is Chennai, where the eighth edition is being held at the Chennai Trade Centre from 7 to 9 October 2026.
229.	**A**	**Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, known as DARPG, which has been institutionalising the Special Campaign since 2021 and sets the targets that other ministries and departments work to.
230.	**C**	**3,90,000 square feet** – In the previous round of the campaign the Department of Sports, working with the Sports Authority of India, the Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, the National Sports University, the National Anti-Doping Agency and the National Dope Testing...
231.	**B**	**Purchase of mechanised sanitation equipment for self-employment** – The case released by the ministry shows how it works: a two-member group project under the scheme financed a tractor-mounted Open Nallah Cleaner at a total cost of Rs 16,99,952, with a loan of Rs 10,24,964 and a capital subsidy of Rs 6,74,988.
232.	**A**	**Fellowship, house rent allowance and contingency** – These are the three components named in the beneficiary account of a scholar from Faridabad in Haryana whose assistance began in September 2019 and came to about Rs 18 lakh, funding her doctorate.
233.	**B**	**Gujarat High Court** – The notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice names Justice Sunita Agarwal as the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court at the time she was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of India, and records Allahabad as her parent High Court.
234.	**A**	**Shri Gurvinder Pal Singh** – The Ministry of Law and Justice notification states that the President, after consulting the Chief Justice of India, appointed Shri Gurvinder Pal Singh, a judicial officer, as an Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court.
235.	**C**	**93.26 per cent** – TRAI's annual report records overall tele-density rising to that level at the end of March 2026 from 85.04 per cent a year earlier, which is why option A is wrong, as it is the figure for the end of March 2025 and not the one being asked.

236.	**C**	**1,330.58 million** – The report puts total telephone subscribers, that is wireless and wireline taken together, at that number at the end of March 2026, a growth of 10.81 per cent over the year.
237.	**B**	**Japan** – The environment ministry's release describes the Operational Manual as the manual for the India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism, and it was launched by the Ambassador of Japan to India, Keiichi Ono, with the then Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Fore...
238.	**C**	**Article 6.2** – The release states that the launch of the Manual marks a milestone in operationalising bilateral cooperation between India and Japan under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement, the provision that allows countries to cooperate on mitigation outcomes that are tra...
239.	**C**	**34 districts** – The release of the environment ministry states that Flying Squads have been deployed in 34 districts across the two States for the period from 1 October to 30 November 2026, and it splits the number as 18 districts in Punjab and 16 districts in Haryana.
240.	**B**	**1 October to 30 November 2026** – The release fixes the deployment for exactly that window, which is the stretch when paddy is harvested in Punjab and Haryana and when crop residue is most often burnt, and it is also the period when air quality in the National Capital Region falls sharply.
241.	**B**	**More than 10.77 crore** – The agriculture ministry's first comprehensive monthly review was told that unique digital Farmer IDs have so far been made for that many farmers under the Digital Agriculture Mission.
242.	**A**	**Khet Bachao Abhiyan** – At the review meeting the Union Agriculture Minister said this intensive campaign will begin across the country on the 22nd of this month to save farmland from declining soil health, poor stubble and residue management and the unbalanced use of chemical ferti...
243.	**B**	**Scale Without Boundaries** – This is the theme chosen for the tenth India Mobile Congress, which is being held at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka, New Delhi, and which the Prime Minister inaugurates on 8 October 2026.
244.	**B**	**Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi** – The Union Minister of Communications visited this convention centre to review the final arrangements before the opening of the tenth India Mobile Congress, and the exhibition halls, sessions and investor meetings of the event are housed there.
245.	**B**	**Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub** – This theme was announced when the Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers launched the fourteenth edition of India Chem, and it reflects the growing capability of the country in the global chemicals and petrochemicals trade.
246.	**C**	**BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme** – The Secretary of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals said the long held vision of dedicated chemical parks is coming close to reality through this scheme, and that the parks will offer best in class plug and play facilities and other infrastructure...
247.	**B**	**Adequate Housing for All** – The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs observed World Habitat Day on this theme, with the stated focus on strengthening the urban housing system through innovation, policy reform, technology and sustainable financing.
248.	**B**	**World Habitat Day** – It was announced at the function that the PMAY-U Awards are being institutionalised, so that the contribution of states, union territories, urban local bodies and partner agencies under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban is recognised every year on World Habi...
249.	**B**	**Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment** – The correct answer is Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment.
250.	**B**	**Ram Nath Kovind** – The observance of CSR Day draws on a suggestion he made as President of India at the National CSR Awards in 2019, that 2 October be set apart for corporate social responsibility.

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251.	**B**	**Justice Vikram Nath** – The correct answer is Justice Vikram Nath, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority, who delivered the memorial lecture on the theme of judging with compassion and argued that a humane approach to jus...
252.	**C**	**Judging with Compassion: Human Understanding in the Practice of Law** – The correct answer is Judging with Compassion: Human Understanding in the Practice of Law.
253.	**B**	**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. eSanjeevani is the national telemedicine service of India and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare guides its working and its growth as the needs of the health system change.
254.	**C**	**15 September 2026** – On that day the running count of teleconsultations on eSanjeevani stood at 50,00,92,730, which took the platform past the figure of 50 crore, or 500 million, across all 36 States and Union Territories.
255.	**C**	**375** – The Ministry of Rural Development has notified a Schedule of Permissible Works allowing that many works under the new rural works framework of the VB-G RAM G Act.
256.	**A**	**Water Security** – The correct answer is Water Security, which carries 128 works and is the largest of the four pillars.
257.	**C**	**The Secretary, Ministry of Steel** – The Steel Industry Safety Council is being created as an apex body for the whole steel industry, with the mandate of strengthening safety standards, preventing accidents and building a safety culture, and the Secretary of the ministry will head it.
258.	**C**	**Chhattisgarh** – The pellet plant of 2 MTPA capacity has been commissioned at Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh, and with it NMDC has completed an integrated project costing Rs 5,427 crore.
259.	**B**	**Rs 661.50 crore** – The Ministry of Defence signed the contract with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited on 6 October 2026 in New Delhi, and the value of the order for BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers meant for ships of the Indian Navy was fixed at Rs 661.50 crore.
260.	**C**	**Buy (Indian-IDDM)** – The order for BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers was placed with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited under this category, which is reserved for equipment that is indigenously designed, developed and manufactured.
261.	**B**	**Surya** – FSS-1, the first of the Fleet Support Ships designed and built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, was named Surya and launched by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Visakhapatnam yard on 6 October 2026.
262.	**C**	**Up to 45,000 DWT** – Slipway-4 at Hindustan Shipyard Limited was extended and strengthened so that the yard could take on larger hulls, and the Defence Minister inaugurated the upgraded slipway on the same day he launched Surya and laid the keel of FSS-5.
263.	**B**	**Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences, Nainital** – The multi-institutional campaign on the blazar OJ 287 was coordinated by scientists of this institute, which is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology, and the study was led by Dr Alok C. Gupta of the same institute.
264.	**C**	**Twelve years** – OJ 287 is a rare object lying about 4 billion light years away in which two supermassive black holes circle each other on a twelve-year orbit, forming a binary system.
265.	**B**	**Arusha, Tanzania** – The Indian parliamentary delegation led by Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, is taking part in the assembly at Arusha, and the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania organised the formal inaugural ceremony there.
266.	**C**	**The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha** – He headed the delegation at the assembly and attended the inaugural ceremony along with members of Parliament Aparajita Sarangi, Anurag Singh Thakur, N. K.

		Premachandran and Dr Sasmit Patra, and he also led the bilateral meetings with the Speakers of the Aust…
267.	B	**Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave** – The curtain raiser for its ocean theme was hosted by the Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology at Kochi, an attached office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, and the theme being previewed was Ocean Sciences and Maritime Technologies.
268.	B	**Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026** – The correct answer is Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026.
269.	B	**The Secretary, Ministry of Textiles** – The council met for the first time at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi under her chairpersonship, and in her address she stressed that textiles and apparel are among the largest employment generators and export earners for the country and called for a whole-of-valu…
270.	C	**Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** – The Development Council for Textile Industry held its first meeting there on 6 October 2026, chaired by the Secretary of the Ministry of Textiles, with senior officers of the ministry, industry associations, export promotion councils, research associations, s…
271.	C	**Rs 10,000 crore** – The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved an aggregate commitment of this size by the Government of India towards setting up the SME Growth Fund, and the money will be placed in an Alternative Investment Fund raised under the fund f…
272.	B	**An Alternative Investment Fund** – Under the approved scheme the Government of India will provide its aggregate commitment of Rs 10,000 crore to an Alternative Investment Fund established within the SME Growth Fund framework, and that fund will take direct equity positions in small and medium…
273.	C	**Rs 500 crore** – The approval gives the Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority the task of technically appraising infrastructure projects of the Government of India costing that much or more, while financial appraisal continues through the mechanisms that already exist.
274.	A	**National Transport Data Repository** – The Cabinet decision asks ITLA to build a unified transport data repository by obtaining relevant transport and logistics datasets from several sources, among them the GSTN e-way bill, FASTag, Vahan, GPS-based systems and urban traffic management systems, and…
275.	A	**Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment, Agra** – The correct answer is the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra.
276.	C	**21 km** – In the experimental flight the High-Altitude Platform climbed to that altitude above mean sea level, and it then remained at 20 km above mean sea level for more than 30 minutes before it was commanded to descend back to the ground.
277.	B	**Nyoma (Mudh DZ)** – The correct answer is Nyoma (Mudh DZ), described as one of the highest-altitude drop zones.
278.	C	**16,000 feet** – The jump was made from that altitude above mean sea level, after which the parachute was deployed at 15,500 feet and the landing was undertaken at the Nyoma drop zone.
279.	B	**The President** – President Droupadi Murmu conferred degrees on the first graduating batch of AIIMS Bilaspur at the institute first convocation and also presented gold medals to meritorious students across disciplines.
280.	C	**Rs 5 lakh** – Speaking at the convocation, the President said that eligible beneficiaries receive health cover of that amount per family per year under the scheme, which reduces the financial burden of treatment for economically vulnerable families.
281.	A	**Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu** – The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change led the Indian delegation at the Pre-COP31 meetings under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which these three countries co-hosted, and he addressed the Leaders Plenary at F…

282.	B	**Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities** – The Union Minister said that this principle, together with Equity, must be upheld in letter and spirit for climate action to be meaningful and sustained across countries, and he argued that there cannot be a one-size-fits-all pathway to such action.
283.	B	**21** – India's campaign at the 20th Asian Games closed with 85 medals in all, and 21 of them were gold.
284.	C	**Aichi-Nagoya** – The 20th Asian Games were held in this Japanese host region from 19 September to 4 October 2026, and the city will also stage the 5th Asian Para Games from 18 to 24 October 2026.
285.	B	**Delivery of its 2,000th aero-engine** – The Defence Minister was present at Koraput for this handover, which came six decades after the Division was set up in 1964.
286.	B	**Rs 218 crore** – The second Shakti engine line carries this outlay and will be able to produce up to 100 engines a year once it is fully established by 2028-29, feeding indigenous helicopters such as the Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and the Prachand Light Combat Helicopter.
287.	B	**9 October** – World Post Day is observed on this date and it opens National Postal Week, which the Department of Posts is celebrating from 9 to 15 October 2026.
288.	A	**One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities** – The theme announced for World Post Day this year is 'World Post Day: One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities', and it frames the week-long observance by the Department of Posts.
289.	B	**31 October 2026** – The Commission's order requires industrial units in the National Capital Region to put in the additional Pan-Tilt-Zoom cameras by that date, following the standard operating procedure it has laid down.
290.	B	**Fuel storage areas and fuel charging points** – The standard operating procedure in the order says cameras must be placed so as to capture all fuel storage areas and all fuel charging points, and where a gas-based fuel is used, the gauge or meter of the gas must be in view as well.
291.	B	**1,45,26,013** – The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports reported this many attempts in the Viksit Bharat Quiz, the first stage of selection for the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2027.
292.	B	**500 words** – Shortlisted participants have to submit an essay of this length on the MY Bharat portal, on the theme designated for their region, and the window runs till 15 October 2026.
293.	B	**CHF 45 million** – President Guy Parmelin announced this further allocation during his bilateral meeting with Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi and said Switzerland expects a corresponding commitment from India so that the joint research framework can be consolidated.
294.	A	**President of the Swiss Confederation** – Guy Parmelin held bilateral talks with Dr Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, on taking the science and technology partnership into a longer-term phase.
295.	C	**29th** – The Government has appointed Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, as the twenty-ninth officer to head the Indian Air Force, and he takes charge in the rank of Air Chief Marshal from the afternoon of 31 October 2026.
296.	A	**Vice Chief of the Air Staff** – That was the appointment Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit held when the Government named him the next Chief of the Air Staff in the rank of Air Chief Marshal.
297.	B	**The Secretary, Department of Financial Services** – The correct answer is the Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Sanjay Lohiya, who took the review in New Delhi with the heads of all public sector banks and the Executive Directors of major private sector banks, assisted by senior officers of his depa...
298.	B	**21 October to 31 December 2026** – The Secretary of the Department of Financial Services urged banks to take part wholeheartedly in the saturation drive running between those two dates and to give greater

		thrust to serving the weaker sections of society and meeting their banking needs.
299.	**D**	**2024-25** – The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation began a monthly compilation of the Index of Services Production for the formal sector on a trial basis in July 2026, and that is the base year it adopted for the exercise.
300.	**B**	**19** – The initial framework of the index follows nineteen broad service sub-sectors, relying on high-frequency administrative data sources together with data on outward supplies filed under the goods and services tax, which between them account for close to sixty p…
301.	**B**	**SWAGAT** – The Cabinet resolution recalls that through this system the then Chief Minister personally heard the grievances of citizens, and that it won the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010.
302.	**C**	**25 years** – The resolution marks a quarter century of unbroken leadership as head of government, a stretch that covers his terms in Gujarat and then at the Centre, and it recalls three decisive mandates in the state along with support in three successive general election…
303.	**B**	**Gwalior** – The zone is coming up at the Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Counter Magnet City, known as SADA, inside Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, and the state government has given about 170 acres of land free of cost for it.
304.	**A**	**Rs 493 crore** – The Government of India is bearing the entire cost of building infrastructure in the first phase of the zone, and that figure is a full grant rather than a loan or a shared contribution.
305.	**A**	**Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi** – Mt Kamet stands in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand and is the third-highest mountain within India, which places exactly those two peaks above it.
306.	**B**	**Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee** – He headed the party of 35 climbers, of whom 25 belonged to the Indian Army and 10 to the Argentine Army, and the group was flagged off from the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi on 21 August 2026.
307.	**C**	**12th** – The exercise is being held off the Paradip coast of Odisha and is inaugurated by the Minister of State for Defence, with the search and rescue demonstration at sea following a day later.
308.	**A**	**32 observers from 30 countries** – The number of observers is slightly larger than the number of countries because some nations have sent more than one representative, and the Ministry of Defence treats this international presence as a highlight of the drill, since it points to shared rescue p…
309.	**C**	**5,000** – At that count the portal carries the achiever in a dedicated Digital Hall of Fame, showing the name, the MY Bharat identity number, a photograph and a short profile taken from the public profile.
310.	**A**	**The Golden Road** – The correct answer is The Golden Road, whose full title runs The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World.
311.	**C**	**A++** – The correct answer is A++, which is the highest grade the National Assessment and Accreditation Council awards.
312.	**C**	**Rs 500 crore** – The mission is meant to preserve and document India’s manuscript heritage and to bring it within reach of readers in the country and abroad, and the Vice-President cited it while asking teachers and students to seek out unpublished Sanskrit manuscripts, prese…
313.	**B**	**Antalya, Türkiye** – A Pre-COP is the preparatory round held a few weeks ahead of the annual UN Climate Change Conference, and the release makes clear that this year the conference itself moves to Antalya in Türkiye in the month of November.
314.	**C**	**Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu** – The Pre-COP31 meeting was co-hosted by these three countries, and India attended it as a participating Party with a delegation of its own.

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315.	**B**	**Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** – MeitY brought out the National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing in February 2022 as the guiding policy framework for 3D printing in India, keeping it aligned with Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.
316.	**B**	**5 per cent** – The national strategy sets a time-bound goal of capturing a twentieth of the world additive manufacturing market and of adding close to one billion US dollars to India's gross domestic product.
317.	**A**	**Odisha** – Balasore is a city in Odisha, and the drive test was conducted in the Odisha licensed service area, with the exercise supervised by TRAI's regional office at Hyderabad.
318.	**C**	**Reliance Jio** – The correct answer is Reliance Jio, whose average download speed on the tested route was 239.24 Mbps on its 5G and 4G networks, the highest of the four operators.
319.	**C**	**Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam** – The Fleet Support Ships are under construction at HSL in Visakhapatnam, and FSS-1, the first of the class, was launched there on 6 October 2026 with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh as chief guest.
320.	**C**	**Over 82 per cent** – The Ministry of Defence states that the Fleet Support Ships are indigenously designed and built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, with indigenous content above 82 per cent, which it reads as a mark of close cooperation between the Navy, the shipya...
321.	**B**	**Arusha, Tanzania** – The Rajya Sabha Secretariat records that the Indian Parliamentary Delegation continued its participation in the 153rd IPU Assembly at Arusha in Tanzania, and that the second day of the Assembly was 6 October 2026.
322.	**C**	**Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha** – He heads the delegation and, on the floor of the Assembly, used the Right of Reply to answer uncalled-for remarks made by Pakistan on Kashmir, stating that Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of India and that Pakistan has no locus standi in India's i...
323.	**B**	**The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal** – The release from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry records that he held a series of meetings with senior leaders of leading United States companies in New York during the week, to discuss ways of strengthening India-United States trade and to invite those...
324.	**C**	**AIA Group** – The Minister met its Non-Executive Chairman, Mark Tucker, and the discussion turned on the group's engagement in India and the openings in the insurance and financial services sectors, expressly in the context of India's vision of Insurance for All by 2047.
325.	**B**	**Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, usually shortened to MoSPI.
326.	**A**	**The United Nations Statistical Commission** – The release states plainly that MoSPI has been following the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting, which that commission has endorsed, and that the ministry took up work on various aspects of environment accounts from 2018.
327.	**B**	**From 17 September to 2 October 2026** – The Ministry of Textiles says it took part in the campaign over exactly these dates, with its organisations, institutions and field formations joining in, and that the drive culminated on the closing date, which is observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas and as the b...
328.	**C**	**Secretary (Textiles), Smt Neelam Shami Rao** – The release records that the final plantation activity took place at NIFT Delhi on Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti and was led by her, with senior officials of the ministry joining, under the Shramdaan call Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath.
329.	**B**	**Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland** – These are the four member states of the European Free Trade Association, and leaders of all four were in New Delhi to mark the first year of the agreement with India.

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330.	C	**1 October 2025** – That is the day the partnership agreement between India and the four EFTA states entered into force, which is why leaders from all the member countries gathered in the Indian capital in early October to mark its completion of one year and to discuss the road...
331.	A	**Joint Squad for Health** – That is the expansion of the acronym used by the Union Health Ministry for the squads being launched at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, which bring Class-I Officers, MY Bharat Volunteers and NCC Cadets together for community work against tuberculosis.
332.	C	**55 districts in 11 States** – The first phase of the squads has been planned on that scale, with the work concentrated at the block, ward and community level so that information about tuberculosis reaches people where they live and work rather than staying inside health facilities.
333.	B	**Platinum** – Many clean-energy technologies, and hydrogen fuel cells in particular, depend on platinum to speed up the oxygen reduction reaction, and because it is one of the rarest and most expensive metals available, its cost and limited supply stand in the way of large...
334.	C	**120 hours** – Tests showed that even after that long a spell of continuous running, the material kept its performance and did not suffer the degradation or contamination that commonly affects catalysts built around metals.
335.	B	**Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, who holds the post of Chairman of the Board as well and therefore swore in the two new Members at the Ministry's office.
336.	B	**De-notified, nomadic and semi-nomadic communities** – The Board's very name is the Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities, and the oath taken by its Members includes a pledge to do right by every person belonging to these groups in line with the Board's Terms of Refer...
337.	B	**Capacity Building Commission** – The Commission is running this nationwide series of four regional workshops to help turn civil service training institutions into capacity building institutions under the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building.
338.	C	**More than 700** – The Unified New-Age National Training Initiative portal brings that many training institutes on to a single digital platform, with the purpose of closing the gap between the demand for capacity building and what institutions can actually supply.
339.	B	**Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, which steers this campaign across the Union Government.
340.	B	**2 October to 31 October 2026** – The preparatory phase of the campaign closed on the last day of September, and the working phase was then taken up for the whole of October, which is why the Department of Science and Technology held a review of readiness with its autonomous institutions and...
341.	B	**Off Paradip** – The exercise was inaugurated by the Raksha Rajya Mantri on 7 October 2026 and the sea phase was set to be conducted off Paradip, on the Odisha coast, the next day.
342.	B	**4.6 million square kilometres** – At its twenty-fourth meeting the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board looked at how prepared the country is to run rescue operations across this whole stretch of ocean, and discussed technology integration, real-time information sharing, management of di...
343.	A	**Crops Research Institute (CSIR-CRI), Accra** – It signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, covering joint agricultural research, scientific and technological exchange, capacity building and the application and commercialisation of farm technologies,...

344.	**B**	**Five years** – The understanding between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Crops Research Institute of Ghana provides a framework of this duration for joint agricultural research, exchange of science and technology, capacity building, and the application a...
345.	**B**	**iDEX, TDF, Make and other MoD developmental projects** – The correct answer is iDEX, TDF, Make and other developmental projects of the Ministry of Defence.
346.	**A**	**A Conciliation Agreement Clause** – The earlier procedure routed disagreements into arbitration, and the revised version replaces that with a simpler, industry-friendly conciliation clause so that problems faced by domestic manufacturers are settled faster, which the Ministry links to ease of d...
347.	**B**	**44 per cent** – The Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting gave this figure while addressing the fifth meeting of the Live Events Development Cell, adding that around thirty-four thousand events were held across the country and that the sector now supports...
348.	**A**	**India Cine Hub portal** – The meeting reviewed how the single window clearances facility for the live event industry on this platform is being implemented, and States and Union Territories were asked to designate Nodal Officers, nominate authorised officers from departments, integrate...
349.	**B**	**123 cities** – The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said more than two lakh quintals of buffer onion had been disposed of so far, moved by eight Kanda Express rail consignments and four hundred and sixty-seven trucks, and that additional rail rakes...
350.	**B**	**Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan** – These were named as the major producing States from which fresh kharif onion had started reaching markets, while availability from stored stocks continued to meet demand in the meantime, and arrivals were expected to rise further in the following weeks.
351.	**B**	**Dhokra metal casting** – It is a lost-wax casting tradition whose history in the country runs back more than four thousand years, and several works in the collection show its range, among them an Elephant Head Nandi, a Standing Nandi and a bust of a Madia-Madin tribal couple.
352.	**A**	**Namami Gange Project** – The auction of the mementos is live, has been extended to the end of October, and whatever it earns goes to that project, with bids placed online through the official memento e-auction portal.
353.	**B**	**London** – The fourth round of the India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue took place in London on 29 September 2026, and the joint statement adopted after it was put out on 7 October 2026.
354.	**C**	**15 July 2026** – The joint statement records that the two sides reflected on a strengthened relationship, particularly in the light of the launch of Vision 2035, and underlined the importance of driving the implementation of the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agree...
355.	**B**	**Observer Research Foundation** – The dialogue is a thought leadership conference put together by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways together with the Observer Research Foundation, and its third edition is being held in New Delhi.
356.	**B**	**The second largest** – In his message the Prime Minister said that Indian seafarers now form the second largest maritime workforce in the world, and that young Indians are earning respect across the oceans.
357.	**B**	**2001** – The milestone of 25 continuous years as Head of Government, reached on 7 October 2026, is counted from the day in 2001 when Narendra Modi first assumed office as Chief Minister of Gujarat.
358.	**B**	**Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger** – The President of Nigeria recalled the State Visit to Abuja in November 2024, when his country conferred that title on the Indian Prime Minister, and said the visit gave fresh impetus to cooperation in trade and investment, energy, defence and security, health...
359.	**B**	**Rs 70,125 crore** – Under PMGSY-IV, with this outlay, about 62,500 km of all-weather roads are targeted so that 25,000 eligible unconnected habitations receive connectivity.

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360.	**B**	**25,000** – The current phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is designed to provide connectivity to 25,000 eligible unconnected habitations, and to do so it targets roughly 62,500 km of all-weather roads with an outlay of Rs 70,125 crore.
361.	**B**	**Indian Institute of Creative Technologies** – The Create with AI programme was announced in November 2025 by IICT together with YouTube, to support creative projects built with artificial intelligence and to strengthen India's capability in emerging technologies, and the first four AI-enabled short films...
362.	**A**	**Battle of Colachel, 1741** – Chekavar, made by Avium Studios, is a fictional cinematic story set against that historic battle, and it draws inspiration from the land, the people, the courage and the martial traditions of the era.
363.	**C**	**More than 15.96 crore** – At the regional review of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, the Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation said that rural drinking water access has been transformed, with more than 15.96 crore rural households now holding tap water connections.
364.	**A**	**IIM Bangalore** – The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation of the Ministry of Jal Shakti organised the regional review meeting at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, where Professor Gopal Naik, who holds the JJM Professor Chair at that institute, also presente...
365.	**A**	**NCAHP Act, 2021** – The Commission notified both the Registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations and the Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Committee Regulations under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021, which is the...
366.	**B**	**10 to 30 members, including a President** – The regulations create a Central Assessment Committee for States and Union Territories where no functional State Allied and Healthcare Council exists.
367.	**A**	**Department of Financial Services** – It is the department of the Finance Ministry that deals with banks, insurance and the financial inclusion schemes, and it is the body that issued the directions to convenors of State Level Bankers Committees and their Union Territory counterparts after the Na...
368.	**A**	**Article 338(5)(c)** – The Commission told the Department of Financial Services that the absence of Scheduled Caste beneficiary figures in bankers committee reports was hindering the constitutional mandate this clause gives it, namely to evaluate the progress of socio-economic deve...
369.	**B**	**Seva Teerth** – The Prime Minister held the interaction with Board members of the Global System for Mobile Communications Association at Seva Teerth, ahead of India Mobile Congress.
370.	**C**	**10th** – The interaction with the GSMA Board came as India prepared to host the tenth edition of India Mobile Congress in New Delhi, an event that gathers global technology and telecom leaders.
371.	**B**	**Competition Commission of India** – It is the statutory authority that examines proposed combinations, meaning mergers, amalgamations and acquisitions above the prescribed thresholds, to see whether they would cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India, and it cleared this inte...
372.	**C**	**58.47 per cent** – JSW Projects Limited, an unlisted company of the JSW Group based in Mumbai, holds that share of the equity in BMM Ispat Limited at present, and the proposed combination is meant to convert this majority interest into full ownership by amalgamating BMM into JS...
373.	**C**	**Three** – The Ministry of Communications stated that telecom licences have been granted to three Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite operators whose services rest on non-geosynchronous satellite orbits, and that all three are at broadly the same regulator...
374.	**B**	**Demonstrate compliance with the security conditions of its licence** – The correct answer is demonstrate compliance with the security conditions of its licence.

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375.	**B**	**43 per cent** – The assessment of the Ayush services sector puts the share of women in the sector's total workforce at 43 per cent, and notes that the share rises past half in several organised segments.
376.	**C**	**Standalone clinics** – They remain the biggest revenue-generating segment of the Ayush services sector, bringing in an estimated US$16.21 billion, which works out to 43.9 per cent of the sector's revenue.
377.	**A**	**Fiji** – The Pre-COP31 meeting was convened in Nadi, Fiji, and it was there that Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav addressed the Plenary Discussion on Political Landing Zones and Outcomes and asked the Parties for greater flexib...
378.	**B**	**Antalya, Turkiye** – The annual UN Climate Change Conference, COP31, is to be held in Antalya in November, and the Pre-COP held weeks earlier was the preparatory meeting leading up to it.
379.	**B**	**National Small Industries Corporation** – The National SC-ST Hub was launched on 18 October 2016 and is implemented through NSIC, which also runs the Single Point Registration Scheme that gives registered micro and small enterprises free tender sets and exemption from Earnest Money Deposit.
380.	**D**	**Rs 4,013.42 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 4,013.42 crore, procured in 2025-26 from 12,524 micro and small enterprises.
381.	**A**	**Hindi and Marathi** – The condolence message on the veteran actor's passing described his contribution to Hindi and Marathi cinema as immense, and it is this pairing that identifies his body of work.
382.	**A**	**Nana Patekar** – The Prime Minister's Office issued a condolence message on 8 October 2026 on the passing of the veteran actor, whose work in Hindi and Marathi cinema was called immense.
383.	**C**	**10th edition** – The India Mobile Congress completed ten years with this edition, which the Prime Minister opened at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi on 8 October 2026, and he described the tenth anniversary of the platform as running in parallel with the hosting of a GSMA Board meet...
384.	**B**	**Yashobhoomi, New Delhi** – The tenth edition of the India Mobile Congress was inaugurated there by the Prime Minister, before an audience of telecom operators, industry leaders, academics and startups from India and abroad.
385.	**A**	**Joint Squad for Health** – The Union Health Minister launched the JOSH Teams at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, and the squads are to work at district and block level under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, carrying information on prevention, testing and treatment into households.
386.	**B**	**Five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets led by a Class-I officer** – The correct answer is five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets led by a Class-I officer.
387.	**B**	**The Union Jal Shakti Minister** – The correct answer is the Union Jal Shakti Minister, C. R. Paatil, who presided over the meeting in New Delhi.
388.	**B**	**527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees** – The correct answer is 527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees, the position as of August 2026, with 368 projects already completed.
389.	**A**	**Screening school children for probable disability conditions** – PRASHAST is a school-based digital tool under the Department of School Education and Literacy that helps identify children with conditions covered by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, and it works through a checklist in two parts, with the teacher...
390.	**C**	**More than 60,000** – The correct answer is more than 60,000 schools, with participation expected to grow further during the month.
391.	**B**	**Manila, the Philippines** – The correct answer is Manila, the Philippines, where India was represented by the Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shripad Yesso Naik.

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392.	C	**558.8 GW** – Of this total, the Minister said 308 GW comes from non-fossil sources, which works out to fifty-five per cent of installed capacity, a share that matters because it is the headline measure of the energy transition.
393.	B	**Arusha, Tanzania** – The correct answer is Arusha in Tanzania, where the Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha took part in the General Debate and in several committee meetings.
394.	C	**Nepal** – The correct answer is Nepal, which proposed the item on urgent parliamentary action to address climate-related disasters and strengthen resilience in the Himalayan region and other vulnerable regions.
395.	B	**Paradip, Odisha** – The Indian Coast Guard conducted the 12th edition of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise in the sea off Paradip on 8 October 2026, and the Paradip Port Authority along with the Odisha state administration took part in it.
396.	B	**Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety** – The correct answer is Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety.
397.	B	**59.20 GW** – Speaking at the inauguration of Windergy India 2026 in Chennai, the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy put installed wind capacity at that level as on 30 September 2026, and said the country is firmly placed to cross 100 GW of wind capacity by 2030.
398.	A	**Chennai** – The 8th edition of the global wind energy conference opened there on 8 October 2026 and ran from 7 to 9 October, and the choice of city fits the role Tamil Nadu plays in wind generation; the state Minister for Energy Resources and Law, C. T. R. Nirmal Kumar,...
399.	B	**USD 863 billion last year, USD 1 trillion target** – The correct answer is USD 863 billion last year and a USD 1 trillion target.
400.	B	**Visakhapatnam, on 12 and 13 November** – The curtain raiser for the summit was held in New Delhi on 8 October 2026, which makes option C a tempting distractor, but the capital hosted only the preview and not the summit itself.
401.	C	**Thiruvarutchelvar** – The archive did not hold this title in any format before the donation, so the print fills a real gap in the national collection, and the donor gave it priority once she learnt of the gap.
402.	A	**Pune** – The three donated Tamil prints were handed over to the NFDC-National Film Archive of India in that city, and the Film and Television Institute of India, where the donor works as a Film Research Officer, is based there as well.
403.	C	**Reliance Jio** – The correct answer is Reliance Jio, which averaged 271.44 Mbps on download in the Fazilka drive test.
404.	C	**184.6 km** – Along with the city drive, the appointed agency carried out a walk test of 1.9 km and tested six hotspot locations across Fazilka city and the areas adjoining it, all between 5 and 7 August 2026.
405.	B	**2 to 31 October 2026** – That is the implementation period announced by the government for the sixth edition of the special campaign, under which departments clear pendency, manage records and dispose of electronic waste.
406.	B	**Rs 39,33,055** – The figure came from the disposal of electronic waste together with non-electronic scrap, and it sits alongside a set of other targets fixed in the preparatory phase: the review of 18,741 electronic files and 7,773 physical files, cleanliness and space-cleari...
407.	A	**Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad** – The force completed 94 years of service on 8 October 2026 and held its ceremonial Air Force Day parade at Hindan, where the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, reviewed the parade in the presence of the Army and Navy chiefs, former air chiefs...

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408.	**B**	**Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise** – The correct answer is Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise, rendered in Hindi as achook, abhedya and sateek.
409.	**B**	**World Bank Group** – The correct answer is the World Bank Group, which brings out the World Development Report every year; the latest edition carries the subtitle "The Promise of Artificial Intelligence" and was launched in India by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
410.	**A**	**Adoption, adaptation and advancement** – The report examines the opportunities and risks AI brings to developing economies and offers this sequence as the framework through which such countries can turn the technology into development gains.
411.	**B**	**About Rs 19,700 crore** – The document brought out by the National Highways Authority of India records that this amount has gone into wildlife mitigation infrastructure and related environmental protection measures across National Highway projects over the past five years.
412.	**B**	**Nitin Gadkari, at a Chintan Shivir in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat** – The correct answer is Nitin Gadkari, at a Chintan Shivir in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
413.	**D**	**67 days** – The rules, notified by the Department of Telecommunications under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, came into effect on 1 January 2025 and set up a uniform and transparent framework for laying telecom infrastructure, with rationalised charges and time-bound p...
414.	**B**	**25,367** – The correct answer is 25,367 mobile towers, covering 35,771 villages and locations across the country.
415.	**A**	**Rowriah, Jorhat, Assam** – The Central Silk Board's Silkworm Seed Production Centre there received a newly constructed grainage building and cold storage facility, inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Textiles under the North-East Region Textile Promotion Scheme.
416.	**D**	**84 per cent** – The correct answer is about 84 per cent, which works out to 73 metric tonnes of Muga silk.
417.	**B**	**About USD 9 billion** – The minister described this as the current size of the space economy and said it could reach USD 45 to 46 billion over the next 8 to 10 years if the present momentum continues, crediting the expansion to the opening of the sector and the entry of a wider set...
418.	**C**	**100 GW by 2047** – The minister referred to this target together with the opening of the nuclear sector to private participation, and described nuclear power as an important clean-energy source for future requirements, among them the demand created by artificial intelligence an...
419.	**C**	**Rs 5 crore** – Among the decriminalisation measures taken at the 57th meeting of the GST Council, the money threshold at which a prosecution may be launched was lifted to five crore rupees, so that criminal proceedings are reserved for large cases of fraud and evasion rathe...
420.	**A**	**Section 69** – The Council recommended the complete withdrawal of arrest powers under the goods and services tax by deleting this section from the CGST Act, 2017, a step presented as part of a trust-based tax system that still keeps deterrence against fraud.
421.	**B**	**Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan** – The correct answer is Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, the New Delhi building that houses the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the venue where the ministry marked World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day.
422.	**C**	**Rs 19,744 crore** – The National Green Hydrogen Mission was approved in January 2023 with this outlay, and the money is spread across production of the gas, the manufacture of equipment, pilot projects, research and training.
423.	**C**	**30 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price** – The Government has approved a ceiling on the margins charged while non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines move through the supply chain to the patient, and that ceiling is fixed at 30 per cent of the MRP.

424.	C	**Rs 2,500 crore** – The Department of Pharmaceuticals expects the cap on margins for non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines to save patients about Rs 2,500 crore every year, mainly by reducing what they spend from their own pockets on treatment.
425.	C	**Third** – Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026, organised by the Bharat 6G Alliance at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, in New Delhi, with sessions running from...
426.	C	**Nine** – The Bharat 6G Alliance released nine Working Group white papers, reflecting the technical contributions of its industry, academic and research members.
427.	B	**Rs 9.68 crore** – The National Biodiversity Authority received that amount from users of India biological resources in the half year from 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026, under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023, read with the Access and Benefit Sharing R...
428.	C	**Agriculture and seeds** – The agri-seed sector accounted for the largest share of the receipts at Rs 7.16 crore, well ahead of every other category.
429.	C	**Patna** – The correct answer is Patna, the capital of Bihar, where the National Human Rights Commission held and concluded its two-day open hearing and camp sitting for the State.
430.	D	**Justice V. Ramasubramanian** – The correct answer is Justice V. Ramasubramanian, the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, who led the two-day Bihar open hearing and camp sitting at Patna and heard the bonded labour matters on the second day himself.
431.	B	**Bastar, Chhattisgarh** – The correct answer is Bastar in Chhattisgarh, where the Ministry of Cooperation is holding its 9th National Review Workshop on 8 and 9 October 2026.
432.	B	**NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL** – The correct answer is NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL, that is National Cooperative Exports Limited, National Cooperative Organics Limited and Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited.
433.	B	**7 October** – The United Nations General Assembly set aside this date as World Cotton Day through resolution 75/318, and the observance draws attention to the place of cotton in economic development, in international trade and in the fight against poverty, particularly in...
434.	C	**Resolution 75/318** – It is by this resolution that the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 7 October as World Cotton Day, giving the observance its formal standing in the United Nations calendar and tying it to the role of the crop in trade, in development and in reducing...
435.	B	**Singapore** – The city state is India's largest source of foreign direct investment, with cumulative inflows of roughly USD 194.68 billion between April 2000 and March 2026, and its institutional investors, among them GIC and Temasek, hold significant positions across the...
436.	C	**USD 194.68 billion** – That is the cumulative figure for foreign direct investment flowing from Singapore into India over the period from April 2000 to March 2026, and it is the number behind the description of Singapore as India's single largest source of such investment.
437.	C	**About 36%** – The Ministry of Coal said that daily supplies of coal to the power sector have climbed roughly 36% from the low point reached in September, and that the October average is around 9% higher than the September average.
438.	C	**470 rakes a day** – Rail loading of coal has averaged more than 465 rakes a day during October, and the ministry noted that the 470-rake target was met on three days running, which it treated as a sign that logistics had strengthened alongside production.
439.	A	**ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia** – ASEAN hosted the 15th Joint Committee of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement there from 6 to 9 October 2026, along with meetings of sub-committees, and the round was conducted in hybrid format.

440.	**B**	**Three of eight** – The Joint Committee has eight sub-committees, and three of them held hybrid meetings on the margins of the 15th round in Jakarta.
441.	**A**	**The Drugs Rules, 1945** – The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed an amendment to these rules so that the requirement of prior Central Government sanction for advertising drugs listed in Schedule H, Schedule H1 and Schedule X extends to entities licensed to sell a...
442.	**B**	**G.S.R. 861(E) dated 28 September 2026** – The ministry notified the draft amendment through that notification after consulting the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, and it has invited objections and suggestions from stakeholders and from the public within thirty days of the date on which copies of the...
443.	**C**	**2,129** – The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises stated that the Centre of Excellence for Khadi at NIFT, Delhi has developed that many Khadi design collections across multiple categories, as part of the effort to place Khadi in contemporary fashion and lif...
444.	**D**	**About 80 per cent** – The ministry said that women make up roughly four fifths of the approximately half a million Khadi artisans, and that their participation has been especially strong in agarbatti, handmade paper, the Honey Mission and the service industries, giving them a rout...
445.	**B**	**Digital Health Resources: Redefining Access Through Libraries** – The National Medical Library, which functions under the Directorate General of Health Services in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, organised the one-day conference on this theme in New Delhi, drawing attention to the place of digital knowledge resou...
446.	**C**	**93 medical colleges** – Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava, Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, highlighted the growth of the National Medical Library network to that many colleges and urged that its reach be extended to every medical college in the country, with parti...
447.	**A**	**Indian Institute of Foreign Trade** – The Centre for Trade and Investment Law is housed there, and its Head, Prof. James J. Nedumpara, also holds the WTO India Chair.
448.	**C**	**More than 4,000** – Prof. James J. Nedumpara, Head of the Centre for Trade and Investment Law and WTO India Chair, said the centre had provided that many legal opinions, had participated in negotiations concerning nearly ten free trade agreements, and had contributed to negotiat...
449.	**B**	**Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** – TRAI is the regulator for telecom as well as for broadcasting and cable services, and it is TRAI that has placed the draft manual for DRM-based digital addressable systems in the public domain for comments.
450.	**A**	**DRM-based systems used for IPTV distribution** – Schedule X of the interconnection rules carries the requirements for systems built on Digital Rights Management, and these are used chiefly where television channels are delivered over internet protocol.
451.	**B**	**Namami Gange** – Gifts and mementos presented to the Prime Minister are offered through a public e-auction, and the money they raise is directed to the Namami Gange programme, which works to conserve and rejuvenate the river Ganga.
452.	**C**	**Andhra Pradesh** – The collection being highlighted is the set of mementos that came to the Prime Minister from Andhra Pradesh, and among them is a wooden bullock cart made in the Kondapalli style, a craft that stands for rural life and traditional workmanship in that state.
453.	**B**	**Rs 829.69 crore** – That is the floor below which the freehold parcel at Najafgarh Industrial Area will not be sold, and every bid in the electronic auction has to start from it.
454.	**A**	**Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance** – The correct answer is the Department of Public Enterprises in the Ministry of Finance.

455.	**B**	**General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff** – He is also Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs, and he opened the new housing for senior sailors and naval defence civilians, along with trunk utility and amenity infrastructure, at the Karwar base.
456.	**C**	**About 10,000** – The base at Karwar, when the work is finished, will house roughly 10,000 uniformed and civilian personnel together with their families, and the Ministry expects this to strengthen the local economy, industry and tourism and to generate direct and indirect job...
457.	**C**	**12 October** – The Commission was set up on 12 October 1993, so its Foundation Day falls on that date every year, and the 33rd edition will be held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi in 2026.
458.	**B**	**Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant** – The correct answer is Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, who will address the function as chief guest.
459.	**A**	**'Scale Without Boundaries'** – The 10th edition of the India Mobile Congress is being held under this theme from 7 to 10 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi, and it was formally inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8 October 2026.
460.	**C**	**BHASHINI** – Digital India BHASHINI is demonstrating at the pavilion how artificial intelligence and language technology can carry digital content and government services into Indian languages.
461.	**A**	**National Institute of Social Defence** – The correct answer is the National Institute of Social Defence, which works under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and is running the course with the Office of the Collector, Diu, and the administration of the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar...
462.	**C**	**Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu** – The programme was opened at the Education Hub at Kevdi in Diu, which is part of this Union Territory, and the Collector of Diu, Shri Rahul Dev Boora, welcomed the dignitaries and participants at the inaugural session.
463.	**B**	**Sushma Swaraj Bhawan** – The two-day National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development was held at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi, and the Prime Minister chaired its valedictory session there.
464.	**B**	**At the district level and at Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels** – The correct answer is at the district level and at Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels.
465.	**B**	**Mukul Wasnik** – He is a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha and heads the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, which placed the 382nd report on "Reforms and Strengthening of the National Testing Agency" befo...
466.	**C**	**About 1.2 crore** – The committee records that the National Testing Agency conducts examinations in which roughly 1.2 crore students sit every year, which is why it describes the agency as the gateway to the higher education system.
467.	**C**	**2022-23** – The National Statistics Office has prepared the draft guideline for compiling Gross State Domestic Product estimates from the expenditure side with 2022-23 as the base year, and the whole framework is described as working under the revised base year arrangeme...
468.	**C**	**Private Final Consumption Expenditure** – The release states plainly that while some States and Union Territories do put together estimates of Gross Fixed Capital Formation and Government Final Consumption Expenditure, no State or Union Territory is compiling PFCE at present.
469.	**C**	**10th** – Team India secured the tenth position at the 48th WorldSkills Competition, WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, taking 6 silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence.
470.	**B**	**6 silver medals** – India’s tally at the 48th WorldSkills Competition was 6 silver medals along with 20 Medals for Excellence, which together placed the country 10th.

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471. **B** **Milton Dick, Speaker of Australia's House of Representatives** – He was declared elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union on 9 October 2026, the last day of the 153rd Assembly held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania.

472. **C** **Arusha, Tanzania** – The 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Arusha in the United Republic of Tanzania, and the election of the new President took place there on the closing day.

473. **A** **C-DOT** – ASTR is described as the artificial-intelligence based tool of C-DOT and forms one layer of India's defence against fraudulent communications; it has helped disconnect over 82 lakh fraudulent mobile connections.

474. **C** **Over ₹22,800 crore** – Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani cited this figure for losses suffered by Indians in 2024 to organised, cross-border fraud, which includes impersonation, digital arrest scams, voice cloning generated by artificial intelligence and deepfakes.

475. **B** **Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union** – The correct answer is the Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union.

476. **D** **AI Export Promotion** – The correct answer is AI Export Promotion, which is not a pillar of the framework.

477. **B** **₹38,424 crore** – Speaking at the eighth annual session of the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers in New Delhi, the Defence Minister said exports of defence goods had touched this figure in the financial year 2025-26, the highest India has ever reached, and that the rise...

478. **C** **2029** – While giving away the SIDM Champion Awards, the Defence Minister repeated the target of lifting India's defence exports to ₹50,000 crore by that year.

479. **C** **Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi** – Mangrol is the third shallow water craft for anti-submarine warfare delivered by that yard, and it will be commissioned at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, with the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command presiding.

480. **B** **Abhay** – The correct answer is Abhay, the hull-mounted sonar that lets the craft pick up submarines in coastal and shallow waters.

481. **A** **14416** – Tele-MANAS, which stands for Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States, offers free and confidential counselling on this number at any hour of the day, in several languages, without the caller having to reach a hospital.

482. **A** **10 October, "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"** – The correct answer is A. The day falls on 10 October every year, and the theme for the 2026 observance asks that the voices of those who have lived with mental health conditions be heard and allowed to shape policy and services.

483. **A** **Bastar, Chhattisgarh** – The correct answer is Bastar in Chhattisgarh, where the two-day workshop was held on 8 and 9 October 2026 and ended with a call for state-specific and time-bound action plans.

484. **B** **December 2026** – The Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation set that deadline for finishing the first phase of computerising Primary Agricultural Credit Societies, and asked in the same breath that audits for the years 2024-25 and 2025-26 be completed by October 2026.

485. **C** **57th** – The backgrounder states that the process reforms covering registration, return filing, refunds, input tax credit and dispute resolution were recommended at the 57th meeting of the GST Council, held in October 2026.

486. **C** **1.70 crore** – The backgrounder records that the taxpayer base widened from roughly 60 lakh when the tax began to about 1.70 crore in September 2026, which is close to a threefold increase over nine years.

487. **A** **Scale Without Boundaries** – The tenth edition of the India Mobile Congress is being held at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi under that theme, organised jointly by the Department of

		Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications and the Cellular Operators Association of India.
488.	C	**More than 100** – The scale of the tenth edition is set out in a cluster of figures: an exhibition area of 60,000 square metres, participation from over 100 countries, more than 2,000 technology use cases, over 400 startups and more than 900 thought leaders, besides industry p...
489.	C	**Five** – A key outcome of the symposium was the exchange of five new memoranda of understanding, with GSMA, one6G, the GTI Alliance, the 6G Innovation Forum of Taiwan and VOICE, which open the way to international cooperation, joint research, trials and the sharing of...
490.	B	**Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani** – The correct answer is Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, who closed the symposium at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka, New Delhi.
491.	B	**Blue Dart Express Limited** – The Department of Posts, which works under the Ministry of Communications, signed the agreement with that company in New Delhi on 9 October 2026, in the presence of senior officers from both organisations.
492.	B	**About 1.64 lakh** – The Department of Posts runs more than that many post offices across the country, which together make up the largest postal network in the world, and it is this reach that Blue Dart Express Limited gains under the agreement.
493.	C	**Kolkata** – The Ministry of Tribal Affairs convened the second of its regional review conferences on the Forest Rights Act in the West Bengal capital, and officers of the Tribal Welfare, Revenue and Forest Departments of eight States took part, along with district Collec...
494.	B	**2006** – The full name of the law is the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, and the year that goes with it is 2006.
495.	C	**Indian Air Force** – Tarang Shakti is an air exercise, and the second edition was hosted by the Indian Air Force from 26 September to 12 October 2026, with the Defence Minister addressing the participants at Air Force Station Jodhpur.
496.	B	**Seven** – The air forces that brought aircraft to the exercise were those of Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America — seven friendly foreign countries in all.
497.	B	**Milton Dick** – The correct answer is Milton Dick, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia, who was declared elected after a secret ballot in the IPU Governing Council on the closing day of the Assembly.
498.	C	**Arusha, Tanzania** – The Assembly was held there from 5 to 9 October 2026, and the outcome document it adopted on its final day is accordingly named the Arusha Communiqué.
499.	B	**Ahmedabad** – The correct answer is Ahmedabad, where the Games are being held at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex on 12 October 2026.
500.	B	**Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu** – The correct answer is Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu, the three disciplines India will present.
501.	B	**Jharkhand** – Deoghar lies in the Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand, and the Vice-President described the convocation as a celebration of that region's aspirations, speaking of what the institute means for tribal and rural communities around it.
502.	B	**132 of 173** – The Vice-President pointed to this with satisfaction, saying that it showed the country moving from the empowerment of women towards development led by women, and that it showed how education allows women to realise their potential.

503.	**B**	**Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat** – The 94th edition of the ride, held in Varanasi, was built around this theme, which joins the weekly fitness drive to the effort to keep young people away from substance abuse and sets both in the frame of a developed India.
504.	**B**	**Varanasi** – The ride went from Namo Ghat to the Diksha Mandap of Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, and both of those landmarks are in Varanasi, in Uttar Pradesh; the start was at 6 in the morning.
505.	**B**	**205** – India maintains 205 lighthouses along a coastline that stretches beyond 11,000 km, and these towers are looked after by the Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
506.	**B**	**Lothal, Gujarat** – The Lighthouse Museum of 77 metres forms part of the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, an archaeological site tied to ancient seaborne trade, and it is estimated at ₹266.11 crore.
507.	**B**	**100** – The scheme works in 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts, and these were identified using three indicators: low productivity, low cropping intensity and low disbursement of agricultural credit.
508.	**B**	**The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** – The scheme runs on a three-tier structure.
509.	**B**	**1,000 km** – Under the National Quantum Mission the country set an eight-year target of covering 2,000 kilometres of quantum-secure communication, and the 1,000-kilometre milestone was reached in three years, which is well ahead of the pace that target implied.
510.	**C**	**US$300 billion** – The bioeconomy has grown from roughly US$10 billion in 2014 to about US$196 billion, crossing the US$195 billion mark, and the ambition stated is to take it to US$300 billion by 2030.
511.	**B**	**1,06,855 participants** – This was the consolidated outreach of the Yuva Sanwad Mela, conducted across 200 designated institutions and the villages they have adopted.
512.	**B**	**'My Health, My Pride'** – The first month of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan ran under this theme and concluded with the nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela on 9 October 2026, organised by MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
513.	**B**	**Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs** – NCCSR 2026 was organised by IICA, specifically by its School of Business Environment, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, and was held at The Ashok in New Delhi on 6 and 7 October 2026.
514.	**C**	**Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines** – The correct answer is Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines.
515.	**B**	**Team Singularity** – The Junior Category of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India 2026 was won by Team Singularity of Gopalan International School, Karnataka.
516.	**B**	**Geneva, Switzerland** – The winners of the Junior and Senior categories of the India Nationals will represent the country at the Grand Finale to be held at Geneva during the AI for Good Global Summit in June 2027, where teams from participating countries will compete.
517.	**B**	**Himachal Pradesh** – Under Yuva Sangam Phase VII the Odisha delegation travelled to Himachal Pradesh, reaching the State on 5 October 2026, where NIT Hamirpur is hosting it.
518.	**A**	**IIM Sambalpur** – The Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur, is the nodal institution leading the Odisha delegation on its Yuva Sangam Phase VII visit to Himachal Pradesh.
519.	**C**	**Over ₹13,000 crore** – The announcement states that the projects taken up together at Chennai in Tamil Nadu carry a combined value of more than ₹13,000 crore, and that they cover metro rail, national highways, railways, ports, petroleum and education.

520.	**B**	**Phase II of Chennai Metro, with a double-decker structure of 3.7 km** – The correct answer is Phase II of Chennai Metro, with a double-decker structure of 3.7 km.
521.	**B**	**Deoghar, Jharkhand** – The mela, named Sainya Sampark Mela - Sadaiv Aapke Saath, was held at Deoghar and was organised by the Indian Army together with the Deoghar district administration.
522.	**A**	**Always with You; for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their dependents** – The correct answer is Always with You; for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their dependents.
523.	**A**	**Cyprus and Greece** – The Ministry of Defence has said that the Defence Secretary, Rajesh Kumar Singh, will undertake an official visit to these two countries from 12 to 15 October 2026, with the Cyprus leg falling on 12 and 13 October and Greece forming the second half of the tou...
524.	**B**	**Maritime security and defence industrial cooperation** – The announcement states that these two subjects will remain prominent themes in the discussions with both countries.
525.	**B**	**International Telecommunication Union** – GI-AI4FS is a global initiative of the United Nations and the ITU is named as the body that coordinates it, working in close collaboration with three partner agencies.
526.	**A**	**Indian Council of Agricultural Research** – The Telecommunication Engineering Centre, which works under the Department of Telecommunications in the Ministry of Communications, hosted the meeting jointly with ICAR of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
527.	**B**	**Amritsar and Tarn Taran** – The high-level CAQM team visited these two districts during the paddy harvesting season because both have been identified as hotspots for paddy stubble burning, and the review meeting with Deputy Commissioners was held at Amritsar.
528.	**C**	**18** – As part of its monitoring mechanism the Commission has deployed Flying Squads in eighteen districts of Punjab for the period running from the first of October to the last day of November in the same year.
529.	**B**	**Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata** – The correct answer is Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata, where Shreyas, carrying the yard number 3040, was launched.
530.	**B**	**'Best' or 'most excellent'** – The correct answer is 'best' or 'most excellent', which is what Shreyas means in Sanskrit.
531.	**B**	**Rs 2.02 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 2.02 crore, the sum the Authority released among twenty-seven states and three union territories as their share of contributions paid by seed companies.
532.	**C**	**The Biological Diversity Act, 2002** – The correct answer is the Biological Diversity Act of that year, under which the National Biodiversity Authority, the State Biodiversity Boards and the Union Territory Biodiversity Councils function, and through which access and benefit-sharing is implemented.
533.	**B**	**Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi** – The correct answer is Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, the venue of the convention organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through Mera Yuva Bharat.
534.	**B**	**Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports** – The correct answer is Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, who addressed the convention and asked young people to become ambassadors of a developed India.
535.	**A**	**Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** – The correct answer is Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, the initiative under which the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education runs Yuva Sangam to strengthen cultural and emotional bonds among young Indians.
536.	**B**	**Central University of Karnataka** – The correct answer is the Central University of Karnataka, which led the Telangana delegation on this exchange.

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537.	**B**	**Resilience in an Age of Flux** – This was the theme chosen for the fifth edition of the Kautilya Economic Conclave, held across three days from 3 to 5 October 2026 in New Delhi by the Institute of Economic Growth together with the Union Ministry of Finance.
538.	**C**	**The Vice-President of India** – Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the conclave on 3 October 2026 and gave the inaugural address, in which he said that economic resilience cannot be separated from social resilience and that inclusion is a foundation of resilience in a fast-chang…
539.	**B**	**The Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India** – The correct answer is the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.
540.	**C**	**Eight** – Representatives of all eight Science and Technology Clusters joined the deliberations, and each of them made a presentation on its work over the two days.
541.	**B**	**Tezpur** – The Defence Correspondents Course ended there once the participating journalists had completed the Navy, Air Force and Army legs of the programme, and the valedictory function was held at the same place.
542.	**B**	**24** – The course was made up of 24 journalists, who went through legs with the Navy, the Air Force and the Army before the programme closed at Tezpur.
543.	**B**	**Rs 11,440 crore** – The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses was sanctioned with this allocation for the six years from 2025-26 to 2030-31, and the money pays for seed kits, certified seed, cluster-based cultivation in 489 districts and a thousand dal mills.
544.	**C**	**350 lakh tonnes** – The Mission sets this as the production goal for 2030-31, to be reached with yield of 1,130 kg per hectare and a sown area taken up to 310 lakh hectares.
545.	**B**	**About 7.8 kg** – The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized that much foreign-origin gold, valued at more than Rs 11.50 crore, in intelligence-led operations run on 8 and 9 October 2026 in the eastern region, and six persons were arrested.
546.	**C**	**Dankuni Toll Plaza** – A four-wheeler carrying four persons was stopped there as it travelled from Banpur, near the Bangladesh border, towards Kolkata.
547.	**C**	**5.753 kg** – The Mangalore Regional Unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence intercepted an Indian national travelling by train from Delhi to Bengaluru and recovered three packets of a white crystalline substance of that weight, suspected to be methamphetamine, fro…
548.	**A**	**Mangalore Regional Unit** – Acting on intelligence, officers of that unit stopped a passenger travelling by train from Delhi to Bengaluru and recovered 5.753 kg of suspected methamphetamine from the trolley bag being carried.
549.	**B**	**3,548** – Indian Railways notified that many graduate-level posts in the Non-Technical Popular Categories through the Centralised Employment Notification issued by the Railway Recruitment Boards, covering four categories of posts across commercial services, train opera…
550.	**D**	**Goods Train Manager** – The correct answer is Goods Train Manager, with 2,750 of the notified posts, which is by far the biggest block in this recruitment.
551.	**B**	**INS Trishul** – The Ministry of Defence stated that the guided missile stealth frigate INS Trishul had reached Plymouth in the United Kingdom, where it is scheduled to exercise with the Royal Navy in KONKAN-26.
552.	**C**	**The United Kingdom** – KONKAN is described as the yearly bilateral maritime exercise between India and the United Kingdom, held with the Royal Navy, and the current edition is being conducted in the waters off Plymouth on the British coast in a harbour phase and a sea phase.

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553. **C** **Varanasi** – The 94th edition of the weekly cycling drive was held in Varanasi, where the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports led the ride.

554. **A** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat** – The edition in Varanasi was built around that theme, which links physical fitness to the wider campaign for a drug-free generation.

555. **A** **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** – Yuva Sangam is the youth exchange carried out under that programme, and its seventh phase is being implemented by the Department of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education with the aim of strengthening national integration and building contact between y...

556. **B** **West Bengal** – The delegation from Uttarakhand, for which Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University is the nodal institute, travelled to West Bengal and is being hosted there by IIT Kharagpur.

557. **B** **Russia** – INDRA is the bilateral exercise between India and Russia, and in this edition the Indian Navy works with the Russian Federation Navy.

558. **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.

559. **B** **Chennai** – The Prime Minister addressed a public function in Chennai, where completed works were opened and foundation stones laid for new ones, the whole set valued at thirteen thousand crore rupees, and where a further stretch of the Chennai Metro was dedicated to the...

560. **C** **VOC Port, Thoothukudi** – The Prime Minister said the Union Government has recently decided to build this port into a world-class mega container and green energy hub with an investment of about seventeen thousand crore rupees, and that once the work is finished even ultra-large contai...

561. **B** **Keylong, Himachal Pradesh** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has said that the centre will come up at Keylong in the Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh, and that the Union Health Minister will lay its foundation stone there.

562. **C** **Indian Council of Medical Research** – The centre is being established by the ICMR under the Department of Health Research in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and the announcement describes it as the first dedicated centre of the ICMR for high-altitude medicine and public health research.

563. **A** **Jayaprakash Narayan** – The Prime Minister Office tribute issued on his birth anniversary refers to him throughout as Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, and in short as Loknayak JP, the word meaning leader of the people.

564. **B** **Nanaji Deshmukh** – The Prime Minister paid homage to him on his birth anniversary, which falls on the same date as that of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, and described him as an outstanding nation-builder who showed in thought and in action that genuine change starts at the gras...

565. **B** **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence** – DRI, which functions under the Ministry of Finance, is the central agency that gathers intelligence on smuggling and acts on it, and it carried out this interception at Visakhapatnam after chasing a car travelling from Kolkata towards Hyderabad.

566. **B** **In a cavity below the leg space of the front passenger seat** – The correct answer is a cavity below the leg space of the front passenger seat.

567. **C** **4,209.80 kg** – The Madhya Pradesh unit of the Central Bureau of Narcotics ran two operations in the week to 11 October 2026, and the quantities recovered in them add up to this figure.

568. **A** **Bags of wheat** – When the Tata truck with a Rajasthan registration number was stopped on the Gandhisagar-Bhanpura road on 9 October 2026 and taken to the CBN office at Garoth for a detailed search, officers found 3,280.72 kg of poppy straw underneath 100 bags of wheat that we...

569. **B** **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune** – The workshop for early career researchers, titled 'The ECR Nexus: Connecting Voices, Tools, and Science to Society', was held at IITM Pune in Meghdoot Hall, and the same event served as the curtain-raiser for the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Co…

570. **B** **Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar** – The correct answer is Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

571. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – Special Campaign 6.0 is a nationwide drive of the Government of India run through that month, with the twin purposes of making Swachhata a permanent feature of government working and of cutting the backlog of pending matters in government processes.

572. **B** **Ministry of Defence** – The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, abbreviated DESW, is a department of that ministry and is responsible for the welfare of former service personnel and their families, which is why the faster disposal of grievances and Parliamentary assurances under th…

573. **C** **1975** – The institution started that year as a single small school in the West Mambalam locality of Chennai, with only seven children on its rolls, no permanent building and very limited resources.

574. **C** **1,300** – Speaking at the jubilee, the Prime Minister said the count of universities in the country stood at about 750 in 2014 and has since crossed 1,300, a near doubling in roughly a decade.

575. **B** **18.205 MT** – The Ministry of Coal placed the stock at domestic coal-based power plants at 18.205 MT on 10 October 2026, which is why the ministry could say that the level has not fallen below 18 MT at any time since 29 September 2026, when the reading was 18.932 MT.

576. **C** **469 rakes** – Loading for the power sector averaged 469 rakes a day over the first ten days of October 2026, and it is this heavier movement that lifted daily coal supply and slowed the drawdown of stock.

577. **B** **Peptris Technologies Private Limited, Bengaluru** – The Technology Development Board, which works under the Department of Science and Technology, signed its agreement with this Bengaluru company in Karnataka and committed Rs 86 crore from the Research Development and Innovation Fund towards the VIGOR programme…

578. **C** **Rs 172 crore** – The project titled VIGOR: Advancing AI-Discovered Molecules from Bench to Clinic has been costed at that figure in full, and the Technology Development Board is carrying Rs 86 crore of it from the Research Development and Innovation Fund, which works out to e…

579. **B** **1,469 locations** – The programmes were spread over that many places in thirty-four States on a single day, and more than three and a half lakh young people and other citizens joined them.

580. **B** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan** – The parliaments and the melas were organised as a part of this campaign, and specifically under the leg of it called the 100 Weeks Campaign, with the stated aim of turning young people into active workers against substance abuse in their own localities.

581. **B** **Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy** – The correct answer is the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy, abbreviated as IGNFA, which is conducting the nineteenth Phase-III course from the twelfth of October to the sixth of November in 2026 for sixty-eight officers drawn from eighteen cadres.

582. **B** **68 officers from 18 cadres** – The course has that many participants, and the officers have come from eighteen different State cadres, which is why the ministry described the group as carrying a mix of field and policy experience ranging from wildlife conservation governance to climate-res…

583. **B** **27** – Athletes of the three Services returned from the Asian Games in Japan with 27 medals, broken up as 6 gold, 11 silver and 10 bronze, which is the best the defence forces have ever managed at the event.

584. **A** **Naib Subedar Neeru Dhanda** – She finished the Games with two gold and one silver, and her win in the individual women's trap event made her the first Indian woman to take gold in that shooting event at

the Asian Games.

585.	**B**	**Food Corporation of India** – The MoU signed alongside the launch of Bharat Rice gives the Army a formal framework to use identified FCI warehouses, labour resources and material-handling equipment when operations require them, and it holds for five years with the option of extension by m...
586.	**B**	**NAFED** – The correct answer is NAFED, the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited, which will supply the rice during the financial year 2026-27 after it is milled to prescribed defence specifications and cleared by quality-control check...
587.	**A**	**13 October 2021** – The correct answer is 13 October 2021, which is why the plan completes five years in October 2026.
588.	**C**	**58** – The master plan brings 58 Central Ministries and Departments into a single planning framework, so that infrastructure proposals can be assessed across sectors rather than ministry by ministry.
589.	**C**	**60,000 crore rupees** – PM-SETU, which stands for Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs, is a flagship scheme with that total outlay, and it seeks to change vocational education through deep industry participation and institutional reform.
590.	**C**	**51 per cent** – Dedicated Special Purpose Vehicles are being set up to manage the upgradation and operations of the two ITI clusters, and in them the industry partner AM/NS India holds a majority stake of 51 per cent.
591.	**A**	**Exercise Tarang Shakti-26** – The seminar was held on 9 October 2026 at the Air Force Auditorium, Subroto Park, New Delhi, while this multinational flying exercise was under way, so the participating teams moved from flying sorties to a conceptual discussion on doctrine.
592.	**B**	**2001** – CAPSS was set up in that year as an autonomous research and analysis body working on national security, nuclear and aerospace questions, which is why the year 2026 marks its Silver Jubilee.
593.	**A**	**Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010** – The correct answer is the Clinical Establishments (Registration and Regulation) Act, 2010, read with the Clinical Establishments (Central Government) Rules, 2012.
594.	**C**	**The local language as well as English** – The Rules require a clinical establishment to put up its rates at a conspicuous place in both, so that patients and the people accompanying them can read the charges without having to ask.
595.	**C**	**Gaya, Bihar** – The correct answer is Gaya in Bihar, which secured first position among the best-performing districts when the scheme completed its first year.
596.	**B**	**100** – The scheme was designed for one hundred districts selected on three measures: low agricultural productivity, low cropping intensity and limited disbursement of agricultural credit.
597.	**B**	**5.54%** – The correct answer is 5.54 per cent, the provisional year-on-year rate for September 2026 measured against September 2025 at the all-India combined level.
598.	**C**	**Onion** – The correct answer is onion, which topped the list of key items by inflation rate for the month, with prices roughly doubling over the year.
599.	**A**	**Shared Stories, Shared Futures** – The correct answer is Shared Stories, Shared Futures, the theme under which the three-day festival opened at the National School of Drama in New Delhi and runs from 12 to 14 October 2026.
600.	**C**	**National School of Drama** – The correct answer is the National School of Drama, an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Culture, which both hosts the opening and serves as the nodal agency for organising the festival.

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601.	**B**	**Ahmedabad, Gujarat** – The correct answer is Ahmedabad in Gujarat, where the games were staged at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex in the Naranpura area on 12 October 2026.
602.	**C**	**Mallakhamb** – The correct answer is Mallakhamb, which India demonstrated along with Yogasana and Kalaripayattu.
603.	**B**	**Himachal Pradesh** – The correct answer is Himachal Pradesh, where the centre is coming up at Keylong, the administrative centre of the Lahaul and Spiti area.
604.	**B**	**ICMR and the Armed Forces Medical Services** – The correct answer is the Indian Council of Medical Research and the Armed Forces Medical Services, a pairing meant to join scientific research capacity to the practical experience of personnel who work at extreme altitudes.
605.	**B**	**19** – The Empowered Group of Secretaries approved the cohort at its meeting on 8 October 2026, and the nineteen are made up of two kinds of institution: 14 Alternative Investment Funds and 5 Focused Research Organisations.
606.	**C**	**Anusandhan National Research Foundation** – The correct answer is the Anusandhan National Research Foundation, which works under the Department of Science and Technology in the Ministry of Science and Technology.
607.	**B**	**South Africa** – INS Tarkash, a frontline guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, has been sent on an overseas deployment to South Africa to join the ninth edition of the India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise.
608.	**B**	**2008** – IBSAMAR has been held once in two years since that year, under the India-Brazil-South Africa framework, and has become a settled platform for joint training and for sharing operational practices among the three navies.
609.	**B**	**1993** – The National Human Rights Commission was set up on 12 October of that year, and the Commission therefore observes 12 October as its foundation day; this year it marked the 33rd such occasion at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, where it also held a national confere...
610.	**B**	**The Chief Justice of India** – The correct answer is the Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, who addressed the function as chief guest.
611.	**C**	**1,348.08 million** – The report for the quarter ending June 2026 records this as the total of wireless and wireline connections, a rise of 1.31 per cent over the previous quarter and of 10.65 per cent over the same quarter a year earlier.
612.	**C**	**94.31 per cent** – Tele-density measures telephone connections for every hundred people, and the overall figure improved from 93.26 per cent at the end of March 2026 to 94.31 per cent at the end of June 2026.
613.	**B**	**2030** – Addressing the business plenary of the 16th India-UK Joint Economic and Trade Committee, the Minister asked businesses in both countries to aim at doubling bilateral trade by the end of this decade, noting that about 1,500 days were left to work with.
614.	**B**	**In the United Kingdom in 2027** – The joint statement of the 16th meeting records the decision that the next session of the Joint Economic and Trade Committee will be hosted by the British side in that year.
615.	**B**	**55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi** – The correct answer is 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi, which now becomes the headquarters address of the Alliance.
616.	**C**	**Clouded leopard** – The Alliance was set up for the conservation of seven big cats, and the list runs lion, tiger, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar and puma.
617.	**A**	**Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune** – The inaugural function of the assembly was held there, and the institute's Director delivered the opening keynote on modelling the monsoon and on

narrowing the gap between how far the monsoon can be predicted in principle and the skill of actual forecasts.

618.	**A**	**World Climate Research Programme** – The correct answer is the World Climate Research Programme, usually shortened to WCRP.
619.	**C**	**Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi** – The ship was designed in India and constructed by that yard, and it carries more than 80 per cent indigenous content, which the Navy cites as evidence of India's own strength in warship design, construction and systems integration.
620.	**B**	**Mahe class** – INS Mangrol, with pennant number P82, is the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft of that class to enter service with the Indian Navy.
621.	**C**	**Eighth** – The Council met in New Delhi with Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, on the Indian side and Jonathan Reynolds, the British Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Trade, on...
622.	**A**	**Oxford Nanopore Technologies** – The centre is named BRIC-CDFD-ONT India Genomics Centre of Excellence, and the letters ONT stand for that company, whose Chief Financial Officer attended the opening.
623.	**B**	**7,045 metres** – A team of seventeen climbers of the Indian Coast Guard reached the summit of Mount Mukut at that height on 7 October 2026, working through extreme weather on the way up.
624.	**B**	**Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling** – The correct answer is the Himalayan Mountaineering Institute, Darjeeling, usually shortened to HMI.
625.	**B**	**Vijayawada** – The Ministry of Rural Development is holding the fair at Punnami Ghat in that city, working with the Society for Elimination of Rural Poverty of Andhra Pradesh, and this is the first time the National SARAS Mela has been staged outside Delhi and the National...
626.	**B**	**The President of India** – Droupadi Murmu, who holds that office, will inaugurate the fair on the fifteenth of October.
627.	**B**	**India Meteorological Department** – The IMD, which works under the Ministry of Earth Sciences, dedicated the Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System to the nation on 12 October 2026.
628.	**B**	**The Director General of Meteorology, IMD** – The bi-annual Pre-Cyclone Exercise Meeting for the post-monsoon season, covering October to December 2026, was held under the chairmanship of Dr. Mrutyunjay Mohapatra, Director General of Meteorology at the India Meteorological Department, who is also the 3rd...
629.	**C**	**Rs 331 crore** – Union Minister for Communications and DoNER, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, took up ten projects of about this value in Mizoram on 12 October 2026 in the presence of Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma.
630.	**B**	**Rs 189.79 crore** – The Mizoram Ginger Mission of this size is meant to draw nearly 20,000 farming households into a single value chain that covers cultivation, processing, branding, connectivity and access to national and international markets.
631.	**C**	**6.35 lakh** – This is the training target given to the Rural Self Employment Training Institutes for the current year, and it is larger than the target that had been fixed for the previous year, 2025-26.
632.	**B**	**National Academy of RUDSETI** – The correct answer is the National Academy of RUDSETI, written in short as NAR.
633.	**B**	**Tharman Shanmugaratnam** – Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman called on him during her visit from 8 to 11 October 2026 and also attended a luncheon he hosted along

with the Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund.

634.	**B**	**2027** – During the Union Finance Minister's visit, the two sides exchanged views on strengthening India-ASEAN cooperation and regional economic ties in the run-up to Singapore's ASEAN Chairmanship, which falls in that year.
635.	**C**	**Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER).
636.	**C**	**More than 590** – That is the participation figure the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region gave for the Ashtalakshmi Darshan Programme over the past year, and it is the number an examiner is most likely to lift from this news.
637.	**A**	**Rs 1.87 lakh crore** – Sales of khadi and village industry products in 2025-26 reached this level, the highest ever recorded for the sector, with the count taken up to May 2026.
638.	**C**	**1956** – KVIC is a statutory body established under the Khadi and Village Industries Commission Act of that year, and the Act is what gives the commission its mandate to plan, promote, facilitate, organise and assist village industries.
639.	**B**	**New Delhi** – The Bloomberg New Economy Forum, which gathers business leaders, policymakers and delegates from many countries for discussions on the economy, technology, energy and global affairs, was held in India for the first time, and the Prime Minister addressed the g...
640.	**A**	**November 2021** – Under the Paris Agreement, India committed in 2015 to meeting 40 per cent of its installed electricity capacity from non-fossil sources by 2030, and the Prime Minister told the forum that the country touched that level in November 2021 itself, nine years ahea...
641.	**A**	**Shrutlekh** – During the ice-breaking session of the capacity building programme on urban service delivery, the Digital India BHASHINI Division deployed Shrutlekh to translate speech as it was spoken, working in both directions between English and Spanish so that delegates...
642.	**B**	**2,353** – BHASHINI, which serves as India's Language Digital Public Infrastructure, has had its language technologies built into that many government platforms, and these include more than 800 government websites, so option D names only the websites and not the full co...
643.	**B**	**2,38,579** – The 53rd monthly CPGRAMS report brought out by DARPG for September 2026 puts the number of grievances closed by Central Ministries and Departments at 2,38,579 for the month.
644.	**C**	**Uttar Pradesh** – The 50th CPGRAMS report on States and Union Territories records that Uttar Pradesh closed the largest number of cases in September 2026 at 45,970, far ahead of every other State.
645.	**B**	**135.35 million tonnes** – The Ministry of Railways reported that loading in September 2026 reached 135.35 million tonnes, which was 6.14 per cent higher than the same month a year earlier.
646.	**C**	**Food grain** – The correct answer is food grain, whose loading grew 25 per cent during September 2026, the steepest rise among the commodity groups listed by the Ministry of Railways.
647.	**B**	**366.33 crore rupees** – On the first day of the auction, 150 plots belonging to Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited were sold and the winning bids together came to 366.33 crore rupees.
648.	**B**	**Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited** – The correct answer is Rashtriya Ispat Nigam Limited, the corporate entity that operates the Visakhapatnam Steel Plant.
649.	**B**	**150** – The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, along with Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta, flagged off 150 new electric buses at Swami Vivekanand ISBT in Anand Vihar under the Sewa Sankalp Abhiyaan, as part of the capital's p...

650. **C** — **60** – Delhi had forty-seven monitoring stations run by various agencies, among them the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, the Central Pollution Control Board, the India Meteorological Department, the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology and the ministry dealin...

651. **B** — **Czech Republic** – Rajnath Singh met Karel Havlicek, who is the First Deputy Prime Minister as well as the Minister of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, in New Delhi, and the two reviewed the entire range of defence industrial cooperation between their countries.

652. **A** — **India-Czech Joint Defence Committee** – The correct answer is the India-Czech Joint Defence Committee, named in the talks as the mechanism through which the two sides would take their defence industrial engagement further.

653. **B** — **The Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister** – The correct answer is the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, Dr. P. K. Mishra, who spoke at the inaugural session of the conference held in New Delhi and organised by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

654. **C** — **2022-23** – In his address, Dr. P. K. Mishra pointed to the introduction of the new National Accounts Series with 2022-23 as the base year, together with updated Consumer Price Index and Index of Industrial Production series, as an important step in keeping statistical m...

655. **C** — **Karwar** – Samarthak is to be commissioned at Naval Base, Karwar, and the ceremony has been fixed for 16 October 2026.

656. **C** — **Four** – Samarthak is the first of four Multi-Purpose Vessels that are joining the Indian Navy, which means three more ships of the same class will be delivered after her.

657. **B** — **28 December** – The amnesty was made available for a period of six months counted from the date on which the Employees' Provident Fund Scheme, 2026 was notified, and that notification was issued on 29 June 2026.

658. **B** — **The Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952** – The correct answer is the Employees' Provident Funds and Miscellaneous Provisions Act, 1952.

659. **B** — **Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy** – The Ministry of Ayush has published a separate Standard Treatment Guidelines document for each of these four systems, and Yoga has been brought into the guidelines as an inclusion rather than as a fifth system with its own document.

660. **C** — **The 11th Ayurveda Day** – The Ministry of Ayush chose this occasion to put the guidelines in the public domain, which ties the release to the ministry's own calendar of observances.

661. **B** — **82.57 km** – The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the upgradation of this length of the Muzaffarpur-Sitamarhi-Sonbarsa section of National Highway-22 to four lanes in August 2026, at a total capital cost of Rs 3,590.73 crore on the Hybrid Annuity Mode.

662. **C** — **Hybrid Annuity Mode** – This is the model under which the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs cleared the upgradation of the 82.57-km stretch at a total capital cost of Rs 3,590.73 crore.

663. **C** — **27** – The collection drawn from Uttarakhand in this edition runs to twenty-seven mementos, all of them gifts presented to the Prime Minister, and they include framed artworks, photo prints, temple models and other keepsakes that reflect the state's sacred landmarks...

664. **B** — **Namami Gange Programme** – Money raised through the auction of mementos presented to the Prime Minister goes towards the rejuvenation and conservation of the Ganga under this programme, which is why the wooden model of the Ganga Ji Mandir at Mukhba is described as tying the Uttarakhand...

665. **B** — **86%** – The Ministry of Jal Shakti review records that compliance among grossly polluting industries in the Ganga basin climbed from 39% in 2017 to 86% in 2025, a steady gain produced by annual inspection, independent technical assessment and sector charters.

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666.	C	**3,703** – The 2025 inspection cycle covered 3,703 grossly polluting industries in all, spread over 113 districts in six states and one Union Territory, with the potential to discharge into 46 tributaries and sub-tributaries of the Ganga and Yamuna.
667.	B	**ICAR-National Soybean Research Institute, Indore** – Both varieties were bred at this institute, which functions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and it was the institute that organised the Soybean Harvest Day on 9 October 2026 at which their yield potential was assessed.
668.	B	**About 10 to 11 quintals per hectare** – This is the figure for the country's average soybean productivity at present, and it is the benchmark against which the new reading of roughly 20 quintals per hectare from NRC 268 and NRC 270 is being judged.
669.	B	**Delhi Declaration** – The first meeting of BIMSTEC Home Ministers, hosted by India in New Delhi and chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, adopted this declaration, which lays down the principles behind security cooperation in the grouping.
670.	C	**Gujarat** – At the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers Meeting the Union Home Minister said the proposed BIMSTEC Disaster Management Centre is planned at Jamnagar, which lies in Gujarat, and he asked member countries to take an active part in making the centre work.
671.	C	**More than 1,800** – As the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan completed five years, the government stated that the platform integrates more than 1,800 data layers covering 58 Central Ministries and Departments and all 36 States and Union Territories, along with more than 65 soft...
672.	A	**Network Planning Group** – The NPG evaluates infrastructure projects against PM GatiShakti principles and has appraised over 400 projects worth about 20.23 lakh crore rupees, with the count standing at 421 projects in 2026.
673.	B	**Joint Squad for Health** – The nationwide campaign organised on 13 October 2026 placed JOSH teams in 11 states and 55 districts on a pilot basis, and every team has MY Bharat volunteers, cadets of the National Cadet Corps and a designated Class-I officer.
674.	C	**21%** – Yearly emerging cases of tuberculosis in India came down by 21% between 2015 and 2024, as recorded in the World Health Organisation's Global Tuberculosis Report 2025, and this is one of the steepest declines in incidence recorded anywhere, faster than in othe...
675.	B	**Rs 40 crore** – Under the memorandum of understanding signed with the National Sports Development Fund and the Sports Authority of India, Indian Oil Corporation will provide this amount over a period of two years from its corporate social responsibility funds.
676.	B	**Six, including three gold** – Indian boxers finished the Asian Games 2026 with six medals in total, three of them gold and the other three bronze, and this showing is the reason the new partnership is described as coming at an important time for the sport.
677.	C	**19 October 2026** – The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship reopened the registration window for the IndiaSkills Competition 2026-27 up to this date, after many requests from institutions and from young people who had not been able to apply earlier.
678.	B	**Tenth** – The Indian contingent secured the tenth position globally at WorldSkills Shanghai, winning six silver medals and 20 Medallions for Excellence.
679.	C	**Tenth** – The National Convention of Agrivision-2026 being held on 13 and 14 October at the ICAR-NASC Complex at Pusa in New Delhi is the tenth national convention of Agrivision, and for that reason it is described as a significant milestone for the organisation.
680.	B	**About 450 students from 25 states** – Students of agriculture and allied sciences in that number, representing that many states, are taking part in the tenth National Convention of Agrivision-2026, alongside eminent speakers, scientists, senior officers of the Indian Council of Agricultural Resea...

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681.	**B**	**Mumbai** – The twenty-first meeting of the Maritime State Development Council was held in Mumbai, where delegates were also taken on study visits to the cruise terminal of the Mumbai Port Authority and to Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority before the session began.
682.	**B**	**The Indian Ports Act, 2025** – The Council was recognised as a statutory consultative body under this Act, which was notified on 15 May 2026, and the Mumbai session was the first one it held in that new character.
683.	**B**	**Andaman Sea** – The two blocks put up for auction, Sewell Rise-01 and West Sewell Ridge-01, both lie in the Andaman Sea, and both hold polymetallic nodules and crusts.
684.	**C**	**1,632 square kilometres** – Sewell Rise-01 accounts for 632 square kilometres of that area and West Sewell Ridge-01 for the remaining 1,000 square kilometres, so the two blocks together make up the figure asked for.
685.	**A**	**Hampi, Taj Mahal and Bekal Fort** – The agreement signed by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, the National Culture Fund and the Archaeological Survey of India covers conservation and development work at Hampi in Karnataka, the Taj Mahal at Agra in Uttar Pradesh and Bekal Fort in Kerala.
686.	**B**	**23.60 crore rupees** – Hindustan Aeronautics Limited accorded in-principle approval for financial support of this amount, to be used over the financial years 2026-27 to 2028-29, and the spending forms part of the company's corporate social responsibility effort.
687.	**A**	**Karmayogi Bharat** – The correct answer is Karmayogi Bharat, which signed the memorandum of understanding with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs in New Delhi for a Tribal Affairs Capacity Building Platform under the iGOT Karmayogi framework.
688.	**B**	**Maharashtra, Odisha, Goa and Tripura** – These four states were placed first in the queue for the three day in-person training of volunteers, which State Administrative Training Institutes are to design and deliver along with state tribal welfare departments, and they are expected to finish it by th…
689.	**A**	**Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali** – The correct answer is the Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali, which is an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology.
690.	**B**	**Turmeric extract** – The nanoparticles were synthesised in the laboratory of Aviru Kumar Basu using an extract of turmeric, in which naturally occurring compounds such as curcumin, flavonoids and phenolic compounds worked as the reducing and stabilising agents.
691.	**B**	**IndiGo** – The Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications worked with this airline for the campaign, under which travellers on selected flights were given specially designed digital detox kits containing postcards.
692.	**B**	**Philately Day** – The correct answer is Philately Day, which was observed on 12 October during the National Postal Week celebrations held from 9 to 15 October.
693.	**B**	**Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave, shortened to ESTIC-2026, is to be held there from 27 to 29 October 2026, and DRDO will lead its thematic session on semiconductors and next-generation chips.
694.	**C**	**Twelve** – The conclave is being organised jointly by 12 ministries and departments, and the whole exercise is guided by the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.
695.	**A**	**Mizoram University, Aizawl** – Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the conclave there, with Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma, State Minister Prof. Lalnilawma, MDoNER Secretary Srinivas Katikithala and NEC Secretary S…

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696.	C	**47 rupees** – Mr Scindia used this figure to argue that financial inclusion in the region has not yet turned into economic inclusion: deposits are being collected, but lending lags behind.
697.	B	**India** – India stands first in the world both in making coir and in selling it abroad, and about two-thirds of global coir output comes from Indian units.
698.	C	**₹6,614.40 crore** – The correct answer is ₹6,614.40 crore, the value of coir and coir product exports in FY 2025-26.
699.	B	**11.39 per cent** – Wholesale price inflation for September 2026 was measured at 11.39 per cent on a year-on-year basis, a clear step up from the previous month.
700.	C	**Fuel and Power** – The correct answer is Fuel and Power, which inflated by 25.85 per cent in September 2026, far above the headline rate of 11.39 per cent.
701.	B	**MP-IDSA, New Delhi** – The maiden ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum was convened at the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in New Delhi, where Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh addressed delegates from India and all eleven ASEAN member states across a two-day...
702.	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.
703.	B	**Rs 33,660 crore** – That is the outlay with which BHAVYA was notified on 10 April 2026 after Cabinet approval in March 2026, and it funds the development of 100 plug-and-play industrial parks with assistance of up to Rs 1 crore per acre.
704.	A	**100 in all, up to 50 in the first phase** – The correct answer is 100 in all, up to 50 in the first phase.
705.	B	**Manama** – The ceremony at which the Indian Navy gave up command of Combined Task Force 154 was held at Manama in Bahrain on 14 October 2026, and it closed the first spell in which India headed a task force of the Combined Maritime Forces.
706.	C	**47** – The Combined Maritime Forces is a partnership of 47 nations, and CTF 154 is the one task force within it that is given over wholly to training, running professional courses and capacity building so that member navies can work with one another at sea.
707.	B	**Rs 151 crore** – That is the support the Technology Development Board has agreed to extend to ideaForge Technology Limited under the Research Development and Innovation Fund, and it comes in the form of debt financing.
708.	C	**200 kg** – YETI is designed to lift payloads of up to 200 kg, and by a neat coincidence the same figure is its targeted range in kilometres, which makes the pair easy to remember together.
709.	A	**Mizoram University, Aizawl** – The third edition of the conclave was held there, and Dr Sukanta Majumdar, Union Minister of State for Development of North Eastern Region and for Education, addressed it on 13 October 2026, asking banks to widen their reach and lend more readily in the regio...
710.	B	**6,905 of 9,479** – The minister said that out of the 9,479 villages identified for coverage in the Northeast, 6,905 now have either a bank branch or an India Post Payments Bank point, which comes to roughly 73 per cent.
711.	B	**Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana** – When the Union Cabinet approved carrying the programme forward for five years, it renamed the umbrella scheme itself to Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana, so option B is the one to mark.
712.	C	**Rs 625** – The approved structure of the disability pension has two slabs by age.
713.	C	**78 days** – The Union Cabinet cleared a Productivity Linked Bonus equal to 78 days' wages for railway employees, and this is the figure every other number in the decision hangs on: the total sanctioned

amount, the per-employee ceiling and the count of employees covered a...

714.	**B**	**Rs 2,009.61 crore** – That is the amount the Union Cabinet approved for paying a bonus of 78 days' wages to railway employees, and it is spread across 11,40,770 employees.
715.	**B**	**Directorate of Revenue Intelligence** – DRI ran Operation Deep Manifest and detected 295 containers carrying 7,311 metric tonnes of Pakistan-origin industrial or Himalayan rock salt, worth roughly Rs 30 crore, that had been brought into the country in breach of the import ban.
716.	**A**	**Sri Lanka** – The salt was shipped through Colombo Port in Sri Lanka and then sent on to India, a third-country route meant to break the visible link with Pakistan.
717.	**A**	**Kullu, Himachal Pradesh** – The Central Bureau of Narcotics carried out its destruction drive in Kullu district, clearing 5,165 acres, or 2,070 hectares, of illicit cannabis cultivation over one month.
718.	**B**	**Ministry of Finance** – The Central Bureau of Narcotics is the country's apex drug law enforcement and regulatory agency and it sits under the Department of Revenue in the Ministry of Finance, a placement that surprises candidates and therefore makes a good question.
719.	**B**	**25** – The partnership begins by adopting 25 clinical trial sites in emerging research geographies, assessing what each can do, and then giving the staff targeted training and mentoring while tightening documentation and the processes around ethics, safety and trial...
720.	**A**	**Biopharma SHAKTI** – It is described as the central government's flagship initiative for building a stronger biopharma ecosystem, and among its goals is the creation of a thousand clinical trial sites across the country; the partnership between NIPER Raebareli and AstraZeneca Ind...
721.	**A**	**Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme** – That is what the abbreviation stands for in BHARAT TULIP, the programme the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment runs through the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation to broaden the market reach of traditional artisans.
722.	**B**	**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – It implements the programme through the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation, which handles the market linkage work on digital platforms and e-commerce channels.
723.	**A**	**M/s 10955230 Canada Inc, a Fairfax Financial Holdings entity** – The correct answer is M/s 10955230 Canada Inc, a Fairfax Financial Holdings entity.
724.	**C**	**60.72 per cent** – This is the aggregate equity block going to the Strategic Buyer, and it is made up of two parts: the Government of India contributes 30.48 per cent and LIC contributes 30.24 per cent, with the sale proceeds divided in that same ratio.
725.	**A**	**Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement** – The correct answer is the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement, usually written as SIOFA.
726.	**C**	**China** – The correct answer is China, with a share of 21 per cent of high seas fishing.
727.	**A**	**Prof. Ramesh Chand** – The Government of India constituted the committee under his chairmanship to examine the issues raised by sugarcane farmers and to recommend suitable measures.
728.	**B**	**Karnataka and Maharashtra** – The committee was constituted following the decisions taken during a meeting in which representatives of sugarcane farmers from these two States met the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare together with the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Fo...
729.	**A**	**Justice Prakash Prabhakar Naolekar (Retd.)** – As Chairman of the committee he launched its dedicated digital web portal in New Delhi, a portal that is now fully operational for public access, stakeholder submissions and data interaction.

730.	**B**	**Ministry of Home Affairs** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Home Affairs, which formally constituted the committee on 26 May 2026.
731.	**B**	**Statutory audit reporting by Multi-State Cooperative Societies** – MSCARO stands for the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Auditor's Report) Order, and the version mandated now creates a uniform, structured and risk-based framework in which auditors report on financial, administrative, governance and statutory compliance p...
732.	**A**	**Section 73(6) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023** – The correct answer is Section 73(6) of the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2023.
733.	**B**	**Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant** – The correct answer is Dr. Ananda Shankar Jayant, a renowned classical dancer and author who also served as an officer of the Indian Railway Traffic Service.
734.	**C**	**500** – While speaking on the spread of cancer care, the Vice-President said that over 700 District Clinics and 500 Day Care Cancer Centres have been established, and that 19 State Cancer Institutes and 20 Tertiary Care Cancer Centres have been approved for operation...
735.	**A**	**Shared Vision for a Better World: SDG 7 (Clean & Affordable Energy)** – The correct answer is Shared Vision for a Better World: SDG 7 (Clean & Affordable Energy).
736.	**B**	**999.9, 999.5 and 999.0 parts per thousand** – These three grades of fine silver bullion and coins were brought within the scope of the standard after the gazette notification of Amendment No. 1 to IS 2112:2025, which deals with silver and silver alloys, jewellery and artefacts, their fineness and their m...
737.	**B**	**US$1 billion by March 2029** – The campaign was launched by the Defence Minister in New Delhi and is the largest fundraising effort ever undertaken by any Indian Institute of Technology.
738.	**C**	**IIT Kanpur** – The Defence Minister said the proposal to set up a National Military Drone Technology Hub at IIT Kanpur, in collaboration with the Ministry of Defence, has made significant progress and that its approval process is nearing completion.
739.	**C**	**62** – The Union Minister of State for Science and Technology felicitated 62 young innovators at the twelfth edition of the National Level Exhibition and Project Competition, held under the INSPIRE-MANAK scheme in New Delhi.
740.	**A**	**Million Minds Augmenting National Aspirations and Knowledge** – The scheme is a flagship initiative of the Department of Science and Technology, carried out with the National Innovation Foundation-India, an autonomous body under the department.
741.	**C**	**121st** – It was brought out by the National Statistical Systems Training Academy, which works under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
742.	**B**	**National Statistical Systems Training Academy** – The correct answer is the National Statistical Systems Training Academy, usually written as NSSTA, which functions under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.
743.	**C**	**Third** – The Joint Trade Committee is the standing bilateral mechanism through which India and Brunei Darussalam review trade and economic cooperation, and this round was convened to take stock of commercial ties and identify ways of strengthening them.
744.	**B**	**Pharmaceuticals, healthcare and energy** – On the first two the two sides examined regulatory collaboration, procurement and healthcare services, recognising the scope for much greater engagement between them.
745.	**B**	**Creating innovative agents in 5G** – The Build-a-thon was organised by the Department of Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications along with the International Telecommunication Union, and was held on the closing day of India Mobile Congress 2026 at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi.

746. **C** **Team Netaxis, RVCE Bangalore** – The correct answer is Team Netaxis of RVCE Bangalore, which won for an entry on context aware agentic orchestration of quality of service and adaptive security in resource constrained 5G.

747. **B** **Research, Development and Innovation Scheme** – The correct answer is the Research, Development and Innovation Scheme, usually called the RDI Scheme.

748. **C** **Department of Science and Technology** – The correct answer is the Department of Science and Technology, or DST, which administers the RDI Scheme and therefore took the decision to widen its scope.

749. **B** **CSIR and the Ministry of External Affairs** – The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research worked with the New, Emerging and Strategic Technologies Division of the MEA to run the first edition of the programme, which was held on 14 October 2026 and designed to deepen India's scientific links with co...

750. **B** **33 officials from 29 countries** – The first edition brought together thirty-three Ambassadors and senior embassy officials who between them represented twenty-nine nations, most of them in the Global South.

751. **C** **Top 100 districts** – The ministry decided against a uniform nationwide drive and instead identified the judicial districts where the number of pending cases is largest, settling on one hundred of them.

752. **C** **Over 5.8 crore** – The ministry stated that this many matters are awaiting decision in courts across the country and that the majority of them lie in the district and subordinate judiciary rather than in the constitutional courts.

753. **A** **Making Indian Power Sector AI Enabled** – This was the declared theme under which the Central Electricity Authority held its international conference cum exhibition at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, the first of its two days falling on 14 October 2026.

754. **B** **Vidhyut Dwar Portal** – The correct answer is the Vidhyut Dwar Portal, launched by the Central Electricity Authority during the inaugural session of its international conference on artificial intelligence in the power sector.

755. **B** **Greater India Society** – The correct answer is the Greater India Society, which was established in Calcutta on 14 October 1926 and whose hundred years the conference commemorates.

756. **A** **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts** – The correct answer is the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, known as IGNCA, an autonomous institution working under the Ministry of Culture.

757. **B** **Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana 2.0** – The Captive Employer CXO Meet at the Rajasthan International Centre in Jaipur was held by the Ministry of Rural Development along with the Rajasthan Skill and Livelihoods Development Corporation, and its subject was the Captive Employment window of DDU-GKY 2....

758. **B** **18.49 lakh** – That is the number of rural young people trained under the scheme to date, as disclosed at the Captive Employer CXO Meet held in Jaipur on 15 October 2026.

759. **C** **Manipur** – The Digital India BHASHINI Division signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Government of Manipur at the Manipur Chapter of the BHASHINI Rajyam Workshop, held in Imphal on 14 October 2026.

760. **A** **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** – The Digital India BHASHINI Division works under the Digital India Corporation, which comes under that ministry, and it is advancing what the government calls a Language-First Digital Public Infrastructure for the country.

761. **B** **IIT Delhi** – Adi Vaani has been built by IIT Delhi together with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and at the first meeting of the Working Group on Tribal Languages the institute asked the group for help in

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validating datasets, settling spelling and orthography, and develop...

762. **C** **The Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs** – The correct answer is the Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Smt. Ranjana Chopra, who chaired the hybrid workshop and closed it by asking members to share details of the languages they have worked on so that these could be folded into the platform along w...

763. **B** **The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change** – The correct answer is the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, who chaired the meeting in New Delhi and released four publications of the institute there.

764. **C** **Four** – The volumes released at the meeting deal with biodiversity and its conservation practices in the Bhagirathi Eco-sensitive Zone, with the Gangotri Glaciated System, with e-PBR governance for the Indian Himalayan Region, and with the Ramsar wetlands of the Indi...

765. **A** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, which the government named as the nodal department for the campaign.

766. **C** **31 October 2026** – The campaign has two phases: the preparatory phase, which was completed at the end of September, and the implementation phase, which began on 2 October and runs to the end of that month.

767. **D** **40 per cent** – For women aged 15 years and above the Labour Force Participation Rate reached that level in 2025.

768. **B** **20 lakh rupees** – The scheme, which began in 2015, seeks to widen access to collateral-free credit up to that amount for micro and small enterprises in non-corporate and non-farm income generating activities.

769. **C** **Deterrence** – Speaking at a Defence Conclave in New Delhi, Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh described the security landscape of the digital age as hybrid, high-tech and hyper warfare, and listed a 5D Security Threat made up of disinformation, destabilisation, disruption, d...

770. **A** **Over Rs 1.78 lakh crore** – At the Defence Conclave the Raksha Mantri said defence production had reached a record of more than that figure, measured against Rs 40,000 crore in 2014, and that the sector is aiming at Rs 2 lakh crore this year and Rs 3 lakh crore by 2029.

771. **B** **The Vice-President of India** – The correct answer is the Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, who opened the conference in New Delhi and used the address to call for stronger scientific research into Ayurveda so that the efficacy of traditional practices is established and th...

772. **C** **Kaumarabhritya** – The correct answer is Kaumarabhritya, the branch of Ayurveda devoted to child health, which gives the conference its name.

773. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October** – The correct answer is Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October.

774. **B** **Creative minds catalyzing science and empowering technology** – Professor Abhay Karandikar, Member of NITI Aayog and the Chief Guest at the curtain-raiser, called the theme apt because it speaks of the creative minds that work on scientific innovations and then turn them into technologies that serve society.

775. **A** **ARCI, the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials** – The correct answer is ARCI, the International Advanced Research Centre for Powder Metallurgy and New Materials, which is an autonomous research and development centre of the Department of Science and Technology.

776. **B** **IIT Madras Research Park, Chennai** – The correct answer is the IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai, where the 9th Workshop on Recent Advancements in Hydrogen Value Chain was held on 13 October

2026.

777.	**B**	**West Bengal LSA** – For telecom licensing the Andaman and Nicobar Islands are grouped with West Bengal, and the drive test across South Andaman district and the coastal route from Port Blair to Havelock was conducted under that service area during August 2026, supervised by the...
778.	**C**	**RJIL** – The correct answer is RJIL, which averaged 297.95 Mbps on its 5G and 4G networks in parts of Kolkata city and the Howrah and Hooghly districts.
779.	**B**	**New Space India Limited** – The Bengaluru-based company signed a contract worth Rs 2,563 crore with the Ministry of Defence on 15 October 2026 for GSAT-7C, a dedicated communication satellite for the Indian Air Force.
780.	**B**	**A ship-launched anti-submarine heavy weight torpedo** – Varunastra is launched from a warship and is meant to destroy submarines, and it was developed in India by the Naval Science and Technological Laboratory.
781.	**C**	**Rs 3,350 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 3,350 crore, the approximate value of the five projects that Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and dedicated in Ladakh through video conferencing.
782.	**A**	**Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport** – The correct answer is Kushok Bakula Rinpoche Airport at Leh, whose new terminal was built at a cost of 650 crore rupees.
783.	**B**	**Vijayawada** – The correct answer is Vijayawada, in Andhra Pradesh, where the National SARAS Mela is being held and where the President went on 15 October 2026.
784.	**C**	**More than 650** – Around 1500 women self-help group entrepreneurs and Lakhpati Didis, drawn from 34 States and Union Territories, are showing their products at these stalls in Vijayawada, and the fair remains open until 31 October 2026.
785.	**A**	**Frontier Tech Hub of NITI Aayog** – The correct answer is the Frontier Tech Hub of NITI Aayog, which released the Data Centre Evaluation Framework on 14 October 2026 to help States plan for sustainable growth of data centres.
786.	**C**	**Five** – The framework is built around Power and Energy; Water and Cooling; Siting and Environmental Sustainability; Economic and Strategic Value; and Policy, Governance and Implementation.
787.	**B**	**5 per cent** – The overall unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above stayed at this level in September 2026, the same as in the previous month, and it was 0.2 percentage points lower than in September 2025.
788.	**B**	**50.7 per cent** – Urban LFPR gained 0.3 percentage points over the month, rising from 50.4 per cent in August 2026, and this improvement was the main point of the bulletin.
789.	**B**	**Twenty-five years of the Prime Minister in public office** – The correct answer is twenty-five years of the Prime Minister in public office.
790.	**C**	**More than 3,600** – The camp at Jagdalpur ran from 5 to 7 October 2026 and benefited that many persons with disabilities, and more than 1,570 of the beneficiaries were from Bastar alone, a figure the Home Minister described as a measure of what the district has endured.
791.	**B**	**Ministry of Jal Shakti** – The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, written short as DDWS, is a department of that ministry, and it ran the thirteenth edition of the District Collectors' Peyjal Samvad over video conferencing, with Secretary Ashok K.K. Meena in the chair.
792.	**C**	**Bargarh, Odisha** – Its District Magistrate and Collector, Aditya Goyal, described a three-stage approach of execution, commissioning and then operation and maintenance, and said large multi-village schemes had carried round-the-clock piped water to IIM Sambalpur.

793.	**B**	**Clause (2) of Article 75** – The press communique states that the President of India, as advised by the Prime Minister, accepted the resignation under that clause, which lays down that a Minister holds office during the pleasure of the President.
794.	**C**	**The President of India, on the advice of the Prime Minister** – The correct answer is the President of India, on the advice of the Prime Minister.
795.	**B**	**Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi** – The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal, inaugurated the National Strategic Trade Command Centre there, in the presence of the Commerce Secretary, Rajesh Agrawal, and the Director General of Foreign Trade, Lav Agarwal.
796.	**B**	**Department of Commerce** – The correct answer is the Department of Commerce, which sits in the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and built the command centre to strengthen the monitoring, analysis and governance of India international trade through integrated data analytics.
797.	**B**	**80.75 billion dollars** – The correct answer is 80.75 billion dollars, the estimate for merchandise and services exports taken together in the month, which works out to growth of 10.99 per cent over the same month of the previous year.
798.	**C**	**Electronic goods** – The correct answer is electronic goods, whose exports expanded by 70.44 per cent during the month, moving up from 3.11 billion dollars a year earlier to 5.31 billion dollars.
799.	**C**	**Fourth place** – India ended the Asian Games of that year in that position, and it was precisely this result that the Union Sports Minister sat down to examine with the heads of the National Sports Federations.
800.	**A**	**Doha** – The review conclave treated the Asian Games of 2030 at Doha as one of the three events to prepare for, alongside the Los Angeles Olympics of 2028 and the Commonwealth Games of 2030 that India is to host.
801.	**B**	**1 December 2026** – From that date the requirement of independent verification applies to every new highway project awarded under the Engineering, Procurement and Construction model, the Hybrid Annuity Model and the Build-Operate-Transfer model, and also to projects in which des…
802.	**C**	**3,000 cubic metres per second** – That is the threshold of design discharge at which a major river bridge is drawn into the new verification regime.
803.	**B**	**12,000 rupees** – The scheme is a Central Sector Scheme run by the Department of School Education and Literacy for meritorious students of economically weaker families, and the money is meant to keep a child in school rather than leaving after the eighth class.
804.	**B**	**31 October 2026** – The correct answer is 31 October 2026, the closing date for registering applications for that academic year.
805.	**B**	**Department of Science and Technology** – The Board sits within that department and finances Indian enterprises that are developing and commercialising home grown technology, which is why it was the body to sign an agreement for an indigenous computed tomography scanner.
806.	**A**	**Panacea Medical Technologies Private Limited** – The correct answer is Panacea Medical Technologies Private Limited, a manufacturer based at Malur in Karnataka whose earlier work has been in radiotherapy and radiology.
807.	**B**	**Incheon** – The 14th High Level Meeting between the Indian Coast Guard and the Korea Coast Guard was held in that Korean port city on 14 October 2026, during an official visit by the Indian delegation to the Republic of Korea that ran from 13 to 16 October 2026.
808.	**B**	**Inspector General T. Sashi Kumar** – The correct answer is Inspector General T. Sashi Kumar, who led the Indian Coast Guard delegation on its official visit to the Republic of Korea.

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809.	**C**	**The 12th session** – The correct answer is the 12th session, held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and organised by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
810.	**A**	**Ministry of Railways and Ministry of Power** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Railways and the Ministry of Power, which joined the session under a whole of government approach.
811.	**B**	**Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India** – The correct answer is Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India.
812.	**A**	**Women Farmers of India: Journey from Challenges to Success** – The correct answer is Women Farmers of India: Journey from Challenges to Success.
813.	**C**	**103** – The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupender Yadav, announced on 15 October 2026 that the national tally of Ramsar sites had reached 103 once Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in Uttar Pradesh were taken into the lis...
814.	**B**	**Chandigarh** – Announcing the new designations, Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav named Sukhna Wetland, better known as Sukhna Lake, as a site in Chandigarh, and he congratulated Chandigarh along with Uttar Pradesh on the recognition.
815.	**B**	**Bangkok** – The meeting of the Development Committee Plenary was held in Bangkok in Thailand, and the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, took part in it there as India's Governor of the World Bank.
816.	**B**	**Private Capital Mobilisation and Jobs** – That was the stated agenda of the plenary, and India's intervention was delivered on precisely this topic, arguing that productive and better paid employment is the most effective pathway to cutting poverty and spreading prosperity.
817.	**B**	**CII** – The white paper was released at the CII Big Picture Summit held in Mumbai, and it lays out a roadmap for the Indian media and entertainment sector along with calls for quicker reform, stronger regional markets and implementation that can be measured.
818.	**C**	**$100 billion** – The white paper released by the Confederation of Indian Industry outlines a roadmap for India's media and entertainment sector to reach that size by the early 2030s, and it argues that faster reforms, stronger regional markets and measurable implementation ar...
819.	**C**	**111** – India has declared 111 National Waterways to promote shipping and navigation, and their combined length comes to 20,187 km spread over 23 States and 4 Union Territories.
820.	**B**	**Brahmaputra, National Waterway-2** – Four riverine lighthouses, the first of their kind on an inland waterway in India, are being built at Pandu, Bogibeel, Silghat and Biswanath Ghat under a ₹74 crore project announced in March 2026.
821.	**A**	**Bulgaria** – The maiden consignment of 1.755 MT of organic Palmyra jaggery powder was sent to Varna in Bulgaria, where M/s Sow Life Ltd is the importer and distributor.
822.	**A**	**Erode, Tamil Nadu** – The consignment was drawn from Gobichettipalayam in Erode district and was manufactured and exported by M/s Wellbeing Foods of Erode in collaboration with M/s Chetty Exports Private Limited of Chennai.
823.	**A**	**Poland** – The programme brings a Polish youth delegation to India every year, and the second edition was held from 7 to 14 October 2026 with 19 members visiting Gujarat, Maharashtra and New Delhi.
824.	**A**	**Jamnagar, Gujarat** – The Balachadi memorial commemorates the shelter, schooling and medical care that Maharaja Jam Saheb Digvijaysinhji Ranjitsinhji Jadeja provided to Polish children displaced during the Second World War, and the visiting delegation treated it as the high point...

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825. **B** **4,077** – The status report counts 4,077 Ayush patent applications filed across the twelve financial years from 2014-15 to 2025-26, and this is the headline figure of the whole study.

826. **A** **Maharashtra** – The report names Maharashtra as the state leading Ayush patent activity, crediting it with 744 filings and 142 grants, a wider lead than any other state in the country holds.

827. **B** **Agartala** – The Department of Consumer Affairs has dispatched the first-ever Kanda Express movement to Agartala with about 440 MT of buffer onions, expected to arrive by 18 October 2026.

828. **A** **Price Stabilization Fund** – The onions carried by the Kanda Express come out of the onion buffer built under this fund, and the Department of Consumer Affairs releases that stock in a calibrated way when market prices rise or supplies tighten.

829. **B** **Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru** – The Digital India BHASHINI Division, which works under the Digital India Corporation in the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, built the models jointly with IISc Bengaluru, and the speech corpus used for training was developed at the institut...

830. **B** **Indo-Aryan, Tamil Nadu** – The release describes Sourashtra as a minority Indo-Aryan language spoken predominantly by the Sourashtra community in Tamil Nadu, which makes it unusual: it is an Indo-Aryan tongue surviving inside a state whose major language, Tamil, is Dravidian.

831. **B** **Special Campaign 6** – The two workshops, one on cyber security and secure digital disposal and the other on e-waste management awareness, were organised by the Ministry of Textiles under this campaign on 15 October 2026, and more than 85 officials attended, among them all the Noda...

832. **D** **Cryptojacking of office servers** – The correct answer is cryptojacking of office servers, which was not among the threats listed.

833. **B** **INS Samarthak** – The vessel was commissioned by Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan at Karwar in Karnataka and is described as the Indian Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel, with more than 75 per cent of its content made in India.

834. **C** **Karwar, Karnataka** – The commissioning ceremony was held at Karwar, and the Vice-President used the occasion to explain why the location matters: Karwar has a deep natural harbour and lies close to the Arabian Sea, which makes it an important element of India's maritime security...

835. **A** **QNu Labs Private Limited, Bengaluru** – The Technology Development Board, which functions under the Department of Science and Technology, signed the agreement with this Karnataka-based company for financial support from the Research Development and Innovation Fund.

836. **B** **Support of Rs 150 crore in a project of Rs 300 crore** – The correct answer is support of Rs 150 crore in a project of Rs 300 crore.

837. **A** **Rs 1,194.92 crore** – The committee approved five Strategic Investment Plans of that combined value for ITI clusters spread across Maharashtra, Odisha and Jammu and Kashmir.

838. **B** **Tata Steel Foundation** – The Kataka cluster in Odisha was approved with a Strategic Investment Plan in partnership with the foundation, and the plan is meant to strengthen infrastructure, bring in new-age training programmes and deepen industry linkages so that training matches the s...

839. **B** **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** – PAIMANA, which expands to Project Assessment, Infrastructure Monitoring and Analytics for Nation-building, is that ministry's dashboard for tracking the performance of infrastructure sub-sectors through a standard set of indicators, and it is updated every qu...

840. **B** **2,236.3 km** – The road transport and highways section of the dashboard records that much length of national highway projects awarded in the first six months of the financial year, which is a growth of 62.9 per cent over the same period a year earlier.

841. **A** **Melanterite** – At Neyveli the mineral forms from marcasite in the lignite substratum through sulphide oxidation, and it records short-lived wet, acidic and oxidising conditions of the kind believed to have produced sulphates on Mars.

842. **B** **University of Kerala, Department of Geology** – The laser Raman spectrometer used for the work is supported under the DST-FIST programme at that department, and the research team was led by Dr. Sajin Kumar K. S., who is the Project Coordinator of DST-FIST.

843. **B** **Shri Manoj Goel, Chairman of KVIC** – He inaugurated the festival at the Khadi and Village Industries Commission's Central Office in Vile Parle, Mumbai, with the stated aim of carrying the Prime Minister's call of 'Har Ghar Swadeshi, Ghar-Ghar Swadeshi' and 'Vocal for Local' to younger buyers.

844. **C** **77 units from 12 states** – The correct answer is 77 units from 12 states, selling through the same number of stalls.

845. **B** **Rs 84,084 crore** – The Union Government has approved the Samudra Manthan Scheme, which is also known as the National Offshore Exploration Scheme, with this outlay.

846. **A** **Shri Ram College of Commerce, University of Delhi** – The college, known by the short form SRCC, organised the two-day national conference to mark its centenary year, and the sessions were held at the Stein Auditorium of the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi.

847. **C** **NH-76** – The dispute arose from the six-laning of the Chittorgarh-Udaipur section of this highway in Rajasthan, a stretch of 93.5 km.

848. **A** **Society for Affordable Redressal of Disputes (SAROD)** – The tribunal that examined the claims and counter-claims flowing from the concession agreement for the Chittorgarh-Udaipur six-laning project was constituted under SAROD and had three members.

849. **B** **Ulaanbaatar** – The fourteenth meeting of the Joint Working Group between the defence ministries of India and Mongolia took place in Ulaanbaatar, the Mongolian capital, on 16 October 2026, where the two delegations reviewed their running defence cooperation activities and id…

850. **A** **Exercise Nomadic Elephant** – At the fourteenth Joint Working Group meeting in Ulaanbaatar, both delegations appreciated the successful conclusion of this exercise and treated it as evidence of how firmly the two armies have built their cooperation.

851. **B** **18,093** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment stated that this many villages had been declared Adarsh Grams under the scheme by that date, reflecting its work on infrastructure, basic services and quality of life in Scheduled Caste-majority villages.

852. **C** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – PM-AJAY is run by this ministry and aims at the socio-economic and educational empowerment of Scheduled Caste communities through village infrastructure, livelihood promotion, education and better access to basic services.

853. **B** **Dharamshala** – The conference opened in this town of Himachal Pradesh and brought together representatives of the Central Government, States and Union Territories along with experts on digital transformation and technology-enabled service delivery.

854. **A** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, known by its short form DARPG, which works under the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.

855. **B** **Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences** – The correct answer is the Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology based in Lucknow.

856.	**C**	**Lucknow** – Karela Lake is an oxbow lake at Hulas Khera in Mohanlal Ganj, near Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, and lies in the Central Ganga Plain.
857.	**B**	**Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana** – The Union Minister for Agriculture and Rural Development performed the foundation ceremony for forty-six village roads sanctioned under this rural roads programme during his visit to Sanchi, and said better roads would make movement easier for villagers.
858.	**A**	**Raisen and Vidisha** – The Minister announced that a pilot would begin in these two districts with the goal of connecting every family in every village to at least one source of livelihood, so that the villages concerned can become free of poverty.
859.	**B**	**Iran** – India met Iran in the women kabaddi final of the Asian Games and finished ahead 37-34 in a contest that remained close until the final raids, a result that let India keep the continental title it already held.
860.	**C**	**Pushpa Rana** – The correct answer is Pushpa Rana, who led the side as captain while Neeta Moreshwar Dadwe served as head coach of the gold-winning team.
861.	**B**	**Ministry of Ayush** – The All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi is an autonomous institution under that ministry, and its stated work is healthcare, education, research and innovation in Ayurveda along with building recognition for India traditional systems of medicine.
862.	**C**	**37,74,524** – The correct answer is 37,74,524 patients, the figure the institute recorded for the ten years from October 2016 to September 2026 across its main campus and its affiliated and outreach centres.
863.	**C**	**Sangeet Natak Akademi** – The correct answer is the Sangeet Natak Akademi, the national academy for music, dance and drama, which created the Yuva Puraskar in 2006 for artists up to the age of 40 and has conferred it every year since at a ceremony reserved for young performers.
864.	**C**	**106** – The correct answer is 106 young artists, drawn from music, dance and drama, who will be given the award for the two years taken together at the New Delhi ceremony.
865.	**B**	**30 November 2026** – The order requires every covered industrial unit to have the cameras installed and working, with arrangements for real time transmission of the video feeds already in place, by that date.
866.	**C**	**Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas** – The correct answer is the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, usually shortened to CAQM, which issued the order under its own statutory direction and widened the scope of camera-based surveillance.
867.	**C**	**24 to 26 February 2027** – The correct answer is 24 to 26 February 2027, the revised dates announced by the Ministry of Coal for its flagship mining event.
868.	**B**	**Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi** – The correct answer is the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi, and the announcement makes clear that the venue has not changed even though the dates have.
869.	**C**	**Kozhikode** – The correct answer is Kozhikode, the city in Kerala where Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the festival and where he also released a book and gave away an award.
870.	**B**	**P. R. Rajendran** – The correct answer is P. R. Rajendran, on whom the Vice-President conferred the Sarga Kesari Award in recognition of his contribution to the fine arts.
871.	**B**	**Rs 7,386.74 crore** – The Government approved the continuation of the Scheme of Assistance to National Sports Federations for the five years from 2026-27 to 2030-31, which corresponds to the Sixteenth Finance Commission cycle, at this outlay, and the Ministry of Youth Affairs and...

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872. **C** **Rs 50 crore** – The revised scheme substantially raised the financial support available for staging international tournaments in India, and a national sports federation can now be given up to this amount for one event.

873. **A** **1.93 lakh** – At the 10th meeting of the Central Sanctioning and Monitoring Committee, held in New Delhi on 16 October 2026 under the chairmanship of Urban Development Secretary Satendra Singh, over 1.93 lakh additional houses were cleared under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana...

874. **B** **Uttar Pradesh** – Of the houses cleared at this meeting, Uttar Pradesh received 73,182, the biggest single share among the 11 participating states.

875. **A** **Ayurveda** – The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda at Jamnagar is the first institute in the field of Ayurveda to be given the status of an Institute of National Importance, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated it to the nation on 15 October 2020.

876. **A** **27,520** – The NABH-accredited hospital of ITRA Jamnagar has 300 beds, and over the past six years it has treated 27,520 patients in its inpatient department.

877. **A** **IDBI (Repeal) Act, 2003** – The Finance Ministry's clarification records that while the Union Budget of 2003 was being discussed and Parliament was debating this repeal legislation, an amendment was moved that sought to limit any reduction of the Government's holding in IDBI.

878. **B** **Delhi High Court** – According to the clarification, the association of IDBI officers took the shareholding question to the Delhi High Court, which decided the case on 17 December 2018 and dismissed the writ petition.

879. **B** **Chenab Rail Bridge** – It carries the USBRL across the Chenab river in the Reasi district of Jammu and Kashmir and is the world’s highest railway arch bridge.

880. **A** **272 km at Rs 43,780 crore** – That is the length and the cost of the Udhampur–Srinagar–Baramulla Rail Link, which was inaugurated in June 2025 and spreads over the districts of Udhampur, Reasi, Ramban, Srinagar, Anantnag, Pulwama, Budgam and Baramulla.

881. **B** **Sucrose and fructose** – The draft Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Amendment Regulations, 2026, which reached the Gazette of India on 16 October 2026, proposes that these two sugars not be added to any product intended for an infant up to the age of six months.

882. **C** **Foods for Infant Nutrition Regulations, 2020** – The correct answer is the Food Safety and Standards (Foods for Infant Nutrition) Regulations, 2020.

883. **B** **Shri Bhupender Yadav** – The correct answer is Shri Bhupender Yadav, the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, who met start-ups and innovation companies working on air pollution mitigation and himself put a set of problem statements covering nine key areas befor...

884. **A** **Saaf Hawa mein Hissedaari, Hum Sabhi ki hai Zimmedaari** – The correct answer is Saaf Hawa mein Hissedaari, Hum Sabhi ki hai Zimmedaari.

885. **B** **USD 40-45 billion** – Dr Jitendra Singh told the roundtable that the Indian space economy, valued at roughly USD 9 billion at present, is expected to climb to USD 40-45 billion over the next seven to eight years as private capital, assured demand and quicker regulatory clearances...

886. **C** **2019-2020** – The Minister said the space sector was thrown open to private participation in 2019-2020 and that the five to six years since have already produced significant results, which is why the focus has shifted to building globally competitive commercial companies.

887. **B** **Karwar** – The correct answer is Karwar, in the Uttara Kannada district of Karnataka, where the Indian Navy is raising its largest infrastructure project.

888. **C** **409 beds** – The Station Health Organisation complex inaugurated under Phase IIA augments the existing naval hospital INHS Patanjali to that capacity, so that the growing population of the base can be treated on site.

889. **B** **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune** – The correct answer is the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune, which organised the meeting on its own campus under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

890. **C** **Ministry of Earth Sciences** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Earth Sciences, under which the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology works and which was named as the parent body in the announcement of the consultation.

891. **B** **20 ppm** – The correct answer is 20 ppm, that is 20 milligrams per kilogram, which the draft proposes as the Maximum Residue Limit for Acetamiprid in tea.

892. **B** **Food Safety and Standards Authority of India** – The correct answer is the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, the regulator under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare that sets food standards and notified this draft amendment to the regulations on contaminants, toxins and residues.

893. **B** **22 October to 30 November 2026** – The correct answer is 22 October to 30 November 2026, the window announced for the campaign in the review meeting chaired by the Union Agriculture Minister.

894. **C** **4,150 teams** – The correct answer is 4,150 teams, the figure set in the plan placed before the meeting for the Krishi Vigyan Kendras and the Agricultural Technology Management Agency taken together.

895. **C** **150 years** – The youth dialogue was held to mark the completion of one hundred and fifty glorious years of Vande Mataram, and the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare joined it at Smart City Park in Bhopal, where he planted saplings with young people drawn...

896. **B** **Smart City Park, Bhopal** – The correct answer is Smart City Park, Bhopal, where the plantation and the open dialogue with the young took place during the programme marking the anniversary of Vande Mataram.

897. **C** **16 October 2026** – On that day the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, working through MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme, held Yoga evam Aatm-Suraksha Diwas, or Yoga and Self-Defence Day, at locations across the country, and that nationwide observance is what opened t...

898. **B** **91,179** – That is the number of people the fifth week of the campaign reached, spread over 183 educational institutions, NSS units and adopted villages in different parts of the country.

899. **B** **18 October** – World Menopause Day is marked on this date every year, and the Ministry of Ayush issued its statement on the eve of the day to press for awareness, preventive care and research on the health of women during menopause.

900. **C** **Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences** – The correct answer is the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS).

901. **B** **Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas** – The correct answer is the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas.

902. **B** **124** – For this 15-day reporting window the Commission recorded 124 inspections in all, made up of six visits to construction and demolition sites, 54 in the industrial sector and 64 relating to diesel generator sets.

903. **A** **The Supreme Court of India** – The court set up the High Powered Enquiry Committee to enquire into all aspects of the incidents of violence at Jantar Mantar in Delhi and at places outside Delhi during July 2026, and the Committee has now opened a portal so that affected persons, including...

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904.	B	**Jantar Mantar** – The Committee has been asked to enquire into every aspect of the incidents relating to violence at Jantar Mantar in Delhi, and also at places outside Delhi, during July 2026.
905.	B	**US$ 476.20 billion** – This is the estimated cumulative figure for merchandise and services exports taken together during the first six months of the financial year.
906.	C	**Jaipur** – The Department of Commerce organised the outreach programme in the Rajasthan capital to build awareness of the benefits available under India free trade agreements and to help exporters use them in practice.
907.	A	**Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** – The correct answer is Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, who is also the Member of Parliament from Porbandar.
908.	C	**One lakh** – The Minister said that efforts were under way, under the guidance of the Prime Minister, to develop one lakh young leaders across the country, and he placed the MY Bharat portal at the centre of that effort as the route through which the young can find openin...
909.	B	**136** – The Ministry of Mines reported that this many Cleanliness Target Units were given a makeover under the campaign, and that the work drew 10,723 participants.
910.	C	**Shri G. Kishan Reddy** – The correct answer is Shri G. Kishan Reddy, the Union Minister for Coal and Mines, who joined the drive at the market in Chanakyapuri in the national capital along with the Secretary of the ministry and senior officials.
911.	C	**30%** – The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has rationalised the trade margin on the identified non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines and held it to thirty per cent of the Maximum Retail Price, using the power given by Paragraph 19 of the Drugs (Prices Contro...
912.	C	**9 November 2026** – Retailers, chemists, hospitals and medical institutions have to charge the reduced prices from that day and must display the revised rates at their counters, while hospitals must also show them on their websites.
913.	B	**Seychelles** – Port Victoria is the port where the ships of the First Training Squadron stayed during their training deployment, arriving on the twelfth of October and sailing out on the fifteenth.
914.	A	**INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi** – These three were the ships named by the Ministry of Defence as the vessels of the First Training Squadron that stayed at Port Victoria and then sailed out on completion of the visit.
915.	A	**Rs 1.19 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 1.19 crore, the sum released to twenty nine State Biodiversity Boards and one Union Territory Biodiversity Council.
916.	C	**Maharashtra** – The correct answer is Maharashtra, which stood first in the allocation list with nineteen lakh forty six thousand one hundred and forty nine rupees.
917.	A	**Dr T. S. Panwar, Member (Technical)** – The correct answer is Dr T. S. Panwar, Member (Technical) of the Commission for Air Quality Management in the National Capital Region and Adjoining Areas.
918.	B	**Crop Residue Management machinery** – These are the machines that handle paddy straw left in the field after the harvest, and the Commission reviewed both their availability and their actual deployment in the two districts.
919.	C	**83** – The fair at the Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds has eighty three stalls in all, and of these eighty have been allotted to artisans, with thirty seven women among those artisans.
920.	B	**Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Karnataka** – The correct answer is the Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds in Karnataka, where the nine day fair began on the eleventh of October and will close on the nineteenth.

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921.	**B**	**Mission Yuva Raksha** – The correct answer is Mission Yuva Raksha, under which the Madhya Pradesh Unit of the Bureau organised five awareness programmes at educational institutions during the month.
922.	**C**	**Ministry of Finance** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Finance, which is the ministry named with this announcement about the awareness drive in Madhya Pradesh.
923.	**B**	**The United Kingdom** – KONKAN is the bilateral maritime exercise held between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy, and the edition named KONKAN-26 concluded off Plymouth in the United Kingdom.
924.	**C**	**INS Trishul** – The Indian Navy was represented in KONKAN-26 by the stealth frigate INS Trishul, which exercised with HMS Sutherland of the Royal Navy off Plymouth.
925.	**B**	**10th Foundation Day** – The All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi celebrated ten years of work in Ayurveda teaching, research, clinical care and international collaboration, and the day fell on the concluding day of KAUMARACON 2026, the three-day international conference on K...
926.	**A**	**Rashtriya Ayurved Vidyapeeth and Arogya Bharati** – Both agreements were signed at the Foundation Day ceremony to strengthen cooperation between institutions and the sharing of knowledge in Ayurveda.
927.	**B**	**Dushanbe** – The Ministry of Defence has said that the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation takes place in Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, on 19 and 20 October 2026, and that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh travel...
928.	**C**	**The Defence Minister** – Rajnath Singh, who holds the defence portfolio, visits Dushanbe in Tajikistan to speak for India at the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation on 19 and 20 October 2026.
929.	**B**	**Software Technology Parks of India** – It is a science and technology organisation under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, and it held the conclave on AI for Health and Assistive Technologies jointly with the Centre for Innovation, Incubation and Entrepreneurship of IIT (BHU)...
930.	**C**	**Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** – Shri S. Krishnan spoke in that capacity, holding that artificial intelligence can make health care easier to reach, strengthen clinical decision-making and improve the delivery of services, particularly for communities with little access to health facilities.
931.	**C**	**2024** – Kufri Jamunia, the purple-fleshed biofortified potato developed by the ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute, was officially released in that year, and it carries higher ascorbic acid, anthocyanin and carotenoid levels than the institute's two earlier colour...
932.	**C**	**42.75 mg** – The flesh of Kufri Jamunia holds that much Vitamin C, or ascorbic acid, in every 100 grams, which is nearly double what a conventional yellow-skinned potato offers.
933.	**B**	**137 kg** – That is the gross weight of crystal methamphetamine the agency recovered from a coastal village in Nagapattinam district of Tamil Nadu, in what is described as one of the biggest narcotics seizures in the state's coastal region in recent years.
934.	**D**	**Sri Lanka** – The intelligence that set off the operation said the narcotics had been brought to a coastal location in Nagapattinam for storage and onward smuggling, and the handover was to take place at sea rather than at any port.
935.	**B**	**Pithoragarh** – The district in Uttarakhand has been notified as a Cold Water Fisheries Cluster under the scheme, and the Secretary of the Department of Fisheries reviewed its progress on the spot at Munsyari.
936.	**B**	**Rs 170 crore** – That is the outlay of the state's own trout scheme, under which Uttarakhand plans 1,500 raceways, 100 mini hatcheries and 600 cold-storage facilities by 2028-29.

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937.	C	**82 km** – The Namo Bharat regional rapid rail corridor runs from Delhi to Meerut through Ghaziabad and measures 82 km end to end.
938.	B	**22 February 2026** – On that day the Prime Minister dedicated the full Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor to the nation, and Meerut Metro was handed over at the same time.
939.	C	**Aichi-Nagoya** – The Asian Para Games 2026 opened there, and the Indian contingent of para-athletes is competing at that venue.
940.	C	**18 October 2026** – The Asian Para Games of this edition got under way on that day in Aichi-Nagoya, and the Indian contingent of para-athletes began its campaign there.
941.	B	**C-130J** – The Ministry of Defence said an aircraft of this type undertook the evacuation, lifting a critically ill civilian patient out of Leh late at night and landing at Palam, from where the patient was taken to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences.
942.	B	**Palam** – The Indian Air Force aircraft flew the patient from Leh and landed at Palam, after which the patient was moved to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences for further treatment.
943.	B	**A three-masted sail training ship** – INS Sudarshini belongs to the Indian Navy and is rigged with three masts, and her role is to train officers and sailors at sea rather than to fight.
944.	C	**Salalah, Oman** – The sail training ship called at Salalah from 14 to 17 October 2026 and sailed from there to continue Lokayan-2026, the transoceanic deployment that has now reached its tenth month.
945.	B	**2 to 31 October 2026** – Special Campaign 6.0 is being carried out at postal establishments throughout the country over that month by the Department of Posts, which comes under the Ministry of Communications.
946.	C	**1,50,000** – Under Special Campaign 6.0 the Department of Posts set three targets: resolution of 1,50,000 public grievances, disposal of 1,500 appeals and cleanliness drives at 1,35,000 sites across the country.
947.	A	**Mysuru, Karnataka** – The nine-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 is laid out at the Mysuru Dasara Exhibition Grounds, and the Union Secretary of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Sudhansh Pant, went round its stalls during a two-day official visit to the city.
948.	B	**83 stalls in all, 80 to artisans** – The Mysuru fair carries 83 stalls, of which 80 have gone to artisans, and 37 of those artisans are women.
949.	C	**28 October 2026** – The Department of School Education and Literacy has fixed that day for a drive in schools across the country to raise awareness about electronic waste and to collect it, as part of Special Campaign 6.
950.	B	**Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE** – The school level work under Special Campaign 6 is carried out under their aegis.
951.	B	**345.38 GW** – Surveys have marked 320 pumped storage sites in India whose capacities add up to that figure, spread over all five regions of the country and at every stage of development, including schemes already running.
952.	C	**Western Region** – The correct answer is the Western Region, with 129.72 GW of identified potential.
953.	B	**New Delhi** – India will host the 61st CIML Meeting from 26 to 28 October 2026, the first time the country has been given this meeting, and the Department of Consumer Affairs is organising it with the International Organization of Legal Metrology.
954.	B	**1955** – The OIML was founded in that year as an intergovernmental organisation whose purpose is to bring legal metrology procedures in different countries into line with one another.

955.	**C**	**Ten** – Under the agreement every one of the Ministry's premier research institutes has been recognised as an AcSIR Associated Research Institute, and all of them are already taking part in the academy's current PhD enrolment cycle.
956.	**B**	**Prithvi Bhawan, New Delhi** – The correct answer is Prithvi Bhawan, the headquarters of the Ministry of Earth Sciences in New Delhi, where the ceremony was held on 13 October 2026.
957.	**B**	**National Human Rights Commission** – It ran the online quiz with MyGov from 1 September to 10 October 2026 in the run-up to its own Foundation Day, and announced the ten winners on 19 October 2026.
958.	**B**	**26,459** – That is the number of entries actually submitted, and they came from every State and Union Territory of the country.
959.	**B**	**Mona Agarwal** – She won the gold medal in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at the Asian Para Games 2026, and the outstanding score she shot also set a new Asian Para Games record in that event.
960.	**B**	**Silver** – Avani Lekhara shot an impressive score in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 final at the Asian Para Games 2026 and finished second, which gave her the silver medal.
961.	**B**	**Agri Welfare Portal** – Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan formally launched this revamped portal on the Navami day of Navratri, so that scheme information, financial assistance and farming advice reach farmers directly on...
962.	**C**	**Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** – The DBIM and GIGW standards, in their 3.0 versions, are the government's norms for the look, the security and the accessibility of official websites, and the new portal has been built to follow them.
963.	**B**	**Kargil** – The four notified coldwater fisheries clusters are Pithoragarh in Uttarakhand, Kullu in Himachal Pradesh, Anantnag in Jammu and Kashmir, and Kargil in Ladakh.
964.	**B**	**5,000 MT** – Trout production in India has risen six-fold over the past decade and now stands at nearly 5,000 MT a year, built on the raceways, hatcheries and feed systems sanctioned in the hilly states under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
965.	**C**	**9,845** – Under the first pillar of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas and its organisations transformed 9,845 cleanliness target units, and 99,548 people took part in that effort.
966.	**B**	**17 September to 2 October 2026** – The ministry, its central public sector enterprises and its attached offices took part in the campaign across this fortnight, which began with a pledge-taking ceremony administered by the Secretary (Petroleum and Natural Gas) at Kartavya Bhawan-3 in New Delhi...
967.	**C**	**3,940** – The seven online marketplaces together furnished the details of that many sellers and listing entries offering regulated explosive substances, and all of those entries were taken down from the platforms.
968.	**B**	**Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation (PESO)** – Substances such as Ammonium Nitrate, Gun Powder, Picric Acid and PETN are classed as explosives, their sale and purchase need the prescribed licence, and an online platform is expected to disclose the valid PESO licence details of a seller and to verify that...
969.	**B**	**The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985** – The correct answer is the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, commonly called the NDPS Act.
970.	**A**	**Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru** – A passenger who arrived there from Delhi was intercepted, his baggage was examined and 5.166 kg of amphetamine was recovered, which is the

biggest single haul among the three cases.

971. **A** **The Customs Act, 1962** – Gold brought into the country without declaration and without payment of duty is smuggled goods, so the three arrests in this case, which covered dealings in 13.017 kg of foreign-origin gold valued at about Rs 19.41 crore, were made under that Act.

972. **B** **Vadodara** – After the gold reached India it was handed over to handlers outside the airports, routed through intermediaries and taken to an illegal melting facility in that city; the melted metal was then supplied to a jewellery shop in Ahmedabad and sold against cash.

973. **B** **Rinku Hooda** – He won the gold medal in the men's javelin throw F46 class at the Asian Para Games 2026, and the throw that won it measured 65.11 metres, the best distance he had produced all season.

974. **C** **65.11 metres** – That was the distance of the winning throw in the men's javelin throw F46 competition at the Asian Para Games 2026, and it was also the best mark Rinku Hooda had recorded during the season, so the title and a season best came in the same attempt.

975. **B** **Soumya** – She won the women's 1500m T12/13 title at the Asian Para Games 2026, and she did it on her first appearance at the Games while also running a personal best over the distance.

976. **A** **She won on her debut at the Games and clocked a personal best** – The correct answer is that she won on her debut and with a personal best.

977. **B** **Nishad Kumar** – He won the men's long jump T47 gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 with what was described as an outstanding jump, and the Prime Minister noted that the title arrived on his debut in the event, which made it even more special.

978. **A** **It came on his debut in this event** – The correct answer is that it came on his debut in this event.

979. **A** **Kokila** – She finished second in the women's J2 -52kg judo event at the Asian Para Games 2026 and took the silver medal, and her result was notable because she had won a bronze at the previous edition of the Games and has now moved up the podium while competing in a ne...

980. **C** **Bronze** – Kokila had finished with a bronze medal at the previous Asian Para Games, and at the 2026 edition she improved on it with a silver in the women's J2 -52kg judo event while competing in a new category.

981. **B** **Hot Springs, Ladakh** – On 21 October 1959 an Indian police patrol was ambushed there by heavily armed Chinese troops and ten policemen were killed.

982. **C** **2018** – The National Police Memorial at Chanakyapuri in New Delhi was dedicated to the nation by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Police Commemoration Day that year, in recognition of the sacrifices of police personnel and their role in preserving national security an...

983. **B** **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi** – The fifth edition of Swavlamban, the Navy's annual NIIO seminar on innovation and indigenisation, is scheduled there on 26 and 27 October 2026, as announced at the curtain raiser press conference chaired by Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Vice Chief of the Naval S...

984. **B** **Naval Unified Systems, Ethernet and Tactical Utilisation** – The NAUSETU Interface Standards will be released at Swavlamban 2026 together with the Swavlamban 5.0 Document and the Compendium on Technology Imperatives.

985. **C** **Rs 491.28 crore** – That is the amount earned through the disposal of scrap under Special Swachhata Campaign 6.0 up to 19 October 2026, as reported at the mid-campaign review taken by Dr Jitendra Singh.

986. **A** **Department of School Education and Literacy** – The correct answer is the Department of School Education and Literacy, which reported 4,15,353 cleanliness campaign sites as on 19 October 2026, the largest single contribution to the overall figure of 8,34,509 sites.

987.	**A**	**Rajmargyatra** – The National Highways Authority of India has added the Toll Plaza Feedback option to this mobile app so that users of national highways can report their experience at a toll plaza.
988.	**B**	**Annual pass users** – After such a user crosses a national highway toll plaza, the Rajmargyatra app sends a notification inviting the user to share the experience of that plaza.
989.	**B**	**1,174** – MY Bharat held that many programmes on 17 October 2026, spread over 36 states and union territories, in the fifth week of the 100 Weeks Campaign under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan.
990.	**B**	**Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** – Mera Yuva Bharat, commonly written as MY Bharat, is that ministry's platform for youth engagement, and it organised the fifth week of the 100 Weeks Campaign on 17 October 2026 with 1,174 programmes in 36 states and union territories.
991.	**B**	**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students, or NFSC, is that ministry's scheme and gives financial assistance to eligible Scheduled Caste students pursuing advanced education and research.
992.	**C**	**Rs 9.90 lakh** – That is the total assistance received by Dr Shrikant Dilip Khandare under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students, made up of fellowship support together with House Rent Allowance, with payments beginning in October 2019.
993.	**B**	**20 October 2026** – The commerce ministers of the two countries announced jointly that the trade pact would take effect on this date, which fell on Vijay Dashmi, a day read as a mark of victory and fresh beginnings.
994.	**C**	**USD 20 billion** – Under the pact New Zealand has undertaken to facilitate investment of this size into India, and the money is expected to flow into agriculture, manufacturing, infrastructure and start-ups, supporting innovation, enterprise and job creation in line with the Ma…
995.	**B**	**Australia** – AUSTRAHIND is the joint military exercise of the Indian Army and the Australian Army, and its name joins the two countries.
996.	**C**	**Garhwal Rifles** – The Indian contingent at this edition is built around troops of the Garhwal Rifles, with personnel from other arms and services joining them, while the Australian contingent is drawn from 13 Brigade.
997.	**B**	**21 October 2026 to 31 December 2026** – The Department of Financial Services fixed this window for the countrywide drive, which reaches every gram panchayat and urban local body and asks banks to hold camps through the period.
998.	**C**	**Department of Financial Services** – DFS is the department of the Ministry of Finance that handles banks, insurance and pension schemes, so the financial inclusion drive sits with it, and its Joint Secretary for financial inclusion chaired the preparatory meeting with the senior management of ba…
999.	**B**	**Bureau of Indian Standards** – BIS is the national standards body of India, responsible for standardisation and conformity assessment, and its AYUSH department organised the seminar at Belagavi in Karnataka as well as a parallel session on Sowa-Rigpa at Leh.
1000.	**C**	**Leh, Ladakh** – The meeting, with a brainstorming session alongside it, was held at the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa in Leh, which sits in the Union Territory of Ladakh and is the natural home for work on this system, since Sowa-Rigpa is the traditional medicine of the H…
1001.	**B**	**The Defence Secretary** – The correct answer is the Defence Secretary, Rajesh Kumar Singh, who launched the two rebuilt websites.
1002.	**C**	**Twenty-two** – The ministry has put the content of the relaunched websites in that many Indian official languages, and it gives wider outreach and improved accessibility as the reason.

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1003. **A** **The Secretary, Ministry of Power** – The correct answer is the Secretary, Ministry of Power, Pankaj Agarwal, who held the virtual bilateral meeting with his Saudi counterpart to review progress on the proposed cross-border link.

1004. **D** **Construction of nuclear power reactors** – The correct answer is construction of nuclear power reactors, which was not among the areas raised.

1005. **B** **8,956** – The Union Public Service Commission declared the written result of the Combined Defence Services Examination (II) 2026 and named 8,956 candidates as qualified for the interview conducted by the Service Selection Board of the Ministry of Defence.

1006. **B** **July 2027** – The Indian Military Academy at Dehradun starts its 163rd Direct Entry Course in July 2027, and the qualifiers of the Combined Defence Services Examination (II) 2026 are interviewed for admission to it.

1007. **A** **591.3 kg** – The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 591.3 kg of ganja from a truck in Uttar Pradesh in an operation carried out during 17 and 18 October 2026.

1008. **B** **Sonauli** – The intelligence that set off the operation said the truck carrying ganja from Nepal would come into Uttar Pradesh through Sonauli, so officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence at Gorakhpur built their surveillance around that crossing, helped by te...

1009. **B** **Rs 8.64 crore** – The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence put that value on the 43.2 lakh foreign-origin cigarette sticks it seized in Mizoram, a haul of 432 cases of the Patron brand recovered from a truck.

1010. **A** **Tuirial** – Officers of the Aizawl Regional Unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence mounted surveillance along the Champhai-Aizawl Road and stopped the truck at Tuirial village, where a search produced 432 cases containing 43.2 lakh cigarette sticks of the Patron...

1011. **B** **21 October 2016** – The Regional Connectivity Scheme, named UDAN for Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik, was launched on that day, and its promise of affordable yet commercially viable regional flying came out of the National Civil Aviation Policy adopted the same year.

1012. **A** **687** – That is the number of regional routes put into service across the country in the ten years since the scheme began, and it sits alongside the other headline totals of the decade: more than 3.68 lakh flights and 1.72 crore passengers.

1013. **B** **WWF-India's Programme Centre - Resource Partner (EIACP)** – The campaign was launched by this centre of WWF-India, working with the support of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and it runs from 20 October to 8 November 2026.

1014. **C** **130** – The campaign is nationwide, but the cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme, numbering 130, have been singled out for special attention, because that is where the burden on air quality is heaviest and where a cracker-free festival makes the grea...

1015. **C** **Dushanbe** – The correct answer is Dushanbe, the capital of Tajikistan, where the 25th Meeting of the Council of Heads of Government of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation was held, with the Raksha Mantri speaking for India.

1016. **C** **2026-2030** – Speaking at the meeting, the Raksha Mantri reaffirmed India's support for adopting an Action Plan for the Multilateral Trade and Economic Cooperation Programme for exactly that span, and the plan went on to form part of the Joint Communique that the heads of...

1017. **C** **100 GW** – Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh said the country's atomic ambitions have to be read against its longer development goals and its clean energy commitments, and named this figure as the nuclear power capacity India is targeting by 2047.

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1018. **D** **2070** – The correct answer is 2070, the year Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh named for India's Net Zero emissions commitment while explaining why nuclear power matters to the country's energy plans.

1019. **C** **More than 650** – Speaking at the Vijaya Dashami celebrations at Ramlila Maidan in Delhi, the Prime Minister said that over 650 ancient idols have been returned to the country during the preceding 12 years, reversing a long period in which heritage objects were carried out of...

1020. **B** **Deepavali** – While speaking about the standing of Indian culture abroad, the Prime Minister observed that many places in the country have entered the UNESCO World Heritage list in recent years, and that Deepavali was taken on to UNESCO's Intangible Cultural Heritage of Hu...

1021. **B** **Guwahati** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announced that the eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 would begin in Guwahati, the capital of Assam, running until Wednesday, 28 October, with the venue at Farm Gate in Khanapara and visiting hours from 11 in the...

1022. **A** **Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme** – The ministry described BHARAT-TULIP as a key focus of the Guwahati mela, an initiative that takes the products of artisans from the target groups to buyers through physical outlets as well as e-commerce platforms.

1023. **A** **Dasara Exhibition Grounds, Mysuru** – The nine-day fair of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment ran at that ground in Mysuru in Karnataka and closed on 20 October 2026, drawing thousands of visitors to the handicraft and handloom goods on sale.

1024. **C** **80** – The fair put up 83 stalls in all and 80 of them went to artisans, while the rest included food counters that served traditional dishes to visitors.

1025. **A** **Women’s Singles Class 4-5** – Bhavina Patel took bronze in that class at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026, and the medal was described as another milestone in a career that has produced several.

1026. **B** **Ravanni Valasanaini** – She brought home the bronze in the Women’s 1500m T11 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026, and the timing was also her personal best, which is why her result was read as a double gain: a podium place and her own fastest run.

1027. **A** **Women’s 400m T20** – Deepthi Jeevanji won the gold medal in that event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026, and in doing so she retained the title she already held.

1028. **B** **A Games Record** – Besides winning the gold medal, Deepthi Jeevanji ran faster than any previous mark set at these Games in the Women’s 400m T20 event, so the victory carried a Games Record with it.

1029. **A** **Women’s Singles Class 6** – Prachi Pandey took bronze there on 20 October 2026 and became the first Indian ever to win a medal in that class at the Asian Para Games, which is why the Prime Minister described it as a historic first for Indian para table tennis and a pathbreaking achievem...

1030. **B** **The standing category** – Baby Sahana Ravi won bronze in the Women’s Singles Class 9 event and in doing so recorded India’s first-ever medal in the standing category at the Asian Para Games.

1031. **A** **Men’s Singles Class 1** – Jehan Dorab Madan won bronze there on 20 October 2026 at the Asian Para Games 2026, and the Prime Minister, congratulating him, said India’s para table tennis contingent was continuing to make the nation proud and that the result reflected the player’s passio...

1032. **A** **It was her first individual medal at these Games** – The correct answer is that it was her first individual medal at these Games.

1033. **B** **Silver in the Men’s 10m Air Pistol SH1** – The correct answer is silver in the Men’s 10m Air Pistol SH1 event.

1034. **A** **It came at her first Asian Para Games** – The correct answer is that it came at her first Asian Para Games.

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1035. **B** **31 December 2029** – Speaking at the Vijayadashami festival in Ludhiana on 20 October 2026, the Union Home Minister said the resolve taken that day was to free the whole of Punjab from the drug trade by that date and to make the state drug-free, and he described it as the greates...

1036. **A** **Chitta, that is drugs** – The effigy burnt by Amit Shah at Ludhiana on 20 October 2026 was described as the symbolic Ravana of chitta, which let the festival's central idea, the victory of good over evil, carry a message about the drug trade in Punjab.

1037. **A** **Pradeep Kumar and Ayush Verma** – Both stood on the podium in the same Men's Javelin Throw F53/54 event on 20 October 2026, Pradeep Kumar taking the silver and Ayush Verma the bronze, and each of them recorded a personal best.

1038. **B** **it was his second consecutive silver in the event** – The correct answer is that it was his second consecutive silver in the event.

1039. **B** **Men's High Jump T47** – Nishad Kumar won that title at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026, and the height he cleared was the best ever recorded at these Games in the event, which is why the gold is paired with a Games Record.

1040. **B** **Two** – Nishad Kumar had already won the long jump gold earlier at the Asian Para Games 2026, and on 20 October 2026 he added the Men's High Jump T47 gold with a new Games Record, so he ended the meet with two gold medals.

1041. **C** **Devender Kumar** – He won the gold medal in the Men's Discus Throw F43/F44/F62/F64 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026, and the Prime Minister described the throw as excellent and the victory as a celebration of the way Indian para sport is growing.

1042. **B** **India won all three medals in the event** – The correct answer is that India won all three medals in the event.

1043. **B** **A new Asian Record** – Pranav Soorma won the Men's Discus Throw F51/52/53 gold at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026, and the Prime Minister described the achievement as historic precisely because the winning throw went past the best mark previously recorded in the contin...

1044. **C** **Ram Ratan Singh** – He took the silver in the Men's Discus Throw F51/52/53 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026, with Pranav Soorma winning the gold in the same final, so India claimed both the top places in that class group.

1045. **C** **Women's 200m T12** – Simran won that title at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026 and the run also produced a new record, which is why the Prime Minister said her journey embodied the spirit of excellence.

1046. **B** **She improved on her silver from the previous edition and set a new record** – The correct answer is that she improved on her silver from the previous edition and set a new record.

1047. **B** **Silver** – Preeti Pal finished second in the Women's 200m T35 sprint at the Asian Para Games 2026 on 20 October 2026, and the Prime Minister described her as a fine example of perseverance and dedication while hoping she would carry the momentum into her remaining event...

1048. **C** **Men's Shot Put F56/F57** – Hokato Hotozhe Sema took the bronze there on 20 October 2026, and the Prime Minister noted that the throw improved on what he had produced at the previous edition of the Games, calling it a sign of passion and dedication.

1049. **B** **Rs 38,424 crore** – Speaking to the Indian diaspora in Dushanbe on 20 October 2026, the Defence Minister said defence exports had touched that record level, and in the same breath he put defence production at Rs 1.80 lakh crore, so the two figures are best learnt as a pair becau...

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1050. **C** **38** – Rajnath Singh said India has signed free trade agreements with that many countries, and he singled out the agreements with the United Kingdom and the European Union, which are expected to remove tariffs on 99 per cent of Indian exports to those two markets.

1051. **B** **Vijayawada** – The National SARAS Mela is being held at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, from 13 October to 31 October 2026, and it is the first National SARAS Mela placed anywhere outside the Delhi-NCR region.

1052. **B** **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission** – The correct answer is the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

1053. **B** **21 October** – The day recalls the action at the Hot Springs post in the remote and inhospitable terrain of Ladakh on 21 October 1959, when ten personnel of the Central Reserve Police Force were killed while resisting an attack by Chinese troops.

1054. **A** **Ladakh** – Hot Springs lies in the remote, high-altitude and inhospitable stretch of Ladakh, and it was there on 21 October 1959 that ten men of the Central Reserve Police Force laid down their lives against an attack by Chinese troops.

1055. **B** **Coal Controller Organisation** – The CCO, which functions under the Ministry of Coal, developed SUVIKALP as an in-house Mine Repurposing Tool to help stakeholders select suitable projects for land left behind after mining, and it is the CCO that has been recognised with the SKOCH Gold Award...

1056. **A** **Digital Operational Efficiency - Data Driven Decision Making** – SUVIKALP received the SKOCH Gold Award 2026 under this category on 26 September 2026, and the choice of category fits the tool, which ranks mine repurposing options through a structured, data-driven process that weighs technical, environmental, social and eco...

1057. **C** **114** – The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is running the month-long campaign along with its 114 institutes, Regional Centres, Agricultural Technology Application Research Institutes and Krishi Vigyan Kendras, which makes the drive national in reach.

1058. **A** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The campaign is a month-long exercise and it opened on 2 October 2026, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, with cleanliness drives at ICAR establishments across the country and a floral tribute to Gandhi.

1059. **A** **The President of India** – President Droupadi Murmu handed over the Lalit Kala Akademi Awards to the artists selected for the 65th National Exhibition of Art at a ceremony in New Delhi, and at the same function she felicitated the Grand Prize winners and the Honourable Mentions of the...

1060. **B** **Print Biennale India** – Besides giving away the Lalit Kala Akademi Awards to the artists of the 65th National Exhibition of Art, the President felicitated the Grand Prize winners and the artists who received Honourable Mentions at the third edition of the Print Biennale India, which...

1061. **B** **Land Warfare Doctrine** – A key highlight of the conference is its release by the Raksha Mantri, and the document is intended to give the Indian Army an overarching framework for meeting the challenges created by the changing character of warfare and by future conflicts.

1062. **C** **The Chief of the Army Staff** – The conference is the apex-level biannual forum of the Indian Army and is chaired by the COAS, who also confers the Green Military Stations and Aviation Flight Safety awards during the event.

1063. **B** **Bharat Electronics Limited** – The Ministry of Defence signed the contract with BEL to procure the Improved Low Level Light Weight Radar for the Indian Army at a cost of about Rs 770 crore, in the presence of the Defence Secretary in New Delhi.

1064. **C** **Unmanned Aerial Systems** – The radar is able to detect and track targets of fighter aircraft size as well as mini and micro drones, and it can also prioritise aerial targets, which together allow the Army to

counter the threat posed by unmanned aerial systems.

1065. **B** **The Sengol** – The Prime Minister said that Thiru Vummidi Ethiraj would always be remembered for his effort in crafting the historic sceptre that was presented to former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, and that in 2023 the government had the honour of giving it a place of...

1066. **C** **2023** – In his message the Prime Minister recalled that many years after the sceptre was made, it was in that year that his government had the honour of installing the Sengol in the new Parliament building, and he met Thiru Vummidi Ethiraj around the same time to con...

1067. **B** **2014** – The Namami Gange Programme was launched in that year as an integrated conservation mission with the twin objectives of effective abatement of pollution and the conservation and rejuvenation of the National River Ganga.

1068. **C** **Muni Ki Reti** – The correct answer is Muni Ki Reti, at Chandreshwar Nagar, where limited land, three sewage drains and a stormwater drain made a conventional plant difficult to build.

1069. **B** **Japan** – The correct answer is Japan, which joins the fourteenth edition as the partner country, a step seen as strengthening economic cooperation between India and Japan.

1070. **C** **Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub** – Under this theme the three-day event at the Bombay Exhibition Centre, NESCO, in Mumbai will display the country's industrial capabilities, investment opportunities and emerging technologies, and position India as a global manufacturing and sourcing destinatio...

1071. **B** **Singapore** – SIMBEX is the short name of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise, and the two forces that take part are the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy, abbreviated RSN.

1072. **B** **Exercise Lion King** – The series now known as SIMBEX was first conducted in 1994 under that name, and it has since widened in scope and complexity to become a significant maritime engagement between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.

1073. **B** **Vande Mataram** – The Union Home Secretary said the theme of the cultural items at the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations, the tableaux included, is Vande Mataram, and that this is its 150th year, from which several new features of the parade have been drawn.

1074. **B** **Anandamath** – The Union Home Secretary said that the play, curated by the National School of Drama and staged before the Prime Minister, takes Anandamath as its theme this year because it is the year of Vande Mataram, and that it rests on the novel's enduring idea that eve...

1075. **B** **IAF Dronathon 2026 at Pokhran** – The roadmap was released there on 14 September 2026, and the Industry Outreach Programme of 21 October 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi was built on it, with the roadmap booklet distributed to industry partners on that day.

1076. **B** **The Director General (Weapon Systems), Air Headquarters** – The correct answer is the Director General (Weapon Systems), Air Headquarters, the post held by Air Marshal Premkumar K, VM, VSM, who chaired the programme at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 21 October 2026.

1077. **B** **Women's 100m T12** – Simran took the title in the women's 100 metres run in the T12 classification at the Asian Para Games 2026, and the timing she produced in that final was good enough to stand as a new Games Record.

1078. **B** **She set a new Games Record while winning gold** – The correct answer is that she set a new Games Record while winning gold.

1079. **C** **Men's 100m T47** – Dilip Gavit won the gold medal in the men's 100 metres run in the T47 classification at the Asian Para Games 2026, and the timing he produced in that final was described as brilliant.

1080. **A** **Gold** – The result on record is a gold medal for Dilip Gavit in the Men's 100m T47 at the Asian Para Games 2026, won with a timing that was called brilliant and a performance described as exceptional.

1081. **B** **Women's -67kg para powerlifting** – Kasthuri Rajamani took the silver medal there with an impressive lift, and that silver was the first medal India had ever won in the class, a result described as a historic milestone for Indian para powerlifting.

1082. **C** **Mohammad Basil M** – The correct answer is Mohammad Basil M. He broke the Games Record in the heats of the men's 100m T47, improved on his own mark in the final, and finished with the silver medal in that race.

1083. **B** **Powering the Global South** – The seventh edition of the AgriVoltaics World Conference, which opened at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, was organised under that theme by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy in partnership with Conexio-PSE.

1084. **B** **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, supported by Germany** – The correct answer is the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, supported by Germany.

1085. **B** **India, Brazil and South Africa** – IBSAMAR stands for the India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise, and the ninth edition brought the navies of these three countries together before concluding at Simon's Town in South Africa.

1086. **C** **Simon's Town, South Africa** – The closing ceremony of IBSAMAR IX was held there on 20 October 2026, rounding off ten days of joint activity in a harbour phase and a sea phase.

1087. **B** **Poor, an AQI of 201 to 300** – The correct answer is the poor category, an AQI of 201 to 300.

1088. **C** **25** – The Sub-Committee on GRAP decided to invoke all the action points listed under Stage-I of the plan then in force, and that list runs to twenty-five items, applying across the whole National Capital Region with immediate effect.

1089. **C** **Ravi Kartik Budigina** – He finished second in the men's 100m backstroke S13 and his was the only silver among the Indian results announced in the evening hours of that day, the rest of the group being bronze medals.

1090. **A** **Men's long jump T42/T61/T63, with 5.57m** – Shailesh Kumar reached that distance in the final and finished third, and the event name carries three class codes because athletes from three classification groups were ranked together in one competition.

1091. **B** **Raman Research Institute** – The correct answer is the Raman Research Institute, an autonomous institution working under the Department of Science and Technology, where a team led by the researcher Kinjal Roy carried out the study.

1092. **A** **A high-mass X-ray binary usually captures stellar wind directly instead of forming a disk** – The correct answer is that a high-mass X-ray binary usually captures stellar wind directly instead of forming a disk.

1093. **B** **Guwahati** – The correct answer is Guwahati, the capital of Assam, where the eight-day fair opened at Farm Gate in Khanapara and will run until the twenty-eighth of the month.

1094. **B** **75 artisans, including 31 women** – The ministry put the participation at that level for the Guwahati leg, and between them the craftspeople are showing about forty varieties of handloom and handicraft products, drawn from the North-Eastern states as well as other regions of the country.

1095. **B** **Men's Shot Put F46** – Sachin Khilari took the gold medal in the men's shot put in the F46 classification at the Asian Para Games 2026, and he did so with the best throw of his season.

1096. **C** **Mohd Yasser** – The silver medal in the Men's Shot Put F46 event at the Asian Para Games 2026 went to Mohd Yasser of India, who produced a season-best throw of his own, and the Prime Minister's

congratulatory message noted that his improvement since the previous edition of t...

1097. **C** **Men's High Jump T64** – Praveen Kumar won the gold medal in the men's high jump in the T64 classification at the Asian Para Games 2026, defending the title he already held in the event, and his winning jump improved on the Games Record that stood in his own name.

1098. **B** **The Games Record set by himself** – The announcement of Praveen Kumar's gold said clearly that the magnificent jump with which he defended his title broke his own Games Record in the Men's High Jump T64 event, so the mark he improved was the one he had set at these Games earlier in his career.

1099. **B** **Men's Shot Put F53** – Ayush Verma won his gold medal with an excellent throw in the men's shot put in the F53 classification at the Asian Para Games 2026.

1100. **B** **Two: a gold and a bronze** – Ayush Verma concluded his debut Asian Para Games campaign with two medals, the gold in the Men's Shot Put F53 event and the bronze in the javelin throw, and it was this pair that the Prime Minister's congratulatory message described as a wonderful demonstrati...

1101. **A** **Sheetal Devi and Payal Nag** – The pair secured the silver medal in the Women's Para Compound Doubles event at the Asian Para Games 2026, and the Prime Minister's message on the result called it a fine display of teamwork and sporting excellence that had made the nation proud, with best wi...

1102. **C** **Men's 100m T37** – Rakeshbhai Bhatt won the bronze medal in the men's 100 metres sprint in the T37 class at the Asian Para Games 2026 and set a personal best in the process, a run the Prime Minister described as a brilliant sprint in which speed, focus and dedication earned a w...

1103. **B** **7.9 per cent** – The provisional Index of Core Industries for September 2026 grew by 7.9 per cent compared with September of the previous year, and this was the headline number in the release issued by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

1104. **C** **Iron ore** – Among the nine core industries, iron ore posted the fastest year-on-year growth in September 2026 at 18.4 per cent.

1105. **B** **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs** – The memorandum concerning the electronic exchange of origin data on trade in goods was signed by the CBIC on behalf of India and by the New Zealand Customs Service on the other side, with CBIC Chairman Vivek Chaturvedi and NZCS Comptroller and Chief Executive...

1106. **B** **20 October 2026** – The release on the customs memorandum states that the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement entered into force from that date, and that the memorandum itself was concluded under the agreement.

1107. **B** **Bhopal** – The Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 is being organised on 23 October 2026 at Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, by the state's Department of Fisheries together with the Department of Fisheries under the Union Ministry of Fisheries, Animal...

1108. **C** **197.75 lakh tonnes** – That is the level India's fish production reached in 2024-25.

1109. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – PM-DAKSH was a Central Sector Scheme of that ministry, and its Department of Social Justice and Empowerment ran it through three corporations, NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC, which reimbursed training costs to the institutes.

1110. **B** **1,87,305** – That many candidates were trained under PM-DAKSH in the years from 2020-21 to 2023-24.

1111. **B** **The Vice-President of India** – Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the conference at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 22 October 2026, and in his address he asked States to clear outdated laws from their statute books and described legal reform as a condition for Viksit Bharat @2047.

1112. **C** **More than 1,700** – Speaking at the Law Commission of India conference, the Vice-President pointed to the repeal of over 1,700 obsolete laws in the past twelve years, together with the replacement of three

criminal laws inherited from colonial rule, as the major steps taken to m...

1113. **A** **"Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen"** – The correct answer is "Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen", which means let us study the Thirukkural.

1114. **B** **About 1,400 in seven groups** – Each of the seven groups will carry roughly 200 participants from Tamil Nadu, and every group follows an eight-day itinerary made up of four days of travel and four days of visits and structured programmes in Varanasi, Prayagraj and Ayodhya.

1115. **C** **Rs 53,428 crore** – The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved this outlay on 14 October 2026 when it cleared the continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme for five years and renamed it the Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana.

1116. **A** **40 per cent, under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016** – The correct answer is 40 per cent, under the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act 2016.

1117. **A** **Dr M. L. Jat** – He is Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, and he addressed the roundtable virtually, speaking in his capacity as President of the National Academy of Agricultu...

1118. **B** **The World Food Prize Foundation** – The roundtable that Dr M. L. Jat addressed was held on the sidelines of the Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue during the World Food Prize Foundation programme at Des Moines in the United States, and he joined it virtually.

1119. **B** **2030** – The list of outcomes of the Polish Prime Minister's official visit places the target of doubling bilateral trade by 2030 first, under the area of trade, and the joint statement repeats that the leaders set this target while inviting Polish companies to expand...

1120. **C** **Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure** – The correct answer is the Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure, usually shortened to CDRI.

1121. **B** **Rs 8,212.7 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 8,212.7 crore, the revenue earned between April and September 2026, which is the first half of the financial year 2026-27.

1122. **C** **Parcels** – The correct answer is parcels, which grew 71 per cent over the same quarter of the previous year, the highest among the six verticals.

1123. **A** **Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development** – The correct answer is Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development, the overarching theme announced by the Lok Sabha Speaker for the forum in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan.

1124. **C** **Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan** – The correct answer is the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, the building that housed Parliament before the new building came into use and which carries the Constituent Assembly's legacy.

1125. **B** **SAEINDIA** – The correct answer is SAEINDIA, the professional engineering society that works on advancing mobility knowledge in India and is bringing the Asia Pacific Automotive Engineering Conference to New Delhi on 13 and 14 November 2026.

1126. **B** **Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi, 13-14 November 2026** – The correct answer is the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi on 13 and 14 November 2026.

1127. **A** **A Hindi library at Sena Bhawan** – The Defence Secretary opened it on 22 October 2026 as part of Special Campaign 6 of the Ministry of Defence, with the aim of promoting Hindi books and literature, encouraging the use of Hindi in official work and strengthening the culture of working in Hindi...

1128. **B** **About 35,000 square feet, to Project Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum** – The correct answer is about 35,000 square feet, surrendered to Project Yuga Yugeen Bharat Museum.

1129. **B** **61,888 square feet** – The correct answer is 61,888 square feet, freed through the disposal activities and cleanliness campaigns taken up during Special Campaign 6 and reported in the mid-campaign figures.

1130. **A** **It rose from 315 to 401** – At the start of the campaign 315 sites were identified, and after the review meeting of 5 October, chaired by the Joint Secretary (Administration) as nodal officer, the figure went up to 401.

1131. **B** **Women's Individual Para Compound Archery** – Sheetal Devi won the gold medal in this event at the Asian Para Games 2026 and, because she had also won it at the previous edition of the Games, the win counted as a successful defence of her title and made her champion for a second consecutive edition.

1132. **C** **Toman Kumar** – Sheetal Devi and Toman Kumar together won the gold medal in the Para Compound Mixed Team event at the Asian Para Games 2026, a victory the Prime Minister described as a display of skill, composure and teamwork.

1133. **B** **Manisha Ramadass** – She won bronze in the Women's Singles SU5 event, a bronze medal for the second consecutive edition of the Games, and then won a second bronze in the Mixed Doubles SL3-SU5 event alongside Pramod Bhagat, which gave her two medals on the same day.

1134. **B** **Men's Singles SL4** – Two Indians stood on the podium in that class, Abhijeet Sakhuja, who reached it on his first appearance at the Games, and Suhas L. Yathiraj, and both of them took bronze.

1135. **B** **Women's 400m T47** – Anjanaben won the gold medal in that event with an outstanding timing, and her speed, focus and determination were singled out for praise.

1136. **C** **Suvarna Raj** – Her victory came in the Women's Discus Throw F54 event, and the Prime Minister's message credited it to hard work, perseverance and an unwavering commitment to sporting excellence, adding that India was celebrating the triumph.

1137. **B** **INS Sujata** – The First Training Squadron that arrived off Male consisted of INS Tir, INS Sujata and the Indian Coast Guard Ship Sarathi, and the three reached the Maldives on 21 October 2026 on a Long Range Training Deployment.

1138. **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.

1139. **B** **NABARD** – The correct answer is NABARD, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, which subscribed Rs 4 crore to the National Skill Development Corporation's first Zero Coupon Zero Principal issue on the Social Stock Exchange platform of the National Sto...

1140. **C** **50 per cent** – The programme uses a blended financing structure with three parts: beneficiary participation meets 15 per cent of the cost, money raised on the Social Stock Exchange meets 35 per cent, and the Government of Madhya Pradesh provides the remaining 50 per cent on...

1141. **B** **Rs 8,941 crore** – Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah attended the ceremony at which 10 Yamuna rejuvenation projects were inaugurated and foundation stones were laid for 33 more, and the schemes together carry this total cost.

1142. **C** **2029** – The Home Minister said that time-bound roadmaps had been prepared jointly for Uttar Pradesh, Haryana and Delhi, with the Centre and these state governments working together, and that the Yamuna would be made clean by that year.

1143. **C** **Shailesh Kumar** – He finished first in the men's high jump T42/T63 at these Games, and the height he cleared was better than any previously managed in the event at the competition, so the win also gave him a new Games Record.

1144. **A** **Men's High Jump T42/T63** – Gold went to Shailesh Kumar, silver to Varun Singh Bhati and bronze to Rahul, so every place on the podium in that single final was filled by an Indian athlete.

1145. **B** **Men's 400m freestyle S10** – Kapil Kumar finished second in that race and collected the silver medal, and the Prime Minister noted his stamina, dedication and determination in earning a place on the podium.

1146. **C** **Ravi Karthik Budigina** – He finished third in the men's 50m freestyle S13 sprint, and the Prime Minister said he was very proud of the achievement and described the swimmer's passion and commitment as noteworthy.

1147. **A** **National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction** – The correct answer is the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction, usually shortened to NAPDDR.

1148. **B** **272** – The campaign began on 15 August 2020 with that many vulnerable districts, selected because substance use was found to be especially widespread in them, and it has since widened its reach to the country as a whole.

1149. **C** **22.5 per cent** – That is the growth the railways registered in coal loading during the month up to the eighteenth day, measured against the corresponding stretch of the previous year, and it amounts to an all-time high for coal loading.

1150. **C** **430** – This was the average daily dispatch of coal rakes to thermal power plants over the first six months of the financial year, and it was 7.1 per cent higher than the dispatch rate in the corresponding half of the year before.

1151. **B** **Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub** – The theme frames the event as a platform for domestic and international stakeholders to share knowledge, build alliances and look for investment, and the minister repeated it when describing what the gathering was meant to achieve.

1152. **B** **Japan** – It came in as the partner country for this edition, a step described as strengthening economic cooperation with India and opening fresh avenues for collaboration in chemicals and petrochemicals.

1153. **C** **499.60 lakh metric tonnes** – That is the quantity of waste processed as on date across the waste streams that now carry their own rules, and the minister cited it as evidence that policy intent is being translated into measurable action.

1154. **A** **4,880** – Under the EPR framework the registered recyclers number that much, while the registered producers are far more numerous.

1155. **C** **300 gigawatts** – Addressing the summit in New Delhi, the Prime Minister listed a set of national firsts and said that India had crossed the figure of 300 gigawatts in non-fossil electricity capacity.

1156. **B** **The World Between Orders** – The Prime Minister took up this framing directly and said it raises two questions: why the existing order is slipping and why legacy systems cannot answer today's challenges, and what role India plays in a world that is changing.

1157. **B** **Taraori in Karnal district, Haryana** – The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development chose this historic town for the launch of the soil health campaign, and farmers at the venue took a collective pledge to apply fertiliser in balance and to stop setting fire to cro…

1158. **C** **30 November 2026** – The Minister asked vice-chancellors of agricultural universities, the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, scientists and officials to leave their laboratories and offices and reach villages between 22 October and 30 November 2026,…

1159. **A** **Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age** – The ministry's joint secretary announced this theme for the two-day conference in Bhubaneswar, and said sessions would look at sustainable low-carbon public transport, integration of modes, first and last mile connectivity, Mobility as a Service and real-time…

1160. **B** **Bhubaneswar** – The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is holding both events at Hotel Mayfair Sanctuary in the Odisha capital, with the state government as partner, and the curtain-raiser press

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conference was also held there.

1161. **C** **Odisha** – Its Deputy Chief Minister told the ministerial track that the state is giving final shape to an Agrivoltaics Policy 2026 built around a target of 1 GW by 2030, under which at least ninety per cent of a project site must remain cultivable, farmer consent and c...

1162. **D** **90 per cent** – The whole point of agrivoltaics is that farming continues under and around the solar panels, so the draft policy fixes a high floor for the share of each site that must stay fit for cultivation, and pairs it with safeguards on farmer consent and crop insuranc...

1163. **A** **Rajesh Verma** – He chaired the two separate review meetings the Commission held at Chandigarh with the governments of Punjab and Haryana, going through enforcement on the ground, district preparedness and the use of crop residue machinery.

1164. **C** **Direction No. 92** – Compliance with it was reviewed with both Punjab and Haryana, because moving brick kilns to pellets and briquettes made from paddy straw creates steady demand for the residue and takes away the reason to set fields on fire.

1165. **B** **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, which recognised the Rourkela centre as a Centre of Excellence and also meets its recurring expenses through a grant routed by the National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation.

1166. **A** **ASPIRE** – The correct answer is ASPIRE, a scheme of the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises under which the equipment at the Rourkela centre was installed.

1167. **B** **Powering the Global South** – The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference was held in New Delhi from 21 to 23 October 2026 and this was the theme chosen for it.

1168. **B** **36 projects, 37.54 megawatts** – That was the count of operational agrivoltaics projects in India as of August 2025, and alongside them another 10 pilot projects were under development.

1169. **A** **Ms Ameena Nazreen A S** – The correct answer is Ms Ameena Nazreen A S. She won the Global Youth Institute Award, which carries a cash prize of US$500, at the World Food Prize Foundation event held in Des Moines, Iowa, in the United States.

1170. **B** **Before Hunger Wins** – This was the theme of the 2026 Norman E Borlaug International Dialogue, the World Food Prize Foundation event held from 20 to 22 October 2026 in Des Moines, Iowa, in the United States.

1171. **B** **Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific** – The Indian Navy will hold the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue in New Delhi from 3 to 5 November 2026 on this theme, with the National Maritime Foundation as the principal organiser, and experts from 18 countries of the region taking part.

1172. **A** **The 14th East Asia Summit in Bangkok** – The correct answer is the 14th East Asia Summit in Bangkok, where the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative was announced in November 2019.

1173. **B** **The National Statistics Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** – The correct answer is the National Statistics Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

1174. **C** **January 2027** – The modified sampling design, the changed estimation procedure and the revised schedule all take effect from that month, when fresh samples for the two-year period 2027-2028, known as Panel 6, will be drawn from an updated sampling frame.

1175. **C** **IIT (BHU), Varanasi** – The Centre for Development of Telematics signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Institute of Technology (BHU), Varanasi to establish its sixth Centre of Excellence, and the signing was followed by the formal opening of the centre on the campus.

1176.	**B**	**Ministry of Communications** – The Centre for Development of Telematics, or C-DOT, is the research and development centre of the Department of Telecommunications, which is a department of the Ministry of Communications, and it is in that capacity that it signed the agreement for a Centre o...
1177.	**B**	**Bank of India** – The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing signed the memorandum with Bank of India on 22 October 2026 to work on quantum financial innovation and the adoption of emerging technologies in banking.
1178.	**C**	**Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, usually written as MeitY.
1179.	**B**	**Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The Prime Minister inaugurated the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan there on 23 October 2026, the global gathering of the Chinmaya Mission founded by Swami Chinmayananda.
1180.	**D**	**Swami Chinmayananda** – The correct answer is Swami Chinmayananda, the sage who founded the Chinmaya Mission and whose work the Amrit Mahotsav celebrates.
1181.	**B**	**Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, commonly written as DARPG.
1182.	**B**	**2 to 31 October 2026** – The drive is conducted through that month under the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, and it is meant both to speed up the disposal of pending matters and to improve cleanliness in government offices.
1183.	**B**	**INS Sahyadri** – The Ministry of Defence said that Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri departed Vladivostok in the Russian Federation on 20 October 2026 after the bilateral naval exercise INDRA 2026 between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy was completed, so Sahyadri is...
1184.	**C**	**Russia** – INDRA is the bilateral naval exercise of the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy, and the Ministry of Defence said the conclusion of the drill reaffirmed the enduring defence and maritime partnership between India and Russia.
1185.	**B**	**600** – The Ministry of Home Affairs has said that in the first phase a total of 600 Civil Defence Master Trainers, 50 from each participating State or Union Territory, are proposed to be trained by the second week of November 2026 through a three-day specialised pro...
1186.	**C**	**Directorate General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards** – The correct answer is the Directorate General of Fire Services, Civil Defence and Home Guards, abbreviated DGFSCDHG.
1187.	**A**	**Kittur** – The official account of the programme calls her Kittur Rani Chennamma and describes her as the brave queen of Kittur, the nation's unparalleled woman warrior who challenged an imperial power and stands in history as an immortal symbol of resistance.
1188.	**D**	**The 202nd** – The ceremony at Prerana Sthal in the Parliament premises combined two occasions, the birth anniversary of Kittur Rani Chennamma and the 202nd Victory Celebration, or Vijayotsava, of her win against the British.
1189.	**C**	**604 MT** – The Ministry of Steel has prepared a draft National Steel Policy, Vision 2047, and it targets crude steel capacity of 604 MT by the year 2047.
1190.	**B**	**104** – The Ministry of Steel says that under its Green Steel Initiative, Green Steel Certificates have been issued to 104 distinct steel producers across the lists put out up to October 2026.
1191.	**B**	**Bhopal** – The conclave was organised in Bhopal by the Department of Fisheries of the Government of Madhya Pradesh along with the Union Department of Fisheries and the National Fisheries Development Board, to draw investment into processing, value addition and exports f...

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1192. **C** **197.75 lakh MT** – That was India's total fish production in 2024-25, and of this quantity inland fisheries contributed 151.60 lakh tonnes, which is close to three-fourths of the national output.

1193. **C** **30 million tonnes** – Abhilaksh Likhi, Secretary in the Department of Fisheries, said India has set a target of 30 million tonnes of fish production over the next five years, and that seafood exports are expected to rise to Rs 1.25 lakh crore in the same period.

1194. **A** **Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation** – The correct answer is the Bay of Bengal Programme Inter-Governmental Organisation, known as BOBP-IGO.

1195. **B** **Mahakaleshwar Temple, Ujjain** – TRINETRA was built for the Mahakal Rudrasagar Integrated Development Area in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh, which includes the Mahakaleshwar Temple, and it was implemented with Ujjain Smart City Limited and the Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Management Committee.

1196. **C** **150 indicators** – The Panchayat Advancement Index, a framework of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, measures the performance of gram panchayats across nine Localized Sustainable Development Goal themes, and it does so with 150 indicators and 230 data points.

1197. **B** **US$250 billion** – The Chintan Shivir for the engineering sector was convened by the Department of Commerce along with EEPC India to chart a strategy for total engineering goods exports of US$250 billion by 2030, together with deeper market access through free trade agreements...

1198. **B** **US$476.20 billion** – Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal said in his keynote address that India’s combined exports of goods and services grew by 14 per cent year-on-year to this level during April-September of 2026-27, which he cited as evidence that exports had stayed resilie...

1199. **C** **764** – Under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens (IPSrC) of the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana, run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, 764 senior citizen homes are being supported at present, along with 13 continuous care homes, 17 mobile medicar...

1200. **B** **Rs 19.58 lakh** – The scheme guidelines of the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana provide annual financial support of this amount to each Regional Resource and Training Centre, and the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment also assists designated non-governmental organisations and...

1201. **B** **Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES)** – The correct answer is the Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology.

1202. **B** **Quasi-Periodic Oscillation** – Matter pulled towards a black hole forms an accretion flow that falls inward at high speed and emits non-thermal radiation, and the brightness of that radiation shows nearly regular variations known as quasi-periodic oscillations.

1203. **C** **Jagdalpur** – The correct answer is Jagdalpur, the main town of the Bastar region in Chhattisgarh, where the President graced and addressed a public programme on the occasion of Bastar Dussehra.

1204. **A** **Maa Danteshwari Temple** – The correct answer is the Maa Danteshwari Temple at Jagdalpur, where the President performed darshan and puja before the day’s other engagements.

1205. **A** **Ms Katherina Reiche** – The correct answer is Ms Katherina Reiche, the German Federal Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy.

1206. **B** **Asia-Pacific Committee of German Business** – The roundtable was organised along with the German Council on Foreign Relations and the APA, and German chief executives and business leaders took part.

1207. **B** **Sandeep Kumar, men's 400m T64** – Competing at the Asian Para Games for the first time, Sandeep Kumar won the gold in that sprint and set a new world record, and the medal was counted as India's 100th at these Games, which is why the Prime Minister described it as a proud milestone for the na...

1208.	**A**	**Men's javelin throw F37/F38** – Haney won the gold in that event and set a new world record in the same competition, an achievement the Prime Minister described as a proud moment for Indian para athletics.
1209.	**B**	**Women's recurve doubles** – The pair won the silver in that archery event, and it was described as India's first medal of any colour in the event at the Asian Para Games, which is what made the result historic.
1210.	**B**	**Nithya Sre Sumathy Sivan** – She won the silver in the women's singles SH6 class, and the Prime Minister noted that moving from the bronze of the previous edition to a silver this time was a fine step forward for her.
1211.	**B**	**Land Warfare Doctrine** – The Raksha Mantri released it at the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi, and it provides an overarching framework to prepare the Indian Army for the evolving character of warfare and for future conflicts, which is why it was issued to the Army's senior...
1212.	**B**	**Rs 1.78 lakh crore** – The Raksha Mantri said defence production had surged to that record level in the financial year 2025-26, and that defence exports in the same period had reached an all-time high of about Rs 38,000 crore, both of which he attributed to the priority given to se...
1213.	**B**	**The Union Finance Minister** – Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs, chaired the 30th meeting of the FSDC in New Delhi, which fits the Council's design: the Finance Minister heads it and the heads of the financial sector regulators sit on it.
1214.	**A**	**An Inter-Ministerial Group of financial regulators and cyber security agencies** – The correct answer is an Inter-Ministerial Group of financial sector regulators and cyber security agencies, which worked in coordination with the Department of Economic Affairs, the Department of Financial Services and the Ministry of Electronics and Informa...
1215.	**B**	**Bhubaneswar, Odisha** – The two-day conference was inaugurated there by the Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Tokhan Sahu, in the presence of the state's Housing and Urban Development Minister, and it was the first time the city had hosted this annual event...
1216.	**B**	**Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age** – The theme guided the whole programme, which looked at improving access within cities, integrating transport infrastructure and using digital technologies to raise the quality of urban life, and the opening session carried the same title in its conclave form.
1217.	**B**	**Men's Javelin Throw** – India filled all three places on the podium in this event: Sumit won the gold medal, Mahendra Gurjar took the silver with a Games Record and Sandip Sanjay Sargar claimed the bronze, also with a Games Record.
1218.	**C**	**Pranav Soorma** – He defended the title he already held in the Men's Club Throw F51 and set a fresh Games Record while doing so, which is why the Prime Minister called the achievement a source of pride for the nation.
1219.	**B**	**Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions SH1** – Mona Agarwal won the gold in this shooting event at the Asian Para Games, and her winning performance stood as a new world record as well as a new Asian Para Games record.
1220.	**A**	**Thulasimathi Murugesan and Manasi Joshi** – The duo became Asian Para Games champions in the Women’s Doubles SL3-SU5 class, and the Prime Minister said their superb performance had brought great pride to the nation and hoped they would continue to shine on the international stage.
1221.	**B**	**Maritime** – Inaugurating the corporate office of SMFCL in New Delhi, the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways described the company as India's first dedicated Non Banking Financial Company in the maritime sector, set up to mobilise long term finance for port-l...

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1222. **C** **Rs 5,107 crore** – As on 30 September 2026 the corporation had disbursed this amount, and more than half of what it had sanctioned was still to be drawn as the projects behind the sanctions advanced.

1223. **C** **Dr. M. Srinivas** – The correct answer is Dr. M. Srinivas, a Member of NITI Aayog, who has been named the Chairperson of the committee set up by the Department of Pharmaceuticals to examine the framework governing pharmaceutical marketing practices.

1224. **A** **2015** – The code was introduced in that year as a voluntary, industry-led self-regulatory mechanism meant to promote ethical pharmaceutical marketing and to regulate the interactions between pharmaceutical companies and healthcare professionals.

1225. **C** **Srinagar** – The Ministry of Tribal Affairs convened the third and concluding conference of the regional review series in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir, where senior officials of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Goa, Rajasthan and the host Union Territ...

1226. **A** **80.64 per cent** – The Ministry reported that about 54 lakh claims had been received across the country and that 43.56 lakh of them, which is this share, had been disposed of by that date.

1227. **B** **Four** – In October 2026 four male Great Indian Bustards were set free inside Desert National Park, close to Sam village in the Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan.

1228. **B** **Wildlife Institute of India** – Its annual progress report for 2016-17 recorded that the population of the Great Indian Bustard had fallen by three quarters over the thirty years before that report, a decline driven by the loss of its grassland habitat and by pressures created by people, an...

1229. **C** **11 crore** – The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare announced that the creation of 11 crore Farmer IDs, each a unique digital identity for a cultivator, had been completed by the night of 23 October, five months before the deadline of 31 March 2027.

1230. **B** **31 March 2027** – That was the date fixed for the completion of the Farmer ID registry, and the work was closed by the night of 23 October, which is five months earlier.

1231. **C** **125 days** – The VB-G RAM G Act provides a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment in every financial year to each rural household whose adult members volunteer for unskilled manual work.

1232. **B** **Mahatma Gandhi NREGA** – The Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) took its place when the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 came into force on 1 July 2026, and the changeover was described as seamless and free of disruption, with the supporting digital systems live f...

1233. **C** **8th** – The 8th All India Conference of Government Railway Police Chiefs, convened by the Railway Protection Force, concluded in New Delhi on 23 October 2026.

1234. **A** **Sonali Mishra** – The correct answer is Sonali Mishra, Director General of the Railway Protection Force, who presided over the high-level conference and closed it by stressing the need for intelligence-led policing to strengthen railway security.

1235. **B** **Piyush Goyal** – The correct answer is Piyush Goyal, the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, who completed a two-day official visit to Germany with a series of engagements in Berlin on 23 October 2026.

1236. **B** **Economic and Financial Policy Advisor and G7/G20 Sherpa** – Mr Levin Holle holds that position at the German Federal Chancellery, where the bilateral meeting took place, and the discussion covered economic cooperation and the strengthening of economic and investment ties between India and Germany.

1237. **B** **316** – Shram Samvad is a 90-day outreach initiative through which the Ministry of Labour and Employment is undertaking district-level engagement across 316 districts in all 36 States and Union Territories, with special attention to industrial clusters.

1238. **C** **Code on Wages** – The other three Codes are all of 2020: the Industrial Relations Code, the Code on Social Security, and the Occupational Safety, Health and Working Conditions Code.

1239. **B** **Integrated Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory** – That is the full form of AATAL, the facility inaugurated for Delhi NCR by Dr Jitendra Singh at the Delhi branch of the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology.

1240. **C** **Mission Mausam** – The laboratory has been established under Mission Mausam, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to deepen the scientific understanding of atmospheric pollution and to supply usable evidence for managing air quality in Delhi NCR.

1241. **B** **The Biological Diversity Act, 2002** – India's access and benefit-sharing framework is governed by this Act, as amended in 2023, along with the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024, and the Access and Benefit-Sharing Regulations, 2025.

1242. **C** **Uttar Pradesh** – The correct answer is Uttar Pradesh, which drew Rs 10,35,790, the biggest single state allocation in the distribution.

1243. **C** **The Indian Navy** – Swavlamban is the Navy's own Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar, and the name of the event itself points to naval innovation.

1244. **A** **Strength & Power through Innovation and Indigenisation** – The correct answer is 'Strength & Power through Innovation and Indigenisation', the theme announced for the fifth edition of the seminar at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi.

1245. **B** **The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The fair is its marketing-support initiative for artisans and beneficiaries tied to its three national corporations: the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation, the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation and the...

1246. **A** **Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme** – BHARAT-TULIP is aimed at marketing the products of artisans belonging to the target groups of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, using both physical outlets and e-commerce platforms so that a maker in a small town can reach a buyer anywhere.

1247. **B** **Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub** – The 14th edition of India Chem was held under this theme in Mumbai, and the theme framed everything at the event: the business parleys, the CEOs Forum and the roundtables were all pointed at drawing investment and presenting the country as a competitive base...

1248. **C** **Japan** – Japan was the partner country at the 14th India Chem, and the release notes that India shares a strong trade relationship with it in the chemicals and petrochemicals sector in particular.

1249. **B** **AITA ACE 2032** – The correct answer is AITA ACE 2032, the initiative of the All India Tennis Association under which the All-Women Coaches Course was held at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association tennis stadium in New Delhi.

1250. **A** **Khelo India, launched in 2021** – The ASMITA leagues are women's leagues run under the Khelo India framework, and since their launch in that year they have reached more than three lakh women, opening up organised participation and competition across regions and communities.

1251. **B** **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.

1252. **A** **Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth (Shakti evam Seva)** – That is the theme set for the campaign's second month, and the week's activities were arranged under it, bringing together physical fitness, community participation and social responsibility as the route to a substance-free society.

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1253. **B** **Lalitpur–Singrauli project** – Both the new sections, Satna–Devendranagar of about 53 km and Rewa–Churhat of about 65 km, were built under this project, which the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh put at about 541 km and described as a link between Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh covering...

1254. **C** **Sidhi** – Churhat lies in Sidhi district, and with the Rewa–Churhat line of about 65 km finished, residents of Sidhi gained the chance to travel on the national rail network.

1255. **A** **Naval Materials Research Laboratory** – The correct answer is the Naval Materials Research Laboratory, usually written as NMRL, which designed and built the Air Independent Propulsion Energy Module as an indigenous effort of the DRDO.

1256. **B** **It increases underwater endurance by reducing dependence on atmospheric oxygen** – The correct answer is that it increases underwater endurance by reducing dependence on atmospheric oxygen.

1257. **A** **Bhubaneswar** – The correct answer is Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha, where the two-day conference and exhibition ended on 24 October 2026 after sessions on 23 and 24 October.

1258. **B** **Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age** – The correct answer is 'Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age', the theme under which the nineteenth edition was held in Bhubaneswar.

1259. **B** **Urban Rising – Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery** – The correct answer is 'Urban Rising – Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery'.

1260. **A** **National Institute of Urban Affairs** – The correct answer is the National Institute of Urban Affairs, which is the knowledge partner for the conclave, with the Housing and Urban Development Corporation and the National Buildings Construction Corporation as principal sponsors.

1261. **B** **Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor** – The correct answer is the Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor, along which the Integrated Manufacturing Cluster at Gaya is coming up as part of the National Industrial Corridor Development Programme.

1262. **A** **Twelve MoUs for about ₹4,200 crore** – Those agreements were signed with prospective investors for roughly 300 acres of industrial land at the Gaya cluster, and the employment potential attached to them was estimated at 16,095.

1263. **A** **Rajesh Verma** – The correct answer is Rajesh Verma, who heads the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas and led the high-level team that met the Deputy Commissioners and other officers of Amritsar and Tarn Taran on 24 October 2026.

1264. **B** **Punjab** – Both Amritsar and Tarn Taran are districts of Punjab, and the commission's team held its review meeting with their Deputy Commissioners and other concerned officers.

1265. **B** **IIT Delhi** – The 29th International Symposium on Electronic Theses and Dissertations, shortened to ETD-2026, was held at the Indian Institute of Technology Delhi from 23 to 25 October 2026, and the Digital India BHASHINI Division took part in it with a session on its mult...

1266. **A** **Comptroller and Auditor General of India** – BHASHINI Pragati is a document translation workbench that the Digital India BHASHINI Division built for the CAG, and it was put before the symposium as an example of translating structured documents, including files that run from 100 to 500 pages, with qualit...

1267. **C** **103** – India reached this figure on 15 October 2026, when Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in Uttar Pradesh were added to the list of Wetlands of International Importance.

1268. **B** **Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel** – Sukhna Wetland lies in Chandigarh and is a rain-fed reservoir created in 1958 at the foot of the Shivalik hills; it shelters threatened species such as the Pallas's fish eagle, the common pochard and the black pond turtle, and migratory birds of the Central A...

1269. **C** **114** – The Indian contingent of para-athletes closed the Asian Para Games 2026 with that number of medals, which is a record for the country at the event and the best-ever performance it has managed there.

1270. **B** **Its best-ever performance at the Games** – The correct answer is that it was the best-ever performance by India at the Asian Para Games.

1271. **C** **139th** – Mann Ki Baat is the monthly radio address of the Prime Minister, and the edition broadcast on 25 October 2026 was its 139th.

1272. **B** **IIT Madras** – The Prime Minister inaugurated the Sudha Gopalakrishnan Brain Centre there during his visit to Chennai earlier in the month, and he spoke about it in the 139th episode of Mann Ki Baat.

1273. **A** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, known as DARPG, which heads this nationwide drive across all Union ministries and their public sector undertakings.

1274. **B** **Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste** – This edition of the campaign places a dedicated emphasis on handling institutional electronic waste in an environment-friendly way, and the work is done in keeping with the E-Waste Management Rules, 2022.

1275. **C** **85 crore** – Addressing the closing session of the 2nd National Urban Conclave, Rajiv Gauba, Member of NITI Aayog, said that nearly half of all Indians are expected to be living in urban areas by 2050, and that the urban population would therefore climb from roughly 50 cr...

1276. **C** **18** – Drawing on the report Moving Towards Effective City Governance, prepared jointly by NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Rajiv Gauba said States must devolve all 18 functions to urban local bodies in line with the 74th Amendment, naming m...

1277. **B** **Narcotics Control Bureau** – The bureau planned the operation and led it in the early hours of 23 October 2026, working under a single command with Mizoram Police and the Enforcement Directorate.

1278. **C** **Assam, Mizoram and Manipur** – The teams moved on city hubs and border stretches in these three States: Aizawl and Champhai in Mizoram, the Indo-Myanmar border trading town of Zokhawthar, operative bases at Churachandpur in Manipur, and the Cachar transit corridor in Assam.

1279. **A** **Strengthening Parliaments for People-Centric Development** – That is the theme under which the forum, hosted by the Parliament of India at the Parliament House Complex in New Delhi, will deliberate on 26 and 27 October 2026.

1280. **B** **Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma** – The correct answer is Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.

1281. **C** **Central Consumer Protection Authority** – It is the body set up under the Consumer Protection Act, 2019 to act against misleading advertisements and unfair trade practices, and it is headed by a Chief Commissioner, at present Nidhi Khare, sitting with Commissioner Anupam Mishra.

1282. **B** **Consumer Protection Act, 2019** – The order against M/s Hogar Technologies and Innovations LLP, which carried a penalty of one lakh rupees, was passed under this Act, as were the earlier orders in the same matter against e-commerce platforms and sellers.

1283. **B** **AMRUT 2.0** – The Used Water Marketplace opened on the concluding day of the conclave is a digital platform set up under AMRUT 2.0, and it connects urban local bodies with users and investors in the treated used water ecosystem.

1284. **C** **18** – On the second and concluding day of the conclave, the development of the eighteen selected Street Food Hubs under PM SVANidhi was formally commenced, and the release of the first tranche of funds marked the formal start of project implementation.

1285. **B** **A data centre and a cyber security training institute** – The correct answer is a data centre and a cyber security training institute.

1286. **C** **Sanjay Malhotra** – The Prime Minister named him as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India while greeting the guests on the dais at Bhubaneswar.

1287. **B** **VOYAGES** – This is the cooperation framework that India and South Korea adopted in April, when South Korean President Lee Jae Myung paid a state visit to India, and it covers shipbuilding, shipping and maritime logistics.

1288. **C** **2047** – India has set itself the goal of ranking among the world's top five shipbuilding nations by that year, and the four-day South Korea visit of Sarbananda Sonowal was pitched as a step towards it.

1289. **A** **NIFTEM-Kundli** – The National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management at Kundli, which works under the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, hosted Hack the Fork on its campus, and the event has been described as India's first hackathon to bring Artific...

1290. **B** **Alternative protein industry** – The challenge was built around harnessing Artificial Intelligence to advance that industry, and the areas opened to the teams included plant-based food innovation, fermentation technologies and food systems more broadly, along with nutritional optimisation, f...

1291. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The Shilp Samagam Mela is its initiative to give marketing support to artisans and beneficiaries associated with its three national corporations, the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation, the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Dev...

1292. **C** **75 artisans, 31 of them women** – The Guwahati edition of the fair has drawn these artisans from across the country, including the North-Eastern States, and together they are displaying roughly 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft products.

1293. **C** **Port of Rotterdam** – The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry toured it with its Chief Executive Officer, Boudewijn Siemons, on the first day of his visit to the Netherlands, and the port is described as the largest in Europe, a gateway for Indian goods entering the European m...

1294. **B** **Commerce and Industry** – Piyush Goyal is the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, and in that capacity he began a visit to the Netherlands aimed at strengthening economic ties, exploring fresh avenues for trade and investment, and deepening engagement with the Indian community.

1295. **B** **More than Rs 1.87 lakh crore** – The Khadi and Village Industries Commission said the sector's turnover crossed that mark in the 2025-26 financial year, and that the same year it gave work to more than 2.04 crore people.

1296. **C** **Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises** – KVIC is the commission placed under that ministry, and its chairman Manoj Goel spoke in that capacity when he put the khadi and village industries sector's turnover above Rs 1.87 lakh crore with employment of more than 2.04 crore people.

1297. **B** **Brazil** – Mr. Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva won the presidential election in Brazil, and the Prime Minister of India sent him his heartiest congratulations on 26 October 2026, calling the result a remarkable re-election victory.

1298. **B** **A multifaceted Strategic Partnership** – The Prime Minister said he looked forward to working closely with President Lula to further deepen and expand the multifaceted India-Brazil Strategic Partnership, and that phrase is the one the message itself uses for the relationship.

1299. **B** **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research** – ESTIC 2026 is a flagship national platform organised by CSIR under the guidance of the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, and it is scheduled for 27 to 29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

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1300.	C	**Prof. Gobardhan Das, Member, NITI Aayog** – He graced the curtain raiser as Chief Guest, spoke of India's growing scientific capabilities and the potential of biotechnology to drive national development, and cited the development of COVID-19 vaccines as an instance of basic biological research leading...
1301.	B	**Over 1.55 crore** – That is the total number of artificial recharge and storage structures built under the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative taken as a whole.
1302.	B	**World Water Day** – Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain was launched on 22 March 2021, which falls on World Water Day, and its guiding slogan was 'Catch the Rain, Where It Falls, When It Falls'.
1303.	B	**Rs 250 crore** – The allocation is meant to set up Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming and Comics Content Creator Labs in 15,000 secondary schools and 500 colleges across the country, and the Indian Institute of Creative Technologies in Mumbai will plan, coordinate and implemen...
1304.	C	**Haptic Reality** – The correct answer is Haptic Reality, which is not a recognised form of Extended Reality.
1305.	C	**12th** – The Forum in question is the twelfth edition of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum, and the Lok Sabha Speaker has written about the part it plays in strengthening parliamentary dialogue and cooperation among the grouping's member and partner countries.
1306.	C	**A common monetary union** – The correct answer is a common monetary union, which is not on this Forum's agenda.
1307.	B	**Rs 116 crore** – The Technology Development Board, which functions under the Department of Science and Technology, signed an agreement with Manastu Space Technologies Private Limited of Navi Mumbai for financial support of Rs 116 crore drawn from the Research Development and...
1308.	C	**Hydrogen peroxide with additives** – The system is described as a green propulsion solution that uses a hydrogen peroxide based propellant with additives, supported by an integrated engine and catalyst assembly that includes an ultra-high-temperature ceramic catalyst meant to survive demanding c...
1309.	B	**31 March 2027** – The Department of Commerce has carried forward the timelines of Component II of RELIEF, the time-bound intervention that sits under the Export Promotion Mission, up to the close of March 2027, and the change was notified through Notification No. 37/2026-27 is...
1310.	D	**95 per cent** – Component II of the initiative is designed to push exporters towards taking cover from the Export Credit Guarantee Corporation of India for their coming shipments to the notified regions, and the inducement it offers is risk coverage at the level of ninety fi...
1311.	C	**Philippines** – The thirteenth edition of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus is being held at Cebu in the Philippines, which also holds the chair of the forum for the current year, and the Indian delegation to it is being led by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh.
1312.	A	**1992** – India entered the ASEAN framework as a dialogue partner in that year, and the relationship has since widened into the defence domain through the ADMM-Plus mechanism.
1313.	A	**CHAKRA, Transforming Existing Platforms for Future Combat** – The seminar carries exactly this theme, and the phrase itself captures the idea behind the whole exercise, namely that equipment already held by the Army should be reworked into advanced and future-ready combat systems rather than simply replaced.
1314.	B	**Chandimandir Military Station** – The correct answer is Chandimandir Military Station, which is the headquarters station of Western Command and the chosen venue for the two-day seminar in December 2026.
1315.	C	**Fourth** – The Central Board of Secondary Education, in association with the Sahodaya School Complexes of Delhi and the National Capital Region, is holding the fourth National Summit on Facilitating School-to-Work Transition in New Delhi across two days, the twenty sixt...

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1316. **B** **National Credit Framework** – Of the four priorities set out at the summit by the Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, the third is the recognition of skills across education systems, and the instrument named for it is the National Credit Framework.

1317. **B** **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** – The correct answer is Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and of Rural Development, who is to deliver the sixty seventh lecture in the series at the Rang Bhawan Auditorium of Akashvani in New Delhi.

1318. **B** **1955** – Akashvani has organised the annual Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Lecture from that year onwards, in memory of independent India's first Deputy Prime Minister, who also held the Information and Broadcasting portfolio and is remembered as the architect of national i...

1319. **C** **The Raksha Mantri** – The Defence Acquisition Council that met on 26 October 2026 was chaired by Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh, and it accorded Acceptance of Necessity to capital acquisition proposals of the three Services at an estimated cost of about Rs 2,12,000 crore.

1320. **B** **The Indian Navy** – In this round of clearances the Navy was approved to procure the Active Offboard Decoy System, which raises the credibility of anti-missile defence, especially against the modern anti-ship missiles that an adversary may use, and along with it other major nava...

1321. **B** **The National Crisis Management Committee** – Cabinet Secretary Dr. T. V. Somanathan chaired its meeting to review how prepared the Centre and the coastal States were for the approaching cyclone, with Chief Secretaries of the affected States, the Union Home Secretary and the heads of the NDRF, the IMD an...

1322. **B** **Bapatla and Visakhapatnam** – The India Meteorological Department told the Committee that the storm would travel west-north-westwards and then turn north-westwards, crossing the Andhra Pradesh and Yanam coasts between these two points as a very severe cyclonic storm by the forenoon of 28...

1323. **A** **1,853 projects worth Rs 37.56 lakh crore** – That is the headline figure of the Monthly Flash Report for September 2026, covering projects of Rs 150 crore and above spread over 17 central Ministries and Departments and tracked on the PAIMANA platform.

1324. **C** **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** – It carries 974 of the monitored projects, which is a little over half of the total count, with a revised cost of Rs 9.46 lakh crore, or about a quarter of the overall cost.

1325. **B** **Application-based Linear Television Distribution** – TRAI adopted this label because the services it examined aggregate scheduled linear television channels and deliver them to viewers over the public internet or other IP-based networks through apps, websites or similar interfaces, whether the app comes pre-loa...

1326. **C** **The Telecommunications Act, 2023** – TRAI recommends that ALTD Service be introduced as a distinct sub-category under Television Channel Distribution Services within the broadcasting authorisation framework created under Section 3(1)(a) of that Act, with the detailed terms notified as Rules unde...

1327. **B** **294 listings from 10 emporiums** – The storefront draws its catalogue from ten State and Central handloom and handicraft emporiums, among them COTTAGE of the Central Cottage Industries Emporium, KHADI INDIA of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission, Garvi Gurjari of Gujarat, Himcrafts of...

1328. **B** **Madhya Pradesh and Tamil Nadu** – Among the ten emporiums whose catalogues make up the collection, Mrignayani is the emporium of Madhya Pradesh and Poompuhar that of Tamil Nadu.

1329. **B** **Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada** – The Ministry of Rural Development is holding the Mela there with the State government and with support from NABARD, NIRDPR and Kudumbashree, and this is the first National SARAS Mela to move out of Delhi-NCR.

1330. **B** **A woman of an SHG household with a sustainable annual household income of at least Rs 1 lakh** – The correct answer is a woman of a self-help group household with a sustainable annual household income of at least Rs 1 lakh.

1331. **B** **2 October to 31 October** – The sixth edition of the Centre's special campaign on cleanliness in government offices and the clearing of pending matters began on 2 October 2026 and ends on 31 October 2026, with the targets fixed earlier in a preparatory phase.

1332. **C** **About Rs 53.94 crore** – Coal ministry undertakings disposed of 16,158 metric tonnes of scrap, well above the 10,909 tonnes they had projected, and the sale of that material brought the exchequer roughly Rs 53.94 crore, the largest such figure reported by any ministry that day.

1333. **B** **Busan** – The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways took part in the high-level government roundtable on World Maritime Day in Busan, South Korea, and used the same visit to meet the Korean marine equipment industry.

1334. **B** **Arsenio Dominguez** – He was on the roundtable platform with the Indian Minister, who called IMO conventions an operational lighthouse for shipping at a time of geopolitical instability, piracy and disruption in the Red Sea, protecting seafarers, trade and supply chains.

1335. **C** **The Indian Navy** – SWAVLAMBAN is the Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar, and the Indian Navy organises it in collaboration with the Defence Innovation Organisation and the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers.

1336. **B** **229** – The Raksha Mantri said that start-ups and micro, small and medium enterprises had submitted more than 4,000 proposals against 229 challenges issued by the Indian Navy under the Innovations for Defence Excellence scheme, which he treated as a measure of both t...

1337. **B** **Santragachi** – The service is named the Jaipur (Khatipura)-Tatanagar-Santragachi Express, and it was flagged off by the Union Railway Minister, who joined through video conferencing, together with the Chief Minister of West Bengal.

1338. **C** **57** – While flagging off the new express train, the Railway Minister said that this many stations in Jharkhand are being rebuilt under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, and that work has already been finished at several of them, among them Godda, Govindpur Road, Loh...

1339. **B** **10,000** – Under the Vision Document on Narcotic Control for the period 2026 to 2029, the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has been entrusted with building the capacity of this many service providers, including medical and allied healthcare personnel engaged in de-...

1340. **C** **NDDTC, AIIMS, New Delhi** – The correct answer is the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi.

1341. **B** **The Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989** – The Ministry notified amendments to these rules so that vehicles capable of running on E85 and other high ethanol fuels can be certified and brought into use.

1342. **C** **85 per cent** – E85 is a blend of petrol and ethanol in which ethanol forms up to that share by volume.

1343. **B** **April 2027 to March 2028** – The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has proposed moving the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises from the calendar-year cycle it has followed so far to the financial year, so that its reference period matches that of other en...

1344. **B** **Gender-specific constraints faced by women entrepreneurs** – The revised schedule introduces, for the first time, questions on the constraints women face in operating and managing their establishments, to build an evidence base on the factors affecting female-led enterprises in the unincorporated sector.

1345. **B** **Italy** – Civitavecchia is an Italian port, and the Indian Naval Ship Trishul arrived there in the course of its ongoing operational deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.

1346. **A** **Carlo Margottini** – The Indian Naval Ship Trishul conducted a Passage Exercise with this Italian Naval Ship just before it entered harbour at Civitavecchia.

1347. **C** **61st** – India is hosting the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology at New Delhi, and the sittings run from 26 to 28 October 2026.

1348. **A** **International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)** – CIML is the committee of the OIML, and the meeting in New Delhi brings together delegates, officials and technical experts from member countries to take forward cooperation on measurement standards, protection of consumers and fair trade.

1349. **A** **Probity for Prosperity** – The theme set for the week is 'Satyanishtha se Samriddhi', which the government renders in English as Probity for Prosperity, and it treats honesty, integrity and openness as the pillars that hold up good governance and public trust in institutions.

1350. **B** **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** – The week is deliberately placed around his birthday, which falls on 31 October, and that is why this year's observance runs from 26 October to 1 November 2026 rather than on fixed calendar dates.

1351. **B** **Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada** – Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed its 40th anniversary, called the Ruby Jubilee, in Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, released a souvenir on the university's forty-year journey and asked its researchers to aim for global recognition in medical science.

1352. **C** **846** – The Vice-President said the number of medical colleges in the country has more than doubled, rising to 846 at present.

1353. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which runs the Shilp Samagam Mela to give marketing support to artisans and beneficiaries attached to its three national corporations.

1354. **A** **Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme** – BHARAT-TULIP is the programme through which the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment helps artisans of its target groups sell their products, both at physical outlets and on e-commerce platforms, so that a craftsperson is not limited to buyers who walk...

1355. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which runs the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan and has opened this quiz under it.

1356. **B** **15 August 2020** – The campaign was launched on that date to reduce the demand for drugs through preventive education, awareness, treatment, rehabilitation and community participation, and it is now in its seventh year.

1357. **B** **Dr. Jitendra Singh** – The correct answer is Dr. Jitendra Singh, who presided as Chairman of the IIPA.

1358. **B** **Retired IAS officers** – The Paul H. Appleby 2026 award was announced for three of them, S. S. Kshatriya, D. P. Tiwari and B. R. Sharma.

1359. **B** **Sjoerd Sjoerdsma, Minister for Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation** – He holds the Dutch portfolio of Foreign Trade and Development Cooperation, and he chaired the India-Netherlands Business Forum jointly with India's Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal during the visit of 26 October 2026.

1360. **C** **200** – The India-Netherlands Business Forum held during the engagements of 26 October 2026 drew roughly that many participants, and the gathering was made up largely of leading representatives of Indian and Dutch companies rather than of officials alone.

1361. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – It is the nodal ministry for the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana and handles policy formulation, funding, monitoring and overall implementation through its Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

1362. **B** **Rs 77.98 crore** – That is the amount released as grant-in-aid to 755 projects under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, a component of the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana, for the quarter that ended on 30 September 2026 in financial year 2026-27.

1363. **B** **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** – The correct answer is the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, which works under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and has recognised 2,50,046 startups reporting over 25.42 lakh jobs.

1364. **C** **USD 843 billion** – India drew that much foreign direct investment over the twelve financial years from FY 2014-15 to FY 2025-26, which is 169 per cent more than in the twelve years before it.

1365. **C** **Rs 20,000 crore** – The scheme for carbon capture, utilisation and storage was announced in February 2026 and the Ministry of Finance set aside that sum over five years for five industrial sectors, namely power, steel, cement, refineries and chemicals.

1366. **B** **IIT Bombay** – The first integrated CCUS Field Laboratory was inaugurated there in May 2026 and brings capture, utilisation and permanent geological storage together on one pilot scale platform.

1367. **A** **Probity for Prosperity** – The correct answer is Probity for Prosperity, given in Hindi as Satyanishtha se Samriddhi.

1368. **B** **26 October to 1 November 2026** – The Central Vigilance Commission is observing the week across those seven days, and the integrity pledge was administered to the Commission officers and staff on 27 October 2026 at Satarkata Bhawan in New Delhi.

1369. **A** **Bihar Gramin Bank** – Two disputes between its management and its employees organisations were settled on 22 and 23 October 2026 through the conciliation efforts of the Assistant Labour Commissioner (Central), Patna, working under the Office of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Centr...

1370. **C** **Rs 77.69 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 77.69 crore, the figure for both settlements taken together, covering more than 10,900 employees of the bank.

1371. **A** **Daudhan Dam** – In the review chaired by Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C. R. Patil, the status of the Ken-Betwa Link Project was taken up, and the discussion covered the link canal and the Daudhan Dam.

1372. **B** **Shri C. R. Patil** – The correct answer is Shri C. R. Patil, the Union Minister for Jal Shakti, who chaired the review meeting with the heads of department of the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation.

1373. **B** **Largest Innovation Solution Competition** – The Ministry of Education announced that the Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 had been certified by Guinness World Records under exactly this category, on the strength of 2,87,967 project entries sent in by school pupils from across the country through the Idea...

1374. **B** **2,87,967** – This is the count of project submissions the Buildathon received from schools across India, taking the Idea Track and the Prototype Track together, and it is the figure on which the Guinness World Records certification as the Largest Innovation Solution Compe...

1375. **B** **Yerevan, Armenia** – The 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity met at Yerevan, and the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change thanked the Government of Armenia for hosting the seventeenth meeting of the Convention.

1376. **B** **23 targets** – India's minister told the High-Level Segment that the country's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan converts the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework into 23 National Biodiversity Targets, and that progress against them is measure...

1377. **C** **Eight** – The National Human Rights Commission built its advisory around eight areas of action: raising awareness about women's safety and sexual harassment, infrastructure, encouraging bystander intervention, the role of the police, support for survivors, cybercrime a...

1378. **B** **34.6 per cent** – The commission quoted the Periodic Labour Force Participation Survey to show that women's participation in the labour force stood at this level in September 2026, and set it beside the roughly 4.4 lakh cases of crimes against women in the latest report of the...

1379. **B** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – Ministries run Special Campaign 6 under its guidance, and it has set up the web portal on which each ministry uploads progress so that the drive can be monitored centrally.

1380. **C** **5,593** – The ministry completed the review of every physical file it had identified for the purpose, and that total was 5,593, one of the parameters it reported as fully finished in the progress up to 25 October 2026.

1381. **A** **Motihari, Bihar** – The ICAR-Mahatma Gandhi Integrated Farming Research Institute is situated at Motihari and functions under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education; it organised the farmer awareness and field interaction programme at Kothia Hariram village in the...

1382. **B** **Mango and litchi** – The programme was built around balanced fertilisation, soil health, nutrient recycling, crop diversification and the sustainable management of mango and litchi orchards, and the institute described its aim as strengthening climate-resilient livelihoods in the...

1383. **A** **Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development** – The Forum was organised on this theme, and the deliberations over the two days followed it closely: delegates discussed people-centric development, strong democratic institutions, cooperation between parliaments, and the responsible use of digital technology...

1384. **C** **China** – At the close of the Forum the Lok Sabha Speaker handed over the chairship of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum to China, which takes the BRICS chair for the year 2027, and expressed confidence that cooperation would continue to flourish under its leadership.

1385. **B** **Indonesia** – Garuda Shakti is the joint special forces exercise of India and Indonesia, and its eleventh edition commenced at Banyuwangi in Indonesia, with the Indian side represented by the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) and the host side by the Indonesian Special F...

1386. **A** **Banyuwangi, Indonesia** – The eleventh edition of the India-Indonesia joint special forces exercise commenced at Banyuwangi and is being conducted from 27 October to 06 November 2026, which means this edition is being hosted by Indonesia rather than India.

1387. **A** **Dr Mansukh Mandaviya** – The correct answer is Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, who chaired the third formal meeting of the COP10 Bureau as well as the fourth formal meeting of the Fund’s Approval Committee for 2026-27.

1388. **C** **Over 7,000** – The Union Sports Minister told the Bureau that during 2025-26 the National Anti-Doping Agency of India carried out over 7,000 tests along with more than 350 education and awareness sessions that reached 27,000 participants, and that the agency concentrated on...

1389. **B** **15 November** – The day falls on the birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda, and the Government of India designated it as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in 2021.

1390. **C** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The Government designated 15 November as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in 2021 to commemorate his birth anniversary, and his 150th birth anniversary was observed as Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh in 2024-25 with over 28 national events, more than 2 lakh activities and above...

1391. **B** **The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises** – The artisans and craftspeople who displayed their work at the Cultural Bazar are beneficiaries of the PM Vishwakarma Scheme of this ministry, and

the stall at the Parliament House Complex was set up in the scheme's name.

1392. **A** **Karnataka** – The artisan Deepu S from Karnataka specialises in traditional Channapatna toys and Kinhal toys, both of which reflect that State's toy-making heritage; under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme he received a toolkit, completed skill training and was onboarded on an e-c...

1393. **B** **Faridabad, Haryana** – The project was titled "Community-Based Ayurveda Intervention for Promotion of Physical and Mental Health in Elderly Population of Faridabad District, Haryana State", and under the institute's Public Health Initiative it screened 5,594 people in the sixty to...

1394. **B** **The Ministry of Ayush** – The All India Institute of Ayurveda in New Delhi is an autonomous institution under this Ministry, and it works on Ayurveda through education, research, clinical services and public health initiatives.

1395. **C** **95.52 per cent** – The correct answer is 95.52 per cent, the overall tele-density of the country when machine-to-machine cellular connections are included in the count.

1396. **A** **Urban 155.85 per cent and rural 61.30 per cent** – The correct answer is urban 155.85 per cent and rural 61.30 per cent, the total tele-density figures counting both wireless and wireline connections.

1397. **B** **20 km** – The pass is offered to owners of non-commercial vehicles whose residence lies within a 20 km range of the fee plaza they use, and who hold a valid and working FASTag.

1398. **B** **Rs 1,500** – The charge is set by where the plaza stands: a plaza outside a municipal or local town area costs that much for a year, while a plaza inside those limits costs twice as much.

1399. **B** **1,265** – That is the board-wise total of Station Master vacancies notified under Centralised Employment Notice No. 08/2026, spread over the various Railway Recruitment Boards and zones of Indian Railways.

1400. **C** **Mumbai** – The correct answer is Mumbai, whose Railway Recruitment Board carries 177 of the posts, the largest share of any board in this round.

1401. **B** **INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi** – These three vessels sailed as the First Training Squadron on this deployment and entered Colombo harbour, where the Sri Lanka Navy welcomed them with a ceremonial reception and a naval band.

1402. **C** **Passage Exercise (PASSEX)** – A Passage Exercise is the short exercise two navies run when their ships are in company, usually as one of them sails on after a harbour visit, and it lets crews practise manoeuvring, communication and formation keeping together.

1403. **B** **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade** – The correct answer is the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, known as DPIIT, which works under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry and runs the Startup India initiative.

1404. **C** **20 sectoral and 3 special** – The twenty sectoral categories span fields from agriculture and food systems to deep technology, clean energy, financial services, healthcare, logistics and tourism, while the three special categories are Women-Led Startups, startups from the North-Eastern Re...

1405. **B** **Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026** – The correct answer is the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave, or ESTIC 2026, held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

1406. **A** **Gene synthesis** – The Minister said that relying on suppliers abroad for specialised research inputs creates difficulties for Indian scientists in terms of time, access and the continuity of their work, and that building this capability within the country would let researchers...

1407. **C** **Singapore** – SIMBEX is short for Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise, and it is conducted between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.

1408.	**B**	**Bay of Bengal** – SIMBEX-2026 was run in two stages.
1409.	**B**	**Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa** – Yard 1283, named Srishti, was launched there on 27 October 2026 in the presence of the Secretary (Defence Finance) and senior officers of the Indian Navy and the Ministry of Defence.
1410.	**C**	**Creation** – The Ministry of Defence explained that ships of this class take their names from India's rich heritage, and that Srishti means creation, or the act of creating, in Sanskrit.
1411.	**A**	**Gyan Bharatam Mission** – The agreement between the Ministry of Culture and the Bibliotheque nationale de France was signed in Paris on 26 October 2026 under this mission, which is the Ministry's flagship initiative for India's manuscript heritage.
1412.	**B**	**Vivek Aggarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Culture** – He signed and exchanged the Memorandum of Understanding in Paris on 26 October 2026 with Gilles Pecout, President of the Bibliotheque nationale de France.
1413.	**B**	**Rajgir Sports Complex, Bihar** – The series was played there under the 100 Years of Unity through Sport initiative, which marks a century of sporting ties between India and New Zealand, and the closing day was attended by the Chief Minister of Bihar and the Union Minister of State for Youth...
1414.	**C**	**100 Years of Unity through Sport** – The series at Rajgir formed part of this initiative, which marks a century of sporting ties between India and New Zealand and uses sport to strengthen cultural and diplomatic links between the two countries.
1415.	**B**	**India Habitat Centre, New Delhi** – The two-day forum opened there on 27 October 2026 and is organised by ICLEI South Asia with the National Institute of Urban Affairs, with support from the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
1416.	**A**	**COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye** – The Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals 2026 is the outcome document of the forum, and it will be adopted on 28 October 2026 before being carried to the climate conference at Antalya.
1417.	**B**	**Cyprus** – Its Shipping Deputy Minister, Marina Hadjimanolis, met the Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, at Busan and repeated her country's backing for India's effort to secure European Union recognition for eligible Indian ship-recycl...
1418.	**D**	**2047** – The aim set out during the Busan meetings is to make India a globally competitive hub for shipbuilding, shipping and maritime services by that year, which also marks a century of independence.
1419.	**B**	**Kuno National Park** – The male cheetah carrying the code KNG22 was a 19-month-old offspring of the female Nirva and was part of the reintroduced cheetah population of Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh.
1420.	**A**	**National Tiger Conservation Authority and Wildlife Crime Control Bureau** – The correct answer is the National Tiger Conservation Authority and the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau.
1421.	**B**	**Prime Minister Narendra Modi** – He inaugurated ESTIC 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on the conclave's opening day and used his address to ask scientists, researchers and young innovators for outcomes that are concrete, measurable and able to be scaled, within an operating horizon of t...
1422.	**C**	**Twelve** – Prof. Ajay K. Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, described the 12 core thematic priority domains around which the conclave is built, and called for closer alignment of research, industry and policy across them.
1423.	**C**	**Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh** – The Ministry of Tourism is holding the 14th International Tourism Mart from 29 to 31 October 2026 at Hotel Vivanta in Tawang, together with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the other North Eastern States.

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1424. **C** **22** – The Mart at Tawang is expected to see participation from 43 international buyers representing 22 countries, among them Japan, Australia, Bhutan, Russia, Singapore, Germany, Thailand, South Korea, the United Kingdom and the United States.

1425. **B** **Mexico** – The Terms of Reference signed on 28 October 2026 formally launch negotiations for a Preferential Trade Agreement between India and Mexico, and they lay down the framework, scope, modalities and roadmap that the negotiators will follow.

1426. **B** **G7 Summit in Canada** – The Prime Minister of India and the President of Mexico met on the sidelines of that summit in June 2025 and agreed to strengthen and deepen the partnership between the two countries; the Terms of Reference signed later are the direct result of that understan…

1427. **B** **BISAG-N** – The correct answer is BISAG-N. The application was developed by BISAG-N in collaboration with the National Water Mission under the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation in the Ministry of Jal Shakti, and it was launched by th…

1428. **B** **Up to 3 km** – The application allows a user to identify potential artificial recharge zones within a radial distance of up to three kilometres from a chosen point, and then to explore which recharge structures would suit the conditions prevailing there.

1429. **B** **National Human Rights Commission** – The Commission addressed the advisory to nine Union Ministries, to the Chief Secretaries and Administrators of all States and Union Territories, and to their Directors General of Police, and it has asked them to report back on implementation.

1430. **B** **Two months** – The Commission urged all the authorities concerned to implement the recommendations contained in the advisory and to furnish an Action Taken Report within that period, so that it stays informed of the progress being made.

1431. **B** **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata** – Officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence intercepted two containers of a Nepal-bound transshipment consignment there and recovered about 55,000 e-cigarettes, mis-declared as water glass and ceramic mugs, worth roughly Rs 13.50 crore.

1432. **A** **Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019** – This law bans the production, manufacture, import, export, transport, sale, distribution, storage and advertisement of electronic cigarettes and of every Electronic Nicotine Delivery System, and it was enacted in the interest of public health and to protect p…

1433. **C** **Rs 19,744 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved the Mission in January 2023 with that outlay, and set the goal of making India a global hub for green hydrogen and its derivatives, with production capacity of at least 5 MMT a year by 2030.

1434. **A** **2 kg of CO2 equivalent per kg of hydrogen** – The correct answer is 2 kg of CO2 equivalent per kg of hydrogen.

1435. **B** **SpaDeX** – Its two satellites docked for the first time on 16 January 2025, then repeated the manoeuvre with full autonomy from an inter-satellite distance of 15 m on 20 April 2025, and the following day power was transferred between the docked spacecraft.

1436. **B** **Rs 8,240 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved the development of the vehicle in September 2024, and the amount covers development costs, three developmental flights, the essential facilities, programme management and the launch campaign.

1437. **B** **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** – The fourth edition of the Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign is a drive of that ministry, and it was launched on 28 October 2026 by Minister of State Shri Prataprao Jadhav at ABVIMS and Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi.

1438. **C** **60 days** – The fourth edition is a 60-day nationwide campaign, the same length the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has used for the drive each year since 2023.

1439.	**B**	**Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu** – Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal met HD Hyundai Chairman Chung Ki-sun in Seoul and discussed the next steps for the greenfield shipyard proposed there.
1440.	**B**	**HD Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering** – The correct answer is HD Korea Shipbuilding and Offshore Engineering, known as HD KSOE, which is the shipbuilding arm of HD Hyundai.
1441.	**B**	**1 October 2025** – The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement entered into force on that date, a point Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal made while calling on Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein.
1442.	**C**	**100 billion dollars over 15 years** – That is the investment aim written into the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement, and it is paired with the facilitation of a million direct jobs in India.
1443.	**C**	**45** – The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, acting with the Air Intelligence Unit at Trichy, foiled an attempt to bring that many live reptiles into India through Trichy International Airport.
1444.	**B**	**The Customs Act, 1962** – The reptiles were seized and the two Indian passengers were arrested by the Air Intelligence Unit at Trichy under the provisions of that Act, because the offence was the illegal import of goods, here live wildlife, across a customs frontier.
1445.	**B**	**About Rs 26.17 crore** – South Eastern Coalfields Limited disposed of four thousand six hundred and two metric tonnes of scrap under Special Campaign 6, well above the target of three thousand three hundred metric tonnes, and that disposal earned the company revenue of roughly this a...
1446.	**B**	**Coal India Limited** – South Eastern Coalfields Limited is one of its subsidiaries and works under the Ministry of Coal, with establishments spread across Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh and its headquarters at Bilaspur.
1447.	**B**	**22 October to 30 November** – The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare is holding Khet Bachao Abhiyan - Rabi 2026 across the country over these weeks, working through its two departments.
1448.	**B**	**Lab to Land** – Under the campaign agricultural scientists travel to farmers' fields to share the newest scientific techniques, research-based knowledge and practical information that can improve farming practice and productivity, which is exactly what the expression describ...
1449.	**B**	**3 per cent** – The Cabinet cleared an additional instalment of Dearness Allowance for serving employees and Dearness Relief for pensioners representing a rise of three percentage points over the rates already being paid.
1450.	**C**	**1 July 2026** – The Cabinet approved the release of the additional instalment with effect from that date, which is why the employees and pensioners covered by the order also become entitled to arrears for the months that have already passed between the effective date and the...
1451.	**B**	**7,395.55 crore rupees** – The correct answer is 7,395.55 crore rupees, which is the full outlay of the scheme across its five-year term.
1452.	**B**	**The Sixteenth Finance Commission** – The scheme has been sanctioned for the years from 2026-27 to 2030-31, and the Cabinet decision states plainly that this term is co-terminus with that commission's period.
1453.	**B**	**10,000 crore rupees** – The correct answer is 10,000 crore rupees, the full outlay sanctioned for the scheme and available up to the financial year 2039-40.
1454.	**C**	**7.5 lakh TEUs** – The scheme envisages raising annual domestic container manufacturing capacity by roughly ten times, up to that level.

1455.	**B**	**6.7 per cent** – The correct answer is 6.7 per cent, the year on year growth recorded by the quick estimates for September 2026.
1456.	**C**	**Electricity and gas supply** – The correct answer is electricity and gas supply, which grew at the fastest rate among the four sectors that make up the index.
1457.	**B**	**13** – The toolkit's video modules are to be made available in thirteen Indian languages so that the material can reach students in different parts of the country rather than only those comfortable in English or Hindi.
1458.	**A**	**The Clean Sport Conclave of NADA India** – The correct answer is the Clean Sport Conclave of NADA India, the National Anti-Doping Agency's gathering at which the three parties exchanged the understanding.
1459.	**B**	**The Philippines** – The correct answer is the Philippines, with the meeting held in the city of Cebu.
1460.	**A**	**Shinjiro Koizumi** – The two ministers welcomed the steady progress in bilateral defence cooperation since they last met in August, and reviewed work on mine countermeasures, the prospect of joint development in naval shipbuilding and design, and cooperation between the two air f...
1461.	**C**	**Rs 1,856.67 crore** – The Cabinet decision fixes this amount as the total outlay of the scheme and sets its life from the year 2026 to the financial year 2033-34.
1462.	**A**	**The BHAVYA Scheme and NICDC Industrial Parks** – The scheme avoids building industrial land afresh and instead plugs the proposed Sports Goods Manufacturing Zones into infrastructure that these two already provide, so that makers, suppliers, testing facilities, design and prototyping centres and ancillary e...
1463.	**B**	**INS Sahyadri** – The ship that entered Busan Naval Harbour in the Republic of Korea for the India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise is INS Sahyadri, a guided missile stealth frigate that was designed and built in India.
1464.	**C**	**ROKS Munmu the Great** – The exercise is arranged in two parts.
1465.	**A**	**Yerevan** – The correct answer is Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, which hosted the 17th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity.
1466.	**C**	**India State of Forest Report** – The correct answer is India State of Forest Report, which was not part of this release.
1467.	**B**	**100 crore rupees** – The ministry has halved the entry bar under Part 2 of the scheme so that micro, small and medium enterprises and mid-sized manufacturing units can take part, where earlier the requirement kept them out.
1468.	**B**	**1 November to 31 December 2026** – The Ministry of Textiles has set a two-month window in which the online portal will accept fresh applications under Round 4, and eligible companies have been asked to apply within that period in keeping with the scheme guidelines.
1469.	**B**	**543 brands** – The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has published a list of 543 brands of anti-cancer medicines with their revised maximum retail prices, and those rates have to be charged from 9 November 2026.
1470.	**D**	**9 November 2026** – The correct answer is 9 November 2026, the date from which the revised maximum retail prices become effective for the 543 brands on the published list.
1471.	**B**	**Largest Innovation Solution Competition** – The Guinness World Records certification for Viksit Bharat Buildathon 2025 was given under exactly this title, and it rests on the 2,87,967 project submissions that school students sent in under the Idea and Prototype tracks.

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1472. **B** **2,87,967** – This is the number of project submissions recorded across the Idea Track and the Prototype Track, and it is the figure on which the Guinness World Records certification as the largest innovation solution competition rests.

1473. **B** **Rs 77.98 crore** – This amount has been released as grant-in-aid to 755 projects running under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, which is a component of the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana, and it covers the quarter that ended on 30 September 2026 in the financial year 20...

1474. **A** **National Action Plan for Senior Citizens** – Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana was launched in 2021 and it took in that earlier plan, widened its scope and brought a number of separate measures for older persons under a single umbrella scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

1475. **C** **558.9 GW** – This was the installed electricity capacity of the country as on 30 September 2026, and of it about 308 GW, or roughly 55 per cent, came from non-fossil sources.

1476. **B** **Japan** – Four bilateral meetings were held on the margins of the week, and Japan was not among them.

1477. **B** **Committee on Foreign Affairs (AFET)** – The correct answer is the Committee on Foreign Affairs, which goes by the short form AFET.

1478. **B** **Mother of all deals** – The Vice-President used this phrase for the proposed Free Trade Agreement between India and the European Union, expressed the hope that it would be signed within this year, and asked the visiting members for the support of the European Parliament in bringing...

1479. **B** **31 December 2026** – The Employees' State Insurance Corporation began running the New Amnesty Scheme, 2025 from 1 October 2025, and the window was originally set to shut on 30 September 2026.

1480. **B** **31 March 2025** – Eligibility under the New Amnesty Scheme, 2025 is decided by the date on which the litigation began: only those court cases instituted up to 31 March 2025 may be taken up for settlement under it.

1481. **B** **Cebu, Philippines** – The thirteenth edition of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus was hosted at Cebu in the Philippines, and Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh addressed it there on 29 October 2026, speaking on collective regional security, counter-terrorism and maritime cooperat...

1482. **C** **Navigating Our Future, Together** – This was the theme of the thirteenth ADMM-Plus, and the Defence Minister said it sits well with India's foreign and defence policy thinking as well as the civilisational sentiment 'Sarve Bhavantu Sukhinah', the wish that all beings be happy.

1483. **B** **Safflower** – Its support price was raised by the largest rupee amount among the mandated rabi crops, Rs 675 a quintal, when the rates for Rabi Marketing Season 2027-28 were cleared on 30 September 2026.

1484. **C** **Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices** – Minimum Support Prices are declared every year for 22 mandated crops on the recommendations of this commission, which also takes into account the views of state governments and central ministries and departments.

1485. **C** **25** – The Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology told the session on autonomous systems at the conclave that technology innovation hubs under the National Mission on Interdisciplinary Cyber-Physical Systems have been established at twenty-five leadin...

1486. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave of 2026, in short ESTIC 2026, was held there from the twenty-seventh to the twenty-ninth of October 2026, bringing together people from science, technology, research and industry to discuss emerging tec...

1487. **B** **Cyclone Arnab** – It was after this cyclone that the Union Minister of Home Affairs and of Cooperation, Amit Shah, telephoned the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Odisha and Chhattisgarh and assured the three states and the Union Territory of every assistance to...

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1488.	C	**Tamil Nadu** – The Home Minister spoke to the Chief Ministers of Andhra Pradesh, Odisha and Chhattisgarh and of the Union Territory of Puducherry, so options A, B and D were all on the list and Tamil Nadu was not.
1489.	C	**5,55,610 MTPA** – The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy placed the firm and signed green hydrogen offtake commitments of Indian companies at this level as of October 2026, which is the largest such order book anywhere in the world and works out to roughly 11 per cent of the...
1490.	B	**Rs 19,744 crore** – The Cabinet approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission with this initial outlay, which runs up to the year 2029-30.
1491.	B	**2,330** – MeghRaj 2.0, the second generation of the Government of India's national cloud computing initiative, had been adopted by that many government departments by September 2026.
1492.	B	**Rs 10,371.92 crore** – The IndiaAI Mission was approved with this outlay and its purpose is to widen access to computing power for artificial intelligence work.
1493.	B	**The Union Minister of Jal Shakti** – The Ganga Flood Control Board is chaired by the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, and its 19th meeting was accordingly presided over by C. R. Patil at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 27 October 2026.
1494.	A	**18 April 1972** – The Government of India set up the Ganga Flood Control Board on this date so that measures against floods, bank erosion and drainage problems in the Ganga Basin could be planned and implemented in a coordinated way instead of being left to individual states.
1495.	B	**217** – The two Memorandums of Settlement signed on 14 October 2026 between the management of UltraTech, Bathinda and the workers' unions are expected to extend financial benefits of approximately Rs 3.36 crore to this many workers over the next five years.
1496.	B	**CITU and AITUC** – The correct answer is CITU and AITUC, that is the Centre of Indian Trade Unions and the All India Trade Union Congress.
1497.	C	**Rs 4,38,444** – The Ministry of Textiles reported that the Textile Committee earned this amount by undertaking extensive scrap disposal during Special Campaign 6.0.
1498.	B	**2 to 31 October 2026** – Special Campaign 6.0 is being undertaken across government offices during this period, with its attention fixed on institutional cleanliness, efficient management of records, the disposal of matters left pending and the promotion of sustainable working practi...
1499.	C	**70 years** – Ayushman Vay Vandana covers every Indian citizen who has completed 70 years of age, and it does so irrespective of income or social standing.
1500.	B	**Cataract surgery** – By number of treatments it tops the list with 4.71 lakh procedures, close to 20.1 per cent of everything sanctioned under the scheme, and that volume points to how much untreated eye disease older people were living with before the cover arrived.
1501.	A	**ARISE Cities Forum 2026** – Its second edition was held on 27 and 28 October 2026 at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, organised by ICLEI South Asia along with the National Institute of Urban Affairs and supported by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
1502.	B	**From Bharat to Antalya - Commit. Implement. Deliver.** – Implement.
1503.	C	**Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** – MoSPI compiles and publishes the Index of Services Production, and it released the figures for August 2026 covering 19 broad sub-sectors on the base year 2024-25.

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1504. **C** **2024-25** – Every reading in the Index of Services Production is measured against output in that base year, so a sub-sector standing above the base-year level has grown since then and one standing below it has not recovered to where it was.

1505. **C** **USD 60 trillion** – The Commerce and Industry Minister said the nine free trade and bilateral agreements concluded by the government have opened preferential market opportunities in economies whose combined output comes to that figure.

1506. **B** **USD 44 billion by 2033** – Piyush Goyal said India's space economy was valued at USD 8.4 billion at the time of his address and had the potential to reach USD 44 billion by that year, a prospect he linked to the opening of the space sector to private participation.

1507. **B** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, usually shortened to DARPG.

1508. **A** **Khadi and Village Industries Commission** – Under Special Campaign 6.0 the files that DRDO has earmarked for weeding out, about 20,000 of them, are being disposed of in line with record retention schedules, and the paper left after shredding is handed to KVIC so that it can be recycled instead of being...

1509. **B** **National Human Rights Commission** – The Commission acted on its own motion on a media report that the police had walked three men through a Kolkata locality in a semi-nude state with ropes tied round their waists, and it issued a notice to the Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, seeking a detailed...

1510. **B** **Commissioner of Police, Kolkata, within two weeks** – Having taken cognizance of the news report on its own motion, the Commission served the notice on the head of the city police and fixed a fortnight as the period for a detailed report on the matter.

1511. **B** **Kanpur** – The programme was held at IIA Bhavan in the Dadanagar Industrial Area of Kanpur, and was organised jointly by the Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Labour Department of the Government of Uttar Pradesh.

1512. **A** **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan** – The correct answer is the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) and the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme.

1513. **C** **93rd** – The General Council of the National Cooperative Development Corporation met for the 93rd time on 29 October 2026 at the Corporation's head office in New Delhi, with Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah in the chair.

1514. **B** **The Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation** – Amit Shah holds both portfolios and took the chair at the 93rd General Council sitting on 29 October 2026 in New Delhi.

1515. **B** **The Union Minister of Jal Shakti** – C. R. Paatil holds that office and is Chairman of the RCNCA; he presided over its 15th meeting on 27 October 2026, held through video conferencing.

1516. **A** **Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra** – These are the four party States to the Narmada arrangement, and their Chief Ministers took part in the 15th RCNCA meeting: Bhupendra Patel, Mohan Yadav, Bhajan Lal Sharma and Devendra Fadnavis respectively.

1517. **C** **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** – It held the workshop in New Delhi on 29 and 30 October 2026 under the Green Climate Fund project known as GCF-ECRICC, and its Secretary, Narendra Bhooshan, addressed the opening session.

1518. **B** **Andhra Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha** – Progress under the project in these three States, and the chance of replicating or scaling up what has worked, was presented at the workshop in the welcome address.

1519. **B** **Italy** – Civitavecchia is an Italian port, and INS Trishul finished its call there on 28 October 2026 as part of a continuing operational deployment in the Mediterranean Sea.

1520. **B** **Mediterranean Sea** – The port call at Civitavecchia was part of the ship's ongoing operational deployment in that sea, and once the visit ended on 28 October 2026 the frigate proceeded to the next phase of the same deployment.

1521. **C** **5,884** – Indian Railways held Rail Jan Samvaad on 22 October 2026 at that many stations across the country, so that staff could speak to passengers at the station itself and take their feedback and suggestions on cleanliness, passenger amenities and service delivery.

1522. **B** **Cleanliness, passenger amenities and service delivery** – Those three were the stated subjects on which Indian Railways sought feedback and suggestions from passengers at 5,884 stations on 22 October 2026.

1523. **A** **TRAI** – It conducts Independent Drive Tests to check, on the ground, the real-time quality of voice and data services offered by telecom service providers, and publishes the findings so that consumers know what to expect and operators have reason to improve.

1524. **B** **Kachchh, including Gandhidham and Bhuj** – The drive test also covered the highway running from Bhuj to Bhachau, and all of it lay within the Gujarat licensed service area.

1525. **A** **Techfest, IIT Bombay** – The challenge is organised by Techfest of IIT Bombay in collaboration with the Ministry of Ayush and the All India Institute of Ayurveda, and it was launched at the sixth Foundation Day of the institute's incubation centre AIIA-iCAINE.

1526. **B** **An open-source Ayurveda large language model from IIT Bombay** – The correct answer is an open-source Ayurveda large language model from IIT Bombay.

1527. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The fair is organised by that Ministry to give traditional craftspeople a platform to display their heritage, build direct links with customers and strengthen their socio-economic self-reliance.

1528. **A** **Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme** – BHARAT-TULIP was a key focus of the Shilp Samagam Mela held at Guwahati, and its work is to open market access for artisans through physical outlets as well as e-commerce platforms, so that inherited skills reach the channels where buyers shop today.

1529. **B** **Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)** – The campaign is run by MY Bharat, which functions under the Department of Youth Affairs in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and its purpose is to spread electoral awareness among young people, especially first-time voters, so that they take part in t...

1530. **B** **500** – The nationwide campaign is being conducted across 500 universities, colleges and institutions and runs from 26 October to 5 November 2026.

1531. **B** **Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh** – The fourteenth edition of the International Tourism Mart began at Tawang on 29 October 2026 and runs for three days until 31 October.

1532. **B** **43 buyers from 22 countries** – Speaking to the press at Tawang, the Union Minister for Tourism and Culture said the fourteenth edition had brought together 43 international buyers drawn from 22 countries, and he described this as the highest international buyer participation the mart has e...

1533. **C** **76 per cent** – Speaking at the curtain raiser of the Invest Telangana Global Summit, the Commerce and Industry Minister built the figure up step by step.

1534. **B** **Ganapati Deva of the Kakatiya dynasty** – While speaking about Telangana's long trading tradition, the minister recalled the Motupalli Abhaya Shasana, a maritime charter issued in 1244 by the Kakatiya ruler Ganapati Deva, which promoted stability and predictability in trade.

1535. **B** **The Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment** – The correct answer is the Core Group of Secretaries on Disinvestment, usually written as the CGD.

1536. **C** **2019** – The clarification notes that IDBI was a government owned banking company until that year and became a government controlled banking company once LIC acquired majority stakes in it.

1537. **B** **Rs 47.76 crore** – The Chairman-cum-Managing Director of the corporation, Dr Subhransu Sekhar Acharya, presented a dividend of that amount on 28 October 2026 to the Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Jitan Ram Manjhi, and the Minister of State, Shobha Karan...

1538. **C** **Schedule 'A' Mini Ratna** – The National Small Industries Corporation Limited is described as a Schedule 'A' Mini Ratna company, and it functions under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, whose two ministers received its dividend for the year.

1539. **A** **The Union Minister for Education** – He opened the new Academic Building and the Main Entrance Gate of the institute in New Delhi and said the building would allow it to scale up the programmes it runs nationally and internationally while strengthening its academic and research capabilities.

1540. **C** **Rs 60,000 crore** – Speaking at the inauguration of the institute's new academic building, the Union Education Minister referred to the PM Vidyalaxmi Scheme and said it had facilitated soft loans of that amount for higher education.

1541. **C** **Code on Social Security** – When the Ministry of Labour and Employment notified the constitution of the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig and Platform Workers, it stated that the Board stands established under the statutory framework of the Code on Social Se...

1542. **B** **The Union Minister for Labour and Employment** – The notification says plainly that the Board will be presided over by the Union Minister holding the Labour and Employment portfolio, which places political responsibility for the welfare of unorganised, gig and platform workers at the top of the body itself.

1543. **B** **Rs 39,272 crore** – The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying stated that public investment in the sector has been stepped up sharply since 2015, and that this sum has been committed through five instruments taken together: the Blue Revolution Scheme, the Fisherie...

1544. **B** **2,195** – These producer organisations let small fishers and fish farmers get past the handicaps of scale, capital and market access by pooling their output and their resources, and by taking part together in processing, branding and marketing.

1545. **B** **Arunachal Pradesh** – The Ministry of Culture is holding the exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha in that state from 31 October to 21 November 2026, at three centres of Buddhist faith: Tawang Monastery, the TGL Monastery Lower Gompa in Bomdila and the Golden Pagoda a...

1546. **B** **Siddharthnagar** – Piprahwa lies in Siddharthnagar district and is associated with ancient Kapilavastu and the Shakya clan of Lord Buddha.

1547. **B** **INS Tir, INS Sujata and ICGS Sarathi** – These three ships form the First Training Squadron, shortened to 1TS, which carries sea trainees of the Indian Navy and sailed from Colombo on 29 October 2026 at the end of its port call.

1548. **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.

1549. **B** **Jalaun** – The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence found the secret laboratory in a remote village of Jalaun district in Uttar Pradesh and raided it in the early hours of 29 October 2026, with the state Anti-Terrorist Squad giving operational help.

1550. **B** **Methaqualone** – Searches at the residential premises of one of the accused produced around 15.4 kg of finished methaqualone along with about 153 kg of chemicals and a machine used in the manufacturing

process.

1551. **C** **2000** – The Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare will open camps in 2000 cities and districts during the fifth nationwide Digital Life Certificate campaign, which runs from 1 to 30 November 2026.

1552. **B** **1.50 crore** – The campaign carries two numbers that are easy to confuse.

1553. **C** **Luxembourg** – The nineteenth session of the Joint Economic Commission between India and the Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union met in Luxembourg on 29 October 2026, and the Ministry of Commerce and Industry announced the outcome the next day.

1554. **B** **Belgium-Luxembourg Economic Union** – The union ties the two neighbouring countries into one economic arrangement, and India engages with them jointly through a Joint Economic Commission whose nineteenth session met in Luxembourg on 29 October 2026.

1555. **C** **New Delhi** – CGIAR and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research announced on 30 October 2026 that the capital will host the CGIAR Science and Partnership Week from 12 to 17 April 2027, with more than 5,000 delegates expected.

1556. **A** **Nairobi, Kenya** – The first CGIAR Science Week took place there in April 2025, and CGIAR used the occasion to launch its present research portfolio.

1557. **A** **Banaskantha, Gujarat** – The twenty-fourth instalment of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi was released from Banaskantha in Gujarat, and from there more than Rs 18,690 crore moved into the accounts of over 9.34 crore farmer families through Direct Benefit Transfer.

1558. **B** **About Rs 18,690 crore** – That amount was credited in the twenty-fourth instalment to more than 9.34 crore eligible farmer families, all of it routed through the Direct Benefit Transfer system into Aadhaar-seeded bank accounts.

1559. **B** **More than Rs 14,000 crore** – Foundation stones were laid, inaugurations were made and projects were dedicated to the nation at Banaskantha for that combined value, and the list ran from a dairy research centre and two bio-CNG plants to two train services, metro rail extensions, a highway…

1560. **B** **Kankrej cattle** – The research centre at Banaskantha works under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission on the conservation and scientific breeding of indigenous animals, and it is the first facility of its kind in the country for the Kankrej breed.

1561. **C** **Tamil Nadu** – The Gandhigram Rural Institute, a deemed to be university, stands at Dindigul in Tamil Nadu, and it was there that the Golden Jubilee celebrations and the thirty-ninth convocation were held with the Vice-President as chief guest.

1562. **A** **S. Nambi Narayanan** – The correct answer is S. Nambi Narayanan, described as a former senior aerospace scientist of the Indian Space Research Organisation.

1563. **B** **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** – The regulator, which works under the Ministry of Communications, placed the draft on its own website and invited written comments from stakeholders so that artificial intelligence is applied in a consistent and responsible way across telecom networks and serv…

1564. **C** **Seven** – The India AI Governance Guidelines, released by the Government of India in February 2026, rest on seven guiding sutras: Trust is the Foundation, People First, Innovation over Restraint, Fairness and Equity, Accountability, Understandable by Design, and Safety…

1565. **B** **Jammu and Kashmir** – The drive test covered Leh and the routes around it, including the stretches towards Nubra Valley and Pangong and the road from Sakti to Sangam, and these fall in that service area for telecom licensing purposes.

1566. **C** **Reliance Jio** – On the Leh city drive route the average download speed was recorded as 267.13 Mbps for Reliance Jio on its 5G network, ahead of 121.65 Mbps for Airtel on 5G and 8 Mbps for BSNL on 4G.

1567. **B** **Andhra Pradesh** – Both legs of the drive test, the city drive around Hyderabad and the longer stretch across Adoni, Mantralayam and nearby areas in Kurnool district, were reported under that service area, and the work was supervised by the regional office of the regulator at H...

1568. **C** **201.8 km** – That stretch in Kurnool district, taking in Adoni, Mantralayam and the areas around them, was driven on 17 and 18 September 2026 with six hotspot locations along the way.

1569. **B** **4,767 villages** – The utilisation agreement signed at Sanchar Bhawan in New Delhi carries two separate commitments for Tamil Nadu: subsidy support for more than five lakh fibre connections reaching rural homes, and connectivity on a demand basis for 4,767 villages so that the...

1570. **A** **Universal Service Obligation Fund** – Digital Bharat Nidhi is that fund under a new name.

1571. **B** **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence** – The agency, which functions under the Ministry of Finance, carried out two intelligence-led operations one after the other in Mizoram and Assam and recovered 50 kg of methamphetamine, partly as tablets and partly as crystal meth, with the operational help of...

1572. **C** **30 kg of tablets and 20 kg of crystal meth** – The correct answer is 30 kg of tablets and 20 kg of crystal meth.

1573. **B** **Vision, Innovation, Synergy, Values** – The Minister of State for Defence described these as the four pillars of the event while inaugurating it at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi.

1574. **B** **Arabic, Spanish and French** – The Minister of State for Defence released a foreign-language compendium of DRDO products in these three languages so that partner nations which do not work in English can follow India's defence offerings and engage with Indian agencies more easily.

1575. **B** **Creative Minds, Catalysing Science, Empowering Society** – The conclave was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 27 to 29 October 2026 and was inaugurated by the Prime Minister.

1576. **A** **Solid State Physics Laboratory, Delhi** – The correct answer is the Solid State Physics Laboratory, Delhi, usually written as SSPL.

1577. **B** **Platform for Air quality Vigilance and Analytics for NCR** – The correct answer is Platform for Air quality Vigilance and Analytics for NCR.

1578. **C** **111** – The platform integrates readings from 111 continuous ambient air quality monitoring stations that are operational across Delhi and the national capital region, installed by the Central Pollution Control Board, the India Meteorological Department and the state...

1579. **B** **Rs 18,35,422 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 18,35,422 crore, which works out to 50.3 per cent of the budget estimate of total receipts for the year.

1580. **C** **Rs 6,99,409 crore** – The monthly accounts record that this sum was transferred to the state governments as devolution of their share of central taxes during the first half of the financial year, and that it was Rs 67,658 crore higher than the amount devolved in the corresponding...

1581. **A** **25 of 137** – The ministry said at its consultation in Goa that of the commercial mines allotted since the reform framework came in, only a small fraction has reached production, and the Coal Secretary described an allotted but idle block as capacity the country has set as...

1582. **C** **1,041 million tonnes** – This was the output quoted at the consultation, where officials also pointed out that coal still generates more than 70 per cent of the country's electricity, which is why idle blocks matter so much.

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1583. **B** **Suresh N. Patel** – He is a former Central Vigilance Commissioner, and the Government has named him Chairman of the newly constituted High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, the panel that will recommend structural, institutional, regulatory and legislative reform of...

1584. **B** **Six months** – The Government fixed that period when it constituted the panel, which means the committee must finish its review of banking practices, prudential norms, regulatory frameworks and capital needs and submit its recommendations within half a year.

1585. **B** **Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia** – The Ministry of Defence announced that this officer, decorated with the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal and the Vayu Sena Medal, takes over as Vice Chief of the Air Staff, the second-ranking appointment in the Indian Air Force.

1586. **C** **Eastern Air Command** – Air Marshal Walia was serving as its Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief when he was named Vice Chief of the Air Staff, and his link with this command runs deeper still, because he had earlier been its Senior Air Staff Officer before rising to lead it.

1587. **B** **At the Top, Burj Khalifa** – The correct answer is At the Top, Burj Khalifa, the observation experience at the tower in Dubai.

1588. **B** **Uzbekistan** – A commercial agreement to bring UPI to that country was announced on 30 August 2026, during the visit of the Prime Minister of India to Uzbekistan, which places it next in line after the ten countries where the payment system already works.

1589. **B** **Port Louis, Mauritius** – The frigate arrived there on 30 October 2026 while on an operational deployment to the Southern Indian Ocean Region, and the call is intended to strengthen naval cooperation through professional interactions, joint activities and cultural exchanges with the M...

1590. **B** **1834** – The first batch of indentured labourers from India stepped ashore at Aapravasi Ghat in Port Louis on 2 November of that year, and Mauritius has marked the date every year since; the observance in 2026 is the 192nd.

1591. **B** **Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh** – The Ministry of Tourism organised the Mart there with the state government and the other North Eastern states, and the edition brought the event back to the town after thirteen years, the second edition having been held at the same place in 2013.

1592. **C** **1580** – The structured business-to-business meetings were the commercial heart of the Mart, bringing buyers and sellers face to face so that new tourism itineraries could be designed, commercial partnerships established and products of the North Eastern states promot...

1593. **B** **Cyclone Arnab** – It came ashore along the coast of Andhra Pradesh and Odisha, and the heavy rainfall, flash floods, tree falls and power infrastructure damage that followed disrupted telecom services in parts of both States and the adjoining regions.

1594. **B** **Connect to another operator's network within the same telecom circle** – The correct answer is connect to another operator's network within the same telecom circle.

1595. **A** **Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC)** – DigiDukaan is ONDC's effort to build digital infrastructure for India's general trade in retail by digitising kirana shops as buyers, while strengthening rather than replacing the existing distributor network.

1596. **B** **Over 21,000 retailers with more than 450 brands** – That is the reach of DigiDukaan across Hyderabad, Jaipur and Mumbai, and it marks a rise from over 12,000 retailers in the previous quarter.

1597. **B** **Dak Bhawan, New Delhi** – The correct answer is Dak Bhawan, New Delhi, the headquarters of the Department of Posts.

1598. **C** **86.97 crore** – Under the National Programme for Prevention and Control of Non-Communicable Diseases, that is the total of screenings carried out across the country for oral, breast and cervical

cancers.

1599. **B** **Department of Science and Technology** – The workshop on Government and Industry Synergy for Geospatial Transformation, held in New Delhi on the theme of co-creating the geospatial economy for Viksit Bharat 2047, was organised by the Survey of India under that department.

1600. **B** **Enable, invest and adopt** – Speaking on industry's role in taking the sector forward, the Minister explained each word: enabling is meant to build confidence, investing is meant to develop capability, and adopting geospatial solutions is what generates economic growth.

1601. **B** **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel** – The Ministry of Home Affairs announces this medal on 31 October every year, and that date is observed as the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

1602. **C** **490** – The Ministry of Home Affairs conferred the Kendriya Grihmantri Dakshata Padak for the year 2026 on 490 personnel drawn from the police forces of various states and Union Territories, from the Central Armed Police Forces and from the Central Police Organisatio...

1603. **C** **68.4%** – Social protection coverage in India has moved up from 19% in 2015 to 68.4% in 2026, and this widening has brought more than one billion people inside the social protection framework.

1604. **C** **Rs 25,000 per month** – The ceiling had last been revised in September 2014, when it was moved from Rs 6,500 to Rs 15,000 a month, and the approval granted in September 2026 took it to Rs 25,000.

1605. **C** **45** – The Ministry of Rural Development has approved 45 road works for Mizoram in Batch-1 of the financial year 2026-27 under the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.

1606. **C** **Rs 710.40 crore** – That is the total estimated cost of the 45 road works, covering 509.54 km, cleared for Mizoram under PMGSY-IV in Batch-1 of the financial year 2026-27.

1607. **B** **GSLV-F18** – The mission in the news was the successful flight of GSLV-F18, which carried the NVS-03 navigation satellite, and the Prime Minister congratulated the scientists and engineers of ISRO on it.

1608. **C** **NavIC** – The mission was described as an important step towards strengthening NavIC, which is India's indigenous satellite navigation system, and NVS-03 was said to carry enhanced capabilities that will support navigation services for citizens.

1609. **B** **31 October** – Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, called National Unity Day in English, is kept on this date every year to honour the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, whose birth anniversary falls on it, and in 2026 the observance coincided with his 151st birth anniversary.

1610. **C** **151st** – The President paid floral tributes to Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel on his 151st birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 31 October 2026, so that is the number attached to this year's observance.

1611. **B** **Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas** – The Secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj said at the workshop that the People's Plan Campaign has been run by the Ministry since 2018 under this theme, and that it has grown into a framework for preparing Gram, Block and District Panchayat Development...

1612. **B** **Convergence Energy Services Limited** – The correct answer is Convergence Energy Services Limited, known as CESL, a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited which comes under the Ministry of Power.

1613. **A** **Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, Gujarat** – The Central Cottage Industries Corporation of India is taking part in Bharat Parv 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Kevadia, and the Prime Minister visited its pavilion there on 30 October 2026.

1614. **B** **Ministry of Textiles** – CCIC is described as a Government of India enterprise under that ministry, and its work is to market the handloom and handicraft products of Indian artisans and weavers, giving them better access to buyers at home and abroad.

1615. **B** **Adani Energy Solutions Limited** – The Competition Commission of India cleared its purchase of the entire equity share capital of IntelliSmart Infrastructure Private Limited, a company that works in advanced metering infrastructure for electricity and also puts up smart gas meters.

1616. **C** **Shell Overseas Investment B.V.** – The correct answer is Shell Overseas Investment B.V. The Competition Commission of India approved the sale by that firm of the whole issued share capital of Solenergi Power Private Limited to Aditya Birla Renewables Limited.

1617. **B** **16.2%** – The Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition of that share of the issued share capital of Vodafone Group PLC by Vega SAS, a holding company wholly owned by Maya SAS, a simplified joint-stock company incorporated under the laws of France.

1618. **A** **Prosus N.V.** – The correct answer is Prosus N.V. MIH Payments Holdings B.V. is an indirect and wholly owned subsidiary of Prosus N.V., and by itself it does no business other than holding investments in portfolio companies that have activities in India.

1619. **B** **31 December 2029** – Speaking after flagging off the Run for Unity in New Delhi on Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Amit Shah, said a target has been set to free the country from drugs completely by that date, and that the creation of a d...

1620. **B** **1,218 days** – In his address at the Run for Unity the Home Minister said that when India became independent the world believed the country would fall apart, and that Sardar Patel did in just that many days what many thought impossible, joining numerous princely states and...

1621. **B** **Yoga 365** – The Ministry of Ayush promoted Yoga for Unity on National Unity Day 2026 and folded the effort into Yoga 365, its initiative that asks citizens to practise yoga on every day of the year instead of on a single occasion.

1622. **B** **Ministry of Ayush** – The ministry promoted the message of Yoga for Unity on National Unity Day, which falls on the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and spoke of the part yoga plays in national integration, social harmony and collective well being.

1623. **C** **75** – The Ministry of Corporate Affairs said it had fully achieved its target by conducting that many cleanliness campaigns across the country under Special Campaign 6.0, the sixth edition of the drive.

1624. **B** **23,285 square feet** – The ministry reported that its 75 cleanliness drives under Special Campaign 6.0 released that much office space and at the same time generated revenue of Rs 11,41,975, with Rs 5,22,000 of it earned from electronic waste made up of information technology goods...

1625. **B** **The Lok Sabha Speaker** – Om Birla, who holds that office, attended the Shatabdi Samaroh organised by the Gayatri Parivar in New Delhi, paid tribute to Acharya Shriram Sharma and Mata Bhagwati Devi, and released the commemorative postage stamp brought out in her honour.

1626. **B** **1975** – The Lok Sabha Speaker said that the campaign for the awakening of women begun in that year under the leadership of Mata Bhagwati Devi was a far sighted effort which inspired women to recognise their own capability and to take an active part in the building of...

1627. **B** **Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** – He took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force on 31 October 2026, moving up from the post of Vice Chief of the Air Staff.

1628. **C** **Over 3,300 hours** – The new Chief of the Air Staff has flown for more than 3,300 hours across a wide spread of aircraft, among them the Mirage-2000, a number of MiG variants, the Jaguar and several transport types.

1629. **B** **Bay of Bengal** – BIMSTEC is the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation, and its first maritime security exercise is aimed at security, stability and prosperity in that bay.

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1630. **C** **Maldives** – The exercise brings together the seven BIMSTEC member states, namely Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Thailand, and the Maldives is not among them.

1631. **C** **31 December 2026** – The exemption from customs duty on cotton brought into the country now runs up to the end of December.

1632. **A** **Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance** – Customs duty is a tax, so changes to it are notified by the revenue side of the Finance Ministry, in this case through a customs notification dated the end of October.

1633. **B** **The Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan** – The correct answer is the Vice President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, who holds the office of President of the Indian Institute of Public Administration and was present when the 72nd Annual General Body Meeting was addressed.

1634. **C** **11,611** – The institute's membership has reached that figure, and the minister pointed out that the membership framework has been broadened so that younger professionals and recent graduates can join.

1635. **A** **Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development** – The correct answer is the Department of Land Resources in the Ministry of Rural Development.

1636. **B** **Hiware Bazar** – The Secretary of the Department of Land Resources asked that villages under the Khed Project in Pune district be transformed into water-secure and self-reliant communities along those lines.

1637. **A** **Department of Capital Development, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** – The correct answer is the Department of Capital Development in the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

1638. **A** **Garbage Vulnerable Points** – These are the spots in a city where waste keeps accumulating however often it is cleared, and tackling such recurring points was one of the ten critical questions the workshop was built around, along with measures to stop littering and to keep waste out of wa...

1639. **B** **15 November 2026** – The Ministry of Education pushed the closing date for NMMSS applications for the academic year 2026-27 to this day so that eligible students get more time on the National Scholarship Portal and the officers concerned can finish their checks on schedule.

1640. **C** **Rs 12,000** – A student picked under the scheme and studying in a state government school, a government-aided school or a school run by a local self government is paid this sum each year, and the money reaches the student's own bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer,...

1641. **B** **Devyani International Limited** – The Competition Commission of India approved the merger of Sapphire Foods India Limited with and into Devyani International Limited, along with certain related transactions placed before it as one proposed combination.

1642. **B** **KFC and Pizza Hut** – Both companies operate franchise outlets of these two brands in India, and that overlap is the reason a merger between them is a matter for competition review rather than a routine corporate step.

1643. **A** **Jitan Ram Manjhi** – The correct answer is Jitan Ram Manjhi, the Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, who presided over the committee's meeting at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.

1644. **A** **National Small Industries Corporation** – The correct answer is the National Small Industries Corporation, usually written as NSIC, which brings out the magazine Udyam Prabha.

1645. **A** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, written in short as DARPG.

1646. **C** **2 to 31 October** – The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs took part in the campaign through this window and wound up its participation at the end of the month, announcing what had been done.

1647. **A** **Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna** – The correct answer is Dr Shobhana Radhakrishna, described as the Katha Vachika who presented the narration.

1648. **C** **151st** – Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, or National Unity Day, falls on 31 October because that is the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, and in 2026 the country marked his 151st.

1649. **B** **Rs 1,09,019 crore** – On 31 October 2026 the Union Finance Ministry passed this sum to the state governments as an additional instalment of tax devolution, that is, a transfer made over and above the share of central taxes the states already receive every month.

1650. **B** **The second** – The release of Rs 1,09,019 crore made on 31 October 2026 was described as the second additional instalment of tax devolution in the running financial year, which means one such extra transfer had already gone out earlier in the same year.

1651. **B** **Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)** – The correct answer is Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), which functions under the Department of Youth Affairs in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

1652. **B** **500** – The nationwide Know Your Vote campaign, which began on 26 October 2026 and runs until 5 November 2026, is meant to reach 500 universities, colleges and institutions across the country.

1653. **B** **The Department of School Education and Literacy** – The correct answer is the Department of School Education and Literacy, known as DoSEL, which works under the Union Ministry of Education.

1654. **A** **The CSR Module and the Adopt-a-School Module** – These two make up the corporate social responsibility side of Vidyanjali and allow an organisation to take up a requirement a school has itself identified and to contribute towards that school's development.

1655. **B** **166** – The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change put Delhi's monthly average Air Quality Index for October 2026 at 166, the lowest average the capital has recorded for the month of October in the past eight years.

1656. **C** **220 days** – In the ten months from January to October 2026 the capital counted 220 days whose daily average stayed below 200 on the index, which is the band described as 'Good to Moderate'.

1657. **C** **Godavari** – While speaking at Nashik the President set out the four great Kumbh gatherings of the country along with the waters each belongs to, and the Nashik fair is the one held on the banks of the Godavari.

1658. **B** **The President** – It was the President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu, who graced the Dhwaj Stambh Pujan, the Dhwaja Pujan and the Dhwajarohan of the Simhastha Maha Kumbh at Nashik in Maharashtra, and who went on to address a public programme the same day.

1659. **B** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat - 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan** – The correct answer is Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat - 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan.

1660. **C** **Over 96,700** – That was the overall participation recorded for the Week 7 activities held on 30 and 31 October 2026 at more than 200 institutions across the country.

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