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2 November 2026

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

2 November 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Sacred Piprahwa Buddha Relics Reach Tawang Monastery in Arunachal

2 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Sikkim Dairy Projects Worth Rs 251.56 Lakh Under White Revolution 2.0

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

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

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

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

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

2 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Captive and Commercial Coal Mines Produce 22.03 MT in October 2026

2 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026 Notified for Rural Jobs

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Rural Development Ministry notified grievance rules under the VB-G RAM G Act, fixing an enquiry limit of seven working days and resolution within 15 days.

- The Ministry of Rural Development has notified the VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026 under the Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
- States must build a multi-tier redressal mechanism at Gram Panchayat, Block and District levels, with the District Programme Coordinator overseeing it at district level
- Complaints may be made in person, by speed post with proof of delivery, through the notified Digital Public Infrastructure, or by telephone and helpline
- Enquiry must finish within seven working days and the grievance must be resolved within 15 days, failing which it is escalated to the next higher level
- No grievance can be refused registration on the ground of format, language, manner of submission or any procedural deficiency; appeals follow Schedule I of the 2025 Act

Rules notified	VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026
Full form	Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Tiers	Gram Panchayat, Block and District
District oversight	District Programme Coordinator
Enquiry deadline	Seven working days from the date of receipt
Resolution deadline	15 days from the date of receipt, after which the case is escalated
Appeals	Filed and disposed of under Schedule I to the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025

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Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026 Covers 700 Districts, 50 Lakh Farmers

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The soil health campaign Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026 runs from 22 October to 30 November across 34 States and UTs, over 700 districts and 50,000 villages.

- Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026 runs from 22 October to 30 November 2026 on the theme of soil health and sustainable agriculture, with the tagline Swasth Dhara, Samriddh Kisan
- It covers 34 States and Union Territories, more than 700 districts and 50,000 villages, aiming to reach around 50 lakh farmers
- The campaign envisages 4,150 teams of KVKs and ATMA with over 12,000 scientists and functionaries, 50,000 field demonstrations and 11,750 training sessions
- States must prioritise 100 high fertiliser-consuming districts; the 4R principle of right source, rate, time and place guides balanced nutrient use
- The June 2026 round used 1,657 teams and reached about 1.07 crore farmers and stakeholders, including 92.44 lakh through 1.34 lakh awareness events

Campaign	Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan (KBA) - Rabi 2026
Tagline	Swasth Dhara, Samriddh Kisan
Duration	22 October to 30 November 2026
Coverage	34 States and Union Territories, more than 700 districts, 50,000 villages
Farmers targeted	About 50 lakh
Teams and manpower	4,150 teams of KVKs and ATMA with over 12,000 scientists and functionaries
Activities planned	50,000 field demonstrations and 11,750 structured training sessions
Priority districts	100 high fertiliser-consuming districts

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JanHIT: First National Orientation of Tribal Healers at Hyderabad

2 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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DPIIT Clears Over 99 Per Cent Grievances in Special Campaign 6

2 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Air Force Schools Adopt ScrollControl Child Digital Safety Plan

2 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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PM Surya Ghar, PM-KUSUM Drive Solar Push Towards 500 GW Target

2 November 2026 · Environment

Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged India’s solar growth under PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM as the country moves towards a 500 GW renewable energy target.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi shared an article by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on how India’s solar energy journey is opening up new opportunities
- The growth of solar power in India is credited in the article to steps such as PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM
- The country is working towards a renewable energy target of 500 GW, with solar powered farming, energy storage, manufacturing and green jobs named as the road ahead
- A second article, written by Shri Joshi with Mike Bloomberg, records the growth of renewable energy, the spread of rooftop solar and money going into storage and transmission
- The shift is described as cutting electricity bills, creating jobs and strengthening the country’s energy security

Shared by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Author	Union Minister Pralhad Joshi
Co-author of the second article	Mike Bloomberg
Schemes named	PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM
Renewable energy target	500 GW
Road ahead	Solar powered agriculture, energy storage, manufacturing and green jobs
Areas of expansion	Rooftop solar, storage and transmission
Stated gains	Lower electricity bills, jobs and energy security

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

2 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Kishtwar Seismological Observatory Opens; J&K Now Has Four

2 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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Soreng in Sikkim Is India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Soreng district in Sikkim is India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under PMMSY, and a certification SOP for the Northeast was launched there.

- Soreng district in Sikkim is India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster launched under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana
- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched the Standard Operating Procedure for Organic Certification of Fisheries in the Northeastern region
- Fisheries projects worth 375 lakh rupees were inaugurated under PMMSY for Sikkim, covering hatcheries, feed mills, cold storage, Biofloc and the Recirculatory Aquaculture System
- Thirty-four fisheries production and processing clusters have been notified in the country, with organic fisheries clusters in Sikkim and Meghalaya
- Sikkim has signed an MoU with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police for institutional procurement of locally produced Rainbow Trout

First Organic Fisheries Cluster	Soreng district, Sikkim, under PMMSY
Union Minister	Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Launched	Standard Operating Procedure for Organic Certification of Fisheries in the Northeastern region
Projects inaugurated	Worth 375 lakh rupees under PMMSY for Sikkim
Clusters notified nationwide	34 fisheries production and processing clusters
Organic fisheries clusters	Sikkim and Meghalaya
Focus species	Amur carp, Indian Major Carps (IMC) and trout
MoU for Rainbow Trout	Sikkim with the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

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

2 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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Green Hydrogen Mission: Rs 19,744 Crore for 5 MMT by 2030

2 November 2026 · Environment

A government backgrounder sets out the National Green Hydrogen Mission's Rs 19,744 crore outlay, its 5 MMT target for 2030 and progress on incentives.

- The Union Cabinet approved the National Green Hydrogen Mission in January 2023 with an outlay of Rs 19,744 crore, targeting at least 5 million metric tonnes of annual production capacity by 2030
- India's Green Hydrogen Standard, notified in August 2023, allows at most 2 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen on a well-to-gate basis over a twelve-month average
- The SIGHT programme has an outlay of Rs 17,490 crore up to 2029-30 and incentivises both electrolyser manufacturing and hydrogen production
- Incentives cover 3,000 MW a year of electrolyser capacity for 15 companies and 8,62,000 tonnes a year of hydrogen production capacity
- Deendayal Port at Kandla, V.O. Chidambaranar Port at Tuticorin and Paradip Port are recognised hubs, and four Hydrogen Valley Innovation Clusters went to Jodhpur, Odisha, Pune and Kerala

Mission	National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM), implemented by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Approved	January 2023 by the Union Cabinet
Outlay	Rs 19,744 crore
Target	At least 5 million metric tonnes a year by 2030, up to 10 MMT with export demand
Green Hydrogen Standard	Notified August 2023; at most 2 kg carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen, well-to-gate, twelve-month average
SIGHT outlay	Rs 17,490 crore up to 2029-30
Electrolyser incentives	15 companies, 3,000 MW per annum
Production incentives	8,62,000 tonnes per annum; about 8,000 tonnes per annum commissioned by February 2026

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WCL Beats All Three Coal Targets in April-October 2026

2 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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PM Modi Opens Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo in Delhi

2 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo in Delhi, which is also hosting the 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo in Delhi, with Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and Shripad Naik present
- The 9th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance and the fourth conference on green hydrogen are being held alongside the summit
- India has built about 300 GW of its 500 GW non-fossil capacity goal for 2030, and met the Paris pledge of half its capacity from non-fossil sources in 2025, five years early
- Solar module manufacturing capacity has risen from about 2 GW a decade ago to more than 200 GW, with solar cell capacity near 40 GW
- An Africa Solar Facility of 200 million dollars has been proposed to take renewable energy funding and technology to African countries

Event	Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo, Delhi
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Held alongside	9th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance; fourth conference on green hydrogen
Non-fossil target	500 GW by 2030, of which about 300 GW is built
Paris pledge	Half of installed capacity from non-fossil sources, achieved in 2025
Solar module capacity	Over 200 GW, up from about 2 GW a decade ago
Green hydrogen target	50 lakh tonnes a year by the end of the decade
Africa Solar Facility	200 million dollars proposed

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TRAI Cuts Telecom Appeal Window to 15 Days in New Rules

2 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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MSDE and Assam Sign MoU for Skill India International Centre

2 November 2026 · Government Schemes

MSDE and the Assam government exchanged an MoU for a Skill India International Centre at Guwahati, and declared two PM-SETU ITI clusters at Jorhat and Tinsukia.

- MSDE and the Government of Assam exchanged an MoU at Guwahati for setting up a Skill India International Centre
- Letters of Intent were signed for two PM-SETU ITI clusters at Jorhat and Tinsukia, backed by Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Oil India Limited
- PM-SETU stands for Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
- Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State with independent charge for Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, delivered the keynote address
- Assam presented its CM FLIGHT Scheme and its vision for a Global Skill Center, with tourism and hospitality named the key sectors for global jobs

Scheme	PM-SETU: Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
Venue	Guwahati, Assam
MoU	MSDE and Government of Assam, for a Skill India International Centre (SIIC)
ITI clusters	Jorhat, backed by Numaligarh Refinery Limited; Tinsukia, backed by Oil India Limited
Keynote	Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge), Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
Assam minister	Biswajit Daimary, Minister for Skills, Employment and Entrepreneurship
Focus sector	Tourism and hospitality
State scheme shown	CM FLIGHT Scheme and a Global Skill Center

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DLC Campaign 5 Targets Over Two Crore Digital Life Certificates

2 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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First International Maize Conference Opens in Hyderabad

2 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 1st International Maize Conference began at Hyderabad on the theme of a maize revolution for food, feed, fodder, fuel and sustainability in a changing world.

- The 1st International Maize Conference opened at the JD Convention Centre, Hyderabad, and runs from 2 to 4 November
- Its theme is Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World, abbreviated M4FS
- Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary DARE and Director General ICAR, said India's maize production is about 55 million tonnes and called for 75 million tonnes over the next decade
- He proposed expanding the 4F vision of food, feed, fodder and fuel into 5F by placing farmers at the centre
- Dr D. K. Yadav said 329 maize hybrids had been developed in the past five years and asked for the All India Coordinated Research Project on Maize to be strengthened

Event	1st International Maize Conference
Venue	JD Convention Centre, Hyderabad
Dates	2 to 4 November
Theme	Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World (M4FS)
Present production	About 55 million tonnes
Goal	75 million tonnes in the next decade, with productivity up one-and-a-half times
New idea	4F widened to 5F by adding farmers
Hybrids developed	329 maize hybrids in the past five years

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Biosphere Reserves Day: India Has 18 Reserves, 13 in UNESCO List

2 November 2026 · Important Days

The International Day for Biosphere Reserves falls on 3 November; India has 18 notified reserves, of which 13 are in the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves.

- The International Day for Biosphere Reserves is observed every year on 3 November, proclaimed by UNESCO
- India has 18 notified biosphere reserves, of which 13 belong to UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves, the highest number in South Asia
- UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme was launched in 1971 and treats these reserves as living laboratories for sustainable development
- Each reserve has a core area, a buffer zone and a transition area; globally they average 18 per cent core, 30 per cent buffer and 52 per cent transition
- The world network has 797 reserves in 145 countries, covering about 5 per cent of the Earth's land but holding over 60 per cent of terrestrial vertebrate species richness

Day	International Day for Biosphere Reserves, 3 November
Proclaimed by	UNESCO
India's reserves	18 notified, of which 13 are in the World Network of Biosphere Reserves
MAB Programme	UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme, launched in 1971
Global network	797 biosphere reserves in 145 countries, about 300 million residents
Zones	Core, buffer and transition; world average 18, 30 and 52 per cent
Three functions	Conservation, sustainable economic development and scientific support
India’s share	One of 17 mega-biodiverse countries, about 7 to 8 per cent of recorded species on 2.4 per cent of the land area

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INS Sudarshini Returns to Kochi After Lokayan 26 Sail Expedition

2 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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

2 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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

2 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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Pumped Storage: India Has 7.43 GW Running, 345.38 GW Mapped

2 November 2026 · Environment

India has 7.43 GW of operational pumped storage capacity across 10 projects and has identified 320 sites with a combined potential of 345.38 GW, says a PIB note.

- India had 7.43 GW of operational pumped storage capacity across 10 projects as of August 2026, with 15.87 GW more under construction
- A total of 320 pumped storage sites have been identified with a combined potential of 345.38 GW, including 62 on-stream and 258 off-stream schemes
- The Western Region has the highest potential at 129.72 GW, with Maharashtra alone at 67.36 GW, because of the steep gradients of Western Ghats rivers
- The Central Electricity Authority projects storage needs of 73.93 GW by 2031-32, split as 26.69 GW from pumped storage and 47.24 GW from batteries
- Global pumped storage capacity was 159.8 GW at the end of 2025, led by China, with India fourth at 7.18 GW

Nickname	Water battery, because it stores power using water and gravity
Operational capacity	7.43 GW across 10 projects, as of August 2026
Under construction	15.87 GW across 11 projects; 10.40 GW across 8 more concurred or appraised
Identified potential	345.38 GW at 320 sites: 62 on-stream (56.67 GW) and 258 off-stream (288.71 GW)
Leading region	Western Region, 129.72 GW; Maharashtra 67.36 GW and Gujarat 33.36 GW
CEA storage projection	73.93 GW by 2031-32, of which 26.69 GW pumped storage and 47.24 GW batteries
Planned addition	100.81 GW by 2035-36, taking cumulative capacity to 105.56 GW
Non-fossil capacity	308.027 GW as of September 2026, against a target of 500 GW by 2030

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MoSPI and UN Women Hold National Conference on Gender Statistics

2 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

MoSPI and UN Women held a one-day national conference in New Delhi on 2 November 2026 to carry the findings of Women and Men in India 2025 into policy.

- MoSPI and UN Women organised a one-day National Conference on the theme Gender Data and Statistics: From Evidence to Policy Insights in New Delhi on 2 November 2026
- The conference was built around the findings of Women and Men in India 2025, a flagship publication of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- Four thematic technical sessions covered health and survival, girls' education, women's work and wages, and women's livelihoods, enterprises and financial inclusion
- Shoko Ishikawa, Country Representative of UN Women India, gave the welcome address, and Jean-Eric Paque, EU Ambassador to India, spoke on the EU-India Strategic Partnership
- Shamika Ravi of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister sought better employment quality and state-level analysis of gender statistics

Event	National Conference on Gender Data and Statistics: From Evidence to Policy Insights
Date and venue	One-day conference, 2 November 2026, New Delhi
Organisers	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) with UN Women
Publication discussed	Women and Men in India 2025, a flagship publication of MoSPI
Technical sessions	Four thematic sessions
Welcome address	Shoko Ishikawa, Country Representative, UN Women India
European Union	Jean-Eric Paque, Ambassador of the European Union to India
MoSPI officials	Dalip Singh, DG (Central Statistics); Geeta Singh Rathore, DG (NSS); Supriya Roy and Sunitha Bhaskar, Additional Directors General

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AIIMS Rajkot Gets Rs 39 Crore Advanced Radiotherapy Facility

2 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Agri-Voltaics: India Has 36 Solar-Farming Projects of 37.54 MW

2 November 2026 · Environment

A PIB backgrounder on agri-voltaics says India had 36 operational projects of 37.54 MW as of August 2025, with national potential put between 3,000 and 14,000 GW.

- Agrivoltaics, also called agrisolar or dual-use solar, combines crop cultivation with solar power generation on the same land
- As of August 2025 India had 36 operational agrivoltaic projects with an installed capacity of 37.54 megawatts and 10 pilot projects under development
- National agrivoltaic potential is estimated between 3,000 GW and nearly 14,000 GW, with 47.35 million hectares of restricted cropland found suitable
- PM KUSUM, launched in February 2019, carries central financial assistance of about Rs 34,422 crore; a Centre of Excellence runs under NISE with ICAR-IARI
- Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh hold nearly half the estimated generation potential

Concept	Agrivoltaics, also called agrisolar or dual-use solar: crops and solar power on the same land
Operational projects	36 projects, 37.54 megawatts installed, as of August 2025
Pilot projects	10 under development
National potential	Between 3,000 GW and nearly 14,000 GW
Suitable land	47.35 million hectares of restricted cropland, from a GIS-based screening
Farm income	Could rise from about Rs 60,000 an acre to more than Rs 1 lakh an acre
PM KUSUM	Launched February 2019; central financial assistance of about Rs 34,422 crore
Centre of Excellence	National Institute of Solar Energy with ICAR-IARI; 100-kilowatt system at IARI

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3 November 2026

Indian Navy Frees Hijacked Fishing Vessel Azini Off Somalia

3 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Health Ministry Proposes New Import Gateways for Drugs

3 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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PM Modi Opens Pune Metro Hinjawadi-Shivajinagar Line

3 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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TRAI Issues Telecom Interconnection Third Amendment Rules 2026

3 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 Opens at Visakhapatnam

3 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Rajnath Singh Chairs Defence Modernisation Meet in Jaisalmer

3 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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India Sets USD 1 Trillion Export Target for Current Year

3 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Aditya-L1 VELC Finds Solar Eruption Expands Asymmetrically

3 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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India Elected ISA President for Third Straight Term

3 November 2026 · International

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

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

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

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India Lists Climate Finance Priorities for COP31 in Antalya

3 November 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav said India will press for predictable climate finance and technology transfer at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya in November 2026.

- UNFCCC COP31 will be held in Antalya, Turkiye, from 9 to 20 November 2026, with India taking a solution-oriented approach
- India wants a COP31 decision to start the Climate Finance Work Programme, calling finance an obligation under Article 9.1
- India will work with the G-77 and China, the Like Minded Developing Countries and BASIC, and will take up LeadIT 3.0 with Sweden
- At CBD COP17 in Yerevan, Armenia, India pressed Article 20(2) obligations and benefit sharing on Digital Sequence Information
- At UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, India became Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group and repeated its pledge to restore over 26 million hectares by 2030

Conference	COP31 of the UNFCCC
Venue and dates	Antalya, Turkiye, 9 to 20 November 2026
Indian spokesman	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Finance demand	A decision to commence the Climate Finance Work Programme; finance an obligation under Article 9.1
Groupings	G-77 and China, Like Minded Developing Countries, BASIC
Partnership event	LeadIT 3.0 with Sweden
CBD COP17	Yerevan, Armenia; Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework, Cali Fund, Article 20(2)
UNCCD COP17	Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; India elected Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group

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INS Sahyadri Ends India-South Korea Navy Drill at Busan

3 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Nadi Sanjivani MoU Signed for Silt Use in Bihar Highways

3 November 2026 · State News

MoRTH and Bihar signed an MoU for scientific desilting of rivers under Nadi Sanjivani, with 243 lakh cubic metres of silt for 16 ongoing highway projects.

- MoRTH and the Government of Bihar signed an MoU for scientific desilting of rivers and use of silt in National Highway projects, named Nadi Sanjivani
- 243 lakh cubic metres of silt will be used in 16 ongoing projects and 835 lakh cubic metres is proposed for 27 future projects
- 39 NHAI projects of about 1,561 km costing about Rs 58,340 crore are under construction in Bihar; 11 more of about 1,982 km and Rs 1,85,200 crore are proposed
- Work will follow the Bihar Water Sources Restoration and Silt Management Policy, 2026, with the Road Construction Department as nodal department
- The National Highway network in Bihar has grown from 4,615 km in 2014 to about 6,500 km at present

Initiative	Nadi Sanjivani
Signatories	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Government of Bihar
Present at signing	Nitin Gadkari, Union Minister, and Samrat Choudhary, Chief Minister of Bihar
Silt for ongoing projects	243 lakh cubic metres in 16 projects
Silt proposed	835 lakh cubic metres in 27 future projects
Nodal department	Road Construction Department, Government of Bihar
Governing policy	Bihar Water Sources Restoration and Silt Management Policy, 2026
Under construction	39 NHAI projects, about 1,561 km, about Rs 58,340 crore

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Coal Ministry Launches SUVIKALP Mine Repurposing Tool

3 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Coal Controller Organisation has developed SUVIKALP, a digital tool that ranks post-mining land uses for closed and abandoned coal and lignite mines.

- SUVIKALP is a mine repurposing tool developed by the Coal Controller Organisation under the Ministry of Coal
- It is a digital decision-support platform aligned with the Mining Plan Guidelines for Coal and Lignite Mine, 2025
- It ranks post-mining land-use options using a Multi-Criteria Decision-Making method based on TOPSIS
- RECLAIM, its Community Engagement and Development Framework, brings local priorities into project evaluation
- PRISM, the Post-Mining Repurposing Implementation Strategic Model, guides implementation with a knowledge repository

Tool	SUVIKALP, a mine repurposing tool
Developed by	Coal Controller Organisation, under the Ministry of Coal
Nature	Digital decision-support platform
Aligned with	Mining Plan Guidelines for Coal and Lignite Mine, 2025
Ranking method	Multi-Criteria Decision-Making based on TOPSIS
TOPSIS	Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution
RECLAIM	Community Engagement and Development Framework
PRISM	Post-Mining Repurposing Implementation Strategic Model

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Padma Gurmet Gets Wellness Visionary Award for Sowa-Rigpa

3 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

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

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

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

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NITI Aayog Launches India S&T Scoreboard for States and UTs

3 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri unveiled the India S&T Scoreboard in New Delhi, a dashboard comparing science and technology across States and UTs.

- NITI Aayog launched the India S&T Scoreboard on 3 November 2026 at the Civil Services Officers' Institute, KG Marg, New Delhi
- It was unveiled by Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, and can be accessed at www.sts.niti.gov.in
- The interactive dashboard gives an integrated view of the science and technology landscape of States and Union Territories for evidence-based policymaking
- It covers higher education institutions, R&D institutions, deep tech startups, incubators, publications and patents, with quality, impact, collaboration and open access indicators
- Indicators are presented across three sectors - academia, government R&D laboratories and industry - and allow side-by-side comparison of States and UTs

Platform	India S&T Scoreboard
Launched by	NITI Aayog
Unveiled by	Ashok Kumar Lahiri, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog
Date and venue	3 November 2026, Civil Services Officers' Institute, KG Marg, New Delhi
Nature	Interactive dashboard giving an integrated view of the S&T landscape of States and UTs
Three sectors covered	Academia, Government R&D laboratories and Industry
Website	www.sts.niti.gov.in
Guiding principle	Cooperative and competitive federalism; supports the Viksit Bharat@2047 vision

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

3 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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IPRD-2026 Opens in New Delhi on Science and Technology

3 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Indian Navy's Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 began in New Delhi on the theme of science, technology and academic cooperation in the Indo-Pacific.

- The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026, the Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, opened in New Delhi on 3 November 2026
- The three-day conference is organised with the National Maritime Foundation, the Navy's knowledge partner
- Its theme is 'Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific'
- The inaugural address was given by Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi (Retd), NMF Chairman and former Chief of the Naval Staff, followed by National Maritime Security Coordinator Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd)
- A monograph titled 'Sea Blindness and Maritime Heritage in India' was released, and the ambassadorial interaction 'Sahyog Ka Samvaad' was held

Event	Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 (IPRD-2026)
Nature	The Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue
Dates and venue	Began 3 November 2026, New Delhi; a three-day conference
Knowledge partner	National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
Theme	Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
Inaugural address	Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi (Retd), Chairman NMF and former Chief of the Naval Staff
Special address	Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta (Retd), National Maritime Security Coordinator
Monograph released	Sea Blindness and Maritime Heritage in India

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Mandaviya Launches NDTL Extramural Research Grant Policy

3 November 2026 · Sports

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

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

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

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Sikkim Dairy Gets Microbiology Lab and Churpi Traceability

3 November 2026 · State News

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh opened the Sikkim Milk Union's microbiology laboratory at Gangtok and launched the Churpi Traceability initiative.

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh inaugurated the Sikkim Milk Union's Microbiology Laboratory at Gangtok on 3 November 2026 under the National Programme for Dairy Development
- He launched the Churpi Traceability initiative for the traditional dairy product and Fodder Plus products developed by Farmer Producer Organisations
- Sikkim's milk production rose 79 per cent, from 1.37 lakh litres to 2.45 lakh litres a day, and dairy cooperative societies by 88 per cent, from 389 in 2014-15 to 733 in 2025-26
- A Centre of Excellence for the indigenous Siri cattle breed was announced, to use advanced breeding technologies including IVF
- NDDB will finance and carry out the modernisation of the Mangan dairy plant on the model used in Mizoram

Minister	Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Lalan Singh), Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Place and date	Sikkim Milk Union programme, Gangtok, 3 November 2026
Inaugurated	Microbiology Laboratory of the Sikkim Milk Union under the National Programme for Dairy Development; the Karfectar laboratory virtually
Launched	Churpi Traceability initiative and Fodder Plus products of Farmer Producer Organisations
New societies	Registration certificates to five new Dairy Cooperative Societies
Milk production	Up 79 per cent, from 1.37 lakh to 2.45 lakh litres a day
Cooperative societies	Up 88 per cent, from 389 in 2014-15 to 733 in 2025-26
Supply to consumers	Doubled from 28,000 litres to 56,000 litres a day

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NITI Aayog and TEXMiN Sign Critical Minerals Pact

3 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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IndiaAI Mission Releases EKA-1 and Dhir Foundation Models

3 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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

3 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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BRE Summit 2026: Odisha Signs 18 MoUs of Rs 1.17 Lakh Crore

3 November 2026 · Environment

On day two of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, Odisha signed 18 MoUs worth about Rs 1.17 lakh crore for renewable energy projects.

- On the second day of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, Odisha signed 18 MoUs with a proposed investment of about Rs 1.17 lakh crore
- The Odisha agreements were signed before Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo
- Bondada Engineering Ltd signed an MoU with the Goa Investment Promotion and Facilitation Board for renewable projects worth about Rs 3,000 crore
- The Next Terawatt ministerial plenary, convened by the International Solar Alliance with CEEW and Energiva Ventures, set a roadmap up to 2050
- The summit drew representatives of more than 130 countries and over 40 ministers, with 13 states and union territories showcasing their potential

Event	Bharat Renewable Energy (BRE) Summit and Expo 2026, day two
Odisha MoUs	18 MoUs of about Rs 1.17 lakh crore
Present for Odisha	Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Deputy Chief Minister Kanak Vardhan Singh Deo
Goa MoU	Bondada Engineering Ltd with Goa-IPB, about Rs 3,000 crore
Ministerial plenary	The Next Terawatt
Convened by	International Solar Alliance with CEEW and Energiva Ventures
Union ministers present	Pralhad Joshi, Manohar Lal Khattar and Shripad Yesso Naik
Roadmap	Up to 2050, aligned with a developed India by 2047

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APEDA Sends Arunachal Kiwi and Kullu Pomegranate to Dubai

3 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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

3 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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4 November 2026

India-Poland Trade Push: Jitin Prasada Visits Warsaw

4 November 2026 · International

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

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

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

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NLMC Phase II RINL Land Auction Fetches Rs 218 Crore

4 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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Railways Freight Loading Hits 145.07 MT in October 2026

4 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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CSIR and DAKSHIN-RIS Sign Pact for Global South Science

4 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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Ayush Minister Ties Dhanteras to Preventive Healthcare

4 November 2026 · Important Days

Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav asked citizens to make preventive healthcare part of Dhanteras, the festival also marked as Dhanvantari Jayanti, on 4 November 2026.

- Union Ayush Minister Prataprao Jadhav called on citizens to make preventive healthcare part of Dhanteras in an appeal issued on 4 November 2026
- Dhanteras is also observed as Dhanvantari Jayanti, marking the appearance of Lord Dhanvantari with the Amrit Kalash during the Samudra Manthan
- Lord Dhanvantari is revered as the physician of the gods and is closely associated with Ayurveda, India's traditional science of life and health
- The minister cited the Ayurvedic principle Swasthasya Swasthya Rakshanam, which means protecting the health of a healthy person
- He pointed to Ayushman Arogya Mandirs for community-level Ayush services and linked health-conscious citizens to the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047

Minister	Prataprao Jadhav
Portfolios	MoS (Independent Charge) for Ayush; MoS for Health and Family Welfare
Occasion	Dhanteras, also observed as Dhanvantari Jayanti
Date of appeal	4 November 2026
Mythological origin	Lord Dhanvantari emerged during the Samudra Manthan with the Amrit Kalash
Dhanvantari	Revered as the physician of the gods; linked to Ayurveda
Ayurvedic principle cited	Swasthasya Swasthya Rakshanam, guarding the health of the healthy
Scheme named	Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, for community-level Ayush services

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Schedule M Amendment Aligns Grade A Limits With WHO Norms

4 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Cabinet Clears Rs 2,814 Crore Critical Mineral Capex Scheme

4 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet cleared a Rs 2,814 crore capital expenditure scheme to set up four lithium and nickel processing plants with a 30 per cent subsidy.

- The Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing has an outlay of Rs 2,814 crore and runs from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- Four plants will be funded: two for lithium with a minimum capacity of 30 kt each, and two for nickel with a minimum capacity of 50 kt each.
- The capital subsidy is 30 per cent of eligible investment, capped at Rs 500 crore for a lithium beneficiary and Rs 900 crore for a nickel one.
- Beneficiaries are picked in two stages, technical qualification and then financial bidding, the lowest capital support sought winning for each mineral.
- Cobalt will be recovered as a by-product of nickel production, feeding electric mobility, battery storage, electronics, defence and speciality steel.

Scheme	Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing
Approved by	Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Outlay	Rs 2,814 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 (five years)
Capital subsidy	30 per cent of eligible investment
Plants	Two lithium (30 kt each) and two nickel (50 kt each)
Support cap	Rs 500 crore per lithium beneficiary, Rs 900 crore per nickel beneficiary
Minerals	Lithium and nickel, with cobalt as a nickel by-product

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Cabinet Approves Rs 4,371.10 Crore VISTAR Statistics Scheme

4 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Cabinet Clears Rs 14,500 Crore VGF for 92 GWh Energy Storage

4 November 2026 · Environment

The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding scheme to build 92 GWh of grid-scale energy storage, including 60 GWh of pumped storage.

- The Union Cabinet approved a Viability Gap Funding scheme of Rs 14,500 crore for grid-scale energy storage from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- It supports 92 GWh of capacity: 60 GWh pumped storage, 30 GWh battery energy storage and 2 GWh from alternative storage technologies.
- Total investment in the projects is estimated at Rs 97,600 crore, and the new capacity equals 170 per cent of present grid-scale storage in India.
- The country is reckoned to need 411 GWh of grid-scale energy storage by 2031-32, and this scheme is a step towards that figure.
- Battery energy storage projects must meet a minimum Domestic Content Requirement of 40 per cent; capacity is allotted by tariff-based competitive bidding.

Scheme	Viability Gap Funding Scheme for Development of Grid-Scale Energy Storage Systems
Approved by	Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Financial support	Rs 14,500 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31
Capacity supported	92 GWh
Split	60 GWh pumped storage, 30 GWh battery storage, 2 GWh alternative technologies
Total investment	Rs 97,600 crore
Requirement by 2031-32	411 GWh of grid-scale energy storage

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Cabinet Extends Fast Track Special Courts Scheme to 850 Courts

4 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Cabinet Opens Path for All Agniveers to Become Regular Soldiers

4 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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TRAI Launches Network Anubhav Platform for Network Quality

4 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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India-Canada Defence Dialogue Holds First Edition Virtually

4 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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I-OECM Guidelines 2026 Released at CBD COP-17 in Yerevan

4 November 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released India's I-OECM Guidelines 2026 at CBD COP-17 in Yerevan, Armenia, supporting the 30x30 biodiversity target.

- Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released the I-OECM Guidelines 2026 at a CBD COP-17 side event in Yerevan, Armenia, on 3 November 2026.
- MoEFCC prepared the guidelines with the National Biodiversity Authority; they cover terrestrial, inland water, and coastal and marine ecosystems.
- Four criteria are mandatory, among them that the area is not already legally protected and does not overlap the World Database on Protected Areas.
- A GEF-8 project of USD 60.79 million runs for 72 months, from 15 May 2026 to 15 May 2032, across six demonstration landscapes and seascapes.
- The project aims to add 3 per cent of India's land and marine area to the conservation estate, over and above the 27 per cent already under protection.

Guidelines	Guidelines for designation of India's Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (I-OECMs) 2026
Released by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Occasion and venue	CBD COP-17 side event, Yerevan, Armenia
Date of release	3 November 2026
Prepared by	MoEFCC in partnership with the National Biodiversity Authority
Side event organisers	MoEFCC, NBA and UNDP
Global target served	Target 3, the 30x30 goal, of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
National target	National Biodiversity Target 3 under NBSAP 2024-2030

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Drugs Rules Amendment Proposes Instant Licence Suspension

4 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Jaipur Becomes First City With Co-located Commerce Offices

4 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam 2026 Replaces Aircraft Rules of 1937

4 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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ASI 2024-25 Reports 9.28 Per Cent Manufacturing GVA Growth

4 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI released Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25 Volume I, showing the manufacturing corporate sector's gross value added growing 9.28 per cent in a year.

- MoSPI released ASI 2024-25 Volume I and Summary Results of the Factory Sector with unit-level data; the factsheet had come on 30 September 2026.
- The manufacturing corporate sector, with over 89 per cent of total GVA, recorded 9.28 per cent GVA growth, 3.45 per cent more factories and 7.57 per cent more persons engaged.
- Net value added per factory in operation rose 6.59 per cent and GVA per person engaged 2.25 per cent, while plant and machinery value grew 7.25 per cent.
- Food products, textiles, basic metals, motor vehicles and wearing apparel together provide over 41 per cent of manufacturing employment.
- Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh hold more than 54 per cent of the country's manufacturing GVA.

Survey	Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024-25
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Publications	Volume I and Summary Results of Factory Sector, with unit-level data
Reference period	April 2024 to March 2025; survey conducted October 2025 to June 2026
Manufacturing GVA growth	9.28 per cent over the previous year, corporate sector
Net value added per factory	Up 6.59 per cent
GVA per person engaged	Up 2.25 per cent
Top five states by GVA	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh

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National SARAS Mela Ends With Rs 12.8 Crore Sales at Vijayawada

4 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The first National SARAS Mela held outside Delhi-NCR closed at Vijayawada with sales of over Rs 12.8 crore and a footfall of more than 12 lakh visitors.

- The first National SARAS Mela outside Delhi-NCR was held at Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, by the Ministry of Rural Development with the Andhra Pradesh government.
- President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the fair on 15 October 2026; it recorded sales above 12.8 crore rupees and footfall of more than twelve lakh.
- About 1,500 women entrepreneurs from over thirty states and union territories sold through 600 stalls, drawing 45,000 to 50,000 visitors a day.
- Handloom and handicrafts made 75 per cent of sales; the SARAS Shakti Food Court's fifty stalls sold over 1.9 crore rupees worth of food.
- The fair comes under DAY-NRLM and supports the goal of six crore Lakhpati Didis by 2029, a Lakhpati Didi earning at least one lakh rupees a year.

Event	First National SARAS Mela held outside Delhi-NCR
Venue	Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh
Organisers	Ministry of Rural Development with the Government of Andhra Pradesh
Inaugurated by	President Droupadi Murmu on 15 October 2026
Total sales	Over 12.8 crore rupees
Footfall	More than twelve lakh visitors
Participants	About 1,500 women entrepreneurs through 600 stalls
Parent mission	Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission

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JNCASR Silicon Chip Carries Terahertz Data at 100 Gbit/s

4 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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Keralam Resolution Adopted at PAC Chairpersons Conference

4 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees at Thiruvananthapuram adopted the Keralam Resolution, with the Lok Sabha Speaker in the chair.

- The Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and State or UT Legislatures was held at Thiruvananthapuram on 3 and 4 November 2026.
- Delegates adopted the Keralam Resolution; Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla gave the valedictory address and representatives of twenty-seven states attended.
- The resolution seeks a digital portal for peer learning among PACs and a digital oversight tool like the Audit Para Monitoring System in every state and UT.
- It asks PACs to consider at least three sittings a month, to form sub-committees for pending audit observations and to fix timelines for Action Taken Notes.
- Om Birla proposed a common digital Audit Monitoring Platform for state legislatures on the lines of the one serving parliamentary committees.

Conference	Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and State/UT Legislatures
Venue	Thiruvananthapuram, Keralam
Dates	3 and 4 November 2026, a two-day conference
Document adopted	Keralam Resolution
Valedictory address	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
Lok Sabha PAC Chairman	K. C. Venugopal
Plenary theme	Audit, accountability and good governance, and the evolving role of the PAC
Digital tool sought	Audit Para Monitoring System in all state and UT PACs

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NITI Aayog and GIZ Sign NDC-TIA II Pact on Road Freight

4 November 2026 · Environment

NITI Aayog and GIZ India signed an Implementation Agreement under NDC-TIA Phase II to speed up the decarbonisation of India's road freight sector.

- NITI Aayog and GIZ India signed an Implementation Agreement under NDC-TIA Phase II on 3 November 2026 to accelerate road freight decarbonisation.
- NDC-TIA II is a regional initiative for Asia supported by the International Climate Initiative (IKI) of the German Government.
- Its implementing partners include World Resources Institute India, the International Council on Clean Transportation India and Agora Energiewende.
- Electrification of medium-duty and heavy-duty freight vehicles in India is still at an early stage, needing charging infrastructure, new financing and enabling regulation.
- The initiative is to support India's Nationally Determined Contribution targets and its longer-term climate goals in the transport sector.

Agreement	Implementation Agreement under NDC-TIA Phase II
Signatories	NITI Aayog and Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Date of signing	3 November 2026
Full form of NDC-TIA	Nationally Determined Contribution-Transport Initiative for Asia
Supported by	International Climate Initiative (IKI), Government of Germany
Implementing partners	WRI India, ICCT India and Agora Energiewende
Focus	Decarbonisation of India's road freight sector
Gaps identified	Charging infrastructure, innovative financing and enabling regulation

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Rajnath Singh Calls for Maritime Resilience at IPRD 2026

4 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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

4 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan Launched for Senior Citizens

4 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar launched the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational bonding campaign under AVYAY, in New Delhi.

- Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar launched the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational bonding campaign, in New Delhi on 4 November 2026.
- The campaign runs under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY) and follows a 5C model of Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue.
- Vayo SAATHI, a volunteer initiative open to citizens aged 18 and above, stands for Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion.
- Volunteers register on the SCW SAMAVESH Portal or the JEEVAN App and receive a Vayo SAATHI Certificate; a Handbook was also released.
- India population aged 60 and above is projected to grow from about 10 crore in 2011 to 23 crore by 2036.

Campaign	Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational bonding campaign
Launched by	Dr Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment
Date and place	4 November 2026, New Delhi
Parent scheme	Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
5C model	Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue
Vayo SAATHI	Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion
Volunteer eligibility	Citizens aged 18 years and above; registration on SCW SAMAVESH Portal or JEEVAN App
Demographic projection	Population aged 60 and above to rise from about 10 crore in 2011 to 23 crore by 2036

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CCI Clears Kotak Bank Buyout of Deutsche Bank India Unit

4 November 2026 · Banking & Finance

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

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

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

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Operation DRISHTI Camp Treats 4,000 Patients at Rairangpur

4 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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MANAGE Hyderabad Named Centre of Excellence-Skills by MSDE

4 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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VB-G RAM G: Centre Marks 22 Fodder and Livestock Works

5 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Rural Development and Animal Husbandry departments issued a joint advisory on 5 November 2026 marking 22 works for fodder and livestock assets.

- The Department of Rural Development and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying issued a joint advisory to all States and Union Territories on 5 November 2026 on fodder security and livestock infrastructure.
- The VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, standing for Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), came into force on 1 July 2026 and guarantees 125 days of wage employment to every rural household.
- Out of the 375 permissible works under the Act, 22 have been marked for fodder cultivation, pasture development, dairy infrastructure and veterinary facilities.
- States should raise spending on fodder and livestock works to at least 5 per cent of total programme expenditure and focus on panchayats where over 30 per cent of the population depends on livestock.
- The material component is capped at 40 per cent at district level, social audit is compulsory, and ICAR-IGFRI's State-specific Fodder Resource Development Plans will guide district and block planning.

Advisory issued by	Department of Rural Development (Ministry of Rural Development) and Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying)
Law used	VB-G RAM G Act, 2025
Full form	Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
In force from	1 July 2026
Employment guarantee	125 days per rural household
Works marked for fodder and livestock	22, out of 375 permissible works
Expenditure goal	At least 5 per cent of total programme expenditure
Livestock-dependence focus	Panchayats with more than 30 per cent livestock-dependent population

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4th Conference of Mining Ministers Begins in Goa

5 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Mines is holding the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers in Goa on 5 and 6 November 2026 with State ministers and senior officials.

- The Ministry of Mines is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers on 5 and 6 November 2026 in Goa.
- The two-day conference brings together Mining Ministers from various States along with senior officials of the Central and State Governments.
- Sessions will cover the progress, opportunities and challenges of the mining sector, with States sharing their experiences, initiatives and best practices.
- The meeting is meant to strengthen mutual engagement and to deliberate on the future growth and development of India's mining sector.
- The Ministry has linked the collective advancement of the mining sector to the vision of Viksit Bharat.

Event	4th Conference of Mining Ministers
Organiser	Ministry of Mines, Government of India
Venue	Goa
Dates	5 and 6 November 2026
Duration	Two days
Participants	Mining Ministers of various States and senior officials of the Central and State Governments
Agenda	Progress, opportunities and challenges of the mining sector; sharing of State experiences and best practices
Vision linked	Viksit Bharat

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Watershed Guidelines: 3rd National Consultation in Nagpur

5 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The third national consultation on the draft National Technical Guidelines for watershed management was held on 4-5 November 2026 at ICAR-NBSS-LUP, Nagpur.

- The third national-level consultation on the draft National Technical Guidelines for improved watershed management was held on 4 and 5 November 2026 at ICAR-NBSS-LUP, Nagpur.
- It was organised by the Department of Land Resources, the National Rainfed Area Authority and the ICAR soil survey bureau under the World Bank-assisted REWARD programme.
- REWARD stands for Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development; Odisha and Karnataka are its project States.
- Watershed project duration was reduced from seven years under WDC-PMKSY 1.0 to five years under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, and the guidelines will feed WDC-PMKSY 3.0.
- Secretary DoLR Dilip Kumar said a flexible framework achieving 80 to 90 per cent of the objectives is better than overly rigid standards.

Event	3rd National Level Consultation on the Draft National Technical Guidelines for Improved Watershed Management
Dates	4 and 5 November 2026 (two-day)
Venue	ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur
Organisers	Department of Land Resources (Ministry of Rural Development), National Rainfed Area Authority (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare), ICAR soil survey bureau
Programme	World Bank-assisted REWARD programme
REWARD full form	Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development
Secretary, DoLR	Shri Dilip Kumar
CEO, NRAA	Dr Chandra Sekhar Kumar

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NHRC Push Sets Up Gender-Neutral Cell in Hyderabad Jail

5 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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CAPEX Scheme Backs Lithium, Nickel Units with Rs 2,814 Crore

5 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet cleared the Rs 2,814 crore CAPEX Support Scheme on 4 November 2026 to set up two lithium and two nickel processing plants in India.

- The CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing has an outlay of Rs 2,814 crore and runs from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- It gives a 30 per cent capital subsidy to four plants, two for lithium of at least 30 kt each and two for nickel of at least 50 kt each.
- Support is capped at Rs 500 crore for each lithium unit and Rs 900 crore for each nickel unit, which works out to Rs 1,000 crore and Rs 1,800 crore.
- The Union Cabinet approved the scheme on 4 November 2026 and it should draw about Rs 10,000 crore of investment into processing.
- A Governing Council chaired by the Secretary, Ministry of Mines, picks the beneficiaries; India has identified 24 critical minerals in all.

Scheme	CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing
Approved by	Union Cabinet, on 4 November 2026
Outlay	Rs 2,814 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 (five years)
Subsidy	30 per cent of eligible investment
Plants	Two lithium (at least 30 kt each) and two nickel (at least 50 kt each)
Caps	Rs 500 crore per lithium beneficiary, Rs 900 crore per nickel beneficiary
Administration	Rs 14 crore, or 0.5 per cent of the outlay

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BIS Hallmarking: 65 Crore Gold Articles Carry HUID Code

5 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Railways Wins PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award from VP

5 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

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

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

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

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AIIMS Awantipora OPD to Open Before December 2026

5 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

5 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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IMG Clears Monetisation Plans Worth Over Rs 1,100 Crore

5 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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

5 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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INS Sahyadri Reaches Yokosuka for Exercise MALABAR 2026

5 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026 Concludes in New Delhi

5 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

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- The Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 concluded in New Delhi on 5 November 2026, with the valedictory session addressed by Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan.
- It drew over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries, more than 32 international Ministers, over 400 exhibitors, more than 620 speakers and 113 sessions.
- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi said India's renewable energy sector has attracted over Rs 15 lakh crore of investment in a decade, nearly Rs 6 lakh crore of it in the last two years.
- The summit also hosted the 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen, and saw 10 MoUs signed.
- India's solar module manufacturing capacity has crossed 225 GW, making it the world's second-largest maker of solar modules.

Event	Bharat Renewable Energy (BRE) Summit and Expo 2026
Venue and date of valedictory	New Delhi, 5 November 2026
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan; Union Minister Pralhad Joshi
Participation	Over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries, over 32 international Ministers
Partners	14 States and UTs, six Chief Ministers, 10 State Energy Ministers, over eight partner countries and the European Union
Sessions	Over 400 exhibitors, more than 620 speakers, 113 sessions, 800 international delegates
Events hosted within	9th International Solar Alliance Assembly; 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen
Investment	Over Rs 15 lakh crore in a decade, nearly Rs 6 lakh crore in the last two years

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

5 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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TRAI Drive Test Rates Mobile Networks in Nuh and Palwal

5 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI released its July 2026 independent drive test findings for Nuh and Palwal in the Haryana licensed service area, covering 295.2 km of city drive.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test conducted in Nuh and Palwal and adjoining areas of the Haryana Licensed Service Area during July 2026.
- The test ran from 13 to 15 July 2026 and covered 295.2 km of city drive, a 1.8 km walk test and 6 hotspot locations, supervised by TRAI's Regional Office at Jaipur.
- Average download speeds in Nuh were 130.28 Mbps for RJIL, 75.70 Mbps for Airtel, 20.03 Mbps for VIL and 6.78 Mbps for BSNL.
- Average download speeds in Palwal were 212.03 Mbps for RJIL, 105.00 Mbps for Airtel, 40.70 Mbps for VIL and 13.92 Mbps for BSNL.
- Live voice and data sessions were run on 2G, 3G, 4G and 5G networks using SIM cards of all telecom service providers.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
Area tested	Nuh and Palwal cities and adjoining areas, Haryana Licensed Service Area
Dates of testing	13 to 15 July 2026
Coverage of test	City drive 295.2 km, walk test 1.8 km, 6 hotspot locations
Supervised by	TRAI Regional Office, Jaipur
Technologies tested	2G, 3G, 4G and 5G
Highest download, Nuh	RJIL, 130.28 Mbps

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Health Ministry Hits 100% of Special Campaign 6 Targets

5 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Mines Ministry Opens 9th Critical Mineral Auction Tranche

5 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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TRAI Recommends New Satellite Network Provider Authorisation

5 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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India to Host Kimberley Process Plenary in New Delhi

5 November 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Indian Astronomers Find Star Cluster UBC 63 Is Really Two

5 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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

5 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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INS Tarkash Ends Port Call at Port Louis, Mauritius

5 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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India Win Record 114 Medals at Asian Para Games 2026

5 November 2026 · Sports

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

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

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

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DRDO Flight-Tests Pralay Quasi-Ballistic Missile off Odisha

5 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 Concludes in New Delhi

5 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Indian Navy's three-day Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue closed in New Delhi with over 40 experts from 20 countries debating maritime science and technology.

- The three-day Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026, the Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, concluded in New Delhi on 5 November 2026
- IPRD-2026 was organised with the National Maritime Foundation on the theme Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific, across five thematic sessions
- Chief of Defence Staff General NS Raja Subramani gave the Special Address on the concluding day and Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh gave the Valedictory Address
- More than forty experts and speakers from twenty countries took part, adding substance to the Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation pillar of the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative
- The dialogue gave clearer expression to India's maritime vision MAHASAGAR, or Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Event	Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 (IPRD-2026)
What it is	The Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue
Venue and date	New Delhi; concluded 5 November 2026 after three days
Organised with	National Maritime Foundation (NMF)
Theme	Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
Sessions	Five professional thematic sessions
Special Address	General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff
Valedictory Address	Rajesh Kumar Singh, Defence Secretary

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6 November 2026

Semicon 2.0 Portal Opens; 12 More Units Cleared Under ECMS

6 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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Amended BharatNet: ₹3,189 Crore Pact for 12,769 Telangana Panchayats

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Digital Bharat Nidhi signed an agreement on 6 November 2026 to roll out the Amended BharatNet Program in Telangana, with ₹3,189 crore covering 12,769 Gram Panchayats.

- Digital Bharat Nidhi (DoT) signed an agreement on 6 November 2026 at Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi, for the Amended BharatNet Program in Telangana under the State-led model.
- Parties: DBN-DoT, Government of Telangana, TRIICL (the implementing agency), BSNL and Telangana Fiber Grid Corporation Limited (T-Fiber).
- The Centre approved ₹3,189 crore; the project covers 12,769 Gram Panchayats: 1,946 Phase I (ring upgrade), 10,787 Phase II and 36 new panchayats.
- About three lakh rural home fibre connections are expected with Central subsidy support.
- The Union Cabinet approved the Amended BharatNet Program on 4 August 2023; DBN, the former USOF, was renamed under the Telecommunications Act, 2023.

Programme	Amended BharatNet Program (ABP), State-led model
Signed on / at	6 November 2026, Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi
Parties	DBN-DoT, Government of Telangana, TRIICL, BSNL, T-Fiber
Implementing agency	Telangana Rural Internet Infrastructure Corporation Limited (TRIICL)
Central financial support	₹3,189 crore
Gram Panchayats covered	12,769 (1,946 Phase I + 10,787 Phase II + 36 new)
Home fibre connections expected	About three lakh
ABP approved by Cabinet	4 August 2023

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TRAI Moves Interconnect Agreement Register Online from 1 January 2027

6 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Uttarakhand Police Gets President's Colour, 16th Force in India

6 November 2026 · State News

Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to Uttarakhand Police in Dehradun on 6 November 2026, the 16th force to get it, at the state's foundation day events.

- On 6 November 2026 Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to the Uttarakhand Police in Dehradun, making it the 16th police force in India to receive this highest honour.
- The honour was dedicated to 206 police personnel who made the supreme sacrifice; the force's motto is 'Karm Satyam Shauryam' and its strength has grown from 13,000 to over 26,000.
- Uttarakhand Police topped the country with a score of 93.46 on the CCTNS/ICJS 2.0 dashboard and is the first state police force to scale Mount Everest.
- Uttarakhand was formed on 9 November 2000; at the 2026 Foundation Day, 63 projects worth ₹1,508 crore were launched or inaugurated.
- Uttarakhand was the first state to implement the Uniform Civil Code on the ground; its GSDP has grown 50% since 2022.

Honour	President's Colour to Uttarakhand Police
Presented by	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister, in Dehradun on 6 November 2026
Rank	16th police force in India to receive it
Martyrs honoured	206 personnel
Motto	Karm Satyam Shauryam
Force strength	From 13,000 to more than 26,000
CCTNS/ICJS 2.0 score	93.46, first in the country
State formed	9 November 2000

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AB PM-JAY, ABDM Review in Kolkata: West Bengal Is 36th State in Scheme

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

NHA's two-day review of AB PM-JAY and ABDM in Kolkata heard that West Bengal, the 36th State in PM-JAY, has enrolled 4.2 crore beneficiaries since 16 August 2026.

- The National Health Authority held a two-day National Review Meeting on AB PM-JAY and ABDM in Kolkata on 5–6 November 2026, with 15 sessions.
- West Bengal joined AB PM-JAY as the 36th State; since the launch on 16 August 2026 it has enrolled 4.2 crore beneficiaries and treated 2.2 lakh people.
- BODH, the Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI built by TANUH at IISc Bengaluru, evaluates health AI models on Indian datasets.
- The meeting reviewed the National Health Claims Exchange (NHCX) and the National Anti-Fraud Unit (NAFU), and saw demonstrations of Sandbox 2.0 and an Ambient AI Voice Scribe.
- Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal is the CEO of the National Health Authority, which works under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Event	National Review Meeting on AB PM-JAY and ABDM
Organised by	National Health Authority (NHA), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Venue and dates	Kolkata, 5–6 November 2026
Sessions	15
CEO, NHA	Dr. Sunil Kumar Barnwal
West Bengal in AB PM-JAY	36th State; launched 16 August 2026
West Bengal figures	4.2 crore beneficiaries enrolled, 2.2 lakh treated
BODH	Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI (TANUH, IISc Bengaluru)

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DLC Campaign 5: 40 Lakh Life Certificates in 5 Days, Face Auth at 80%

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Dr Jitendra Singh launched DLC Campaign 5 on 6 November 2026; about 40 lakh digital life certificates came in five days, and face authentication use hit nearly 80%.

- Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5 in New Delhi on 6 November 2026.
- Nearly 40 lakh DLCs were generated in the first five days, against about 25 lakh in the same period last year, a rise of 60 per cent.
- Face authentication's share rose from 61 per cent to nearly 80 per cent; last year 1.17 crore of 1.92 crore DLCs used face authentication.
- The campaign covers nearly 3,000 locations through camps, with doorstep service for pensioners who cannot reach a camp.
- Central government pensioners now number nearly 70 lakh, against about 50 lakh serving employees.

Campaign	Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5
Launched by	Dr Jitendra Singh, 6 November 2026, National Media Centre, New Delhi
Department	Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
Secretary	Nivedita Shukla Verma
DLCs in first five days	Nearly 40 lakh (about 25 lakh last year), up 60%
Face authentication share	From 61% to nearly 80%
Last year	1.17 crore of 1.92 crore DLCs via face authentication
Coverage	Nearly 3,000 locations plus doorstep service

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Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat at Two: Child Marriage Falls to 20.1% in NFHS-6

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

As Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat nears two years, child marriage among women aged 20-24 fell to 20.1% in NFHS-6 from 23.3% in NFHS-5, with a goal of zero by 2030.

- Child marriage among women aged 20–24 fell from 23.3% in NFHS-5 (2019-21) to 20.1% in NFHS-6 (2023-24), a fall of 3.2 percentage points.
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat on 27 November 2024, aiming at a child-marriage-free India by 2030 (SDG Target 5.3).
- The campaign has held 6.85 lakh awareness programmes, reached 12.47 crore people and recorded 42.01 lakh pledges; 71,882 CMPOs are listed on the BVMB Portal.
- The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 replaced the Sarda Act of 1929; a child is a male under 21 or a female under 18.
- Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu recorded the largest fall in child marriage, 10.1 percentage points.

Campaign	Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat (BVMB)
Launched	27 November 2024 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development
Target	Child-marriage-free India by 2030 (SDG Target 5.3)
Prevalence (women 20–24 married before 18)	23.3% in NFHS-5 to 20.1% in NFHS-6
Priority districts	257 high-burden districts
Awareness programmes / reach	6.85 lakh programmes, 12.47 crore participants
Pledges	42.01 lakh
CMPOs on portal	71,882 (59,686 at Gram Panchayat level)

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

6 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Pig Breeding: Centre Issues Protocol for AI with Liquid Semen

6 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Special Campaign 6: Record ₹970.33 Crore From Scrap Disposal

6 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Special Campaign 6, led by DARPG from 2 to 31 October 2026, covered 19,88,826 cleanliness sites and earned ₹970.33 crore from scrap, its best results since 2021.

- Special Campaign 6 ran from 2 to 31 October 2026 with DARPG as the nodal department and posted its best results since the series began in 2021.
- It covered 19,88,826 cleanliness sites (about 71% more than 11,59,783 last year), earned ₹970.33 crore from scrap and freed 277.82 lakh sq ft of office space.
- 9,99,168 public grievances and 40,878 appeals were disposed of; 15,76,828 physical files were weeded out and 7,01,723 e-files closed.
- The Railway Board topped scrap revenue with ₹618.06 crore; the Ministry of Coal freed the most space, over 1.48 crore sq ft.
- E-waste recyclers on GeM rose from 38 to over 200, and schools collected 58.79 lakh e-waste items against a target of 5 lakh.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Institutionalising Swachhata and Minimising Pendency
Period	2 to 31 October 2026
Nodal department	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Series began	2021
Cleanliness sites	19,88,826 (previous year 11,59,783)
Scrap revenue	₹970.33 crore
Office space freed	277.82 lakh sq ft
Public grievances disposed	9,99,168

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4th Conference of Mining Ministers Ends in Goa; Focus on Exploration

6 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 4th Conference of Mining Ministers ended in Goa on 6 November 2026, with Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy urging faster mineral exploration by Centre and States.

- The 4th Conference of Mining Ministers, a two-day event, concluded in Goa, as reported by the Ministry of Mines on 6 November 2026.
- Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy called for Centre and States to expedite mineral exploration in view of growing demand for critical minerals.
- He also stressed higher State revenue from mining, better mine planning and effective mine closure practices.
- Minister of State Satish Chandra Dubey and Mines Secretary Keshav Chandra attended; States such as Rajasthan, Karnataka and Telangana shared issues on the second day.

Event	4th Conference of Mining Ministers
Venue	Goa
Duration	Two days; conclusion reported on 6 November 2026
Union Minister of Coal and Mines	G. Kishan Reddy
Minister of State for Coal and Mines	Satish Chandra Dubey
Secretary, Ministry of Mines	Keshav Chandra
Key theme	Faster mineral exploration amid rising demand for critical minerals
States on day two	Telangana, West Bengal, Karnataka, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala

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I-STEM and Startup India Portals Linked Through API Integration

6 November 2026 · Science & Technology

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

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

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

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GRAP Stage-III Invoked in Delhi-NCR as AQI Hits 382

6 November 2026 · Environment

The CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP invoked Stage-III across the entire NCR on 6 November 2026 after Delhi logged a daily average AQI of 382, in the Very Poor band.

- The CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP invoked Stage-III across the entire NCR on 6 November 2026, with immediate effect.
- Delhi's daily average AQI on 6 November 2026 was 382, in the 'Very Poor' category, as per the CPCB's daily AQI bulletin.
- IMD and IITM forecasts warned that air quality could slip into the 'Severe' category in the coming days.
- Stage-III measures are added to the Stage-I and Stage-II actions already in force; NCR Pollution Control Boards and the DPCC must enforce all three stages strictly.
- The Citizen Charter asks people to walk or cycle short distances, avoid coal and wood for heating, and follow hybrid classes for primary schools and work-from-home when instructed.

Decision by	CAQM Sub-Committee on GRAP
Date	6 November 2026
Stage invoked	Stage-III of GRAP, in the entire NCR
Delhi's daily average AQI	382 ('Very Poor')
AQI bulletin	Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
Forecast	AQI likely to reach 'Severe' (IMD/IITM)
Stages in force	Stage-I, Stage-II and Stage-III together
Enforcing agencies	Pollution Control Boards of NCR States and DPCC

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First BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise Ends at Sri Vijaya Puram

6 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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

6 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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IAF SDI Signs MoA with IIT Madras for Secure Airborne Communication

6 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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India and EU Conclude Horizon Europe Association Talks

7 November 2026 · International

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

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

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

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India Sixth-Largest Chemicals Producer, Worth $220 Billion

7 November 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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E20 Petrol Passes Quality Test in 893 Samples Nationwide

7 November 2026 · Environment

The Petroleum Ministry said on 7 November 2026 that 893 E20 petrol samples drawn in 27 States and Union Territories met the prescribed ethanol standard.

- All 893 E20 petrol samples drawn from depots and retail outlets across 27 States and Union Territories met the prescribed ethanol range of 19 to 21 per cent
- In Karnataka all 56 samples complied, showing 19 to 20 per cent ethanol with an average of 19.30 per cent, against the state's claim of 26 to 31 per cent
- IS 17021 is the Bureau of Indian Standards specification for ethanol-blended motor gasoline; sampling follows the 2005 Motor Spirit Order and the Marketing Discipline Guidelines of 2024
- Since ESY 2014-15 the blending programme has saved over Rs 1.97 lakh crore in foreign exchange, substituted about 316 lakh metric tonnes of crude and avoided about 952 lakh metric tonnes of carbon dioxide
- In ESY 2025-26, ending 31 October 2026, the oil marketing companies blended 1,134 crore litres of ethanol against petrol sales of about 5,673 crore litres

Samples tested	893 E20 samples across 27 States and Union Territories, all within 19 to 21 per cent ethanol
Company-wise samples	Indian Oil 330, Bharat Petroleum 280, Hindustan Petroleum 283
Karnataka result	All 56 samples compliant, 19 to 20 per cent ethanol, average 19.30 per cent
Claim examined	Karnataka department's claim of 26 to 31 per cent ethanol at certain retail outlets
Standard	IS 17021, the BIS specification for ethanol-blended motor gasoline
Monitoring body	Centre for High Technology, under the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas, through the Quality Coordination Cell
Sampling rules	Motor Spirit and High Speed Diesel Order, 2005 under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, with Marketing Discipline Guidelines, 2024
Foreign exchange saved	More than Rs 1.97 lakh crore since ESY 2014-15

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Second Tour of Duty for Agniveers Called a Diwali Gift

7 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Steel Ministry Ends SCDPM 6 With 21,164 Files Reviewed

7 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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NPPA Caps Trade Margins on 137 Anti-Cancer Drugs

7 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Legislative Department Begins Leadership Interaction Series

7 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Amit Shah Reviews Gujarat Internal Security in Ahmedabad

7 November 2026 · State News

Union Home Minister Amit Shah reviewed Gujarat internal security at Ahmedabad, seeking a tighter watch on the 2,340 km coastline and action on drug kingpins.

- Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah chaired a high-level review of Gujarat law and order and internal security in Ahmedabad on 7 November 2026.
- Gujarat coastline runs to about 2,340 kilometres and the state borders Pakistan, so the BSF, state police, Coast Guard and central agencies were told to coordinate.
- Under the new criminal laws Gujarat filed 92 per cent of chargesheets within 60 days and 86 per cent within 90 days; over 25,000 forensic cases are pending.
- The capacity of S4C and the 1930 cybercrime helpline is to be raised, and 2,412 illegal foreign nationals have already been deported under special drives.

Event	High-level review of Gujarat law and order and internal security
Chaired by	Amit Shah, Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation
Venue	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Date	7 November 2026
Gujarat coastline	About 2,340 kilometres; the state also borders Pakistan
Chargesheets	92 per cent filed within 60 days, 86 per cent within 90 days
Forensic backlog	More than 25,000 pending cases, to be cleared by a special drive
Cybercrime	Capacity of S4C and the 1930 helpline to be enhanced

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

7 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Rajnath Singh Reviews Trishakti Corps Readiness at Sukna

7 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Sainik Schools National Games 2026 Close at Bijapur

7 November 2026 · Sports

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

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

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

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

7 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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8 November 2026

Buddha Relics Exposition at Tawang Ends, 31,000 Devotees

8 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Shram Samvad on Labour Codes Held at Dewas in Madhya Pradesh

8 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Labour Ministry and the Madhya Pradesh government held a district-level Shram Samvad on the four Labour Codes at Dewas on 5 November 2026.

- Shram Samvad, a district-level capacity-building and awareness programme on the Labour Codes, was held at Dewas in Madhya Pradesh on 5 November 2026.
- It was organised jointly by the Union Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Madhya Pradesh Labour Department, with the Association of Industries Madhya Pradesh and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd.
- S.R. Datta, Director in the Ministry of Labour and Employment, presided and gave the keynote address on the features of the four Labour Codes.
- EPFO led a session on the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY) and DGLW on the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme.
- More than 100 participants attended, and the ministry distributed a Handbook of Compliance for Employers and a Compilation of Frequently Asked Questions.

Programme	Shram Samvad, district-level capacity-building and awareness programme on Labour Codes
Place and date	Dewas, Madhya Pradesh, on 5 November 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Labour and Employment and Labour Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
Industry partners	Association of Industries Madhya Pradesh and Sun Pharmaceutical Industries Ltd
Presided over by	S.R. Datta, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment
Participation	More than 100 employers, industry, legal, HR and finance professionals
Bodies represented	EPFO, ESIC, Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and Directorate General Labour Welfare
Scheme session by EPFO	Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PMVBRY)

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Bharat Ratna L.K. Advani Enters His 100th Year

8 November 2026 · Persons in News

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted Bharat Ratna and former Deputy Prime Minister L.K. Advani as he entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026.

- Bharat Ratna and former Deputy Prime Minister Lal Krishna Advani entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted him and published an article, in English and Hindi, on Advani's contribution to India.
- The Prime Minister recalled Advani living through Partition, strengthening the Jana Sangh and building the Bharatiya Janata Party.
- He also recalled Advani standing up for democracy during the Emergency and leading the Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra.
- Advani was described as a voracious reader, a prolific writer and a lover of culture and cinema.

Person in news	Lal Krishna Advani
Milestone	Entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026
Civilian honour	Bharat Ratna
Office held	Former Deputy Prime Minister of India
Party work	Strengthened the Jana Sangh and built the Bharatiya Janata Party
Yatra led	Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra
Stood up for democracy	During the Emergency
Other facets	Voracious reader, prolific writer, lover of culture and cinema

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

8 November 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Rajnath Singh Celebrates Deepawali With Troops in Sikkim

8 November 2026 · Defence

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

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

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

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Green Diwali Campaign 2026 Covers 130 NCAP Cities

8 November 2026 · Environment

WWF-India's EIACP centre, backed by the Environment Ministry, ran the Green Diwali Campaign 2026 under Mission LiFE across 130 cities covered by the NCAP.

- The Green Diwali Campaign 2026 ran from 20 October to 8 November 2026 under Mission LiFE, or Lifestyle for Environment
- It focused on the 130 cities covered by the National Clean Air Programme across 24 states and union territories
- WWF-India's EIACP Programme Centre - Resource Partner ran it with support from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- Delhi's air was in the Very Poor band as per the Central Pollution Control Board and could reach Severe during the festival
- The CPCB's SAMEER app gives the daily Air Quality Index; CAQM applies the Graded Response Action Plan across the NCR

Campaign	Green Diwali Campaign 2026
Duration	20 October to 8 November 2026
Mission	Mission LiFE, Lifestyle for Environment
Reach	130 cities under the National Clean Air Programme in 24 states and union territories
Organiser	EIACP Programme Centre - Resource Partner, WWF-India
Supported by	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Delhi air quality	Very Poor as per the Central Pollution Control Board, may turn Severe
NCR body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. Who held high-level meetings with European Commission officials in Brussels in early November 2026?

(A) The Foreign Secretary
(B) The Commerce Secretary, Rajesh Agrawal
(C) The Finance Secretary
(D) The Revenue Secretary

2. Which Directorate-General of the European Commission, discussed in the customs and trade facilitation meeting, deals with taxation and the customs union?

(A) DG TRADE
(B) DG INTPA
(C) DG TAXUD
(D) DG GROW

3. Along with Mumbai and Surat, which European city is recognised as a major diamond centre in India-Belgium cooperation?

(A) Rotterdam
(B) Antwerp
(C) Amsterdam
(D) Geneva

4. The sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha, taken to Arunachal Pradesh, were brought from which institution?

(A) Indian Museum, Kolkata
(B) National Museum, New Delhi
(C) Sarnath Museum, Varanasi
(D) Salar Jung Museum, Hyderabad

5. Who received the sacred relics of Lord Buddha at Tawang Monastery?

(A) The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh
(B) Chief Minister Pema Khandu
(C) The Prime Minister
(D) The Chief Minister of Sikkim

6. In which state is Piprahwa, the archaeological site from which these Buddha relics come?

(A) Bihar
(B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh
(D) Odisha

7. Dairy and livestock projects of what value are being taken up in the Gangtok and Mangan districts of Sikkim?

(A) Rs 151.56 lakh
(B) Rs 251.56 lakh
(C) Rs 351.56 lakh
(D) Rs 451.56 lakh

8. How many new Dairy Cooperative Societies are being established in Sikkim under White Revolution 2.0?

(A) 15
(B) 27
(C) 57
(D) 75

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9. Which indigenous cattle breed of Sikkim is covered by a special development and conservation project?

(A) Siri
(B) Gir
(C) Sahiwal
(D) Tharparkar

10. How many Next Generation Corvettes will Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited (GRSE) build under the contracts signed on 2 November 2026?

(A) Three
(B) Four
(C) Five
(D) Eight

11. What makes the Next Generation Corvette programme a first for Indian warship building?

(A) It is the first warship order placed with a private shipyard
(B) The ships are designed in-house by the Indian Navy and built by defence PSUs chosen through a competitive process
(C) It is the first time foreign designers have been hired for an Indian corvette
(D) It is the first warship project funded entirely by state governments

12. Where were the Next Generation Corvette contracts signed, and who was present?

(A) South Block, New Delhi, in the presence of the Chief of Naval Staff
(B) Kartavya Bhawan-2, New Delhi, in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
(C) Garden Reach, Kolkata, in the presence of the Defence Minister
(D) Vasco, Goa, in the presence of the Chief of Defence Staff

13. How much coal was produced by captive and commercial mines in October 2026?

(A) 15.49 million tonnes
(B) 21.11 million tonnes
(C) 22.03 million tonnes
(D) 24.86 million tonnes

14. The Lohari coal mine, which received Mine Opening Permission in October 2026, is located in which state?

(A) Odisha
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Chhattisgarh
(D) Madhya Pradesh

15. Between April and October, by what percentage did coal production from captive and commercial mines grow over the previous year?

(A) 11.30 per cent
(B) 11.53 per cent
(C) 36 per cent
(D) 42 per cent

16. Under the VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026, within how many days must a grievance be resolved from the date it is received?

(A) Seven working days
(B) 15 days
(C) 30 days
(D) 45 days

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17. Who has been made responsible for overseeing grievance redressal at the district level under the new rules?

(A) The District Magistrate
(B) The Chief Executive Officer of the Zila Parishad
(C) The District Programme Coordinator
(D) The Block Development Officer

18. Which of the following is NOT a valid ground for refusing to register a grievance under these rules?

(A) The language in which the complaint is written
(B) The format of the complaint
(C) A procedural deficiency in the complaint
(D) None of the above can be a ground for refusal

19. What is the duration of Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026?

(A) 1 June to 30 June 2026
(B) 22 October to 30 November 2026
(C) 1 October to 31 December 2026
(D) 15 September to 30 October 2026

20. Khet Bachaao Abhiyaan-Rabi 2026 covers how many States and Union Territories?

(A) 28
(B) 31
(C) 34
(D) 36

21. The 4R principle promoted by the campaign for fertiliser use stands for which of the following?

(A) Right source, right rate, right time, right place
(B) Reduce, reuse, recycle, recover
(C) Right seed, right soil, right season, right subsidy
(D) Rain, river, reservoir, recharge

22. Where was the first National Orientation Programme for Tribal Healers on Public Health held?

(A) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
(B) Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad
(C) Ranchi, Jharkhand
(D) New Delhi

23. Under which initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs was the orientation programme for tribal healers organised?

(A) Janjatiya Health Institutional Transformation (JanHIT)
(B) Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan
(C) Eklavya Model Residential School scheme
(D) Ayushman Arogya Mandir mission

24. How many tribal healers attended the first phase of the orientation programme?

(A) About 250
(B) About 350
(C) About 550
(D) About 750

25. Special Campaign 6, implemented by DPIIT, is run under the guidance of which department?

(A) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(B) Department of Expenditure
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Department of Consumer Affairs

26. What share of public grievances had DPIIT disposed of under Special Campaign 6 as on 28 October 2026?

(A) More than 50 per cent
(B) Around 75 per cent
(C) Around 83 per cent
(D) More than 99 per cent

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27. When was the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6 conducted?

(A) 15 to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 1 to 30 November 2026
(D) 2 to 31 August 2026

28. How many Air Force Schools have been brought onto the ScrollControl child digital safety programme?

(A) 24
(B) 36
(C) 42
(D) 61

29. Teachers of Air Force Schools trained under ScrollControl have been certified as which of the following?

(A) Cyber Crime Intervention Officers
(B) Cyber Safety Marshals
(C) Digital Suraksha Officers
(D) Cyber Jagrookta Pracharaks

30. Which body has directed the schools affiliated to it to build cyber safety habits through a monthly Cyber Jagrookta Diwas?

(A) NCERT
(B) Central Board of Secondary Education
(C) University Grants Commission
(D) All India Council for Technical Education

31. India is working towards a renewable energy target of how much capacity, as named in the article shared by the Prime Minister?

(A) 300 GW
(B) 400 GW
(C) 500 GW
(D) 750 GW

32. Which pair of initiatives is credited with driving the growth of solar power in India?

(A) PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM
(B) PM Ujjwala and PM Gati Shakti
(C) PM Awas and PM Mudra
(D) PM Vishwakarma and PM Poshan

33. According to the articles shared by the Prime Minister, which areas are seeing expansion and investment in India's clean energy shift?

(A) Rooftop solar, storage and transmission
(B) Offshore oil drilling and refining
(C) Coal gasification and washing
(D) Nuclear fuel reprocessing

34. After the latest additions, how many Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRROs) are there in India?

(A) 15
(B) 18
(C) 20
(D) 24

35. Which two state capitals got new FRRO offices this year, having earlier been under the jurisdiction of Kolkata and Hyderabad?

(A) Aizawl and Amravati
(B) Jaipur and Chandigarh
(C) Kohima and Agartala
(D) Guwahati and Bhubaneswar

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36. Which legislation consolidated four earlier laws on immigration and foreigners and made the Bureau of Immigration the principal immigration agency, assisted by FRROs?

(A) The Foreigners Act, 1946
(B) The Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920
(C) The Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025
(D) The Citizenship (Amendment) Act, 2019

37. The new Seismological Observatory inaugurated by Dr Jitendra Singh is located at which place?

(A) Udhampur
(B) Kishtwar
(C) Baramulla
(D) Patnitop

38. Real-time data from the new observatory will be transmitted to the Earthquake Monitoring Centre of which organisation?

(A) India Meteorological Department
(B) National Disaster Management Authority
(C) National Centre for Seismology
(D) Geological Survey of India

39. How many Automatic Weather Stations does the region now have, against three earlier at Udhampur, Kathua and Ramban?

(A) 8
(B) 10
(C) 12
(D) 15

40. Which district has been notified as India's first Organic Fisheries Cluster under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana?

(A) Mangan, Sikkim
(B) Soreng, Sikkim
(C) Ri-Bhoi, Meghalaya
(D) Dibrugarh, Assam

41. What was the value of the fisheries projects inaugurated for Sikkim under PMMSY during the Union Minister's visit?

(A) Rs 125 lakh
(B) Rs 250 lakh
(C) Rs 375 lakh
(D) Rs 525 lakh

42. Sikkim has signed a memorandum of understanding with which force for institutional procurement of locally produced Rainbow Trout?

(A) Border Security Force
(B) Indo-Tibetan Border Police
(C) Central Reserve Police Force
(D) Assam Rifles

43. Over roughly how long a period were the X-ray observations of NGC 4490 ULX-8 tracked in the new study?

(A) 6 years
(B) 12 years
(C) 24 years
(D) 40 years

44. Which limit describes the brightness at which radiation pressure pushing matter outward balances gravity pulling it inward?

(A) Chandrasekhar limit
(B) Eddington limit
(C) Roche limit
(D) Schwarzschild radius

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45. The research team that explained the behaviour of ULX-8 was drawn mainly from which institutes?

(A) Indian Institute of Astrophysics and Raman Research Institute

(B) Physical Research Laboratory and Space Applications Centre

(C) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research and Indian Institute of Science

(D) National Centre for Radio Astrophysics and Aryabhatta Research Institute

46. What is the outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

(A) Rs 9,744 crore

(B) Rs 17,490 crore

(C) Rs 19,744 crore

(D) Rs 24,000 crore

47. Under India's Green Hydrogen Standard, what is the maximum permitted emission for hydrogen to be called green?

(A) 1 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen

(B) 2 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen

(C) 5 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen

(D) 9 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen

48. Green hydrogen plants commissioned by 31 December 2030 are exempt from inter-state transmission system charges for how many years?

(A) 10 years

(B) 15 years

(C) 20 years

(D) 25 years

49. Western Coalfields Limited, in the news for exceeding all three of its key operational targets, is a subsidiary of which company?

(A) NTPC Limited

(B) Coal India Limited

(C) Singareni Collieries Company Limited

(D) NLC India Limited

50. What was WCL's coal production in October, against the corresponding month of the previous year?

(A) 4.53 MT, against 3.60 MT

(B) 5.93 MT, against 3.60 MT

(C) 6.67 MT, against 4.44 MT

(D) 7.25 MT, against 5.93 MT

51. How many rakes had WCL loaded up to 31 October 2026, against the corresponding period a year earlier?

(A) 4,402 against 3,146

(B) 5,146 against 4,402

(C) 6,146 against 4,402

(D) 6,146 against 5,402

52. In which city was the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo inaugurated by the Prime Minister?

(A) Mumbai

(B) Delhi

(C) Gandhinagar

(D) Bengaluru

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53. Which assembly is being held within the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo?

(A) The 5th Assembly of the International Renewable Energy Agency

(B) The 9th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance

(C) The 12th Assembly of the World Energy Council

(D) The 7th Assembly of the Global Wind Forum

54. By which year does India aim to reach 500 GW of non-fossil power capacity, as recalled by the Prime Minister?

(A) 2027

(B) 2030

(C) 2035

(D) 2047

55. Under the new TRAI regulations, within how many days must a telecom consumer file an appeal after a complaint is disposed of?

(A) 7 days

(B) 15 days

(C) 30 days

(D) 45 days

56. How long must a telecom complaint centre remain available to consumers under the amended regulations?

(A) Eight hours on working days

(B) Sixteen hours on working days

(C) Round the clock on all days of the week

(D) Twelve hours on all days of the week

57. Which body must every telecom service provider now set up to review its grievance redressal mechanism?

(A) Consumer Grievance Redressal Oversight Committee

(B) Telecom Dispute Settlement Tribunal

(C) Consumer Advisory Committee

(D) Subscriber Welfare Board

58. What does PM-SETU stand for?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Skill Education and Technical Upgradation

(B) Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs

(C) Pradhan Mantri Students Employment and Training Union

(D) Pradhan Mantri Skill Enhancement for Tribal Upliftment

59. Letters of Intent for PM-SETU ITI clusters at Jorhat and Tinsukia were signed with the support of which two companies?

(A) Indian Oil Corporation and GAIL

(B) Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Oil India Limited

(C) ONGC and Bharat Petroleum

(D) Coal India and NTPC

60. Which state government presented its CM FLIGHT Scheme and a plan for a Global Skill Center at the programme?

(A) Meghalaya

(B) Assam

(C) Manipur

(D) Tripura

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61. What is the target set under the nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 5?

(A) Over 50 lakh certificates
(B) Over one crore certificates
(C) Over two crore certificates
(D) Over five crore certificates

62. Which bank partnered the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare for the mega camp in New Delhi?

(A) Punjab National Bank
(B) State Bank of India
(C) Bank of Baroda
(D) Reserve Bank of India

63. Which technology was highlighted as letting pensioners generate a digital life certificate on their own smartphone?

(A) Iris scanning
(B) Face authentication
(C) Voice recognition
(D) Digital signature token

64. In which city did the 1st International Maize Conference open?

(A) Ludhiana
(B) Hyderabad
(C) New Delhi
(D) Pune

65. What maize production figure did the Director General of ICAR ask India to reach over the next decade?

(A) 55 million tonnes
(B) 65 million tonnes
(C) 75 million tonnes
(D) 90 million tonnes

66. In the 5F vision proposed at the conference, which element was added to food, feed, fodder and fuel?

(A) Fertiliser
(B) Farmers
(C) Forests
(D) Finance

67. On which date is the International Day for Biosphere Reserves observed?

(A) 22 May
(B) 3 November
(C) 5 June
(D) 11 November

68. How many of India's notified biosphere reserves are part of UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves?

(A) 11
(B) 13
(C) 18
(D) 21

69. In which year was UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere Programme launched?

(A) 1971
(B) 1986
(C) 1992
(D) 2000

70. Which Indian Navy ship completed the Lokayan 26 sailing expedition in November 2026?

(A) INS Tarangini
(B) INS Sudarshini
(C) INS Vikrant
(D) INS Shivalik

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71. How many port calls and how many countries did the Lokayan 26 deployment cover?

(A) 12 ports in 9 countries
(B) 17 ports in 11 countries
(C) 21 ports in 14 countries
(D) 15 ports in 11 countries

72. MAHASAGAR, the maritime vision reflected in the Lokayan 26 deployment, stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Advancement for Harmony, Security and Growth Across Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Mutual Assistance for Harbour Safety and Growth Among Regions
(D) Maritime Alliance for Shared Advancement, Growth and Regional Resilience

73. How many coal mines were awarded Five-Star Ratings under the Ministry of Coal's Star Rating Programme for FY 2024-25?

(A) 30
(B) 42
(C) 50
(D) 64

74. Which company secured the First Prize in the underground category of the Star Rating awards for FY 2024-25?

(A) Northern Coalfields Limited
(B) Singareni Collieries Company Limited
(C) Western Coalfields Limited
(D) Mahanadi Coalfields Limited

75. What was the theme of the Hackathon on R&D 2026 recognised at the Star Rating Awards Ceremony?

(A) Clean Coal for a Green Future
(B) NextGen AI for Smart Mining
(C) Digital Mines, Safer Miners
(D) Mission Zero Overburden

76. India's first two geothermal wells were commissioned in which valley?

(A) Nubra Valley
(B) Puga Valley
(C) Spiti Valley
(D) Suru Valley

77. How many hot springs and geothermal provinces has the Geological Survey of India mapped?

(A) 340 hot springs and 7 provinces
(B) 381 hot springs and 10 provinces
(C) 412 hot springs and 12 provinces
(D) 381 hot springs and 14 provinces

78. Which statement about global geothermal capacity at the end of 2025 is correct?

(A) It stood at 15.67 GW, with Indonesia among the leading countries
(B) It stood at 159.8 GW, led by China
(C) It stood at 45.2 GW, led by India
(D) It stood at 8.9 GW, led by Iceland

79. How much pumped storage capacity was operational in India as of August 2026?

(A) 4.95 GW
(B) 7.43 GW
(C) 15.87 GW
(D) 26.69 GW

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80. Which region accounts for the highest identified pumped storage potential in India?

(A) Northern Region
(B) Southern Region
(C) Western Region
(D) Eastern Region

81. Which of the following correctly describes an off-stream closed-loop pumped storage scheme?

(A) Both reservoirs lie on a river, stream or nallah
(B) One reservoir lies on a watercourse and the other does not
(C) Neither reservoir lies on a river or perennial stream
(D) Both reservoirs are built inside an existing irrigation canal

82. Which two bodies jointly organised the National Conference on Gender Data and Statistics held in New Delhi on 2 November 2026?

(A) NITI Aayog and UNICEF
(B) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and UN Women
(C) Ministry of Women and Child Development and UNDP
(D) Registrar General of India and the World Bank

83. The findings of which MoSPI publication were discussed at the National Conference on Gender Data and Statistics?

(A) Periodic Labour Force Survey Annual Report
(B) Women and Men in India 2025
(C) National Family Health Survey
(D) Gender Budget Statement

84. How many thematic technical sessions were held at the National Conference on Gender Data and Statistics?

(A) Two
(B) Three
(C) Four
(D) Six

85. Under which scheme was the Advanced Radiotherapy Facility at AIIMS Rajkot set up?

(A) Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana
(B) Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana
(C) Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission
(D) National Health Mission

86. Approximately how large a population is the Advanced Radiotherapy Facility at AIIMS Rajkot expected to serve?

(A) About 54 lakh people
(B) About 1.54 crore people
(C) About 2.54 crore people
(D) About 15.4 crore people

87. According to the Union Health Minister, how many AIIMS institutions are operational in India out of those sanctioned?

(A) 15 of 20
(B) 18 of 22
(C) 20 of 25
(D) 22 of 22

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88. As of August 2025, how many operational agrivoltaic projects did India have and of what installed capacity?

(A) 26 projects of 27.54 megawatts
(B) 36 projects of 37.54 megawatts
(C) 46 projects of 47.54 megawatts
(D) 36 projects of 137.54 megawatts

89. Which of the following is another name used for agrivoltaics?

(A) Floating solar
(B) Dual-use solar
(C) Concentrated solar power
(D) Rooftop solar

90. PM KUSUM, which promotes solar energy in agriculture, was launched in which month and year?

(A) February 2019
(B) February 2015
(C) August 2020
(D) January 2023

91. Which hijacked fishing vessel did the Indian Navy free from armed pirates off the Somali coast?

(A) Azini
(B) Ruen
(C) Lorenzo Putha
(D) Al Kambar

92. How many crew members were rescued when the Indian Navy secured the fishing vessel Azini?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 20
(D) 24

93. Which aircraft carried out the precision airdrop that put Marine Commandos into the Azini operation?

(A) A C-130J Hercules
(B) A C-17 of the Indian Air Force
(C) An IL-76
(D) An An-32

94. The Health Ministry's proposal to expand authorised drug import gateways amends which rule of the Drugs Rules, 1945?

(A) Rule 43A
(B) Rule 21
(C) Rule 65
(D) Rule 96

95. Which international airport has the Health Ministry proposed to authorise for the import of drugs by air?

(A) Kannur International Airport
(B) Noida International Airport
(C) Mopa International Airport
(D) Shirdi Airport

96. ICD Dadri, proposed as a new gateway for importing drugs, is located in which state?

(A) Haryana
(B) Gujarat
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Telangana

97. The new Pune Metro line dedicated on 3 November 2026 runs between which two points?

(A) Pimpri and Swargate
(B) Hinjawadi and Shivajinagar
(C) Vanaz and Ramwadi
(D) Katraj and Nigdi

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98. Under which model has the newly opened Pune Metro line been built?

(A) Build-own-operate-transfer by the state alone
(B) Fully central government funding
(C) Public-private partnership (PPP)
(D) Foreign sovereign loan model

99. In how many Indian cities does a metro service run at present, according to the Prime Minister?

(A) 15 cities
(B) 21 cities
(C) 26 cities
(D) 32 cities

100. From which date do the Telecommunication Interconnection (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026 take effect?

(A) 1 December 2026
(B) 1 January 2027
(C) 1 April 2027
(D) 3 November 2026

101. Under the amended rules, interconnection shifts to which level?

(A) Short Distance Charging Area (SDCA) level
(B) Long Distance Charging Area (LDCA) level
(C) Licensed Service Area (LSA) level
(D) District level

102. What is the ceiling on the interest rate for delayed payment of interconnection charges?

(A) RBI repo rate plus one percent
(B) SBI one-year MCLR plus two percent
(C) A flat rate of 18 percent a year
(D) Bank rate plus three percent

103. Exercise Tiger Triumph is a bilateral tri-service exercise between India and which country?

(A) Japan
(B) France
(C) The United States
(D) Australia

104. Where was the opening ceremony of Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 held?

(A) Southern Naval Command, Kochi
(B) Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam
(C) INS Hansa, Goa
(D) Naval War College, Mumbai

105. Which Indian agency is taking part in Exercise Tiger Triumph for the first time in its 5th edition?

(A) Indian Coast Guard
(B) Border Security Force
(C) National Disaster Response Force
(D) Central Industrial Security Force

106. Where did Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh chair the Ministry of Defence Consultative Committee meeting on modernisation of the defence forces?

(A) Jodhpur, Rajasthan
(B) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
(C) Pokhran, Rajasthan
(D) New Delhi

107. What is India's defence production target for 2029, as stated by the Raksha Mantri?

(A) Rs 2 lakh crore
(B) Rs 3 lakh crore
(C) Rs 5 lakh crore
(D) Rs 7.85 lakh crore

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108. What is the capital outlay within the defence budget for the Financial Year 2026-27?

(A) Rs 1.78 lakh crore
(B) Rs 2.19 lakh crore
(C) Rs 3.50 lakh crore
(D) Rs 4.25 lakh crore

109. What were India's highest-ever exports, recorded in the previous year?

(A) USD 778 billion
(B) USD 863 billion
(C) USD 900 billion
(D) USD 1 trillion

110. What is India's export target for the current year?

(A) USD 900 billion
(B) USD 950 billion
(C) USD 1 trillion
(D) USD 1.2 trillion

111. How much did India export during April to September of the current financial year?

(A) USD 410 billion
(B) USD 480 billion
(C) USD 520 billion
(D) USD 560 billion

112. Which is the primary payload of India's Aditya-L1 solar observatory?

(A) Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope
(B) Visible Emission Line Coronagraph
(C) Atmospheric Imaging Assembly
(D) Plasma Analyser Package

113. What did the VELC observations reveal about the coronal mass ejection, for the first time?

(A) That it expanded as a perfectly symmetric bubble
(B) That it expanded non-uniformly and became asymmetric
(C) That it did not move towards the Earth at all
(D) That it carried no ionised iron

114. Which institution designed and fabricated the VELC payload of Aditya-L1?

(A) Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad
(B) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
(C) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research
(D) Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics

115. India has been elected President of the International Solar Alliance for which consecutive term?

(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Third
(D) Fourth

116. In which year was the International Solar Alliance established, and by which two countries?

(A) 2010, by India and Japan
(B) 2015, by India and France
(C) 2018, by India and Germany
(D) 2020, by India and Denmark

117. How much has India committed to the Africa Solar Facility of the International Solar Alliance?

(A) About Rs 225 crore, that is USD 25 million
(B) About Rs 500 crore, that is USD 60 million
(C) About Rs 1,000 crore, that is USD 120 million
(D) About Rs 90 crore, that is USD 10 million

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118. Where is COP31 of the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change being held?

(A) Antalya, Turkiye
(B) Yerevan, Armenia
(C) Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
(D) Belem, Brazil

119. Under which article of the climate convention does India hold that providing climate finance is an obligation of developed countries?

(A) Article 4.2
(B) Article 6
(C) Article 9.1
(D) Article 12

120. At the seventeenth session of the desertification convention in Ulaanbaatar, India was elected to which position?

(A) President of the Conference of the Parties
(B) Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group
(C) Chair of the Committee on Science and Technology
(D) Co-Chair of the Global Stocktake

121. Which Indian Navy ship concluded the bilateral exercise with the Republic of Korea Navy at Busan?

(A) INS Shivalik
(B) INS Sahyadri
(C) INS Satpura
(D) INS Sumedha

122. The India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise concluded at which port?

(A) Incheon
(B) Busan
(C) Yokosuka
(D) Visakhapatnam

123. Which of the following was carried out during the sea phase of the exercise?

(A) Coordinated navigation, helicopter operations and joint maritime manoeuvres
(B) Only cross-deck visits and cultural programmes
(C) Amphibious landing of troops on a beach
(D) Live firing of ballistic missiles

124. Under which name has the MoRTH and Bihar initiative for scientific desilting and use of silt in highways been launched?

(A) Jal Sanjivani
(B) Nadi Sanjivani
(C) Nadi Jeevan
(D) Silt Shakti

125. How much silt is to be used in ongoing National Highway projects in Bihar under the agreement?

(A) 243 lakh cubic metres in 16 projects
(B) 835 lakh cubic metres in 16 projects
(C) 243 lakh cubic metres in 27 projects
(D) 500 lakh cubic metres in 39 projects

126. Which department of the Bihar Government is the nodal department for implementing the desilting agreement?

(A) Water Resources Department
(B) Road Construction Department
(C) Rural Development Department
(D) Environment and Forests Department

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127. Which organisation has developed SUVIKALP, the mine repurposing tool?

(A) Coal India Limited
(B) Coal Controller Organisation
(C) Indian Bureau of Mines
(D) NITI Aayog

128. SUVIKALP ranks repurposing options using a Multi-Criteria Decision-Making method based on which technique?

(A) TOPSIS
(B) SWOT analysis
(C) Monte Carlo simulation
(D) Linear regression

129. In SUVIKALP, which framework brings community priorities into the evaluation of projects?

(A) PRISM
(B) RECLAIM
(C) TOPSIS
(D) SHINE

130. Who has been conferred the Wellness Visionary Award for Holistic Healing?

(A) Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa
(B) Satish Mahana, Speaker of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly
(C) The Vice-Chancellor of Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University
(D) The Director of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences

131. Which university conferred the Wellness Visionary Award, and at which conference?

(A) Banaras Hindu University, at the National Ayush Summit
(B) Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, at the 3rd International Conference on Wellness
(C) University of Jammu, at the Himalayan Health Conclave
(D) University of Delhi, at the 5th International Conference on Wellness

132. How many health professionals were honoured at the conference where the award was presented?

(A) 24
(B) 36
(C) 42
(D) 60

133. Which body launched the India S&T Scoreboard in November 2026?

(A) Department of Science and Technology
(B) NITI Aayog
(C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(D) University Grants Commission

134. Who unveiled the India S&T Scoreboard at its launch in New Delhi?

(A) Abhay Karandikar
(B) Umesh V. Waghmare
(C) Ashok Kumar Lahiri
(D) T. Srinivasa Kumar

135. The India S&T Scoreboard presents research indicators across which three sectors?

(A) Academia, Government R&D laboratories and Industry
(B) Centre, States and Union Territories
(C) Schools, Colleges and Universities
(D) Agriculture, Manufacturing and Services

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136. By 2047, the share of coastal and inland waterway shipping in India's freight movement is to be raised to which level?

(A) 8 per cent
(B) 10 per cent
(C) 12 per cent
(D) 20 per cent

137. Which port authority will develop the Puri International Cruise Terminal with the Government of Odisha?

(A) Visakhapatnam Port Authority
(B) Paradip Port Authority
(C) Kolkata Port Authority
(D) Chennai Port Authority

138. How many ocean cruise passengers did India record in 2025-26, according to the Ports Ministry?

(A) 2,62,661
(B) 3,62,661
(C) 4,62,661
(D) 5,62,661

139. The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) is the apex-level international strategic dialogue of which force?

(A) Indian Army
(B) Indian Navy
(C) Indian Air Force
(D) Indian Coast Guard

140. What is the theme of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026?

(A) Blue Economy and Sustainable Fisheries
(B) Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
(C) Maritime Trade Routes and Shipbuilding
(D) Naval Modernisation and Indigenous Warships

141. Which monograph was released on the opening day of IPRD-2026?

(A) Sea Blindness and Maritime Heritage in India
(B) Oceans of Opportunity
(C) India and the Indian Ocean
(D) Maritime Power and National Strategy

142. The Extramural Research Grant Policy launched in New Delhi in November 2026 belongs to which organisation?

(A) Sports Authority of India
(B) National Anti-Doping Agency
(C) National Dope Testing Laboratory
(D) World Anti-Doping Agency

143. How many medals did India win at the Asian Para Games 2026, as cited by the Union Sports Minister?

(A) 104
(B) 111
(C) 114
(D) 121

144. Which edition of the WAADS Quality Assurance Managers' Meeting was held in New Delhi in 2026?

(A) 7th
(B) 8th
(C) 9th
(D) 10th

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145. The Churpi Traceability initiative launched in November 2026 belongs to the dairy sector of which State?

(A) Arunachal Pradesh
(B) Sikkim
(C) Mizoram
(D) Nagaland

146. A Centre of Excellence announced for Sikkim will work on the conservation of which indigenous cattle breed?

(A) Gir
(B) Sahiwal
(C) Siri
(D) Tharparkar

147. By what proportion has Sikkim's milk production grown over the last decade, as stated at the Gangtok programme?

(A) 59 per cent
(B) 69 per cent
(C) 79 per cent
(D) 89 per cent

148. TEXMiN, which signed a Joint Statement of Intent with NITI Aayog on critical minerals, is located at which institute?

(A) IIT Kharagpur
(B) IIT (ISM) Dhanbad
(C) IIT Bombay
(D) IIT Madras

149. The NITI Aayog-TEXMiN Joint Statement of Intent is aligned with the objectives of which mission?

(A) National Green Hydrogen Mission
(B) National Critical Mineral Mission
(C) National Quantum Mission
(D) Deep Ocean Mission

150. Which of the following was named as a secondary resource for recovering critical minerals?

(A) Coal fly ash
(B) River sand
(C) Limestone dust
(D) Sea salt

151. How many parameters does the indigenous foundation model EKA-1 carry?

(A) 12.8 billion
(B) 26.3 billion
(C) 45.6 billion
(D) 70.2 billion

152. Which organisation developed the open-source Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B models?

(A) Soket Labs Technology and Research
(B) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing
(C) ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations
(D) Bharat Electronics Limited

153. Under which pillar of the IndiaAI Mission were the developers of EKA-1 and Dhir selected?

(A) IndiaAI Compute Capacity
(B) IndiaAI Innovation Centre (Foundation Models)
(C) IndiaAI FutureSkills
(D) Safe and Trusted AI

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154. Which institute hosted the third Delhi Defence Dialogue in November 2026?

(A) Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses at Pune

(B) Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses

(C) National Defence College

(D) Centre for Joint Warfare Studies

155. What level did India's defence production reach in FY 2025-26, as stated at the dialogue?

(A) About Rs 1.27 lakh crore

(B) About Rs 1.78 lakh crore

(C) About Rs 2.45 lakh crore

(D) About Rs 95,000 crore

156. What are the defence production and export targets set for 2029?

(A) Rs 2 lakh crore production and Rs 35,000 crore exports

(B) Rs 3 lakh crore production and Rs 50,000 crore exports

(C) Rs 5 lakh crore production and Rs 1 lakh crore exports

(D) Rs 1.78 lakh crore production and Rs 38,424 crore exports

157. Which state signed 18 MoUs worth about Rs 1.17 lakh crore at the BRE Summit and Expo 2026?

(A) Gujarat

(B) Odisha

(C) Rajasthan

(D) Goa

158. The Next Terawatt ministerial plenary at the summit was convened by the International Solar Alliance along with which partners?

(A) NITI Aayog and the World Bank

(B) CEEW and Energiva Ventures

(C) BloombergNEF and IIT Madras

(D) The Asian Development Bank and SECI

159. How many countries were represented at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026?

(A) More than 60

(B) More than 90

(C) More than 130

(D) More than 175

160. From which place in Arunachal Pradesh did APEDA facilitate the trial export of kiwi to Dubai?

(A) Tawang

(B) Ziro

(C) Pasighat

(D) Itanagar

161. Which pomegranate variety was exported from Kullu district of Himachal Pradesh to Dubai?

(A) Bhagwa

(B) Kandhari

(C) Sinduri

(D) Ganesh

162. How much higher was the price realisation for farmers in the Kullu pomegranate export?

(A) 20% above the domestic benchmark

(B) 35% above the domestic benchmark

(C) 50% above the domestic benchmark

(D) 75% above the domestic benchmark

163. Where was the 9th High-Level Meeting between the Indian Coast Guard and the Sri Lanka Coast Guard held?

(A) Colombo

(B) Mirissa

(C) Trincomalee

(D) Chennai

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164. Who led the Indian delegation at the meeting with the Sri Lanka Coast Guard?

(A) Rear Admiral Ruwan Rupasena
(B) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
(C) Paramesh Sivamani
(D) Air Marshal Tejinder Singh

165. Which of the following was NOT among the areas of cooperation taken up at the meeting?

(A) Marine pollution response
(B) Maritime search and rescue
(C) Maritime law enforcement
(D) Joint submarine patrols

166. In which year was the India-Poland Strategic Partnership established?

(A) 2014
(B) 2019
(C) 2024
(D) 2026

167. Which Polish Prime Minister visited India shortly before Jitin Prasada's trip to Poland?

(A) Mateusz Morawiecki
(B) Donald Tusk
(C) Andrzej Duda
(D) Krzysztof Gawkowski

168. Where was the India-Poland Business Forum addressed by Jitin Prasada held?

(A) At the Polish National Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw
(B) At the Indian Embassy in Krakow
(C) At the Polish Ministry of Digital Affairs in Gdansk
(D) At the European Union headquarters in Brussels

169. How much was raised in the second phase of the RINL land e-auction concluded on 3 November 2026?

(A) Rs 184.81 crore
(B) Rs 218 crore
(C) Rs 366.33 crore
(D) Rs 584.33 crore

170. The National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) functions under which of the following?

(A) Ministry of Steel
(B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(C) Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
(D) NITI Aayog

171. How many RINL land parcels have been sold across both phases of the e-auction so far?

(A) 114
(B) 150
(C) 264
(D) 284

172. How much freight did Indian Railways load in October 2026?

(A) 133.93 million tonnes
(B) 145.07 million tonnes
(C) 978.78 million tonnes
(D) 935.10 million tonnes

173. Which commodity registered the highest percentage growth in railway loading in October 2026?

(A) Domestic coal
(B) Iron ore
(C) Food grains
(D) Finished steel

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174. What was the average daily supply of domestic coal rakes to power houses in October 2026?

(A) 393.2 rakes per day
(B) 469.8 rakes per day
(C) 443.8 rakes per day
(D) 431.4 rakes per day

175. CSIR signed a Letter of Association with DAKSHIN, which is hosted at which institution?

(A) Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
(B) Indian Council of World Affairs
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade

176. DAKSHIN, which signed a pact with CSIR, stands for which of the following?

(A) Development Assistance Knowledge Hub for Innovation
(B) Global South Centre of Excellence
(C) Southern Science and Technology Mission
(D) Developing Asia Knowledge Network

177. Which of the following was NOT named as a key area of cooperation under the CSIR-DAKSHIN Letter of Association?

(A) Healthcare
(B) Blue economy
(C) Space launch services
(D) Digital economy

178. Dhanteras is also observed as which of the following?

(A) Charak Jayanti
(B) Dhanvantari Jayanti
(C) Sushruta Jayanti
(D) Ashwini Jayanti

179. Who is the Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Ayush who issued the Dhanteras health appeal?

(A) Prataprao Jadhav
(B) Jitin Prasada
(C) Jagat Prakash Nadda
(D) Anupriya Patel

180. The Ayurvedic principle 'Swasthasya Swasthya Rakshanam' refers to which of the following?

(A) Curing disease through herbal formulations
(B) Preserving the health of a healthy person
(C) Surgical treatment of chronic illness
(D) Fasting as a route to longevity

181. Schedule M, which the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed to amend, belongs to which set of rules?

(A) The Essential Commodities Rules, 1955
(B) The Drugs Rules, 1945
(C) The Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011
(D) The Clinical Establishments Rules, 2012

182. The revised Grade A microbial monitoring requirements proposed for Schedule M are aligned with which World Health Organization document?

(A) Technical Report Series No. 961
(B) Technical Report Series No. 986
(C) Technical Report Series No. 1044, Annexure 2
(D) Technical Report Series No. 1019, Annexure 4

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183. In sterile pharmaceutical manufacturing, a Grade A area is the zone where which of the following is done?

(A) Raw materials are stored while awaiting quality testing

(B) Exposed products, containers and sterilised components are handled

(C) Finished cartons are labelled and packed for dispatch

(D) Factory effluent is treated before being discharged

184. What is the total financial outlay of the Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) Rs 1,814 crore

(B) Rs 2,814 crore

(C) Rs 3,814 crore

(D) Rs 4,814 crore

185. Under the scheme, what is the minimum capacity prescribed for each nickel processing plant?

(A) 30 kt

(B) 40 kt

(C) 50 kt

(D) 60 kt

186. How are beneficiaries selected under the Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing?

(A) By lottery among all applicants

(B) Technical qualification followed by financial bidding, on the least-cost criterion

(C) First-come, first-served registration on a portal

(D) Nomination by the respective State governments

187. VISTAR, the statistics scheme approved by the Union Cabinet, stands for which of the following?

(A) Vision for Statistical Transparency and Reform

(B) Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research

(C) Village Statistics and Rural Analytics Research Initiative

(D) Viksit Bharat Survey Transformation and Reporting Scheme

188. How many surveys will MoSPI conduct under VISTAR during the 16th Finance Commission cycle?

(A) 43

(B) 49

(C) 59

(D) 69

189. Which Economic Census is to be carried out under the Economic Census component of VISTAR?

(A) 6th Economic Census

(B) 7th Economic Census

(C) 8th Economic Census

(D) 9th Economic Census

190. What is the total financial support under the Viability Gap Funding Scheme for grid-scale energy storage approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) Rs 9,500 crore

(B) Rs 12,500 crore

(C) Rs 14,500 crore

(D) Rs 18,500 crore

191. Of the 92 GWh of storage capacity supported by the scheme, how much is hydro Pumped Storage Plant capacity?

(A) 2 GWh
(B) 30 GWh
(C) 45 GWh
(D) 60 GWh

192. What minimum Domestic Content Requirement has been set for Battery Energy Storage System projects under the scheme?

(A) 20 per cent
(B) 30 per cent
(C) 40 per cent
(D) 50 per cent

193. What is the total financial outlay approved for the continuation of the Fast Track Special Courts scheme?

(A) Rs 2,353.15 crore
(B) Rs 3,788.04 crore
(C) Rs 1,434.89 crore
(D) Rs 4,788.04 crore

194. How many Fast Track Special Courts are provided for under the extended scheme?

(A) 399
(B) 779
(C) 850
(D) 1,000

195. From which fund is the Central share of the Fast Track Special Courts scheme met?

(A) Consolidated Sinking Fund
(B) Nirbhaya Fund
(C) National Investment Fund
(D) Contingency Fund of India

196. What share of Agniveers is to be offered regular employment in the Defence Forces on the basis of merit?

(A) 10 per cent
(B) 25 per cent
(C) 50 per cent
(D) 75 per cent

197. How long is the additional engagement period approved by the Cabinet for Agniveers not taken as regulars?

(A) One year
(B) Two years
(C) Three years
(D) Five years

198. Which of the following was listed as an achievement of the Agnipath Scheme in its assessment?

(A) Closure of recruitment rallies in smaller districts
(B) Opening up of various branches of the Defence Forces for women
(C) Replacement of physical fitness tests by written examinations
(D) Transfer of recruitment to State governments

199. Which body launched the Network Anubhav Platform?

(A) Department of Telecommunications
(B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(C) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
(D) Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal

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200. On the Network Anubhav Platform, what does the percentile value P50 indicate?

(A) The highest speed ever recorded in an area

(B) The median speed, with half the tests at or above that value

(C) The speed promised by the service provider in its tariff plan

(D) The average of the slowest fifty tests in an area

201. Which TRAI apps supply the user test data shown on the Network Anubhav Platform?

(A) MySpeed and MyCall

(B) BharatNet and UMANG

(C) DigiLocker and mParivahan

(D) Sanchar Saathi and eSamadhan

202. The inaugural India-Canada Defence Dialogue was held on which date?

(A) 2 March 2026

(B) 3 November 2026

(C) 4 November 2026

(D) 1 November 2026

203. Who co-chaired the inaugural India-Canada Defence Dialogue from the Indian side?

(A) Mr. Scott Millar

(B) Dr. Amit Telang

(C) The Defence Minister

(D) The Prime Minister

204. Which subject emerged as the most important area of engagement at the inaugural India-Canada Defence Dialogue?

(A) Defence industrial cooperation

(B) Maritime boundary demarcation

(C) Civil nuclear fuel supply

(D) Counter-terrorism financing

205. The Guidelines for designation of India's Other Effective Area-Based Conservation Measures (I-OECMs) 2026 were released at CBD COP-17 held in which city?

(A) Cali

(B) Yerevan

(C) Baku

(D) Montreal

206. To which body must applications for I-OECM recognition be submitted in the first instance?

(A) National Biodiversity Authority

(B) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(C) UNEP-WCMC

(D) State Biodiversity Board

207. What is the total financing of the GEF-8 project commissioned to implement the I-OECM Guidelines?

(A) USD 6.65 million

(B) USD 54.14 million

(C) USD 60.79 million

(D) USD 27.30 million

208. The Union Health Ministry's proposal for immediate suspension of manufacturing licences for substandard drugs amends which rules?

(A) Drugs Rules, 1945

(B) Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, 1955

(C) Drug Price Control Order, 1995

(D) Medical Devices Rules, 2017

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209. Which of the following is NOT one of the critical parameters on which immediate suspension of a drug manufacturing licence has been proposed?

(A) Assay
(B) Dissolution
(C) Sterility
(D) Packaging weight

210. Under the proposal, a suspended manufacturing licence can be restored only after the manufacturer completes which of the following?

(A) Payment of a penalty to the Licensing Authority
(B) Root Cause Analysis and Corrective and Preventive Action
(C) A fresh application for a new licence
(D) Re-testing by a private accredited laboratory

211. Which city became the first in India to house all departments and affiliated offices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry at one location?

(A) Lucknow
(B) Jaipur
(C) Bhopal
(D) Ahmedabad

212. How many organisations function under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, as stated at the inauguration?

(A) 28
(B) 36
(C) 46
(D) 56

213. By which date must digitisation, including of past records at the Regional Authorities of the DGFT, be completed as directed by the minister?

(A) 31 March 2027
(B) 1 April 2027
(C) 31 December 2026
(D) 31 March 2028

214. The Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026 replace which earlier rulebook as India's principal civil aviation code?

(A) The Aircraft Act, 1934
(B) The Aircraft Rules, 1937
(C) The Carriage by Air Act, 1972
(D) The Airports Authority of India Act, 1994

215. How many rules does the Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026 contain, and how are they arranged?

(A) 180 rules in six chapters and four schedules
(B) 200 rules in seven chapters and five schedules
(C) 220 rules in eight chapters and six schedules
(D) 260 rules in ten chapters and eight schedules

216. Which nationality mark must an aircraft registered in India display under the Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026?

(A) IN
(B) VT
(C) AI
(D) BH

217. According to the Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25, by how much did the gross value added of the manufacturing corporate sector grow over the previous year?

(A) 6.59 per cent
(B) 7.25 per cent
(C) 9.28 per cent
(D) 2.25 per cent

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218. Which five states accounted for more than 54 per cent of India's manufacturing gross value added in 2024-25?

(A) Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh

(B) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana and Kerala

(C) West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar, Jharkhand and Assam

(D) Maharashtra, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Goa and Delhi

219. Under which law are factories primarily covered by the Annual Survey of Industries registered?

(A) The Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951

(B) The Factories Act, 1948

(C) The Companies Act, 2013

(D) The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006

220. Where was the first National SARAS Mela to be organised outside Delhi-NCR held?

(A) Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

(B) Marina Beach, Chennai, Tamil Nadu

(C) Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

(D) Hussain Sagar, Hyderabad, Telangana

221. What were the total sales recorded at the National SARAS Mela 2026?

(A) More than 4.5 crore rupees

(B) More than 8.2 crore rupees

(C) More than 12.8 crore rupees

(D) More than 21.6 crore rupees

222. Under which mission is the Lakhpati Didi initiative, showcased at the National SARAS Mela, implemented?

(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

223. Which institute developed the silicon chip that carried terahertz data at 100 Gbit/s across an engineered barrier?

(A) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

(B) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research

(C) Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics, Kolkata

(D) Centre for Development of Telematics

224. The silicon photonic crystal used in the JNCASR work was patterned to mimic the lattice of which material?

(A) Diamond

(B) Graphene

(C) Gallium nitride

(D) Sapphire

225. Over which frequency range were the JNCASR terahertz devices measured?

(A) 24 to 40 GHz

(B) 110 to 170 GHz

(C) 310 to 360 GHz

(D) 600 to 750 GHz

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226. Where was the Conference of Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and State or UT Legislatures held, at which the Keralam Resolution was adopted?

(A) Kochi
(B) Thiruvananthapuram
(C) Kozhikode
(D) New Delhi

227. Which digital system does the Keralam Resolution want set up in the Public Accounts Committees of all states and union territories?

(A) Audit Para Monitoring System
(B) Public Financial Management System
(C) National Judicial Data Grid
(D) Integrated Government Online Directory

228. Who is the Chairman of the Public Accounts Committee of the Lok Sabha whose suggestions the Speaker referred to at the conference?

(A) Om Birla
(B) K. C. Venugopal
(C) Jagdeep Dhankhar
(D) Girish Chandra Murmu

229. NITI Aayog signed an Implementation Agreement under NDC-TIA Phase II with which organisation?

(A) Japan International Cooperation Agency
(B) Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
(C) United States Agency for International Development
(D) Agence Francaise de Developpement

230. Which sector is the focus of the Implementation Agreement signed under NDC-TIA Phase II?

(A) Decarbonisation of road freight
(B) Expansion of metro rail networks
(C) Green hydrogen for fertiliser plants
(D) Offshore wind power generation

231. The NDC-TIA Phase II initiative is supported by which programme of the German Government?

(A) The Green Climate Fund
(B) The International Climate Initiative (IKI)
(C) The Global Environment Facility
(D) The Clean Development Mechanism

232. Who delivered the commemorative address at the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi?

(A) The Chief of the Naval Staff
(B) The Raksha Mantri
(C) The Chief of the Army Staff
(D) The Minister of Earth Sciences

233. MAHASAGAR, cited in the address, stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Heritage and Security Agreement for Growth of Asian Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Alliance for Harbour Safety and Growth of Adjoining Regions
(D) Mission for Advanced Harbour and Sagarmala Growth Across Regions

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234. The Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, referred to in the address as a practical framework for maritime cooperation, was announced by the Prime Minister in which year?

(A) 2015
(B) 2017
(C) 2019
(D) 2021

235. According to Dr Jitendra Singh at IPRD 2026, by which year will India send its first human deep-sea mission to a depth of up to 6,000 metres?

(A) 2026
(B) 2027
(C) 2028
(D) 2030

236. How many aquanauts is the Matsya submersible designed to carry?

(A) Two
(B) Three
(C) Four
(D) Six

237. Which principle did Dr Jitendra Singh propose as the guide for Indo-Pacific cooperation in ocean science?

(A) One Ocean, Shared Knowledge and Equitable Prosperity
(B) One Earth, One Family, One Future
(C) Security and Growth for All in the Region
(D) Blue Economy for Shared Wealth

238. The Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan has been launched under which umbrella scheme?

(A) Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana
(B) Atal Pension Yojana
(C) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana
(D) Integrated Programme for Older Persons

239. Which of the following is NOT one of the five Cs of the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan?

(A) Connect
(B) Converse
(C) Celebrate
(D) Contribute

240. As stated at the launch, the population of India aged 60 years and above is projected to reach what level by 2036?

(A) 15 crore
(B) 19 crore
(C) 23 crore
(D) 30 crore

241. Which regulator approved the acquisition of a part of Deutsche Bank India business by Kotak Mahindra Bank?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) Competition Commission of India
(D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

242. Which business of Deutsche Bank in India is being acquired by Kotak Mahindra Bank?

(A) Corporate and investment banking
(B) Retail, private banking and wealth management
(C) Custody and fund accounting
(D) Treasury and foreign exchange dealing room

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243. On which stock exchanges is the equity share capital of the acquirer listed?

(A) Only the National Stock Exchange of India
(B) Only the Bombay Stock Exchange
(C) The Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India
(D) The Calcutta Stock Exchange and the Bombay Stock Exchange

244. How many sight-restoring eye surgeries were performed at the 12th edition of Operation DRISHTI at Rairangpur?

(A) 198
(B) 298
(C) 365
(D) 406

245. Operation DRISHTI, whose 12th edition was held at Rairangpur, is an initiative of which organisation?

(A) The National Health Mission
(B) The Armed Forces Medical Services
(C) The Indian Red Cross Society
(D) The National Programme for Control of Blindness

246. Rairangpur, where the camp was held, is the native place of which of the following?

(A) The Vice-President of India
(B) The President of India
(C) The Chief Justice of India
(D) The Governor of Odisha

247. MANAGE, recognised as a Centre of Excellence-Skills in the agriculture sector, is located in which city?

(A) Pune
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Bhopal
(D) Lucknow

248. Which ministry granted MANAGE the status of Centre of Excellence-Skills in the agriculture sector?

(A) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
(D) Ministry of Rural Development

249. In which year was the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management established?

(A) 1976
(B) 1982
(C) 1987
(D) 1991

250. Under the VB-G RAM G Act, how many of the permissible works have been marked by the Centre for fodder and livestock-related infrastructure?

(A) 12
(B) 22
(C) 32
(D) 48

251. How many days of wage employment per rural household does the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 guarantee?

(A) 100 days
(B) 125 days
(C) 150 days
(D) 180 days

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252. Which institute has prepared the State-specific Fodder Resource Development Plans that will guide district and block level planning under the advisory?

(A) ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute
(B) National Dairy Development Board
(C) ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute
(D) National Institute of Animal Nutrition and Physiology

253. In which State is the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers being held?

(A) Odisha
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Goa
(D) Chhattisgarh

254. The Conference of Mining Ministers held on 5 and 6 November 2026 is which edition of the conference?

(A) Second
(B) Third
(C) Fourth
(D) Sixth

255. Which Union Ministry is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers?

(A) Ministry of Coal
(B) Ministry of Mines
(C) Ministry of Steel
(D) Ministry of Earth Sciences

256. The draft National Technical Guidelines for improved watershed management are being prepared under which World Bank-assisted programme?

(A) REWARD
(B) PRANAM
(C) AMRUT
(D) RAFTAAR

257. At which institute was the third national consultation on watershed management guidelines hosted on 4 and 5 November 2026?

(A) ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
(B) ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur
(C) ICAR-Indian Institute of Soil and Water Conservation, Dehradun
(D) National Remote Sensing Centre, Hyderabad

258. Under WDC-PMKSY 2.0, how long is a watershed project allowed to run?

(A) Three years
(B) Five years
(C) Seven years
(D) Ten years

259. At which prison has a separate Gender-Neutral Cell been set up following the intervention of the National Human Rights Commission?

(A) Central Prison, Hyderabad
(B) Tihar Jail, Delhi
(C) Yerawada Central Jail, Pune
(D) Presidency Correctional Home, Kolkata

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260. The Gender-Neutral Cell in the Hyderabad prison was set up after a visit on 8 October 2026 by which functionary?

(A) The NHRC's Special Monitor for transgender persons and LGBTQ+ rights
(B) The Chairperson of the NHRC
(C) An amicus curiae appointed by the Supreme Court
(D) A member of the State Human Rights Commission

261. Besides creating the Gender-Neutral Cell, what further concession have the Hyderabad prison authorities allowed for the persons accommodated in it?

(A) Affirmative clothing
(B) Conjugal visits
(C) Transfer to an open prison
(D) A separate kitchen

262. What is the total outlay of the CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing?

(A) Rs 1,500 crore
(B) Rs 2,800 crore
(C) Rs 2,814 crore
(D) Rs 10,000 crore

263. For which two minerals does the CAPEX Support Scheme fund processing plants?

(A) Lithium and cobalt
(B) Lithium and nickel
(C) Nickel and graphite
(D) Cobalt and rare earths

264. Who chairs the Governing Council, the apex body of the CAPEX Support Scheme for critical mineral processing?

(A) The Cabinet Secretary
(B) The Secretary, Ministry of Mines
(C) The Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog
(D) The Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises

265. From which date did hallmarking of gold jewellery become mandatory in India?

(A) 1 April 2000
(B) 23 June 2021
(C) 1 September 2025
(D) 8 June 2026

266. How many digits does the Hallmark Unique Identification code on a piece of jewellery have?

(A) Four
(B) Six
(C) Eight
(D) Twelve

267. Under which Indian Standard is gold jewellery hallmarked in seven caratages?

(A) IS 2112:2025
(B) IS 1417
(C) IS 916
(D) IS 995

268. Which ministry received the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award for solarising the largest number of buildings?

(A) Ministry of Power
(B) Ministry of Railways
(C) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(D) Ministry of Defence

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269. How much rooftop solar capacity has the Ministry of Railways commissioned, and what was its target?

(A) 351 MW against a target of 424 MW
(B) 424 MW against a target of 500 MW
(C) 251 MW against a target of 351 MW
(D) 500 MW against a target of 600 MW

270. Who presented the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award to the Ministry of Railways in November 2026?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Prime Minister
(C) The Vice-President of India
(D) The Union Minister of Railways

271. AIIMS Awantipora, reviewed by the Union Health Minister in November 2026, is in which union territory?

(A) Ladakh
(B) Jammu and Kashmir
(C) Chandigarh
(D) Puducherry

272. What is the value of the medical equipment items for which procurement approval has been conveyed for AIIMS Awantipora?

(A) Rs 19.41 crore
(B) Rs 59.41 crore
(C) Rs 159.41 crore
(D) Rs 594.10 crore

273. How many positions of essential manpower has the Health Ministry approved for running the OPD and related services at AIIMS Awantipora?

(A) 150
(B) 352
(C) 652
(D) 1,052

274. How much has the Self-Reliant India Fund invested in MSMEs so far, and in how many enterprises?

(A) Rs 8,305 crore in 824 MSMEs
(B) Rs 21,330 crore in 824 MSMEs
(C) Rs 48,000 crore in 720 MSMEs
(D) Rs 10,000 crore in 1,824 MSMEs

275. Under the SRI Fund structure, how does the Mother Fund invest in micro, small and medium enterprises?

(A) Directly in each enterprise
(B) Only through empanelled Daughter Funds
(C) Through public sector banks
(D) Through state governments

276. Under which campaign of the Ministry of MSME was the awareness workshop on the SRI Fund for women-led MSMEs organised?

(A) Yashashvini Campaign
(B) Udyam Assist Campaign
(C) Stand Up India Campaign
(D) Mahila Udyam Campaign

277. Who chairs the Inter-Ministerial Group that recommends asset monetisation proposals?

(A) The Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises
(B) The Cabinet Secretary
(C) The Secretary, Department of Telecommunications
(D) The Union Finance Minister

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278. The National Land Monetization Corporation was set up following an announcement in which Union Budget?

(A) Union Budget 2019-20
(B) Union Budget 2020-21
(C) Union Budget 2021-22
(D) Union Budget 2023-24

279. Under which department does the National Land Monetization Corporation function?

(A) Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
(B) Department of Land Resources
(C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
(D) NITI Aayog

280. In which city was Base 1, the facility for active space debris removal and in-orbit servicing, inaugurated in November 2026?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Ahmedabad
(D) Thiruvananthapuram

281. By which year has India set the goal of achieving debris-free space, as announced at the opening of the Base 1 facility?

(A) 2028
(B) 2030
(C) 2035
(D) 2040

282. According to Dr Jitendra Singh, what is the projected size of India's space economy in the coming decade?

(A) USD 15-20 billion
(B) USD 25-30 billion
(C) USD 40-45 billion
(D) USD 70-75 billion

283. Which Indian Navy warship arrived at Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan for Exercise MALABAR 2026?

(A) INS Shivalik
(B) INS Sahyadri
(C) INS Satpura
(D) INS Kamorta

284. Exercise MALABAR 2026 is a naval exercise of which group of countries?

(A) India, Japan, the United States and Australia
(B) India, France and the United Arab Emirates
(C) India, Russia and China
(D) India, Singapore and Thailand

285. MAHASAGAR, the vision referred to in connection with INS Sahyadri's deployment, 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) Maritime Advancement for Safety, Growth and Regional Harmony
(D) Mutual Help and Assistance for Security and Growth in All Regions

286. How many visitors and from how many countries attended the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026?

(A) Over 25,000 visitors from 95 countries
(B) Over 50,000 visitors from 110 countries
(C) Over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries
(D) Over 90,000 visitors from 150 countries

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287. According to the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy, how much investment has India's renewable energy sector attracted over the past decade?

(A) Over Rs 5 lakh crore
(B) Over Rs 10 lakh crore
(C) Over Rs 15 lakh crore
(D) Over Rs 25 lakh crore

288. Which two international events were hosted as part of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026?

(A) The 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen
(B) The 7th World Wind Energy Congress and the 2nd Global Biofuels Forum
(C) The 5th International Solar Alliance Assembly and the 8th Hydrogen Summit
(D) The 3rd Global Nuclear Energy Conclave and the 6th Clean Coal Meet

289. According to the Prime Minister's statement of 5 November 2026, how long was India's Metro network in 2014?

(A) 148 km
(B) 248 km
(C) 348 km
(D) 448 km

290. In how many cities does India's Metro network operate at present, as stated by the Prime Minister?

(A) 16
(B) 21
(C) 26
(D) 31

291. Which city did the Prime Minister name while asking how long the wait for a Metro would have been at the pace of expansion followed before 2014?

(A) Nagpur
(B) Pune
(C) Kanpur
(D) Surat

292. TRAI's Independent Drive Test whose findings were released in November 2026 covered which districts?

(A) Nuh and Palwal in Haryana
(B) Alwar and Bharatpur in Rajasthan
(C) Meerut and Baghpat in Uttar Pradesh
(D) Mandi and Kullu in Himachal Pradesh

293. How much city drive distance did TRAI's agency cover during the Independent Drive Test in Nuh and Palwal?

(A) 95.2 km
(B) 195.2 km
(C) 295.2 km
(D) 395.2 km

294. Which operator recorded the highest average download speed in Palwal district during the drive test?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) RJIL
(D) VIL

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295. Special Campaign 6, under which the Union Health Ministry met all its targets, was conducted during which period?

(A) 2 to 31 August 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 1 to 30 September 2026
(D) 1 to 31 December 2026

296. How many public grievances were disposed of by the Department of Health and Family Welfare under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 6,026
(B) 9,480
(C) 12,840
(D) 18,240

297. How much office space was reclaimed by the Department of Health and Family Welfare under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1,25,114 square feet
(B) 3,27,500 square feet
(C) 5,82,449 square feet
(D) 7,41,000 square feet

298. How many critical and strategic mineral blocks are on offer in the ninth tranche of e-auction launched by the Ministry of Mines?

(A) 15 blocks
(B) 20 blocks
(C) 29 blocks
(D) 64 blocks

299. Under which section of the MMDR Act was the Exploration Licence introduced?

(A) Section 4A
(B) Section 9B
(C) Section 10BA
(D) Section 11D

300. What key change do the Mineral (Auction) Third Amendment Rules, 2026 make for Part D minerals?

(A) Revenue share for the winner is capped at 50 per cent
(B) Technically qualified bidders needed in the second round fall from three to two
(C) Only public sector undertakings may bid in the second round
(D) The auction switches from forward to reverse bidding

301. Under which section of the Telecommunications Act, 2023 has TRAI recommended creating the Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation?

(A) Section 2(1)(a)
(B) Section 3(1)(b)
(C) Section 4(4)
(D) Section 10(2)

302. What is the maximum duration recommended for the Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation?

(A) 5 years
(B) 10 years
(C) 20 years
(D) 30 years

303. What authorisation fee has TRAI recommended for Satellite Communication Network provider authorised entities?

(A) 3 per cent of Adjusted Gross Revenue
(B) 5 per cent of Adjusted Gross Revenue
(C) 8 per cent of Adjusted Gross Revenue
(D) 12 per cent of Adjusted Gross Revenue

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304. Where and when will the Kimberley Process Plenary chaired by India be held?

(A) Luanda, Angola, from 3 to 4 November 2026

(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 30 November to 4 December 2026

(C) Accra, Ghana, from 29 November 2026

(D) Dubai, United Arab Emirates, in December 2026

305. Which United Nations General Assembly resolution led to the setting up of the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme?

(A) Resolution 48/26 of 1993

(B) Resolution 55/56 of 2000

(C) Resolution 60/12 of 2005

(D) Resolution 70/1 of 2015

306. Which country was admitted as an Observer Member of the African Diamond Producers' Association in November 2026?

(A) Botswana

(B) Sierra Leone

(C) Angola

(D) Ghana

307. What did a team led by Indian astronomers find about the galactic open cluster UBC 63?

(A) It is the nearest open cluster to the Sun

(B) It is actually two distinct clusters that passed close to each other

(C) It hosts the first planet found outside the Milky Way

(D) It is merging with the Andromeda galaxy

308. What are the approximate ages of UBC 63A and UBC 63B?

(A) 21 million years and 562 million years

(B) 562 million years and 21 million years

(C) 100 million years and 400 million years

(D) 6 million years and 26 million years

309. Data from which space mission enabled the discovery that UBC 63 is a double cluster system?

(A) Hubble Space Telescope of NASA

(B) Gaia mission of the European Space Agency

(C) AstroSat of ISRO

(D) James Webb Space Telescope

310. How much tax devolution did the Union Government release to state governments on 5 November 2026?

(A) Rs 89,086 crore

(B) Rs 1,09,019 crore

(C) Rs 1,78,173 crore

(D) Rs 2,09,019 crore

311. Why did the Union Government advance the November instalment of tax devolution?

(A) Because the Finance Commission's term was ending

(B) In view of the festive season and to help states accelerate capital spending

(C) To offset a shortfall in GST compensation

(D) Because states had failed to meet borrowing limits

312. Which state received the largest amount in this instalment of tax devolution?

(A) Maharashtra

(B) Bihar

(C) Uttar Pradesh

(D) West Bengal

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313. At which port did INS Tarkash conclude its port call in November 2026?

(A) Victoria, Seychelles
(B) Port Louis, Mauritius
(C) Colombo, Sri Lanka
(D) Male, Maldives

314. Which edition of Aapravasi Diwas did INS Tarkash join commemorative events for in Mauritius?

(A) 150th
(B) 175th
(C) 192nd
(D) 200th

315. With which vessel did INS Tarkash carry out a PASSEX off Mauritius?

(A) CGS Valiant
(B) CGS Barracuda
(C) MCGS Vigilant
(D) CGS Guardian

316. How many medals did India win at the Asian Para Games 2026?

(A) 94
(B) 104
(C) 114
(D) 124

317. The Asian Para Games 2026, where India won 114 medals, were held at which host city?

(A) Hangzhou
(B) Aichi-Nagoya
(C) Jakarta
(D) Incheon

318. Which scheme, approved at a cost of more than Rs 1,800 crore, is meant to build up India's sports goods manufacturing?

(A) Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme
(B) Target Olympic Podium Scheme
(C) Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan
(D) Fit India Movement

319. From which site was the quasi-ballistic missile Pralay flight-tested on 5 November 2026?

(A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh
(B) Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha
(C) Pokhran, Rajasthan
(D) Thumba, Kerala

320. Which DRDO laboratory developed the Pralay missile indigenously?

(A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited
(B) Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad
(C) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
(D) Bharat Electronics Limited

321. Pralay, tested by DRDO off the Odisha coast, belongs to which category of missile?

(A) Subsonic cruise missile
(B) Quasi-ballistic missile
(C) Surface-to-air missile
(D) Anti-tank guided missile

322. What was the theme of the Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 that concluded in New Delhi?

(A) Blue Economy and Coastal Security
(B) Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific
(C) Maritime Trade and Port Connectivity
(D) Climate Action in Island States

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323. The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue is the annual apex-level international strategic dialogue of which service, held with the National Maritime Foundation?

(A) Indian Army
(B) Indian Air Force
(C) Indian Navy
(D) Indian Coast Guard

324. MAHASAGAR, India's maritime vision given clearer expression at IPRD-2026, stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Advancement for Shared Growth and Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Harmony and Sustainable Growth in Asian Regions
(D) Mutual Assistance for Security and Growth of All in the Region

325. What is the fiscal outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for Semicon 2.0 under the India Semiconductor Mission?

(A) ₹76,000 crore
(B) ₹1,27,500 crore
(C) ₹1,64,000 crore
(D) ₹2,10,000 crore

326. The Semicon 2.0 Web Application Portal launched in November 2026 opened applications for which pillars?

(A) Pillars 1, 5 and 6
(B) Pillars 1, 2 and 3
(C) Pillars 2, 3 and 4
(D) Pillars 4, 5 and 6

327. Which of the following products received approval under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS) for the first time in November 2026?

(A) Copper foil
(B) Multi-layer PCB
(C) Relays
(D) Heat sinks

328. How many Gram Panchayats in Telangana are covered under the Amended BharatNet Program agreement signed in November 2026?

(A) 10,787
(B) 12,769
(C) 1,946
(D) 14,500

329. Digital Bharat Nidhi, which signed the BharatNet agreement for Telangana, was earlier known as:

(A) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)
(B) Bharat Broadband Network Limited
(C) National Optical Fibre Network
(D) Telecom Development Fund

330. On which date did the Union Cabinet approve the Amended BharatNet Program?

(A) 15 August 2021
(B) 4 August 2023
(C) 1 April 2002
(D) 6 November 2026

331. From which date will TRAI's Register of Interconnect Agreements (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026 come into effect?

(A) 6 November 2026
(B) 1 December 2026
(C) 1 January 2027
(D) 1 April 2027

332. Under the amended regulations, what is the revised fee for inspecting TRAI's Register of Interconnect Agreements?

(A) ₹500 per hour
(B) ₹1,000 per hour
(C) ₹1,500 per hour
(D) ₹2,500 per hour

333. The Register of Interconnect Agreements is maintained by TRAI under which provision?

(A) Section 11(1)(b) of the TRAI Act, 1997
(B) Section 4 of the Indian Telegraph Act
(C) Section 14 of the TRAI Act, 1997
(D) Article 246 of the Constitution

334. To what level was the rice sale target under the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) for 2026-27 raised in November 2026?

(A) 25 LMT
(B) 36 LMT
(C) 50 LMT
(D) 75 LMT

335. Under the order of 6 November 2026, on which day of the week must rice and paddy stockists update their stock positions on the Food Stock Portal?

(A) Monday
(B) Wednesday
(C) Friday
(D) Saturday

336. Which of the following states was NOT among those given the Centre's concurrence in November 2026 to impose stock limits on rice and paddy?

(A) Kerala
(B) Telangana
(C) Odisha
(D) Karnataka

337. In the context of highway tolling, what does MLFF stand for?

(A) Multi-Lane Free Flow
(B) Mobile Lane Fee Facility
(C) Multi-Level Fast Flow
(D) Motorway Lane Fare Fixing

338. NHAI's November 2026 guidelines standardising Multi-Lane Free Flow toll plaza design apply to National Highways with how many lanes?

(A) Two lanes and above
(B) Four lanes and above
(C) Six lanes and above
(D) Only Expressways

339. Under NHAI's MLFF guidelines, how will National Highway projects that are already awarded or under construction adopt the new toll plaza design?

(A) By preparing a fresh Detailed Project Report
(B) Through applicable contractual provisions
(C) By closing the existing toll plaza first
(D) They are exempt from the new design

340. The sacred relics of Shakyamuni Buddha on exposition at Tawang Monastery in November 2026 were originally discovered at which site?

(A) Sanchi, Madhya Pradesh
(B) Piprahwa, Uttar Pradesh
(C) Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh
(D) Vaishali, Bihar

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341. Tawang Monastery, where more than 21,000 devotees paid homage to the Buddha relics in November 2026, is also known by which name?

(A) Gaden Namgyal Lhatse
(B) Rumtek Monastery
(C) Hemis Gompa
(D) Tabo Monastery

342. After Tawang, the Buddha relics were scheduled to be taken to the Golden Pagoda in which place?

(A) Bomdila
(B) Itanagar
(C) Namsai
(D) Ziro

343. On 6 November 2026, envoys of which group of countries presented their credentials to President Droupadi Murmu?

(A) Mali, Myanmar, Madagascar and Equatorial Guinea
(B) Mali, Malaysia, Mauritius and Ghana
(C) Myanmar, Mongolia, Madagascar and Gabon
(D) Morocco, Myanmar, Mozambique and Guinea

344. Who presented credentials to the President of India on 6 November 2026 as the Ambassador of Myanmar?

(A) Fatoma Thera
(B) U Aye Min Htwe
(C) Mandehatsara Georget
(D) Miguel Edjang Angue

345. Where was the ceremony held at which four envoys presented their credentials to the President of India on 6 November 2026?

(A) Hyderabad House, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
(D) Jawaharlal Nehru Bhawan, New Delhi

346. In November 2026 the Uttarakhand Police received the President's Colour. It became the how-manyth police force in India to receive this honour?

(A) 12th
(B) 14th
(C) 16th
(D) 18th

347. Which of the following is the motto of the Uttarakhand Police?

(A) Satyamev Jayate
(B) Karm Satyam Shauryam
(C) Seva Suraksha Shanti
(D) Paritranaya Sadhunam

348. Uttarakhand, whose Foundation Day was celebrated in Dehradun in November 2026, was formed on which date?

(A) 1 November 2000
(B) 9 November 2000
(C) 15 November 2000
(D) 9 November 2001

349. Which State joined Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB PM-JAY) as the 36th State, launching the scheme on 16 August 2026?

(A) Odisha
(B) Delhi
(C) West Bengal
(D) Tamil Nadu

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350. BODH, presented at the November 2026 review of AB PM-JAY and ABDM, is a platform for which purpose?

(A) Settling health insurance claims between hospitals and insurers
(B) Benchmarking health AI models using Indian datasets
(C) Detecting fraud in hospital claims
(D) Creating ABHA health accounts

351. Where was the two-day National Review Meeting on AB PM-JAY and ABDM held on 5–6 November 2026?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Kolkata
(C) Chennai
(D) Agartala

352. In the first five days of the Nationwide DLC Campaign 5, launched in November 2026, about how many Digital Life Certificates were generated?

(A) 25 lakh
(B) 40 lakh
(C) 70 lakh
(D) 1.17 crore

353. During the first five days of DLC Campaign 5, the share of Digital Life Certificates generated through face authentication rose to nearly what level?

(A) 61 per cent
(B) 70 per cent
(C) 80 per cent
(D) 90 per cent

354. Which department of the Government of India runs the Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign for pensioners?

(A) Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
(B) Department of Financial Services
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Department of Expenditure

355. The Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat campaign, launched by the Ministry of Women and Child Development, aims to make India child-marriage-free by which year?

(A) 2027
(B) 2030
(C) 2035
(D) 2047

356. According to NFHS-6 (2023-24), what percentage of women aged 20–24 years were married before the age of 18?

(A) 26.8 per cent
(B) 23.3 per cent
(C) 20.1 per cent
(D) 17.4 per cent

357. The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006 replaced which earlier law?

(A) Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929
(B) Hindu Marriage Act, 1955
(C) Special Marriage Act, 1954
(D) Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961

358. The national tabletop exercise 'VAJRA-SAT', held in November 2026, was aimed at preparedness against which disease?

(A) Lumpy Skin Disease
(B) Foot-and-Mouth Disease serotype SAT-1
(C) African Swine Fever
(D) Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

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359. Which ICAR institute, based in Bengaluru, coordinated the VAJRA-SAT exercise with the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying?

(A) ICAR-National Institute of Foot-and-Mouth Disease
(B) ICAR-Indian Veterinary Research Institute
(C) ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics
(D) ICAR-National Dairy Research Institute

360. What was the theme of the national exercise 'VAJRA-SAT'?

(A) One Health, One Future
(B) Detect Early, Confirm Fast, Contain Together
(C) Healthy Animals, Prosperous Farmers
(D) Prevent, Prepare, Protect

361. The National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), whose 13th Governing Body meeting was held in November 2026, is headquartered in which city?

(A) Kochi
(B) Hyderabad
(C) Visakhapatnam
(D) Bhubaneswar

362. According to the Union Minister at the NFDB meeting, India's fish production has risen from 141.64 lakh tonnes in 2019-20 to about how much?

(A) 175.45 lakh tonnes
(B) 184.02 lakh tonnes
(C) 197.75 lakh tonnes
(D) 210.30 lakh tonnes

363. Who chaired the 13th Governing Body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board on 5 November 2026?

(A) Dr. Abhilaksh Likhi
(B) Dr. Bijay Kumar Behera
(C) Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh
(D) Vakiti Srihari

364. According to the 20th Livestock Census (2019), what is India's pig population?

(A) 5.12 million
(B) 9.06 million
(C) 12.40 million
(D) 18.30 million

365. Which region accounts for nearly 45% of India's pig population and is the main focus of the new pig artificial insemination protocol?

(A) Eastern coastal region
(B) North-Eastern Region
(C) Western Himalayan region
(D) Deccan plateau

366. In which State did Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh release the pig semen production and artificial insemination protocol on 2 November 2026?

(A) Assam
(B) Nagaland
(C) Sikkim
(D) Mizoram

367. The 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' campaign, which ended in November 2026, was organised by which ministry through MY Bharat?

(A) Ministry of Law and Justice
(B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

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368. How many young people did the 'Know Your Vote' campaign of MY Bharat reach?

(A) 22,588
(B) 50,036
(C) 100,493
(D) 1,23,500

369. Which pledge formed part of the activities of MY Bharat's 'Know Your Vote' campaign?

(A) Swachhata Pledge
(B) Loktantrik Pledge
(C) Nasha Mukt Bharat Pledge
(D) Fit India Pledge

370. Which department was the nodal department for Special Campaign 6, held in October 2026?

(A) Department of Personnel and Training
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Expenditure
(D) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation

371. How much revenue did Special Campaign 6 generate through the disposal of scrap, including e-waste?

(A) ₹618.06 crore
(B) ₹770.50 crore
(C) ₹970.33 crore
(D) ₹1,120.40 crore

372. Which ministry earned the highest revenue from scrap disposal during Special Campaign 6?

(A) Ministry of Coal
(B) Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)
(C) Ministry of Defence (Department of Military Affairs)
(D) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

373. Where was the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers, which concluded in November 2026, held?

(A) Bhubaneswar
(B) Goa
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Ranchi

374. At the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers, Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy called for faster mineral exploration mainly in view of the growing demand for which category of minerals?

(A) Fuel minerals such as coal
(B) Minor minerals
(C) Critical minerals
(D) Atomic minerals

375. Who is the Minister of State for Coal and Mines who spoke at the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers in Goa?

(A) Keshav Chandra
(B) Satish Chandra Dubey
(C) G. Kishan Reddy
(D) Pralhad Joshi

376. What does the acronym I-STEM, whose portal was integrated with the Startup India Portal in November 2026, stand for?

(A) Indian Scheme for Technology and Engineering Mentorship
(B) Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facilities Map
(C) Integrated Startup Technology Enablement Mission
(D) Indian Society for Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

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377. Who chaired the launch of the API integration between the Startup India and I-STEM portals on 6 November 2026?

(A) Dr. Parvinder Maini
(B) Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood
(C) Ateesh Kumar Singh
(D) Dr. Vishal Choudhary

378. As of 6 November 2026, how many equipment items were listed on the I-STEM portal?

(A) 4,044
(B) 18,250
(C) 31,540
(D) 45,000

379. Which stage of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) was invoked across Delhi-NCR on 6 November 2026?

(A) Stage-I
(B) Stage-II
(C) Stage-III
(D) Stage-IV

380. Delhi's daily average AQI on 6 November 2026, which led to the invoking of GRAP Stage-III, was:

(A) 328
(B) 382
(C) 412
(D) 450

381. Which body's sub-committee invokes the stages of GRAP in the National Capital Region?

(A) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
(B) Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)
(C) India Meteorological Department (IMD)
(D) Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC)

382. Where did the maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise culminate in November 2026?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Kochi
(C) Sri Vijaya Puram
(D) Chennai

383. Under which command was the maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise conducted?

(A) Eastern Naval Command
(B) Andaman and Nicobar Command
(C) Southern Naval Command
(D) Western Naval Command

384. Which of the following ships did NOT take part in the maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise?

(A) INS Taragiri
(B) UMS King Aung Zeya
(C) SLNS Gajabahu
(D) INS Vikrant

385. 'Rahat Mitra', the first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise that began on 5 November 2026, is held between India and which country?

(A) Bangladesh
(B) Sri Lanka
(C) Myanmar
(D) Thailand

386. Where did the India-Myanmar exercise 'Rahat Mitra' commence in November 2026?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Chennai
(C) Kolkata
(D) Port Blair

387. What is the theme of the India-Myanmar exercise 'Rahat Mitra'?

(A) Partners in Peace, Partners in Progress
(B) Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership
(C) Security and Growth for All in the Region
(D) One Ocean, One Mission

388. Exercise Tiger Triumph, whose 2026 edition ended at Visakhapatnam on 5 November 2026, is held between India and which country?

(A) Australia
(B) Japan
(C) United States
(D) France

389. Which edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph was held in 2026?

(A) Third
(B) Fourth
(C) Fifth
(D) Sixth

390. Tiger Triumph 2026 placed special emphasis on which type of joint operations?

(A) Anti-submarine operations
(B) Amphibious operations
(C) Air defence operations
(D) Mountain warfare

391. Which shipyard designed and built the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft 'Amini', delivered to the Indian Navy on 5 November 2026?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
(D) Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa

392. The ship 'Amini', delivered to the Indian Navy in November 2026, derives its name from an island in which Union Territory?

(A) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(B) Lakshadweep
(C) Puducherry
(D) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

393. What is the share of indigenous content in the ASW shallow water craft 'Amini'?

(A) Over 50 per cent
(B) Over 65 per cent
(C) Over 80 per cent
(D) Over 95 per cent

394. Which unit of the Indian Air Force signed an MoA with IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation in November 2026 for an indigenous airborne secure communication system?

(A) Base Repair Depot
(B) Software Development Institute
(C) Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment
(D) Air Force Academy

395. Who signed the MoA between the IAF and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation on behalf of the foundation?

(A) Prof V Kamakoti
(B) Air Vice Marshal Sarabjit Singh
(C) Dr M J Shankar Raman
(D) Air Chief Marshal of the IAF

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396. The MoA signed by the IAF Software Development Institute with IIT Madras in November 2026 is meant to develop:

(A) An indigenous fighter jet engine
(B) An indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne applications
(C) A satellite navigation system for aircraft
(D) A training simulator for pilots

397. India concluded association negotiations with the European Union for which programme?

(A) Erasmus Plus
(B) Horizon Europe
(C) Copernicus
(D) Galileo

398. The exploration of India's association with Horizon Europe was launched after a summit held on which date?

(A) 27 January 2026
(B) 15 July 2026
(C) 7 November 2026
(D) 15 August 2025

399. Which of the following is NOT one of the Pillar II thematic clusters of Horizon Europe named as matching India's research priorities?

(A) Health
(B) Climate, energy and mobility
(C) Defence procurement and arms exports
(D) Food and the bioeconomy

400. India is the world's how-manieth largest producer of chemicals?

(A) Third
(B) Fourth
(C) Sixth
(D) Ninth

401. What is the total financial outlay of the BHAVYA Rasayan scheme for dedicated chemical parks?

(A) Rs 1,000 crore
(B) Rs 3,030 crore
(C) Rs 5,000 crore
(D) Rs 30,000 crore

402. Which of the following is NOT one of India's three operational Petroleum, Chemicals and Petrochemicals Investment Regions?

(A) Dahej in Gujarat
(B) Paradeep in Odisha
(C) Visakhapatnam-Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh
(D) Haldia in West Bengal

403. How many E20 petrol samples were tested and found compliant across 27 States and Union Territories?

(A) 456 samples
(B) 893 samples
(C) 1,250 samples
(D) 2,393 samples

404. Which Bureau of Indian Standards specification applies to ethanol-blended motor gasoline?

(A) IS 1460
(B) IS 2796
(C) IS 17021
(D) IS 15607

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405. What ethanol content was recorded on average in the samples tested in Karnataka?

(A) 19.30 per cent
(B) 21.50 per cent
(C) 26 per cent
(D) 31 per cent

406. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh interacted with Indian Air Force personnel on the eve of Diwali 2026 at which Air Force Station?

(A) Hasimara
(B) Bagdogra
(C) Tezpur
(D) Chabua

407. Under the 'Second Tour of Duty' approved by the Union Cabinet, what opportunity will Agniveers get after completing their engagement period?

(A) Automatic commission as officers
(B) Enrolment as regular soldiers, subject to willingness and selection criteria
(C) Compulsory transfer to central armed police forces
(D) A lifelong pension without further service

408. Which three capabilities did the Defence Minister ask the armed forces to strengthen in order to counter emerging security threats?

(A) Domain awareness, cyber resilience and information integrity
(B) Nuclear deterrence, sea denial and air superiority
(C) Logistics, recruitment and veteran welfare
(D) Space launch, satellite imaging and navigation

409. The Ministry of Steel conducted the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) 6 during which period?

(A) 1 to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 15 October to 15 November 2026
(D) 2 to 31 August 2026

410. How many physical files were reviewed by the Ministry of Steel during SCDPM 6, and what share of the target did this represent?

(A) 17,107 files, 95 per cent of target
(B) 21,164 files, 101 per cent of target
(C) 17,501 files, 100 per cent of target
(D) 12,164 files, 110 per cent of target

411. Roughly how much office space did the Ministry of Steel free during SCDPM 6 through disposal of scrap, e-waste and redundant files?

(A) About 17,501 square feet
(B) About 21,164 square feet
(C) About 7,501 square feet
(D) About 1,750 square feet

412. From which date do the revised prices of the 137 anti-cancer drugs take effect?

(A) 1 November 2026
(B) 9 November 2026
(C) 17 October 2026
(D) 1 January 2027

413. Which authority has capped the trade margins on non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines?

(A) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
(B) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
(C) Drug Controller General of India
(D) Directorate General of Health Services

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414. What is the estimated annual saving to consumers from the revised anti-cancer drug prices?

(A) Rs 1,250 crore
(B) Rs 2,340 crore
(C) Rs 3,502.31 crore
(D) Rs 7,800 crore

415. Which department has launched an Interaction Series for its officers and officials?

(A) Department of Legal Affairs
(B) Legislative Department
(C) Department of Justice
(D) Department of Official Language

416. Which of the following is NOT one of the Five Cs of Purposeful Leadership?

(A) Consistency
(B) Curiosity
(C) Competition
(D) Community

417. Where was the first session of the Legislative Department's Interaction Series held?

(A) Kartavya Bhavan 2, New Delhi
(B) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

418. Who chaired the high-level meeting on Gujarat law and order and internal security held in Ahmedabad?

(A) The Union Defence Minister
(B) The Union Home Minister
(C) The Union Finance Minister
(D) The Chief Justice of India

419. Roughly how long is the Gujarat coastline, as stated at the Ahmedabad security review?

(A) About 1,600 kilometres
(B) About 2,340 kilometres
(C) About 3,214 kilometres
(D) About 1,214 kilometres

420. Which helpline number, along with S4C, was ordered to be strengthened to tackle cybercrime in Gujarat?

(A) 1091
(B) 1098
(C) 1930
(D) 112

421. Who inaugurated the Deepotsav 2026 celebrations at Ram Ki Paidi in Ayodhya?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Vice-President of India
(C) The Prime Minister
(D) The Governor of Uttar Pradesh

422. In which year was the Deepotsav festival at Ayodhya first held?

(A) 2014
(B) 2017
(C) 2019
(D) 2021

423. How many indigenous drones depicted scenes from the Ramayana at Deepotsav 2026?

(A) More than 1,100
(B) More than 2,100
(C) More than 3,500
(D) More than 900

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424. The Trishakti Corps, whose preparedness was reviewed on 7 November 2026, is headquartered at which place?

(A) Tezpur, Assam
(B) Sukna, West Bengal
(C) Bagdogra, West Bengal
(D) Dimapur, Nagaland

425. Along which boundary was the Defence Minister briefed on infrastructure development during the Sukna visit?

(A) Line of Control
(B) Radcliffe Line
(C) Line of Actual Control
(D) Durand Line

426. Which expression did Rajnath Singh use for the North-Eastern region while addressing soldiers at Sukna?

(A) The last edge of India
(B) The first edge of India
(C) The eastern gateway
(D) The seven sisters belt

427. Where was the closing ceremony of the All India Sainik Schools National Games 2026 held?

(A) Sainik School Jhansi
(B) Sainik School Bijapur
(C) Sainik School Kapurthala
(D) Sainik School Ghorakhal

428. Which school won the Junior Girls Basketball title at the Sainik Schools National Games 2026?

(A) Sainik School Amaravatinagar
(B) Vikasa Sainik School
(C) Sainik School Ghorakhal
(D) Sainik School Bijapur

429. Who is the Chief of the Naval Staff who addressed the cadets at Sainik School Bijapur and called it his old school?

(A) Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi
(B) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
(C) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(D) General Dhiraj Seth

430. Special Campaign 6, concluded in October 2026 for grievance disposal and records management, was run by which organisation?

(A) Employees State Insurance Corporation
(B) Employees Provident Fund Organization
(C) Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority
(D) National Pension System Trust

431. How many public grievances did EPFO dispose of during Special Campaign 6?

(A) 2,05,000
(B) 1,80,000
(C) 2,36,021
(D) 2,02,984

432. EPFO, which conducted Special Campaign 6, functions under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of Labour and Employment
(C) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
(D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

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433. At which monastery did the seven-day exposition of the sacred relics of Shakyamuni Buddha conclude on 7 November 2026?

(A) Rumtek Monastery
(B) Tawang Monastery (Gaden Namgyal Lhatse)
(C) Hemis Monastery
(D) Tabo Monastery

434. How many devotees and visitors had darshan of the sacred relics during the Tawang exposition?

(A) 13,000
(B) 21,000
(C) 31,000
(D) 41,000

435. Who ceremonially received the sacred relics of Shakyamuni Buddha when they arrived at Tawang?

(A) The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh
(B) Chief Minister Pema Khandu
(C) The Secretary General of the International Buddhist Confederation
(D) The Director of the National Museum

436. Where was the district-level Shram Samvad programme on the Labour Codes held on 5 November 2026?

(A) Indore, Madhya Pradesh
(B) Dewas, Madhya Pradesh
(C) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
(D) Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh

437. Which organisation led the session on the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan (PM-SYM) scheme at Shram Samvad?

(A) Employees' Provident Fund Organisation
(B) Employees' State Insurance Corporation
(C) Directorate General Labour Welfare
(D) Chief Labour Commissioner (Central)

438. Who presided over the Shram Samvad programme at Dewas and delivered its keynote address?

(A) The Union Minister of Labour and Employment
(B) S.R. Datta, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment
(C) The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh
(D) The Central Provident Fund Commissioner

439. Which Bharat Ratna awardee and former Deputy Prime Minister entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026?

(A) Lal Krishna Advani
(B) Murli Manohar Joshi
(C) Jaswant Singh
(D) Shanta Kumar

440. L.K. Advani is credited with leading which yatra?

(A) Bharat Jodo Yatra
(B) Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra
(C) Kanyakumari to Kashmir Ekta Yatra
(D) Dandi Yatra

441. Which party did L.K. Advani strengthen before the Bharatiya Janata Party was built, according to the Prime Minister's tribute?

(A) Swatantra Party
(B) Janata Dal
(C) Jana Sangh
(D) Praja Socialist Party

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442. At which base did Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrate Diwali in November 2026?

(A) CoBRA Operations Base, Karanpur
(B) INS Vikrant
(C) Sir Creek
(D) Kargil

443. For the first time in how many years did no CRPF jawan lose his life on duty, as stated in the Prime Minister's Bastar address?

(A) 25 years
(B) 37 years
(C) 47 years
(D) 57 years

444. At its peak, Left-Wing Extremism affected how many districts of India, as recalled in the Bastar address?

(A) Over 130 districts
(B) Over 230 districts
(C) Over 330 districts
(D) Over 430 districts

445. The Trishakti Corps, which the Raksha Mantri visited in Sikkim on Deepawali, is which Corps of the Indian Army?

(A) 11 Corps
(B) 22 Corps
(C) 33 Corps
(D) 44 Corps

446. Who is the Chief of the Army Staff who accompanied the Raksha Mantri to Sikkim for the Deepawali visit?

(A) General Dhiraj Seth
(B) Lieutenant General V M B Krishnan
(C) Lieutenant General Man Raj Singh Mann
(D) Lieutenant General Rajiv Ghai

447. Approximately how many names of fallen heroes are inscribed in golden letters at the National War Memorial in New Delhi?

(A) 16,000
(B) 21,000
(C) 26,000
(D) 31,000

448. The Green Diwali Campaign 2026 focused on how many cities covered under the National Clean Air Programme?

(A) 102 cities
(B) 115 cities
(C) 130 cities
(D) 150 cities

449. Which app of the Central Pollution Control Board gives the daily Air Quality Index?

(A) SAMEER
(B) VAYU
(C) PRANA
(D) SWACHH

450. Under which mission was the Green Diwali Campaign 2026 carried out?

(A) Mission LiFE
(B) National Clean Air Programme
(C) Graded Response Action Plan
(D) Mission Amrit Sarovar

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Answer key

1.	**B**	**The Commerce Secretary, Rajesh Agrawal** – He travelled to Brussels and met three Directors-General of the European Commission, and the talks were about trade facilitation, market access, supply chain resilience, customs cooperation and the groundwork for the India-EU Free Trade Agreement.
2.	**C**	**DG TAXUD** – The correct answer is DG TAXUD, the Directorate-General for Taxation and Customs Union, which is headed by Gerassimos Thomas.
3.	**B**	**Antwerp** – India and Belgium have identified gems and jewellery as an important field for closer cooperation, and Antwerp, Mumbai and Surat are recognised as the major diamond centres.
4.	**B**	**National Museum, New Delhi** – The holy relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were brought from the National Museum in the capital for public veneration in Arunachal Pradesh, and they are scheduled to go back to the same museum once the exposition ends.
5.	**B**	**Chief Minister Pema Khandu** – The relics were ceremonially received at Tawang by the Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, and the traditional religious reception at the historic Gaden Namgyal Lhatse, or Tawang Monastery, took place in the presence of the Union Minister of Culture and Tour...
6.	**B**	**Uttar Pradesh** – Piprahwa is an archaeological site in Uttar Pradesh associated with ancient Kapilavastu and with the Shakya tradition into which Lord Buddha was born, and the relics recovered there are preserved at the National Museum in New Delhi.
7.	**B**	**Rs 251.56 lakh** – Projects and initiatives of this value are being inaugurated and launched in the Gangtok and Mangan districts of Sikkim to strengthen dairy development and livestock infrastructure, and they include a microbiology laboratory for the Sikkim Milk Union, new dai...
8.	**C**	**57** – Initiatives for the establishment of 57 new Dairy Cooperative Societies are being launched in Sikkim under White Revolution 2.0, and registration certificates are being given to five societies that have just been registered.
9.	**A**	**Siri** – A special project worth Rs 2,763.92 lakh has been sanctioned for the development and conservation of the indigenous Siri cattle breed in Sikkim, which comes on top of the Rs 7,093.99 lakh released for the state under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission since 2014.
10.	**C**	**Five** – The order for eight Next Generation Corvettes has been shared between two government-owned shipyards, and GRSE takes the larger share of five ships.
11.	**B**	**The ships are designed in-house by the Indian Navy and built by defence PSUs chosen through a competitive process** – The correct answer is option B. The distinguishing feature of this programme is that the design work for the corvettes has been done within the Indian Navy itself, while the construction has gone to defence public sector undertakings that were picked through...
12.	**B**	**Kartavya Bhawan-2, New Delhi, in the presence of Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh** – The correct answer is option B. The two contracts for the eight corvettes were inked at Kartavya Bhawan-2 in New Delhi, and the Defence Secretary, Rajesh Kumar Singh, was present on the occasion.
13.	**C**	**22.03 million tonnes** – That is the production reported from captive and commercial mines for October 2026.
14.	**B**	**Jharkhand** – The Lohari coal mine lies in Jharkhand and secured its Mine Opening Permission during October 2026 after waiting several years to start work, a clearance the Ministry of Coal attributes to its ease of doing business reforms.
15.	**A**	**11.30 per cent** – Over the April to October period, production from captive and commercial mines moved up from 105.33 MT to 117.23 MT, which is a growth of 11.30 per cent.

16. **B** **15 days** – The rules draw a clear line between two stages.

17. **C** **The District Programme Coordinator** – The rules place district level supervision of grievance redressal on this officer, who must ensure that complaints are handled through the designated machinery and through the Digital Public Infrastructure meant for the purpose.

18. **D** **None of the above can be a ground for refusal** – The correct answer is option D. The rules are explicit that registration of a grievance cannot be refused on the ground of its format, the language used, the manner in which it was submitted, or any procedural deficiency.

19. **B** **22 October to 30 November 2026** – That is the window for the rabi edition of the campaign, which carries soil health and sustainable agriculture as its subject and the tagline Swasth Dhara, Samriddh Kisan.

20. **C** **34** – The campaign reaches thirty four States and Union Territories, along with more than seven hundred districts and fifty thousand villages, and aims to touch about fifty lakh farmers through coordinated field activity.

21. **A** **Right source, right rate, right time, right place** – The correct answer is option A. Under balanced nutrient management, the campaign promotes General Fertiliser Recommendations together with the 4R principle, which means applying fertiliser from the right source, at the right rate, at the right time and in the...

22. **B** **Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad** – The two-day orientation was held there, and it was inaugurated in the auditorium of the same venue.

23. **A** **Janjatiya Health Institutional Transformation (JanHIT)** – The programme was organised under this initiative of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, in collaboration with ICMR-NIHR, Bhubaneswar, and it was the first of its kind in the country.

24. **C** **About 550** – The first phase of the orientation drew roughly five hundred and fifty tribal healers, each nominated by the tribal welfare department of their state, and they came from nine States and Union Territories: Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, O...

25. **A** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, usually shortened to DARPG.

26. **D** **More than 99 per cent** – This was the strongest of the department's numbers under the campaign, showing that almost every public grievance on its books had been disposed of.

27. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The campaign had two clear stages, and this was the implementation stage, during which offices actually identified and disposed of pending references and closed electronic files.

28. **C** **42** – The Indian Air Force Educational and Cultural Society, working under Air Headquarters, placed 42 Air Force Schools on ScrollControl, a child digital safety programme run through the Information Sharing and Analysis Center Foundation.

29. **A** **Cyber Crime Intervention Officers** – The teachers who finished the certification course under ScrollControl carry that designation, and it allows them to work as first responders when a cyber incident touches a pupil.

30. **B** **Central Board of Secondary Education** – CBSE has told the schools affiliated to it to take up cyber safety practices by keeping Cyber Jagrookta Diwas once every month, and the ScrollControl rollout lets Air Force Schools meet that direction with teachers trained in house.

31. **C** **500 GW** – The article by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi, which the Prime Minister shared, looks at what lies ahead for solar power in the country as India works towards a renewable energy target of 500 GW, with solar powered farming, energy storage, manufacturing and gre...

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32.	**A**	**PM Surya Ghar and PM-KUSUM** – In the article shared by the Prime Minister, the growth of solar power in India is credited to initiatives such as these two, which carry the household and the farm side of solar generation respectively.
33.	**A**	**Rooftop solar, storage and transmission** – The article written by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi with Mike Bloomberg, which the Prime Minister shared, records the growth of renewable energy as a whole, the expansion of rooftop solar and the money going into storage and into transmission.
34.	**C**	**20** – The Ministry of Home Affairs stated that the total number of Foreigners Regional Registration Offices in the country has now gone up to twenty.
35.	**A**	**Aizawl and Amravati** – Aizawl, the capital of Mizoram, was previously served by the FRRO at Kolkata, and Amravati in Andhra Pradesh was served by the FRRO at Hyderabad; both received offices of their own this year.
36.	**C**	**The Immigration and Foreigners Act, 2025** – It brought four earlier laws relating to immigration and foreigners into a single statutory framework covering the entry, stay, movement and exit of foreign nationals.
37.	**B**	**Kishtwar** – The correct answer is Kishtwar, a town lying in a high seismic zone of Jammu and Kashmir.
38.	**C**	**National Centre for Seismology** – The correct answer is the National Centre for Seismology, whose Earthquake Monitoring Centre in New Delhi works round the clock and will receive the Kishtwar readings as they are recorded.
39.	**C**	**12** – Nine stations were added to the three that existed at Udhampur, Kathua and Ramban, taking the total to twelve; of the new ones, four are in Kishtwar, two each in Doda and Ramban, and one in Kathua.
40.	**B**	**Soreng, Sikkim** – The correct answer is Soreng district in Sikkim, which is the country's first Organic Fisheries Cluster launched under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
41.	**C**	**Rs 375 lakh** – The projects inaugurated under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana include critical fisheries infrastructure such as hatcheries, feed mills and cold storage facilities, along with production technologies like Biofloc and the Recirculatory Aquaculture Sys...
42.	**B**	**Indo-Tibetan Border Police** – Sikkim has taken what the ministry called a pioneering step on market linkages by agreeing with the ITBP on institutional purchase of locally produced Rainbow Trout.
43.	**C**	**24 years** – Archival and recent observations of the source were drawn from the Chandra, XMM-Newton and Swift space-based X-ray telescopes covering the years 2000 to 2024, which makes it one of the longest X-ray studies of this object carried out so far.
44.	**B**	**Eddington limit** – It is often used as a benchmark for how bright an accreting object can be, since beyond it the outward push of radiation would overwhelm the inward pull of gravity.
45.	**A**	**Indian Institute of Astrophysics and Raman Research Institute** – The correct answer is the Indian Institute of Astrophysics and the Raman Research Institute, both autonomous institutes of the Department of Science and Technology, working with IUCAA and other institutions.
46.	**C**	**Rs 19,744 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved the Mission in January 2023 with this outlay, and the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is implementing it with the aim of making India a global hub for green hydrogen and its derivatives.
47.	**B**	**2 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen** – The correct answer is 2 kg of carbon dioxide equivalent per kg of hydrogen.

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48.	**D**	**25 years** – Green hydrogen and green ammonia plants commissioned by the end of December 2030 are exempt from inter-state transmission system charges for a quarter of a century, which lowers the cost of moving renewable power across state boundaries to such plants.
49.	**B**	**Coal India Limited** – Western Coalfields Limited is a subsidiary of Coal India under the Ministry of Coal, and it was the only subsidiary to exceed its targets on coal production, offtake and overburden removal during April to October 2026, achieving 102.47%, 108.82% and 104.56% o...
50.	**B**	**5.93 MT, against 3.60 MT** – The correct answer is 5.93 MT against 3.60 MT, a growth of 64.87% and the highest among the major subsidiaries of Coal India, with the company also reaching 108.60% of its monthly production target.
51.	**C**	**6,146 against 4,402** – Enhanced coordination with the Railways and focused monitoring of rake placement and loading drove the improvement, and rake loading to the power sector alone grew by 40.8%.
52.	**B**	**Delhi** – The Prime Minister inaugurated the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo in Delhi, where Union Ministers Pralhad Joshi and Shripad Naik joined him along with industry leaders, investors and startup founders from India and other countries.
53.	**B**	**The 9th Assembly of the International Solar Alliance** – The Prime Minister said it was a happy coincidence that this assembly was taking place inside the summit, and that delegates of the fourth conference on green hydrogen were also in the hall, which widened the scope of the year's event.
54.	**B**	**2030** – At the climate summit of 2021 India pledged to reach 500 GW of non-fossil power capacity by 2030, and the Prime Minister said about 300 GW of that has already been built, placing India among the top three countries in solar power.
55.	**B**	**15 days** – The Telecom Consumers Complaint Redressal (Fourth Amendment) Regulations, 2026, cut the time for filing an appeal after a complaint is closed, the regulator reasoning that a consumer normally prefers to appeal at once while a longer window only adds to compli...
56.	**C**	**Round the clock on all days of the week** – The correct answer is round the clock on all days of the week.
57.	**A**	**Consumer Grievance Redressal Oversight Committee** – Every service provider must establish this committee to oversee and periodically review how its grievance machinery works.
58.	**B**	**Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs** – The correct answer is Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.
59.	**B**	**Numaligarh Refinery Limited and Oil India Limited** – Letters of Intent for two Industrial Training Institute clusters were signed at the Guwahati programme, the Jorhat cluster supported by Numaligarh Refinery Limited and the Tinsukia cluster by Oil India Limited, both under the PM-SETU scheme.
60.	**B**	**Assam** – The programme was held at Guwahati and the Government of Assam presented its CM FLIGHT Scheme along with its vision for a Global Skill Center, setting out the state's effort to connect its workforce with emerging opportunities.
61.	**C**	**Over two crore certificates** – The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare has set this target for the fifth edition of its nationwide drive, and the mega camp held with the State Bank of India at the NDCC Convention Centre in New Delhi was part of it.
62.	**B**	**State Bank of India** – The department organised the mega camp in collaboration with this bank at the NDCC Convention Centre in New Delhi as part of the fifth nationwide campaign.
63.	**B**	**Face authentication** – The Secretary of the department, Nivedita Shukla Verma, said that technological advances, and face authentication in particular, have transformed the way a life certificate is submitted, because the pensioner can now create the certificate independently on a...

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64.	**B**	**Hyderabad** – The first edition of the conference began at the JD Convention Centre in that city and runs from 2 to 4 November, drawing scientists, policymakers, agricultural institutions and industry to discuss maize research, productivity and value chain development.
65.	**C**	**75 million tonnes** – Dr M. L. Jat, Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, congratulated the maize research community on production reaching about 55 million tonnes with sizeable produ...
66.	**B**	**Farmers** – Dr M. L. Jat proposed expanding the traditional four-part vision of food, feed, fodder and fuel by placing farmers at the centre, stressing that research and extension must translate into higher farm profitability and improved livelihoods rather than remainin...
67.	**B**	**3 November** – The day is observed annually on this date and was proclaimed by UNESCO to highlight how biosphere reserves conserve biodiversity while supporting sustainable development and the livelihoods of people living inside them.
68.	**B**	**13** – According to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, India has 18 notified biosphere reserves and 13 of them belong to UNESCO's World Network of Biosphere Reserves, which gives the country the highest number of internationally recognised reser...
69.	**A**	**1971** – The Man and the Biosphere Programme was launched that year to promote scientific approaches to improving the relationship between people and their environment, and biosphere reserves work under its framework as living laboratories for testing sustainable deve...
70.	**B**	**INS Sudarshini** – The sail training ship returned to Kochi on 2 November 2026 after a ten-month transoceanic expedition named Lokayan 26, during which it covered more than 22,000 nautical miles and called at 17 ports in 11 countries spread across Asia, Europe, Africa and North...
71.	**B**	**17 ports in 11 countries** – The voyage took INS Sudarshini to ports in Asia, Europe, Africa and North America, and it included two crossings of the Atlantic Ocean.
72.	**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.
73.	**C**	**50** – At the Annual Star Rating Awards Ceremony held at Raipur in Chhattisgarh, fifty coal mines were given Five-Star Ratings for the assessment year.
74.	**B**	**Singareni Collieries Company Limited** – The correct answer is Singareni Collieries Company Limited, which took the First Prize among underground mines.
75.	**B**	**NextGen AI for Smart Mining** – Winners and runners-up of the hackathon held on this theme were honoured at the same ceremony at Raipur, and their entries applied artificial intelligence to problems of operational efficiency, mine safety and environmental sustainability in the coal sector.
76.	**B**	**Puga Valley** – The correct answer is Puga Valley, in Ladakh, where the ONGC Energy Centre commissioned the country's first two geothermal wells in July 2026.
77.	**B**	**381 hot springs and 10 provinces** – The provinces run across very different terrains, from the Himalayan belt and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands to the West Coast, the Cambay Graben, the Son-Narmada-Tapi zone and the cratonic region of southern India.
78.	**A**	**It stood at 15.67 GW, with Indonesia among the leading countries** – Installed geothermal capacity across the world reached a little over fifteen and a half gigawatts by the close of that year, and five countries, namely Indonesia, the United States, the Philippines, Turkiye and New Zealand, together accounted for roughly sixt...
79.	**B**	**7.43 GW** – The correct answer is 7.43 GW, spread over ten projects, each with an installed capacity above twenty-five megawatts.

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80.	**C**	**Western Region** – The correct answer is the Western Region, which holds the largest share of the identified potential.
81.	**C**	**Neither reservoir lies on a river or perennial stream** – The correct answer is that neither reservoir lies on a river or perennial stream.
82.	**B**	**Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and UN Women** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and UN Women.
83.	**B**	**Women and Men in India 2025** – The conference was called to deliberate on and disseminate the findings of this flagship publication of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, so that the people who design and run programmes could read its results more deeply and use them a...
84.	**C**	**Four** – The conference featured four thematic technical sessions.
85.	**B**	**Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana** – The correct answer is the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, usually shortened to PMSSY.
86.	**B**	**About 1.54 crore people** – That is the catchment the facility is expected to cover across Saurashtra, taking in Rajkot, Jamnagar, Junagadh, Porbandar, Amreli, Bhavnagar, Morbi, Surendranagar, Gir Somnath, Devbhumi Dwarka and Botad, a region made up largely of rural, semi-urban and econ...
87.	**B**	**18 of 22** – Speaking at AIIMS Rajkot, the Union Health Minister said the country had moved from a single AIIMS in New Delhi to 18 operational institutions out of 22, which he described as a significant strengthening of access to specialised tertiary healthcare.
88.	**B**	**36 projects of 37.54 megawatts** – That was India's operational agrivoltaic fleet as of August 2025, and alongside it 10 pilot projects were under development.
89.	**B**	**Dual-use solar** – Agrivoltaics is also known as agrisolar or dual-use solar, the names pointing to the same idea of one plot of land serving two purposes, growing a crop and generating electricity.
90.	**A**	**February 2019** – The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan, shortened to PM KUSUM, was launched then to push solar adoption in farming, cut dependence on diesel and let farmers diversify their earnings.
91.	**A**	**Azini** – This is the fishing vessel that an armed pirate group seized off the north-eastern coast of Somalia and that the Indian Navy later took back, with every one of the 20 people on board brought off safely and without a single casualty or injury.
92.	**C**	**20** – Every crew member aboard the fishing vessel Azini, twenty people in all, was taken off safely when the Indian Navy ended the hijacking off the north-eastern coast of Somalia, and the mission produced no casualties and no injuries.
93.	**B**	**A C-17 of the Indian Air Force** – The Marine Commandos did not sail out with the warship for the final move on the boat; they were added to the force at sea through a precision airdrop, and the aircraft named for that drop is an Indian Air Force C-17.
94.	**A**	**Rule 43A** – This is the provision of the Drugs Rules, 1945 that sets out the ports, airports, railway stations, road crossings and other points through which drugs may lawfully be brought into India, and it is the rule the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has...
95.	**B**	**Noida International Airport** – Among the locations the Health Ministry wants added to the list of authorised import gateways, this is the only airport, and it is named specifically for drugs brought in by air.
96.	**C**	**Uttar Pradesh** – ICD Dadri appears in the Health Ministry's proposal as an inland container depot in Uttar Pradesh, the same state that holds the proposal's only airport, Noida International Airport.

97. **B** **Hinjawadi and Shivajinagar** – The Pune Metro line dedicated to the public by the Prime Minister on this occasion runs from Hinjawadi to Shivajinagar, and its importance lies in the fact that Hinjawadi holds the city's largest information-technology cluster, which now gets direct metro con...

98. **C** **Public-private partnership (PPP)** – The Prime Minister drew particular attention to the fact that this metro line is the product of joint effort by the government and the private sector, and he described it as a development model whose success would add pace to the country's progress.

99. **C** **26 cities** – The Prime Minister said that metro trains ran in only five Indian cities in 2014 and that the service has since spread to 26 cities.

100. **B** **1 January 2027** – The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India released these amendment regulations and stated that they would come into force from the first day of January 2027, which gives operators a window to prepare before the new interconnection duties begin.

101. **C** **Licensed Service Area (LSA) level** – The amendment modernises the framework by moving handover and takeover of telecom traffic away from the older charging-area geography to the Licensed Service Area, and it lets the interconnection provider and seeker agree between themselves where traffic will...

102. **B** **SBI one-year MCLR plus two percent** – The correct answer is the State Bank of India one-year Marginal Cost of Funds-based Lending Rate plus two percent.

103. **C** **The United States** – Tiger Triumph is the India-United States bilateral tri-service exercise devoted to Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, and the opening ceremony of its 5th edition was held at the Maritime Warfare Centre in Visakhapatnam.

104. **B** **Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam** – The correct answer is the Maritime Warfare Centre (MWC) in Visakhapatnam, where the ceremony took place on 2 November 2026.

105. **C** **National Disaster Response Force** – An NDRF team is joining Tiger Triumph for the first time in this 5th edition, which is significant because it brings the country's dedicated civil disaster-response agency into a military exercise built around Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.

106. **B** **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan** – The Consultative Committee of the Ministry of Defence met there on the subject of Modernisation of Indian Defence Forces, with Members of Parliament from both the Rajya Sabha and the Lok Sabha taking part, and the deliberations covered emerging security chall...

107. **B** **Rs 3 lakh crore** – The Defence Minister said the aim is to reach defence production worth Rs 3 lakh crore and defence exports worth Rs 50,000 crore by 2029.

108. **B** **Rs 2.19 lakh crore** – The Raksha Mantri said the defence budget for the financial year 2026-27 was raised to a record Rs 7.85 lakh crore, within which a capital outlay of Rs 2.19 lakh crore has been earmarked for modernisation and capital procurement, the part of the budget that b...

109. **B** **USD 863 billion** – The Commerce and Industry Minister said India recorded its highest-ever exports at that level in the previous year, and the target for the current year has been pitched at USD 1 trillion, which amounts to growth of about 16 per cent over it.

110. **C** **USD 1 trillion** – The Minister said India had deliberately chosen an ambitious export target for the current year, amounting to growth of about 16 per cent over the record of USD 863 billion achieved in the previous year, and that he was confident the country would get there.

111. **B** **USD 480 billion** – Exports in the first six months of the financial year, from April to September, reached that figure, which is a growth of 14 per cent.

112. **B** **Visible Emission Line Coronagraph** – Aditya-L1, India's first space-based solar observatory, carries seven payloads, and VELC is described as the primary one.

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113. **B** **That it expanded non-uniformly and became asymmetric** – The correct answer is that the eruption expanded non-uniformly and developed an asymmetric shape.

114. **B** **Indian Institute of Astrophysics** – The correct answer is the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), an autonomous institution of the Department of Science and Technology.

115. **C** **Third** – Member countries of the International Solar Alliance have chosen India for the Presidency of the grouping for a third consecutive term, and the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy thanked them on behalf of the Government of India for reposing that tru...

116. **B** **2015, by India and France** – The shared conviction that the gains of solar power must be spread fairly brought the two countries together to create the Alliance in that year, and the platform has since grown to 130 signatory and member countries, serving the Global South in particular.

117. **A** **About Rs 225 crore, that is USD 25 million** – The correct answer is about Rs 225 crore, that is USD 25 million.

118. **A** **Antalya, Turkiye** – The thirty-first Conference of the Parties to the climate convention is being hosted there from 9 to 20 November 2026, and the Union Environment Minister used a press briefing in New Delhi to set out the Indian position for those talks.

119. **C** **Article 9.1** – The Environment Minister stated that the provision of climate finance is a duty cast on developed countries by this article, and that such finance must be predictable, largely public and concessional so that it does not add to the debt burden of developing co...

120. **B** **Chair of the Asia-Pacific Regional Group** – At the session held in the Mongolian capital, India took that chair and then restated its pledge to restore more than 26 million hectares of degraded land by 2030, while asking for diversified, adequate and sustained international finance for restoration and...

121. **B** **INS Sahyadri** – The ship took part in the bilateral exercise between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Korea Navy at the Korean port of Busan and completed her participation on 29 October 2026, after which the Ministry of Defence said the engagement had strengthened mariti...

122. **B** **Busan** – The engagement between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Korea Navy was held at this port in the Republic of Korea, and the Indian frigate finished her participation there on 29 October 2026.

123. **A** **Coordinated navigation, helicopter operations and joint maritime manoeuvres** – These were the activities the two warships undertook once they left harbour, and the Navy described the phase as turning professional interaction into practical operational work, giving the crews a chance to practise coordination at sea and to understand each...

124. **B** **Nadi Sanjivani** – The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Government of Bihar has been given this name, and its purpose is to restore the water-carrying capacity of rivers and water bodies, strengthen flood management, conser...

125. **A** **243 lakh cubic metres in 16 projects** – The National Highways Authority of India has identified this quantity of suitable silt for use in that many works already under way, while a much larger quantity of 835 lakh cubic metres has been proposed for 27 projects still to come, in both cases subject t...

126. **B** **Road Construction Department** – It will act as the nodal department for the work and will be supported by a State-level Coordination Committee that examines proposals, helps clear approvals, monitors implementation and settles operational problems.

127. **B** **Coal Controller Organisation** – The correct answer is the Coal Controller Organisation, which functions under the Ministry of Coal.

128. **A** **TOPSIS** – The correct answer is TOPSIS, which expands to Technique for Order Preference by Similarity to Ideal Solution.

129.	**B**	**RECLAIM** – The correct answer is RECLAIM, the Community Engagement and Development Framework built into the platform.
130.	**A**	**Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa** – The correct answer is Dr Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa, which is located at Leh.
131.	**B**	**Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, at the 3rd International Conference on Wellness** – The correct answer is Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur, at the 3rd International Conference on Wellness.
132.	**C**	**42** – That many distinguished health professionals from different parts of the country were honoured at the wellness conference for their contributions in their respective fields, and the Wellness Visionary Award for Holistic Healing given to the Director of the Na...
133.	**B**	**NITI Aayog** – The India S&T Scoreboard was developed as a key initiative of NITI Aayog and was launched by it at the Civil Services Officers' Institute on KG Marg in New Delhi, where Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri unveiled the platform.
134.	**C**	**Ashok Kumar Lahiri** – The correct answer is Ashok Kumar Lahiri, the Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, who unveiled the platform and urged every State and Union Territory to make full use of it, saying that progress in science and technology now needs a more active role by the States un...
135.	**A**	**Academia, Government R&D laboratories and Industry** – Going beyond the sheer volume of output, the Scoreboard reports indicators of research quality, impact, collaboration and open access across priority research areas and these three sectors, so that a State can see which part of its research base is strong.
136.	**C**	**12 per cent** – The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways told the Consultative Committee meeting in Puri that the government is working to double the present share of coastal and inland waterway shipping in freight movement, which stands at 6 per cent, and that th...
137.	**B**	**Paradip Port Authority** – The Union Minister announced that the Puri International Cruise Terminal would be developed by the Paradip Port Authority in partnership with the Government of Odisha, and that the project was likely to cost about fifteen hundred crore rupees.
138.	**C**	**4,62,661** – The correct answer is 4,62,661, that is 462,661 ocean cruise passengers in the financial year, along with 212 vessel calls.
139.	**B**	**Indian Navy** – The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue is described as the Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, and this edition opened in New Delhi for a three-day run, organised in association with the National Maritime Foundation, which serves as the Nav...
140.	**B**	**Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific** – The conference is examining this theme with particular emphasis on translating scientific advancement and institutional partnerships into practical regional cooperation, and its central question is how the region can turn scientific knowledge and technologica...
141.	**A**	**Sea Blindness and Maritime Heritage in India** – The monograph was released at the end of the first professional session of the day, which dealt with academic networks, research and human capital development and heard perspectives from France, Indonesia, Japan and the Maldives.
142.	**C**	**National Dope Testing Laboratory** – The correct answer is the National Dope Testing Laboratory, whose Extramural Research Grant Policy was launched by the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports at the quality assurance managers' meeting in New Delhi, along with the laboratory's newsletter.
143.	**C**	**114** – The correct answer is 114 medals, which the Minister described as a record and the highest Indian tally ever at those Games, saying the para-athletes had scripted history.

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144. **D** **10th** – The two-day meeting of quality assurance managers of the World Association of Anti-Doping Scientists was its tenth, was organised by the National Dope Testing Laboratory and brought together international stakeholders from the sporting and scientific communit...

145. **B** **Sikkim** – The initiative was launched at a programme of the Sikkim Milk Union in Gangtok, where the Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying also inaugurated the Union's microbiology laboratory and the launch of Fodder Plus products made by farmer pro...

146. **C** **Siri** – Recalling a visit to Mangan, where local cattle give an average of about three litres of milk a day, the Minister announced that central funds would be sanctioned for a Centre of Excellence devoted to the conservation and development of the indigenous Siri br...

147. **C** **79 per cent** – The Minister said milk production in the State had risen by that proportion over the decade, from 1.37 lakh litres a day to 2.45 lakh litres a day, while the number of dairy cooperative societies had grown by 88 per cent, from 389 in 2014-15 to 733 in 2025-26...

148. **B** **IIT (ISM) Dhanbad** – TEXMiN is the Technology Translation Research Park at that institute and is an initiative of the Department of Science and Technology; the Joint Statement of Intent with NITI Aayog was signed during a visit by a Member of NITI Aayog to the campus.

149. **B** **National Critical Mineral Mission** – The collaboration is stated to align with that mission's objectives and with the vision of an Aatmanirbhar and Viksit Bharat, as it seeks to advance indigenous technological capability and build resilient and sustainable value chains for critical minerals.

150. **A** **Coal fly ash** – Addressing the symposium on critical minerals and rare earths, the NITI Aayog Member highlighted the scope for recovering critical minerals from secondary resources, naming coal fly ash, red mud, mine tailings and electronic waste.

151. **B** **26.3 billion** – EKA-1, built by Soket Labs Technology and Research Private Limited, is a foundation model of 26.3 billion parameters trained on roughly 7.5 trillion tokens.

152. **C** **ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations** – ZenteiQ introduced the open-source Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B models, which can be deployed as secure, on-premise multilingual assistants supporting English and 10 Indian languages.

153. **B** **IndiaAI Innovation Centre (Foundation Models)** – Soket Labs and ZenteiQ are among the teams picked under this pillar to build indigenous foundation capabilities and large language models, and the mission supported them with subsidised national AI compute together with help for allied research costs.

154. **B** **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses** – The correct answer is the Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, known as MP-IDSA.

155. **B** **About Rs 1.78 lakh crore** – The Defence Minister said defence production reached this record level in FY 2025-26, which he attributed to reforms across policy, institutional structures, technology development, acquisition procedures and ease of doing business.

156. **B** **Rs 3 lakh crore production and Rs 50,000 crore exports** – The correct answer is Rs 3 lakh crore of production and Rs 50,000 crore of exports.

157. **B** **Odisha** – On the second day of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, the state saw the signing of 18 memoranda of understanding representing a proposed investment of about Rs 1.17 lakh crore, in the presence of Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and Deputy C...

158. **B** **CEEW and Energiva Ventures** – The high-level dialogue called The Next Terawatt was convened by the International Solar Alliance together with these two, and it was joined by the Union Minister of New and Renewable Energy, the Union Minister of Power and Housing and Urban Affairs, and the...

159. **C** **More than 130** – The summit brought together representatives of over 130 countries, among them more than 40 ministers, along with policymakers, investors, financial institutions and industry leaders.

160. **B** **Ziro** – APEDA facilitated a trial export of 1.5 metric tonnes of kiwi from Ziro in Arunachal Pradesh to Dubai in the United Arab Emirates, and the consignment was displayed at LuLu Hypermarket, Al Qusais.

161. **C** **Sinduri** – APEDA facilitated the export of 1.3 metric tonnes of the Sinduri variety from Kullu district to Dubai, packed in 650 boxes of 2 kg each and shipped by Amama Exports, a firm based in Uttar Pradesh.

162. **C** **50% above the domestic benchmark** – The export let participating farmers earn half again as much as the price prevailing in the home market, a gain credited to direct procurement from growers and to collective participation through the Bhuntar farmer producer organisation, which brings together...

163. **B** **Mirissa** – The ninth High-Level Meeting between the two coast guards was held at Mirissa in Sri Lanka, which means the host of this round was the Sri Lankan service.

164. **C** **Paramesh Sivamani** – The correct answer is Paramesh Sivamani, who is the Director General of the Indian Coast Guard and led the Indian delegation at the ninth High-Level Meeting.

165. **D** **Joint submarine patrols** – The correct answer is joint submarine patrols, which found no place in the discussions.

166. **C** **2024** – The India-Poland Strategic Partnership was set up in that year, when Prime Minister Narendra Modi made his landmark visit to Poland, and the ministerial travel of November 2026 was described as carrying that partnership forward.

167. **B** **Donald Tusk** – The correct answer is Donald Tusk, the Prime Minister of Poland, who travelled to India in the month before the Indian minister went to Warsaw.

168. **A** **At the Polish National Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw** – The correct answer is the Polish National Chamber of Commerce in Warsaw, a body known by the Polish initials KIG, where the Minister of State delivered the opening address on the second day of his visit.

169. **B** **Rs 218 crore** – The second phase of the land sale run by the National Land Monetization Corporation closed at Visakhapatnam on 3 November 2026, and the 114 parcels that found buyers brought in bids worth Rs 218 crore in all.

170. **C** **Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance** – NLMC is a wholly government-owned company under that department, and its mandate is to spot, assess, ready and place in the market the surplus land and buildings held by central public sector enterprises and other government bodies.

171. **C** **264** – The first phase, held on 12 October 2026, placed 150 parcels, and the second phase on 3 November 2026 placed another 114, so the two rounds together account for 264 parcels sold for Rs 584.33 crore against a combined reserve price of Rs 497.29 crore.

172. **B** **145.07 million tonnes** – This was the quantity of goods moved by the network during October 2026, and it stands as the heaviest loading ever recorded for the month of October.

173. **C** **Food grains** – The correct answer is food grains, whose loading rose by 26.3 per cent over October 2025, the steepest gain among all the commodities listed for the month.

174. **B** **469.8 rakes per day** – To meet the heavier requirement of thermal power stations, the railways stepped up coal movement to this daily average during October 2026, and the supply of coal to power houses grew 19.5 per cent over the year.

175. **A** **Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)** – The correct answer is the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS).

176. **B** **Global South Centre of Excellence** – That is what DAKSHIN is, and it sits at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries, working to spread knowledge and mutual learning among developing countries.

177. **C** **Space launch services** – The correct answer is space launch services, which was not among the fields singled out for cooperation under this agreement.

178. **B** **Dhanvantari Jayanti** – Dhanteras is observed in that form as well, and the day recalls the appearance of Lord Dhanvantari during the Samudra Manthan, the churning of the ocean, when he emerged bearing the Amrit Kalash.

179. **A** **Prataprao Jadhav** – The correct answer is Prataprao Jadhav, who holds Independent Charge of the Ayush portfolio as Minister of State and is also Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare.

180. **B** **Preserving the health of a healthy person** – The Ayush Minister cited this maxim to make the case that prevention deserves as much attention as treatment, noting that discussion of health usually begins only after an illness has already developed.

181. **B** **The Drugs Rules, 1945** – Schedule M sits inside the Drugs Rules, 1945, and it is this schedule that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed to amend.

182. **C** **Technical Report Series No. 1044, Annexure 2** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has said that the revised limits for microbial contamination in Grade A clean areas are being drawn from the World Health Organization Technical Report Series No. 1044, and specifically from its Annexure 2, which carr...

183. **B** **Exposed products, containers and sterilised components are handled** – A Grade A area is described as the critical zone of a sterile medicine plant, the place where a product still lies open, where containers are handled, and where components that have already been sterilised are dealt with before the product is closed and seale...

184. **B** **Rs 2,814 crore** – The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing with exactly this outlay, spread across five years from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.

185. **C** **50 kt** – The scheme funds four critical mineral processing plants in all.

186. **B** **Technical qualification followed by financial bidding, on the least-cost criterion** – The correct answer is technical qualification followed by financial bidding, on the least-cost criterion.

187. **B** **Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research** – The correct answer is Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research.

188. **C** **59** – Under the component called Comprehensive Statistical Operations and Strengthening of Ecosystem, the ministry proposes to conduct 59 surveys during the 16th Finance Commission cycle.

189. **C** **8th Economic Census** – It forms the third component of VISTAR and will be undertaken by MoSPI together with the States and Union Territories.

190. **C** **Rs 14,500 crore** – The Union Cabinet cleared the Viability Gap Funding Scheme for Development of Grid-Scale Energy Storage Systems with this amount of support for the period FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.

191. **D** **60 GWh** – The scheme envisages 60 GWh of hydro Pumped Storage Plant capacity, 30 GWh of Battery Energy Storage System capacity and 2 GWh of capacity through alternative energy storage technologies, which add up to the headline figure of 92 GWh.

192. **C** **40 per cent** – Battery Energy Storage System projects seeking support under the scheme must satisfy a minimum Domestic Content Requirement of 40 per cent.

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193. **B** **Rs 3,788.04 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts, exclusive POCSO courts included, for a further five years with this total outlay.

194. **C** **850** – The extended scheme provides for the operationalisation of 850 Fast Track Special Courts across participating States and Union Territories, which is an expansion from the 779 that are functional at present.

195. **B** **Nirbhaya Fund** – Of the total outlay of Rs 3,788.04 crore, the Central share of Rs 2,353.15 crore is funded from the Nirbhaya Fund, while the States and Union Territories contribute Rs 1,434.89 crore in line with the funding pattern for centrally sponsored schemes.

196. **B** **25 per cent** – As was envisaged when the Agnipath Scheme began, a quarter of the Agniveers are offered regular employment in the Defence Forces on merit, and the Cabinet decision reaffirms that share.

197. **B** **Two years** – On the recommendations of the Indian Defence Forces, the Cabinet approved another engagement period of two years for the Agniveers who are not absorbed as regulars straight away, and the offer depends on each Agniveer being willing to take it.

198. **B** **Opening up of various branches of the Defence Forces for women** – The correct answer is the opening up of various branches of the Defence Forces for women.

199. **B** **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** – TRAI launched the Network Anubhav Platform as a geospatial and analytical dashboard that brings together test data sent in by users through its MySpeed and MyCall apps and the results of its own independent drive tests, and that also opens a web interface for...

200. **B** **The median speed, with half the tests at or above that value** – The correct answer is the median speed, with half the tests at or above that value.

201. **A** **MySpeed and MyCall** – The user test data on the platform is made up of the results of tests run by consumers on these two TRAI apps, one measuring internet speed and the other call experience, and this is combined on the dashboard with TRAI's independent drive test data.

202. **B** **3 November 2026** – The first edition of the India-Canada Defence Dialogue was conducted through video conference on that day, and the Ministry of Defence placed the outcome on record the following day.

203. **B** **Dr. Amit Telang** – The correct answer is Dr. Amit Telang, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) in the Ministry of Defence, who led the Indian delegation.

204. **A** **Defence industrial cooperation** – The correct answer is defence industrial cooperation, which came through as an important area of engagement, alongside military-technical cooperation and defence research and development, the two subjects identified as priority areas for further collaboration.

205. **B** **Yerevan** – The correct answer is Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, where the seventeenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity was held and where Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released the guidelines at a side event on 3 Novembe...

206. **A** **National Biodiversity Authority** – Applications from Central and State government departments, agencies and institutions, local self-governments and Biodiversity Management Committees go to the NBA, which conducts a preliminary examination.

207. **C** **USD 60.79 million** – The correct answer is USD 60.79 million, the total financing of the project titled Enhancing the conservation and sustainable use of biodiversity to meet India's commitment to the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework targets by 2030.

208. **A** **Drugs Rules, 1945** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare proposed amendments to these rules so that the manufacturing licence of a drug declared Not of Standard Quality on specified critical parameters can be suspended immediately, without waiting for the full procedure tha...

209. **D** **Packaging weight** – The correct answer is packaging weight, which does not figure among the specified parameters.

210. **B** **Root Cause Analysis and Corrective and Preventive Action** – The suspension is to continue until the manufacturer carries out an effective Root Cause Analysis to identify why the quality failure occurred and implements appropriate Corrective and Preventive Action, commonly abbreviated as CAPA, to the satisfaction of th...

211. **B** **Jaipur** – Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal virtually inaugurated Vanijya Bhawan and Udyog Bhawan there, and with that Jaipur became the first city and also the first State capital to bring all these offices together under one roof.

212. **C** **46** – The minister informed that the Ministry currently has 46 organisations and runs around 500 offices, and he called for the offices of all of these organisations to be co-located across the country.

213. **A** **31 March 2027** – The correct answer is 31 March 2027, the deadline set for completing the necessary digitisation, including the digitisation of past data and records at the Regional Authorities of the Directorate General of Foreign Trade across the country.

214. **B** **The Aircraft Rules, 1937** – The new code, notified under the Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, 2024, takes over from the Aircraft Rules, 1937, which served as the principal rulebook for Indian civil aviation for close to nine decades, and it also replaces Part IX of the Aircraft Rules, 1920.

215. **C** **220 rules in eight chapters and six schedules** – That is the structure of the new civil aviation code, and its chapters run across aircraft registration, airworthiness and maintenance, personnel licensing, aerodrome operations, air navigation services, aircraft operations, regulatory oversight and safety ma...

216. **B** **VT** – Under the new code an aircraft on the Indian register must display the nationality mark VT, followed by a hyphen and three assigned capital letters, which is why Indian aircraft registrations are read as VT and then a three-letter group.

217. **C** **9.28 per cent** – That is the growth in gross value added recorded by the manufacturing corporate sector, which holds a share of more than 89 per cent in total GVA.

218. **A** **Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh** – The survey names these five as the leading states in gross value added, with a combined share of more than 54 per cent of the country's manufacturing GVA.

219. **B** **The Factories Act, 1948** – The survey covers factories registered under sections 2m(i) and 2m(ii) of that Act, and in addition bidi and cigar manufacturing establishments registered under the law of 1966 for workers in that trade, electricity undertakings not registered with the Centra...

220. **A** **Punnami Ghat, Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh** – This was the first National SARAS Mela ever held outside Delhi-NCR, organised by the Ministry of Rural Development along with the Government of Andhra Pradesh and supported by NIRDPR and Kudumbashree.

221. **C** **More than 12.8 crore rupees** – That was the cumulative sales figure for the fair, achieved even though Cyclone Arnab forced a temporary closure on 28 and 29 October during the final days.

222. **B** **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission** – The correct answer is Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission, written in short as DAY-NRLM.

223. **B** **Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research** – The correct answer is the Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology.

224. **B** **Graphene** – The team designed a silicon photonic crystal whose structure mimics the honeycomb lattice of graphene, arranging triangular holes in a silicon slab so that terahertz waves travel along the boundary

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between two regions of the crystal.

225. **C** **310 to 360 GHz** – Measurements across this band agreed closely with the simulations the team had run, and in the power splitter the two output signals were nearly identical, showing that the engineered barrier had little effect on transmission.

226. **B** **Thiruvananthapuram** – The two-day conference of the chairpersons of the Public Accounts Committees of Parliament and of the state and union territory legislatures was held in the capital of Keralam and ended on 4 November 2026 with the adoption of the Keralam Resolution.

227. **A** **Audit Para Monitoring System** – The resolution calls for a digital oversight system of this kind in every state and union territory Public Accounts Committee, so that audit paragraphs and committee recommendations can be tracked until they are settled.

228. **B** **K. C. Venugopal** – The correct answer is K. C. Venugopal, who chairs the Public Accounts Committee of the Lok Sabha and whose suggestions at the conference were taken up by the Speaker.

229. **B** **Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH** – The correct answer is Deutsche Gesellschaft fur Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, the German agency for international cooperation.

230. **A** **Decarbonisation of road freight** – The agreement formalises collaboration among the project partners so that cutting emissions from the movement of goods by road moves faster, which is treated as an important part of India's transition to a transport system that is sustainable, energy-efficien...

231. **B** **The International Climate Initiative (IKI)** – The correct answer is the International Climate Initiative, written in short as IKI, which is a programme of the German Government and supports NDC-TIA II as a regional initiative for Asia.

232. **B** **The Raksha Mantri** – Rajnath Singh, as Defence Minister, gave the commemorative address at the dialogue in New Delhi and used it to argue that dependence among nations at sea should be made safer rather than abandoned, through diversified supply chains, dependable maritime infras...

233. **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.

234. **C** **2019** – The Raksha Mantri described the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in that year, as a workable framework that advances cooperation at sea across seven interconnected areas, and he urged participants to turn the ideas rai...

235. **C** **2028** – The Minister said India is progressing towards sending its first crewed deep-sea mission to a depth of as much as six thousand metres by that year, which he called an important milestone in an exploration programme built on indigenous capability.

236. **B** **Three** – The submersible of the Samudrayaan Mission is built to take three aquanauts down to depths between five and six thousand metres, and it is the vehicle behind the plan for a crewed Indian dive later this decade.

237. **A** **One Ocean, Shared Knowledge and Equitable Prosperity** – The Minister offered this as the principle that should steer cooperation across the Indo-Pacific, arguing that oceans ignore political boundaries and that marine pollution or a change in ocean temperature has effects far beyond the country where it begins.

238. **A** **Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana** – The campaign for intergenerational bonding was launched under this umbrella scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, and the Union Minister described it as a meeting of the experience of elders and the energy of the young.

239. **C** **Celebrate** – The campaign is built on five words beginning with the letter C, namely Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue, so options A, B and D are all genuine parts of it and cannot be the

answer.

240. **C** **23 crore** – The Minister said that the number of people aged sixty and above in the country is projected to grow from roughly ten crore at the time of the last census year he cited to this figure by the middle of the next decade, and he used the projection to explain why…

241. **C** **Competition Commission of India** – The competition regulator cleared the proposed combination, which covers both the purchase of the target business and the related referral arrangements between affiliates of the two sides.

242. **B** **Retail, private banking and wealth management** – The target business is precisely the retail banking and private banking segment together with the wealth management arm that the seller runs through its branches in India, and it is moving as a going concern on a slump sale basis.

243. **C** **The Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India** – The correct answer is the Bombay Stock Exchange and the National Stock Exchange of India.

244. **C** **365** – The camp run by the Armed Forces Medical Services at Rairangpur treated more than four thousand patients in all and carried out this many eye surgeries that restored sight, with every service given free of charge.

245. **B** **The Armed Forces Medical Services** – Operation DRISHTI is its initiative to take specialised eye care and advanced medical treatment to parts of the country that are poorly served, and the camp at Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha was the twelfth such effort.

246. **B** **The President of India** – The release notes that the camp was conducted at the place the President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, belongs to, in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha, which added to the significance of the medical effort there.

247. **B** **Hyderabad** – The National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management sits in that city and is an autonomous organisation working under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, set up to strengthen the agricultural extension system of the country.

248. **C** **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** – Its Secretary, Smt Debashree Mukherjee, presented the Certificate of Recognition at a ceremony in Kaushal Bhawan at New Delhi, and the recognition is valid for three years.

249. **C** **1987** – The institute was set up in that year with the purpose of strengthening the agricultural extension system of the country, and it has since worked on building the capacity of extension functionaries, promoting new approaches in extension and helping entreprene…

250. **B** **22** – The joint advisory of the Department of Rural Development and the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying picks out exactly 22 works from the 375 works that the VB-G RAM G Act permits.

251. **B** **125 days** – The Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, came into force on 1 July 2026 and carries a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment for every rural household in a year.

252. **A** **ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute** – The correct answer is the ICAR-Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, written in short as ICAR-IGFRI.

253. **C** **Goa** – The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers in Goa on 5 and 6 November 2026.

254. **C** **Fourth** – The Ministry of Mines is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers on 5 and 6 November 2026 in Goa, and it has described the event as part of its continued engagement with State Governments for the collective advancement of the mining sector.

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255. **B** **Ministry of Mines** – It is the Ministry of Mines, Government of India, that is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers in Goa on 5 and 6 November 2026, and that has invited Mining Ministers of various States along with senior officers of the Central and State Government...

256. **A** **REWARD** – The third national-level consultation on the draft National Technical Guidelines was held under the World Bank-assisted REWARD programme, whose expanded name is Rejuvenating Watersheds for Agricultural Resilience through Innovative Development.

257. **B** **ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning, Nagpur** – The correct answer is the ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning at Nagpur.

258. **B** **Five years** – Joint Secretary in the Department of Land Resources, Shri Nitin Khade, noted at the consultation that the project timeline had been brought down progressively, from seven years in the first phase of the watershed development component to five years in the sec...

259. **A** **Central Prison, Hyderabad** – Its authorities informed the National Human Rights Commission that a separate Gender-Neutral Cell had been established for persons with diverse gender identities and expressions, so as to protect their dignity and give them appropriate living arrangements, an...

260. **A** **The NHRC's Special Monitor for transgender persons and LGBTQ+ rights** – The correct answer is the Special Monitor of the National Human Rights Commission who is entrusted with matters relating to transgender persons and the rights of the LGBTQ+ community.

261. **A** **Affirmative clothing** – The correct answer is affirmative clothing, that is, clothing in keeping with the gender a person identifies with.

262. **C** **Rs 2,814 crore** – The Union Cabinet cleared the CAPEX Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing on 4 November 2026 with exactly this outlay, spread over five financial years running from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31, and funded wholly from budgetary support.

263. **B** **Lithium and nickel** – The scheme funds four plants in all, two for lithium with a capacity of at least 30 kt each and two for nickel with a capacity of at least 50 kt each.

264. **B** **The Secretary, Ministry of Mines** – The scheme has a three-tier governance structure.

265. **B** **23 June 2021** – On that date gold hallmarking stopped being optional and became compulsory, at first in 256 districts; as more assaying and hallmarking centres came up, the requirement now extends to 392 districts.

266. **B** **Six** – The Hallmark Unique Identification, or HUID, is a six-digit alphanumeric code generated by the Bureau of Indian Standards server for each article once it has been tested at a recognised assaying and hallmarking centre.

267. **B** **IS 1417** – This standard sets out the caratages in which gold jewellery may be hallmarked, with fineness expressed in parts per thousand: 9K at 375, 14K at 585, 18K at 750, 20K at 833, 22K at 916, 23K at 958 and 24KS at 995, which is seven grades in all.

268. **B** **Ministry of Railways** – It secured the top position in the category of Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries and Departments under PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, and Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan handed over the award at the Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026...

269. **A** **351 MW against a target of 424 MW** – These are the two capacity figures to carry for this story: the railways has commissioned 351 MW of rooftop solar, while the goal it has set itself is 424 MW, so a little over four-fifths of the target is in place.

270. **C** **The Vice-President of India** – The correct answer is the Vice-President of India, Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan, who handed over the award at the Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

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271. **B** **Jammu and Kashmir** – Awantipora lies in the Kashmir valley, and the All India Institute of Medical Sciences being built there is meant to widen access to tertiary and specialised care in the union territory as well as strengthen medical education in the region.

272. **B** **Rs 59.41 crore** – Procurement approval has been conveyed for 180 medical equipment items of this value, and Notices of Award have already gone out for 140 of those items, which leaves forty still to be awarded.

273. **C** **652** – The ministry has approved the engagement of essential manpower for making the out-patient department and related services work, and the proposed arrangements cover six hundred and fifty-two positions across various categories.

274. **B** **Rs 21,330 crore in 824 MSMEs** – The correct answer is Rs 21,330 crore in 824 MSMEs, of which roughly three-quarters are micro enterprises.

275. **B** **Only through empanelled Daughter Funds** – The SRI Fund has a two-tier design: the Mother Fund does not put money into an enterprise itself, it invests in Daughter Funds, and those funds then take equity in the enterprises.

276. **A** **Yashashvini Campaign** – The correct answer is the Yashashvini Campaign, the Ministry of MSME's drive to promote women entrepreneurship.

277. **A** **The Secretary, Department of Public Enterprises** – The Inter-Ministerial Group on asset monetisation is chaired by that officer, while the Secretary of the Department of Telecommunications, named in option C, is its co-chair; a candidate who remembers only that both departments are involved can easily swap th…

278. **C** **Union Budget 2021-22** – The National Land Monetization Corporation was established pursuant to an announcement made in that budget, and it has since become the government's specialised institution for monetising surplus land and other non-core assets.

279. **A** **Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance** – The correct answer is the Department of Public Enterprises in the Ministry of Finance.

280. **B** **Hyderabad** – Base 1, the facility of the startup Cosmoserve Space, stands at VSD Tech Park in Gachibowli, a locality of Hyderabad in Telangana, and it was opened on 5 November 2026.

281. **B** **2030** – Dr Jitendra Singh announced a vision of debris-free space by 2030 while inaugurating Base 1, adding that India's growing strength in active debris removal shows its leadership in space technology and its concern for a safe orbital environment for all of human…

282. **C** **USD 40-45 billion** – The Minister said India's space economy has grown to nearly USD 9 billion and is projected to reach USD 40-45 billion in the coming decade.

283. **B** **INS Sahyadri** – The ship is an indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate belonging to the Eastern Fleet of the Indian Navy, and it berthed at Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan on 4 November 2026 for the multilateral naval exercise MALABAR 2026.

284. **A** **India, Japan, the United States and Australia** – MALABAR brings these four navies together so that the participating maritime forces can sharpen operational coordination, strengthen interoperability and exchange professional expertise through engagements held in harbour and then at sea.

285. **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.

286. **C** **Over 75,000 visitors from 135 countries** – Union Minister Pralhad Joshi described the summit as the largest renewable energy event hosted in India, and gave this figure for its footfall and reach at the valedictory session in New Delhi on 5 November 2026.

287. **C** **Over Rs 15 lakh crore** – Addressing the closing ceremony of the summit, Pralhad Joshi said the renewable energy sector had drawn more than this amount in the past decade, and that nearly Rs 6 lakh

crore of it had flowed in during just the last two years, which shows how sharply the p…

288. **A** **The 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen** – The correct answer is the 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen.

289. **B** **248 km** – The Prime Minister said that in 2014 the country had just 248 km of Metro lines, and that these lines ran in only five cities.

290. **C** **26** – The Prime Minister said the Metro network now covers nearly 1,200 km across 26 cities, compared with 248 km across just five cities in 2014.

291. **B** **Pune** – The Prime Minister opened his remarks with a question, asking how long a city like Pune would have had to wait for a Metro if the network had gone on growing at the speed it managed before 2014.

292. **A** **Nuh and Palwal in Haryana** – The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India tested mobile network quality in these two cities and the areas adjoining them, all of which lie within the Haryana Licensed Service Area, and released the findings for the information of telecom consumers.

293. **C** **295.2 km** – The appointed agency drove this distance within the cities, added a walk test of 1.8 km and tested at 6 hotspot locations, all between 13 and 15 July 2026 in the Haryana Licensed Service Area.

294. **C** **RJIL** – In Palwal district the average download speed measured 212.03 Mbps for RJIL, against 105.00 Mbps for Airtel, 40.70 Mbps for VIL and 13.92 Mbps for BSNL, so RJIL stood clearly at the top.

295. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The Department of Health and Family Welfare reached 100 per cent of the targets set for it under Special Campaign 6, which ran over that month with a focus on making cleanliness an institutional habit, reducing pendency and improving administrative efficiency…

296. **C** **12,840** – The Department disposed of that many public grievances during the campaign, and alongside them it cleared 6,026 related appeals.

297. **C** **5,82,449 square feet** – The space was freed mainly through the records management exercise, in which 1,20,115 of the 1,25,114 physical files reviewed were weeded out and 32,542 of the 37,481 e-files reviewed were closed.

298. **B** **20 blocks** – The ninth tranche of the e-auction of critical and strategic mineral blocks places twenty blocks before bidders, drawn from eight states.

299. **C** **Section 10BA** – The Exploration Licence was created through Section 10BA of the MMDR Act, and it allows private industry to put money into exploring minerals even before mining itself begins.

300. **B** **Technically qualified bidders needed in the second round fall from three to two** – The correct answer is that the minimum number of technically qualified bidders required for the second round drops from three to two.

301. **B** **Section 3(1)(b)** – The Department of Telecommunications had told the regulator that it proposed to bring in a Satellite Communication Network authorisation under Section 3(1)(b) of the Telecommunications Act, 2023, and asked TRAI for the terms and conditions, including spectrum…

302. **C** **20 years** – TRAI has recommended that the Satellite Communication Network Provider Authorisation be granted for the national area with a maximum duration of twenty years, and that it carry a provision for renewal for up to a further twenty years.

303. **C** **8 per cent of Adjusted Gross Revenue** – TRAI has recommended that the authorisation fee for a Satellite Communication Network provider authorised entity be eight per cent of its adjusted gross revenue, and that no minimum authorisation fee be imposed on it.

304. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 30 November to 4 December 2026** – The correct answer is Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 30 November to 4 December 2026.

305. **B** **Resolution 55/56 of 2000** – The Kimberley Process Certification Scheme was established pursuant to that resolution of the United Nations General Assembly, and its purpose is to stop conflict diamonds from entering the legitimate trade in rough diamonds.

306. **A** **Botswana** – It was taken in as an Observer Member of the African Diamond Producers' Association at the thirteenth Extraordinary Meeting of the ADPA Council of Ministers, held in Luanda alongside the body's twentieth anniversary celebrations.

307. **B** **It is actually two distinct clusters that passed close to each other** – The correct answer is that UBC 63 is actually two distinct clusters that recently passed close to each other.

308. **A** **21 million years and 562 million years** – UBC 63A is the young cluster of the pair at roughly twenty-one million years, while UBC 63B is much older at about five hundred sixty-two million years.

309. **B** **Gaia mission of the European Space Agency** – The researchers used Gaia measurements, which give exceptionally precise positions and motions for stars right across the Milky Way, and it was these data that revealed two populations of starkly different ages inside what had been taken for one cluster.

310. **B** **Rs 1,09,019 crore** – This was the regular instalment of tax devolution that the Union Government transferred to the state governments, and it was released on 5 November 2026.

311. **B** **In view of the festive season and to help states accelerate capital spending** – The correct answer is that the release was advanced in view of the festive season and to help states accelerate capital spending.

312. **C** **Uttar Pradesh** – In the state-wise break-up published with the release, Uttar Pradesh was allotted the largest amount of the Rs 1,09,019 crore shared among twenty-eight states, which follows from its being the biggest claimant on the states' share of central taxes.

313. **B** **Port Louis, Mauritius** – INS Tarkash completed its call at that port on 3 November 2026.

314. **C** **192nd** – The ship took part in the events held for it on 2 November 2026, and separately hosted a cultural exchange on board to mark Aapravasi Diwas 2026, at which the Minister of Education and Human Resource of Mauritius, Mahend Gungapersad, was the Guest of Honour a…

315. **A** **CGS Valiant** – After its stay in harbour, INS Tarkash conducted a PASSEX, which is a passage exercise held when ships meet at sea, with CGS Valiant, and then undertook joint surveillance of the Exclusive Economic Zone together with the Mauritius Coast Guard, with a Dornier…

316. **C** **114** – India's contingent at the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya won 114 medals in all, and that total was made up of 30 gold medals, 35 silver medals and 49 bronze medals.

317. **B** **Aichi-Nagoya** – The Indian contingent won its 114 medals at Aichi-Nagoya, and the Prime Minister described that podium as a starting point rather than a final destination, pointing the athletes towards the Los Angeles 2028 Games for which Avani and Manish have already secure…

318. **A** **Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme** – The correct answer is the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme, which has been approved at a cost of over Rs 1,800 crore.

319. **B** **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha** – DRDO fired the missile from that island at about 1110 hrs, and the range instruments that confirmed the result were deployed by the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, which is also in Odisha.

320. **B** **Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad** – The correct answer is Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad, which developed Pralay within the country along with other DRDO laboratories.

321. **B** **Quasi-ballistic missile** – Options A, C and D each name a different class of weapon, and none of them is the description given for this system.

322. **B** **Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific** – This was the unifying theme of IPRD-2026, the Indian Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, which was examined through five professional thematic sessions together with senior-level interactions meant to find practical routes to regional m...

323. **C** **Indian Navy** – The Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue is described as the Navy's annual apex-level international strategic dialogue, and the 2026 edition was organised in association with the National Maritime Foundation.

324. **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.

325. **B** **₹1,27,500 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved Semicon 2.0, the second phase of the Semicon India Programme, with this fiscal outlay under the India Semiconductor Mission.

326. **C** **Pillars 2, 3 and 4** – Semicon 2.0 has six pillars.

327. **A** **Copper foil** – The 12 applications cleared by MeitY in this round included first-time ECMS approvals for three products: copper foil, cathode active material and specialty ceramics.

328. **B** **12,769** – This is the total scope of the Amended BharatNet Program in Telangana, made up of three parts: 1,946 Phase I Gram Panchayats that will be upgraded from linear to ring topology for a more resilient network, 10,787 Phase II Gram Panchayats that will be covered,...

329. **A** **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)** – The fund was established under the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003, with effect from 1 April 2002, and under the Telecommunications Act, 2023 it became Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN).

330. **B** **4 August 2023** – On that date the Union Cabinet approved the Amended BharatNet Program to upgrade, consolidate and expand the existing BharatNet network so that all Gram Panchayats, and villages on demand, get robust and future-ready broadband.

331. **C** **1 January 2027** – TRAI released the amendment regulations on 6 November 2026 and fixed 1 January 2027 as the date from which they take effect.

332. **C** **₹1,500 per hour** – The correct answer is ₹1,500 per hour, charged per hour or part of an hour.

333. **A** **Section 11(1)(b) of the TRAI Act, 1997** – Sub-sections (vii) and (viii) of this clause empower TRAI, among other things, to maintain a register of interconnect agreements and make it available for public inspection on payment of the prescribed fee.

334. **C** **50 LMT** – The Government of India doubled the target quantity of rice to be sold through e-auctions under OMSS (D) for 2026-27, from 25 LMT to 50 LMT.

335. **C** **Friday** – The order directs traders and wholesalers, retailers, big chain retailers and processors or millers in every State and Union Territory to disclose their rice and paddy stocks every Friday on the Food Stock Portal, under six categories: Basmati rice, non-Basma...

336. **C** **Odisha** – The Government of India conveyed its concurrence, through a communication dated 6 November 2026, to five southern states: Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

337. **A** **Multi-Lane Free Flow** – MLFF is a barrier-less toll collection system in which vehicles are tolled while they move through the toll zone under gantries, so they do not have to stop at a booth or a physical barrier.

338. **B** **Four lanes and above** – NHAI's policy circular standardises the design and infrastructure of toll plazas on four-lane and wider National Highways so that upcoming and ongoing projects are ready for barrier-less

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MLFF toll collection.

339. **B** **Through applicable contractual provisions** – The guidelines apply to all future and under-construction National Highway projects, but in two different ways.

340. **B** **Piprahwa, Uttar Pradesh** – The relics of Shakyamuni Buddha now being venerated at Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh were dug up at Piprahwa in 1898, a find that is treated as a milestone in the archaeological history of Buddhism.

341. **A** **Gaden Namgyal Lhatse** – This is the formal name of Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh, and the Ministry of Culture used it when it reported that more than 21,000 devotees had come to offer prayers before the sacred relics of Shakyamuni Buddha.

342. **C** **Namsai** – Under the schedule announced by the Ministry of Culture, the relics of Shakyamuni Buddha leave Tawang Monastery after 7 November 2026 and go first to TGL Monastery, also called Lower Gompa, at Bomdila from 8 to 13 November.

343. **A** **Mali, Myanmar, Madagascar and Equatorial Guinea** – President Droupadi Murmu accepted credentials from the envoys of exactly these four countries at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 6 November 2026.

344. **B** **U Aye Min Htwe** – He presented his credentials to President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 6 November 2026 as Ambassador of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, which is the formal name of India's eastern neighbour.

345. **C** **Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi** – President Droupadi Murmu accepted the credentials of the ambassadors of Mali, Myanmar, Madagascar and Equatorial Guinea at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 6 November 2026.

346. **C** **16th** – Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to the Uttarakhand Police at an investiture ceremony in Dehradun on 6 November 2026, and said the force had become the 16th in the country to receive this highest honour.

347. **B** **Karm Satyam Shauryam** – At the ceremony in Dehradun on 6 November 2026, where the Uttarakhand Police received the President's Colour, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the personnel of the force had not only taken these three guiding principles as an ideal but had made them the bas...

348. **B** **9 November 2000** – Addressing the Uttarakhand State Foundation Day celebrations in Dehradun on 6 November 2026, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the long-standing demand for a separate state was fulfilled when Atal Bihari Vajpayee, then Prime Minister, created Uttarakhand on...

349. **C** **West Bengal** – At the National Review Meeting of the National Health Authority in Kolkata on 5–6 November 2026, Narayan Swaroop Nigam, Principal Secretary of West Bengal's Department of Health and Family Welfare, said the State joined AB PM-JAY as the 36th State.

350. **B** **Benchmarking health AI models using Indian datasets** – BODH stands for the Benchmarking Open Data Platform for Health AI.

351. **B** **Kolkata** – The National Health Authority, which functions under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, convened the two-day National Review Meeting in Kolkata on 5–6 November 2026.

352. **B** **40 lakh** – When Dr Jitendra Singh launched the Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 5 in New Delhi on 6 November 2026, he said nearly 40 lakh DLCs had been generated in its first five days.

353. **C** **80 per cent** – Dr Jitendra Singh said that face authentication adoption surged from 61 per cent to nearly 80 per cent in the first five days of the campaign compared with the same period last year, which he read as rising trust among pensioners in technology.

354. **A** **Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare** – It sits in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, and its Secretary, Nivedita Shukla Verma, spoke at the launch of DLC Campaign 5 on 6 November 2026.

355. **B** **2030** – The Ministry of Women and Child Development launched the Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat campaign on 27 November 2024 with the aim of reducing child marriage and making India child-marriage-free by 2030.

356. **C** **20.1 per cent** – The PIB backgrounder on two years of Bal Vivah Mukt Bharat cites the National Family Health Survey: in NFHS-6, conducted in 2023-24, 20.1 per cent of women aged 20–24 had been married before they turned 18.

357. **A** **Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929** – The correct answer is the Child Marriage Restraint Act, 1929, popularly called the Sarda Act.

358. **B** **Foot-and-Mouth Disease serotype SAT-1** – The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying and ICAR-NIVEDI organised VAJRA-SAT in Bengaluru on 4 and 5 November 2026 to test how India would detect, confirm and contain this serotype, which has not been reported in the country but has spread from Africa...

359. **C** **ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics** – The correct answer is ICAR-National Institute of Veterinary Epidemiology and Disease Informatics (ICAR-NIVEDI), Bengaluru.

360. **B** **Detect Early, Confirm Fast, Contain Together** – The theme sums up the three stages that the 83 participants from 25 States, three Union Territories and national institutions worked through in simulated outbreak scenarios: early detection of the disease, quick confirmation in the laboratory, and joint conta...

361. **B** **Hyderabad** – The 13th Governing Body meeting of the National Fisheries Development Board took place on 5 November 2026 at the Padma Shri Dr. Ayyappan Conference Hall in the Board's own premises in Hyderabad, and it was chaired by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias La...

362. **C** **197.75 lakh tonnes** – Chairing the 13th Governing Body meeting of NFDB in Hyderabad on 5 November 2026, Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh pointed out that fish production has grown from 141.64 lakh tonnes in 2019-20 to 197.75 lakh tonnes, and asked for still higher production and...

363. **C** **Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh** – The correct answer is Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh, Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, who also holds Panchayati Raj.

364. **B** **9.06 million** – The figure was cited when Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh released the minimum standard protocol for pig semen production and artificial insemination in Sikkim on 2 November 2026.

365. **B** **North-Eastern Region** – Pigs are reared in every agro-climatic zone of India, but the North-East is described as the heartland of pig farming and holds nearly 45% of the national pig population.

366. **C** **Sikkim** – Union Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lalan Singh released the publication 'Minimum Standard Protocol for Semen Production and Standard Operating Procedures for Artificial Insemination using Liquid Semen in Pigs'...

367. **C** **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** – The ministry ran the campaign through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), its platform for young people, from 26 October to 5 November 2026, and held 536 Yuva Samvads in 31 States and Union Territories.

368. **C** **100,493** – Over its run from 26 October to 5 November 2026, the 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' campaign held 536 Yuva Samvads in 31 States and Union Territories and reached 100,493 young people, with 536 Youth Icons taking part.

369. **B** **Loktantrik Pledge** – The 'Viksit Bharat Yuva Samvad: Know Your Vote' campaign was about electoral awareness and responsible participation in democracy, so its activities included quizzes, question-and-answer sessions, the Loktantrik (democratic) Pledge and registration on the MY...

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370. **B** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).

371. **C** **₹970.33 crore** – According to the consolidated data on the Special Campaign 6 portal, scrap disposal across ministries and departments, including e-waste, brought in ₹970.33 crore, about 16% more than Special Campaign 5.0.

372. **B** **Ministry of Railways (Railway Board)** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Railways (Railway Board), which earned ₹618.06 crore from scrap disposal during Special Campaign 6.

373. **B** **Goa** – The Ministry of Mines reported on 6 November 2026 that the two-day 4th Conference of Mining Ministers had concluded in Goa, where Union Coal and Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy urged the Centre and the States to work together to speed up mineral exploration.

374. **C** **Critical minerals** – Speaking at the conference in Goa, Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy said the Centre and the States must work together to expedite mineral exploration, particularly because demand for critical minerals is growing.

375. **B** **Satish Chandra Dubey** – The correct answer is Satish Chandra Dubey, the Minister of State for Coal and Mines.

376. **B** **Indian Science, Technology and Engineering Facilities Map** – I-STEM is the portal that maps scientific equipment and research facilities across academic and research institutions so that they can be shared.

377. **B** **Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood** – The correct answer is Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, who chaired the launch.

378. **C** **31,540** – As of 6 November 2026, the day its API integration with the Startup India Portal was launched, I-STEM listed 31,540 equipment items across 4,044 registered institutions, giving researchers and innovators a large national pool of scientific resources.

379. **C** **Stage-III** – On 6 November 2026 the Sub-Committee on GRAP of the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) reviewed Delhi-NCR's air quality along with IMD and IITM forecasts and decided to invoke Stage-III in the entire NCR with immediate effect.

380. **B** **382** – According to the daily AQI bulletin of the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB) for 6 November 2026, Delhi recorded a daily average Air Quality Index of 382, which lies in the 'Very Poor' category.

381. **B** **Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)** – It is the CAQM's Sub-Committee on GRAP that met on 6 November 2026, studied the air quality data and forecasts, and decided to put Stage-III into effect across the whole NCR.

382. **C** **Sri Vijaya Puram** – The first BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise was held from 30 October to 3 November 2026 under the Andaman and Nicobar Command and concluded at Sri Vijaya Puram on 3 November.

383. **B** **Andaman and Nicobar Command** – The exercise was conducted under the aegis of the ANC, which is India's only operational command that combines all the services under one Commander-in-Chief, at present Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty.

384. **D** **INS Vikrant** – The ships listed for the maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise were INS Taragiri, INS Karmuk and INS Saryu from the Indian Navy, UMS King Aung Zeya from the Myanmar Navy and SLNS Gajabahu from the Sri Lanka Navy; the aircraft carrier INS Vikrant was not a...

385. **C** **Myanmar** – India and Myanmar commenced their maiden bilateral tri-services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise, named 'Rahat Mitra', at Chennai on 5 November 2026, with the drill running to 6 November.

386. **B** **Chennai** – The inaugural India-Myanmar tri-services HADR exercise 'Rahat Mitra' opened at Chennai on 5 November 2026 and was scheduled for 5 and 6 November.

387. **B** **Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership** – Exercise Rahat Mitra, the first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise between India and Myanmar, is centred on this theme, which captures its two aims: humanitarian help in disasters and closer defence ties between the neighbours.

388. **C** **United States** – Tiger Triumph is a bilateral tri-service Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise between India and the US.

389. **C** **Fifth** – The Ministry of Defence described Tiger Triumph 2026 as the fifth edition of the bilateral tri-service HADR exercise between India and the United States.

390. **B** **Amphibious operations** – The exercise focused on improving interoperability and mutual understanding in planning and conducting combined HADR operations, with particular emphasis on joint amphibious operations, in which forces move from ships to the shore.

391. **B** **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata** – Amini is one of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft that GRSE designed and built in India, following the classification rules of the Indian Register of Shipping, and it was handed over to the Indian Navy on 5 November 2026.

392. **B** **Lakshadweep** – The ship is named after Amini Island in the Union Territory of Lakshadweep.

393. **C** **Over 80 per cent** – The Ministry of Defence stated that Amini, the anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft built by GRSE Kolkata and delivered on 5 November 2026, has more than 80 per cent indigenous content.

394. **B** **Software Development Institute** – The SDI of the Indian Air Force signed a Memorandum of Agreement with IIT Madras and the IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation for the joint design and development of an indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne applications; its Commandant...

395. **C** **Dr M J Shankar Raman** – The correct answer is Dr M J Shankar Raman, CEO of the IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation.

396. **B** **An indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne applications** – The correct answer is an indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne applications.

397. **B** **Horizon Europe** – The Ministry of Science and Technology announced that India and the European Union had successfully completed negotiations for India's association with Horizon Europe, which the release describes as the EU's flagship research and innovation programme.

398. **A** **27 January 2026** – According to the announcement, an exploration of the possible association was launched after the India-EU Summit held on that date, which the Ministry of Science and Technology calls historic.

399. **C** **Defence procurement and arms exports** – The clusters listed under Pillar II of Horizon Europe in the announcement are health; digital technologies, industry and space; climate, energy and mobility; and food and the bioeconomy.

400. **C** **Sixth** – India is the sixth-largest producer of chemicals in the world, and separately the fourth-largest in Asia, which is why option B is a tempting but wrong choice: fourth is India's Asian rank, not its global one.

401. **B** **Rs 3,030 crore** – The Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan scheme, approved in July 2026, carries that total outlay, of which Rs 3,000 crore is earmarked for common infrastructure and basic utilities and Rs 30 crore for administrative expenditure.

402. **D** **Haldia in West Bengal** – India has three operational PCPIRs: Dahej in Gujarat, Visakhapatnam-Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh and Paradeep in Odisha.

403. **B** **893 samples** – Under the Quality Coordination Cell exercise of the oil marketing companies and the Centre for High Technology, 893 E20 samples were drawn from depots and retail outlets in 27 States and Union Territories and tested for ethanol content, and every one of them...

404. **C** **IS 17021** – This is the Bureau of Indian Standards specification for ethanol-blended motor gasoline, and E20 petrol supplied by the three public sector oil marketing companies across the country is required to conform to it.

405. **A** **19.30 per cent** – All 56 samples tested in Karnataka, taken from different locations and from all three oil marketing companies, conformed to the prescribed specification, with ethanol content ranging between 19 and 20 per cent and averaging that figure.

406. **B** **Bagdogra** – The Defence Minister met Air Warriors at Air Force Station, Bagdogra in West Bengal on the eve of Diwali, where he asked the forces to keep the highest level of operational readiness.

407. **B** **Enrolment as regular soldiers, subject to willingness and selection criteria** – The correct answer is enrolment as regular soldiers, subject to willingness and selection criteria.

408. **A** **Domain awareness, cyber resilience and information integrity** – Speaking to Air Warriors at Bagdogra, the Defence Minister called upon the forces to maintain the highest level of operational readiness with special focus on exactly these three strengths, because the security landscape has become increasingly complex and wa...

409. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The Ministry of Steel conducted SCDPM 6 across that month-long window along with the Central Public Sector Enterprises under it, with the campaign directed at streamlining governance through the effective disposal of pending matters and at promoting cleanline...

410. **B** **21,164 files, 101 per cent of target** – The ministry reviewed that many physical files during the campaign and recorded the achievement slightly above the number planned, which is why it is reported as 101 per cent of the set target.

411. **A** **About 17,501 square feet** – The ministry reported that approximately this much office space was released during the campaign by clearing scrap, electronic waste and files that were no longer required.

412. **B** **9 November 2026** – NPPA capped the trade margin on the maximum retail price of 137 anti-cancer drugs, and the lower prices that follow from that cap begin on that day.

413. **B** **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** – The correct answer is the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA), which works under the Department of Pharmaceuticals in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers and fixed the ceiling on trade margins for 137 anti-cancer drugs.

414. **C** **Rs 3,502.31 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 3,502.31 crore, the yearly saving the government expects buyers to make once the revised rates begin on 9 November 2026.

415. **B** **Legislative Department** – The correct answer is the Legislative Department, which works under the Ministry of Law and Justice and has begun the Interaction Series so that senior officers can pass on their experience and professional judgement on leadership, administration and personal...

416. **C** **Competition** – The Five Cs of Purposeful Leadership are Consistency, Culture, Contribution, Community and Curiosity, so options A, B and D all belong to the set and only the third does not.

417. **A** **Kartavya Bhavan 2, New Delhi** – The correct answer is Kartavya Bhavan 2, New Delhi, where the session was held in the legislative training auditorium on 5 November 2026.

418. **B** **The Union Home Minister** – Amit Shah, who holds the portfolios of Home Affairs and of Cooperation, chaired the high-level meeting at Ahmedabad and reviewed the law and order and internal security situation in Gujarat.

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419. **B** **About 2,340 kilometres** – The review noted that Gujarat has a coastline of nearly 2,340 kilometres and that the state also shares an international boundary with Pakistan.

420. **C** **1930** – At the Ahmedabad review the Home Minister directed that the capacity of S4C and of the 1930 helpline be enhanced so that cyber offences are brought under effective control.

421. **B** **The Vice-President of India** – C. P. Radhakrishnan, the Vice-President, inaugurated Deepotsav 2026 at Ram Ki Paidi in Ayodhya as the chief guest.

422. **B** **2017** – The Vice-President traced the growth of Deepotsav from its inception in 2017, when a little more than 1.7 lakh lamps were lit at Ayodhya.

423. **B** **More than 2,100** – The Vice-President welcomed the innovative use of technology at the festival, singling out the more than 2,100 indigenous drones that staged scenes from the Ramayana in the sky, and the participation of around 1,000 artists in the cultural programmes.

424. **B** **Sukna, West Bengal** – Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh reviewed the operational preparedness of the Trishakti Corps at Sukna, where he was briefed on infrastructure development along the Line of Actual Control and on the deployment of advanced military equipment and emerging technologi…

425. **C** **Line of Actual Control** – At Sukna the Raksha Mantri was briefed on infrastructure development along the Line of Actual Control, usually shortened to LAC, and on the deployment of advanced military equipment and emerging technologies meant to improve operational capability and combat…

426. **B** **The first edge of India** – Speaking to soldiers at the Barakhana held on the eve of Diwali, the Raksha Mantri described the North-Eastern region as the first edge of the country rather than its last edge, explaining that the region marks the beginning of the national geographical and c…

427. **B** **Sainik School Bijapur** – The school hosted the All India Sainik Schools National Games 2026, held from 3 to 7 November 2026, and its closing ceremony was attended by Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth as chief guest, who gave away the medals and trophies.

428. **B** **Vikasa Sainik School** – The correct answer is Vikasa Sainik School, which secured the Junior Girls Basketball title at the meet.

429. **B** **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan** – The Chief of the Naval Staff told the cadets to keep pushing their limits, never give up and stay hungry for excellence.

430. **B** **Employees Provident Fund Organization** – EPFO, which works under the Ministry of Labour and Employment, concluded Special Campaign 6 conducted during October 2026, and said the drive reaffirmed its commitment to administrative efficiency, cleanliness, transparency and better public service delivery.

431. **C** **2,36,021** – That is the total number of public grievances EPFO disposed of during the campaign, against a target of 2,05,000, a performance 15.1 per cent above the mark.

432. **B** **Ministry of Labour and Employment** – The correct answer is Ministry of Labour and Employment, which issued the announcement on the conclusion of Special Campaign 6 by EPFO.

433. **B** **Tawang Monastery (Gaden Namgyal Lhatse)** – The Ministry of Culture held the relics for public darshan at Gaden Namgyal Lhatse in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh, and that leg of the exposition closed on 7 November 2026 after seven days, during which 31,000 devotees and visitors came.

434. **C** **31,000** – That is the figure the Ministry of Culture gave for devotees and visitors who came to Gaden Namgyal Lhatse, the Tawang Monastery, across the seven days of the exposition that ended on 7 November 2026.

435. **B** **Chief Minister Pema Khandu** – Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu received the relics with due protocol when they reached Tawang from the National Museum in New Delhi, and Union Minister of

Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat was present on the occasion.

436. **B** **Dewas, Madhya Pradesh** – The Ministry of Labour and Employment and the Labour Department of the Madhya Pradesh government held Shram Samvad, a district-level capacity-building and awareness programme on the Labour Codes, labour welfare and social protection, at Dewas on 5 November 20…

437. **C** **Directorate General Labour Welfare** – At the Dewas programme the DGLW took the session on the Pradhan Mantri Shram Yogi Maandhan, the pension scheme for unorganised sector workers known as PM-SYM.

438. **B** **S.R. Datta, Director, Ministry of Labour and Employment** – He presided over the Dewas programme and gave the keynote address, in which he set out the main features of the Labour Codes.

439. **A** **Lal Krishna Advani** – He entered his 100th year on 8 November 2026, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted him on the occasion, describing the day as a landmark one.

440. **B** **Somnath to Ayodhya Rath Yatra** – While greeting Advani as he entered his 100th year, the Prime Minister listed leading this yatra among the defining chapters of his public life, along with living through Partition and rebuilding his life afterwards, strengthening the Jana Sangh, building the…

441. **C** **Jana Sangh** – The Prime Minister recalled that Advani strengthened the Jana Sangh and then went on to build the Bharatiya Janata Party, treating the two as successive stages of the same political effort.

442. **A** **CoBRA Operations Base, Karanpur** – The correct answer is the CoBRA Operations Base at Karanpur, in the Bastar region of Chhattisgarh.

443. **C** **47 years** – Speaking to the jawans in Bastar, the Prime Minister said that over the past year not a single CRPF soldier had lost their life on duty, and that this had not happened for the previous forty-seven years.

444. **B** **Over 230 districts** – Recalling the grim years, the Prime Minister said Left-Wing Extremism had gripped more than two hundred and thirty districts spread across nearly twenty states, among them Bihar, Maharashtra, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

445. **C** **33 Corps** – The Trishakti Corps is the designation of the Army's thirty-third Corps, and its soldiers are deployed in the forward areas of Sikkim, where the Raksha Mantri celebrated Deepawali with them.

446. **A** **General Dhiraj Seth** – The correct answer is General Dhiraj Seth, who is named as the Chief of the Army Staff accompanying the Raksha Mantri to the forward areas of Sikkim for the Deepawali celebration with the Trishakti Corps.

447. **C** **26,000** – Speaking in Sikkim, the Raksha Mantri recalled that the National War Memorial was established in New Delhi to honour the gallant soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice in the service of the nation, and said that approximately twenty six thousand names of the…

448. **C** **130 cities** – The nationwide Green Diwali Campaign was run from the twentieth of October to the eighth of November under Mission LiFE, which stands for Lifestyle for Environment, and its special focus was the cities covered by the National Clean Air Programme.

449. **A** **SAMEER** – As part of the Green Diwali Pledge, citizens were asked to follow the daily Air Quality Index on the SAMEER app of the Central Pollution Control Board and to cut down the time they spend outdoors on days when the air is poor.

450. **A** **Mission LiFE** – The nationwide Green Diwali Campaign of the year was run under it from the twentieth of October to the eighth of November.

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