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PM-AJAY: 18,093 Villages Declared Adarsh Gram by September 2026

28 September 2026 · Government Schemes

PIB detailed PM-AJAY on 28 September 2026: the fully centre-funded Scheduled Caste scheme has 18,093 Adarsh Grams and Rs 1,730 crore sent to states.

- PM-AJAY is a 100% centrally sponsored scheme started in FY 2021-22 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for the empowerment of Scheduled Castes, who form 16.6% of India's population.
- It merged three schemes: Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana, Special Central Assistance to the SC Sub Plan and Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana.
- As on 8 September 2026, 18,093 of the 47,243 villages taken up had been declared Adarsh Grams; 46,944 works were finished and 27,032 Village Development Plans prepared.
- More than Rs 1,730 crore reached the states as grants-in-aid from FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26, helping over 2.5 lakh individual and group beneficiaries.
- A village needs 40% or more SC population and at least 500 people for an infrastructure grant; 785 hostels are complete and Rs 61.46 crore is earmarked in FY 2026-27 for two more.

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)
Launched	FY 2021-22
Funding pattern	100% centrally sponsored
Ministry	Social Justice and Empowerment
Merged schemes	PMAGY, SCA to SCSP and BJRCY
Components	Adarsh Gram, grants-in-aid, hostel construction and repair
Adarsh Grams declared	18,093 (as on 8 September 2026)
Grants-in-aid released	More than Rs 1,730 crore (FY 2021-22 to FY 2025-26)

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KAZIND-2026: Indian Contingent Departs for Kazakhstan Exercise

28 September 2026 · Defence

A 60-member Indian Armed Forces contingent left on 28 September 2026 for Oskemen for KAZIND-2026, the ninth India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise.

- A 60-member Indian Armed Forces contingent departed on 28 September 2026 for Oskemen, Kazakhstan, for the ninth edition of the joint military exercise KAZIND.
- KAZIND-2026 runs from 28 September to 11 October 2026; the Indian team is drawn mainly from a Garhwal Rifles battalion along with Indian Air Force personnel.
- The exercise trains both armies for joint counter-terrorism operations in a sub-conventional environment under a United Nations mandate.
- Drills cover semi-urban and mountainous terrain, air mobility, Unmanned Aerial Systems and Counter-UAS capabilities, cordon-and-search and Special Heliborne Operations.
- A Joint Command Post and an Intelligence and Surveillance Centre will be raised, and the training ends with a validation exercise against a simulated terrorist threat.

Exercise	KAZIND-2026
Edition	Ninth
Countries	India and Kazakhstan
Venue	Oskemen, Kazakhstan
Dates	28 September to 11 October 2026
Indian contingent	60 members, mainly a Garhwal Rifles battalion, with Indian Air Force personnel
Focus	Joint counter-terrorism operations under a United Nations mandate
Terrain	Semi-urban and mountainous

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PM-MKSSY Bears 40% of Aquaculture Insurance Premium Cost

28 September 2026 · Government Schemes

A PIB note of 28 September 2026 explains aquaculture insurance under PM-MKSSY: 40% of the premium, up to Rs 1,00,000, with claims settled in 30 to 45 days.

- Under PM-MKSSY, approved on 8 February 2024, Component 1-B gives aquaculture farmers a one-time incentive of 40% of the insurance premium for one crop cycle through DBT.
- Pond aquaculture gets Rs 25,000 per hectare of water spread area, capped at Rs 1,00,000 for up to four hectares; advanced systems are capped at 1,800 cubic metres of unit size.
- SC, ST and women beneficiaries receive an extra 10% over the incentive payable to the general category.
- Claims must be settled within 30 days for shrimp culture and 45 days for other aquaculture; four insurers, OICL, AICL, NIAL and UIIC, are operational.
- So far 316 applications covering 730.61 hectares have come in, of which 127 were approved for 321.74 hectares with Rs 40.03 lakh disbursed.

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY)
Approved on	8 February 2024
Ministry	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Insurance component	Component 1-B, delivered through NFDP by DBT
Incentive	40% of premium for one crop cycle
Pond aquaculture limit	Rs 25,000 per hectare, maximum Rs 1,00,000 for up to four hectares
Advanced systems limit	Maximum Rs 1,00,000, unit size up to 1,800 cubic metres
Extra support	10% more for SC, ST and women beneficiaries

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Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026: Four Workshops on Training Institutes

28 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Capacity Building Commission announced Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026 on 28 September 2026, a four-workshop series opening at Vijayawada to remake training institutes.

- The Capacity Building Commission is holding Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026, a series of regional consultations to turn government Training Institutes under Mission Karmayogi into Capacity Building Institutions.
- Sadhana expands to Strengthening Adaptive Development and Humane Aptitude for National Advancement; each workshop runs for a day and a half.
- The four workshops are at Vijayawada on 29-30 September 2026, Guwahati on 9-10 October 2026, Lucknow on 23-24 October 2026 and Pune on 16-17 November 2026.
- The opening round at Vijayawada is graced by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu with Minister of State Dr Jitendra Singh present.
- Implementation is anchored in the UNNATI portal, which links more than 900 training institutions, with UXchange for sharing courses, faculty and infrastructure.

Initiative	Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026
Full form of Sadhana	Strengthening Adaptive Development and Humane Aptitude for National Advancement
Organiser	Capacity Building Commission (CBC)
Parent programme	Mission Karmayogi
Opening workshop	Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, 29-30 September 2026 (Southern Region)
Other venues	Guwahati, Lucknow and Pune
Union Minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Portal	UNNATI (Unified New-Age National Training Initiative), more than 900 institutions

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PM E-DRIVE: GARC Gets Rs 221.13 Crore for EV Testing

28 September 2026 · Science & Technology

The Ministry of Heavy Industries said on 28 September 2026 that GARC, Chennai has been allotted Rs 221.13 crore under PM E-DRIVE to upgrade EV testing labs.

- GARC, Oragadam, Chennai works under the National Automotive Board of the Ministry of Heavy Industries and is an authorised testing agency under Rule 126 of the Central Motor Vehicles Rules
- PM E-DRIVE stands for PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement and carries an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore, of which Rs 780 crore is for testing agencies
- GARC has been allotted Rs 221.13 crore and has placed purchase orders for almost all of the equipment it proposed
- New facilities include EV and battery testing to AIS-156, EMI/EMC testing under AIS-004 Part 3 Rev.1, ADAS testing and advanced passive safety testing
- The high-speed imaging system records at up to 750 frames per second in UHD-4K and up to 3,000 frames per second in Full HD

Testing centre	Global Automotive Research Centre (GARC), Oragadam, Chennai
Parent body	National Automotive Board, Ministry of Heavy Industries
Scheme	PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE)
Scheme outlay	Rs 10,900 crore, including Rs 780 crore for testing agencies
Allotted to GARC	Rs 221.13 crore
Scheme valid till	31 March 2028
Legal basis of testing	Rule 126, Central Motor Vehicles Rules
High-speed imaging	UHD-4K up to 750 fps; Full HD up to 3,000 fps

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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026: 10th Edition Ends on 2 October

28 September 2026 · National

The 10th Swachhata Hi Seva, on from 17 September to 2 October 2026 with the theme Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat, has five pillars.

- Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 is the 10th edition of the campaign and runs from 17 September to 2 October 2026
- It has been launched jointly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
- The theme is 'Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat', with a Whole of Government and Whole of Society approach
- Its five pillars are CTU transformation, Swachh Paathshala, SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivirs, Jan Bhagidari for Swachhata and Swachhata se Samriddhi
- Special Campaign 6, organised by DARPG, runs from 2 October to 31 October 2026, its preparatory phase having begun on 15 September 2026

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026, the 10th edition
Duration	17 September to 2 October 2026
Launched jointly by	MoHUA and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Theme	Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
Approach	Whole of Government and Whole of Society
Pillars	Five
Special Campaign 6	By DARPG, 2 October to 31 October 2026
Closing day	2 October 2026, Swachh Bharat Diwas

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46th FIDE Chess Olympiad: PM Hails Indian Players

28 September 2026 · Sports

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 28 September 2026 congratulated India's chess players for their success at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, calling them exemplary.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated India's chess players on 28 September 2026 for their success at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad
- He called the players' passion and determination exemplary and said he hoped more youngsters would take up the game
- The Chess Olympiad is the team championship of world chess and is conducted by FIDE, the international chess federation
- FIDE stands for Federation Internationale des Echecs and is the body that awards titles such as Grandmaster
- The message was issued by the Prime Minister's Office and shared as a post on X the same day

Event	46th FIDE Chess Olympiad
Sport	Chess
Governing body	FIDE (Federation Internationale des Echecs)
Nature of event	Team competition between countries
Message by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date of message	28 September 2026

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India-France Space Ties Widen to Gaganyaan, TRISHNA and Start-ups

28 September 2026 · Science & Technology

French Space Minister Philippe Baptiste met Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi as India and France widened space ties to TRISHNA, Gaganyaan and 400 start-ups.

- Prof. Philippe Baptiste, France's Minister for Higher Education, Research and Space, led a delegation that met Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi
- Megha-Tropiques and SARAL were built jointly by ISRO and CNES; TRISHNA is the third joint satellite and its realisation is progressing
- CNES is supporting Gaganyaan by supplying consumables and training flight surgeons, and both sides have begun talks on parabolic flights
- India now has more than 400 space start-ups working on rocket building, satellite building and space applications
- A Water Cycle and TRISHNA Mission event is scheduled in Bengaluru on October 11 with ISRO outreach material

Indian minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) Science & Technology and Earth Sciences
French minister	Prof. Philippe Baptiste, Minister for Higher Education, Research and Space
Venue	New Delhi
Joint satellites flown	Megha-Tropiques and SARAL (ISRO-CNES)
Third joint satellite	TRISHNA
Human spaceflight	CNES supplies consumables and trains flight surgeons for Gaganyaan
Space start-ups in India	More than 400
Upcoming event	Water Cycle and TRISHNA Mission event, Bengaluru, October 11

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IIP Grows 8.0% in August 2026 on Manufacturing and Power

28 September 2026 · Economy

India's Index of Industrial Production rose 8.0 per cent in August 2026, with manufacturing up 9.0 per cent and electricity and gas supply up 12.3 per cent.

- IIP growth for August 2026 was 8.0 per cent, against a quick estimate of 6.7 per cent for July 2026
- Manufacturing grew 9.0 per cent, electricity and gas supply 12.3 per cent, water supply and waste management 6.3 per cent, while mining and quarrying fell 5.6 per cent
- The general index stood at 123.3 in August 2026 against 114.2 a year earlier, on a base of 2022-23 equal to 100
- Among use-based categories, capital goods grew fastest at 16.9 per cent, followed by intermediate goods at 13.7 per cent and consumer durables at 11.1 per cent
- 18 of the 23 manufacturing industry groups grew; electrical equipment led with 30.9 per cent

Indicator	Index of Industrial Production (IIP), quick estimate
Month	August 2026
Released by	Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation
Base year	2022-23 = 100
Overall growth	8.0 per cent
General index	123.3, against 114.2 a year earlier
Manufacturing	9.0 per cent growth; index 126.6
Electricity & gas supply	12.3 per cent growth; index 133.9

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14th India-UAE Joint Task Force on Investments Meets in Mumbai

28 September 2026 · International

Piyush Goyal and Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan co-chaired the 14th India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments in Mumbai, reviewing CEPA progress.

- The 14th India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments met in Mumbai, co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of ADIA
- The Task Force was established in 2013 as a mechanism for trade, investment and resolving investor issues between the two countries
- Bilateral trade reached US$ 101.25 billion in FY 2025-26 and non-oil trade US$ 76.2 billion in 2025, against a target of US$ 200 billion by 2032
- A joint investment intent of US$ 11.5 billion was noted for an integrated aluminium complex in Odisha
- Emirates NBD took a majority stake in RBL Bank for about US$ 3 billion; IHC invested US$ 1 billion in Sammaan Capital

Event	14th India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments (HLJTFI)
Venue	Mumbai
Indian co-chair	Shri Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce & Industry
UAE co-chair	Sheikh Hamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, Managing Director, ADIA
Established	2013
Bilateral trade	US$ 101.25 billion in FY 2025-26
Non-oil trade	US$ 76.2 billion in 2025
Trade target	US$ 200 billion by 2032

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Delhi Winter Air Plan: 37 Hotspots and No PUCC, No Fuel Drive

28 September 2026 · Environment

Bhupender Yadav and Delhi CM Rekha Gupta reviewed the capital's air pollution plan and cleared winter curbs covering 37 hotspots and 500 fuel stations.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Delhi CM Rekha Gupta reviewed the capital's Air Pollution Mitigation Action Plan before the winter season
- Jan Bhagidari events are to be held at the 37 identified hotspots by October 10, while 42 hotspots have already been rectified
- 'No PUCC, No Fuel' will be enforced in mission mode at all 500 fuel stations fitted with automatic number plate recognition
- Delhi's bus fleet has reached 6,840 including 5,088 electric buses, and last-mile connectivity is available at all 228 Metro stations
- Monitoring stations will go up from 47 to 60 and 334 enforcement teams will act against polluting industries

Chaired by	Shri Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Delhi Chief Minister	Smt. Rekha Gupta
Identified hotspots	37, with Jan Bhagidari events by October 10
Hotspots rectified	42, with eight more targeted
Fuel stations under 'No PUCC, No Fuel'	500 ANPR-enabled stations
Bus fleet	6,840 buses, including 5,088 e-buses
Metro stations with last-mile link	228
Road redevelopment	1,193 km completed; rest by November 15

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Ashwagandha Extract Safe Over 24 Weeks in 1,200-Adult Trial

28 September 2026 · Science & Technology

A multicentre trial on 1,200 vaccinated adults found standardised Ashwagandha root extract well tolerated for 24 weeks with no liver or kidney injury.

- The randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial enrolled 1,200 healthy adults aged 18 to 70 who had taken a COVISHIELD dose
- Participants received 500 mg of standardised aqueous Ashwagandha root extract daily, equal to 4 grams of raw root powder, or a placebo
- Of the 1,200 enrolled, 1,032 or 86 per cent completed the study; they were followed up to week 28
- Liver and kidney parameters stayed within reference ranges and no serious adverse event was attributed to the intervention
- Virus-neutralising activity exceeded 85 per cent in both groups, showing the extract did not interfere with vaccine-induced immunity

Intervention	Standardised aqueous Ashwagandha root extract, 500 mg daily
Equivalent to	4 grams of raw root powder
Duration	24 weeks, with follow-up to week 28
Participants	1,200 healthy adults aged 18 to 70, all COVISHIELD vaccinated
Completed	1,032 participants, or 86 per cent
Study sites	Seven in India
Researchers	45 researchers from nine institutions
Lead author	Dr Arvind Chopra, Centre for Rheumatic Diseases, Pune

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Special Campaign 6.0 to Run in Government Offices From 2 October

28 September 2026 · National

Special Campaign 6.0, the DARPG drive for office cleanliness and disposal of pending references, will run across central government offices from 2 to 31 October 2026.

- Special Campaign 6.0 will be implemented in central government offices from 2 October to 31 October 2026, following DARPG guidelines.
- DARPG began the pending-matters campaign in 2021 and has repeated it in 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025 and 2026; Special Campaign 5.0 ran from November 2025 to August 2026.
- During 5.0 NITI Aayog disposed of 4,105 public grievances, 127 PMO references, 34 grievance appeals and 5 Parliamentary Assurances, and earned Rs 1,96,905 from scrap.
- The Jal Shakti water resources department earned Rs 2,60,46,149 from scrap disposal over the same period and logs its progress on DARPG's SCDPM Portal.
- The Ministry of Mines has finalised more than 44 office locations for e-waste collection, more than 28 of them in Maharashtra, with JNARDDC Nagpur as nodal agency.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 for disposal of pending matters and Swachhata
Dates	2 October to 31 October 2026
Conducted under guidelines of	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Drive started in	2021, as a tribute of a clean India to Mahatma Gandhi
Previous edition	Special Campaign 5.0, November 2025 to August 2026
NITI Aayog grievances disposed in 5.0	4,105
NITI Aayog scrap revenue	Rs 1,96,905
NITI Aayog space freed	About 90 square feet

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CBDT Extends ITR Due Date for AY 2026-27 to 21 November 2026

28 September 2026 · Economy

The Central Board of Direct Taxes has moved the income tax return due date for audit cases in Assessment Year 2026-27 to 21 November 2026 from 31 October.

- CBDT has extended the due date for filing the return of income for Assessment Year 2026-27 in audit cases from 31 October 2026 to 21 November 2026
- The 'specified date' for furnishing the report of audit under the Income-tax Act, 1961 moves from 30 September 2026 to 21 October 2026
- The relief covers assessees listed at Serial No. 2 of the table below Explanation 2 to sub-section (1) of section 139 of the Income-tax Act, 1961
- A formal order or notification giving effect to the extension is being issued separately by the Board
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes functions under the Ministry of Finance and administers direct taxes in India

Authority	Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT)
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Assessment Year	2026-27
Return due date	31 October 2026, now 21 November 2026
Audit report specified date	30 September 2026, now 21 October 2026
Law	Income-tax Act, 1961
Provision	Serial No. 2 of the table below Explanation 2 to section 139(1)
Who is covered	Persons subject to audit under the Act

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India Backs Science-Led Whale Conservation at IWC-70 in Hobart

28 September 2026 · Environment

India called for science-based cetacean conservation at the 70th International Whaling Commission meeting in Hobart, Australia, held from 28 September to 02 October.

- The 70th meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC-70) is being held at Hobart, Australia from 28 September to 02 October 2026
- The meeting coincides with the 80th anniversary of the signing of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling at Washington DC on 02.12.1946
- The International Whaling Commission has 89 member governments; India has been a member since 1981
- Cetaceans in Indian waters get the highest legal protection under the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972, and India runs Project Dolphin
- The Arabian Sea humpback whale is among the 25 species identified for focused conservation efforts in India

Event	70th meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC-70)
Venue	Hobart, Australia
Dates	28 September to 02 October 2026
Parent treaty	International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling
Treaty signed at	Washington DC, on 02.12.1946
IWC membership	89 governments
India a member since	1981
Indian law protecting cetaceans	Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972

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FASTag Annual Pass Crosses One Crore Mark at Rs 3,075 a Year

28 September 2026 · Economy

The FASTag Annual Pass has crossed one crore passes issued since 15 August 2025, offering a year of travel for Rs 3,075 at about 1,150 national fee plazas.

- The FASTag Annual Pass has crossed one crore passes issued since its launch on 15 August 2025
- The pass costs a one-time fee of Rs 3,075 and is valid for one year or 200 toll plaza crossings
- It is applicable at about 1,150 fee plazas on National Highways and National Expressways
- All non-commercial vehicles with a valid FASTag are eligible; the pass activates on the existing FASTag linked to the vehicle
- Payment is made through the Rajmargyatra App of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways

Scheme	FASTag Annual Pass
Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Launched on	15 August 2025
Milestone	One crore passes issued
One-time fee	Rs 3,075
Validity	One year or 200 toll plaza crossings
Coverage	About 1,150 fee plazas on National Highways and National Expressways
Eligibility	All non-commercial vehicles with a valid FASTag

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Railways Clears Kavach 4.0, Barbil Doubling and New AP Train

28 September 2026 · National

Indian Railways approved Kavach 4.0 on 614.75 route km of Varanasi Division for 223 crore, the 6 km Barbil doubling for 122 crore and a new tri-weekly train.

- Kavach Version 4.0 approved on 614.75 route kilometres of Varanasi (BSB) Division of North Eastern Railway at a cost of 223 crore rupees
- Kavach is an indigenous Automatic Train Protection system that prevents Signal Passing at Danger and applies brakes automatically when required
- The 6 km Barbil-Bolanikhadan doubling of South Eastern Railway approved at a completion cost of 122 crore rupees on the Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor
- The doubling will carry an additional 8.9 MTPA of freight; the single line today handles about 9 MTPA of iron ore from SAIL's Bolani mines
- A new tri-weekly Machilipatnam-Kurnool City Express via Vijayawada on South Coast Railway will cover 499 km in Andhra Pradesh

Kavach version approved	Kavach 4.0
Kavach coverage	614.75 route kilometres, Varanasi (BSB) Division
Kavach zone and cost	North Eastern Railway, 223 crore rupees
What Kavach is	Indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system
Doubling project	Barbil-Bolanikhadan, 6 km, South Eastern Railway
Doubling cost	122 crore rupees
Corridor	Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor
Extra freight capacity	8.9 MTPA after commissioning

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Broadband Users Reach 1101.21 Million in India in August 2026

28 September 2026 · Reports & Indices

India had 1101.21 million broadband subscribers at the end of August 2026, up from 1094.48 million in July, with overall tele-density at 95.07 per cent.

- India's broadband subscribers rose from 1094.48 million at the end of July 2026 to 1101.21 million at the end of August 2026, a growth of 0.61 per cent
- The subscription data is compiled by TRAI from returns filed by 1579 operators under the Ministry of Communications
- Overall tele-density with M2M connections was 95.07 per cent; without M2M connections it was 85.26 per cent
- Urban tele-density stood at 155.00 per cent against rural tele-density of 61.12 per cent; urban subscribers were 58.96 per cent of the base
- Mobile Number Portability requests were 15.83 million in August 2026 and active wireless subscribers on peak VLR were 1207.59 million

Period	End of August 2026
Compiled by	TRAI, Ministry of Communications
Broadband subscribers	1101.21 million
Broadband in July 2026	1094.48 million
Broadband monthly growth	0.61 per cent
Operators reporting	1579
Overall tele-density	95.07 per cent (with M2M)
Tele-density without M2M	85.26 per cent

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India-Ethiopia Hold Second Joint Defence Meeting in Addis Ababa

28 September 2026 · International

The second India-Ethiopia Joint Defence Cooperation meeting was held in Addis Ababa on 28 September 2026, covering training, exercises and defence production.

- The second India-Ethiopia Joint Defence Cooperation (JDC) meeting was held in Addis Ababa on 28 September 2026
- Talks covered military training, military exercises, medical cooperation, peacekeeping and defence industries
- The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Sanjay Kumar, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, and Major General Teshome Gemechu of Ethiopia
- The JDC flows from the Defence Cooperation MoU signed by the two defence ministers in February 2025; the first JDC was held in New Delhi in October 2025
- India-Ethiopia defence ties began in 1958 and were raised to a Strategic Partnership during the Indian Prime Minister's visit in December 2025

Event	Second India-Ethiopia Joint Defence Cooperation (JDC) meeting
Venue	Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
Date	28 September 2026
Indian co-chair	Shri Sanjay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence
Ethiopian co-chair	Major General Teshome Gemechu
India's Ambassador to Ethiopia	Shri Devesh Uttam
Enabling agreement	Defence Cooperation MoU signed in February 2025
First JDC	New Delhi, October 2025

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Amit Shah Opens PRAHAAR Counter-Terror Conference in Delhi

28 September 2026 · National

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the conference on PRAHAAR counter-terrorism policy and strategy in New Delhi and launched a new Extradition Portal.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the conference on 'PRAHAAR - CT Policy and Strategy' in New Delhi on 28 September 2026
- PRAHAAR rests on seven pillars, among them prevention, response, human rights, aligning international efforts, and recovery and resilience
- A new Extradition Portal was launched to speed up the return of fugitives from abroad; 288 fugitive criminals were brought back from 36 countries between 2019 and 2026
- More than 40 modules of the Shahzad Bhatti arms and narcotics network were busted, with over 100 FIRs and 350 arrests across 15 states
- The Shahzad Bhatti network has been declared a terrorist organisation under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act

Event	Conference on 'PRAHAAR - CT Policy and Strategy'
Inaugurated by	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah
Venue	New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs
Pillars of PRAHAAR	Seven
Launched at the event	Extradition Portal
Fugitives brought back	288 from 36 countries between 2019 and 2026
Shahzad Bhatti network	40 modules busted, 100 FIRs, 350 arrests in 15 states

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Navy Commanders' Conference 2026/02 at Nausena Bhawan, Delhi

28 September 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy will hold the second edition of its Commanders' Conference of 2026 at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi, from 29 September to 1 October 2026.

- The Indian Navy's Commanders' Conference 2026/02, the second edition of the year, runs from 29 September to 1 October 2026 at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi
- It is the Navy's apex level forum and is held twice a year to review operational preparedness at the military-strategic level
- The Raksha Mantri addresses the opening day, while the Chief of the Defence Staff and the Chief of the Army Staff engage the Commanders on tri-service synergy
- Reviews cover operations, materiel, logistics, human resources, training, artificial intelligence, big data analysis, autonomous systems and cyber operations
- The assessment is built on the JAI pillars - jointness, aatmanirbharta and innovation - in line with the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047

Event	Commanders' Conference 2026/02, Indian Navy
Edition	Second of the year; the conference is biannual
Venue	Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi
Dates	29 September to 1 October 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Defence
Opening day address	Raksha Mantri
Also engaging Commanders	Chief of the Defence Staff and Chief of the Army Staff
JAI pillars	Jointness, Aatmanirbharta, Innovation

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India Energy Week 2027 to Be Held in Kolkata in January

28 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Kolkata will host the fifth India Energy Week from 28 to 31 January 2027 at the New Town Convention Centre, on the theme Unlocking Innovation, Securing Energy.

- Kolkata will host India Energy Week 2027 from 28 to 31 January 2027 at the New Town Convention Centre, the fifth edition of the conclave
- The theme of IEW 2027 is 'Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow.' and it will be the year's first major global energy conclave
- Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari announced Kolkata as the host city
- More than 75,000 energy professionals and over 700 international exhibitors are expected; the event reaches eastern India for the first time
- India Energy Week began in Bengaluru in 2023; the Goa edition of 2026 drew participants from more than 120 countries and over 6,500 delegates

Event	India Energy Week (IEW) 2027, fifth edition
Host city	Kolkata, West Bengal
Venue	New Town Convention Centre
Dates	28 to 31 January 2027
Theme	Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow.
Announced by	Hardeep Singh Puri with West Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari
Patronage	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
Organiser	Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry (FIPI)

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India Showcases Forest Restoration Work at COFO 28 in Rome

28 September 2026 · Environment

At the 28th session of the FAO Committee on Forestry in Rome, India said its forest and tree cover stands at 82.74 million hectares, or 25.17% of its area.

- India presented its forest and landscape restoration record at COFO 28, the 28th session of the FAO Committee on Forestry, held in Rome from 28 September to 2 October 2026
- India's forest and tree cover stands at 82.74 million hectares, which is 25.17% of its geographical area
- The FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025 ranks India 9th in forest area and 3rd in net annual forest area gain
- An additional carbon sink of 2.29 billion tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent was created by 2021, with the target raised to 3.5 to 4.0 billion tonnes by 2035 over 2005 levels
- Under the Bonn Challenge India has brought 21.76 million hectares under restoration against a commitment of 26 million hectares by 2030

Event	COFO 28, the 28th Session of the FAO Committee on Forestry
Venue and dates	Rome, 28 September to 2 October 2026
Forest and tree cover	82.74 million hectares, 25.17% of geographical area
Global ranks	9th in forest area, 3rd in net annual forest area gain
Source of ranks	FAO Global Forest Resources Assessment 2025
Carbon sink created	2.29 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent by 2021
Raised ambition	3.5 to 4.0 billion tonnes of CO2 equivalent by 2035 over 2005 levels
Bonn Challenge	26 million hectares by 2030; 21.76 million hectares already under restoration

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Asian Games 2026: Esha Singh Silver, Pinkcy Balhara Bronze

28 September 2026 · Sports

Esha Singh won silver in the women's 25m pistol individual event and Pinkcy Balhara took bronze in women's 78kg kurash at the Asian Games 2026 on 28 September.

- Esha Singh won the silver medal in the women's 25m pistol individual event at the Asian Games 2026
- Pinkcy Balhara secured the bronze medal in the women's 78kg kurash event at the Asian Games
- The Prime Minister congratulated Esha Singh for a great score, immense precision and composure in the shooting range
- The Prime Minister said Pinkcy Balhara had displayed tremendous grit and resolve throughout her competition
- Kurash is a grappling sport contested at the Asian Games, and the 25m pistol is a women's shooting discipline with separate individual and team events

Event	Asian Games 2026
Silver medallist	Esha Singh
Esha Singh's event	Women's 25m Pistol Individual
Bronze medallist	Pinkcy Balhara
Pinkcy Balhara's event	Women's 78kg Kurash
Sport of kurash	A grappling sport on the Asian Games programme
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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India and Fiji Hold Second Defence Joint Working Group Meet

28 September 2026 · International

The second India-Fiji Bilateral Joint Working Group on defence met in New Delhi on 28 September 2026 and agreed to widen training and maritime cooperation.

- The second India-Fiji Bilateral Joint Working Group meeting on defence was held in New Delhi on 28 September 2026
- It was co-chaired by Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) in the Ministry of Defence, and Mason Smith, Permanent Secretary for Defence and Veterans Affairs of Fiji
- Talks covered military training, capacity building, maritime security, cyber training, defence industry collaboration and institutional cooperation between the two armed forces
- The Fijian delegation will visit Kochi on 29 and 30 September 2026 to inspect Southern Naval Command facilities and formalise advanced naval and aviation training modules
- India reiterated the place of Fiji and the Pacific Island Countries in its vision of a free, open, inclusive and secure Indo-Pacific

Meeting	Second India-Fiji Bilateral Joint Working Group on defence
Venue and date	New Delhi, 28 September 2026
Indian co-chair	Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation), Ministry of Defence
Fijian co-chair	Mason Smith, Permanent Secretary for Defence and Veterans Affairs
Defence Secretary of India	Rajesh Kumar Singh
Follow-up visit	Kochi on 29 and 30 September 2026, Southern Naval Command
Sites visited	National War Memorial and DPSU Bhavan, World Trade Centre, New Delhi
Stated vision	Free, open, inclusive and secure Indo-Pacific

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Asian Games 2026: Six Indian Athletes Win Athletics Medals

28 September 2026 · Sports

Six Indian track and field athletes reached the Asian Games podium on 28 September 2026, with Gulveer Singh and Yashvir Singh taking silver on personal bests.

- Gulveer Singh won the silver medal in the men's 1500m at the Asian Games and the run was also his personal best.
- Vithya Ramraj took the bronze in the women's 400m hurdles and Parul Chaudhary the bronze in the women's 5000m.
- Yashvir Singh (silver, on a personal best) and Rohit Yadav (bronze) placed two Indian javelin throwers on the same podium.
- Murali Sreeshankar added another Asian Games medal in the men's long jump.
- The Prime Minister congratulated all six medallists in separate messages posted by the Prime Minister's Office.

Event	Asian Games, medals won on 28 September 2026
Men's 1500m	Gulveer Singh, silver, personal best
Women's 400m hurdles	Vithya Ramraj, bronze
Women's 5000m	Parul Chaudhary, bronze
Javelin throw	Yashvir Singh silver (personal best), Rohit Yadav bronze
Men's long jump	Murali Sreeshankar, medal
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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DRI Seizes 6.61 kg Smuggled Gold Worth Rs 10.36 Crore, 11 Held

28 September 2026 · Economy

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence broke up a pan-India gold smuggling syndicate, seizing 6.61 kg of foreign gold worth about Rs 10.36 crore and arresting 11.

- DRI seized 6.61 kg of foreign-origin gold in bar form, valued at about Rs 10.36 crore, from intercepted courier consignments.
- Eleven people were arrested, including one of the masterminds who coordinated the dispatch and delivery of the smuggled gold.
- The multi-city operation on 23 and 24 September 2026 covered Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad and Guwahati.
- The gold entered India across the India-Bangladesh border in West Bengal and Assam before being couriered onward.
- The same courier network had moved about 318 kg of gold worth around Rs 475 crore in nine months of the calendar year.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Seizure	6.61 kg foreign-origin gold in bar form
Value	About Rs 10.36 crore
Arrests	Eleven, including a mastermind
Operation dates	23 and 24 September 2026
Cities covered	Mumbai, Delhi, Kolkata, Ahmedabad, Guwahati
Law applied	Customs Act, 1962
Scale uncovered	About 318 kg gold worth about Rs 475 crore in nine months

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Ministry of Steel to Set Up Steel Industry Safety Council

28 September 2026 · National

The Ministry of Steel will create a Steel Industry Safety Council headed by its Secretary, backed by a new Steel Industry Safety Directorate for technical support.

- The Ministry of Steel will set up the Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC) as an apex-level safety body for the steel sector.
- The Secretary, Ministry of Steel, will chair the Council, whose members include chief executives of integrated steel producers.
- DGMS, PESO, NDMA and recognised steel technology institutions will be represented on the Council.
- A Steel Industry Safety Directorate (SISD) will provide technical support, run safety audits and investigate serious incidents.
- The Council will approve industry safety standards and review serious accidents as well as near-miss incidents.

New body	Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC)
Ministry	Ministry of Steel
Chairman	Secretary, Ministry of Steel
Supporting body	Steel Industry Safety Directorate (SISD)
Organisations represented	DGMS, PESO, NDMA and steel technology institutions
Key functions	Approve safety standards, review accidents and near-miss incidents, direct training

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Pralhad Joshi Meets French Minister Philippe Baptiste in Delhi

28 September 2026 · International

Education Minister Pralhad Joshi and French Minister Philippe Baptiste discussed higher education ties in New Delhi during the India-France Year of Innovation 2026.

- Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi met French Minister for Higher Education, Research and Space Philippe Baptiste in New Delhi.
- The French Minister is on a three-day visit to India from 28 to 30 September 2026.
- Both sides described the India-France Year of Innovation 2026 as an opportunity to deepen education and research ties.
- French institutions were invited to open branch campuses in India, including at GIFT City in Gujarat.
- The ministers discussed the ongoing revision of the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications (MRQ) Agreement.

Meeting	India-France bilateral meeting on higher education, New Delhi
Indian minister	Pralhad Joshi, Union Minister for Education
French minister	Philippe Baptiste, Minister for Higher Education, Research and Space
Visit	Three days, 28 to 30 September 2026
Framework cited	India-France Year of Innovation 2026
Branch campuses	French institutions invited, including to GIFT City, Gujarat
Agreement under revision	Mutual Recognition of Qualifications (MRQ) Agreement

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PM Mementos e-Auction 2026: 31 Tamil Nadu Items in 8th Edition

28 September 2026 · National

Tamil Nadu contributes 31 mementos to the 8th PM Mementos e-Auction, live online until 2 October 2026, spanning temple art, textiles and sporting memorabilia.

- The 8th edition of the PM Mementos e-Auction is live online until 2 October 2026 on the portal pmmementos.gov.in.
- Tamil Nadu is represented by 31 mementos covering devotional art, crafts, textiles and sporting memorabilia.
- A framed auspicious footprint from Kanyakumari, presented by the Vivekananda Rock Memorial, is among the notable pieces.
- Sporting items include rackets linked to para-badminton players Nithya Sre Sivan and Thulasimathi Murugesan.
- Shoes associated with Mariyappan Thangavelu, a three-time Paralympic medallist in high jump, are also on offer.

Event	PM Mementos e-Auction 2026, 8th edition
Ministry	Ministry of Culture
Open until	2 October 2026
Portal	pmmementos.gov.in
Tamil Nadu mementos	31
Notable sports items	Rackets of Nithya Sre Sivan and Thulasimathi Murugesan, shoes of Mariyappan Thangavelu
Notable art pieces	Nataraja statue, Thiruvalluvar Chariot, Tanjore-style Veena artwork

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Literacy Rate Reaches 81.1% as Ten States Declare Full Literacy

29 September 2026 · Reports & Indices

India's literacy rate stands at 81.1 per cent as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2025, and ten States and Union Territories have declared full literacy.

- India's overall literacy rate is 81.1 per cent as per the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2025, against 74.04 per cent in the 2011 Census
- A State or Union Territory with 95 per cent literacy is treated as fully literate; ten States and UTs declared full literacy between 2024 and 2026
- ULLAS, the Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, targets 5 crore learners over 2022-27 with an outlay of 1,037.90 crore rupees
- ULLAS has about 4.03 crore registered learners and over 52.20 lakh volunteers, and more than 3.3 crore learners have appeared for the FLNAT
- NIPUN Bharat, launched in July 2021 under Samagra Shiksha, seeks universal foundational literacy and numeracy by 2026-27

Overall literacy rate	81.1 per cent (Periodic Labour Force Survey 2025)
Literacy rate in 2011 Census	74.04 per cent (18.32 per cent in 1951)
Benchmark for full literacy	95 per cent literacy in a State or Union Territory
Fully literate States/UTs	Ten, declared between 2024 and 2026
Adult literacy scheme	ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram (New India Literacy Programme)
ULLAS target and outlay	5 crore learners over 2022-27; 1,037.90 crore rupees
ULLAS learners and volunteers	About 4.03 crore learners, over 52.20 lakh volunteers
NIPUN Bharat	Launched July 2021 under Samagra Shiksha; goal of 2026-27

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India's First PRAMAAN Forest Certificates Handed Over in Delhi

29 September 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav gave India's first PRAMAAN certificates under the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme to APFDC and an Odisha bamboo farmer.

- Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav handed over India's first PRAMAAN certificates under the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme in New Delhi
- The Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation received a certificate for plantations covering 33,000 hectares
- Govind Mohapatra, a farmer associated with the Odisha Bamboo Development Agency, received the other first certificate
- The Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal is the operating agency of the scheme, which the Ministry launched in December 2023
- Forest management certification is assessed against the Indian Forest Management Standard under the National Working Plan Code 2023

Scheme	Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme (IFWCS); certificate called PRAMAAN
Handed over by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
First recipients	Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation and farmer Govind Mohapatra
Area certified (APFDC)	Plantations over 33,000 hectares
Farmer's agency	Odisha Bamboo Development Agency (OBDA)
Operating agency	Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal
Scheme launched	December 2023 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Standard followed	Indian Forest Management Standard, part of National Working Plan Code 2023

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NIFT Wins Two Silver Medals at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026

29 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

NIFT students took two silver medals and a Medal for Excellence at the 48th WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai, where India finished tenth with six silvers.

- NIFT students won 2 silver medals and a Medal for Excellence at the 48th WorldSkills Competition, Shanghai 2026
- India fielded its largest-ever contingent of 70 competitors in 63 skills and finished 10th with 6 silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence
- Kovid Ajay Gangrade of NIFT Mumbai won silver in Digital Interactive Media Design and Saniya Joshi of NIFT Panchkula won silver in Retail Sales
- Vidhi Niravkumar Suthar of NIFT Gandhinagar received a Medal for Excellence in Fashion Technology after four months of training at NIFT New Delhi
- WorldSkills Shanghai 2026 was held from 23 to 26 September with over 1,400 competitors from about 68 countries and regions in 64 skills

Event	48th WorldSkills Competition, Shanghai 2026
Host city and dates	Shanghai, China; 23 to 26 September 2026
Scale	Over 1,400 competitors from about 68 countries and regions in 64 skills
India's contingent	Largest ever - 70 competitors across 63 skills
India's finish	10th position with 6 silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence
NIFT tally	2 silver medals and 1 Medal for Excellence in three skill categories
Silver in Digital Interactive Media Design	Kovid Ajay Gangrade, NIFT Mumbai
Silver in Retail Sales	Saniya Joshi, NIFT Panchkula

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Special Campaign 6.0 to Run from 2 to 31 October 2026

29 September 2026 · National

The government-wide Special Campaign 6.0 for cleanliness and clearing pendency runs from 2 to 31 October 2026, with e-waste disposal as a fresh focus this year.

- Special Campaign 6.0 will be implemented across the government from 2 to 31 October 2026, with a focus on cleanliness and reducing pendency
- This edition places special emphasis on the collection, segregation and disposal of electronic waste
- The campaign has two phases - a preparatory phase from 15 to 30 September 2026 and an implementation phase in October
- The Ministry of Tourism held its preparatory meeting on 16 September 2026 with programme divisions, institutes and domestic offices
- Under Special Campaign 5.0 the Ministry freed 92,749 sq ft of space, earned 12.69 lakh rupees from scrap and held 413 Swachhata programmes

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 on Swachhata and reducing pendency
Implementation phase	2 to 31 October 2026
Preparatory phase	15 to 30 September 2026
New focus this year	Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
Ministry's preparatory meeting	16 September 2026
Space freed in Campaign 5.0	92,749 square feet
Scrap disposal earnings in 5.0	12.69 lakh rupees
Files cleared in 5.0	4,700 physical files weeded out; 1,100 electronic files closed

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PM-RKVY: Rs 1200 Crore Sanctioned to 10 States at Rabi Meet

29 September 2026 · Government Schemes

Shivraj Singh Chouhan handed PM-RKVY sanction letters of over Rs 1200 crore to ten states at the National Agriculture Conference and called for Khet Bachao Abhiyan.

- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired the second day of the National Agriculture Conference - Rabi Campaign 2026 in Delhi on 29 September 2026
- Sanction letters of more than Rs 1200 crore under PM-RKVY went to ten states, West Bengal taking the largest share at Rs 290 crore and Punjab the smallest at Rs 43 crore
- A nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan will run from 22 October to 30 November, promoting balanced fertiliser use based on Soil Health Cards
- Farm growth has risen from 3 per cent to 4.5 per cent since 2015, and rabi foodgrain output grew by 205 lakh tonnes between 2023-24 and 2025-26
- Tur, urad and masoor will be bought at MSP to the extent of 100 per cent, with payment to the farmer within 48 hours

Event	National Agriculture Conference - Rabi Campaign 2026, Delhi
Chaired by	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development
Scheme	Prime Minister Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY)
Amount sanctioned	More than Rs 1200 crore to ten states
Largest share	West Bengal, Rs 290 crore; then Haryana Rs 198 crore and Chhattisgarh Rs 181 crore
New campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan, 22 October to 30 November
Farm growth rate	Up from 3 per cent to 4.5 per cent since 2015
Rabi output rise	205 lakh tonnes between 2023-24 and 2025-26

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VB-G RAM G Act Guarantees 125 Days of Rural Wage Work

29 September 2026 · Government Schemes

VB-G RAM G, in force since 1 July 2026 in place of MGNREGA, guarantees 125 days of wage work a year and has 10.88 crore active workers, a PIB backgrounder says.

- The VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 came into force on 1 July 2026 and replaced Mahatma Gandhi NREGA across all rural areas of the country
- It gives a statutory guarantee of 125 days of wage employment a financial year to rural households whose adults volunteer for unskilled manual work
- Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans are the core reform, and the framework lists 318 types of permissible works under four themes
- As on 24 September 2026 there were 10.88 crore active workers, more than 31.69 crore person-days and 61.65 per cent participation by women
- States have an interim allocation of Rs 93,841 crore for 2026-27, with a first instalment of Rs 25,880 crore released; the average wage is Rs 283.24 a day

Full form	Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)
Law	VB-G RAM G Act, 2025
In force from	1 July 2026
Replaced	Mahatma Gandhi NREGA
Guarantee	125 days of wage employment in every financial year
Thematic areas	Water security, core rural infrastructure, livelihood infrastructure, extreme weather mitigation
Planning unit	Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan (VGPP), approved by the Gram Sabha
Permissible works	318 types

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Two Officials Held for Bribery over FCRA Registration

29 September 2026 · National

Delhi Police's Special Cell, acting on Home Ministry information, held two officials in New Delhi for seeking a bribe to clear an association's FCRA registration.

- The Special Cell of the Delhi Police, working with central agencies, apprehended two government officials in New Delhi on 28 September 2026
- The action followed specific information received by the Ministry of Home Affairs about a bribe demand for clearing a pending FCRA registration
- One of the two is posted in the Foreigners Division of the Home Ministry; the other is in a Pay and Accounts Office and had earlier served in that division
- Preliminary questioning indicates the two were in touch with associations, offering help with registration and renewal in return for money
- The ministry stressed that all FCRA services are delivered online through the FCRA portal and that no agent or intermediary is authorised to facilitate them

Who acted	Special Cell of the Delhi Police, with central agencies
On whose information	Ministry of Home Affairs
Date of action	28 September 2026, New Delhi
Those held	A Senior Accountant and an Accountant
Postings	Foreigners Division of the Home Ministry; a Pay and Accounts Office
Allegation	Seeking illegal gratification to facilitate a pending FCRA registration
Ministry stand	Zero tolerance; legal and departmental action under way
Correct route	All FCRA services online through the FCRA portal; no agent authorised

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Indian Railways Clears Two New MEMU Services for Meerut City

29 September 2026 · National

Indian Railways has sanctioned two new MEMU services tying Meerut City to Khurja and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh, with commercial halts at every station on the way.

- Indian Railways has approved two new MEMU services connecting Meerut City with Khurja and Saharanpur in Uttar Pradesh
- The Khurja pair runs as Train No. 64573/64574 and the Saharanpur pair as Train No. 64580/64579
- Train 64573 leaves Khurja at 13:15 hrs and reaches Meerut City at 17:20 hrs, taking 4 hours 5 minutes
- Train 64580 leaves Saharanpur at 05:50 hrs and reaches Meerut City at 08:10 hrs, the quickest of the four legs at 2 hours 20 minutes
- Both services will have commercial stoppages at all stations on the route, strengthening regional rail connectivity around Meerut City

Approved by	Indian Railways, Ministry of Railways
New services	Two MEMU services centred on Meerut City, Uttar Pradesh
Khurja pair	Train No. 64573/64574 Khurja - Meerut City MEMU
Saharanpur pair	Train No. 64580/64579 Saharanpur - Meerut City MEMU
Fastest leg	Train 64580, Saharanpur to Meerut City, 2 hours 20 minutes
Slowest leg	Train 64574, Meerut City to Khurja, 4 hours 35 minutes
Halts	Commercial stoppages at all stations on the route
State	Uttar Pradesh

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Navy to Induct 18 Warships in 2026, Says Rajnath Singh

29 September 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh told the second Naval Commanders' Conference of 2026 that the Navy will induct 18 warships this year, the largest single-year addition in its history.

- Rajnath Singh addressed the second edition of the Indian Navy's half-yearly Commanders' Conference 2026 at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi, on 29 September 2026
- The Navy plans the induction or commissioning of 18 warships in 2026, the largest single-year force accretion in its history
- Recently commissioned warships carry over 75 per cent indigenous content, and the minister urged exports of Indian warships to friendly nations
- Operation Urja Suraksha ensured the safe transit of Indian-flagged merchant vessels, especially LPG tankers, through the Strait of Hormuz
- Operation Southern Readiness at Kochi, held during India's command of Combined Task Force-154, involved 276 personnel from 27 countries

Event	Second Indian Navy Commanders' Conference of 2026
Venue and date	Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi, 29 September to 1 October 2026
Addressed by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Warships in 2026	18 planned for induction or commissioning, a single-year record
Indigenous content	Over 75 per cent in recently commissioned warships
Energy by sea	About 85 to 90 per cent of crude oil and about 50 per cent of natural gas
Operation in Hormuz	Operation Urja Suraksha, safe transit of Indian-flagged vessels and LPG tankers
Task force command	Combined Task Force-154 under the Combined Maritime Forces

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Jal Shakti Ministry Holds 11th Sujal Gram Samvad on Rural Water

29 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The Drinking Water and Sanitation Department held the eleventh Sujal Gram Samvad, a multilingual dialogue with four Gram Panchayats on running rural water supply schemes.

- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, held the 11th edition of Sujal Gram Samvad on 29 September 2026
- The multilingual dialogue was chaired by DDWS Secretary Ashok K. K. Meena, with National Jal Jeevan Mission Director Kamal Kishore Soan present
- Grassroots interactions covered four Gram Panchayat villages: Sakaria in Ujjain, Dashinpara in Alipurduar, Gorabali South in Bokaro and Partapur in Nubra, Ladakh
- Sakaria in Madhya Pradesh held Jal Arpan on 16 March 2026 and collects a user charge of Rs 150 a month through digital platforms
- Panchayats were urged to use the e-Gram Swaraj portal and 16th Finance Commission tied grants, and to use the 2 October Gram Sabha for water conservation

Event	Eleventh edition of Sujal Gram Samvad, a multilingual dialogue
Organised by	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
Chaired by	Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, DDWS
Also present	Kamal Kishore Soan, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, National Jal Jeevan Mission
Mission	Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, community-led water governance
Villages covered	Four Gram Panchayat headquartered villages
Madhya Pradesh	GP Sakaria, Ujjain; Jal Arpan on 16 March 2026; user charge of Rs 150 a month
West Bengal	GP Dashinpara, Alipurduar; interaction in Nepali; Pani Samiti active

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MoSPI Releases Trial Index of Services Production for July 2026

29 September 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI released the trial Index of Services Production for July 2026 covering 19 sub-sectors on base year 2024-25, with air transport the only sub-sector below hundred.

- MoSPI released the sub-sectoral trial Index of Services Production for July 2026, covering 19 broad sub-sectors on base year 2024-25
- Administrative and support services recorded the fastest growth over July 2025, followed by retail trade and real estate
- Accommodation and food services carried the highest index level among the nineteen sub-sectors in the month
- Air transport was the only sub-sector to read below hundred, at 87.8 after a fall of 8.4 per cent, and repair services fell 5.0 per cent to 126.3
- The indices of railways, banking and insurance rest on provisional monthly data and will be revised once a year

Index	Index of Services Production (ISP), sub-sectoral trial series
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Month	July 2026
Base year	2024-25
Coverage	19 broad sub-sectors of services
Status	Experimental trial series, published to test data quality and gather feedback
Fastest growth	Administrative and support services, then retail trade and real estate
Highest index level	Accommodation and food services

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/mospi-releases-trial-index-of-services-production-for-july-2026/

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Tribal Affairs Ministry and IGNCA Sign MoU on Tribal Heritage

29 September 2026 · National

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts signed an MoU to document, digitise and promote India's tribal cultural heritage.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts signed an MoU on 28 September 2026 in New Delhi
- IGNCA is an autonomous trust under the Ministry of Culture, and the MoU covers preservation, documentation, digitisation, research and promotion of tribal heritage
- The MoU was signed in the presence of Ranjana Chopra, Secretary, Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and Dr K. Anil Kumar, Head of Department, IGNCA
- It links the ministry's network of Tribal Research Institutes with IGNCA's academic, archival and curatorial expertise
- Planned work includes digital archives, museum galleries on tribal contributions to the freedom struggle, protection of endangered tribal languages and youth camps

Agreement	Memorandum of Understanding on tribal cultural heritage
Signed between	Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)
Date and place	28 September 2026, New Delhi
IGNCA status	Autonomous trust under the Ministry of Culture
Secretary, Tribal Affairs	Ranjana Chopra
IGNCA official	Dr K. Anil Kumar, Head of Department
Ministry network used	Tribal Research Institutes (TRIs)
Scope	Preservation, documentation, digitisation, research and promotion of tangible and intangible tribal heritage

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MSME Ministry and MoSPI Sign MoU on Statistical Business Register

29 September 2026 · Economy

The MSME Ministry and MoSPI signed an MoU to share Udyam Registration data through APIs and build the National Statistical Business Register of economic units.

- The Ministry of MSME and the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation signed an MoU to strengthen the Statistical Business Register
- Dr Rajneesh, Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner in the MSME ministry, and Dr Dalip Singh, Additional Director General in MoSPI, signed the agreement
- Unit-wise Udyam Registration data will be shared through a two-way API to prepare the National Statistical Business Register
- The Statistical Business Register is a central, regularly updated database of registered statistical units engaged in economic activity in a defined territory
- The register identifies the target population for economic surveys, supports sample selection and enables business demography statistics

Agreement	Memorandum of Understanding on the Statistical Business Register
Signed between	Ministry of MSME and Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
MSME signatory	Dr Rajneesh, Additional Secretary and Development Commissioner
MoSPI signatory	Dr Dalip Singh, Additional Director General
Data shared	Unit-wise Udyam Registration data through a two-way API
Register to be built	National Statistical Business Register (NSBR)
What SBR is	Central, regularly updated database of registered statistical units in a defined territory
Main uses	Survey target population, sample selection, business demography statistics, integration of data sources

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Neeru Dhanda Wins Historic Trap Gold at Asian Games

29 September 2026 · Sports

Shooter Neeru Dhanda became the first Indian woman to win an individual gold medal in the Trap event at the Asian Games, and was praised by the Prime Minister.

- Neeru Dhanda became the first Indian woman to win an individual gold medal in the Trap event at the Asian Games
- Trap is a shotgun shooting discipline in which competitors shoot at clay targets thrown away from the firing station
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated her and praised her accuracy and composure, calling the win a historic moment for India
- The Prime Minister said the achievement would inspire more young sportspersons to take up shooting

Athlete	Neeru Dhanda
Sport	Shooting
Event	Women's Trap, individual
Competition	Asian Games
Record	First Indian woman to win an individual Trap gold at the Asian Games
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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CAQM Clears Revised GRAP Schedule With 48 Actions for NCR

29 September 2026 · Environment

The Commission for Air Quality Management approved a revised Graded Response Action Plan schedule for the NCR carrying 48 actions across its four stages.

- The revised GRAP schedule for the NCR has 48 actions in total, with 25 in Stage-I, 8 in Stage-II, 10 in Stage-III and 5 in Stage-IV
- Curbs on diesel generator sets and on entry of BS-IV and older buses move from Stage-II to Stage-I, so they apply earlier
- The ban on BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel light motor vehicles now also covers Sonipat, besides Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Gautam Budh Nagar
- Dust monitoring on the web portal extends beyond municipal limits, with the plot threshold of 500 square metres unchanged
- The CAQM Enforcement Task Force had issued closure orders to 1,831 violating units, of which 1,479 were considered for resumption

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Chairperson	Shri Rajesh Verma
Meeting	30th meeting of the Full Commission
Total actions in revised GRAP	48
Stage-wise actions	Stage-I 25, Stage-II 8, Stage-III 10, Stage-IV 5
District newly added to LMV curbs	Sonipat
Construction plot threshold retained	500 square metres
New Technical Members	Shri Mukesh Sharma and Shri Trilok Singh Panwar

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PRAGATI-50 Launched to Build 50 Model Cities for Swachhata

29 September 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Minister Manohar Lal launched the PRAGATI-50 initiative under which 50 model cities across 24 states will demonstrate higher benchmarks of cleanliness.

- PRAGATI-50 identifies 50 model cities, spread across 24 states, to demonstrate a higher benchmark of Swachhata under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
- The initiative follows directions given by the Prime Minister at the 51st PRAGATI meeting, and progress will be reviewed on the Swachhatam Portal
- The Swachh Bharat Test Bed and Innovation Centre was launched at Durgapur with CSIR-CMERI for testing and certifying sanitation technologies
- The third startup cohort with IIT Kanpur adds 13 startups and completes the Mission target of onboarding 75 startups
- An RRR Centre opened at Sankalp Bhawan, the first such centre in a Union Ministry office, along with the Swachhata Behaviour Change Digital Kosh

Initiative	PRAGATI-50
Launched by	Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Manohar Lal
Cities and states	50 model cities across 24 states
Parent mission	Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
Origin	Directions of the Prime Minister at the 51st PRAGATI meeting
Test Bed and Innovation Centre	Durgapur, with CSIR-CMERI
Startup cohort	Third cohort with IIT Kanpur, 13 startups, taking the total to 75
RRR Centre	Sankalp Bhawan, New Delhi, first in a Union Ministry office

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/pragati-50-launched-to-build-50-model-cities-for-swachhata/

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TDB Backs Indigenous Multi-Gas Sensor With Rs 37.51 Crore

29 September 2026 · Science & Technology

The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with Multi Nano Sense Technologies for Rs 37.51 crore of RDI Fund support to build an indigenous multi-gas sensor.

- TDB, under the Department of Science and Technology, signed an agreement with Multi Nano Sense Technologies of Nagpur for Rs 37.51 crore under the RDI Fund
- The total approved project cost is Rs 75.02 crore and the support is being given through Optionally Convertible Debt
- The project will take a Platform MEMS and AFE SoC Multi-Gas Sensor from TRL-4 to TRL-9
- The sensor is designed for a response time under 200 milliseconds and a package smaller than 25 mm by 25 mm by 15 mm
- The project falls in the Deep Technology sector with Quantum Technology as its sub-sector, and TDB Secretary is Shri Rajesh Kumar Pathak

Funding body	Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology
Company	Multi Nano Sense Technologies Private Limited, Nagpur, Maharashtra
TDB support	Rs 37.51 crore under the RDI Fund
Total project cost	Rs 75.02 crore
Mode of support	Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD)
Technology	Platform MEMS and AFE SoC Multi-Gas Sensor
Readiness level	From TRL-4 to TRL-9
Target response time	Less than 200 milliseconds

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/tdb-backs-indigenous-multi-gas-sensor-with-rs-3751-crore/

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India and Italy Hold 2nd Joint Working Group on Tourism

29 September 2026 · International

The second India-Italy Joint Working Group on Tourism agreed to set up technical groups and points of contact to take cooperation in tourism forward.

- The second India-Italy Joint Working Group on Tourism was held on 29 September 2026 and agreed to deepen bilateral tourism cooperation
- It was co-chaired by Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism of India, and Ms. Emanuela Tripi, Secretary-General, Ministry of Tourism of Italy
- Discussions covered tourism data exchange, lesser-known destinations, cine-tourism, destination twinning, skilling and business-to-business engagement
- The key outcome was an agreement to set up focused technical groups and designate points of contact
- Both sides discussed cooperation around the proposed India-Italy Year of Culture and Tourism 2027

Meeting	2nd India-Italy Joint Working Group on Tourism
Date	29 September 2026
Indian co-chair	Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Tourism
Italian co-chair	Ms. Emanuela Tripi, Secretary-General, Ministry of Tourism, Italy
Italian tourism board	ENIT, the Italian National Tourism Board
Indian industry body present	Indian Association of Tour Operators (IATO)
Key outcome	Focused technical groups and designated points of contact
Proposed observance	India-Italy Year of Culture and Tourism 2027

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Barapullah Phase-3 Opens as Delhi Gets Rs 1,941 Crore Works

29 September 2026 · National

Union Home Minister Amit Shah dedicated the Rs 1,635 crore Barapullah Elevated Road Phase-3 and launched Delhi connectivity projects worth over Rs 1,941 crore.

- Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for Delhi connectivity projects worth more than Rs 1,941 crore
- Barapullah Elevated Road Phase-3, built at a cost of Rs 1,635 crore, was dedicated to the people of Delhi
- The elevated road gives signal-free connectivity between East Delhi and South Delhi, cutting travel time and easing traffic jams
- Foundation stones were laid for the Modi Mill-Savitri Cinema Flyover and the Loni Underpass
- Shri Amit Shah holds the portfolios of Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation

Minister	Shri Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Total value of projects	More than Rs 1,941 crore
Project dedicated	Barapullah Elevated Road Phase-3
Cost of Barapullah Phase-3	Rs 1,635 crore
Connectivity provided	Signal-free link between East Delhi and South Delhi
Foundation stones laid	Modi Mill-Savitri Cinema Flyover and Loni Underpass
City	Delhi

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India Wins Women's 4x400m Relay Gold at Asian Games

29 September 2026 · Sports

Kiran Pahal, Poovamma MR, Prachi and Vithya Ramraj took the gold medal for India in the women's 4x400m relay at the Asian Games, the Prime Minister said.

- India won the gold medal in the women's 4x400m relay at the Asian Games
- The winning quartet was Kiran Pahal, Poovamma MR, Prachi and Vithya Ramraj
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called it a proud moment for Indian athletics and a fine example of teamwork
- The Prime Minister said the speed and determination of the four runners carried India to the top of the podium

Event	Women's 4x400m relay
Competition	Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Team	Kiran Pahal, Poovamma MR, Prachi, Vithya Ramraj
Sport	Athletics (track)
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/india-wins-womens-4x400m-relay-gold-at-asian-games/

India Takes Women's Trap Team Silver at Asian Games

29 September 2026 · Sports

Manisha Keer, Neeru and Aashima Ahlawat won the silver medal for India in the women's Trap team event at the Asian Games, the Prime Minister said.

- Manisha Keer, Neeru and Aashima Ahlawat won the silver medal in the women's Trap team event at the Asian Games
- Trap is a shotgun event in which shooters fire at clay targets flung away from the firing stand
- In the team competition the members' scores are added together, so consistency across all three shooters decides the result
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called the performance a commendable display of precision, focus and teamwork

Event	Women's Trap team
Competition	Asian Games
Medal	Silver
Shooters	Manisha Keer, Neeru, Aashima Ahlawat
Sport	Shooting (shotgun)
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Bhupender Yadav Presents 4th Eco Warrior Awards 2026

29 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav presided over the 4th Eco Warrior Awards in New Delhi, where 15 forest officers were honoured and B. K. Singh got the lifetime award.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav presided over the 4th Eco Warrior Awards and Eco Warrior Conclave in New Delhi
- The awards are organised by the Indian Forest Service Association (IFSA) along with Indian Masterminds
- Brij Kishore Singh, a 1976 batch IFS officer of the Karnataka cadre, received the Lifetime Achievement Award; 15 forest officers were honoured in all
- Special Projects Recognition went to Project Elephant and to the Great Indian Bustard conservation project in Rajasthan
- The Minister called conservation a national responsibility and urged a landscape approach to forests, wildlife, water and livelihoods

Event	4th Eco Warrior Awards and Eco Warrior Conclave
Presided over by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Organisers	Indian Forest Service Association (IFSA) and Indian Masterminds
Venue	New Delhi
Lifetime Achievement Award	Brij Kishore Singh, IFS 1976 batch, Karnataka cadre
Officers honoured	15 forest officers
Special Projects Recognition	Project Elephant and the Great Indian Bustard conservation project, Rajasthan
Conclave panels	AI and technology for conservation; role of corporates in forest management; sustainable development and environmental ethics

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UIDAI Launches Five Initiatives at Aadhaar Samvaad Kolkata

29 September 2026 · Science & Technology

UIDAI unveiled five initiatives at the Aadhaar Samvaad conference in Kolkata on the 17th Aadhaar Day, including face authentication for the ration shop system.

- UIDAI unveiled five new initiatives at the Aadhaar Samvaad stakeholders conference held in Kolkata, which coincided with the 17th Aadhaar Day
- More than 600 policy makers, industry leaders and technocrats attended; Minister of State Jitin Prasada was the chief guest
- Face Authentication for the electronic Public Distribution System was launched jointly by UIDAI, the Department of Food and Public Distribution and the National Informatics Centre
- SWIK Portal 2.0, the Sub-AUA and Sub-KUA (LITE) Framework and a Token Management System were the other launches
- The revamped UIDAI website supports 13 languages through BHASHINI, with a plan to extend it to 23 languages

Event	Aadhaar Samvaad stakeholders conference, Kolkata
Occasion	17th Aadhaar Day
Organisation	Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI)
Ministry	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Chief guest	Jitin Prasada, Minister of State
UIDAI CEO	Saurabh Vijay
Participants	Over 600 stakeholders
Launches	Face Authentication for ePDS; SWIK Portal 2.0; Sub-AUA and Sub-KUA (LITE) Framework; Token Management System; revamped website

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DGCA Issues Training Syllabus for Gyroplane Pilot Licence

29 September 2026 · National

The DGCA has issued a new Civil Aviation Requirement laying down the ground and flying training syllabus for a pilot licence in the gyroplane category in India.

- The DGCA has promulgated a new Civil Aviation Requirement titled the ground and flying training syllabus for the issue of a pilot licence for gyroplanes
- The requirement is placed at Section 7, Series B, Part XXI and covers both ground and flying training for candidates
- A gyroplane uses a freely rotating rotor to generate lift while a propeller provides forward thrust
- Gyroplanes suit joyrides, air experience flights and aerial work such as agricultural spraying, banner towing, surveillance and survey operations
- The DGCA calls this an initial step towards operationalising gyroplanes in India, with training organisations and manufacturing capability to follow

Regulator	Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA)
Ministry	Ministry of Civil Aviation
Instrument	Civil Aviation Requirement, Section 7, Series B, Part XXI
Subject	Ground and flying training syllabus for issue of a pilot licence for gyroplanes
Lift	Freely rotating rotor system
Thrust	Propeller
Typical uses	Joyrides, air experience flights, agricultural spraying, banner towing, surveillance, survey

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NITI Aayog Holds National Workshop on Viksit Panchayat

29 September 2026 · National

NITI Aayog held a national workshop on Viksit Panchayat with the Assam government, under its State Support Mission, to strengthen village panchayats as planning bodies.

- NITI Aayog organised the national workshop Viksit Panchayat: Connecting People, Places, Resources and Opportunities on 28 September 2026
- It was held with the Golap Borbora State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development, Government of Assam, under NITI Aayog's State Support Mission
- Atul Bora, Assam's Panchayat and Rural Development Minister, was chief guest and Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member NITI Aayog, was guest of honour
- Discussions covered the 73rd Constitutional Amendment and Part IX, activity mapping, Gram Sabha participation and institutional accountability
- Linking spatial data with the Gram Panchayat Development Plan, eGramSwaraj and the Panchayat Advancement Index was proposed for evidence-based planning

Workshop	Viksit Panchayat: Connecting People, Places, Resources and Opportunities
Organiser	NITI Aayog, under its State Support Mission (SSM)
Partner	Golap Borbora State Institute of Panchayat and Rural Development, Government of Assam
Date	28 September 2026
Chief Guest	Atul Bora, Minister for Panchayat and Rural Development, Assam
Guest of Honour	Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member, NITI Aayog
Constitutional basis	73rd Constitutional Amendment and Part IX of the Constitution
Platforms discussed	Gram Panchayat Development Plan, eGramSwaraj, Panchayat Advancement Index

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India, Republic of Korea Hold 10th Defence Industries Meeting

29 September 2026 · Defence

India and the Republic of Korea held the 10th Joint Committee Meeting on Defence Industries and Logistics Cooperation in New Delhi, co-chaired with Korea's DAPA.

- The 10th India-Republic of Korea Joint Committee Meeting on Defence Industries and Logistics Cooperation was held in New Delhi
- It was co-chaired by Dinesh Mahur, Additional Secretary (Defence Production), and Kim Il Dong, Vice Minister of Korea's Defence Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA)
- Larsen and Toubro and Bharat Earth Movers Limited represented Indian industry; Hanwha Aerospace, Hanwha Systems, Korean Air, Korea Aerospace Industries and DS Navcours came from Korea
- The Korean Ambassador to India, Seong Ho Lee, and Joint Secretary (Naval Systems) Vijay Namdeorao Zade also took part
- DAPA's Vice Minister called on Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth on the sidelines of the meeting

Meeting	10th India-Republic of Korea Joint Committee Meeting (JCM) on Defence Industries and Logistics Cooperation
Venue	New Delhi
Indian co-chair	Dinesh Mahur, Additional Secretary (Defence Production), Ministry of Defence
Korean co-chair	Kim Il Dong, Vice Minister, Defence Acquisition Program Administration (DAPA)
Korean Ambassador	Seong Ho Lee
Indian companies	Larsen and Toubro (L&T), Bharat Earth Movers Limited (BEML)
Korean companies	Hanwha Aerospace, Hanwha Systems, Korean Air, Korea Aerospace Industries (KAI), DS Navcours
Sidelines call	DAPA Vice Minister called on Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth

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India Takes Three Athletics Bronze Medals at Asian Games 2026

29 September 2026 · Sports

India added three athletics bronze medals at the Asian Games 2026 through the men's 4x400m relay team, high jumper Pooja and distance runner Gulveer Singh.

- Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK won bronze in the men's 4x400m relay at the Asian Games
- Pooja won bronze in the women's high jump, India's first medal in that event at the Asian Games in over two decades
- Gulveer Singh won bronze in the men's 5000m, completing what the Prime Minister called a hat-trick of podium finishes at these Games
- The Prime Minister, Narendra Modi, congratulated all three sets of medallists and praised Gulveer Singh's consistency, endurance and determination
- All three medals came in athletics at the Asian Games 2026

Games	Asian Games 2026
Men's 4x400m relay	Bronze - Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar, Vishal TK
Women's high jump	Bronze - Pooja
Significance of high jump medal	India's first medal in the event at the Asian Games in over two decades
Men's 5000m	Bronze - Gulveer Singh
Gulveer Singh's feat	Hat-trick of podium finishes at these Games
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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NRIDA and IIM Kolkata Sign MoU on PMGSY-IV Impact Study

29 September 2026 · Government Schemes

NRIDA and IIM Kolkata signed an MoU for a four-year impact assessment of rural roads built under PMGSY-IV and PM-JANMAN across 10 States and UTs.

- NRIDA, under the Ministry of Rural Development, and IIM Kolkata signed an MoU for a four-year longitudinal impact assessment of roads under PMGSY-IV and PM-JANMAN
- The study covers 10 States and Union Territories, 50 districts, 150 blocks and 250 roads, with a survey of about 5,000 households
- States and UT covered are Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Rajasthan, Sikkim and Uttarakhand
- It runs in three stages: a baseline survey of 14 months, a transition period of about 12 months and an endline survey of 22 months
- Signed by NRIDA Director General Aditi Singh and IIM Kolkata Director Alok Kumar Rai in the presence of Rural Development Secretary Rohit Kansal

Agreement	MoU between NRIDA and IIM Kolkata for an impact assessment study
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Programmes studied	PMGSY-IV and PM-JANMAN
Duration	Four-year longitudinal study
Coverage	10 States and UTs, 50 districts, 150 blocks and 250 roads
Sample	About 5,000 households
Baseline survey	14 months, before construction
Transition period	About 12 months

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/nrida-and-iim-kolkata-sign-mou-on-pmgsy-iv-impact-study/

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Routes Asia 2027 to Be Held at Bharat Mandapam in March

29 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu unveiled the curtain raiser for Routes Asia 2027, to be held from 16 to 18 March 2027 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

- Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu unveiled the curtain raiser for Routes Asia 2027 in New Delhi, attended by representatives of 28 embassies
- Routes Asia 2027 will be held from 16 to 18 March 2027 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- The theme is 'Bharat Aviation Rising: Inclusive Growth - Connecting Asia and Beyond', with more than 115 airlines and over 55 countries expected
- India has over 166 airports in operation and plans 100 more over the next decade; over 2,000 delegates are expected at the event
- India took over hosting from the China West Airport Group at the closing ceremony in Xi'an, China, in April 2026, with the Airports Authority of India receiving the baton

Event	Routes Asia 2027
Dates	16 to 18 March 2027
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Theme	Bharat Aviation Rising: Inclusive Growth - Connecting Asia and Beyond
Curtain raiser unveiled by	Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu
Expected participation	More than 115 airlines, over 55 countries, over 2,000 delegates
Embassies at curtain raiser	28
India's airports	Over 166 in operation, 100 more planned over the next decade

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65th National Exhibition of Art Honours 20 Award-Winning Artists

29 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

Union Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat felicitated 20 award-winning artists at the 65th National Exhibition of Art in New Delhi.

- The 65th National Exhibition of Art, organised by the Lalit Kala Akademi, was held in New Delhi with Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat as Chief Guest
- The Minister felicitated 20 award-winning artists for their contribution to Indian visual arts
- The edition drew more than 6,000 entries, from which 270 artists were selected through a two-tier jury process
- A monograph on the painter Abdul Aziz Raiba, edited by Ram Gopal Khadilkar, was released at the event
- The exhibition at Rabindra Bhawan, New Delhi, has been extended until 31 October 2026

Event	65th National Exhibition of Art
Organiser	Lalit Kala Akademi
Chief Guest	Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, Union Minister of Culture and Tourism
Artists felicitated	20 award-winning artists
Entries received	More than 6,000
Artists selected	270, through a two-tier jury process
Venue	Rabindra Bhawan, New Delhi
Exhibition extended until	31 October 2026

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CAFE Norms 2027-32 Notified, Fuel Use to Fall 16.7 Per Cent

30 September 2026 · Environment

The Ministry of Power notified new CAFE norms for passenger vehicles for 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032, seeking about 16.7 per cent better fuel economy.

- The Ministry of Power notified new CAFE norms for passenger vehicles, applicable from 1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032
- The fleet fuel-consumption benchmark tightens from 3.996 litres per 100 km in 2027-28 to 3.3273 litres per 100 km in 2031-32, about 16.7 per cent better
- Reference weight rises from 1,082 kg to 1,229 kg, roughly 13.6 per cent, with heavier cars facing stiffer targets
- Recognised fuel-conservation technologies go up from four to twelve, each worth a 1 g CO2/km concession, capped at 9.0 g CO2/km
- Credits may be carried forward, traded or bought through a buyout mechanism run by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency; makers selling under 1,000 units a year are exempt

Notified by	Ministry of Power, Government of India
Norms	Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) Norms for passenger vehicles
Period	1 April 2027 to 31 March 2032
Fuel consumption benchmark	3.996 litres per 100 km in 2027-28 to 3.3273 litres per 100 km in 2031-32
Efficiency gain sought	About 16.7 per cent over five years
Reference weight	Raised from 1,082 kg to 1,229 kg, about 13.6 per cent
Recognised technologies	Expanded from four to twelve, concession of 1 g CO2/km each, maximum 9.0 g CO2/km
New flexibility	Carbon Neutrality Factor for ethanol-blended petrol, biofuels and CBG

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UPSC Completes 100 Years of Merit-Based Recruitment

30 September 2026 · National

The Union Public Service Commission completes 100 years on 1 October 2026, a century after India's first Public Service Commission was constituted in 1926.

- The Union Public Service Commission completes a hundred years on 1 October 2026; the first Public Service Commission in India was constituted on 1 October 1926
- Sir Ross Barker was its first chairman and Metcalfe House in Delhi its first office; the idea of open competition dates to the Indian Civil Service examination of 1855
- Part XIV of the Constitution, Articles 315 to 323, governs the Union and State Public Service Commissions; the expenses of the Commission are charged on the Consolidated Fund of India
- The Federal Public Service Commission was renamed the Union Public Service Commission on 26 January 1950; Dholpur House has been its headquarters since 1952
- Dr Ajay Kumar is the Chairman since 15 May 2025; of the candidates recommended in the 2025 civil services examination, 299 of 958 were women

Occasion	Centenary of the Union Public Service Commission, 1 October 2026
Constituted	1 October 1926, as an advisory Public Service Commission
First Chairman	Sir Ross Barker; first office at Metcalfe House, Delhi
Constitutional provisions	Part XIV of the Constitution, Articles 315 to 323
Renamed UPSC	26 January 1950 (earlier the Federal Public Service Commission)
Headquarters	Dholpur House, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi, since 1952
First Indian Chairman	Shri H. K. Kripalani, 1947
First woman Chairperson	Smt Rose Millian Bathew Kharbuli, 1992

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Second Naval Commanders Conference 2026 Opens in New Delhi

30 September 2026 · Defence

The second edition of the Naval Commanders Conference 2026 began at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi, with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh addressing the Navy’s top leadership.

- The second edition of the Naval Commanders Conference 2026 began on 29 September at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi, and runs for three days
- Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Krishna Swaminathan gave the inaugural address; Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh addressed the commanders
- Rajnath Singh called the Indian Navy a First Responder and Preferred Security Partner in the Indian Ocean Region
- He cited Operation Urja Suraksha, mounted in the context of West Asia, for its role in safeguarding India’s energy security
- CDS General NS Raja Subramani called the Navy a strategic force multiplier; COAS General Dhiraj Seth joined the interaction on tri-service synergy

Event	Naval Commanders’ Conference 2026, second edition
Venue	Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi
Began	29 September 2026; a three-day conference
Inaugural address	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
Raksha Mantri	Shri Rajnath Singh
Chief of the Defence Staff	General NS Raja Subramani
Chief of the Army Staff	General Dhiraj Seth
Operation named	Operation Urja Suraksha, linked to energy security

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MHI Industry Accelerator Impact Report Released at Navigyaan

30 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Heavy Industries Minister H. D. Kumaraswamy released the MHI Industry Accelerator Impact Report at Navigyaan 2026, where Rs 35.72 crore took ten technologies to TRL-9.

- H. D. Kumaraswamy, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel, released the Impact Report of the MHI Industry Accelerator Project at Navigyaan 2026 in New Delhi
- The Accelerator gave Rs 35.72 crore in grant-in-aid to ten technologies to move them from Technology Readiness Level 3 to Level 9
- The technologies cover future mobility areas including electric powertrains, high-voltage motor control and energy storage
- The Accelerator falls under the Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Indian Capital Goods Sector Phase II, with an outlay of Rs 1,207 crore and 33 approved projects
- The Minister linked the push to Viksit Bharat@2047 and named ARAI as a bridge between technology development, validation and industry adoption

Report released	Impact Report of the MHI Industry Accelerator Project
Released by	H. D. Kumaraswamy, Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel
Event	Navigyaan 2026, New Delhi
Grant-in-aid	Rs 35.72 crore for ten technologies
Technology Readiness Level	From TRL-3 to TRL-9
Parent scheme	Scheme for Enhancement of Competitiveness in the Indian Capital Goods Sector, Phase II
Scheme outlay	Rs 1,207 crore; 33 projects approved
Focus areas	Electric powertrains, high-voltage motor control, energy storage

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SBM 2.0: Rs 11,785 Crore Approved for Sewage Treatment Plants

30 September 2026 · Environment

Under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0, projects worth Rs 11,785 crore have been approved for sewage treatment plants in small cities, adding 4,900 MLD of capacity.

- Under SBM 2.0, projects worth Rs 11,785 crore have been approved for sewage treatment plants in small cities, adding 4,900 MLD of treatment capacity
- Indore was the first city in India to receive Water+ certification; by 2020 it had seven decentralised and three centralised STPs and over 200 km of piped network
- Jaipur's Dehlawas STP, at 215 MLD, has the highest sewage treatment capacity in Rajasthan and was built over 22.50 hectares during 2020-23
- Surat runs four tertiary treatment plants of 116 MLD combined capacity and 170 sewer-cleaning machines; Navi Mumbai is the only Maharashtra city with a five-star rating and Water+ certification
- Tirupati's Thukivakam STP, built for Rs 19 crore with 50 MLD capacity, serves 1,04,057 households and earns about Rs 6 lakh a month by selling treated water

Mission	Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban; Used Water Management component
Approved under SBM 2.0	Rs 11,785 crore for sewage treatment plants in small cities
Capacity added	4,900 MLD
First Water+ city	Indore
Largest STP in Rajasthan	Dehlawas, Jaipur, 215 MLD, built over 22.50 hectares
Surat	Four tertiary treatment plants, 116 MLD combined; 170 sewer-cleaning machines
Navi Mumbai	Only city in Maharashtra with five-star rating and Water+ certification; STPs designed for 30 lakh people
Tirupati STP	Thukivakam, Rs 19 crore, 50 MLD, serves 1,04,057 households

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TRAI Releases Mobile Network Drive Test Findings for Sonitpur

30 September 2026 · Science & Technology

TRAI released findings of an independent drive test in Assam's Sonitpur district, where Reliance Jio logged the best average download speed of 221.18 Mbps.

- TRAI released the results of an Independent Drive Test conducted in Sonitpur district of Assam, under the Assam Licensed Service Area, during August 2026
- The test ran from 10 to 13 August 2026 under the supervision of TRAI's Regional Office at Kolkata and covered a city drive of 308.0 km, ten hotspots and a 1.6 km walk test
- Reliance Jio recorded the highest average download speed at 221.18 Mbps, followed by Airtel at 116.11 Mbps, Vodafone Idea at 20.04 Mbps and BSNL at 11.72 Mbps
- On uploads Airtel led with 21.09 Mbps, ahead of Reliance Jio at 15.98 Mbps, Vodafone Idea at 6.69 Mbps and BSNL at 4.32 Mbps
- BSNL dropped 301 of 476 established calls and showed poor signal in 18494 of 41037 samples, while Airtel and Reliance Jio dropped no calls

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT) of mobile network quality
Area covered	Sonitpur district, Assam Licensed Service Area
Period	10 to 13 August 2026
Supervision	TRAI Regional Office, Kolkata
Routes	City drive of 308.0 km, ten hotspot locations, walk test of 1.6 km
Best download speed	Reliance Jio, 221.18 Mbps
Best upload speed	Airtel, 21.09 Mbps

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Special Campaign 6 to Run from 2 to 31 October 2026

30 September 2026 · National

The Department of Food and Public Distribution has readied targets for Special Campaign 6, which runs from 2 to 31 October 2026 with a new focus on e-waste.

- The Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters 6 runs from 2 to 31 October 2026, with the preparatory phase held from 15 to 30 September 2026
- The Department of Food and Public Distribution is giving special focus this year to the collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
- Targets identified up to 28 September 2026 include 947 sites for cleanliness drives and 22,635 square feet of space to be freed
- The Department also marked 3,660 physical files for weeding out and 3,534 e-files for closure, along with 439 e-waste items for disposal
- FCI, the Central Warehousing Corporation and the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority are taking part along with DFPD offices

Campaign	Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters 6 (SCDPM 6)
Department	Food and Public Distribution, under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Campaign period	2 to 31 October 2026
Preparatory phase	15 to 30 September 2026
Special focus	Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
Cleanliness sites identified	947
Space to be freed	22,635 square feet
Files marked	3,660 physical files and 3,534 e-files

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PSS Buying of Rs 5,547.99 Crore Cleared for Kharif 2026-27

30 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The Centre cleared purchase of pulses and oilseeds worth Rs 5,547.99 crore at support price in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana for kharif 2026-27.

- Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan approved purchase of pulses and oilseeds worth Rs 5,547.99 crore under the Price Support Scheme for kharif marketing season 2026-27
- Uttar Pradesh gets the biggest share at Rs 3,992.57 crore, covering 4,66,000 MT of tur and 6,250 MT of moong
- Karnataka was sanctioned Rs 1,107 crore for 1,15,500 MT soybean, 38,250 MT moong and 13,413 MT sunflower
- Telangana was sanctioned Rs 448.42 crore for 62,000 MT soybean and 10,766 MT moong
- The aim is to stop distress sales below MSP and to lift sowing of pulses and oilseeds so that India imports less edible oil and fewer pulses

Decision	Purchase of pulses and oilseeds worth Rs 5,547.99 crore at MSP
Scheme	Price Support Scheme (PSS)
Season	Kharif marketing season 2026-27
Approved by	Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare and Rural Development
States covered	Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana
Uttar Pradesh	Rs 3,992.57 crore: 4,66,000 MT tur and 6,250 MT moong
Karnataka	Rs 1,107 crore: 1,15,500 MT soybean, 38,250 MT moong, 13,413 MT sunflower
Telangana	Rs 448.42 crore: 62,000 MT soybean and 10,766 MT moong

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RIS Study Puts Ayush Services Economy at $36.92 Billion

30 September 2026 · Reports & Indices

A Research and Information System for Developing Countries study valued the Ayush services economy at US$36.92 billion in FY2024-25, growing at 16.91 per cent.

- An RIS study estimates the Ayush services economy at US$36.92 billion in FY2024-25, growing at a compound annual rate of 16.91 per cent since FY2022-23
- The estimate rests on a nationally scaled survey of 15,914 establishments across all six Ayush systems, the first such measurement of the sector
- Clinics and day-care centres give more than 71 per cent of revenue; Ayurveda is the largest system at US$17.73 billion, about 48 per cent of the total
- The sector supports 1.76 million livelihoods and women form 43 per cent of its workforce, rising above 60 per cent in Ayush-based spas and resorts
- Medical Value Travel earned US$1.77 billion in FY25, and the study projects US$216-318 billion for the sector by 2047

Report	Study on the economic contribution of the Ayush services sector
Conducted by	Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
Released at	11th Ayurveda Day celebrations, Nagpur, 23 September
Sector size	US$36.92 billion in FY2024-25
Growth rate	16.91 per cent CAGR since FY2022-23
Survey base	15,914 establishments across all six Ayush systems
Employment	1.76 million livelihoods; women are 43 per cent of the workforce
Largest system	Ayurveda, US$17.73 billion, nearly 48 per cent of revenue

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Neeru, Kynan Chenai Win Trap Mixed Team Gold at Asian Games

30 September 2026 · Sports

Neeru and Kynan Chenai won the Trap Mixed Team gold at the Asian Games 2026 with an Asian Record in the final, India’s first Games gold in the event.

- Neeru and Kynan Chenai won the gold medal in the Trap Mixed Team event at the Asian Games 2026
- The Indian pair set an Asian Record in the final on the way to the medal
- It is India’s first ever Asian Games gold medal in the Trap Mixed Team event
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the two shooters and called the result a memorable achievement for Indian shooting
- Trap is a shotgun event in which clay targets are thrown away from the shooter; the mixed team format pairs one woman and one man from the same country

Athletes	Neeru and Kynan Chenai
Sport	Shooting (shotgun)
Event	Trap Mixed Team
Medal	Gold
Games	Asian Games 2026
Record set	Asian Record, in the final
First	India’s first ever Asian Games gold in the Trap Mixed Team event

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India Take Women’s Compound Team Archery Gold at Asian Games

30 September 2026 · Sports

Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi won the women’s compound team gold at the Asian Games 2026, equalling the World Record.

- Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi won gold in the women’s compound team event at the Asian Games 2026
- The Indian trio’s performance equalled the World Record in the event
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called it a tremendous achievement for Indian archery and said the equalling of the World Record made it even more special
- Compound is the archery division in which the bow uses cams and cables, and a magnifying sight and a mechanical release are permitted
- The women’s compound team event is shot by three archers from the same country whose scores are added

Athletes	Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi
Sport	Archery (compound division)
Event	Women’s compound team
Medal	Gold
Games	Asian Games 2026
Record	World Record equalled
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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India Mining Week 2026: Global Connect Draws 19 Missions

30 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Diplomatic missions of 19 countries joined the India Mining: Global Connect outreach ahead of India Mining Week 2026, set for 15-17 November at Yashobhoomi.

- Diplomatic missions from 19 countries joined India Mining: Global Connect, the international outreach meeting held ahead of India Mining Week 2026
- India Mining Week 2026 will be held from 15 to 17 November 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, by the Ministry of Coal and the Ministry of Mines with the mining industry
- The outreach was hosted by Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines, and Rupinder Brar, Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Coal
- Rupinder Brar invoked Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam and noted that India is now the world’s fourth-largest economy
- The three-day Week expects over 25,000 professionals, 500 exhibitors, 200 speakers, 100 sessions, 1,000 government and PSU delegates and 300 companies, from more than 50 countries

Outreach meeting	India Mining: Global Connect
Missions present	Diplomatic missions of 19 countries, plus the US Chamber of Commerce
Main event	India Mining Week 2026, India’s largest mining and minerals conference-cum-exhibition
Dates	15 to 17 November 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Organisers	Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines, with the mining industry
Hosted by	Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines; Rupinder Brar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of Coal
Idea invoked	Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

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Coast Guard Seizes Rs 3,000 Crore Narcotics off Lakshadweep

30 September 2026 · Defence

The Indian Coast Guard and Gujarat ATS seized about 526 kg of narcotics worth over Rs 3,000 crore from an Iranian dhow in the Arabian Sea on 25 September 2026.

- The Indian Coast Guard, with the Gujarat Anti-Terrorism Squad, stopped a maritime drug smuggling attempt worth over Rs 3,000 crore in the Arabian Sea, west of Lakshadweep, on 25 September 2026
- About 526 kg of high-grade narcotics, including heroin and methamphetamine, were seized
- Five Pakistani nationals operating the vessel were apprehended, and the boat was an Iranian dhow intercepted on the high seas
- The dhow, the crew and the contraband were escorted under armed security to Mumbai for joint interrogation and multi-agency legal proceedings
- The Coast Guard linked the operation to the goal of a Nasha Mukt Bharat and to zero tolerance in India’s maritime zones

Operation	Maritime narcotics interdiction by the Indian Coast Guard
Agencies	Indian Coast Guard with the Anti-Terrorism Squad, Gujarat
Date of operation	25 September 2026
Location	Arabian Sea, west of Lakshadweep
Quantity seized	About 526 kg of high-grade narcotics
Drugs involved	Heroin and methamphetamine
Value	More than Rs 3,000 crore
Vessel	An Iranian dhow, boarded on the high seas

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CCEA Clears Rabi MSP Rise for 2027-28, Safflower Up Rs 675

30 September 2026 · Economy

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs cleared higher minimum support prices for all six mandated rabi crops of marketing season 2027-28, safflower gaining the most.

- The CCEA, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved higher minimum support prices for all mandated rabi crops of marketing season 2027-28
- Safflower got the biggest absolute rise at Rs 675 a quintal, followed by rapeseed and mustard at Rs 413 a quintal
- Lentil (masur) rose by Rs 390, barley by Rs 136, gram by Rs 83 and wheat by Rs 25 a quintal
- Wheat carries the widest margin over cost of production at 106 per cent; safflower the narrowest at 50 per cent
- Wheat procurement from 2014-15 to 2025-26 stood at 3,715 lakh metric tonnes against 2,254 lakh metric tonnes in the decade before

Decision	Minimum support prices for rabi crops, marketing season 2027-28
Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister
Highest absolute rise	Safflower, Rs 675 per quintal
Second highest rise	Rapeseed and mustard, Rs 413 per quintal
Smallest rise	Wheat, Rs 25 per quintal
Widest margin over cost	Wheat, 106 per cent
Formula source	Union Budget 2018-19 announcement of MSP at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production
Crops covered	Wheat, barley, gram, lentil (masur), rapeseed and mustard, safflower

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Cabinet Clears Green Energy Corridor Phase-III With 50 GWh Storage

30 September 2026 · Environment

The Union Cabinet approved the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme at an outlay of Rs 1,86,405 crore to carry up to 135 GW of renewable power within states.

- The Union Cabinet approved the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III) scheme for the Intra-State Transmission System
- The scheme will enable evacuation of up to 135 GW of renewable energy across states and union territories
- It provides for 50 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems to handle intermittency, congestion and non-solar hour demand
- Total outlay is Rs 1,86,405 crore, of which Rs 1,36,378 crore is for transmission and Rs 50,000 crore for storage; Central Financial Support is Rs 54,082 crore
- Targeted for completion by FY 2032-33, it supports the goal of 900 GW installed non-fossil capacity by 2035

Scheme	Green Energy Corridor Phase-III (GEC-III)
Approved by	Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister
Ministry	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
Renewable energy to be evacuated	Up to 135 GW across states and union territories
Battery storage	50 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS)
Total outlay	Rs 1,86,405 crore
Central Financial Support	Rs 54,082 crore
Completion target	Financial year 2032-33

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CCEA Clears Rs 1,789.52 Crore Traffic System for Delhi

30 September 2026 · National

The CCEA approved an Intelligent Traffic Management System for Delhi at Rs 1,789.52 crore, covering 42 traffic corridors in three phases over 24 months.

- The CCEA approved the Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) project of Delhi Police at an estimated Rs 1,789.52 crore, inclusive of taxes
- It covers 42 identified traffic corridors of Delhi in three phases over 24 months, followed by five years of operation and maintenance
- The project provides 1,092 Adaptive Traffic Control System installations and 1,029 enforcement locations
- Delhi has about 71 lakh active registered vehicles, with vehicle growth far outpacing the expansion of road infrastructure
- Delhi Police will implement it through a Master System Integrator, with C-DAC as Project Management Consultant

Project	Intelligent Traffic Management System (ITMS) for Delhi, announced as One Network, Smarter Traffic
Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), chaired by the Prime Minister
Cost	Rs 1,789.52 crore, inclusive of taxes
Implementing agency	Delhi Police, through a Master System Integrator
Corridors covered	42 identified traffic corridors
Timeline	Three phases over 24 months, then five years of operation and maintenance
Adaptive signal installations	1,092 Adaptive Traffic Control System locations
Enforcement locations	1,029

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ASI 2024-25 Counts 2.67 Lakh Factories, GVA Up 9.59 Per Cent

30 September 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI released Annual Survey of Industries results for 2024-25, showing 2.67 lakh registered manufacturing units and gross value added higher by 9.59 per cent.

- MoSPI released the Annual Survey of Industries factsheet for 2024-25, covering April 2024 to March 2025, with field work from October 2025 to June 2026
- Registered manufacturing establishments rose from 2.60 lakh to 2.67 lakh, a growth of 2.64 per cent
- Gross value added grew 9.59 per cent, from Rs 2,458.3 thousand crore to Rs 2,694.2 thousand crore; fixed capital rose 10.54 per cent
- Persons engaged rose from 1.96 crore to 2.10 crore, a growth of 7.19 per cent, while emoluments rose 12.08 per cent
- Tamil Nadu had the most establishments at 41,221; Maharashtra recorded the highest gross value added among states

Survey	Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024-25
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Reference period	April 2024 to March 2025
Field work	October 2025 to June 2026
Establishments	2.67 lakh, up 2.64 per cent from 2.60 lakh
Gross Value Added	Rs 2,694.2 thousand crore, up 9.59 per cent from Rs 2,458.3 thousand crore
Persons engaged	2.10 crore, up 7.19 per cent from 1.96 crore
Most establishments	Tamil Nadu (41,221), then Gujarat (33,084) and Maharashtra (27,379)

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CAG and BHASHINI Launch AI Translation Tool for Audit Papers

30 September 2026 · Science & Technology

The Digital India BHASHINI Division and the CAG launched CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad, an AI translation tool for official and audit documents, at the CAG office in New Delhi.

- The Digital India BHASHINI Division and the Office of the CAG launched CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad, an AI-enabled document translation solution
- It was launched at the CAG Office in New Delhi during the closing ceremony of the 74th Hindi Diwas and Hindi Pakhwada 2026
- K. Sanjay Murthy, Comptroller and Auditor General of India, attended; Amitabh Nag is Chief Executive Officer of the Digital India BHASHINI Division
- BHASHINI supports 36 Indian text languages, 23 Indian voice languages and 35 international languages
- The platform powers more than 800 government websites and processes over 24 million AI inferences a day

Launch	CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad, an AI-enabled document translation solution
Partners	Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) and the Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India
Parent bodies	Digital India Corporation, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Venue	CAG Office, New Delhi
Occasion	Closing ceremony of the 74th Hindi Diwas and Hindi Pakhwada 2026
Hindi Pakhwada dates	14 to 29 September 2026
Comptroller and Auditor General	K. Sanjay Murthy
DIBD Chief Executive Officer	Amitabh Nag

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LeT Commander Musa Killed in Budgam, Group of Four Wiped Out

30 September 2026 · Defence

Security forces neutralised senior Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Musa in Budgam district, completing the removal of a group of four commanders active since 2022.

- Security forces neutralised senior Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Musa, alias Asif Fauji, at Gurwatkalan under Khansahib police station in Budgam district of Jammu and Kashmir
- The encounter was part of Operation Sheruwali, a long-sustained operation that began in May 2026
- With Musa's killing, the entire group of four senior LeT commanders active in the union territory since 2022 stands neutralised
- The other three were Junaid Bhat (3 December 2024, Dachigam), Suleman (28 July 2025, Operation Mahadev) and Yasir (4 September 2026, Operation Asdhar)
- The Jammu and Kashmir Police, the Indian Army and the Central Armed Police Forces have been running coordinated counter-terrorism operations

Who was neutralised	Musa, also known as Asif Fauji, senior Lashkar-e-Taiba commander
Place	Gurwatkalan, Khansahib police station area, Budgam district, Jammu and Kashmir
Operation	Operation Sheruwali, begun in May 2026
Group neutralised	All four senior LeT commanders active in the union territory since 2022
Junaid Bhat	Neutralised on 3 December 2024 at Dachigam
Suleman	Neutralised on 28 July 2025 in Operation Mahadev
Yasir	Neutralised on 4 September 2026 in Operation Asdhar
Agencies involved	Jammu and Kashmir Police, Indian Army and Central Armed Police Forces

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AIME-2026 ASEAN-India Naval Exercise Opens at Subic Bay

30 September 2026 · Defence

The second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise, AIME-2026, opened at Subic Bay in the Philippines with INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish taking part for India.

- AIME-2026, the second edition of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise, began at Subic Bay in the Philippines on 28 September 2026
- India is represented by the naval ships INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish, joined by maritime forces of the ASEAN member states
- The theme of the exercise is Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
- Harsh Kumar Jain, India's Ambassador to the Philippines, was Guest of Honour at the opening ceremony
- The drill has a Harbour Phase and a Sea Phase, and is tied to the Act East Policy and the MAHASAGAR vision

Exercise	ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026), second edition
Venue	Subic Bay, Philippines
Commenced	28 September 2026
Theme	Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
Indian ships	INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish
Guest of Honour	Harsh Kumar Jain, Ambassador of India to the Philippines
Phases	Harbour Phase followed by Sea Phase
Policy frame	Act East Policy and the MAHASAGAR vision

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India Win Men's Compound Team Archery Gold at Asian Games

30 September 2026 · Sports

Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru won the men's compound team archery gold at the Asian Games after a close final.

- Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru won gold in the men's compound team archery event at the Asian Games
- The Indian trio took the title after a thrilling final, and the Prime Minister praised their accuracy and teamwork
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the archers and wished them well for their future endeavours
- Compound and recurve are the two archery disciplines at multi-sport games, and this medal came in the compound team competition

Event	Men's compound team archery, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Winners	Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru
Discipline	Archery, compound category
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
How it was won	After a thrilling final, with a display of accuracy and teamwork

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Bankers' Books Evidence Act 2026 Replaces 1891 Law from 1 October

30 September 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 comes into force on 1 October 2026, replacing the 1891 law and making digital bank records admissible as evidence.

- The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 comes into force on 1 October 2026 and replaces the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
- It creates a technology-neutral framework covering physical, electronic and digital banking records, with standardised authentication and certification
- Electronic records are admissible if the copy is true, no unauthorised data change is detected and no tampering affecting system integrity is found
- A bank officer can be made to appear or produce books only under a written court order recording a special cause
- The Government may extend the Act by notification to any entity or class of entities in the financial sector

Act	Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026
Comes into force	1 October 2026
Replaces	Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
Ministry	Ministry of Law and Justice
Applies to	Legal proceedings, arbitration and inquiries under the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 or any other law in force
Bankers' books	Ledgers, day-books, cash-books, account books and other records, on paper or in any data storage form
Key change	Electronic and digital records made admissible, with manual, digital or electronic signature authentication
Officer summoned	Only under a written court order recording a special cause

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PRIP Scheme Adds Discovery Track With Aid up to Rs 50 Crore

30 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The Department of Pharmaceuticals added a New Discovery track under the PRIP Scheme, giving startups and MSMEs financial assistance of up to Rs 50 crore.

- The Department of Pharmaceuticals announced a New Discovery track under the PRIP Scheme with financial assistance of up to Rs 50 crore per company, project or portfolio
- The New Discovery track needs minimum co-funding of 25 per cent of project cost from bona fide institutional investors
- Start-ups and MSMEs working on NCE or NBE projects at Technology Readiness Levels 1, 2 or 3 are eligible, with support up to TRL 6
- The Early Stage track gives up to Rs 5 crore per project and the Later Stage track up to Rs 100 crore, capped at 35 per cent of approved cost
- PRIP has an outlay of Rs 5,000 crore, and 41 projects were approved for about Rs 1,600 crore under the first call

Scheme	Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech (PRIP)
Announced by	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
New track	New Discovery track for start-ups and MSMEs
Assistance	Up to Rs 50 crore per company, project or portfolio of projects
Co-funding	Minimum 25 per cent of project cost from bona fide institutional investors
Eligibility	NCE or NBE projects at TRL 1, 2 or 3, supported up to TRL 6
Scheme outlay	Rs 5,000 crore
Early Stage track	Up to Rs 5 crore per project, TRL 1 to 3, no co-funding if cost is up to Rs 1 crore

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CHIME Telescope Makes First Solo Detection of Hydrogen Glow

30 September 2026 · Science & Technology

The CHIME radio telescope, with Indian researchers from RRI, made its first standalone detection of hydrogen glow from when the universe was five billion years old.

- The CHIME telescope made its first standalone detection of the faint radio glow of hydrogen from when the universe was about five billion years old
- Indian researchers from the Raman Research Institute, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, were part of the collaboration
- CHIME earlier had to cross-correlate its data with galaxy surveys from other telescopes; this time it used only its own data
- The data indicate roughly two per cent of the universe's hydrogen was in neutral atomic form at that time
- The measurement used 94 nights of observation data collected in 2019, and the findings are published in The Astrophysical Journal

Telescope	Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment (CHIME), an interferometric radio telescope in Canada
Achievement	First standalone detection of the radio glow of hydrogen using only its own data
Epoch observed	When the universe was about five billion years old
Indian institute	Raman Research Institute (RRI), an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology
Purpose	Mapping hydrogen distribution to measure cosmic expansion and study dark energy
Neutral hydrogen	Roughly two per cent of the universe's hydrogen was in neutral atomic form at that time
Data used	94 nights of observations collected in 2019
Published in	The Astrophysical Journal

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Military Nursing Service Centenary Closes at Manekshaw Centre

30 September 2026 · Defence

Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth attended the closing ceremony of the Military Nursing Service centenary at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi, where a coin was released.

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth attended the closing ceremony of the Military Nursing Service centenary at Manekshaw Centre, Delhi, on 30 September 2026
- A commemorative coin, the memoir Steel and Grace, the book Healing Hands and Brave Hearts: MNS@100 and a commemorative video were released
- The centenary theme was Honouring the Past, Healing the Present and Inspiring the Future
- Director General Armed Forces Medical Services Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja praised the contribution of MNS officers over the past century
- Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh and the Vice Chief of the Army Staff Lt Gen Sandeep Jain were among those present

Occasion	Closing ceremony of the Military Nursing Service centenary celebrations
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, Delhi
Date	30 September 2026
Attended by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth
Theme	Honouring the Past, Healing the Present and Inspiring the Future
Memoir released	Steel and Grace
Centenary book	Healing Hands and Brave Hearts: MNS@100
Also released	A commemorative coin and the video Glimpses of a Year of Commemoration

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National Coastal Mission 2.0 Guidelines Out, Rs 767 Crore Outlay

30 September 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released the guidelines of National Coastal Mission 2.0, a Rs 767 crore Central Sector Scheme that runs till 2030-31.

- Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released the implementation guidelines of National Coastal Mission 2.0 in New Delhi on 30 September 2026
- NCM 2.0 is a Central Sector Scheme with an approved outlay of Rs 767 crore, to be implemented till the year 2030-31
- It covers nine coastal states and four Union Territories, and is to be carried out with the states, UTs and other stakeholders
- Work areas include coastal vulnerability assessment, ecosystem restoration, pollution management, biodiversity conservation, sustainable tourism, spatial planning, research and capacity building
- The mission is tied to the blue economy and to the goal of Viksit Bharat @2047

Scheme	National Coastal Mission 2.0 (NCM 2.0)
Guidelines launched by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Outlay	Rs 767 crore
Scheme type	Central Sector Scheme
Period	To be implemented till 2030-31
Coverage	Nine coastal states and four Union Territories
Aim	Coastal resilience, sustainability and the blue economy
Place and date of launch	New Delhi, 30 September 2026

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Delhi Logs Best September Air Quality in Five Years at AQI 102

30 September 2026 · Environment

Delhi recorded a monthly average AQI of 102 in September 2026, the lowest September reading in five years, with 194 days under AQI 200 so far this year.

- Delhi recorded a monthly average AQI of 102 in September 2026, the lowest September figure in five years from 2022 to 2026
- September readings in earlier years were 105 in 2025, 105 in 2024, 108 in 2023 and 104 in 2022
- January to September 2026 gave 194 days with daily average AQI below 200, the most in five years, against 193 days in 2023
- The same nine months had 79 poor to severe-plus days, the fewest in five years, against 127 such days in 2022
- Average PM2.5 for January to September 2026 was 69 microgram per cubic metre, tying the lowest level since 2022

September 2026 average AQI in Delhi	102, the lowest for September in five years
Earlier September averages	105 in 2025, 105 in 2024, 108 in 2023, 104 in 2022
Days below AQI 200, January to September 2026	194, the highest in five years
Poor to severe-plus days, January to September 2026	79, the lowest in five years
Average PM2.5, January to September 2026	69 microgram per cubic metre, up to 28 September
Body named	Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM)
Ministry	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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PRIP First Round Clears 41 Projects With Rs 1,600 Crore Aid

30 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The Department of Pharmaceuticals approved 41 projects worth about Rs 1,600 crore in financial assistance under the first call of the PRIP scheme for pharma and MedTech.

- The Department of Pharmaceuticals approved 41 projects under the first call of the PRIP scheme with about Rs 1,600 crore in financial assistance
- The projects are expected to draw Rs 3,020 crore of private investment, taking total research and development spending to about Rs 4,620 crore
- Of the 41 projects, 12 are at an early stage and 29 at a later stage; 19 are with startups and MSMEs and 22 with large companies
- By priority area, 27 projects are under New Medicines, five under Complex Generics and Biosimilars and nine under Novel Medical Devices
- Six projects were cleared under the strategic priority framework, covering bacterial pneumonia and meningitis, dengue, influenza and next-generation tuberculosis vaccines

Scheme	PRIP, Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma MedTech Sector
Implementing department	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Projects approved in the first round	41
Financial assistance	About Rs 1,600 crore
Private investment expected	Rs 3,020 crore
Total research and development investment	About Rs 4,620 crore
Priority areas	New Medicines 27 projects, Complex Generics and Biosimilars five, Novel Medical Devices nine
Strategic priority framework	Six projects, including next-generation tuberculosis vaccines

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Operation Drishti Camps in Kashmir Do 364 Eye Surgeries

30 September 2026 · Defence

The Armed Forces Medical Services closed the Kashmir leg of Operation Drishti with 364 eye surgeries at Tangdhar and Srinagar, including a first at the Line of Control.

- The Kashmir leg of Operation Drishti ended on 30 September 2026 with the 11th Mega Eye Surgical Camp at 92 Base Hospital, Srinagar
- A total of 364 eye surgeries were performed across the Tangdhar and Srinagar camps by a team from Army Hospital (Research and Referral) led by Brigadier Sanjay Kumar Mishra
- The Tangdhar camp of 24 and 25 September was the first mega eye surgical camp held at the Line of Control, in an underground operation theatre, with 220 surgeries
- Before the camps, 18 screening camps covered nearly 6,000 people and about 500 were found to need surgery
- Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha attended the closing ceremony, and the next phase of Operation Drishti will be held in Odisha

Initiative	Operation Drishti, Armed Forces Medical Services
Total surgeries in the Kashmir leg	364
First phase	Tangdhar on the Line of Control, 24 to 25 September 2026, 220 surgeries
Second phase	92 Base Hospital, Srinagar, 28 to 29 September 2026, 144 surgeries
Team	Army Hospital (Research and Referral), led by Brigadier Sanjay Kumar Mishra
Screening	18 camps, nearly 6,000 people screened, about 500 needing surgery
First of its kind	First mega eye surgical camp at the Line of Control, in an underground operation theatre
Next phase	Odisha

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India Presents Justice Reforms at 15th UN Congress, Abu Dhabi

30 September 2026 · International

Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal set out the new criminal laws and cybercrime response of India at the 15th UN Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice, Abu Dhabi.

- India presented its justice reforms at the 15th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice in Abu Dhabi
- Union Minister of State with independent charge for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal led the presentation and met UAE Justice Minister Abdullah Sultan bin Awad Al Nuaimi
- He highlighted the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, and the work of I4C and the National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
- The India International Arbitration Centre and the Dubai International Arbitration Centre are working together on training, research and digital dispute resolution
- The minister also met Monika Juma, Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime

Event	15th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice
Venue	Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates
India represented by	Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State with independent charge for Law and Justice
Theme	Accelerating crime prevention, criminal justice and the rule of law, with the 2030 Agenda in the digital age
New criminal laws presented	Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam
Cybercrime bodies named	Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) and National Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
Arbitration partnership	India International Arbitration Centre with Dubai International Arbitration Centre
UNODC Executive Director met	Monika Juma

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1 October 2026

Swachhata Hi Seva 2026: Health Ministry Holds Shramdaan

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Health Ministry held a shramdaan in New Delhi on 1 October 2026 under the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign, themed Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath.

- The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare held a shramdaan near Gate No. 3 of Kartavya Bhavan-1, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Marg, New Delhi, on 1 October 2026
- The theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign is 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath' - one day, one hour, together
- Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary of the Department of Health Research and Director General of ICMR, led the cleanliness drive
- Aradhana Patnaik (Mission Director, NHM), Dr. Rakesh Gupta (DG, NACO) and Dr. Loveneesh G. Krishna (DGHS) took part in it
- The campaign rests on Jan Bhagidari and ties cleanliness to public health under the goals of Swachh Bharat

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva 2026
Theme	Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath (one day, one hour, together)
Activity	Shramdaan (voluntary cleanliness drive)
Led by	Dr. Rajiv Bahl, Secretary, Department of Health Research and Director General, ICMR
Venue	Near Gate No. 3, Kartavya Bhavan-1, Dr. Rajendra Prasad Marg, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
NHM Mission Director	Smt. Aradhana Patnaik, Additional Secretary
NACO Director General	Dr. Rakesh Gupta, Additional Secretary

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Narendra Bhooshan Assumes Charge as MoEFCC Secretary

1 October 2026 · Appointments

Narendra Bhooshan, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, has assumed charge as Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change.

- Narendra Bhooshan has assumed charge as Secretary of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- He is a 1992-batch Indian Administrative Service officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre with over three decades of service.
- He moves to MoEFCC from the post of Secretary, Department of Land Resources, in the Ministry of Rural Development.
- In Uttar Pradesh he was Additional Chief Secretary for Energy and Technical Education and Chief Executive Officer of the Greater Noida Authority.
- He is an Electronics graduate and holds a Master’s degree in International Development Policy from Duke University, USA.

Officer	Narendra Bhooshan
New post	Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)
Service and batch	Indian Administrative Service, 1992 batch
Cadre	Uttar Pradesh
Post held earlier	Secretary, Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development
Education	Graduate in Electronics; Master’s in International Development Policy, Duke University, USA

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Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Sets Aside Rs 5,000 Crore for Tribal Villages

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Drinking Water Department reviewed tap water saturation in PM-JANMAN and DA-JGUA tribal villages, for which Rs 5,000 crore is earmarked under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0.

- A dedicated provision of Rs 5,000 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 has been earmarked for drinking water gaps in PM-JANMAN and DA-JGUA villages.
- PM-JANMAN stands for Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan and DA-JGUA for Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.
- The second follow-up review meeting was chaired by Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is running the SurveySetu exercise to verify functional household tap connections household by household.
- Ladakh, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Chhattisgarh will submit their village proposals during October 2026.

Amount earmarked	Rs 5,000 crore under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Department	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti
Chaired by	Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, DDWS
PM-JANMAN	Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan
DA-JGUA	Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan
Survey exercise	SurveySetu, run by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, verifying functional household tap connections (FHTC)
District platform	District Water and Sanitation Mission (DWSM), chaired by the Deputy Commissioner or District Magistrate

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Special Campaign 6.0 Begins 2 October With E-Waste Focus

1 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Surya Kiran Air Show Sought at Lonar, Ajanta and Ellora

1 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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PM Modi Joins UPSC Centenary Celebrations at Bharat Mandapam

1 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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INS Trishul Joins 24th India-France Exercise Varuna at Toulon

1 October 2026 · Defence

Indian naval ship Trishul is taking part in the 24th edition of Exercise Varuna, the yearly India-France naval drill, after reaching Toulon in France.

- INS Trishul is taking part in the 24th edition of Exercise Varuna, the annual bilateral maritime exercise of the Indian Navy and the French Navy.
- The ship arrived at Toulon in France on 22 September 2026 and was received with a ceremonial water cannon salute.
- The crew laid a wreath at the Mazargues War Memorial in Marseille for 205 Indian soldiers who died in the World Wars.
- The sea phase was held with French units Forbin, La Fayette and the submarine Suffren, along with NH90 helicopters and Atlantique 2 aircraft.
- Indian sailors visited the French Navy ships Charles de Gaulle, Forbin and La Fayette to study carrier and aviation operations.

Exercise	Varuna, 24th edition
Type	Annual bilateral maritime exercise
Navies involved	Indian Navy and French Navy
Indian ship	INS Trishul
Port of arrival	Toulon, France, on 22 September 2026
Memorial	Mazargues War Memorial, Marseille, for 205 Indian soldiers of the World Wars
French units in sea phase	Forbin, La Fayette, submarine Suffren, NH90 helicopters, Atlantique 2 aircraft

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5th Kautilya Economic Conclave: Resilience in an Age of Flux

1 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave will be held in New Delhi from 3 to 5 October 2026 on the theme Resilience in an Age of Flux, said the Finance Ministry.

- The 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC 2026) will be held in New Delhi from 3 to 5 October 2026 on the theme Resilience in an Age of Flux.
- It is an initiative of the Institute of Economic Growth, founded by Professor V.K.R.V. Rao in 1952, held in partnership with the Ministry of Finance.
- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan will deliver the inaugural address and External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar the concluding address.
- RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra will give the special address at the plenary on Central Banking in an Age of Flux.
- More than 180 participants will attend, including over 80 international delegates from about 30 countries; the Conclave was first held in 2022.

Event	5th Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC 2026)
Dates and venue	3 to 5 October 2026, New Delhi
Theme	Resilience in an Age of Flux
Organiser	Institute of Economic Growth, with the Ministry of Finance
IEG founder	Professor V.K.R.V. Rao, in 1952
Inaugural address	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Concluding address	External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
RBI Governor	Sanjay Malhotra, special address on central banking

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Blood Donation Day 2026: One Drop of Humanity Theme

1 October 2026 · Important Days

National Voluntary Blood Donation Day was observed on 1 October 2026 at Lady Hardinge Medical College, Delhi, on the theme One Drop of Humanity.

- National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is observed on 1 October every year; the 2026 theme was "One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives."
- The national observance was held at Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi, with Dr M. Srinivas, Member (Health), NITI Aayog, presiding.
- About 75 per cent of the blood collected in the country comes from voluntary donation, Dr Srinivas said.
- Mizoram topped the North-Eastern States, Chandigarh the Union Territories and Haryana the other States for blood collection in 2025.
- A Nationwide Mega Voluntary Blood Donation Campaign is running from 17 September to 2 October 2026, using the e-RaktKosh portal.

Day	National Voluntary Blood Donation Day, observed on 1 October every year
Theme 2026	One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.
Venue	Swarn Jayanti Auditorium, Lady Hardinge Medical College, New Delhi
Presided over by	Dr M. Srinivas, Member (Health), NITI Aayog
Organiser	Blood Transfusion Services Division, Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Voluntary share	About 75 per cent of blood collection in the country
Portal	e-RaktKosh, for donor registration and monitoring
Toppers for 2025 collection	Mizoram (North-East), Chandigarh (UTs), Haryana (other States)

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

1 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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

1 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/rs-142330-crore-given-to-states-under-scst-poa-scheme/

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

1 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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NMMSS Application Date Extended to 31 October 2026

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Education Ministry has pushed the last date for NMMSS scholarship applications for 2026-27 to 31 October 2026, with a scholarship of Rs 12,000 a year.

- The last date to apply for the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme for 2026-27 is now 31 October 2026
- Institute Nodal Officer verification must be done by 15 November 2026 and District Nodal Officer verification by 30 November 2026
- Selected students receive Rs 12,000 per annum through Direct Benefit Transfer into their bank accounts
- One lakh fresh scholarships are given each year to Class IX students who clear the State or Union Territory selection examination
- As on 30 September 2026 the National Scholarship Portal had 88,522 fresh and 1,97,133 renewal applications

Scheme	National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS)
Ministry	Ministry of Education
Academic year	2026-27
New last date to apply	31 October 2026
L1 and L2 verification	15 November 2026 (institute) and 30 November 2026 (district)
Scholarship amount	Rs 12,000 per annum through Direct Benefit Transfer
Fresh scholarships a year	One lakh, to Class IX students
Eligibility	At least 55 per cent in Class VII, five percentage point relaxation for SC and ST

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NSO Begins Third CAPEX Survey on Private Investment Plans

1 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/nso-begins-third-capex-survey-on-private-investment-plans/

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INS Tarkash Reaches Mombasa in Kenya on Goodwill Port Call

1 October 2026 · Defence

INS Tarkash, a frontline stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, reached Mombasa in Kenya on 29 September 2026 for a goodwill port call during her deployment.

- INS Tarkash, a frontline stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, arrived at Mombasa in Kenya on 29 September 2026 for a goodwill port call
- Personnel of the Indian Navy and the Kenya Navy are taking part in professional and social engagements, cross-learning and cultural exchange
- Community outreach, sports and community service activities are also part of the visit
- The port call is in keeping with MAHASAGAR, or Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
- India and Kenya are maritime nations with long-standing engagement across the Indian Ocean and ties of history, culture and people

Ship	INS Tarkash, a frontline stealth frigate of the Indian Navy
Port visited	Mombasa
Country	Kenya
Date of arrival	29 September 2026
Nature of visit	Goodwill port call during deployment
Partner navy	Kenya Navy
Initiative	MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
Region	Indian Ocean Region

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/ins-tarkash-reaches-mombasa-in-kenya-on-goodwill-port-call/

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

1 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/special-gram-sabhas-to-launch-peoples-plan-campaign-2026-27/

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Indian Women's Squash Team Wins Bronze at Asian Games 2026

1 October 2026 · Sports

The Indian Women's Squash Team has won the Bronze medal at the Asian Games 2026, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the players on the podium finish.

- The Indian Women's Squash Team won the Bronze medal at the Asian Games 2026
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team and called their effort a spirited one
- He said the players showed great resolve and that the podium finish was richly deserved
- The Prime Minister observed that squash is becoming popular in India and that the result would draw youngsters to the sport
- The medal came in the women's team competition in squash, so the players finished third in their event

Team	Indian Women's Squash Team
Sport	Squash (women's team event)
Medal	Bronze
Event	Asian Games 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Remark on the sport	Squash is becoming popular in India and the result will motivate youngsters

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Nalanda University and CSIR-TKDL Sign Traditional Knowledge Pact

1 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Nalanda University and the CSIR-TKDL Unit signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 1 October 2026 for joint research and training on traditional knowledge.

- Nalanda University and the CSIR-TKDL Unit signed a Memorandum of Understanding on 1 October 2026 on traditional knowledge, IPR, people's rights and cultural heritage
- Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi, Vice-Chancellor of Nalanda University, and Dr. Viswajanani J Sattigeri, Head of the CSIR-TKDL Unit, signed the document
- The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library was set up in 2001 by CSIR with the Ministry of AYUSH and was the first such database in the world
- It holds over 5.2 lakh formulations from Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Yoga, in five international languages, shared with 18 patent offices
- Prior art from the library has led to more than 375 patent applications worldwide being revoked, rejected, amended, withdrawn or abandoned

Agreement	MoU between Nalanda University and the CSIR-TKDL Unit
Date of signing	1 October 2026
Signed by	Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi (Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University) and Dr. Viswajanani J Sattigeri (Head, CSIR-TKDL Unit)
Areas covered	Traditional knowledge, IPR, people's rights, cultural heritage and traditional cultural expressions
TKDL set up in	2001, by CSIR with the Ministry of AYUSH
TKDL holdings	Over 5.2 lakh formulations and practices of Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Sowa Rigpa and Yoga
TKDL languages	English, German, French, Japanese and Spanish
Patent offices with access	18, under non-disclosure agreements

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/nalanda-university-and-csir-tkdl-sign-traditional-knowledge-pact/

Asian Games 2026: India Take Skiff Silver and Compound Bronze

1 October 2026 · Sports

Prince Noble and Manu Francis won silver in the Men’s Skiff at the Asian Games 2026, and Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru won bronze in Men’s Compound Individual.

- Prince Noble and Manu Francis won the silver medal in the Men’s Skiff event at the Asian Games 2026
- Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru won bronze in the Men’s Compound Individual bronze medal match at the Asian Games
- The Prime Minister said the skiff pair had bettered their earlier performances to reach the podium for the first time
- The Prime Minister praised the compound archer for accuracy under pressure, composure and an unyielding spirit

Games	Asian Games 2026
Silver medal	Men’s Skiff – Prince Noble and Manu Francis
Bronze medal	Men’s Compound Individual – Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru
Skiff crew size	Two athletes, hence two names on the silver
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Exempted FASTag Validity Now Linked to Disability Percentage

1 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Auction of Two Offshore Mineral Blocks in Andaman Sea Begins

1 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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HQ Integrated Defence Staff Marks 25 Years on Tri-Service Day

1 October 2026 · Defence

Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff marked its Silver Jubilee, 25 years since it was set up in New Delhi on 1 October 2001, observed as Tri-Service Day.

- Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff marked its Silver Jubilee, 25 years since it was raised in New Delhi on 1 October 2001
- The day is observed as Tri-Service Day and this year’s theme was “Future readiness through jointness and Integration”
- HQ IDS organised Trishakti Manthan, addressed by CDS General N. S. Raja Subramani and CISC Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
- A Silver Jubilee Book and a film were released, and CDS Unit Citations were conferred on personnel
- Its platforms for jointness include Ran Samwad, the Joint Commanders’ Conference and the CORE Programme

Organisation	Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS)
Raised on	1 October 2001, New Delhi
Occasion	Silver Jubilee, 25 years; the day is observed as Tri-Service Day
Theme	“Future readiness through jointness and Integration”
Flagship event	Trishakti Manthan
CDS and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs	General N. S. Raja Subramani
Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, COSC	Air Marshal Tejinder Singh
Released	Silver Jubilee Book and a film on key milestones

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ICAR and FCI Sign MoU on Safer Foodgrain Fumigation Methods

1 October 2026 · Science & Technology

ICAR and FCI signed an MoU on 30 September 2026 to research alternative fumigation for storage pests in wheat and rice, with Phase-I run by ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana.

- ICAR and FCI signed an MoU on 30 September 2026 for research on alternative fumigation technologies for storage pests in wheat and rice
- The two-year Phase-I project will be implemented by ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana, with support from the Department of Food and Public Distribution
- Grain reserves have relied on aluminium phosphide and malathion, with pest resistance reaching 72 to 100 per cent in key states
- Phase-I will trial nitrogen gas above 99 per cent purity, carbon dioxide with phosphine, and carbon dioxide inside hermetic covers
- Phase-II will be a one-year multi-location trial to frame region-specific Standard Operating Procedures

Agreement	MoU between ICAR and the Food Corporation of India
Signed on	30 September 2026
Supported by	Department of Food and Public Distribution, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Phase-I duration	Two years
Implementing institute	ICAR-Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology (CIPHET), Ludhiana
Chemicals being replaced	Aluminium phosphide (ALP) and malathion
Pest resistance in key states	72 to 100 per cent
Gases under trial	Nitrogen (above 99 per cent), carbon dioxide, and carbon dioxide with phosphine

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SETU NSP App Brings Scholarship Services to One Platform

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry's SETU NSP App lets SC and OBC students register, complete biometric authentication, apply and track scholarships on a single platform.

- SETU stands for Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment; the app works with the National Scholarship Portal
- It is an initiative of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, launched in April 2026
- It serves beneficiaries of the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes
- Students can register, complete biometric authentication, submit applications and track status on one platform
- It also provides services for Institutional, District and State Nodal Officers who process and monitor applications

Application	SETU National Scholarship Portal (NSP) App
SETU stands for	Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Implemented by	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment (DoSJE)
Launched in	April 2026
Schemes covered	Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes
Student services	Registration, biometric authentication, application submission, status tracking
Officials served	Institutional, District and State Nodal Officers

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GOBARdhan Scheme Launched for Compressed Biogas Sector

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Petroleum Minister Hardeep Singh Puri launched the GOBARdhan Central Sector Scheme for compressed biogas, carrying an outlay of Rs 23,731 crore over ten years.

- GOBARdhan is a Central Sector Scheme for the Compressed Biogas sector with an outlay of Rs 23,731 crore, approved by the Union Cabinet on 6 August 2026
- It runs for ten years, from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36, and targets a nearly ten-fold rise in domestic CBG output to about 5 MMSCMD
- The administered CBG price is fixed at Rs 2,110 per MMBtu and capital assistance goes up to Rs 2 crore per TPD of greenfield capacity
- City Gas Distribution firms must source 3 per cent of CNG and domestic PNG needs from CBG in FY 2026-27, rising to 5 per cent from FY 2028-29
- India had more than 217 CBG plants with over 1,700 TPD capacity by August 2026; the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas is the single nodal ministry

Scheme	GOBARdhan, a Central Sector Scheme for Compressed Biogas (CBG)
Launched by	Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri
Outlay	Rs 23,731 crore
Period	FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36 (ten years)
Cabinet approval	6 August 2026
Production target	Nearly ten-fold rise, to about 5 MMSCMD
Administered CBG price	Rs 2,110 per MMBtu
Nodal ministry	Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

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BharatNet Deal Brings Rs 10,520 Crore to Rural Maharashtra

1 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Digital Bharat Nidhi signed an agreement with Maharashtra, MDIL, BSNL and MahaIT to run the Amended BharatNet Programme in 28,237 gram panchayats of the state.

- Digital Bharat Nidhi signed an agreement with the Government of Maharashtra, MDIL, BSNL and MahaIT to implement the Amended BharatNet Programme in the state
- The Centre has approved financial support of Rs 10,520 crore for the Maharashtra rollout, which MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limited will execute
- The scope covers 28,237 gram panchayats: 15,171 Phase I panchayats upgraded to ring topology, 12,740 Phase II panchayats and 326 newly created panchayats
- Another 15,799 villages will get broadband on a demand basis, and more than nine lakh rural home fibre connections are expected
- The Union Cabinet approved the Amended BharatNet Programme on 4 August 2023; Digital Bharat Nidhi is the renamed Universal Service Obligation Fund

Programme	Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP), state-led model
State	Maharashtra
Central support	Rs 10,520 crore
Signatories	Digital Bharat Nidhi (DoT), Government of Maharashtra, MDIL, BSNL and MahaIT
Executing agency	MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limited (MDIL)
Gram panchayats covered	28,237
Villages on demand	15,799
Cabinet approval of ABP	4 August 2023

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G20 Trade Ministers Meet at Milwaukee Under US Presidency

1 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal joined the opening day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting at Milwaukee, where ministers agreed on a statement on weaponisation of food.

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal attended the opening day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, under the United States G20 Presidency
- Ministers reached consensus on an outcome document, the G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions
- Goyal said more than 800 million people in India get foodgrains free of cost and that food must never be used as an instrument of pressure
- He cited the Bali Ministerial Decision, the Geneva Ministerial Declaration and the G20 Agricultural Market Information System set up in 2011
- Goyal held bilaterals with Brazil, the United States, the European Union, the United Kingdom, Mexico and Poland, and visited the Rockwell Automation factory at Mequon

Event	G20 Trade Ministers Meeting
Venue	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States
Presidency	United States G20 Presidency
India represented by	Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal
Outcome document	G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions
US Trade Representative	Jamieson Greer
Factory visited	Rockwell Automation, Mequon, Wisconsin
AMIS set up in	2011

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Asian Games 2026: India Take Men’s 4x400m Relay Bronze

1 October 2026 · Sports

Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK won the bronze medal in the Men’s 4x400m Relay at the Asian Games with a superb timing.

- India won the bronze medal in the Men’s 4x400m Relay at the Asian Games with what the Prime Minister described as a superb timing
- The medal-winning quartet was Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK
- A 4x400m relay team has four runners, each covering one lap of 400 metres, so the bronze is shared by all four athletes
- The Prime Minister called it a spirited team effort and a fitting podium place, and said the success would inspire other athletes

Games	Asian Games
Event	Men’s 4x400m Relay
Medal	Bronze
Team members	Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK
Team size	Four runners, one lap of 400 metres each
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Defence Accounts Department Marks 279th Annual Day

1 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched three initiatives at the 279th Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department at DRDO Bhawan, among them a Treasury Single Account.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh launched digital and financial management initiatives at the 279th Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department at DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi
- Three initiatives were unveiled: integration of SAKSHAM with the Indian Army Financial Information System, the Treasury Single Account system and the revamped National Compilation System
- The Treasury Single Account runs on the PRISM platform and is fully integrated with RBI eKUBER for just-in-time release of funds to autonomous bodies
- SAMAR-SETU, run from the Central Agniveer Pay and Accounts Office, manages pay accounts of more than 2.3 lakh Agniveers of the Indian Army
- Three publications were released: COSHE 2026, Raksha Lekha Bharati and the Market Intelligence Report 2025-2026, and the Raksha Mantri Awards for Excellence 2026 were presented

Occasion	279th Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department
Venue	DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi
Launched by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Initiative 1	SAKSHAM integrated with the Indian Army Financial Information System (IAFIS)
Initiative 2	Treasury Single Account on the PRISM platform, integrated with RBI eKUBER
Initiative 3	Revamped National Compilation System for defence expenditure
SAMAR-SETU	Manages pay of more than 2.3 lakh Agniveers from the Central Agniveer Pay and Accounts Office
Publications	COSHE 2026, Raksha Lekha Bharati, Market Intelligence Report 2025-2026

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SafaiMitra Shivir Reaches 3.69 Lakh Beneficiaries

1 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The national SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir reached 3,69,469 beneficiaries across 3,870 urban local bodies, with 3,02,958 health check-ups facilitated.

- A national-level SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir was held in hybrid mode and drew 3,69,469 beneficiaries from across the country
- More than 3,800 urban local bodies, rural local bodies and line departments participated, and the Shivir spread across 3,870 urban local bodies
- 3,02,958 health check-ups were facilitated and 1,28,928 personal protective equipment kits were distributed among SafaiMitras
- 2,24,521 NAMASTE Cards were downloaded, 57,967 Ayushman Cards were distributed and 1,53,253 registrations under government schemes were completed
- Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Bihar organised health camps across their major municipal corporations for the Shivir

Event	National-level SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Format	Hybrid, from the national capital and at participating locations
Beneficiaries	3,69,469
Urban local bodies covered	3,870
Health check-ups	3,02,958
NAMASTE Cards downloaded	2,24,521
PPE kits distributed	1,28,928

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Survey of India Marks 28 Standard Place Names in Ladakh

2 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Special Campaign 6 Starts With E-Waste Disposal in Focus

2 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The month-long Special Campaign 6 began on 2 October 2026 in central ministries, with scientific e-waste disposal and pendency clearance as its targets.

- The implementation phase of Special Campaign 6 runs from 2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026 across central ministries and their field offices.
- Its theme this year is the effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste, with a standard operating procedure circulated for scientific disposal.
- The campaign follows DARPG guidelines, and progress is monitored on the Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters portal.
- The environment ministry has targeted 132 cleanliness sites, 445 public grievances, 12,234 physical files and 14,164 e-files for review.
- The steel ministry has planned 301 cleanliness activities and the disposal of 20,763 physical files and 9,056 e-files.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters
Implementation phase	2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
Guidelines issued by	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Theme	Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
Monitoring platform	SCDPM portal of DARPG
Environment Ministry cleanliness sites	132
Environment Ministry files for review	12,234 physical and 14,164 electronic
Steel Ministry cleanliness activities	301

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Meghwal Leads Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam Drive at IIAC in Delhi

2 October 2026 · Environment

Law and Justice Minister of State Arjun Ram Meghwal led a tree plantation drive at the India International Arbitration Centre in Vasant Kunj, Delhi.

- A tree plantation drive was held at the India International Arbitration Centre, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi, on 1 October 2026, the eve of Gandhi Jayanti.
- It was organised by the Department of Legal Affairs under the theme Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, as part of Special Campaign 6 and Swachhata Hi Seva 2026.
- Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Law and Justice, led the drive and planted saplings on the campus.
- Dr Rajiv Mani, Secretary of the Legislative Department and the Department of Legal Affairs, is the Chairperson of the arbitration centre; Navin Kumar Singh is its Chief Executive Officer.
- The minister recalled Gandhi's stay in Champaran in 1917, where sanitation work grew into a mass movement and helped the indigo farmers.

Event	Tree plantation drive at the India International Arbitration Centre
Date of event	1 October 2026, the eve of Gandhi Jayanti
Theme	Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
Held under	Special Campaign 6 and Swachhata Hi Seva 2026
Organised by	Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
Led by	Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice
Chairperson of the centre	Dr Rajiv Mani, Secretary, Legislative Department and Department of Legal Affairs
Chief Executive Officer of the centre	Navin Kumar Singh

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RoDTEP Export Scheme Extended Up to 31 December 2026

2 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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RELIEF Timelines Extended for West Asia Route Exporters

2 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Goyal at G20 Trade Ministers Meeting in Milwaukee, US

2 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Piyush Goyal attended the closing day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting at Milwaukee and asked that trade distortions be corrected only through WTO-consistent means.

- Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal took part in the concluding day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting at Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in the United States.
- He said trade-distorting support leading to dumping must be answered through WTO-consistent anti-dumping and countervailing duties based on evidence and open to judicial review.
- He called Most-Favoured-Nation treatment the key guarantee of a rules-based system, sought preservation of special and differential treatment and asked for the two-tier dispute settlement system to be restored.
- On forced labour he cited Article 23 of the Constitution, India ratification of ILO Conventions 29 and 105, and the July 2026 amendment of the Foreign Trade Policy barring imports of goods made with forced labour.
- India extended full support to the United Kingdom for the G20 Presidency in 2027; Goyal held bilateral meetings with the trade ministers of Australia, Saudi Arabia, France, the Republic of Korea and Canada.

Event	G20 Trade Ministers Meeting, concluding day
Venue	Milwaukee, Wisconsin, United States
India represented by	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Current G20 Presidency	United States
Next G20 Presidency backed by India	United Kingdom, in 2027
Constitutional provision cited	Article 23, which prohibits forced labour as a fundamental right
ILO Conventions ratified by India	Conventions 29 and 105 on forced labour
Trade policy change cited	Foreign Trade Policy amended in July 2026 to prohibit import of goods produced with forced labour

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APEDA Sends Bihar Makhana From Purnea to Greece

2 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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NITI Aayog Holds SDG Budgeting Workshop in Kolkata

2 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Innovative Public Toilets Mark 12 Years of Swachh Bharat

2 October 2026 · Government Schemes

As the Swachh Bharat Mission completes twelve years, cities from Bengaluru to Tirupati have rebuilt public toilets using scrap buses, recycled plastic and smart fittings.

- The Swachh Bharat Mission, launched on 2 October 2014, completes twelve years, and the Toilets 2.0 initiative of 2022 under its urban arm aims to make community and public toilets safe, clean and inviting.
- In Bengaluru, the Sthree Toilet at the KSRTC Majestic terminal was built from a scrap bus for women only, with three Indian-style and two Western-style commodes and solar-powered sensor lights.
- Navi Mumbai Aspirational Toilets at Koparkhairane used 426 square metres of recycled plastic sheeting, 11,700 plastic bottles, 35,200 bottle caps, 85 computer keyboards and 284 kg of scrap metal.
- Bhopal Freshrooms at the 10 Number Market run on a Design-Build-Operate-Transfer model under a public-private partnership, serving 500 to 1,000 visitors a day.
- Karad in Satara district, Maharashtra, collects 300 to 350 kg of sanitary waste daily and treats it at a 600 kg a day facility whose incinerator reaches 1,200 degrees Celsius.

Mission	Swachh Bharat Mission, launched on 2 October 2014
Years completed	Twelve
Toilets 2.0	Initiative of 2022 under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban for community and public toilets
Finding a toilet	SBM Toilet Locator on the Swachhata app
Bengaluru	Sthree Toilet for women, built from a scrap bus at the KSRTC Majestic terminal
Navi Mumbai	Aspirational Toilets at Sector 14, Koparkhairane, using 426 square metres of recycled plastic sheeting
Navi Mumbai materials	11,700 plastic bottles, 35,200 bottle caps, 85 computer keyboards and 284 kg of scrap metal
Bhopal	Freshrooms at the 10 Number Market on a Design-Build-Operate-Transfer model under a public-private partnership

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India Win First-Ever Women's Recurve Team Gold at Asian Games

2 October 2026 · Sports

Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti won India's first-ever gold medal in the Women's Recurve Team archery event at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026.

- Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti won the gold medal in the Women's Recurve Team event at the Asian Games.
- It is India's first-ever gold in the women's recurve team event at the Asian Games, announced on 2 October 2026.
- A recurve team is made up of three archers whose scores are added together, so the medal is shared by all three.
- The Prime Minister praised the trio's composure and accuracy in a closely fought final and called the win a landmark.
- The recurve bow is the Olympic-style bow, which sets these events apart from the compound archery events.

Games	Asian Games
Event	Women's Recurve Team, archery
Medal	Gold
Archers	Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti
Significance	India's first-ever gold in this event at the Asian Games
Bow type	Recurve, the Olympic-style bow
Team size	Three archers per country
Date of the news	2 October 2026

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India Win First-Ever Recurve Mixed Team Silver at Asian Games

2 October 2026 · Sports

Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod won India's first-ever silver medal in the Recurve Mixed Team archery event at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026.

- Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod won the silver medal in the Recurve Mixed Team event at the Asian Games.
- It is India's first-ever silver in the recurve mixed team event at the Asian Games, announced on 2 October 2026.
- An archery mixed team pairs one man and one woman from the same country, so the medal carries exactly two names.
- The Prime Minister praised the skill and zeal of the two archers and called the result a memorable achievement.
- Kumkum Anil Mohod also won the women's recurve team gold the same day, giving her two archery medals on one date.

Games	Asian Games
Event	Recurve Mixed Team, archery
Medal	Silver
Archers	Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod
Significance	India's first-ever silver in this event at the Asian Games
Team format	One man and one woman from the same country
Other medal the same day	Kumkum Anil Mohod was also in the women's recurve team gold
Date of the news	2 October 2026

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Harshita Tomar, Shital Verma Take Women's Skiff Bronze

2 October 2026 · Sports

Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma won the bronze medal in the Women's Skiff sailing event at the Asian Games, bettering India's earlier showing in the class.

- Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma won the bronze medal in the Women's Skiff sailing event at the Asian Games.
- The Prime Minister said the pair's determination and consistency had taken India onto the podium.
- The result bettered India's previous performance in the event, a point the Prime Minister underlined.
- A skiff is a light, fast two-person sailing boat, so the medal is credited to a crew of two sailors.
- The same day brought India archery medals as well, a women's recurve team gold and a recurve mixed team silver.

Games	Asian Games
Sport	Sailing
Event	Women's Skiff
Medal	Bronze
Sailors	Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma
Noted by the Prime Minister	Determination and consistency, and a podium finish
Added significance	Bettered India's previous performance in the event
Date of the news	2 October 2026

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First Tigress Released in Buxa Tiger Reserve of West Bengal

2 October 2026 · Environment

A tigress brought from Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar was released in Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal, opening a phased Tiger Reintroduction Programme.

- A tigress named T138 was translocated from Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar and released in Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.
- The release opened India's Wildlife Week 2026 and the first phase of a Tiger Reintroduction Programme for Buxa.
- Buxa was declared a Tiger Reserve in 1983 and is linked to forests and protected areas in Bhutan and Assam.
- Under the Tiger Augmentation and Recovery Project, run with NTCA and WII since 2018, more than 800 chital were released and about 380 hectares of grassland restored.
- Camera traps recorded tigers in 2021, 2023 and 2026, and a tiger photographed in 2023 was matched with one from Manas Tiger Reserve in Assam.

Reserve	Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal
Animal released	Tigress identified as T138
Brought from	Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar
Released in the presence of	Union Minister Bhupender Yadav and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari
Occasion	Beginning of India's Wildlife Week 2026
Declared a Tiger Reserve	1983
Project	Tiger Augmentation and Recovery Project, with NTCA and WII since 2018
Prey base	More than 800 chital released

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PM Mementos E-Auction Extended Till 31 October 2026

2 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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APEDA Flags Off FPO Frozen Food Export From Haryana to Canada

2 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Gandhi Jayanti 2026: PM and Vice-President Pay Tributes

2 October 2026 · Important Days

Prime Minister Narendra Modi honoured Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat and Lal Bahadur Shastri at Vijay Ghat on Gandhi Jayanti and urged people to buy Khadi.

- Gandhi Jayanti was observed on 2 October 2026, which is also the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi offered floral tributes to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat and to Lal Bahadur Shastri at Vijay Ghat
- The Prime Minister asked people to buy at least one Khadi product on 2 October and to take pride in calling it Swadeshi
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan paid homage at Rajghat and Vijay Ghat and to former Tamil Nadu Chief Minister K. Kamaraj on his death anniversary
- The Vice-President recalled the call of Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan given by Lal Bahadur Shastri

Occasion	Gandhi Jayanti and the birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri, 2 October 2026
Rajghat	Memorial of Mahatma Gandhi, where floral tributes were offered
Vijay Ghat	Memorial of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri
Vice-President	Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
Also honoured	Thiru K. Kamaraj, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on his death anniversary
Appeal of the Prime Minister	Buy at least one Khadi product on 2 October and call it Swadeshi with pride
Slogan recalled	Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan, given by Lal Bahadur Shastri

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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 Ends on Swachh Bharat Diwas

2 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Swachh Bharat Mission and Its Behaviour Change Journey

2 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A PIB backgrounder traces how the Swachh Bharat Mission, launched on 2 October 2014, used communication to turn sanitation into a shared social habit.

- The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on 2 October 2014 and runs through two components, SBM-Grameen and SBM-Urban
- The target was a clean India by the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, and rural India was declared open defecation free on 2 October 2019
- The mission logo depicts the spectacles of Mahatma Gandhi and the word Swachhagrahi was drawn from Satyagraha
- More than 67,000 public toilet blocks across over 3,300 cities were mapped on Google Maps, with the Swachhata App used for complaints
- Sanitation outcomes are certified through the ODF, ODF+, ODF++, Water+ and Star Rating protocols

Launch	Swachh Bharat Mission, 2 October 2014
Components	SBM-Grameen for rural areas and SBM-Urban for cities
Original target	A clean India by the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in 2019
Rural ODF declaration	2 October 2019
Logo	The spectacles of Mahatma Gandhi
Digital mapping	Over 67,000 public toilet blocks in more than 3,300 cities on Google Maps
Certification ladder	ODF, ODF+, ODF++, Water+ and the Star Rating protocol for Garbage Free Cities
Local incentive example	Give Polythene Get Gold in Panchayat Halqa Hiller, Jammu and Kashmir

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Ghaziabad to Be Second Indian City Earning Carbon Credits

2 October 2026 · Environment

A PIB backgrounder says Ghaziabad will be the first urban body in Uttar Pradesh, and the second in India after Indore, to turn waste into carbon credits.

- Ghaziabad is set to become the first urban local body in Uttar Pradesh and the second in India, after Indore, to earn carbon credits from waste management
- The Ghaziabad Municipal Corporation is accredited under the Verified Carbon Standard supported by the UNFCCC and expects to cut about 2.7 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide
- The Integrated Waste Management Facility at Saligao in Goa covers 113,000 square metres and handles 250 metric tons of wet and dry waste every day
- Kakinada in Andhra Pradesh manages 144 tons of waste a day with RFID tags, GPS and facial recognition attendance for sanitation workers
- Gandhinagar in Gujarat ran zero waste activities at 25 locations, engaging over 600 citizens directly and more than 40,000 through social media

Carbon credit city	Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh, second in the country after Indore
Accreditation	Verified Carbon Standard, supported by the UNFCCC
Expected reduction	About 2.7 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide, equal to the same number of carbon credits
Goa facility	Integrated Waste Management Facility, Saligao, run by the Goa Waste Management Corporation
Goa capacity	113,000 square metres, 250 metric tons of waste a day, 7 to 8 tons of compost
Kakinada	East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, 144 tons of waste a day across 50 wards
Kakinada technology	RFID tags, GPS on 108 hopper vehicles, facial recognition attendance and an online waste management system
Gandhinagar	Zero waste activities at 25 locations, over 600 citizens engaged, My Theli stalls

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CBN Destroys Over 10.84 Tonnes of Seized Drugs in MP

2 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Sujeet Wins Men's 65 kg Freestyle Wrestling Gold at Asian Games

2 October 2026 · Sports

Sujeet won the men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling gold at the Asian Games on his debut, handing India its first wrestling gold of this edition.

- Sujeet won the gold medal in the men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games after a thrilling final.
- The medal is India's first wrestling gold of this edition of the Asian Games.
- Sujeet achieved it on his Asian Games debut, in his first appearance at the Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the wrestler and described the win as a memorable triumph.

Athlete	Sujeet
Event	Men's 65 kg Freestyle Wrestling, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Significance	India's first wrestling gold of this edition of the Asian Games
Milestone	Won on his Asian Games debut
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	2 October 2026

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Lovlina Borgohain Wins Women's 75 kg Boxing Gold at Asian Games

2 October 2026 · Sports

Lovlina Borgohain won the women's 75 kg boxing gold at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026 after an emphatic 5-0 verdict in the final bout of her division.

- Lovlina Borgohain won the gold medal in the women's 75 kg boxing event at the Asian Games.
- She took the title with an emphatic 5-0 verdict in the final bout.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated her and said her sporting journey reflects determination and excellence.
- The Prime Minister's Office shared the congratulatory message in a post on X on 2 October 2026.

Boxer	Lovlina Borgohain
Event	Women's 75 kg Boxing, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Margin in the final	5-0
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	2 October 2026

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Parveen Wins Women's 65 kg Boxing Gold at Asian Games 2026

2 October 2026 · Sports

Parveen won the women's 65 kg boxing gold at the Asian Games after a hard-fought final, adding another chapter to Indian boxing on 2 October 2026.

- Parveen won the gold medal in the women's 65 kg boxing event at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026.
- She took the title after a hard-fought final bout rather than a one-sided contest.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the achievement adds another glorious chapter to Indian boxing.
- He called her success deeply motivating and said it highlights her dedication to sporting excellence.

Boxer	Parveen
Event	Women's 65 kg Boxing, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Nature of the final	Hard-fought contest
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	2 October 2026

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Ankush Wins Men's 80 kg Boxing Gold at Asian Games 2026

2 October 2026 · Sports

Ankush won the men's 80 kg boxing gold at the Asian Games with an emphatic final victory, closing India's boxing campaign at the Games on a high.

- Ankush won the gold medal in the men's 80 kg boxing event at the Asian Games on 2 October 2026.
- He took the title with an emphatic victory in the final bout.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the win ensures India's boxing campaign at the Asian Games ends on a great note.
- The Prime Minister also described the boxer's passion and dedication as noteworthy.

Boxer	Ankush
Event	Men's 80 kg Boxing, Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Final	Emphatic victory
Significance	Ends India's boxing campaign at these Asian Games on a great note
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	2 October 2026

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Jammu & Kashmir Auctions Its First Two Mineral Blocks

2 October 2026 · State News

In a historic first, two limestone blocks in Anantnag district of Jammu & Kashmir were auctioned by the Ministry of Mines, opening organised mining in the UT.

- In a historic first, two mineral blocks in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir have been auctioned through the Ministry of Mines.
- Both are limestone blocks in Anantnag district: the Koot-Kapran Limestone Block and the Wantrag Limestone Block.
- The Koot-Kapran block covers 22.43 hectares with estimated resources of 4.75 million tonnes, explored up to the G-4 stage.
- The Wantrag block covers 5.36 hectares with estimated resources of 10.853 million tonnes, explored up to the G-3 stage including 159 metres of drilling.
- The Jammu & Kashmir government had entrusted the auction of its mineral blocks to the Ministry of Mines, Government of India.

What happened	First-ever auction of mineral blocks in the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Number of blocks	Two
Mineral	Limestone
District	Anantnag, Jammu & Kashmir
Block 1	Koot-Kapran Limestone Block - 22.43 hectares, 4.75 million tonnes, G-4 stage
Block 2	Wantrag Limestone Block - 5.36 hectares, 10.853 million tonnes, G-3 stage with 159 metres of drilling
Location of Block 1	Koot and Kapran villages, Dooru Tehsil, Anantnag district
Auction conducted by	Ministry of Mines, Government of India

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Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Asian Games Gold After 4 Decades

2 October 2026 · Sports

India's women's hockey team claimed the gold medal in hockey at the Asian Games after a wait of more than four decades, a first in over forty years.

- The Indian women's hockey team won the gold medal in hockey at the Asian Games, its first gold in the event in over forty years
- The win ended a wait of more than four decades for an Asian Games hockey gold by Indian women
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team, calling the result the outcome of outstanding skill and teamwork
- The Prime Minister said the team's determination was inspiring and wished the side well for its coming contests
- He expressed the hope that the gold would help spread hockey's popularity across the country

Achievement	Gold medal in hockey at the Asian Games
Team	Indian Women's Hockey Team
Gap since last gold	More than four decades
Sport	Hockey (team event)
Greeted by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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India Win First-Ever Sepaktakraw Medal in Men's Quadrant Event

2 October 2026 · Sports

The Indian men's quadrant team won a bronze medal in sepaktakraw at the Asian Games, India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Games.

- The Indian men's quadrant team won the bronze medal in sepaktakraw at the Asian Games
- It is India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Asian Games, making the result a landmark for the sport in the country
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team and called its determination and fighting spirit exemplary
- The Prime Minister said he hoped the achievement would give sepaktakraw further momentum across the country
- The medal belongs to the team as a whole, since quadrant is a team format within the sepaktakraw programme

Achievement	Bronze medal in sepaktakraw, men's quadrant event
Team	Indian Men's Quadrant Team
Event	Asian Games
Significance	India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Games
Greeted by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 Second Edition Ends in Delhi

2 October 2026 · Defence

The second edition of the biannual Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held in New Delhi from 29 September to 1 October and reviewed the Navy's preparedness.

- The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held in New Delhi from 29 September to 1 October 2026, a three-day sitting
- The conference is held twice a year and reviews the Navy's operational and materiel preparedness at the military-strategic level
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, MoS for Electronics and IT Jitin Prasada, CDS Gen NS Raja Subramani and COAS Gen Dhiraj Seth interacted with the commanders
- Deliberations covered operational preparedness, logistics and maintenance, training and HR reforms, AI absorption and uncrewed systems
- The stated aim was a Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Ready force, built on jointness and interagency coordination

Event	Naval Commanders' Conference 2026, second edition
Dates	29 September to 1 October 2026 (three days)
Venue	New Delhi
Frequency	Held twice a year (biannual)
Chief of Defence Staff	Gen NS Raja Subramani
Chief of the Army Staff	Gen Dhiraj Seth
Raksha Mantri	Rajnath Singh
Stated aim	A Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Ready force

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India-Netherlands Talks Review 25 Agriculture Centres of Excellence

2 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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2.42 Lakh Special Gram Sabhas Held in India on Gandhi Jayanti

2 October 2026 · Government Schemes

More than 2.42 lakh Special Gram Sabhas were held across India on Gandhi Jayanti, launching the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas.

- More than 2.42 lakh Special Gram Sabhas were held across India on Gandhi Jayanti, scheduled on the GPDP Portal and the Panchayat NIRNAY Portal
- They marked the start of the People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas, under which Panchayats will prepare Panchayat Development Plans for 2027-28
- The campaign is led by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj with 21 ministries and departments and has been rolled out since 2018
- The Sixteenth Finance Commission has recommended Rs 4,35,236 crore for Rural Local Bodies for 2026-31, nearly 84 per cent more than the Fifteenth
- The annual per capita grant to Rural Local Bodies rises from about Rs 400 to nearly Rs 950, and over 2.55 lakh Gram Panchayats prepare plans on eGramSwaraj

Special Gram Sabhas	More than 2.42 lakh, held on Gandhi Jayanti
Campaign launched	People's Plan Campaign 2026-27, Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas
Plans for	Financial year 2027-28
Portals used	GPDP Portal and Panchayat NIRNAY Portal
Ministries and departments	21, led by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj
Sixteenth Finance Commission award	Rs 4,35,236 crore for Rural Local Bodies, 2026-31
Increase over Fifteenth Finance Commission	Nearly 84 per cent
Per capita grant	From about Rs 400 to nearly Rs 950 a year

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3 October 2026

Navpreet Singh Deported from Türkiye in Narco Trafficking Case

3 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Vice-President Opens 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in Delhi

3 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in New Delhi, held on the theme ‘Resilience in an Age of Flux’.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan delivered the inaugural address at the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave in New Delhi on 3 October 2026.
- The theme of the edition was ‘Resilience in an Age of Flux’; the conclave is organised by the Institute of Economic Growth, set up in 1952 under Professor V. K. R. V. Rao.
- He said more than 590 million Jan Dhan accounts had been opened as of August 2026, while GST registrations rose from about 6.65 million in 2017 to 16.5 million in May 2026.
- Around 9.2 million Self-Help Groups cover more than 100 million rural women, and over 34.6 million Lakhpati Didis have emerged.
- More than 250 million Indians have moved out of extreme poverty, and consensus-backed reforms support the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Event	5th Kautilya Economic Conclave
Theme	‘Resilience in an Age of Flux’
Venue and date	New Delhi, 3 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Organiser	Institute of Economic Growth (IEG), established 1952
IEG founder	Professor V. K. R. V. Rao
Jan Dhan accounts	More than 590 million as of August 2026
GST registrations	About 6.65 million in 2017 to 16.5 million in May 2026

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NABKISAN Raises ₹180 Crore Through India's First WASH Bond

3 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

NABKISAN, a NABARD subsidiary, listed India's first social bond meant only for the water, sanitation and hygiene sector on the NSE and raised ₹180 crore.

- NABKISAN Finance Limited, a NABARD subsidiary, listed India's first social bond dedicated only to the water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) sector on the NSE, Mumbai, on 1 October 2026.
- The issue was subscribed 1.8 times over and fetched ₹180 crore for lending to water, sanitation and hygiene work in villages.
- The bond runs for five years, pays a coupon of 8.10% a year and is to be redeemed in September 2031.
- CRISIL and CARE both gave the paper their top domestic grade, AAA with a stable outlook.
- Water.org was technical advisor and knowledge partner; NABARD is chaired by Dr. Shaji Krishnan V and NABKISAN is headed by Immanuvel Ganesan.

Issuer	NABKISAN Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD
What is new	India's first social bond dedicated only to the WASH sector
Listed on	National Stock Exchange, Mumbai
Date of listing	1 October 2026
Amount raised	₹180 crore
Demand	Subscribed 1.8 times over
Coupon rate	8.10% a year
Tenure and maturity	Five years; matures September 2031

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Harivansh to Lead India at 153rd IPU Assembly in Tanzania

3 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Swachh Bharat Diwas 2026 Marked by Special Gram Sabhas

3 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Patil joined a Special Gram Sabha at Majigam in Gujarat as villages across India marked Swachh Bharat Diwas on 2 October 2026.

- Swachh Bharat Diwas was observed on 2 October 2026 with Special Gram Sabhas across rural India as the key activity of Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026.
- Union Jal Shakti Minister Shri C. R. Patil joined the Special Gram Sabha at Majigam village, Chikhli Block, Navsari district, Gujarat, and honoured sanitation workers.
- The sabhas reviewed four-way segregation of waste at source under the Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026 and listed bulk waste generators.
- Swachh Seva Aankalan, a yearly digital self-assessment done by a Gram Panchayat itself, was discussed in ODF Plus (Model) panchayats.
- The Minister saw a Waste to Art exhibit and planted a sapling under Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam; Ms. Aishvarya Singh is Mission Director of Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen).

Occasion	Swachh Bharat Diwas, observed 2 October 2026
Key activity	Special Gram Sabhas under Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026
Union Minister present	Shri C. R. Patil, Minister of Jal Shakti
Village visited	Majigam, Chikhli Block, Navsari district, Gujarat
Gujarat minister present	Shri Naresh Patel, Cabinet Minister
Mission Director, SBM (Grameen)	Ms. Aishvarya Singh, Joint Secretary
Rules reviewed	Solid Waste Management Rules, 2026, including four-way segregation at source
Swachh Seva Aankalan	Annual digital self-assessment by a Gram Panchayat, in ODF Plus (Model) panchayats

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National Anti-Drug Addiction Day Marked in Rajasthan Opium Belt

3 October 2026 · Important Days

The Central Bureau of Narcotics, Rajasthan Unit observed National Anti-Drug Addiction Day on Gandhi Jayanti with awareness drives across opium-growing districts.

- The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) works under the Union Ministry of Finance and regulates licensed opium poppy cultivation in India
- Its Rajasthan Unit observed National Anti-Drug Addiction Day on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, which falls on 2 October
- The awareness session at the University of Kota was held under Operation Yuva Raksha, with Deputy Narcotics Commissioner Naresh Bundel as chief guest
- Programmes ran in Kota, Jhalawar, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Udaipur districts, all part of the licensed poppy-growing belt
- Participants took the Nasha Mukti Pledge, and the Chittorgarh drive ran under the Yuva Raksha and Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyan banner

Occasion	National Anti-Drug Addiction Day, observed on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi (2 October)
Agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Rajasthan Unit
Parent ministry	Ministry of Finance
Student campaign	Operation Yuva Raksha
Venue of student session	University of Kota
Chief guest at Kota	Naresh Bundel, Deputy Narcotics Commissioner, Kota
Districts covered	Kota, Jhalawar, Bhilwara, Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh and Udaipur
Pledge administered	Nasha Mukti Pledge (Oath for an Addiction-Free India)

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Great Indian Bustard Rewilding Begins at Desert National Park

3 October 2026 · Environment

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav and Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma began the release of two captive-bred Great Indian Bustards in Jaisalmer.

- The release of two captive-bred Great Indian Bustards into the wild was set in motion at Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, during Wildlife Week 2026.
- The breeding centres at Sam and Ramdevra hold 97 birds, 40 of them hatched from wild-laid eggs and 57 bred in captivity, and 11 are earmarked for release.
- The pillar-less Rewilding Aviary at Ramdevra, 160 m by 64 m by 14 m, was built for ₹9.25 crore so captive birds can build flight muscle before release.
- Captive reproduction gave 24 chicks in 2025 and 29 in 2026, while the jumpstart method hatched six chicks in Rajasthan and two in Gujarat.
- The Bustard Recovery Programme is run by the Environment Ministry, the Rajasthan Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India, funded by National CAMPA.

Species	Great Indian Bustard, critically endangered, State bird of Rajasthan
Site of release	Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
Occasion	Wildlife Week 2026
Breeding centres	Sam and Ramdevra, holding 97 birds in all
Birds earmarked for release	11 of the 97
Rewilding Aviary	At Ramdevra, 160 m by 64 m by 14 m, sanctioned at ₹9.25 crore
Built by	Rajasthan Forest Department through RSRDC
Programme partners	MoEFCC, Rajasthan Forest Department and Wildlife Institute of India

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PM-SETU Completes One Year: 850 ITIs Identified for Upgrade

3 October 2026 · Government Schemes

PM-SETU, the ₹60,000 crore scheme to rebuild 1,000 government ITIs, completes a year on 4 October 2026 with 850 institutes identified and 14 clusters cleared.

- PM-SETU, launched on 4 October 2025, completes one year on 4 October 2026 with an outlay of ₹60,000 crore: ₹30,000 crore Centre, ₹20,000 crore States, ₹10,000 crore industry.
- Component I upgrades 1,000 government ITIs as 200 Hubs and 800 Spokes; Component II strengthens five NSTIs at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana.
- In the first year 850 ITIs were identified, 172 as Hubs and 678 as Spokes, and Strategic Investment Plans for 14 clusters worth ₹3,446 crore were approved.
- In each cluster special purpose vehicle the Anchor Industry Partner holds 51% while the Centre and the State hold 24.5% each.
- The DGT has added 32 new-age courses, and NSTIs are partnered with Singapore, France, Australia and Germany for advanced skilling.

Scheme	PM-SETU, Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs
Launched	4 October 2025; completes one year on 4 October 2026
Ministry	Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, through the Directorate General of Training
Outlay	₹60,000 crore: Centre ₹30,000 crore, States ₹20,000 crore, industry ₹10,000 crore
Component I	1,000 government ITIs as 200 Hub ITIs and 800 Spoke ITIs
Component II	Five NSTIs at Bhubaneswar, Chennai, Hyderabad, Kanpur and Ludhiana
Year-one progress	850 ITIs identified, 172 Hubs and 678 Spokes
Investment plans cleared	14 clusters worth ₹3,446 crore in eight States and one UT

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DARE and ICAR Begin Special Campaign 6.0 at Farm Institutes

3 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Kumkum Anil Mohod Wins Recurve Individual Gold at Asian Games

3 October 2026 · Sports

Kumkum Anil Mohod became the first Indian woman to win the Recurve Individual gold at the 2026 Asian Games, settling the final in a decisive shoot-off.

- Kumkum Anil Mohod is the first Indian woman to win the Recurve Individual gold medal at the Asian Games, a feat achieved at the 2026 edition.
- The gold medal match was decided in a shoot-off, the single-arrow tie-breaker used when two archers are level on set points.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the archer and said her composure in the decisive shoot-off was particularly outstanding.
- Recurve is the bow class used in the individual and team archery events at both the Asian Games and the Olympic Games.

Athlete	Kumkum Anil Mohod
Sport	Archery
Event	Recurve Individual
Games	Asian Games, 2026 edition
Medal	Gold
Distinction	First Indian woman to win Recurve Individual gold at the Asian Games
Match decided by	Shoot-off
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Pranavi Sharath Urs Wins First Asian Games Golf Gold for India

3 October 2026 · Sports

Pranavi Sharath Urs won India's first-ever gold medal in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games, closing her campaign with a superb finish.

- Pranavi Sharath Urs won India's first-ever gold medal in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated her on 3 October 2026 and said her superb finish had given the nation a sporting moment to remember.
- The Prime Minister hoped the victory would draw more young Indians to golf and inspire them to aim for the very top.
- Golf at the Asian Games is played as individual and team events for men and women; the women's individual gold had never previously come to India.

Athlete	Pranavi Sharath Urs
Sport	Golf
Event	Women's Individual
Games	Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Record	India's first-ever gold in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	3 October 2026

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Indian Men's Cricket Team Retains Asian Games Gold Medal

3 October 2026 · Sports

India's men's cricket team retained its Asian Games gold medal, a title defence Prime Minister Narendra Modi called a joyous occasion for the nation.

- The Indian men's cricket team retained its gold medal at the Asian Games, defending a title the side already held.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team on 3 October 2026 and called the result a joyous occasion for the nation.
- The Prime Minister's Office shared the greeting on X, noting that the gold medal had come to India yet again.
- Cricket is a comparatively recent addition to the Asian Games programme and is played there by both men's and women's teams.

Team	Indian men's cricket team
Games	Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Nature of the result	Title retained, not a maiden win
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Words used	A joyous occasion for the nation
Date	3 October 2026

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India Demonstrates First 5.56 km Free-Space Quantum Key Link

3 October 2026 · Science & Technology

QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar demonstrated India's first free-space quantum key distribution link over a distance of 5.56 km in a night field trial.

- QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar demonstrated India's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link, covering 5.56 km.
- The field trial was conducted on the night of 27 and 28 September between BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar, using a Pointing, Acquisition and Tracking system.
- The link kept the Quantum Bit Error Rate below 5% and generated secure keys at 230 to 260 bits per second.
- The keys were integrated with BISAG-N's post-quantum cryptography platform Vedic Kavach, which encrypted and decrypted test messages end to end.
- The set-up combined QNu Labs' hardware QKD device Armos with Vedic Kavach's software post-quantum cryptography and quantum random number generation.

Achievement	India's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link
Distance	5.56 km
Partners	QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar
Ministry	Electronics and Information Technology
Trial nights	27 and 28 September
Quantum Bit Error Rate	Below 5%
Secure key rate	230 to 260 bits per second
Hardware QKD device	Armos, by QNu Labs

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Five Centres of Excellence Approved for Classical Languages

3 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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INS Sahyadri and Kulish Conclude ASEAN-India Exercise AIME 2026

3 October 2026 · Defence

INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish completed the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise 2026 in the Philippines, held on the theme Anchored in Trust, United at Sea.

- INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish concluded their participation in the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise, AIME 2026, conducted in the Philippines.
- The theme of the exercise was Anchored in Trust, United at Sea, and it was run in a Harbour Phase and a Sea Phase.
- Sea Phase drills covered Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief, Visit-Board-Search-Seizure and Underway Replenishment, with cross-deck helicopter landings and casualty evacuation.
- The Harbour Phase included Key Leaders' Engagements, Yoga, community interaction, Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, a Table-Top Exercise and a Pre-Sail Brief.
- The deployment was placed within India's Act East Policy and the MAHASAGAR vision, which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

Exercise	ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026)
Host country	Philippines
Theme	Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
Indian ships	INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish
Phases	Harbour Phase and Sea Phase
Sea Phase drills	HADR, Visit-Board-Search-Seizure, Underway Replenishment
Helicopter drills	Cross-deck landings, vertical replenishment, casualty evacuation
Policy framework	Act East Policy

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Indian Men's Hockey Team Wins Fifth Asian Games Gold Medal

3 October 2026 · Sports

The Indian men's hockey team retained the Asian Games gold with a commanding final win, its first back-to-back title and a fifth gold at the Games overall.

- The Indian men's hockey team retained the Asian Games gold medal with a commanding win in the final at the 2026 edition of the Games.
- It is the first time the men's side has won Asian Games hockey gold in consecutive editions, and the fifth hockey gold for Indian men at the Games in all.
- For the first time, India's men's and women's hockey teams both won gold at the same Asian Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the team and said Indian hockey stands tall on the Asian stage.

Sport	Hockey
Team	Indian men's hockey team
Games	Asian Games, 2026 edition
Medal	Gold, retained from the previous edition
First	Back-to-back Asian Games golds for the Indian men's team
Second first	Men's and women's hockey teams won gold at the same Asian Games
Golds in all	Fifth hockey gold for Indian men at the Asian Games
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Aman Sehrawat Wins Historic 57 kg Wrestling Gold at Asian Games

3 October 2026 · Sports

Aman Sehrawat won India's first Asian Games gold in men's 57 kg freestyle wrestling, improving on the bronze he had taken at the previous edition of the Games.

- Aman Sehrawat won India's first ever Asian Games gold medal in the men's 57 kg freestyle wrestling event.
- He had won the bronze medal in the same weight category at the previous edition of the Asian Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the wrestler, called the win a phenomenal triumph and said he had displayed great tenacity.
- The men's 57 kg class is the lightest freestyle weight category contested by men at major multi-sport Games.

Athlete	Aman Sehrawat
Sport	Wrestling, freestyle
Event	Men's 57 kg
Games	Asian Games
Medal	Gold
Distinction	India's first Asian Games gold in the men's 57 kg freestyle event
At the previous Games	Bronze in the same weight category
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Deepak Punia Wins 97 kg Freestyle Bronze at Asian Games

3 October 2026 · Sports

Deepak Punia won bronze in the men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games, putting India back on the podium in that class after six decades.

- Deepak Punia won the bronze medal in the men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games after a fiercely contested bout.
- The medal puts India back on the podium in this weight category at the Asian Games after a gap of six decades.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the wrestler and said the achievement adds a new chapter to India's wrestling journey.
- The men's 97 kg class is one of the heavier freestyle weight categories, in which Indian wrestlers have historically won few medals.

Athlete	Deepak Punia
Sport	Wrestling, freestyle
Event	Men's 97 kg
Games	Asian Games
Medal	Bronze
Significance	India's first podium finish in this event in six decades
How it was won	After a fiercely contested bout
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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Jal Arpan Held in Over 1,850 Gram Panchayats Under JJM 2.0

3 October 2026 · Government Schemes

More than 1,850 gram panchayats observed Jal Arpan under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, handing completed rural water schemes to village bodies on Gandhi Jayanti.

- Jal Arpan was observed in more than 1,850 gram panchayats and villages during special gram sabhas held on Gandhi Jayanti, 2 October 2026.
- Completed rural water supply schemes were formally handed over to gram panchayats and Village Water and Sanitation Committees for operation and maintenance.
- For the first time, 346 Har Ghar Jal certificates were issued in regional languages through the Jal Arpan digital module, which supports Hindi, English and seventeen other languages.
- Under Sujalam Bharat, 2691 water supply assets including about 700 sources were geotagged on the same occasion.
- More than 15.96 crore rural households, over 82 per cent of the rural total, now have tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Reform	Jal Arpan, under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Ministry	Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Occasion	Special gram sabhas on Gandhi Jayanti, 2 October 2026
Gram panchayats covered	More than 1,850
Certificates	346 Har Ghar Jal certificates, issued in regional languages for the first time
Languages supported	Hindi, English and seventeen other regional languages
Handed over to	Gram panchayats and Village Water and Sanitation Committees (VWSCs)
Geotagging platform	Sujalam Bharat

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8th PM Mementos Auction Puts Haryana Sports Items on Sale

3 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Amit Shah Opens Rs 255 Crore Ujjain Dairy Plant at Bhopal Meet

3 October 2026 · Government Schemes

At the Gaupalak Sammelan in Bhopal, Amit Shah laid the foundation of a Rs 255 crore Ujjain milk plant and detailed the targets set under White Revolution 2.0.

- Amit Shah addressed the Gaupalak Sammelan at Dussehra Maidan in Bhopal and inaugurated a state-level exhibition on the new criminal laws.
- He laid the foundation stone of a milk processing plant of 3 lakh litres a day at Ujjain, to be built at a cost of 255 crore rupees.
- Under White Revolution 2.0, 75 thousand new cooperative dairies are to be set up and 46 thousand existing dairies strengthened.
- India's milk production has risen from about 14.60 crore tonnes in 2014-15 to about 24.80 crore tonnes, and per capita availability from around 307 to 485 grams a day.
- Dairy exports stand at about 4,666 crore rupees, and Madhya Pradesh received in-principle approval for 50 acres of land for cattle and buffalo breed improvement.

Event	Gaupalak Sammelan, Dussehra Maidan, Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
Addressed by	Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah
Also inaugurated	State-level exhibition on the new criminal laws
Foundation stone	Milk processing plant of 3 lakh litres a day at Ujjain, costing 255 crore rupees
Inaugurated	Bhopal product dairy plant of 40 thousand litres a day at about 16.5 crore rupees; state-level central laboratory at 12.42 crore rupees
White Revolution 2.0	75 thousand new cooperative dairies, 46 thousand existing dairies to be strengthened
State target	Daily milk procurement in Madhya Pradesh to rise from 12 lakh to 52 lakh
Milk production	About 14.60 crore tonnes in 2014-15 to about 24.80 crore tonnes now

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4 October 2026

Asian Games 2026: India Wins Silver in Women's Team Golf

4 October 2026 · Sports

Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar won silver for India in the women's team golf event at the Asian Games 2026, the Prime Minister said.

- India won the silver medal in the women's team golf event at the Asian Games 2026.
- The silver-winning Indian team was made up of Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi congratulated the three golfers on 4 October 2026 through a message from the Prime Minister's Office.
- The Prime Minister said the result showed the players' determination and their passion for the sport, and wished them further success.

Games	Asian Games 2026
Sport	Golf
Event	Women's team
Medal won by India	Silver
Indian team	Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs, Diksha Dagar
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

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Asian Games: Antim Panghal Wins Silver in 53 kg Wrestling

4 October 2026 · Sports

Antim Panghal won the silver medal in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games, a performance the Prime Minister called exemplary.

- Antim Panghal won the silver medal in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games 2026.
- The Prime Minister called her silver medal exemplary and described her showing as a wonderful performance.
- Shri Narendra Modi wished her further success and hoped she would bring more laurels to the country and motivate other athletes.
- The congratulatory message was posted by the Prime Minister's Office on X on 4 October 2026.

Athlete	Antim Panghal
Sport	Wrestling (freestyle)
Event	Women's 53 kg
Medal	Silver
Games	Asian Games 2026
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

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Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 Ends at AIIA, Campaign 6.0 Till 31 Oct

4 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The All India Institute of Ayurveda closed its Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign on 2 October and will run Special Campaign 6.0 on e-waste till 31 October.

- The All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi, concluded its Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2026 on 2 October 2026.
- The campaign ran from 17 September 2026 and carried the theme Swachhata Mein Sabhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat.
- A plantation drive was held in the NTPC area under the Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam initiative, and Safai Mitras were felicitated.
- Special Campaign 6.0 continues till 31 October 2026 with the theme of effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste.
- Prof. (Dr.) P. K. Prajapati, Director of AIIA, said cleanliness and hygiene are a shared responsibility.

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) Campaign 2026
Institute	All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Campaign period	17 September to 2 October 2026
Theme	Swachhata Mein Sabhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
Organised by	Department of Swasthavritta and Yoga, AIIA
Director of AIIA	Prof. (Dr.) P. K. Prajapati
Plantation initiative	Ek Pedh Maa Ke Naam, in the NTPC area

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Great Indian Bustards Released in Desert National Park

4 October 2026 · Environment

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav freed two male Great Indian Bustards into the wild at Sam in Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav released two male Great Indian Bustards into the wild at Sam in the Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- The conservation-breeding centres at Sam and Ramdevra hold 97 birds: 40 from wild-laid eggs and 57 bred in captivity; 86 are kept for breeding and 11 marked for release
- Captive breeding produced 24 live chicks in 2025 and 29 in 2026, and the jumpstart method hatched six chicks in Rajasthan and two in Gujarat
- The Bustard Recovery Programme is run by the Environment Ministry, the Rajasthan Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India, funded by National CAMPA
- About 200 sq km of fenced grassland enclosures inside the Desert National Park have been identified by WII telemetry as prime breeding habitat

Species	Great Indian Bustard (critically endangered)
Released by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Site	Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
Birds released	Two males
Birds in captivity	97 at Sam and Ramdevra (40 from wild-laid eggs, 57 captive-bred)
Earmarked for release	11 birds, of which 86 are kept for captive reproduction
Chicks bred	24 in 2025 and 29 in 2026
Programme partners	MoEFCC, Rajasthan Forest Department and Wildlife Institute of India

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MoRTH to Hold Chintan Shivir 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat

4 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways will hold Chintan Shivir 2026 on 5-6 October at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat's Narmada district, with five themes.

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways will organise Chintan Shivir 2026 on 5 and 6 October 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
- The inaugural session will be addressed by Minister Nitin Gadkari and Ministers of State Ajay Tamta and Harsh Malhotra
- State road transport and public works ministers, State PWD officials and implementing agencies have been invited to the two-day conclave
- Five thematic sessions cover PM GatiShakti, Land Acquisition and Bhoomi Rashi, Model Concession Agreements and Ratings, Designing Safe Highways, and Quality Assurance and Project Monitoring
- The aim is better Centre-State coordination and replicable solutions for project delivery, quality, safety and efficiency in the highway sector

Event	Chintan Shivir 2026
Organiser	Ministry of Road Transport & Highways
Dates	5 and 6 October 2026 (two days)
Venue	Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
Union Minister	Nitin Gadkari
Ministers of State	Ajay Tamta and Harsh Malhotra
Thematic sessions	Five
Themes	PM GatiShakti; Land Acquisition and Bhoomi Rashi; Model Concession Agreements and Ratings; Designing Safe Highways; Quality Assurance and Project Monitoring

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17th Pension Adalat to Take Up 897 Pending Grievances

4 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The 17th Pension Adalat, chaired by Dr. Jitendra Singh at IIPA, New Delhi on 5 October 2026, will take up 897 grievances of super-senior and family pensioners.

- The 17th Pension Adalat will be held on 5 October 2026 at T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall, IIPA, New Delhi, chaired by Minister of State Dr. Jitendra Singh
- It is the first thematic Pension Adalat: 897 long-pending grievances of super-senior pensioners and family pensioners from 24 ministries and departments, lodged on the CPENGRAMS portal
- Pension Adalats were introduced by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare in 2017 for on-the-spot settlement of central government pensioners complaints
- The first sixteen editions closed 20,676 of 28,797 grievances on the spot, a success rate of 71.79 per cent; the rest were settled in later inter-ministerial reviews
- Complainants may join in hybrid mode; flyers on the 16th Pension Adalat of 13 May 2026 and an FAQ booklet for family pensioners will be released

Event	17th Pension Adalat
Date	5 October 2026
Venue	T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall, IIPA, New Delhi
Chaired by	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Organiser	Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare (DoPPW)
Grievances listed	897, of super-senior pensioners and family pensioners
Ministries and departments covered	24
Portal used for filing	CPENGRAMS

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Andhra Pradesh Gets 3 Lakh PMAY-G Houses Worth Rs 3,600 Crore

4 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Shivraj Singh Chouhan handed Andhra Pradesh 3 lakh PMAY-Gramin houses worth Rs 3,600 crore at Burripalem and launched India's first 3D printed housing pilot.

- Shivraj Singh Chouhan sanctioned 3 lakh pucca houses worth Rs 3,600 crore for Andhra Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) 2.0 at Burripalem, Guntur district, on 4 October 2026
- India's first 3D concrete printing housing project, a pilot of 177 houses costing Rs 14 crore, was launched at Burripalem and Obulnaidupalem; each house is to be ready in about six months
- The state's original quota was 76,000 houses; Andhra Pradesh has sought 9 lakh in all and 6 lakh more are to be cleared in tranches of three lakh
- A farmer in Andhra Pradesh gets Rs 20,000 a year: Rs 6,000 from PM-KISAN and Rs 14,000 from the state's Annadata Sukhibhava scheme
- The national Saras Mela will be held outside Delhi for the first time, in Andhra Pradesh on 15 October, and will be inaugurated by President Droupadi Murmu

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) 2.0
Houses sanctioned	3 lakh for Andhra Pradesh
Cost	Rs 3,600 crore
Venue	Burripalem village, Tenali mandal, Guntur district, Andhra Pradesh
Union Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Rural Development)
Chief Minister	Nara Chandrababu Naidu
First in India	3D concrete printing housing pilot of 177 houses, Rs 14 crore
Earlier quota	76,000 houses

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ICSI 58th Foundation Day Marked at Bharat Mandapam, Delhi

4 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026 Held at Vigyan Bhawan

4 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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CAQM Inspects 25 Ring Road Stretches in Delhi for Dust

4 October 2026 · Environment

CAQM deployed four flying squads on Delhi's Ring Road, inspected 25 stretches over about 35 km and reported 17 violations of visible road dust and C and D waste.

- CAQM conducted a special inspection drive along Delhi's Ring Road on 3 October 2026 to assess visible road dust and road cleaning operations
- Four flying squad teams inspected 25 road stretches covering about 35 kilometres of the Inner and Outer Ring Road under PWD, Delhi
- 17 violations of high visible road dust and accumulated construction and demolition waste were reported during the drive
- PWD Delhi and other agencies have been directed to take corrective steps on priority through regular sweeping and removal of dust and C and D waste
- Such inspection drives will continue under Operation Clean Air across Delhi-NCR to find gaps in compliance

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Date of drive	3 October 2026
Place	Inner and Outer Ring Road, Delhi
Teams deployed	Four flying squad teams
Stretches inspected	25
Length covered	About 35 kilometres
Violations reported	17
Nature of violations	High visible road dust and accumulated construction and demolition waste

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MY Bharat Holds Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva at 150 Sites

4 October 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat held the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva at over 150 places on 4 October 2026, drawing more than one lakh young people into its anti-drug drive.

- MY Bharat and its partner organisations held the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva at more than 150 locations across India on 4 October 2026
- Over one lakh youth and citizens joined the walks, which covered three to five kilometres each and ran under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan
- MY Bharat functions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, which drove the nationwide programme with partner bodies
- Street plays called nukkad nataks, slogan writing and heritage walks were used alongside the marches to warn young people about substance abuse
- Participants took the Nasha Mukt Yuva Pledge; 2 Lieutenant Governors, 1 Union Cabinet Minister, 8 Members of Parliament and 8 MLAs joined at various venues

Event	Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva
Date	4 October 2026
Organiser	MY Bharat, with partner organisations
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Parent campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan
Locations	More than 150 across India
Participation	Over one lakh youth and citizens
Length of each walk	Three to five kilometres

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National Supercomputing Mission Reaches 40 Systems, 68 PF

4 October 2026 · Science & Technology

India had 40 locally built supercomputers with a combined 68 PF capacity by September 2026 under the National Supercomputing Mission, a PIB backgrounder said.

- The National Supercomputing Mission was launched in April 2015 with an outlay of about Rs 4,500 crore, steered jointly by DST and MeitY
- As of September 2026 India had 40 supercomputers with a combined 68 PF: 13 above 1 PF, 12 between 500 TF and 1 PF and 15 below 500 TF
- The Mission plans 50 supercomputers totalling more than 123 PF; C-DAC Pune and IISc Bengaluru are the implementing agencies
- PARAM 8000, unveiled in 1991 at 1 gigaflop, began indigenous supercomputing; 6,000 Rudra servers power PARAM Rudra with 1,500 more being made
- NSM has served over 16,000 researchers, including 2,900 PhD scholars, in over 400 institutions and fed more than 1,990 research papers

Mission	National Supercomputing Mission (NSM)
Launched	April 2015, outlay about Rs 4,500 crore
Steered by	Department of Science and Technology and Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
Implementing agencies	C-DAC, Pune and IISc, Bengaluru
Status (September 2026)	40 supercomputers, combined capacity 68 PF
Target	50 supercomputers, cumulative capacity above 123 PF
First indigenous system	PARAM 8000, unveiled 1991, speed 1 gigaflop
Rudra servers deployed	6,000, with 1,500 more under manufacturing

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Reform Utsav 2026: CCI Cotton Reforms Showcase in Hyderabad

4 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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First International Cargo Voyage from Dibrugarh to Dhaka

4 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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DRI Seizes 15.59 kg Drugs in Three Operations, 5 Arrested

4 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. Which ministry implements the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY)?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

2. As on 8 September 2026, how many villages had been declared Adarsh Grams under PM-AJAY?

(A) 47,243
(B) 46,944
(C) 27,032
(D) 18,093

3. Under PM-AJAY, what is the minimum share of Scheduled Caste population a village must have to be eligible for an infrastructure development grant?

(A) 25%
(B) 40%
(C) 50%
(D) 60%

4. Exercise KAZIND-2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

(A) Uzbekistan
(B) Kazakhstan
(C) Kyrgyzstan
(D) Tajikistan

5. Which edition of the India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise KAZIND is being held in 2026?

(A) Seventh
(B) Eighth
(C) Ninth
(D) Tenth

6. At which venue is Exercise KAZIND-2026 being conducted?

(A) Almaty
(B) Astana
(C) Oskemen
(D) Aktau

7. Under PM-MKSSY, what share of the aquaculture insurance premium is given to an eligible farmer as a one-time incentive?

(A) 25%
(B) 40%
(C) 50%
(D) 75%

8. Within how many days must an aquaculture insurance claim for shrimp culture be settled under PM-MKSSY?

(A) 15 days
(B) 30 days
(C) 45 days
(D) 60 days

9. India recorded a fish production of 19.8 million tonnes in 2024-25. What is its rank in world fish production?

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

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10. Which body is organising Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026, the series of regional consultations on training institutes?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Capacity Building Commission
(C) Union Public Service Commission
(D) National Skill Development Corporation

11. In which city does the Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026 regional workshop series begin on 29-30 September 2026?

(A) Guwahati
(B) Lucknow
(C) Vijayawada
(D) Pune

12. The UNNATI portal, which anchors the transformation of training institutes, connects more than how many training institutions?

(A) 500
(B) 700
(C) 900
(D) 1,200

13. Under which central scheme is the Global Automotive Research Centre (GARC) upgrading its vehicle testing infrastructure?

(A) FAME India Phase II
(B) PM E-DRIVE
(C) PM-KUSUM
(D) PLI Scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cell

14. What is the total outlay of the PM E-DRIVE scheme?

(A) Rs 7,800 crore
(B) Rs 10,900 crore
(C) Rs 13,500 crore
(D) Rs 22,113 crore

15. Where is the Global Automotive Research Centre (GARC), in the news for upgrades under PM E-DRIVE, located?

(A) Manesar, Haryana
(B) Oragadam, Chennai
(C) Ahmednagar, Maharashtra
(D) Pithampur, Madhya Pradesh

16. What is the theme of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026?

(A) Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
(B) Sampoorna Swachhata
(C) Swabhav Swachhata, Sanskaar Swachhata
(D) Waste to Wealth, Wealth to Nation

17. Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 has been launched jointly by which two bodies?

(A) NITI Aayog and the Ministry of Rural Development
(B) MoHUA and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
(C) DARPG and the Department of Consumer Affairs
(D) The Ministry of Environment and the Bureau of Indian Standards

18. On which day does Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 culminate with a nationwide Shramdaan?

(A) 15 September, observed as Swachhata Diwas
(B) 17 September, observed as Sewa Diwas
(C) 2 October, observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas
(D) 31 October, observed as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

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19. Indian players were congratulated by the Prime Minister for their success at which edition of the FIDE Chess Olympiad?

(A) 44th
(B) 45th
(C) 46th
(D) 47th

20. FIDE is the international governing body of which sport?

(A) Badminton
(B) Chess
(C) Table tennis
(D) Hockey

21. Which statement about the Chess Olympiad is correct?

(A) It is an individual knockout tournament for the world title
(B) It is a team competition in which countries enter squads
(C) It is a league played between professional chess clubs
(D) It is a school-level competition organised by host cities

22. TRISHNA, in the news recently, is the third joint satellite of India with which country?

(A) Japan
(B) France
(C) Germany
(D) Israel

23. Which of the following satellites was built jointly by ISRO and the French space agency CNES?

(A) Megha-Tropiques
(B) Oceansat-3
(C) RISAT-2B
(D) EMISAT

24. According to the minister, how many space start-ups are now working in India?

(A) More than 100
(B) More than 250
(C) More than 400
(D) More than 800

25. What was the growth rate of India's Index of Industrial Production in August 2026?

(A) 5.4 per cent
(B) 6.7 per cent
(C) 8.0 per cent
(D) 9.6 per cent

26. Which sector recorded a contraction in the Index of Industrial Production for August 2026?

(A) Manufacturing
(B) Mining and quarrying
(C) Electricity and gas supply
(D) Water supply, sewerage and waste management

27. Under the use-based classification of the IIP, which category recorded the highest growth in August 2026?

(A) Primary goods
(B) Consumer non-durables
(C) Capital goods
(D) Infrastructure and construction goods

28. The 14th meeting of the India-UAE High Level Joint Task Force on Investments was held in which city?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Abu Dhabi
(C) Mumbai
(D) Dubai

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29. What is the bilateral trade target that India and the UAE are working towards by 2032?

(A) US$ 100 billion
(B) US$ 150 billion
(C) US$ 200 billion
(D) US$ 250 billion

30. The joint investment intent of US$ 11.5 billion noted at the meeting relates to an integrated aluminium complex in which Indian state?

(A) Gujarat
(B) Odisha
(C) Jharkhand
(D) Chhattisgarh

31. How many pollution hotspots have been identified in Delhi under the air pollution mitigation plan reviewed recently?

(A) 13
(B) 24
(C) 37
(D) 52

32. The 'No PUCC, No Fuel' rule is to be enforced in mission mode at how many fuel stations in Delhi?

(A) 250
(B) 350
(C) 500
(D) 750

33. How many electric buses are there in Delhi's bus fleet, as reported at the review meeting?

(A) 3,420
(B) 4,200
(C) 5,088
(D) 6,840

34. How many participants were enrolled in the multicentre clinical trial on standardised Ashwagandha root extract?

(A) 600
(B) 900
(C) 1,200
(D) 1,500

35. What daily dose of standardised aqueous Ashwagandha root extract was given to participants in the trial?

(A) 250 mg
(B) 500 mg
(C) 750 mg
(D) 1,000 mg

36. The Ashwagandha safety study was published in which journal?

(A) The Lancet
(B) Frontiers in Medicine
(C) Nature Medicine
(D) Indian Journal of Medical Research

37. During which period will Special Campaign 6.0 be implemented in central government offices?

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

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38. Whose guidelines govern the Special Campaign for disposal of pending matters in central government offices?

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

39. How many public grievances did NITI Aayog dispose of during Special Campaign 5.0?

(A) 340
(B) 3,878
(C) 4,105
(D) 1,96,905

40. CBDT has extended the due date for furnishing the return of income for Assessment Year 2026-27 in audit cases to which date?

(A) 31 October 2026
(B) 21 November 2026
(C) 30 November 2026
(D) 15 December 2026

41. The 'specified date' for furnishing the report of audit for Assessment Year 2026-27 now falls on which date?

(A) 30 September 2026
(B) 21 October 2026
(C) 31 October 2026
(D) 21 November 2026

42. Which body extended the income tax return and audit report dates for Assessment Year 2026-27?

(A) Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs
(B) Central Board of Direct Taxes
(C) Income Tax Appellate Tribunal
(D) Comptroller and Auditor General of India

43. The 70th meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC-70) is being held in which city?

(A) Wellington, New Zealand
(B) Hobart, Australia
(C) Reykjavik, Iceland
(D) Bergen, Norway

44. India has been a member of the International Whaling Commission since which year?

(A) 1946
(B) 1972
(C) 1981
(D) 1995

45. Which whale species does India identify among the 25 species picked for focused conservation efforts?

(A) Blue whale
(B) Arabian Sea humpback whale
(C) Sperm whale
(D) Bryde's whale

46. What is the one-time fee for the FASTag Annual Pass?

(A) Rs 2,000
(B) Rs 3,075
(C) Rs 4,500
(D) Rs 5,000

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47. The FASTag Annual Pass is valid for one year or how many toll plaza crossings?

(A) 100
(B) 150
(C) 200
(D) 250

48. Through which application is the FASTag Annual Pass fee paid?

(A) Rajmargyatra App
(B) mParivahan App
(C) UMANG App
(D) BHIM App

49. Kavach Version 4.0 has been approved on 614.75 route kilometres of the Varanasi Division of which railway zone?

(A) Northern Railway
(B) North Eastern Railway
(C) North Central Railway
(D) East Central Railway

50. The Barbil-Bolanikhadan doubling project approved by Indian Railways lies on which corridor?

(A) Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor
(B) Golden Quadrilateral Corridor
(C) Dedicated Freight Corridor East
(D) Rail Sagar Corridor

51. The new tri-weekly train approved between Machilipatnam and Kurnool City will cover what distance?

(A) 399 km
(B) 449 km
(C) 499 km
(D) 549 km

52. How many broadband subscribers did India have at the end of August 2026?

(A) 1094.48 million
(B) 1101.21 million
(C) 1207.59 million
(D) 1579 million

53. India's overall tele-density, counted with M2M cellular mobile connections, at the end of August 2026 was:

(A) 61.12 per cent
(B) 85.26 per cent
(C) 95.07 per cent
(D) 155.00 per cent

54. How many Mobile Number Portability (MNP) requests were submitted in August 2026?

(A) 10.45 million
(B) 15.83 million
(C) 19.34 million
(D) 25.60 million

55. The second Joint Defence Cooperation meeting between India and Ethiopia was held in which city?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Addis Ababa
(C) Nairobi
(D) Djibouti City

56. The India-Ethiopia Joint Defence Cooperation mechanism flows from a Defence Cooperation MoU signed in which month and year?

(A) February 2025
(B) October 2025
(C) December 2025
(D) January 2026

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57. The defence partnership between India and Ethiopia began in which year?

(A) 1947
(B) 1958
(C) 1971
(D) 1991

58. Which portal was launched at the conference on 'PRAHAAR - CT Policy and Strategy' held in New Delhi?

(A) Extradition Portal
(B) Cyber Crime Reporting Portal
(C) National Intelligence Grid Portal
(D) Narcotics Coordination Portal

59. How many fugitive criminals were brought back to India between 2019 and 2026, and from how many countries?

(A) 188 fugitives from 26 countries
(B) 288 fugitives from 36 countries
(C) 388 fugitives from 46 countries
(D) 248 fugitives from 30 countries

60. Under which law has the Shahzad Bhatti network been declared a terrorist organisation?

(A) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act
(B) The Arms Act
(C) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act
(D) The National Security Act

61. Where is the Indian Navy's Commanders' Conference 2026/02 being held?

(A) Naval Base, Kochi
(B) Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) INS Kadamba, Karwar
(D) Naval Dockyard, Mumbai

62. The three foundational pillars grouped under the acronym JAI, used to assess the Navy's preparedness, are:

(A) Jointness, Aatmanirbharta and Innovation
(B) Jointness, Agility and Integration
(C) Justice, Aatmanirbharta and Intelligence
(D) Jointness, Automation and Investment

63. Which ongoing operation of the Indian Navy was cited in connection with the security of energy?

(A) Operation Sankalp
(B) Operation Samudra Setu
(C) Operation Urja Suraksha
(D) Operation Nistar

64. Which city will host India Energy Week 2027?

(A) Goa
(B) Bengaluru
(C) Kolkata
(D) New Delhi

65. What is the theme of India Energy Week 2027?

(A) Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow.
(B) Energy for All. Energy for Ever.
(C) Powering the Green Transition Together
(D) Fuelling Growth, Securing the Future

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66. Which body is organising India Energy Week 2027, under the patronage of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas?

(A) Oil and Natural Gas Corporation
(B) Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry
(C) Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board
(D) Confederation of Indian Industry

67. India's forest and tree cover, as stated at COFO 28 in Rome, is:

(A) 72.74 million hectares, 21.17% of geographical area
(B) 82.74 million hectares, 25.17% of geographical area
(C) 92.74 million hectares, 28.17% of geographical area
(D) 80.24 million hectares, 24.50% of geographical area

68. Under the Bonn Challenge, how much degraded and deforested land has India committed to restore by 2030?

(A) 13 million hectares
(B) 20 million hectares
(C) 26 million hectares
(D) 30 million hectares

69. Which Indian initiative, presented at COFO 28, has seen more than 3.5 billion saplings planted?

(A) MISHTI
(B) Aravalli Green Wall
(C) Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam - Plant4Mother
(D) Green India Mission

70. Esha Singh won the silver medal at the Asian Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Women's 10m Air Pistol Individual
(B) Women's 25m Pistol Individual
(C) Women's 50m Rifle 3 Positions
(D) Women's Trap Individual

71. Pinkcy Balhara won a bronze medal at the Asian Games in which sport?

(A) Judo
(B) Wrestling
(C) Kurash
(D) Wushu

72. Which pair of medals did India win on 28 September at the Asian Games 2026, as noted above?

(A) A gold in shooting and a silver in kurash
(B) A silver in shooting and a bronze in kurash
(C) A bronze in shooting and a silver in kurash
(D) A silver in shooting and a gold in kurash

73. The second India-Fiji Bilateral Joint Working Group meeting on defence was held in which city?

(A) Suva
(B) New Delhi
(C) Kochi
(D) Port Blair

74. Which naval command will the visiting Fijian delegation inspect during its trip to Kochi?

(A) Western Naval Command
(B) Eastern Naval Command
(C) Southern Naval Command
(D) Andaman and Nicobar Command

75. Who co-chaired the meeting from the Indian side?

(A) The Defence Secretary
(B) The Chief of the Naval Staff
(C) Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation)
(D) The Foreign Secretary

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76. Which Indian athlete won the silver medal in the men's 1500m at the Asian Games, setting a personal best in the process?

(A) Murali Sreeshankar
(B) Gulveer Singh
(C) Rohit Yadav
(D) Yashvir Singh

77. Vithya Ramraj won a bronze medal for India at the Asian Games in which event?

(A) Women's 5000m
(B) Women's 800m
(C) Women's 400m hurdles
(D) Women's high jump

78. In which event did India win both the silver and the bronze medal on the same day at the Asian Games?

(A) Javelin throw
(B) Men's long jump
(C) Women's 5000m
(D) Men's 1500m

79. Which agency busted the pan-India gold smuggling syndicate that used courier consignments to move foreign-origin gold?

(A) Enforcement Directorate
(B) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
(C) Central Bureau of Investigation
(D) National Investigation Agency

80. How much foreign-origin gold was seized in the operation, and what was its approximate value?

(A) 3.25 kg worth about Rs 5.10 crore
(B) 6.61 kg worth about Rs 10.36 crore
(C) 12.40 kg worth about Rs 18.75 crore
(D) 18.20 kg worth about Rs 29.50 crore

81. According to the preliminary scrutiny of documents, how much smuggled gold had the syndicate already moved through courier channels in nine months?

(A) About 318 kg worth about Rs 475 crore
(B) About 118 kg worth about Rs 160 crore
(C) About 640 kg worth about Rs 900 crore
(D) About 45 kg worth about Rs 70 crore

82. Who will be the Chairman of the newly announced Steel Industry Safety Council?

(A) The Union Minister of Steel
(B) The Secretary, Ministry of Steel
(C) The Director General of Mines Safety
(D) The Chairman of the National Disaster Management Authority

83. Which new body will provide technical and professional support to the Steel Industry Safety Council?

(A) Steel Industry Safety Directorate
(B) National Steel Safety Mission
(C) Bureau of Steel Safety Standards
(D) Steel Plant Inspection Authority

84. Which of the following organisations will NOT be represented on the Steel Industry Safety Council as announced?

(A) Directorate General of Mines Safety
(B) Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organisation
(C) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(D) National Disaster Management Authority

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85. Which portfolio does Philippe Baptiste, who held bilateral talks in New Delhi, hold in the French government?

(A) Foreign Affairs and Trade
(B) Higher Education, Research and Space
(C) Culture and Heritage
(D) Defence and Armed Forces

86. French higher educational institutions were invited to open branch campuses in India, including at which location named in the talks?

(A) GIFT City, Gujarat
(B) Amaravati, Andhra Pradesh
(C) Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
(D) Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh

87. Which India-France agreement, discussed at the meeting, decides whether a degree earned in one country is accepted in the other?

(A) Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Agreement
(B) Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement
(C) Migration and Mobility Partnership Treaty
(D) Strategic Space Cooperation Accord

88. Which edition of the PM Mementos e-Auction is live online until 2 October 2026?

(A) 6th edition
(B) 7th edition
(C) 8th edition
(D) 9th edition

89. How many mementos from Tamil Nadu feature in the PM Mementos e-Auction 2026?

(A) 18
(B) 24
(C) 31
(D) 47

90. Shoes associated with which three-time Paralympic medallist in high jump are part of the Tamil Nadu collection in the auction?

(A) Mariyappan Thangavelu
(B) Thulasimathi Murugesan
(C) Nithya Sre Sivan
(D) Sharath Kamal

91. What is India's overall literacy rate according to the Periodic Labour Force Survey 2025?

(A) 74.04 per cent
(B) 77.4 per cent
(C) 81.1 per cent
(D) 89 per cent

92. How many States and Union Territories had declared themselves fully literate between 2024 and 2026?

(A) Five
(B) Eight
(C) Ten
(D) Fourteen

93. What is the financial outlay of the ULLAS scheme for the period 2022-27?

(A) 1,037.90 crore rupees
(B) 2,037.90 crore rupees
(C) 5,000 crore rupees
(D) 737.90 crore rupees

94. Under which scheme were India's first PRAMAAN certificates issued in September 2026?

(A) National Agroforestry Policy
(B) Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme
(C) Green India Mission
(D) Compensatory Afforestation Scheme

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95. Which body received a PRAMAAN certificate for plantations covering 33,000 hectares?

(A) Odisha Bamboo Development Agency
(B) Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation
(C) Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal
(D) Quality Council of India

96. The Indian Forest Management Standard used for this certification forms part of which document?

(A) National Working Plan Code 2023
(B) Indian Forest Act
(C) National Forest Policy
(D) Forest Survey Manual

97. Which city hosted the 48th WorldSkills Competition in September 2026?

(A) Lyon
(B) Shanghai
(C) Kazan
(D) New Delhi

98. What position did India secure at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026?

(A) Fifth
(B) Eighth
(C) Tenth
(D) Thirteenth

99. In which skill did Saniya Joshi of NIFT Panchkula win a silver medal?

(A) Retail Sales
(B) Fashion Technology
(C) Visual Merchandising
(D) Digital Interactive Media Design

100. What is the implementation period of Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 15 to 30 September 2026
(B) 2 to 31 October 2026
(C) 1 to 30 November 2026
(D) 2 to 31 January 2027

101. Which fresh area of emphasis has been added to the government-wide Special Campaign this year?

(A) Plastic-free offices
(B) Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
(C) Paperless meetings
(D) Rainwater harvesting in office buildings

102. How much office space did the Ministry of Tourism free during Special Campaign 5.0?

(A) 42,749 square feet
(B) 92,749 square feet
(C) 1,92,749 square feet
(D) 9,749 square feet

103. How much was sanctioned to ten states under the Prime Minister Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana at the National Agriculture Conference - Rabi Campaign 2026?

(A) More than Rs 800 crore
(B) More than Rs 1200 crore
(C) More than Rs 1800 crore
(D) More than Rs 2400 crore

104. Which state received the largest sanction among the ten states that got PM-RKVY letters at the Rabi Campaign conference?

(A) Punjab
(B) Bihar
(C) West Bengal
(D) Haryana

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105. The nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan announced for soil health is to be run during which period?

(A) 22 October to 30 November
(B) 2 October to 31 October
(C) 10 September to 17 September
(D) 1 November to 31 December

106. How many days of wage employment does the VB-G RAM G Act guarantee to an eligible rural household in a financial year?

(A) 100 days
(B) 125 days
(C) 150 days
(D) 200 days

107. From which date did the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 come into force across rural India?

(A) 1 April 2026
(B) 1 July 2026
(C) 2 October 2026
(D) 1 January 2026

108. How many types of permissible works are identified under the Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan framework?

(A) 186
(B) 262
(C) 318
(D) 404

109. Which division of the Ministry of Home Affairs handles foreign contribution matters, and where one of the officials held in the bribery case is posted?

(A) Foreigners Division
(B) Internal Security Division
(C) Border Management Division
(D) Police Modernisation Division

110. Which unit made the arrests in New Delhi in the case of a bribe sought for clearing a pending FCRA registration?

(A) The Special Cell of the Delhi Police
(B) The Economic Offences Wing of the state police
(C) The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
(D) The Railway Protection Force

111. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, how are FCRA-related services provided to applicants?

(A) Through authorised private agents appointed by the ministry
(B) Online through the FCRA portal, with no intermediary authorised
(C) Only in person at district collectorates
(D) Through the state home departments

112. Indian Railways has approved two new MEMU services centred on which city of Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Ghaziabad
(B) Meerut City
(C) Moradabad
(D) Bareilly

113. Which train number has been allotted to the Khurja to Meerut City MEMU service?

(A) 64579
(B) 64580
(C) 64573
(D) 64512

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114. Which of the four newly approved MEMU legs has the shortest journey time?

(A) Saharanpur to Meerut City
(B) Meerut City to Khurja
(C) Khurja to Meerut City
(D) Meerut City to Saharanpur

115. How many warships does the Indian Navy plan to induct or commission during 2026?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 18
(D) 24

116. Under which operation did the Indian Navy ensure safe transit of Indian-flagged merchant vessels through the Strait of Hormuz?

(A) Operation Southern Readiness
(B) Operation Urja Suraksha
(C) Operation Sankalp
(D) Lokayan-26

117. Operation Southern Readiness, held at Kochi during India's command of Combined Task Force-154, involved personnel from how many countries?

(A) 27
(B) 18
(C) 36
(D) 41

118. Which edition of the multilingual Sujal Gram Samvad was organised by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation on 29 September 2026?

(A) Ninth
(B) Tenth
(C) Eleventh
(D) Twelfth

119. Sujal Gram Samvad is organised by which department?

(A) Department of Rural Development
(B) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
(C) Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation
(D) Department of Panchayati Raj

120. In which district is Sakaria Gram Panchayat, which reported collecting a monthly user charge of Rs 150 for drinking water?

(A) Bokaro, Jharkhand
(B) Alipurduar, West Bengal
(C) Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh
(D) Nubra, Ladakh

121. The trial Index of Services Production released by MoSPI for July 2026 covers how many broad sub-sectors?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 19
(D) 23

122. Which services sub-sector recorded the highest growth in July 2026 over July 2025?

(A) Retail trade
(B) Administrative and support services
(C) Real estate
(D) Banking

123. Which sub-sector had the only index reading below hundred in July 2026?

(A) Repair services
(B) Water transport
(C) Air transport
(D) Postal and courier

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124. The Ministry of Tribal Affairs signed an MoU on tribal cultural heritage with which institution?

(A) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts
(B) Anthropological Survey of India
(C) National School of Drama
(D) Indian Council of Historical Research

125. IGNCA, which signed the tribal heritage MoU, functions as an autonomous trust under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Tourism

126. Which of the following is a stated area of work under the Tribal Affairs and IGNCA MoU?

(A) Setting minimum support prices for forest produce
(B) Digital museums including tribal contributions to the freedom struggle
(C) Recruitment of teachers in Eklavya Model Residential Schools
(D) Granting forest rights titles under the Forest Rights Act

127. The MoU signed between the Ministry of MSME and MoSPI is meant to develop and strengthen which of the following?

(A) Statistical Business Register
(B) Annual Survey of Industries
(C) Index of Industrial Production
(D) Consumer Price Index

128. Which registration system's unit-wise data will be shared with MoSPI under the MoU?

(A) GST registration
(B) Udyam Registration
(C) Shram Suvidha registration
(D) Company registration with the Registrar of Companies

129. Which of the following is NOT a stated function of the Statistical Business Register?

(A) Identifying the target population for economic surveys
(B) Supporting the selection of survey samples
(C) Sanctioning credit guarantees to small enterprises
(D) Enabling the production of business demography statistics

130. Who became the first Indian woman to win an individual gold medal in the Trap event at the Asian Games?

(A) Manu Bhaker
(B) Neeru Dhanda
(C) Rahi Sarnobat
(D) Shreyasi Singh

131. Neeru Dhanda's historic Asian Games gold medal came in which sporting discipline?

(A) Archery
(B) Athletics
(C) Shooting
(D) Wrestling

132. Which two qualities of the shooter did the Prime Minister highlight while congratulating her on the Asian Games Trap gold?

(A) Speed and stamina
(B) Accuracy and composure
(C) Strength and flexibility
(D) Discipline and diet

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133. How many actions in total does the revised Graded Response Action Plan schedule approved by CAQM contain?

(A) 36
(B) 42
(C) 48
(D) 54

134. Which district has been newly brought under the restriction on plying BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel or older light motor vehicles?

(A) Sonipat
(B) Panipat
(C) Meerut
(D) Alwar

135. In the revised GRAP schedule, restrictions on diesel generator sets and entry of BS-IV and older buses have been moved to which stage?

(A) Stage-I
(B) Stage-II
(C) Stage-III
(D) Stage-IV

136. Under the PRAGATI-50 initiative, how many model cities have been identified and across how many states?

(A) 25 cities across 18 states
(B) 50 cities across 24 states
(C) 75 cities across 28 states
(D) 100 cities across 24 states

137. The Swachh Bharat Test Bed and Innovation Centre launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs is located at which place?

(A) Durgapur
(B) Kanpur
(C) Indore
(D) Pune

138. The third cohort of Swachhata startups was launched in collaboration with which institution?

(A) IIT Delhi
(B) IIT Kanpur
(C) IIT Madras
(D) IISc Bengaluru

139. How much financial support has the Technology Development Board extended to Multi Nano Sense Technologies for the multi-gas sensing platform?

(A) Rs 18.75 crore
(B) Rs 37.51 crore
(C) Rs 75.02 crore
(D) Rs 150 crore

140. The TDB-supported project aims to take the multi-gas sensor technology between which technology readiness levels?

(A) TRL-1 to TRL-5
(B) TRL-2 to TRL-7
(C) TRL-4 to TRL-9
(D) TRL-6 to TRL-9

141. Multi Nano Sense Technologies Private Limited, which signed the agreement with TDB, is based in which city?

(A) Pune
(B) Nagpur
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Bengaluru

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142. Which edition of the India-Italy Joint Working Group on Tourism was held on 29 September 2026?

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

143. ENIT, which took part in the India-Italy Joint Working Group on Tourism, is which organisation?

(A) Italy's national railway operator
(B) The Italian National Tourism Board
(C) Italy's civil aviation regulator
(D) An Italian hotel industry association

144. Which of the following was agreed as the key outcome of the second India-Italy Joint Working Group on Tourism?

(A) A visa-free travel arrangement between the two countries
(B) Setting up focused technical groups and designating points of contact
(C) A joint tourism promotion fund of fixed size
(D) Merging the two national tourism boards

145. At what cost has the Barapullah Elevated Road Phase-3 in Delhi been built?

(A) Rs 1,235 crore
(B) Rs 1,635 crore
(C) Rs 1,941 crore
(D) Rs 2,350 crore

146. Barapullah Elevated Road Phase-3 provides signal-free connectivity between which two parts of Delhi?

(A) North Delhi and West Delhi
(B) East Delhi and South Delhi
(C) Central Delhi and North Delhi
(D) West Delhi and South Delhi

147. Foundation stones for which of the following were laid along with the dedication of Barapullah Elevated Road Phase-3?

(A) A metro corridor and a ring road
(B) The Modi Mill-Savitri Cinema Flyover and the Loni Underpass
(C) Two pedestrian skywalks
(D) A bus rapid transit corridor

148. In which event did the team of Kiran Pahal, Poovamma MR, Prachi and Vithya Ramraj win gold at the Asian Games?

(A) Women's 4x100m relay
(B) Women's 4x400m relay
(C) Mixed 4x400m relay
(D) Women's 1500m

149. Which medal did India win in this relay event at the Asian Games?

(A) Bronze
(B) Silver
(C) Gold
(D) No medal

150. Who congratulated the Indian relay team on this achievement?

(A) The President of India
(B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
(C) The Sports Authority of India
(D) The Indian Olympic Association

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151. Which trio won the silver medal in the women's Trap team event at the Asian Games?

(A) Manisha Keer, Neeru and Aashima Ahlawat
(B) Manu Bhaker, Esha Singh and Rhythm Sangwan
(C) Rajeshwari Kumari, Shreyasi Singh and Preeti Rajak
(D) Anjum Moudgil, Sift Kaur Samra and Ashi Chouksey

152. Trap, in which India won this team medal, belongs to which category of shooting?

(A) Rifle
(B) Pistol
(C) Shotgun
(D) Archery

153. Which qualities did the Prime Minister highlight while congratulating the women's Trap team?

(A) Precision, focus and teamwork
(B) Stamina, pace and endurance
(C) Strategy, patience and fitness
(D) Strength, agility and balance

154. Who received the Lifetime Achievement Award at the 4th Eco Warrior Awards 2026?

(A) Sushil Kumar Awasthi
(B) Brij Kishore Singh
(C) Bharat Lal
(D) Anita Karn

155. Which association organises the Eco Warrior Awards along with Indian Masterminds?

(A) Indian Forest Service Association
(B) Wildlife Institute of India
(C) Botanical Survey of India
(D) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

156. Which two projects were given the Special Projects Recognition at the event?

(A) Project Tiger and Project Snow Leopard
(B) Project Elephant and the Great Indian Bustard conservation project
(C) Project Dolphin and Project Cheetah
(D) Project Crocodile and Project Hangul

157. In which city did UIDAI hold the Aadhaar Samvaad conference at which five new initiatives were launched?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Kolkata
(C) Hyderabad
(D) New Delhi

158. Face Authentication for the electronic Public Distribution System was launched by UIDAI jointly with which two bodies?

(A) NPCI and the Reserve Bank of India
(B) The Department of Food and Public Distribution and the National Informatics Centre
(C) The Food Corporation of India and CSC e-Governance Services
(D) The Department of Telecommunications and BSNL

159. Through integration with BHASHINI, how many languages does the revamped UIDAI website currently support?

(A) 8
(B) 11
(C) 13
(D) 22

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160. Which body has promulgated the new training syllabus for the issue of a gyroplane pilot licence?

(A) Airports Authority of India
(B) Directorate General of Civil Aviation
(C) Bureau of Civil Aviation Security
(D) Air India Engineering Services

161. How does a gyroplane generate lift?

(A) Through fixed wings, like a conventional aeroplane
(B) Through an engine-driven rotor, like a helicopter
(C) Through a freely rotating rotor system
(D) Through a lighter-than-air gas envelope

162. Which of the following is NOT listed as a suitable use of gyroplanes?

(A) Agricultural spraying
(B) Banner towing
(C) Surveillance and survey operations
(D) Long-haul international passenger service

163. The national workshop on Viksit Panchayat was organised by NITI Aayog under which of its missions?

(A) Aspirational Districts Programme
(B) State Support Mission
(C) Atal Innovation Mission
(D) National Mission on Natural Farming

164. Which constitutional amendment, discussed at the workshop, provides the foundation of panchayati raj in India?

(A) The 42nd Amendment
(B) The 73rd Amendment
(C) The 74th Amendment
(D) The 86th Amendment

165. Who attended the Viksit Panchayat workshop as the Guest of Honour?

(A) Atul Bora, Minister, Government of Assam
(B) Dr Ravi Kota, Chief Secretary, Assam
(C) Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member, NITI Aayog
(D) Rohit Kansal, Secretary, Department of Rural Development

166. Which edition of the India-Republic of Korea Joint Committee Meeting on Defence Industries and Logistics Cooperation was held in New Delhi?

(A) 8th
(B) 9th
(C) 10th
(D) 12th

167. DAPA, the Korean agency whose Vice Minister co-chaired the meeting, stands for which of the following?

(A) Defence Acquisition Program Administration
(B) Defence Advanced Projects Agency
(C) Defence and Aerospace Procurement Authority
(D) Defence Alliance Partnership Administration

168. Which pair of Indian companies took part in the India-Republic of Korea defence industries and logistics meeting?

(A) HAL and Bharat Dynamics Limited
(B) Larsen and Toubro and Bharat Earth Movers Limited
(C) Mazagon Dock and Garden Reach Shipbuilders
(D) Bharat Electronics and Cochin Shipyard

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169. Which Indian athlete won the bronze medal in the women's high jump at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Pooja
(B) Vithya Ramraj
(C) Neeru Dhanda
(D) Manisha Keer

170. Gulveer Singh won a bronze medal for India at the Asian Games 2026 in which event?

(A) Men's 800m
(B) Men's 1500m
(C) Men's 5000m
(D) Men's marathon

171. Which of the following was NOT part of India's bronze-winning men's 4x400m relay team at the Asian Games?

(A) Dharmveer Chaudhary
(B) Manu TS
(C) Gulveer Singh
(D) Vishal TK

172. NRIDA signed an MoU for a four-year impact assessment of PMGSY-IV and PM-JANMAN roads with which institution?

(A) IIM Ahmedabad
(B) IIM Kolkata
(C) IIT Roorkee
(D) National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

173. How many roads will the NRIDA impact assessment study cover?

(A) 150
(B) 200
(C) 250
(D) 500

174. In the NRIDA study design, how long will the baseline survey conducted before road construction last?

(A) 6 months
(B) 14 months
(C) 22 months
(D) 36 months

175. At which venue will Routes Asia 2027 be held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(D) Jio World Centre, Mumbai

176. Which body received the hosting baton for Routes Asia 2027 from the China West Airport Group?

(A) Directorate General of Civil Aviation
(B) Airports Economic Regulatory Authority
(C) Airports Authority of India
(D) Air India

177. How many airports does India currently have in operation, according to the Civil Aviation Minister at the Routes Asia curtain raiser?

(A) Over 120
(B) Over 140
(C) Over 166
(D) Over 200

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178. Which organisation holds the National Exhibition of Art, whose 65th edition was held in New Delhi?

(A) Sangeet Natak Akademi
(B) Sahitya Akademi
(C) Lalit Kala Akademi
(D) National Gallery of Modern Art

179. How many artists were selected for the 65th National Exhibition of Art through the two-tier jury process?

(A) 150
(B) 270
(C) 500
(D) 650

180. A monograph released at the 65th National Exhibition of Art was on which modern Indian painter?

(A) Abdul Aziz Raiba
(B) Sudarshan Patnaik
(C) Sudhakar Olwe
(D) Ram Gopal Khadilkar

181. Which Union ministry notified the new Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) norms for passenger vehicles?

(A) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(B) Ministry of Heavy Industries
(C) Ministry of Power
(D) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

182. The new CAFE norms tighten the fleet fuel-consumption benchmark to which level by 2031-32?

(A) 3.996 litres per 100 km
(B) 3.3273 litres per 100 km
(C) 4.500 litres per 100 km
(D) 2.8750 litres per 100 km

183. Under the new CAFE norms, the list of recognised fuel-conservation technologies has been expanded from four to how many?

(A) Eight
(B) Ten
(C) Twelve
(D) Fifteen

184. In which year was the first Public Service Commission in India constituted?

(A) 1919
(B) 1924
(C) 1926
(D) 1935

185. Which Part and Articles of the Constitution of India deal with the Union and State Public Service Commissions?

(A) Part XII, Articles 264 to 300
(B) Part XIII, Articles 301 to 307
(C) Part XIV, Articles 315 to 323
(D) Part XV, Articles 324 to 329

186. Who became the first woman Chairperson of the Union Public Service Commission?

(A) Kiran Bedi
(B) Rose Millian Bathew Kharbuli
(C) Pratibha Devisingh Patil
(D) Suman Sharma

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187. Where was the second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 held?

(A) Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Southern Naval Command, Kochi
(C) Western Naval Command, Mumbai
(D) Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam

188. Which naval operation did the Raksha Mantri link to safeguarding India's energy security?

(A) Operation Sankalp
(B) Operation Samudra Setu
(C) Operation Urja Suraksha
(D) Operation Sagar Rakshak

189. Who delivered the inaugural address at the conference as Chief of the Naval Staff?

(A) General NS Raja Subramani
(B) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
(C) General Dhiraj Seth
(D) Shri Rajnath Singh

190. How much grant-in-aid did the MHI Industry Accelerator Programme provide for ten technologies?

(A) Rs 12.50 crore
(B) Rs 35.72 crore
(C) Rs 120 crore
(D) Rs 500 crore

191. The MHI Industry Accelerator aimed to take supported technologies between which Technology Readiness Levels?

(A) TRL-1 to TRL-5
(B) TRL-2 to TRL-6
(C) TRL-3 to TRL-9
(D) TRL-5 to TRL-7

192. Which research body was named as a bridge between technology development, validation and industry adoption?

(A) ARAI
(B) CSIR
(C) DRDO
(D) ICAR

193. Which was the first city in India to receive the Water+ certification?

(A) Surat
(B) Indore
(C) Navi Mumbai
(D) Tirupati

194. How much treatment capacity will the sewage treatment plant projects approved under SBM 2.0 add?

(A) 1,500 MLD
(B) 2,750 MLD
(C) 4,900 MLD
(D) 7,200 MLD

195. The Dehlawas sewage treatment plant, the largest in Rajasthan, is located in which city?

(A) Jodhpur
(B) Udaipur
(C) Kota
(D) Jaipur

196. Which operator recorded the highest average download speed in TRAI's Sonitpur drive test?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) Reliance Jio
(D) Vodafone Idea

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197. Which body conducts the Independent Drive Test that assesses mobile network quality?

(A) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(B) Bureau of Indian Standards
(C) Department of Posts
(D) Centre for Development of Telematics

198. Sonitpur district, where the drive test was conducted, lies in which state?

(A) Meghalaya
(B) Assam
(C) Tripura
(D) Manipur

199. Over which period will Special Campaign 6 for disposal of pending matters be carried out?

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

200. What is the special focus of this edition of the Special Campaign in the Department of Food and Public Distribution?

(A) Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
(B) Recruitment of nodal officers
(C) Construction of new warehouses
(D) Revision of the minimum support price

201. Which of these organisations is taking part in the campaign along with the Department of Food and Public Distribution?

(A) National Highways Authority of India
(B) Food Corporation of India
(C) Airports Authority of India
(D) Indian Space Research Organisation

202. What is the total value of procurement approved under the Price Support Scheme for kharif marketing season 2026-27?

(A) Rs 3,992.57 crore
(B) Rs 5,547.99 crore
(C) Rs 6,547.99 crore
(D) Rs 1,107 crore

203. Which state received the largest share of the kharif 2026-27 procurement sanction?

(A) Karnataka
(B) Telangana
(C) Uttar Pradesh
(D) Madhya Pradesh

204. Which of these crops is NOT covered by the kharif 2026-27 Price Support Scheme sanction described above?

(A) Tur (arhar)
(B) Sunflower
(C) Paddy
(D) Soybean

205. According to the RIS study, what was the size of India's Ayush services economy in FY2024-25?

(A) US$17.73 billion
(B) US$36.92 billion
(C) US$1.77 billion
(D) US$216 billion

206. Which organisation carried out the study on the economic contribution of the Ayush services sector?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)
(C) Indian Council of Medical Research
(D) National Statistical Office

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207. How many livelihoods does the Ayush services sector support, as per the study?

(A) 1.76 million
(B) 17.6 million
(C) 76 lakh
(D) 4.3 million

208. Which Indian pair won the gold medal in the Trap Mixed Team event at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Manu Bhaker and Sarabjot Singh
(B) Neeru and Kynan Chenai
(C) Elavenil Valarivan and Divyansh Panwar
(D) Rahi Sarnobat and Anish Bhanwala

209. What made the Indian Trap Mixed Team gold at the Asian Games 2026 doubly notable?

(A) A World Record was broken in the qualification round
(B) An Asian Record was set in the final and it was India's first Asian Games gold in the event
(C) It was India's first shooting medal at any Asian Games
(D) The pair won without dropping a single target

210. Trap, the event in which Neeru and Kynan Chenai won gold, belongs to which family of shooting?

(A) Rifle
(B) Pistol
(C) Shotgun
(D) Crossbow

211. Which trio won the women's compound team archery gold for India at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Deepika Kumari, Ankita Bhakat and Bhajan Kaur
(B) Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi
(C) Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Deepika Kumari and Simranjeet Kaur
(D) Aditi Swami, Deepika Kumari and Ankita Bhakat

212. What did the Indian women's compound team do to the World Record at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Broke it
(B) Equalled it
(C) Missed it by one point
(D) Set a new Asian Record only

213. Which feature distinguishes the compound division of archery?

(A) The bow is drawn and held entirely by the archer's own strength with open sights
(B) The bow uses cams and cables, and a magnifying sight and mechanical release are allowed
(C) The archer shoots while on horseback
(D) Arrows are shot from a crossbow held at the shoulder

214. Where and when will India Mining Week 2026 be held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 15-17 October 2026
(B) Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, 15-17 November 2026
(C) Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, 15-17 December 2026
(D) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, 15-17 November 2026

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215. Diplomatic missions of how many countries took part in the India Mining: Global Connect outreach?

(A) 12
(B) 19
(C) 25
(D) 50

216. Which two ministries are organising India Mining Week 2026?

(A) Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines
(B) Ministry of Mines and Ministry of Steel
(C) Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Heavy Industries
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry and Ministry of Mines

217. Which two agencies jointly carried out the narcotics interdiction in the Arabian Sea in late September 2026?

(A) Indian Navy and the Narcotics Control Bureau
(B) Indian Coast Guard and the Anti-Terrorism Squad, Gujarat
(C) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence and the Kerala Police
(D) Border Security Force and the Maharashtra Police

218. How much narcotic substance was seized in the operation, and of what value?

(A) About 256 kg, worth over Rs 3,000 crore
(B) About 526 kg, worth over Rs 3,000 crore
(C) About 526 kg, worth over Rs 300 crore
(D) About 1,526 kg, worth over Rs 5,000 crore

219. What kind of vessel was intercepted, and who was operating it?

(A) A Sri Lankan trawler operated by three Indian nationals
(B) An Iranian dhow operated by five Pakistani nationals
(C) A Pakistani dhow operated by five Iranian nationals
(D) A container ship operated by a foreign crew of twelve

220. Which rabi crop received the largest absolute increase in minimum support price for marketing season 2027-28?

(A) Wheat
(B) Gram
(C) Safflower
(D) Barley

221. Which crop enjoys the widest margin over the all-India weighted average cost of production under the rabi MSP for 2027-28?

(A) Wheat
(B) Safflower
(C) Lentil (masur)
(D) Gram

222. The rule that minimum support price should be at least one and a half times the all-India weighted average cost of production was announced in which Union Budget?

(A) Union Budget 2014-15
(B) Union Budget 2018-19
(C) Union Budget 2020-21
(D) Union Budget 2022-23

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223. How much renewable energy is the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme designed to help evacuate across states and union territories?

(A) Up to 85 GW
(B) Up to 135 GW
(C) Up to 250 GW
(D) Up to 500 GW

224. What is the total project outlay approved for the Green Energy Corridor Phase-III scheme?

(A) Rs 54,082 crore
(B) Rs 1,36,378 crore
(C) Rs 1,86,405 crore
(D) Rs 2,50,000 crore

225. Under GEC-III, greenfield intra-state transmission projects will be implemented through which route?

(A) Tariff Based Competitive Bidding
(B) Cost Plus Basis
(C) Nomination to central public sector undertakings
(D) Swiss challenge method

226. What is the estimated cost of the Intelligent Traffic Management System approved for Delhi?

(A) Rs 789.52 crore
(B) Rs 1,289.52 crore
(C) Rs 1,789.52 crore
(D) Rs 2,789.52 crore

227. How many traffic corridors of Delhi will the Intelligent Traffic Management System cover?

(A) 24
(B) 42
(C) 71
(D) 108

228. Which organisation will serve as Project Management Consultant for Delhi's Intelligent Traffic Management System?

(A) C-DAC
(B) NIC
(C) BEL
(D) CSIR

229. According to the Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25, how many registered manufacturing establishments does India have?

(A) 2.10 lakh
(B) 2.60 lakh
(C) 2.67 lakh
(D) 3.21 lakh

230. By what percentage did Gross Value Added of registered manufacturing grow in 2024-25?

(A) 7.19 per cent
(B) 9.59 per cent
(C) 10.54 per cent
(D) 12.08 per cent

231. Which state reported the highest number of factories in the Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25?

(A) Maharashtra
(B) Gujarat
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Uttar Pradesh

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232. CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad, launched in September 2026, is meant for which purpose?

(A) Auditing state government accounts online
(B) AI-enabled translation of official and audit-related documents
(C) Filing income tax returns in Indian languages
(D) Digitising old audit records into searchable images

233. At the closing ceremony of which observance was CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad launched?

(A) The 74th Hindi Diwas and Hindi Pakhwada 2026
(B) National Statistics Day 2026
(C) Good Governance Week 2026
(D) Digital India Week 2026

234. How many Indian text languages does the BHASHINI platform currently support?

(A) 22
(B) 23
(C) 35
(D) 36

235. Senior Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Musa alias Asif Fauji was neutralised in which district of Jammu and Kashmir?

(A) Anantnag
(B) Budgam
(C) Baramulla
(D) Kupwara

236. The encounter in which Musa was neutralised formed part of which operation?

(A) Operation Mahadev
(B) Operation Asdhar
(C) Operation Sheruwali
(D) Operation Trinetra

237. How many senior Lashkar-e-Taiba commanders active in Jammu and Kashmir since 2022 now stand neutralised?

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

238. At which port did the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise AIME-2026 commence?

(A) Port Blair, India
(B) Subic Bay, Philippines
(C) Cam Ranh Bay, Vietnam
(D) Changi, Singapore

239. What is the theme of AIME-2026?

(A) Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
(B) Partners Across the Indo-Pacific
(C) Secure Seas, Shared Future
(D) One Ocean, One Mission

240. Which two Indian Navy ships are participating in AIME-2026?

(A) INS Vikrant and INS Delhi
(B) INS Shivalik and INS Kadmatt
(C) INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish
(D) INS Kolkata and INS Trikand

241. Which trio won the gold medal for India in the men's compound team archery event at the Asian Games?

(A) Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru
(B) Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi
(C) Neeru, Kynan Chenai and Sahil Rajesh Jadhav
(D) Kushal Dalal, Neeru and Prithika Pradeep

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242. In which archery discipline did the Indian men's team win the team gold at the Asian Games?

(A) Recurve
(B) Compound
(C) Barebow
(D) Longbow

243. Who congratulated the Indian archers on their men's compound team gold at the Asian Games?

(A) The President
(B) The Vice-President
(C) The Prime Minister
(D) The Chief Justice of India

244. The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 replaces which earlier law?

(A) The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
(B) The Indian Evidence Act, 1872
(C) The Banking Regulation Act, 1949
(D) The Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881

245. From which date does the Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 come into force?

(A) 1 April 2026
(B) 1 October 2026
(C) 1 January 2027
(D) 15 August 2026

246. Under the new Act, when can a bank officer be required to appear as a witness or produce a banker's book?

(A) Whenever any party to a case asks for it
(B) Only under a written order of the court recording a special cause
(C) Only with the prior approval of the Reserve Bank
(D) Only if the bank is a party to the proceeding

247. What is the maximum financial assistance available under the New Discovery track of the PRIP Scheme?

(A) Rs 5 crore
(B) Rs 25 crore
(C) Rs 50 crore
(D) Rs 100 crore

248. PRIP, the scheme under which the New Discovery track has been announced, stands for which of the following?

(A) Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech
(B) Pharmaceutical Research and Industrial Promotion
(C) Programme for Rural Innovation in Pharmaceuticals
(D) Production Reform and Innovation Partnership

249. What is the total financial outlay of the PRIP Scheme?

(A) Rs 1,600 crore
(B) Rs 3,000 crore
(C) Rs 5,000 crore
(D) Rs 10,000 crore

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250. CHIME, the telescope that made the first standalone detection of the hydrogen glow, stands for which of the following?

(A) Cosmic Hydrogen Imaging and Mapping Experiment
(B) Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment
(C) Combined Hydrogen Interferometric Measurement Endeavour
(D) Cosmological High-energy Infrared Mapping Experiment

251. Which Indian institute's researchers were part of the CHIME collaboration behind this detection?

(A) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
(B) Physical Research Laboratory
(C) Raman Research Institute
(D) Tata Institute of Fundamental Research

252. Roughly what share of the universe's hydrogen was in neutral atomic form at the epoch CHIME observed?

(A) About two per cent
(B) About twenty per cent
(C) About half
(D) Almost all of it

253. The closing ceremony of the Military Nursing Service centenary celebrations was held at which venue?

(A) Manekshaw Centre, Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) Army War College, Mhow

254. Which memoir was released at the closing ceremony of the Military Nursing Service centenary?

(A) Healing Hands and Brave Hearts
(B) Steel and Grace
(C) Glimpses of a Year of Commemoration
(D) Honouring the Past

255. What was the centenary theme of the Military Nursing Service?

(A) Service Before Self, Always and Everywhere
(B) Compassion in Uniform, Courage at Heart
(C) Honouring the Past, Healing the Present and Inspiring the Future
(D) A Century of Care for the Nation

256. What is the approved outlay of National Coastal Mission 2.0, whose implementation guidelines were released in September 2026?

(A) Rs 367 crore
(B) Rs 767 crore
(C) Rs 1,767 crore
(D) Rs 2,767 crore

257. National Coastal Mission 2.0 is to be implemented across how many coastal states and Union Territories?

(A) Seven coastal states and three Union Territories
(B) Nine coastal states and four Union Territories
(C) Eleven coastal states and two Union Territories
(D) Thirteen coastal states and five Union Territories

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258. Which ministry released the implementation guidelines of National Coastal Mission 2.0?

(A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

259. What monthly average Air Quality Index did Delhi record for September 2026, described as its lowest September figure in five years?

(A) 92
(B) 102
(C) 112
(D) 122

260. From January to September 2026, how many days did Delhi record with a daily average AQI below 200, the highest such count in five years?

(A) 146 days
(B) 187 days
(C) 194 days
(D) 214 days

261. Which body did the Environment Ministry name as working with stakeholders on the prevention, control and abatement of air pollution in Delhi and the National Capital Region?

(A) Central Pollution Control Board
(B) Commission for Air Quality Management
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) Indian Meteorological Department

262. How much financial assistance was approved for 41 projects in the first round of the PRIP scheme?

(A) About Rs 800 crore
(B) About Rs 1,600 crore
(C) About Rs 2,400 crore
(D) About Rs 3,200 crore

263. Under which ministry does the Department of Pharmaceuticals, which runs the PRIP scheme, function?

(A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Science and Technology
(C) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

264. In the first round of PRIP, which priority area accounted for the largest number of approved projects?

(A) New Medicines
(B) Complex Generics and Biosimilars
(C) Novel Medical Devices
(D) Clinical trial infrastructure

265. How many eye surgeries were performed in the Kashmir leg of Operation Drishti, across the camps at Tangdhar and Srinagar?

(A) 144
(B) 220
(C) 364
(D) 500

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266. What made the Tangdhar phase of Operation Drishti in September 2026 a first of its kind?

(A) It was the first eye camp run entirely by robotic surgery

(B) It was the first mega eye surgical camp held at the Line of Control, in an underground operation theatre

(C) It was the first camp conducted jointly with a foreign medical team

(D) It was the first camp held aboard a naval hospital ship

267. In which state is the next phase of Operation Drishti to be conducted?

(A) Assam

(B) Odisha

(C) Rajasthan

(D) Kerala

268. In which city is the 15th United Nations Congress on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice being held, where India presented its justice reforms?

(A) Doha

(B) Abu Dhabi

(C) Vienna

(D) Kyoto

269. Which set of laws did India highlight at the 15th UN Congress as its new criminal codes?

(A) Indian Penal Code, Code of Criminal Procedure and Indian Evidence Act

(B) Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam

(C) Bharatiya Danda Sanhita, Bharatiya Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Praman Adhiniyam

(D) Bharatiya Nyaya Adhiniyam, Bharatiya Nagarik Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Sanhita

270. Who is the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, whom the Indian minister met during the Congress?

(A) Monika Juma

(B) Ghada Waly

(C) Amina Mohammed

(D) Rebeca Grynspan

271. What is the theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign?

(A) 'Swachhata Se Samriddhi'

(B) 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath'

(C) 'Mera Shahar, Meri Zimmedari'

(D) 'Ek Bharat, Swachh Bharat'

272. Who led the shramdaan organised by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi on 1 October 2026?

(A) Dr. Rakesh Gupta

(B) Smt. Aradhana Patnaik

(C) Dr. Rajiv Bahl

(D) Dr. Loveneesh G. Krishna

273. Dr. Rakesh Gupta, who took part in the drive, is Additional Secretary and Director General of which organisation?

(A) National Health Mission

(B) Indian Council of Medical Research

(C) National AIDS Control Organisation

(D) Directorate General of Health Services

274. Who has assumed charge as Secretary of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change?

(A) Keshav Chandra

(B) Narendra Bhooshan

(C) Ashok K. K. Meena

(D) Kamal Kishore Soan

275. Narendra Bhooshan, the new Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, belongs to which cadre of the Indian Administrative Service?

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

276. Immediately before becoming Secretary of the environment ministry, Narendra Bhooshan was Secretary of which department?

(A) Department of Land Resources
(B) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
(C) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(D) Department of Science and Technology

277. How much has been earmarked under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 to address drinking water gaps in PM-JANMAN and DA-JGUA villages?

(A) Rs 2,500 crore
(B) Rs 5,000 crore
(C) Rs 7,500 crore
(D) Rs 12,000 crore

278. Which ministry is running the SurveySetu exercise to verify the status of functional household tap connections?

(A) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(B) Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Panchayati Raj

279. Which of the following is the correct full form of DA-JGUA?

(A) Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan
(B) Dharti Aaba Jal Gram Udaan Abhiyan
(C) Deen Dayal Aadivasi Janjati Gramin Unnati Abhiyan
(D) Dharti Aaba Janjati Gram Ujjwal Abhiyan

280. Which department has launched Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) Department of Personnel and Training
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Expenditure
(D) Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation

281. The implementation phase of Special Campaign 6.0 covers which period?

(A) 16 September to 30 September
(B) 1 October to 15 October
(C) 2 October to 31 October
(D) 2 October to 2 November

282. How many sites did the Ministry of Culture and its organisations identify for the cleanliness drive under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 295
(B) 495
(C) 595
(D) 695

283. Lonar Crater Lake, proposed as a venue for a Surya Kiran air show, is located in which district of Maharashtra?

(A) Buldhana
(B) Nagpur
(C) Satara
(D) Nashik

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284. The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Display Team belongs to which of the following?

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

285. Which minister has requested the Defence Ministry to organise Surya Kiran displays at Maharashtra's tourism sites?

(A) The Union Minister of Tourism
(B) The Union Minister of State for Ayush
(C) The Union Minister of Culture
(D) The Union Minister of Civil Aviation

286. Where were the centenary celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
(D) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka

287. In which year did the Union Public Service Commission have its beginning?

(A) 1919
(B) 1926
(C) 1935
(D) 1950

288. Which mantra did the Prime Minister give at the UPSC centenary to describe the place of the citizen in governance?

(A) Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
(B) Nagrik Devo Bhava
(C) Shramev Jayate
(D) Atithi Devo Bhava

289. Exercise Varuna is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

(A) United Kingdom
(B) France
(C) Russia
(D) Japan

290. Which edition of Exercise Varuna is INS Trishul taking part in?

(A) 20th
(B) 22nd
(C) 24th
(D) 26th

291. The crew of INS Trishul laid a wreath at the Mazargues War Memorial for how many Indian soldiers of the World Wars?

(A) 105
(B) 205
(C) 305
(D) 405

292. What is the theme of the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave being held in New Delhi?

(A) The Indian Era
(B) Resilience in an Age of Flux
(C) Seeking Prosperity in Turbulent Times
(D) Navigating a World on Fire

293. Which institution organises the Kautilya Economic Conclave in partnership with the Ministry of Finance?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Institute of Economic Growth
(C) National Council of Applied Economic Research
(D) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations

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294. Who will deliver the inaugural address at the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Vice President of India
(C) The Union Finance Minister
(D) The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

295. National Voluntary Blood Donation Day is observed in India on which date every year?

(A) 1 October
(B) 14 June
(C) 1 December
(D) 7 April

296. What was the theme of National Voluntary Blood Donation Day 2026?

(A) Give Blood, Keep the World Beating
(B) One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.
(C) Safe Blood for All
(D) Blood Connects Us All

297. Which state secured the first position among the North-Eastern States for blood collection in 2025?

(A) Sikkim
(B) Mizoram
(C) Assam
(D) Manipur

298. What is the revised stock holding limit for a sugar dealer in most of the country?

(A) 500 quintals
(B) 1,000 quintals
(C) 2,000 quintals
(D) 5,000 quintals

299. Which of these has been given a higher sugar stock holding limit than the rest of the country?

(A) Mumbai and the State of Gujarat
(B) Chennai and the State of Kerala
(C) Kolkata with its extended metropolitan areas and the State of Assam
(D) Delhi and the State of Punjab

300. By how much have average retail sugar prices fallen from their August peak?

(A) 5 per cent
(B) 10 per cent
(C) 15 per cent
(D) 28 per cent

301. How much central assistance was released to States and Union Territories over three financial years for the PCR and PoA Acts?

(A) Rs 1,423.30 crore
(B) Rs 1,234.30 crore
(C) Rs 2,423.30 crore
(D) Rs 923.30 crore

302. How many Exclusive Special Courts have been established for offences under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act?

(A) 127
(B) 171
(C) 217
(D) 271

303. The National Helpline Against Atrocities, launched in December 2021, was later renamed as which of these?

(A) SAMARTH
(B) SAMBAL
(C) SAHAYAK
(D) SANKALP

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304. At which toll plaza has Tamil Nadu's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling system been started?

(A) Chorayasi Toll Plaza
(B) Gharaunda Toll Plaza
(C) Paranur Toll Plaza
(D) Manoharpura Toll Plaza

305. The Multi-Lane Free Flow tolling system identifies a passing vehicle mainly through which technology?

(A) Automatic Number Plate Recognition
(B) Global Positioning System tracking of each vehicle
(C) Radio broadcast of the chassis number
(D) Manual entry of the registration number by toll staff

306. On which national highway section is the Paranur Toll Plaza situated?

(A) Surat-Bharuch section of NH-48
(B) Tambaram-Tindivanam section of NH-179B
(C) Panipat-Jalandhar section of NH-44
(D) Urban Extension Road-II in Delhi-NCR

307. How much does a student selected under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme receive every year?

(A) Rs 6,000
(B) Rs 12,000
(C) Rs 24,000
(D) Rs 36,000

308. Which class must a student be in to appear for the NMMSS selection examination and win a fresh scholarship?

(A) Class VII
(B) Class VIII
(C) Class IX
(D) Class XI

309. What is the ceiling on parental income for a student applying under the NMMSS?

(A) Rs 1.50 lakh per annum
(B) Rs 2.50 lakh per annum
(C) Rs 3.50 lakh per annum
(D) Rs 8 lakh per annum

310. Which body is conducting the Forward-Looking Survey on Private Corporate Sector CAPEX Investment Intentions?

(A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) National Statistics Office
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) Securities and Exchange Board of India

311. In the CAPEX 2025 findings, which activity accounted for the largest share of provisional capital spending in 2025-26?

(A) Information and communication
(B) Transportation and storage
(C) Manufacturing
(D) Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply

312. Under which Act is the CAPEX survey of private corporate enterprises conducted?

(A) Companies Act
(B) Collection of Statistics Act
(C) Right to Information Act
(D) Industries Development and Regulation Act

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313. INS Tarkash, which made a goodwill port call in Kenya, is which type of warship?

(A) An aircraft carrier
(B) A frontline stealth frigate
(C) A conventional submarine
(D) A survey vessel

314. MAHASAGAR, the initiative whose spirit the Mombasa port call reflects, stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Harbour Safety and Growth Agreement for Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Alliance for Shared Oceans and Growth Across Regions
(D) Mission for Advanced Harbour Services and Growth of Regions

315. At which port did INS Tarkash arrive on 29 September 2026?

(A) Dar es Salaam
(B) Djibouti
(C) Mombasa
(D) Port Victoria

316. What is the title of the People's Plan Campaign launched in the Special Gram Sabhas?

(A) Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
(B) Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas
(C) Mera Gaon, Meri Yojana
(D) Gram Swaraj, Gram Vikas

317. For which financial year will Gram Panchayats prepare their development plans under this campaign?

(A) 2025-26
(B) 2026-27
(C) 2027-28
(D) 2028-29

318. How many days of wage employment are guaranteed by statute under VB-G RAM G, one of the schemes placed before the Gram Sabhas?

(A) 100 days
(B) 125 days
(C) 150 days
(D) 180 days

319. Which medal did the Indian Women's Squash Team win at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal, a fourth place finish

320. In which sport did the Indian women's team win a bronze medal at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Table tennis
(B) Squash
(C) Badminton
(D) Hockey

321. At which multi-sport event did the Indian Women's Squash Team take the bronze medal?

(A) Commonwealth Games
(B) Summer Olympic Games
(C) Asian Games 2026
(D) Youth Olympic Games

322. In which year was India's Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL) established?

(A) 1995
(B) 2001
(C) 2008
(D) 2014

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323. Nalanda University, which signed an MoU with the CSIR-TKDL Unit, is situated at which place?

(A) Bodh Gaya, Bihar
(B) Vaishali, Bihar
(C) Rajgir, Bihar
(D) Patna, Bihar

324. To how many international patent offices is the TKDL database made available under non-disclosure agreements?

(A) 9
(B) 12
(C) 18
(D) 26

325. Which pair won the silver medal in the Men's Skiff event at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Prince Noble and Manu Francis
(B) Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru and Manu Francis
(C) Prince Noble and Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru
(D) Manu Francis and Smit Machchhar

326. Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru won a medal at the Asian Games in which event?

(A) Men's Skiff
(B) Men's Compound Individual
(C) Men's Recurve Team
(D) Men's Compound Team

327. Which statement about India's two medals noted on 1 October at the Asian Games 2026 is correct?

(A) Both were gold medals
(B) The skiff brought silver and the compound individual brought bronze
(C) The skiff brought bronze and the compound individual brought silver
(D) Both medals were won in individual events

328. Under the revised guidelines, an exempted FASTag issued to a person with 70 to 100 per cent disability is valid for how long?

(A) One year
(B) Three years
(C) Five years
(D) Ten years

329. From which date do the revised guidelines for exempted FASTags for Divyangjan take effect?

(A) 1 October 2026
(B) 2 October 2026
(C) 1 November 2026
(D) 1 April 2027

330. Which of the following is NOT correct about the revised exempted FASTag framework?

(A) Validity depends on the recorded percentage of disability
(B) A UDID Card is among the accepted records
(C) The exempted FASTag must still be renewed every year
(D) Vehicles registered under the Divyangjan ownership type are covered

331. The two offshore mineral blocks whose auction was launched are located in which sea?

(A) Arabian Sea
(B) Andaman Sea
(C) Laccadive Sea
(D) Bay of Bengal, off Odisha

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332. What type of mineral deposit do Sewell Rise-01 and West Sewell Ridge-01 contain?

(A) Bauxite and laterite
(B) Polymetallic nodules and crusts
(C) Coal seams
(D) Placer gold deposits

333. Who launched the auction of the two offshore mineral blocks?

(A) The Union Minister of Mines
(B) Keshav Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Mines
(C) Kadam Sandeep Vasant, Joint Secretary
(D) The Chairman of MSTC

334. Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff was raised on which date, observed as Tri-Service Day?

(A) 1 October 2001
(B) 1 October 1999
(C) 15 January 2002
(D) 1 January 2020

335. What was the theme of the HQ IDS Silver Jubilee celebrations?

(A) “Atmanirbharta in Defence”
(B) “Future readiness through jointness and Integration”
(C) “Joint Training for Joint Victory”
(D) “Synergy in Space and Cyber”

336. Which of these is NOT a platform used by HQ IDS to strengthen jointness?

(A) Ran Samwad
(B) Joint Commanders’ Conference
(C) Combined Operational Review and Evaluation Programme
(D) Trishakti Manthan held as a permanent annual review body

337. Which institute will implement Phase-I of the ICAR-FCI research project on alternative fumigation?

(A) ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
(B) ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana
(C) ICAR-Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research, Karnal
(D) Central Warehousing Corporation, New Delhi

338. Which two chemicals has India’s foodgrain storage relied on for post-harvest pest control?

(A) Aluminium phosphide and malathion
(B) Nitrogen and carbon dioxide
(C) Endosulfan and DDT
(D) Phosphine and chlorpyrifos

339. What will the second phase of the ICAR-FCI fumigation project involve?

(A) A two-year laboratory study at a single institute
(B) A one-year multi-location trial across agro-climatic zones
(C) Immediate nationwide rollout of nitrogen fumigation
(D) A review of existing chemical fumigation rules only

340. In the SETU NSP App, what does SETU stand for?

(A) Scheme for Education Transfer and Upgradation
(B) Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment
(C) Student Education Transparency Utility
(D) Scholarship Evaluation and Tracking Unit

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341. The SETU NSP App is an initiative of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

342. Which of the following is NOT a service the SETU NSP App offers to students?

(A) Registration for scholarship schemes
(B) Biometric authentication
(C) Tracking the status of an application
(D) Direct disbursal of loans to students

343. What is the outlay of the GOBARdhan Scheme launched for the compressed biogas sector?

(A) Rs 10,900 crore
(B) Rs 23,731 crore
(C) Rs 31,500 crore
(D) Rs 45,000 crore

344. Which ministry is the single nodal ministry for the GOBARdhan Scheme?

(A) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(B) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(C) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
(D) Ministry of Jal Shakti

345. Under GOBARdhan, what administered price has been fixed for compressed biogas?

(A) Rs 1,500 per MMBtu
(B) Rs 2,110 per MMBtu
(C) Rs 2,500 per MMBtu
(D) Rs 3,200 per MMBtu

346. How much financial support has the Centre approved for the Amended BharatNet Programme in Maharashtra?

(A) Rs 5,240 crore
(B) Rs 8,375 crore
(C) Rs 10,520 crore
(D) Rs 14,600 crore

347. Which company will implement the Amended BharatNet Programme in Maharashtra?

(A) MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limited
(B) Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited
(C) Maharashtra Information Technology Corporation Limited
(D) Railtel Corporation of India Limited

348. Digital Bharat Nidhi was earlier known by which name?

(A) National Broadband Mission Fund
(B) Universal Service Obligation Fund
(C) Telecom Development Fund
(D) Digital India Infrastructure Fund

349. In which American city was the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting attended by Piyush Goyal held?

(A) Chicago
(B) Milwaukee
(C) Mequon
(D) Madison

350. What was the outcome document agreed upon by the G20 trade ministers?

(A) G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions
(B) G20 Declaration on Fertiliser Security and Supply Chains
(C) Milwaukee Declaration on Rules-Based Multilateral Trade
(D) G20 Framework on Public Stockholding for Food Security

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351. In which year was the G20 Agricultural Market Information System established?

(A) 2008
(B) 2011
(C) 2015
(D) 2019

352. Which medal did the Indian men's 4x400m relay team win at the Asian Games?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal, fourth place

353. Who among the following was part of the Indian bronze-winning Men's 4x400m Relay team at the Asian Games?

(A) Dharmveer Chaudhary
(B) Prince Noble
(C) Manu Francis
(D) Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru

354. How many runners make up a team in the 4x400m relay event?

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

355. Which Annual Day of the Defence Accounts Department did Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh address at DRDO Bhawan?

(A) 259th
(B) 269th
(C) 279th
(D) 289th

356. The Treasury Single Account system launched in the Ministry of Defence is integrated with which platform of the Reserve Bank of India?

(A) eKUBER
(B) NEFT
(C) SPARSH
(D) PRISM

357. SAMAR-SETU is a centralised application meant for which purpose?

(A) Compiling all defence expenditure in India
(B) Managing pay and allowances of Agniveers of the Indian Army
(C) Auditing bills of the Indian Air Force
(D) Administering defence pensions

358. How many beneficiaries attended the national-level SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir?

(A) 1,28,928
(B) 2,24,521
(C) 3,02,958
(D) 3,69,469

359. Which ministry organised the national-level SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir?

(A) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) Ministry of Labour and Employment

360. Across how many urban local bodies did the SafaiMitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir spread?

(A) 1,870
(B) 2,870
(C) 3,870
(D) 4,870

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361. How many places and geographical features in the Union Territory of Ladakh have been identified by standard names on the official Survey of India map?

(A) 18
(B) 24
(C) 28
(D) 32

362. On whose official map have the 28 standard place and feature names of Ladakh been marked?

(A) Geological Survey of India
(B) Survey of India
(C) Indian Space Research Organisation
(D) National Atlas and Thematic Mapping Organisation

363. Among the 28 places and features identified in Ladakh, which feature type accounts for the largest number of entries?

(A) Pass
(B) Glacier
(C) Land area
(D) Peak

364. The implementation phase of Special Campaign 6 is being observed during which period?

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

365. What is the stated focus area of this year's Special Campaign 6?

(A) Digitisation of land records
(B) Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
(C) Single-use plastic phase-out
(D) Energy audit of government buildings

366. Which department's guidelines govern the Special Campaign, and on whose portal is progress monitored?

(A) Department of Personnel and Training
(B) Department of Expenditure
(C) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

367. Who holds charge as Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Law and Justice?

(A) Arjun Ram Meghwal
(B) Rajiv Mani
(C) Navin Kumar Singh
(D) Kiren Rijiju

368. Under which theme was the tree plantation drive at the India International Arbitration Centre organised?

(A) Mera Ped Mera Desh
(B) Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
(C) Harit Bharat Abhiyan
(D) Van Mahotsav Sankalp

369. The minister recalled Mahatma Gandhi's stay in Champaran, where his sanitation work grew into a mass movement, in which year?

(A) 1915
(B) 1916
(C) 1917
(D) 1919

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370. Up to which date has the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) scheme been extended?

(A) 30 September 2026
(B) 31 December 2026
(C) 31 March 2027
(D) 30 June 2027

371. Which notification of the Department of Commerce extended the RoDTEP scheme?

(A) Notification No. 37/2026-27
(B) Notification No. 39/2026-27
(C) Notification No. 41/2026-27
(D) Notification No. 45/2026-27

372. In which appendices of the Foreign Trade Policy are the RoDTEP rates and value caps notified, which stay unchanged during the extension?

(A) Appendix 4R and Appendix 4RE
(B) Appendix 3B and Appendix 3C
(C) Appendix 2A and Appendix 2B
(D) Appendix 7A and Appendix 7B

373. What is the full form of RELIEF, the export intervention whose Component II timelines have been extended?

(A) Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation
(B) Remission of Levies and Insurance for Export Finance
(C) Reimbursement of Logistics and Insurance for Exporters and Farmers
(D) Resilient Export Logistics and Infrastructure Expansion Fund

374. Component II of RELIEF encourages exporters to obtain cover from which body, and at what level of risk coverage?

(A) EXIM Bank, with 80 per cent risk coverage
(B) ECGC, with 95 per cent risk coverage
(C) DGFT, with 90 per cent risk coverage
(D) SIDBI, with 75 per cent risk coverage

375. Which of the following is NOT covered by the benefit under Component II of RELIEF?

(A) Full Container Load cargo
(B) Less than Container Load cargo
(C) Reefer containers
(D) Energy shipments

376. In which American city was the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting attended by Piyush Goyal held?

(A) Chicago, Illinois
(B) Milwaukee, Wisconsin
(C) Detroit, Michigan
(D) Minneapolis, Minnesota

377. Which Article of the Constitution of India, cited by the minister at the G20 meeting, prohibits forced labour as a fundamental right?

(A) Article 19
(B) Article 21
(C) Article 23
(D) Article 32

378. Which country did India back for the G20 Presidency in 2027 at the Milwaukee meeting?

(A) France
(B) Canada
(C) Republic of Korea
(D) United Kingdom

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379. APEDA facilitated the export of popped makhana from Purnea in Bihar to which country?

(A) Greece
(B) Spain
(C) Canada
(D) Italy

380. Which Indian state accounts for roughly 80 to 85 per cent of the country makhana production?

(A) West Bengal
(B) Assam
(C) Bihar
(D) Odisha

381. Through which Indian port did the makhana consignment to Greece sail?

(A) Kandla Port
(B) Mundra Port
(C) Nhava Sheva Port
(D) Kolkata Port

382. Under which initiative of NITI Aayog was the National Workshop on SDG Budgeting at Kolkata organised?

(A) Aspirational Districts Programme
(B) State Support Mission
(C) Atal Innovation Mission
(D) Development Monitoring and Evaluation Office

383. How many States and Union Territories sent participants to the National Workshop on SDG Budgeting?

(A) 24
(B) 28
(C) 32
(D) 36

384. The Guide on Mapping State Budgets to the SDGs, discussed at the workshop, was developed jointly by which three bodies?

(A) NITI Aayog, the CAG of India and UNDP
(B) Finance Commission, RBI and the World Bank
(C) MoSPI, SEBI and the Asian Development Bank
(D) NITI Aayog, the Finance Ministry and UNESCO

385. On which date was the Swachh Bharat Mission launched?

(A) 15 August 2014
(B) 2 October 2014
(C) 2 October 2015
(D) 26 January 2015

386. The Sthree Toilet, built from a scrap bus for women travellers, is at a bus terminal in which city?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Bhopal
(C) Navi Mumbai
(D) Tirupati

387. How many plastic bottles and bottle caps were used in building the Aspirational Toilets at Koparkhairane, Navi Mumbai?

(A) 9,500 bottles and 28,400 caps
(B) 11,700 bottles and 35,200 caps
(C) 14,200 bottles and 41,000 caps
(D) 7,600 bottles and 19,800 caps

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388. Which Indian trio won the gold medal in the Women's Recurve Team event at the Asian Games?

(A) Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti
(B) Harshita Tomar, Shital Verma and Kirti
(C) Ankita Bhakat, Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kirti
(D) Kumkum Anil Mohod, Shital Verma and Ankita Bhakat

389. In which event did India win its first-ever gold medal at the Asian Games, as announced on 2 October 2026?

(A) Women's Compound Team
(B) Recurve Mixed Team
(C) Women's Recurve Team
(D) Women's Skiff

390. The recurve team event, in which Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti won gold, belongs to which sport?

(A) Shooting
(B) Archery
(C) Sailing
(D) Fencing

391. Who won the silver medal for India in the Recurve Mixed Team event at the Asian Games?

(A) Dhiraj Bommadevara and Ankita Bhakat
(B) Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod
(C) Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma
(D) Ankita Bhakat and Kirti

392. Which medal did India win in the Recurve Mixed Team event at the Asian Games, as announced on 2 October 2026?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal

393. A mixed team event in archery is contested by how many archers from each country?

(A) One archer
(B) Two archers, one man and one woman
(C) Three archers of the same gender
(D) Four archers, two men and two women

394. Who won the bronze medal for India in the Women's Skiff event at the Asian Games?

(A) Ankita Bhakat and Kirti
(B) Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma
(C) Kumkum Anil Mohod and Shital Verma
(D) Harshita Tomar and Kirti

395. The skiff event, in which Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma won bronze at the Asian Games, belongs to which sport?

(A) Rowing
(B) Canoeing
(C) Sailing
(D) Kayaking

396. Which point about the Indian women's skiff result did the Prime Minister particularly highlight?

(A) That it was India's first sailing medal at any Games
(B) That the pair bettered India's previous performance in the event
(C) That the pair won the gold medal in the event
(D) That the pair set a new world record in the event

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397. The tigress released in Buxa Tiger Reserve under the Tiger Reintroduction Programme was brought from which reserve?

(A) Manas Tiger Reserve, Assam
(B) Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar
(C) Sundarbans Tiger Reserve, West Bengal
(D) Kanha Tiger Reserve, Madhya Pradesh

398. In which year was Buxa declared a Tiger Reserve?

(A) 1973
(B) 1983
(C) 1992
(D) 2018

399. How much grassland has been restored or converted at Buxa Tiger Reserve to support prey recovery?

(A) About 180 hectares
(B) About 280 hectares
(C) About 380 hectares
(D) About 800 hectares

400. The proceeds of the PM Mementos e-auction are devoted to which project?

(A) Namami Gange
(B) Swachh Bharat Mission
(C) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
(D) Smart Cities Mission

401. Which city is the theme of the eighth edition of the PM Mementos auction?

(A) Varanasi
(B) Ahmedabad
(C) Delhi
(D) Lucknow

402. Whose discus, belonging to a Paralympic silver medallist, is among the lots in the PM Mementos auction?

(A) Sumit Antil
(B) Yogesh Kathuniya
(C) Devendra Jhajharia
(D) Neeraj Chopra

403. APEDA facilitated the export of a 24 MT frozen food consignment from Sonipat in Haryana to which country?

(A) Greece
(B) Canada
(C) Australia
(D) The United Arab Emirates

404. What was the total value of the frozen food consignment exported from Haryana to Canada?

(A) CAD 25,140
(B) CAD 35,140
(C) CAD 45,295
(D) CAD 55,295

405. Who is the Chairman of APEDA, as named at the flag-off of the frozen food consignment?

(A) Abhishek Dev
(B) Piyush Goyal
(C) Sudhanshu Pandey
(D) Rajesh Agrawal

406. At which memorial in Delhi were floral tributes offered to former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary?

(A) Rajghat
(B) Vijay Ghat
(C) Shanti Van
(D) Shakti Sthal

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407. The Vice-President paid tribute, on his death anniversary, to which former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

(A) Thiru K. Kamaraj
(B) C. N. Annadurai
(C) M. Bhaktavatsalam
(D) P. S. Kumaraswamy Raja

408. What did the Prime Minister appeal to citizens to do on 2 October 2026 to promote Swadeshi?

(A) Buy at least one Khadi product
(B) Plant at least two saplings
(C) Donate one day of salary
(D) Walk 100 steps for cleanliness

409. On which date did the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign begin with the taking of the Swachhata pledge?

(A) 2 September 2026
(B) 17 September 2026
(C) 1 October 2026
(D) 25 September 2026

410. The closing day of the campaign marked which birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi?

(A) 150th
(B) 155th
(C) 157th
(D) 160th

411. The Swachhata Shramdaan held by the Department of School Education and Literacy was carried out under which initiative?

(A) Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE
(B) Atal Tinkering Labs
(C) Nipun Bharat Mission
(D) Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

412. The Swachh Bharat Mission was launched on which date?

(A) 2 October 2014
(B) 15 August 2014
(C) 2 October 2019
(D) 1 April 2015

413. What does the logo of the Swachh Bharat Mission depict?

(A) The charkha of Mahatma Gandhi
(B) The spectacles of Mahatma Gandhi
(C) The walking stick of Mahatma Gandhi
(D) The sandals of Mahatma Gandhi

414. Which certification protocol covers the safe containment, evacuation, transportation and processing of faecal sludge?

(A) ODF
(B) ODF+
(C) ODF++
(D) Water+

415. Which city is set to become the second urban local body in India to turn waste into carbon credits?

(A) Kanpur
(B) Ghaziabad
(C) Varanasi
(D) Lucknow

416. The Integrated Waste Management Facility at Saligao, built on a former garbage dump, is located in which state?

(A) Kerala
(B) Maharashtra
(C) Goa
(D) Karnataka

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417. Kakinada, which uses RFID tags and facial recognition attendance in waste management, is a city of which state?

(A) Telangana
(B) Odisha
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Andhra Pradesh

418. Under which law were the seized narcotic drugs destroyed by the Central Bureau of Narcotics?

(A) The Customs Act, 1962
(B) The NDPS Act, 1985
(C) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
(D) The Opium Act, 1878

419. The seized opium was deposited at the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works located at which place?

(A) Mandsaur
(B) Khor
(C) Neemuch
(D) Jaipur

420. Hydroponic weed seized at the Foreign Post Office in Jaipur had arrived in a parcel from which country?

(A) Myanmar
(B) Thailand
(C) Nepal
(D) Afghanistan

421. In which weight category did Sujeet win the freestyle wrestling gold at the Asian Games?

(A) Men's 57 kg
(B) Men's 65 kg
(C) Men's 74 kg
(D) Men's 86 kg

422. Sujeet's Asian Games gold was India's first gold of the edition in which discipline?

(A) Archery
(B) Wrestling
(C) Sailing
(D) Shooting

423. Which of the following statements about Sujeet’s wrestling gold at the Asian Games is correct?

(A) He won it on his Asian Games debut
(B) He won it in his fourth Asian Games appearance
(C) He won a silver medal in the same event
(D) He won it in the Greco-Roman style

424. Lovlina Borgohain won the Asian Games gold in which boxing weight category?

(A) Women's 57 kg
(B) Women's 66 kg
(C) Women's 75 kg
(D) Women's 81 kg

425. By what margin did Lovlina Borgohain win her Asian Games boxing final?

(A) 3-2
(B) 4-1
(C) 5-0
(D) By a walkover

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426. What did Prime Minister Narendra Modi say while congratulating Lovlina Borgohain on her Asian Games gold?

(A) That her sporting journey reflects remarkable determination and excellence

(B) That she had broken a world record in the final

(C) That she was the youngest member of the Indian contingent

(D) That she would be made the flag bearer at the closing ceremony

427. Parveen won the Asian Games boxing gold in which weight category?

(A) Women's 54 kg

(B) Women's 60 kg

(C) Women's 65 kg

(D) Women's 70 kg

428. How was Parveen's Asian Games boxing final officially described?

(A) As a hard-fought final

(B) As a walkover

(C) As a bout stopped in the first round

(D) As a contest decided by a countback

429. Which remark did Prime Minister Narendra Modi make on Parveen's Asian Games gold?

(A) That it adds another glorious chapter to Indian boxing

(B) That it was India’s first boxing medal at any Asian Games

(C) That she had equalled a continental record

(D) That she would lead the Indian boxing team next season

430. In which weight category did Ankush win the boxing gold at the Asian Games?

(A) Men's 71 kg

(B) Men's 80 kg

(C) Men's 86 kg

(D) Men's 92 kg

431. What did Prime Minister Narendra Modi note about the wider importance of Ankush's gold medal?

(A) That it ensures India's boxing campaign at the Asian Games ends on a great note

(B) That it was India's first boxing gold of the edition

(C) That it came on the boxer’s Asian Games debut

(D) That it took India to the top of the overall medal tally

432. How was Ankush's victory in the Asian Games boxing final described?

(A) As a split decision

(B) As an emphatic victory

(C) As a win on countback

(D) As a bout awarded after a review

433. Which mineral do the two blocks auctioned for the first time in Jammu & Kashmir contain?

(A) Bauxite

(B) Limestone

(C) Iron ore

(D) Manganese ore

434. Both mineral blocks auctioned in Jammu & Kashmir are located in which district?

(A) Baramulla

(B) Udhampur

(C) Anantnag

(D) Kathua

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435. What is the estimated limestone resource of the Wantrag Limestone Block in Jammu & Kashmir?

(A) 4.75 million tonnes
(B) 7.21 million tonnes
(C) 10.853 million tonnes
(D) 15.40 million tonnes

436. In which sport did the Indian women's team win the gold medal at the Asian Games after a gap of more than four decades?

(A) Hockey
(B) Kabaddi
(C) Handball
(D) Basketball

437. The Indian women's hockey team's gold at the Asian Games came after a gap of how long?

(A) Less than one decade
(B) Exactly two decades
(C) More than four decades
(D) More than eight decades

438. Which of the following correctly describes India's hockey result at the Asian Games being marked here?

(A) The women's team won gold
(B) The men's team won gold
(C) The women's team won bronze
(D) The men's team won silver

439. India won its first-ever Asian Games medal in the men's quadrant event of which sport?

(A) Kurash
(B) Sepaktakraw
(C) Wushu
(D) Pencak Silat

440. Which medal did the Indian men's quadrant team win in sepaktakraw at the Asian Games?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal, fourth place

441. What makes the Indian men's quadrant team's sepaktakraw bronze significant?

(A) It is India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Asian Games
(B) It is India's first gold in sepaktakraw
(C) It is India's first medal in any sport at the Asian Games
(D) It is India's first team medal at the Asian Games

442. The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was held in which city?

(A) Mumbai
(B) Visakhapatnam
(C) New Delhi
(D) Kochi

443. Who described the Indian Navy as a strategic force multiplier while addressing the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026?

(A) Gen Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff
(B) Gen NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff
(C) Jitin Prasada, Minister of State for Electronics and IT
(D) Rajnath Singh, Raksha Mantri

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444. The deliberations at the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 were directed at building a force described in which four terms?

(A) Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Ready
(B) Agile, Lethal, Networked and Self-Reliant
(C) Modern, Mobile, Integrated and Digital
(D) Strong, Secure, Sustainable and Smart

445. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan held bilateral agriculture talks in New Delhi with the minister of which country?

(A) Denmark
(B) The Netherlands
(C) Belgium
(D) Germany

446. How many Centres of Excellence in the agriculture and horticulture sectors were reviewed in the India-Netherlands talks?

(A) 15
(B) 25
(C) 35
(D) 50

447. India and the Netherlands agreed to explore cooperation through a work plan in which sector?

(A) Fisheries sector
(B) Dairy sector
(C) Seed sector
(D) Poultry sector

448. How many Special Gram Sabhas were held across India on Gandhi Jayanti in 2026?

(A) More than 1.42 lakh
(B) More than 2.42 lakh
(C) More than 3.42 lakh
(D) More than 4.42 lakh

449. The Special Gram Sabhas held on Gandhi Jayanti marked the start of which campaign?

(A) Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas (People's Plan Campaign)
(B) Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan
(C) Swachhata Hi Seva
(D) Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari

450. How much has the Sixteenth Finance Commission recommended for Rural Local Bodies for the period 2026-31?

(A) Rs 2,35,236 crore
(B) Rs 3,35,236 crore
(C) Rs 4,35,236 crore
(D) Rs 5,35,236 crore

451. From which country was narco-trafficking kingpin Navpreet Singh deported to India in October 2026?

(A) United Arab Emirates
(B) Türkiye
(C) Thailand
(D) Portugal

452. Under which fake identity had Navpreet Singh obtained Turkish citizenship?

(A) Navab Virk
(B) Navdeep Brar
(C) Nawaz Virdi
(D) Noor Virk

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453. How many fugitives did India bring back, and from how many countries, between 2019 and August 2026?

(A) 188 fugitives from 26 countries
(B) 228 fugitives from 30 countries
(C) 288 fugitives from 36 countries
(D) 388 fugitives from 46 countries

454. What was the theme of the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave held in New Delhi?

(A) Reform, Perform, Transform
(B) Resilience in an Age of Flux
(C) Growth with Green Transition
(D) One Earth, One Economy

455. Which institution organises the Kautilya Economic Conclave, and in which year was it established?

(A) Institute of Economic Growth, established in 1952
(B) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, established in 1981
(C) National Council of Applied Economic Research, established in 1956
(D) Institute of Economic Growth, established in 1964

456. According to the Vice-President, how many Jan Dhan accounts had been opened as of August 2026?

(A) More than 390 million
(B) More than 450 million
(C) More than 520 million
(D) More than 590 million

457. How much did NABKISAN Finance Limited raise through India's first WASH-focused social bond?

(A) ₹90 crore
(B) ₹180 crore
(C) ₹250 crore
(D) ₹360 crore

458. NABKISAN Finance Limited, which issued India's first WASH social bond, is a subsidiary of which institution?

(A) Small Industries Development Bank of India
(B) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
(C) National Housing Bank
(D) Export-Import Bank of India

459. What coupon does the NABKISAN WASH social bond, listed in October 2026, carry?

(A) 7.10% a year
(B) 7.75% a year
(C) 8.10% a year
(D) 8.60% a year

460. In which country is the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held?

(A) Kenya
(B) United Republic of Tanzania
(C) Uganda
(D) Ethiopia

461. Who leads the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha
(B) The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(C) The Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha
(D) The Minister of External Affairs

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462. Which of the following forums will the leader of the Indian delegation NOT take part in at the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) The Governing Council
(B) The General Debate
(C) The debate on the emergency item
(D) The election of the United Nations Secretary-General

463. Which village did the Union Minister of Jal Shakti visit for the Special Gram Sabha on Swachh Bharat Diwas 2026?

(A) Sayli, Dadra and Nagar Haveli
(B) Majigam, Navsari district, Gujarat
(C) Ratipur, Palwal district, Haryana
(D) Pindarkom, Ranchi district, Jharkhand

464. What is Swachh Seva Aankalan, discussed in the Special Gram Sabhas on Swachh Bharat Diwas?

(A) A central award for the cleanest district
(B) An annual digital self-assessment carried out by a Gram Panchayat
(C) A survey of urban household toilets
(D) A subsidy for buying waste collection vehicles

465. Under which drive did the Union Jal Shakti Minister plant a sapling during the Special Gram Sabha programme?

(A) Van Mahotsav
(B) Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
(C) Harit Bharat Abhiyan
(D) Nagar Van Yojana

466. National Anti-Drug Addiction Day is observed on the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(B) Mahatma Gandhi
(C) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(D) Dr B. R. Ambedkar

467. The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) functions under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(C) Ministry of Finance
(D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

468. Under which campaign did the Central Bureau of Narcotics hold its drug-awareness session at the University of Kota?

(A) Operation Yuva Raksha
(B) Operation Sagar Manthan
(C) Operation Clean Campus
(D) Operation Nasha Bandhan

469. At which protected area did India set in motion the release of captive-bred Great Indian Bustards into the wild?

(A) Ranthambore Tiger Reserve
(B) Desert National Park, Jaisalmer
(C) Sariska Tiger Reserve
(D) Keoladeo National Park

470. The Great Indian Bustard is the State bird of which State?

(A) Gujarat
(B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Rajasthan
(D) Haryana

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471. Which scientific institution works with the Environment Ministry and the Rajasthan Forest Department on the Bustard Recovery Programme?

(A) Wildlife Institute of India
(B) Zoological Survey of India
(C) Botanical Survey of India
(D) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education

472. What is the total outlay of the PM-SETU scheme for upgrading government ITIs?

(A) ₹40,000 crore
(B) ₹50,000 crore
(C) ₹60,000 crore
(D) ₹75,000 crore

473. Under Component I of PM-SETU, how many of the 1,000 government ITIs are Hub ITIs?

(A) 100
(B) 200
(C) 400
(D) 800

474. In the special purpose vehicle formed for an upgraded ITI cluster under PM-SETU, what share does the Anchor Industry Partner hold?

(A) 24.5%
(B) 26%
(C) 49%
(D) 51%

475. On which date did DARE and ICAR begin Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 15 August 2026
(B) 2 October 2026
(C) 26 January 2026
(D) 1 July 2026

476. Which Union Minister felicitated Safai Mitras at ICAR-CCARI in Goa during Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(B) Shri C. R. Patil
(C) Shri Bhupender Yadav
(D) Shri Shripad Yesso Naik

477. Who holds the posts of Secretary (DARE) and Director General (ICAR)?

(A) Dr Himanshu Pathak
(B) Dr Mangi Lal Jat
(C) Dr Trilochan Mohapatra
(D) Dr Pramod Sawant

478. Who became the first Indian woman to win the Recurve Individual gold medal at the Asian Games?

(A) Deepika Kumari
(B) Kumkum Anil Mohod
(C) Ankita Bhakat
(D) Simranjeet Kaur

479. In which archery event did Kumkum Anil Mohod win her gold medal at the 2026 Asian Games?

(A) Compound Individual
(B) Recurve Team
(C) Recurve Individual
(D) Compound Mixed Team

480. How was Kumkum Anil Mohod's gold medal match at the 2026 Asian Games decided?

(A) By a shoot-off
(B) On total points scored across six sets
(C) By a judges' decision after a review
(D) By a countback of the number of tens shot

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481. Who won India's first-ever gold medal in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games?

(A) Aditi Ashok
(B) Pranavi Sharath Urs
(C) Diksha Dagar
(D) Avani Prashanth

482. In which sport did Pranavi Sharath Urs win a historic gold medal for India at the Asian Games?

(A) Golf
(B) Archery
(C) Shooting
(D) Equestrian

483. Which of the following correctly describes the significance of Pranavi Sharath Urs's Asian Games medal?

(A) India's first-ever gold in Women's Individual Golf at the Games
(B) India's first medal of any colour in golf at the Games
(C) The first gold won by an Indian in the men's team golf event
(D) India's first silver medal in Women's Individual Golf

484. Which Indian team was congratulated by the Prime Minister for retaining its gold medal at the Asian Games?

(A) The women's cricket team
(B) The men's cricket team
(C) The men's hockey team
(D) The men's kabaddi team

485. What was the nature of the Indian men's cricket team's Asian Games gold medal described in the Prime Minister's message?

(A) A maiden gold, won for the first time
(B) A bronze upgraded after a disqualification
(C) A title retained from a previous edition
(D) A shared gold after a tied final

486. How did Prime Minister Narendra Modi describe the Indian men's cricket team's Asian Games result?

(A) A joyous occasion for the nation
(B) A turning point for Indian sport
(C) The finest hour of Indian cricket
(D) A reward for a decade of planning

487. Over what distance was India's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link demonstrated?

(A) 2.5 km
(B) 5.56 km
(C) 10.2 km
(D) 25 km

488. Which three organisations jointly demonstrated India's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link?

(A) ISRO, DRDO and IIT Bombay
(B) QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar
(C) C-DOT, BEL and IISc Bengaluru
(D) BARC, TIFR and IIT Madras

489. At what rate did the trial generate secure keys, and what error rate did the link hold?

(A) 230 to 260 bits per second, with error rate below 5%
(B) 1,000 to 1,200 bits per second, with error rate below 2%
(C) 50 to 80 bits per second, with error rate below 12%
(D) 400 to 450 bits per second, with error rate below 8%

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490. How many Centres of Excellence for studies in Classical Languages has the Ministry of Education approved?

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

491. The Centre of Excellence for Classical Pali has been approved at which institution?

(A) Central University of Gujarat
(B) Central University of Odisha
(C) Tezpur University
(D) Visva-Bharati University

492. Which institution will host the Centre of Excellence for Classical Marathi?

(A) Savitribai Phule Pune University
(B) Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune
(C) University of Mumbai
(D) Central University of Gujarat

493. In which country was the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise AIME 2026 conducted?

(A) Indonesia
(B) Philippines
(C) Singapore
(D) Viet Nam

494. What was the theme of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise AIME 2026?

(A) Anchored in Trust, United at Sea
(B) Partners for a Secure Indo-Pacific
(C) One Ocean, One Future
(D) Stronger Together at Sea

495. MAHASAGAR, the vision within which the Indian Navy placed its participation, stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Harmony and Shared Growth Across Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Alliance for Humanitarian Assistance and Growth
(D) Mission for Advancement of Harbour and Sea Governance

496. In which sport did India win gold in both the men's and women's events at the same Asian Games for the first time in 2026?

(A) Kabaddi
(B) Hockey
(C) Archery
(D) Wrestling

497. The Asian Games gold won by the Indian men's hockey team in 2026 was the team's gold medal number what at these Games?

(A) Third
(B) Fourth
(C) Fifth
(D) Seventh

498. Which of the following was a first achieved by the Indian men's hockey team at the 2026 Asian Games?

(A) Winning the Asian Games hockey gold in consecutive editions
(B) Qualifying for the Asian Games hockey final
(C) Winning its opening match of the Games
(D) Taking part in the Asian Games hockey event

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499. Aman Sehrawat won India's first Asian Games gold medal in which wrestling event?

(A) Men's 57 kg freestyle
(B) Men's 65 kg freestyle
(C) Men's 74 kg freestyle
(D) Men's 97 kg freestyle

500. Which medal had Aman Sehrawat won in the same weight category at the previous Asian Games?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) He had won no medal

501. Who congratulated Aman Sehrawat on his Asian Games gold and said he had displayed great tenacity?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Prime Minister
(C) The Chief Justice of India
(D) The Vice-President

502. In which event did Deepak Punia win a bronze medal at the Asian Games?

(A) Men's 57 kg freestyle wrestling
(B) Men's 86 kg freestyle wrestling
(C) Men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling
(D) Men's 125 kg freestyle wrestling

503. What made Deepak Punia's bronze medal in men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling notable?

(A) It was India's first wrestling medal of any kind at the Asian Games
(B) It returned India to the podium in this event after six decades
(C) It was awarded without a contest being held
(D) It was India's only medal at the Games

504. How was Deepak Punia's achievement described in the Prime Minister's congratulatory message?

(A) As a new chapter in India's wrestling journey
(B) As India's first Olympic wrestling medal
(C) As a record in the lightest weight category
(D) As a team event victory

505. Jal Arpan, observed in more than 1,850 gram panchayats, is a reform under which mission?

(A) Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen)
(B) Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
(C) Atal Bhujal Yojana
(D) National River Conservation Plan

506. How many Har Ghar Jal certificates were generated in regional languages through the Jal Arpan module?

(A) 246
(B) 346
(C) 546
(D) 1,850

507. Under which platform of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 were 2691 water supply assets geotagged?

(A) Sujalam Bharat
(B) Amrit Sarovar
(C) Jal Shakti Abhiyan
(D) Nal Jal Mitra

508. The proceeds of the eighth edition of the PM Mementos auction will go to which project?

(A) Namami Gange Project
(B) Swachh Bharat Kosh
(C) National Sports Development Fund
(D) Project Tiger

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509. Who became the first Indian to win a Paralympic gold medal in archery, an arrow presented by whom features in the PM Mementos auction?

(A) Navdeep Singh
(B) Nitesh Kumar
(C) Harwinder Singh
(D) Sumit Antil

510. In which event did Navdeep Singh, two of whose mementos are in the auction, win his Paralympic gold medal?

(A) Men's F41 javelin throw
(B) Men's F64 javelin throw
(C) Men's high jump T42
(D) Men's shot put F35

511. Under White Revolution 2.0, how many new cooperative dairies are to be established in the country?

(A) 25 thousand
(B) 46 thousand
(C) 75 thousand
(D) 1 lakh

512. The foundation stone of a milk processing plant of 3 lakh litres a day was laid in which city of Madhya Pradesh?

(A) Indore
(B) Ujjain
(C) Shivpuri
(D) Gwalior

513. According to the figures given at the Gaupalak Sammelan, India's per capita milk availability has risen to how much a day?

(A) 307 grams
(B) 395 grams
(C) 485 grams
(D) 520 grams

514. Which medal did the Indian women's team win in the team golf event at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Gold
(B) Silver
(C) Bronze
(D) Fourth place, no medal

515. Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar won a silver medal for India at the Asian Games 2026 in which sport?

(A) Archery
(B) Shooting
(C) Golf
(D) Squash

516. In which event did Diksha Dagar win a silver medal at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Women's team golf
(B) Women's individual golf
(C) Mixed team golf
(D) Women's team archery

517. Antim Panghal won a silver medal at the Asian Games in which weight category of freestyle wrestling?

(A) 50 kg
(B) 53 kg
(C) 57 kg
(D) 62 kg

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518. Antim Panghal's Asian Games silver medal came in which style of wrestling?

(A) Greco-Roman
(B) Beach wrestling
(C) Freestyle
(D) Belt wrestling

519. Which medal did Antim Panghal win in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games 2026?

(A) Silver
(B) Gold
(C) Bronze
(D) No medal

520. What was the theme of the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2026 concluded at the All India Institute of Ayurveda?

(A) Swachh Bharat, Swasth Bharat
(B) Swachhata Mein Sabhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat
(C) Clean India, Green India
(D) Sampoorna Swachhata Abhiyan

521. Special Campaign 6.0, which runs till 31 October 2026, is themed on the effective collection, segregation and disposal of which kind of waste?

(A) Plastic waste
(B) Biomedical waste
(C) E-waste
(D) Construction and demolition waste

522. On which date did the Swachhata Hi Seva Campaign 2026 conclude at the All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi?

(A) 17 September 2026
(B) 2 October 2026
(C) 31 October 2026
(D) 15 August 2026

523. At which site were two male Great Indian Bustards released into the wild in October 2026?

(A) Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer
(B) Tal Chhapar Sanctuary, Churu
(C) Ramdevra conservation-breeding centre, Pokhran
(D) Kachchh Bustard Sanctuary, Gujarat

524. How many Great Indian Bustards are presently housed at the Sam and Ramdevra facilities?

(A) 40
(B) 57
(C) 86
(D) 97

525. Which organisation works with the Environment Ministry and the Rajasthan Forest Department on the Bustard Recovery Programme?

(A) Botanical Survey of India
(B) Wildlife Institute of India
(C) Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education
(D) National Biodiversity Authority

526. Where is the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organising Chintan Shivir 2026?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
(C) Pune, Maharashtra
(D) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

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527. How many thematic sessions will Chintan Shivir 2026 feature?

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

528. Who is the Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways addressing the inaugural session of Chintan Shivir 2026?

(A) Ajay Tamta
(B) Harsh Malhotra
(C) Bhupender Yadav
(D) Nitin Gadkari

529. Which Union Minister of State chairs the 17th Pension Adalat?

(A) Shri Nitin Gadkari
(B) Dr. Jitendra Singh
(C) Shri Amit Shah
(D) Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

530. How many long-pending grievances have been listed for redressal at the 17th Pension Adalat?

(A) 597
(B) 697
(C) 897
(D) 997

531. In which year was the Pension Adalat initiative introduced by the Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare?

(A) 2014
(B) 2017
(C) 2019
(D) 2021

532. How many pucca houses were sanctioned for Andhra Pradesh under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) 2.0 at Burripalem?

(A) 76,000
(B) 1 lakh
(C) 3 lakh
(D) 9 lakh

533. India's first housing project using 3D concrete printing technology was launched in which state?

(A) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Telangana
(D) Tamil Nadu

534. How much does a farmer in Andhra Pradesh receive in a year from PM-KISAN and the state's Annadata Sukhibhava scheme together?

(A) Rs 6,000
(B) Rs 14,000
(C) Rs 20,000
(D) Rs 26,000

535. The 58th Foundation Day celebrations held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, belonged to which institute?

(A) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India
(B) Institute of Company Secretaries of India
(C) Institute of Cost Accountants of India
(D) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs

536. Which document did the Vice-President launch at the ICSI Foundation Day celebrations?

(A) MSME Compliance Calendar 2027
(B) Corporate Governance Index 2026
(C) Start-up Compliance Handbook
(D) National Governance Charter

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537. Who is the President of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India, present at the 58th Foundation Day celebrations?

(A) C. S. Asish Mohan
(B) Dr. Sonal Mansingh
(C) C. S. Pawan Chandak
(D) C. P. Radhakrishnan

538. The Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026, addressed by the Vice-President, was held at which venue in New Delhi?

(A) Bharat Mandapam
(B) Vigyan Bhawan
(C) Rashtrapati Bhavan
(D) Talkatora Stadium

539. Who was presented the Jain Samaj Ratna Award at the Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026?

(A) Kanhaiya Lal Jain
(B) Dinesh Doshi
(C) K. C. Jain
(D) Vipin Jain

540. Which Governor was present at the Mahaparva Kshamapana Ceremony 2026 in New Delhi?

(A) Governor of Punjab, Gulab Chand Kataria
(B) Governor of Rajasthan, Gulab Chand Kataria
(C) Governor of Haryana, Kanhaiya Lal Jain
(D) Governor of Gujarat, Dinesh Doshi

541. How many road stretches of the Inner and Outer Ring Road were inspected by CAQM flying squads in Delhi?

(A) 15
(B) 20
(C) 25
(D) 35

542. The inspection drive along Delhi's Ring Road was conducted by which body?

(A) Central Pollution Control Board
(B) Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) Delhi Pollution Control Committee

543. CAQM's continuing inspection drives across Delhi-NCR are carried out under which operation?

(A) Operation Clean Air
(B) Operation Green Delhi
(C) Mission Swachh Vayu
(D) Operation Dust Free NCR

544. At how many locations was the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva organised on 4 October 2026?

(A) More than 50
(B) More than 100
(C) More than 150
(D) More than 250

545. The Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva was held as a part of which campaign?

(A) Fit India Movement
(B) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan
(C) Swachhata Hi Seva
(D) Khelo India Abhiyan

546. Which organisation, working under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, organised the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva with its partner bodies?

(A) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
(B) National Service Scheme
(C) MY Bharat
(D) Bharat Scouts and Guides

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547. In which year was the National Supercomputing Mission (NSM) launched?

(A) 2010
(B) 2015
(C) 2018
(D) 2022

548. As of September 2026, what was the combined capacity of the supercomputers deployed in India under NSM?

(A) 32 PF
(B) 45 PF
(C) 68 PF
(D) 123 PF

549. Which two institutions implement the National Supercomputing Mission?

(A) ISRO, Bengaluru and DRDO, Hyderabad
(B) C-DAC, Pune and IISc, Bengaluru
(C) IIT Bombay and BARC, Mumbai
(D) CSIR, New Delhi and NIC, New Delhi

550. In which city is the Cotton Corporation of India holding its reforms showcase under Reform Utsav 2026?

(A) Nagpur
(B) Coimbatore
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Ahmedabad

551. Which digital platform brings grower enrolment, slot booking and Aadhaar-enabled payment in cotton procurement into one chain?

(A) Kapas Kisan
(B) e-NAM
(C) Kisan Suvidha
(D) Kasturi Cotton Bharat

552. How many sericulture districts does MRMA 2.0 of the Central Silk Board cover?

(A) 129
(B) 218
(C) 26
(D) 300

553. The first international cargo voyage from Dibrugarh is bound for which port?

(A) Chattogram Port
(B) Pangaon Port, Dhaka
(C) Mongla Port
(D) Sittwe Port

554. Which river has been declared National Waterway-2, used by the maiden voyage from Bogibeel?

(A) The Ganga
(B) The Barak
(C) The Brahmaputra
(D) The Mahanadi

555. Which company produced the methanol being shipped on the first international cargo voyage from Dibrugarh?

(A) Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited
(B) Numaligarh Refinery Limited
(C) Oil India Limited
(D) Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation

556. What was the total quantity of contraband drugs seized by the DRI in its three recent operations?

(A) 7.116 kg
(B) 15.59 kg
(C) 21.5 kg
(D) 4.9 kg

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557. At which airport did the DRI recover cocaine concealed inside chocolate tubes?

(A) Indira Gandhi International Airport, Delhi

(B) Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport, Mumbai

(C) Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad

(D) Kempegowda International Airport, Bengaluru

558. Which agency worked with the DRI to intercept the vehicle carrying amphetamine in Madhya Pradesh?

(A) Narcotics Control Bureau

(B) Central Bureau of Narcotics

(C) National Investigation Agency

(D) Central Bureau of Investigation

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Answer key

1.	**C**	**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – PM-AJAY is the umbrella scheme for the Scheduled Castes and it is carried out by that ministry, which handles the welfare of Scheduled Castes, backward classes, senior citizens and persons with disabilities.
2.	**D**	**18,093** – The PIB backgrounder of 28 September 2026 states that this many villages had been declared Adarsh Grams as on 8 September 2026, a mark of how far the component has gone in lifting basic services in Scheduled Caste majority villages.
3.	**B**	**40%** – For the infrastructure development side of PM-AJAY, a village qualifies for a grant when its Scheduled Caste population is 40% or more and its total population is 500 or above, so both a share test and a size test have to be met.
4.	**B**	**Kazakhstan** – KAZIND takes its name from the two partners, Kazakhstan and India, and the ninth edition of the exercise is being held at Oskemen in Kazakhstan from 28 September to 11 October 2026.
5.	**C**	**Ninth** – The Ministry of Defence described KAZIND-2026 as the ninth edition of the joint military exercise between the two countries, conducted at Oskemen in Kazakhstan from 28 September to 11 October 2026.
6.	**C**	**Oskemen** – The Indian Armed Forces contingent departed on 28 September 2026 for Oskemen in Kazakhstan, where the ninth edition of KAZIND is being conducted till 11 October 2026.
7.	**B**	**40%** – Component 1-B of PM-MKSSY meets the cost barrier by paying an eligible aquaculture farmer a one-time incentive of up to 40% of the insurance premium for one crop cycle, transferred directly to the bank account through the National Fisheries Digital Platform.
8.	**B**	**30 days** – The claim process begins when the insured farmer informs the insurance company of the peril and submits the documents the policy requires; the insurer then appoints a loss assessor, the damage is evaluated and payment is made on that report, with status updat...
9.	**B**	**Second** – India is the second largest fish producing nation in the world with a share of about 8%, and its annual production touched a record 19.8 million tonnes in 2024-25.
10.	**B**	**Capacity Building Commission** – The Commission is running Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026, a nationwide series of regional consultative engagements meant to carry the transformation of government Training Institutes under Mission Karmayogi into competency-driven Capacity Building Institutions.
11.	**C**	**Vijayawada** – The correct answer is Vijayawada in Andhra Pradesh, which hosts the Southern Region workshop on 29-30 September 2026 and opens the series.
12.	**C**	**900** – UNNATI, the Unified New-Age National Training Initiative portal, brings more than 900 training institutions on to a single platform, and the implementation of the transformation framework is anchored there.
13.	**B**	**PM E-DRIVE** – The correct answer is PM E-DRIVE, the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement scheme of the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
14.	**B**	**Rs 10,900 crore** – That is the total outlay of the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement scheme, and within it Rs 780 crore has been earmarked for upgrading the testing agencies that certify vehicles in India.
15.	**B**	**Oragadam, Chennai** – The Global Automotive Research Centre sits at Oragadam on the outskirts of Chennai and works under the National Automotive Board of the Ministry of Heavy Industries.
16.	**A**	**Swachhata Mein Sahbhag; Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat** – That is the theme of the 10th edition of Swachhata Hi Seva, which is being observed from 17 September to 2 October 2026 and was launched

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jointly by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation.

17.	**B**	**MoHUA and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, the urban and the rural arms of the sanitation effort respectively, which launched this edition together.
18.	**C**	**2 October, observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas** – The campaign began on 17 September 2026 and closes on 2 October 2026 with Shramdaan across the country, honouring the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi and carrying forward the aim of making cleanliness a way of life.
19.	**C**	**46th** – The message issued by the Prime Minister's Office on 28 September 2026 congratulated India's chess players on their success at the 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad, and it is that edition number which is the examinable fact in this item.
20.	**B**	**Chess** – FIDE stands for Federation Internationale des Echecs, the French name by which the world chess federation is known, and it is the body that runs the Chess Olympiad as well as the authority that confers titles such as Grandmaster.
21.	**B**	**It is a team competition in which countries enter squads** – The correct answer is that the Chess Olympiad is a team competition in which countries enter squads.
22.	**B**	**France** – TRISHNA is described as the third joint satellite of India and France, and its realisation is progressing well.
23.	**A**	**Megha-Tropiques** – It is named, along with SARAL, as a satellite jointly built by ISRO and CNES, and both were cited as milestones of a partnership that goes back to sounding rocket experiments of the 1960s.
24.	**C**	**More than 400** – Dr Jitendra Singh said that reforms in the space sector and the growth of the private ecosystem have brought more than 400 Indian space start-ups into areas such as rocket building, satellite building and space applications.
25.	**C**	**8.0 per cent** – Factory output measured by the Index of Industrial Production rose at that rate in August 2026 over the same month a year earlier, helped by manufacturing and by a strong showing from electricity and gas supply.
26.	**B**	**Mining and quarrying** – It was the only one of the four sectors to shrink during the month, falling 5.6 per cent, and its index stood at 85.7, the lowest of the four.
27.	**C**	**Capital goods** – The correct answer is capital goods, which grew 16.9 per cent, the highest among the use-based categories for the month.
28.	**C**	**Mumbai** – The correct answer is Mumbai, which hosted the fourteenth meeting of the Task Force, co-chaired by the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry and the Managing Director of the Abu Dhabi Investment Authority.
29.	**C**	**US$ 200 billion** – The correct answer is US$ 200 billion, the shared ambition the two countries have set for bilateral trade by the year 2032.
30.	**B**	**Odisha** – The correct answer is Odisha, where a joint investment intent of US$ 11.5 billion has been recorded for an integrated aluminium complex.
31.	**C**	**37** – The Union Environment Minister asked that Jan Bhagidari events be organised at all thirty-seven identified hotspots in the capital by October 10, with relevant stakeholders taking part, and that a set of action points be drawn up for each one and its implemen…
32.	**C**	**500** – The rule denies fuel to a vehicle that has no valid pollution under control certificate, and it is to be applied in mission mode through a city-wide awareness and enforcement campaign at every fuel station equipped with automatic number plate recognition, of…

33.	C	**5,088** – Delhi's bus fleet has grown to six thousand eight hundred and forty vehicles in all, and of these five thousand and eighty-eight run on electricity, which makes electric buses the larger part of the fleet.
34.	C	**1,200** – The randomised, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial enrolled that many apparently healthy adults between eighteen and seventy years of age, each of whom had already received a first, second or booster dose of the COVISHIELD vaccine, across seven study site…
35.	B	**500 mg** – The correct answer is 500 mg a day, a quantity stated to be equivalent to four grams of raw root powder.
36.	B	**Frontiers in Medicine** – The correct answer is Frontiers in Medicine, where the paper appeared on 20 August 2026 under a title describing the prolonged prophylactic use and tolerability of Ashwagandha after COVISHIELD vaccination over twenty-four weeks.
37.	B	**2 October to 31 October 2026** – Ministries and departments have said that the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6.0 covers exactly that month, beginning on Gandhi Jayanti and closing at the end of October, in line with the guidelines issued by the Department of Administrative Reforms…
38.	C	**Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG).
39.	C	**4,105** – Reporting on the round it ran from November 2025 to August 2026, NITI Aayog said it had settled 4,105 public grievances, along with 127 PMO references, 34 grievance appeals and 5 Parliamentary Assurances, while freeing about 90 square feet of space.
40.	B	**21 November 2026** – For the class of taxpayers who must get their accounts audited, the statutory last date to file the return of income for Assessment Year 2026-27 was 31 October 2026, and the Central Board of Direct Taxes has now pushed it forward by three weeks.
41.	B	**21 October 2026** – Because a return in an audit case rests on an auditor's report, the Board shifted the report deadline along with the return deadline, and the report is now due on the twenty-first day of October.
42.	B	**Central Board of Direct Taxes** – The correct answer is the Central Board of Direct Taxes, usually written as CBDT, which functions under the Ministry of Finance and administers direct taxes such as income tax.
43.	B	**Hobart, Australia** – The correct answer is Hobart, Australia, the Tasmanian city hosting the seventieth meeting of the International Whaling Commission, which runs from the twenty-eighth of September to the second of October.
44.	C	**1981** – India joined the International Whaling Commission in that year and has played a prominent part in whale conservation within the body ever since.
45.	B	**Arabian Sea humpback whale** – India attaches particular importance to this population and has placed it among the species chosen for focused conservation effort, a list of twenty-five in all.
46.	B	**Rs 3,075** – This single payment buys the holder a year of use, or two hundred crossings of toll plazas, whichever limit is reached first, and does away with the need to keep recharging the tag.
47.	C	**200** – The pass carries two ceilings side by side, a calendar ceiling of one year and a usage ceiling of two hundred crossings at toll plazas, and the holder travels under whichever of the two still has room.
48.	A	**Rajmargyatra App** – The one-time payment for the annual pass is made through it, and once the money is received the pass is activated on the FASTag already linked to that vehicle, so nothing new has to be fitted to the car.

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49.	**B**	**North Eastern Railway** – The Varanasi division, abbreviated BSB, belongs to this zone, and the sanction of 223 crore rupees extends Kavach 4.0 across the balance sections of that division, a total of 614.75 route kilometres.
50.	**A**	**Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor** – The correct answer is the Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor, under which Indian Railways has identified this section.
51.	**C**	**499 km** – The new service runs between Machilipatnam and Kurnool City by way of Vijayawada on South Coast Railway, and that is the distance the train covers between the two ends.
52.	**B**	**1101.21 million** – The correct answer is 1101.21 million, the broadband base at the close of that month.
53.	**C**	**95.07 per cent** – Tele-density expresses the number of telephone connections for every hundred people, and for the country as a whole, with machine-to-machine cellular connections counted in, it stood at that level.
54.	**B**	**15.83 million** – Mobile Number Portability allows a subscriber to shift to another operator while keeping the same telephone number, and that many requests were filed during the month under review.
55.	**B**	**Addis Ababa** – The correct answer is Addis Ababa, the Ethiopian capital, where the two sides met to discuss military training, exercises, medical cooperation, peacekeeping and defence industries.
56.	**A**	**February 2025** – The correct answer is February 2025, when the defence ministers of the two countries signed the Defence Cooperation Memorandum of Understanding that set up the standing mechanism for these consultations.
57.	**B**	**1958** – Ethiopia is counted among India's important defence partners and the association between the two militaries dates from that year, which makes it one of India's older defence links on the African continent.
58.	**A**	**Extradition Portal** – At the PRAHAAR conference in New Delhi the Union Home Minister launched this portal, whose purpose is to bring together and quicken the effort of returning fugitives who have fled abroad.
59.	**B**	**288 fugitives from 36 countries** – Speaking at the counter-terrorism conference in New Delhi, the Union Home Minister said that over the years from 2019 to 2026 the government succeeded in bringing 288 fugitive criminals back to India, and that these returns came from 36 different countries.
60.	**C**	**The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act** – The correct answer is the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, usually written as UAPA.
61.	**B**	**Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi** – The second edition of the Indian Navy's Commanders' Conference for the year is being held there over three days, from 29 September to 1 October 2026.
62.	**A**	**Jointness, Aatmanirbharta and Innovation** – The Navy's apex leadership is assessing its overall preparedness against these three foundational pillars, whose initials form the acronym JAI, with the object of optimising force levels and raising combat readiness.
63.	**C**	**Operation Urja Suraksha** – While describing what the Commanders' Conference will underline, the Ministry of Defence pointed to the Navy's role in safeguarding India's maritime interests, the security of energy included, against the background of continuing conflicts in West Asia.
64.	**C**	**Kolkata** – The Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister, together with the Chief Minister of West Bengal, formally announced the city as host of the fifth edition, which will be held at the New Town Convention Centre from 28 to 31 January 2027.
65.	**A**	**Unlocking Innovation. Securing Energy. Shaping Tomorrow.** – Securing Energy.

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66.	**B**	**Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry** – The correct answer is the Federation of Indian Petroleum Industry, commonly written as FIPI, with Informa Markets serving as the conference organiser.
67.	**B**	**82.74 million hectares, 25.17% of geographical area** – India gave this pair of figures in its statement at the 28th session of the FAO Committee on Forestry in Rome, while describing the steady growth of its forest resources.
68.	**C**	**26 million hectares** – India reaffirmed this commitment at the forestry session in Rome and reported that 21.76 million hectares have already been brought under restoration, which shows how much of the pledge has been covered.
69.	**C**	**Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam - Plant4Mother** – India showcased it at the Rome session as a whole-of-government and whole-of-society initiative, and reported that more than 3.5 billion saplings have been planted under it.
70.	**B**	**Women's 25m Pistol Individual** – Esha Singh finished with the silver medal in this competition at the Asian Games 2026, and the Prime Minister congratulated her the same day, saying that she had put up a great score and had shown immense precision and composure on the range.
71.	**C**	**Kurash** – Pinkcy Balhara secured the bronze medal in the women's 78kg class of this sport at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister said she had displayed tremendous grit and resolve throughout the competition, wishing that she would continue to scale new heights.
72.	**B**	**A silver in shooting and a bronze in kurash** – The correct answer is a silver in shooting and a bronze in kurash.
73.	**B**	**New Delhi** – The second meeting of the bilateral Joint Working Group between India and Fiji was held in the Indian capital on 28 September 2026, where the two sides went through military training and capacity building, service-to-service engagement, maritime security, cyb...
74.	**C**	**Southern Naval Command** – As part of the effort to widen specialised military training cooperation, the delegation from Fiji is scheduled to be in Kochi on 29 and 30 September 2026 and will inspect facilities there, with the aim of formalising advanced naval training cooperation and p...
75.	**C**	**Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation)** – The correct answer is Amitabh Prasad, Joint Secretary (International Cooperation) in the Ministry of Defence.
76.	**B**	**Gulveer Singh** – He finished second in the men's 1500m at the Asian Games and collected the silver medal, and the timing he ran was his own personal best.
77.	**C**	**Women's 400m hurdles** – Vithya Ramraj finished third in that race and won the bronze medal, and the Prime Minister called it a great run while wishing her continued success.
78.	**A**	**Javelin throw** – Two Indian throwers shared the same podium in that final: Yashvir Singh took the silver medal with a personal best throw and Rohit Yadav took the bronze.
79.	**B**	**Directorate of Revenue Intelligence** – The correct answer is the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, commonly called DRI, which works under the Ministry of Finance and is the country's specialised agency for customs intelligence and anti-smuggling work.
80.	**B**	**6.61 kg worth about Rs 10.36 crore** – That quantity of foreign-origin gold, all of it in bar form, was recovered from the courier consignments that were intercepted during the coordinated operation, and it was seized under the relevant provisions of the customs law.
81.	**A**	**About 318 kg worth about Rs 475 crore** – Documents examined after the arrests showed that this quantity of smuggled gold had already been carried and delivered through the same courier-based network during nine months of the current calendar year, which is what revealed the true size of the operatio...

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82.	**B**	**The Secretary, Ministry of Steel** – The Council has been placed under the administrative control of the Ministry of Steel and its Secretary has been made its Chairman, with senior officers of the Ministry and the chief executives of integrated steel producers sitting as members.
83.	**A**	**Steel Industry Safety Directorate** – It is being established alongside the Council to supply technical and professional expertise in areas such as process safety, blast furnaces, steel melting, rolling mills, coke ovens, refractory systems, electrical and mechanical safety, occupational health,...
84.	**C**	**Securities and Exchange Board of India** – That body regulates the securities market and has nothing to do with industrial safety in steel plants, so it does not figure in the composition of the new Council.
85.	**B**	**Higher Education, Research and Space** – Philippe Baptiste holds that combined portfolio in France, which is why his talks in New Delhi with the Union Minister for Education covered universities, research collaboration and innovation together.
86.	**A**	**GIFT City, Gujarat** – During the bilateral meeting, French institutions were asked to look at opening branch campuses in India, and that financial and business hub was named as one suitable location.
87.	**A**	**Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Agreement** – The correct answer is the Mutual Recognition of Qualifications Agreement, usually shortened to MRQ.
88.	**C**	**8th edition** – The auction of mementos, gifts and souvenirs received by the Prime Minister is being held online in its eighth round and remains open for bidding until the second day of October, with participation through the auction portal.
89.	**C**	**31** – That is the number of pieces from Tamil Nadu placed in this round of the auction, and together they are meant to show the state's spiritual traditions, classical art, craftsmanship, historical figures, textiles and sporting achievements.
90.	**A**	**Mariyappan Thangavelu** – The correct answer is Mariyappan Thangavelu, who has won Paralympic medals three times in the high jump and whose shoes form part of the sporting memorabilia in this collection.
91.	**C**	**81.1 per cent** – The Periodic Labour Force Survey of 2025 puts the country's overall literacy rate at that level, and this is the headline figure quoted for India's literacy today.
92.	**C**	**Ten** – The States and Union Territories that declared full literacy in that period are Ladakh, Mizoram, Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Chandigarh, the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Sikkim, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir, which comes to ten in all.
93.	**A**	**1,037.90 crore rupees** – ULLAS, also known as the Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram or the New India Literacy Programme, aims to cover 5 crore learners over 2022-27, and that outlay is the sum sanctioned for the period.
94.	**B**	**Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme** – The correct answer is the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme, shortened to IFWCS.
95.	**B**	**Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation** – The correct answer is the Andhra Pradesh Forest Development Corporation, which was certified for its plantations spread over 33,000 hectares after a field and management audit.
96.	**A**	**National Working Plan Code 2023** – Forest management under PRAMAAN is assessed against the Indian Forest Management Standard, and that standard is part of this Code, so certification is anchored in audited forest management rather than in a voluntary self-declaration by the producer.
97.	**B**	**Shanghai** – The correct answer is Shanghai, in China, which hosted the 48th edition of the WorldSkills Competition from 23 to 26 September 2026.

98.	**C**	**Tenth** – India entered the competition with its largest-ever contingent, 70 competitors across 63 skills, and came away in tenth position with 6 silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence.
99.	**A**	**Retail Sales** – The correct answer is Retail Sales, in which Saniya Joshi of NIFT Panchkula won a silver medal.
100.	**B**	**2 to 31 October 2026** – Special Campaign 6.0 is undertaken across the Government of India in two stages, and this is the window for the implementation phase.
101.	**B**	**Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste** – The campaign has always worked on cleanliness and the clearing of pending matters, and in this edition the government has laid special stress on handling electronic waste effectively.
102.	**B**	**92,749 square feet** – The correct answer is 92,749 square feet, the space the Ministry of Tourism reported as freed during the previous edition of the campaign.
103.	**B**	**More than Rs 1200 crore** – At the conference the Union Agriculture Minister handed financial sanction letters under PM-RKVY to the agriculture ministers of ten states, and the total came to more than Rs 1200 crore.
104.	**C**	**West Bengal** – The correct answer is West Bengal, which was sanctioned Rs 290 crore, the biggest single share of the more than Rs 1200 crore distributed under PM-RKVY.
105.	**A**	**22 October to 30 November** – The campaign was announced to protect soil health and the environment, and scientists together with other stakeholders are to take part in it.
106.	**B**	**125 days** – The law provides a statutory guarantee of wage employment for 125 days in every financial year, and the guarantee is available to every rural household whose adult members volunteer for unskilled manual work.
107.	**B**	**1 July 2026** – The Act was passed in 2025 and was brought into force on that date, after which it was rolled out in every rural area of the country.
108.	**C**	**318** – The VGPP framework identifies that many types of permissible works, spread over the four thematic areas of the mission.
109.	**A**	**Foreigners Division** – One of the two officials apprehended is presently posted there, and the other, now working in a Pay and Accounts Office, had served in the same division at an earlier point.
110.	**A**	**The Special Cell of the Delhi Police** – The correct answer is the Special Cell of the Delhi Police, which acted in coordination with central agencies after receiving specific information from the Ministry of Home Affairs and apprehended the two officials in New Delhi.
111.	**B**	**Online through the FCRA portal, with no intermediary authorised** – The correct answer is that the services are delivered online through the FCRA portal, and that no intermediary, agent or individual has been authorised to facilitate any such service.
112.	**B**	**Meerut City** – The two newly sanctioned MEMU services both begin or end at Meerut City: one pair links it with Khurja and runs as Train No. 64573/64574, and the other links it with Saharanpur and runs as Train No. 64580/64579.
113.	**C**	**64573** – In the pair sanctioned for the Khurja section, Train No. 64573 runs from Khurja to Meerut City, leaving Khurja at 13:15 hrs and arriving at Meerut City at 17:20 hrs, a journey of 4 hours 5 minutes.
114.	**A**	**Saharanpur to Meerut City** – That leg, run by Train No. 64580, covers the distance in 2 hours 20 minutes, departing Saharanpur at 05:50 hrs and arriving at Meerut City at 08:10 hrs, making it the quickest of the four legs approved.

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115. **C** **18** – Addressing the Naval Commanders' Conference, the Defence Minister described 2026 as a historic year for the Navy because the induction or commissioning of eighteen warships is planned, which would be the largest addition of ships in a single year in the force...

116. **B** **Operation Urja Suraksha** – The Raksha Mantri called it an outstanding achievement that Indian-flagged merchant vessels, LPG tankers in particular, were given safe passage through the Strait of Hormuz under this operation during the crisis in West Asia.

117. **A** **27** – Operation Southern Readiness was conducted at Kochi while the Indian Navy held command of Combined Task Force-154 under the Combined Maritime Forces, and it brought together 276 personnel drawn from twenty-seven countries, along with 76 facilitators and subje...

118. **C** **Eleventh** – The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, which works under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, organised the eleventh Sujal Gram Samvad as a virtual multilingual dialogue with Gram Panchayat representatives and village communities on operating and maintaining...

119. **B** **Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation** – The correct answer is the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, known as DDWS, which functions under the Ministry of Jal Shakti and runs the Jal Jeevan Mission.

120. **C** **Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh** – Representatives of Gram Panchayat Sakaria said that villagers once depended on wells and tube wells, that every household now has a piped connection and Har Ghar Jal status has been achieved, that Jal Arpan was organised on 16 March 2026, and that drinking wa...

121. **C** **19** – The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the sub-sectoral trial Index of Services Production for the month in respect of nineteen broad sub-sectors, computed on the base year 2024-25.

122. **B** **Administrative and support services** – The correct answer is administrative and support services, which posted the fastest growth of the nineteen sub-sectors against the same month a year earlier.

123. **C** **Air transport** – The correct answer is air transport, whose index stood at 87.8 after a fall of 8.4 per cent over July 2025, the only sub-sector in the release reading below hundred, which means activity was below its own base-year level.

124. **A** **Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts** – The correct answer is the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts, or IGNCA, which is an autonomous trust functioning under the Ministry of Culture.

125. **C** **Ministry of Culture** – The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts is an autonomous trust under that ministry, which is what makes this agreement a joining of two ministries' resources on one subject: tribal heritage.

126. **B** **Digital museums including tribal contributions to the freedom struggle** – The correct answer is digital museums including tribal contributions to the freedom struggle.

127. **A** **Statistical Business Register** – The memorandum institutionalises a mechanism for sharing relevant data so that this register can be developed and strengthened, with unit-wise Udyam Registration data flowing to the statistics ministry through a two-way application programming interface to fe...

128. **B** **Udyam Registration** – The correct answer is Udyam Registration, the system under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises on which enterprises record themselves as micro, small or medium units.

129. **C** **Sanctioning credit guarantees to small enterprises** – The correct answer is sanctioning credit guarantees to small enterprises, which is a financing function and has nothing to do with a statistical register.

130. **B** **Neeru Dhanda** – She has become the first Indian woman ever to win an individual gold medal in the Trap event at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister congratulated her on the achievement, praising her

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exceptional accuracy and composure and calling it a historic moment for...

131. **C** **Shooting** – Trap, the event in which Neeru Dhanda won her gold, is a shooting discipline: the competitor fires a shotgun at clay targets that are flung away from the firing station, so the result depends on accuracy and composure shot after shot.

132. **B** **Accuracy and composure** – In his congratulatory message the Prime Minister lauded the shooter for her exceptional accuracy and her composure, said the achievement had brought immense pride to the nation, and added that it would encourage many more young sportspersons to take up shooti...

133. **C** **48** – The revised GRAP schedule cleared by the Commission for Air Quality Management carries 25 actions in Stage-I, 8 actions in Stage-II, 10 actions in Stage-III and 5 actions in Stage-IV, which adds up to 48 actions in all.

134. **A** **Sonipat** – Under the revised schedule the bar on running BS-III petrol and BS-IV diesel or older four-wheelers has been extended to Sonipat, over and above the high vehicular density districts where it already applied, namely Gurugram, Faridabad, Ghaziabad and Gautam Bu...

135. **A** **Stage-I** – The correct answer is Stage-I. The Commission shifted the actions dealing with diesel generator sets and with the entry of buses of BS-IV standard and below coming from the National Capital Region and the adjoining states out of Stage-II and into Stage-I. Bec...

136. **B** **50 cities across 24 states** – The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has identified 50 model cities under PRAGATI-50 to demonstrate a higher benchmark of Swachhata, and the Union Minister stated at the launch that these cities are spread across 24 states.

137. **A** **Durgapur** – The Ministry set up the Swachh Bharat Test Bed and Innovation Centre at Durgapur in collaboration with CSIR-CMERI, and it is meant to serve as a national facility for research, product development, testing, validation, certification and capacity building in s...

138. **B** **IIT Kanpur** – The Ministry launched the third cohort of startups working on sanitation and waste management in collaboration with the Startup Incubation and Innovation Centre at IIT Kanpur.

139. **B** **Rs 37.51 crore** – The Technology Development Board, which works under the Department of Science and Technology, signed the agreement extending that amount as financial support under the Research Development and Innovation Fund, and the money will be routed through Optionally C...

140. **C** **TRL-4 to TRL-9** – The stated objective of the project is to advance the Platform MEMS and AFE SoC Multi-Gas Sensor from TRL-4, where the design has been validated in a laboratory environment, all the way to TRL-9, where the technology is proven in its actual operating environm...

141. **B** **Nagpur** – The agreement was signed with Multi Nano Sense Technologies Private Limited of Nagpur, Maharashtra, which is developing an indigenous MEMS TCDIR gas sensor along with a CMOS analogue front-end system-on-chip platform for compact multi-gas sensing.

142. **B** **Second** – The India-Italy Joint Working Group on Tourism met for the second time on 29 September 2026, co-chaired by the Secretary in India's Ministry of Tourism and the Secretary-General in Italy's Ministry of Tourism.

143. **B** **The Italian National Tourism Board** – ENIT was part of the Italian delegation, which also included senior officials of Italy's Ministry of Tourism, its Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, and the Embassy of Italy in New Delhi.

144. **B** **Setting up focused technical groups and designating points of contact** – The correct answer is setting up focused technical groups and designating points of contact.

145. **B** **Rs 1,635 crore** – The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation dedicated the Barapullah Elevated Road Phase-3, built at that cost, to the people of Delhi.

146. **B** **East Delhi and South Delhi** – The Home Minister stated that the newly dedicated phase of the Barapullah corridor would give signal-free connectivity between the eastern and the southern parts of the capital, so that commuting becomes smoother, motorists get relief from traffic jams and tr...

147. **B** **The Modi Mill-Savitri Cinema Flyover and the Loni Underpass** – The correct answer is the Modi Mill-Savitri Cinema Flyover and the Loni Underpass.

148. **B** **Women's 4x400m relay** – Kiran Pahal, Poovamma MR, Prachi and Vithya Ramraj ran together in that event at the Asian Games and finished first, and the Prime Minister praised their speed and determination for carrying the country to the top of the podium.

149. **C** **Gold** – The four Indian runners finished ahead of every other team in the final, and the Prime Minister described the result as taking India to the top of the podium, which is the position held only by the gold medallists.

150. **B** **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** – The congratulatory message on the relay gold came from the Prime Minister and was put out through the Prime Minister's Office.

151. **A** **Manisha Keer, Neeru and Aashima Ahlawat** – These three shooters made up the Indian side that finished second in the women's Trap team competition at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister congratulated them by name on the silver, praising their precision, focus and teamwork.

152. **C** **Shotgun** – Trap is one of the shotgun events in competitive shooting: the athlete fires at clay targets that are flung away from the firing stand at speed, and the discipline rewards quick reaction, steady aim and concentration held over a long series of shots.

153. **A** **Precision, focus and teamwork** – That is the exact combination of qualities the Prime Minister singled out in his congratulatory message on the women's Trap team silver, and it suits the event well, because a team score in Trap is the sum of the members' individual efforts and therefore depe...

154. **B** **Brij Kishore Singh** – He is an Indian Forest Service officer of the 1976 batch from the Karnataka cadre, and the Lifetime Achievement Award was presented to him by the Union Environment Minister in recognition of decades of work in forest and wildlife conservation, including effor...

155. **A** **Indian Forest Service Association** – The correct answer is the Indian Forest Service Association, usually written as IFSA.

156. **B** **Project Elephant and the Great Indian Bustard conservation project** – The correct answer is Project Elephant and the Great Indian Bustard conservation project.

157. **B** **Kolkata** – The day-long stakeholders conference named Aadhaar Samvaad was held there, it coincided with the seventeenth Aadhaar Day, and more than six hundred policy makers, industry leaders, technocrats and professionals took part in it.

158. **B** **The Department of Food and Public Distribution and the National Informatics Centre** – The correct answer is the Department of Food and Public Distribution and the National Informatics Centre.

159. **C** **13** – The redesigned website of the authority supports that many languages at present, English and Hindi among them, using the BHASHINI language platform, and the stated plan is to extend the coverage to twenty three languages in the near future.

160. **B** **Directorate General of Civil Aviation** – The correct answer is the Directorate General of Civil Aviation, the regulator for civil aviation in India, which works under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

161. **C** **Through a freely rotating rotor system** – This is the defining characteristic of the gyroplane: the rotor above the aircraft is not driven by the engine but turns freely in the airflow, and that rotation produces the lift, while the forward thrust is supplied separately by a propeller.

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162.	**D**	**Long-haul international passenger service** – Gyroplanes are small aircraft whose operational capabilities suit short flights and specialised tasks, and carrying passengers over intercontinental distances is well outside what they are described as being fit for.
163.	**B**	**State Support Mission** – The workshop on connecting people, places, resources and opportunities through stronger panchayats was an initiative under this mission, and it was conducted in collaboration with the state institute of panchayat and rural development of the Government of Ass...
164.	**B**	**The 73rd Amendment** – Participants at the workshop discussed the constitutional foundation of panchayati raj under this amendment and under Part IX of the Constitution, which together give village level bodies their status, and the deliberations moved on from there to activity map...
165.	**C**	**Dr R. Balasubramaniam, Member, NITI Aayog** – He attended the inaugural session as the Guest of Honour and used his remarks to call for a move away from sector-wise planning towards a spatial approach, with greater weight given to human and social capital and to the building of local economic clusters.
166.	**C**	**10th** – The Joint Committee Meeting between India and the Republic of Korea on defence industries and logistics cooperation reached its tenth edition at the New Delhi round, where the two sides reviewed existing defence ties and discussed ways to widen cooperation in...
167.	**A**	**Defence Acquisition Program Administration** – DAPA is the Republic of Korea's government body responsible for defence acquisition and for overseeing the Korean defence industry, and its Vice Minister Kim Il Dong co-chaired the Joint Committee Meeting in New Delhi alongside Additional Secretary (Defence P...
168.	**B**	**Larsen and Toubro and Bharat Earth Movers Limited** – Indian industry at the New Delhi round was represented by L&T and BEML, who joined officials in the discussion on defence production and logistics.
169.	**A**	**Pooja** – She won the bronze medal in the women's high jump at the Asian Games 2026, and the medal carries extra weight because it is India's first in that event at the Asian Games in more than two decades.
170.	**C**	**Men's 5000m** – Gulveer Singh finished on the podium in this distance race, and the Prime Minister described the result as a remarkable hat-trick of podium finishes for him at these Games, praising his consistency, endurance and determination.
171.	**C**	**Gulveer Singh** – He won his bronze in the men's 5000m, an individual distance race, and was not a member of the relay squad.
172.	**B**	**IIM Kolkata** – The National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency, which works under the Ministry of Rural Development, signed the Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Institute of Management Kolkata for a four-year longitudinal study of roads built under PMGSY-IV...
173.	**C**	**250** – The study will examine that many rural roads, spread across ten States and Union Territories, fifty districts and one hundred and fifty blocks, with a household survey of roughly five thousand families to capture changes in mobility, accessibility and socio-e...
174.	**B**	**14 months** – The assessment is built in three stages.
175.	**B**	**Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The Civil Aviation Minister announced while unveiling the curtain raiser that the route development event will take place there from the sixteenth to the eighteenth of March in the year twenty twenty seven, bringing together more than one hundred and fifteen...
176.	**C**	**Airports Authority of India** – India formally assumed hosting responsibilities at the closing ceremony of the previous Routes Asia held in Xi'an in China during April of the year twenty twenty six, and it was the Airports Authority of India that received the hosting baton from the China We...

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177. **C** **Over 166** – The Minister said India's aviation sector is expanding quickly, with that many airports already in operation and plans to develop a hundred more over the coming decade.

178. **C** **Lalit Kala Akademi** – The correct answer is the Lalit Kala Akademi, India's national academy of fine arts, which works under the Ministry of Culture and organises the National Exhibition of Art.

179. **B** **270** – The Secretary of the Lalit Kala Akademi said the edition attracted more than six thousand entries, and from that pool two hundred and seventy artists were chosen through a jury that screened the work in two rounds.

180. **A** **Abdul Aziz Raiba** – A monograph on this eminent modern Indian painter, known for his bold lines, vibrant colours and a distinctive fusion of traditional Indian and modern art, was released at the exhibition.

181. **C** **Ministry of Power** – The new CAFE norms for passenger vehicles were notified by the Ministry of Power, which handles energy efficiency in the country and works through the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, the body that will administer the credit buyout window under the framework.

182. **B** **3.3273 litres per 100 km** – Under the new framework the fleet benchmark for fuel consumption begins at 3.996 litres per 100 km in 2027-28 and is tightened year after year until it reaches 3.3273 litres per 100 km in 2031-32.

183. **C** **Twelve** – The earlier framework recognised four fuel-conservation technologies; the new norms widen that list to twelve, giving manufacturers far more room to earn credit for fuel-saving hardware.

184. **C** **1926** – India’s first Public Service Commission was constituted on 1 October 1926 as an advisory body, and the Commission therefore dates its own history from that year and completes a hundred years on 1 October 2026.

185. **C** **Part XIV, Articles 315 to 323** – Dr B. R. Ambedkar moved these draft articles in the Constituent Assembly in 1949, and they became the constitutional charter of the Public Service Commissions.

186. **B** **Rose Millian Bathew Kharbuli** – The correct answer is Rose Millian Bathew Kharbuli, who headed the Commission in 1992 and was the first woman to do so.

187. **A** **Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi** – The Ministry of Defence stated that the second edition of the conference commenced there, bringing together the senior leadership of the Indian Navy, including Operational and Area Commanders, for deliberations on operational preparedness, maritime security a…

188. **C** **Operation Urja Suraksha** – Referring to the situation in West Asia, Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh highlighted the Navy’s conduct of this operation and its contribution to safeguarding India’s energy security, in an address that also stressed Aatmanirbharta, indigenous capability developm…

189. **B** **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan** – The correct answer is Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, the Chief of the Naval Staff, who opened the conference by reviewing the prevailing maritime security environment and the Indian Navy’s operational posture, and who underlined combat readiness, agility, respo…

190. **B** **Rs 35.72 crore** – The Accelerator Programme gave this amount as grant-in-aid for ten technologies, with the stated objective of moving them from Technology Readiness Level 3 to Level 9, that is, from an early laboratory stage to a product ready for the market.

191. **C** **TRL-3 to TRL-9** – The objective of the grant-in-aid was to support the progression of ten technologies from Technology Readiness Level 3, an early stage where a concept has been proved in the laboratory, to Level 9, where a technology is proven in its operating environment and…

192. **A** **ARAI** – Speaking at the event, H. D. Kumaraswamy underlined the role of institutions such as ARAI in bridging the gap between developing a technology, validating it and getting industry to adopt it, a role that fits naturally with the mobility focus of the supported…

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193. **B** **Indore** – The city set out to keep untreated wastewater out of the environment altogether, and that approach made it the first to be given Water+ certification; today no untreated wastewater flows through its rivers or its natural and man-made stormwater drains.

194. **C** **4,900 MLD** – Projects approved under Swachh Bharat Mission 2.0 for setting up sewage treatment plants in small cities are expected to add exactly this much capacity, and the money behind them runs into several thousand crore rupees.

195. **D** **Jaipur** – The Dehlawas plant was built over 22.50 hectares during 2020-23 and has the highest sewage treatment capacity in Rajasthan, at 215 MLD.

196. **C** **Reliance Jio** – The correct answer is Reliance Jio, whose average download speed on the tested routes was 221.18 Mbps, the highest of the four operators.

197. **A** **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** – The correct answer is the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India, the sector regulator, which conducts Independent Drive Tests through an appointed agency and publishes the findings for the information of telecom consumers.

198. **B** **Assam** – The drive test was carried out across parts of Sonitpur district, which falls in the Assam Licensed Service Area, and it was supervised by the TRAI Regional Office at Kolkata.

199. **C** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The Department of Food and Public Distribution stated that it is monitoring preparatory activities for the effective implementation of Special Campaign 6 during exactly this month-long window.

200. **A** **Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste** – The Department said that this year special focus is being given to electronic waste, along with the standing objectives of cleanliness, disposal of pending matters and better use of office space, and it identified a specific number of e-waste items for dispos...

201. **B** **Food Corporation of India** – The Department said that its attached and subordinate offices and public sector undertakings are taking part, and it named the Food Corporation of India, the Central Warehousing Corporation and the Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority among them.

202. **B** **Rs 5,547.99 crore** – This is the full amount sanctioned for buying pulses and oilseeds at minimum support price in Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka and Telangana together for the kharif marketing season of 2026-27.

203. **C** **Uttar Pradesh** – It was allotted Rs 3,992.57 crore of the sanction, the largest of the three state shares, almost all of it for tur: 4,66,000 metric tonnes worth Rs 3,937.70 crore, along with 6,250 metric tonnes of moong worth Rs 54.87 crore.

204. **C** **Paddy** – The sanction covers pulses and oilseeds only, and paddy is a cereal bought through a separate central pool arrangement rather than through the Price Support Scheme.

205. **B** **US$36.92 billion** – The correct answer is US$36.92 billion, the estimated economic contribution of the Ayush services sector in FY2024-25, growing at a compound annual rate of 16.91 per cent since FY2022-23.

206. **B** **Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS)** – The correct answer is the Research and Information System for Developing Countries, better known as RIS, whose Director General, Professor Sachin Kumar Sharma, presented the findings.

207. **A** **1.76 million** – The correct answer is 1.76 million livelihoods, which the study says the Ayush services sector directly supports, with more than a million of those jobs concentrated in local and standalone clinics.

208. **B** **Neeru and Kynan Chenai** – The correct answer is Neeru and Kynan Chenai, who took the top place in the Trap Mixed Team event at the Asian Games 2026 and set an Asian Record in the final while doing it.

209. **B** **An Asian Record was set in the final and it was India's first Asian Games gold in the event** – The correct answer is that the pair set an Asian Record in the final and that the medal is India's first ever Asian Games gold in the Trap Mixed Team event.

210. **C** **Shotgun** – Trap is one of the shotgun events, in which clay targets are flung away from the shooter at speed and at shifting angles, leaving very little time to swing the gun on and fire.

211. **B** **Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi** – The correct answer is Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep and Chikitha Taniparthi, the trio whose shooting won the women's compound team gold at the Asian Games 2026 and equalled the World Record in the process.

212. **B** **Equalled it** – The Prime Minister specifically noted that their performance matched the world mark, and said this was what made the gold even more special.

213. **B** **The bow uses cams and cables, and a magnifying sight and mechanical release are allowed** – The correct answer is that the compound bow uses a system of cams and cables, which cuts the effort of holding the string at full draw, and that the division permits a magnifying sight and a mechanical release aid.

214. **B** **Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, 15-17 November 2026** – The correct answer is Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, from 15 to 17 November 2026.

215. **B** **19** – Representatives of diplomatic missions from nineteen countries joined the outreach interaction, among them Malawi, Sri Lanka, Mozambique, Algeria, the United States of America, Chile, Bhutan, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Russia, Iraq, Morocco, Venezuela, Spain, Polan...

216. **A** **Ministry of Coal and Ministry of Mines** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Coal and the Ministry of Mines, working together with the mining industry.

217. **B** **Indian Coast Guard and the Anti-Terrorism Squad, Gujarat** – The correct answer is the Indian Coast Guard acting in coordination with the Anti-Terrorism Squad of Gujarat.

218. **B** **About 526 kg, worth over Rs 3,000 crore** – The correct answer is about 526 kg of high-grade narcotics, valued at more than Rs 3,000 crore.

219. **B** **An Iranian dhow operated by five Pakistani nationals** – The boat was tracked on intelligence, intercepted and boarded on the high seas, and then escorted under armed security to Mumbai along with its crew and the seized drugs.

220. **C** **Safflower** – For marketing season 2027-28 the floor price of safflower was raised by Rs 675 a quintal, the biggest rupee increase among the six mandated rabi crops.

221. **A** **Wheat** – The expected return over the all-India weighted average cost of production works out to 106 per cent for wheat, the highest among the six mandated rabi crops of the season.

222. **B** **Union Budget 2018-19** – The rabi price revision for marketing season 2027-28 was described as being in line with the announcement made in that Budget, which set the benchmark of fixing a floor price at no less than one and a half times the all-India weighted average cost of producti...

223. **B** **Up to 135 GW** – GEC-III strengthens the Intra-State Transmission System precisely so that renewable power of this scale can be moved from where it is generated into the grid inside states and union territories.

224. **C** **Rs 1,86,405 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 1,86,405 crore, the full outlay approved for the scheme.

225. **A** **Tariff Based Competitive Bidding** – Every greenfield project under the transmission component of GEC-III goes through this route, with Transmission Service Providers taking part on a Build-Own-Operate-Maintain model, abbreviated BOOM.

226. **C** **Rs 1,789.52 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 1,789.52 crore, the estimated cost inclusive of taxes for the project the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs cleared for implementation by Delhi Police.

227. **B** **42** – The project takes in that many identified traffic corridors of the capital.

228. **A** **C-DAC** – It will provide technical support as Project Management Consultant, which covers technical scrutiny, monitoring, validation and acceptance both while the system is being installed and later during operation and maintenance.

229. **C** **2.67 lakh** – The survey for the year ending March 2025 counted that many registered manufacturing establishments, and the sector grew by 2.64 per cent on this measure.

230. **B** **9.59 per cent** – Gross value added rose from Rs 2,458.3 thousand crore to Rs 2,694.2 thousand crore, which works out to that rate of growth.

231. **C** **Tamil Nadu** – The correct answer is Tamil Nadu, with 41,221 establishments, the largest count of any state in this round.

232. **B** **AI-enabled translation of official and audit-related documents** – The tool was built by BHASHINI as a customised language artificial intelligence solution for the audit institution, with care given to consistent terminology, translation that keeps context, and the quality of what comes out.

233. **A** **The 74th Hindi Diwas and Hindi Pakhwada 2026** – The correct answer is the 74th Hindi Diwas and Hindi Pakhwada 2026, whose closing ceremony at the CAG Office in New Delhi was the occasion for the launch.

234. **D** **36** – BHASHINI supports that many Indian text languages.

235. **B** **Budgam** – The encounter took place at Gurwatkalan, which falls in the area of the Khansahib police station in Budgam district.

236. **C** **Operation Sheruwali** – The correct answer is Operation Sheruwali, a long-sustained operation that began in May 2026 and of which this encounter was a part.

237. **C** **Four** – With Musa gone, the entire group of four senior commanders of the outfit who had been operating in the union territory since 2022 has been neutralised.

238. **B** **Subic Bay, Philippines** – The second edition of the ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise began at Subic Bay on 28 September 2026, and the opening ceremony there was graced by Harsh Kumar Jain, India's Ambassador to the Philippines, as Guest of Honour.

239. **A** **Anchored in Trust, United at Sea** – This is the theme under which the second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise is being conducted, and it frames the stated aim of the drill, which is to build mutual understanding, cooperation and interoperability between the Indian Navy and ASEAN maritime forces.

240. **C** **INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish** – The Ministry of Defence named these two ships as India's participants in the second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise at Subic Bay, and described their presence as a mark of the Indian Navy's continuing commitment to maritime partnerships with ASEAN.

241. **A** **Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru** – The correct answer is Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru.

242. **B** **Compound** – The gold won by Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru came in the men's compound team event, not in any other archery category.

243. **C** **The Prime Minister** – Narendra Modi congratulated Kushal Dalal, Sahil Rajesh Jadhav and Ganesh Maniratnam Thirumuru on winning the gold, saying they had clinched it after a thrilling final and lauding their accuracy and teamwork, and he extended his best wishes for their future en…

244. **A** **The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891** – The new Act carries the same name with the new year and takes the place of the colonial-era statute, which was framed at a time when banking systems were

entirely paper-based.

245. **B** **1 October 2026** – The backgrounder states plainly that the Act comes into force on that date and replaces the older law of the same name from then.

246. **B** **Only under a written order of the court recording a special cause** – The correct answer is only under a written order of the court recording a special cause.

247. **C** **Rs 50 crore** – The Department of Pharmaceuticals announced that the New Discovery track will provide financial assistance of up to this amount per company, per project or per portfolio of projects, subject to minimum co-funding of a quarter of the project cost from bona fid…

248. **A** **Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech** – The correct answer is Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech.

249. **C** **Rs 5,000 crore** – This is the outlay with which the scheme aims to strengthen India's pharmaceutical and medical technology research and development ecosystem.

250. **B** **Canadian Hydrogen Intensity Mapping Experiment** – CHIME is an interferometric radio telescope in Canada, built to map the distribution of hydrogen gas in the early universe so that astronomers can calculate how the universe expands and thereby study dark energy.

251. **C** **Raman Research Institute** – The study that reported the first standalone detection included CHIME collaborators at RRI, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, and its associate professor Saurabh Singh is among the co-authors quoted on the result.

252. **A** **About two per cent** – An accompanying paper examined what the observed signal reveals about the distribution of hydrogen, and co-author Shabbir Shaikh of Arizona State University said the data indicate that roughly this share of the universe's hydrogen was in neutral atomic form a…

253. **A** **Manekshaw Centre, Delhi** – The ceremony marking the culmination of a year-long commemoration of the Military Nursing Service was held there, and Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth attended it.

254. **B** **Steel and Grace** – The correct answer is Steel and Grace, which is the memoir released at the ceremony.

255. **C** **Honouring the Past, Healing the Present and Inspiring the Future** – The correct answer is Honouring the Past, Healing the Present and Inspiring the Future.

256. **B** **Rs 767 crore** – The mission is a Central Sector Scheme, so the whole of that amount comes from the Centre, and it is to be spent up to the year 2030-31 across nine coastal states and four Union Territories.

257. **B** **Nine coastal states and four Union Territories** – That is the geography named for the mission, and it matches the shape of the Indian coastline, where the shore runs through nine states and a set of island and coastal Union Territories.

258. **C** **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and the guidelines were released by its minister, Bhupender Yadav, in New Delhi.

259. **B** **102** – The Environment Ministry placed the September average for Delhi at 102, and set it against 105 in 2025, 105 in 2024, 108 in 2023 and 104 in 2022, which makes it the lowest September reading across those five years.

260. **C** **194 days** – A daily average below 200 falls in the moderate category, and the nine months of the current year gave 194 such days, the most in the five-year comparison.

261. **B** **Commission for Air Quality Management** – The correct answer is the Commission for Air Quality Management, usually written as CAQM, which the ministry named as the body coordinating work with the agencies concerned.

262. **B** **About Rs 1,600 crore** – That is the assistance the Department of Pharmaceuticals committed to the 41 projects cleared in the first call of the scheme.

263. **C** **Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, which houses the Department of Pharmaceuticals, and it is that department which announced the approvals under PRIP.

264. **A** **New Medicines** – The correct answer is New Medicines, which took 27 of the 41 approved projects.

265. **C** **364** – The correct answer is 364, the total across the two mega camps of the valley.

266. **B** **It was the first mega eye surgical camp held at the Line of Control, in an underground operation theatre** – The correct answer is that it was the first mega eye surgical camp held at the Line of Control, and it used an underground operation theatre.

267. **B** **Odisha** – The correct answer is Odisha, named as the venue of the next phase once the Kashmir leg closed.

268. **B** **Abu Dhabi** – The correct answer is Abu Dhabi, the capital of the United Arab Emirates, where the Congress is being held and where the Indian minister also met the UAE Justice Minister on the sidelines.

269. **B** **Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam** – The correct answer is the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, the three laws the minister described as built around technology, faster justice, forensic investigation and digital-first procedure...

270. **A** **Monika Juma** – The correct answer is Monika Juma, named as the Executive Director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, met by the minister to discuss cooperation against narcotics and organised crime and stronger legal and judicial partnerships.

271. **B** **'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath'** – The correct answer is 'Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath', which translates as one day, one hour, together.

272. **C** **Dr. Rajiv Bahl** – He is Secretary of the Department of Health Research and also holds charge as Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research, and he led the voluntary cleanliness drive held near Gate No. 3 of Kartavya Bhavan-1 on Dr. Rajendra Prasad Marg in New D...

273. **C** **National AIDS Control Organisation** – Dr. Rakesh Gupta serves as Additional Secretary in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and as Director General of NACO, and in that capacity he was among the senior officers who joined the shramdaan in New Delhi.

274. **B** **Narendra Bhooshan** – He has taken over as Secretary of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the ministry that handles forests, wildlife, pollution control and climate policy for the country.

275. **C** **Uttar Pradesh** – Narendra Bhooshan is an Indian Administrative Service officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, and he belongs to the batch of the year 1992.

276. **A** **Department of Land Resources** – His appointment as Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change followed his tenure as Secretary of the Department of Land Resources, which works under the Ministry of Rural Development.

277. **B** **Rs 5,000 crore** – This is the dedicated provision set aside under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 for closing drinking water gaps in the tribal villages covered by the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan and the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan.

278. **C** **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** – It has carried out a state-wise exercise named SurveySetu, in which the status of functional household tap connections is verified at the level of each household.

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279. **A** **Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan** – DA-JGUA is one of the two tribal missions whose drinking water needs were reviewed by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation; the other is PM-JANMAN, the Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan.

280. **B** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, known by its short form DARPG.

281. **C** **2 October to 31 October** – The campaign is built in two parts.

282. **C** **595** – During the preparatory phase of the campaign, the Ministry of Culture, together with its attached, subordinate and autonomous organisations spread across the country, identified that many sites for cleaning.

283. **A** **Buldhana** – Lonar Crater Lake is a unique natural formation in the Buldhana district of Maharashtra, and it attracts visitors because of its distinctive geological and environmental features.

284. **C** **Indian Air Force** – The Surya Kiran Aerobatic Display Team is the air force's formation display team, and it has a reputation for precision, skill and closely coordinated aerial manoeuvres.

285. **B** **The Union Minister of State for Ayush** – Prataprao Jadhav, who holds independent charge of the Ministry of Ayush and is also Minister of State in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, has written to the Defence Minister asking that the aerobatic display team of the Indian Air Force be permitted...

286. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The hundredth-year celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission were held there, and the Prime Minister took part along with chairpersons of the Public Service Commissions of the states.

287. **B** **1926** – The Commission began in that year under colonial rule, and the Prime Minister contrasted those origins with the way the body later turned its work towards the aims of an independent country, which is why the celebration in 2026 marks a full hundred years.

288. **B** **Nagrik Devo Bhava** – The correct answer is Nagrik Devo Bhava, which the Prime Minister explained as meaning that the citizen of the country is no less than a deity and that service of the citizen comes above everything else.

289. **B** **France** – Varuna is the annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the French Navy, and in its twenty-fourth edition the Indian warship Trishul sailed to the French port of Toulon to take part.

290. **C** **24th** – The Ministry of Defence stated that INS Trishul arrived at Toulon to join the twenty-fourth edition of the exercise, which makes Varuna one of the longest-running bilateral naval exercises India takes part in.

291. **B** **205** – The Commanding Officer, officers and crew of the ship laid a wreath at the Mazargues War Memorial in Marseille in remembrance of 205 Indian soldiers who made the supreme sacrifice during the World Wars.

292. **B** **Resilience in an Age of Flux** – The correct answer is Resilience in an Age of Flux, the theme announced by the Ministry of Finance for the fifth edition of the Conclave, to be held in New Delhi from 3 to 5 October 2026.

293. **B** **Institute of Economic Growth** – The correct answer is the Institute of Economic Growth, usually written as IEG, which runs the Conclave together with the Ministry of Finance.

294. **B** **The Vice President of India** – The correct answer is the Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, who will deliver the inaugural address on the opening day of the Conclave.

295. **A** **1 October** – The day is observed on this date every year to spread awareness about voluntary blood donation and to encourage healthy, eligible people to donate regularly and without payment.

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296. **B** **One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives.** – Give Blood.

297. **B** **Mizoram** – State Blood Transfusion Councils were felicitated at the national observance for their record in blood collection, and among the North-Eastern States, Mizoram stood first with Sikkim in the second position.

298. **B** **1,000 quintals** – Under the revised norms a dealer may not hold more than this quantity at any time or at any place in the country, and the rule runs from 15 October 2026 to 30 November 2026.

299. **C** **Kolkata with its extended metropolitan areas and the State of Assam** – The correct answer is Kolkata with its extended metropolitan areas and the State of Assam.

300. **C** **15 per cent** – Average retail sugar prices have come down by this much from the peak they touched in August, and a further easing is expected as cheaper mill prices pass down the supply chain.

301. **A** **Rs 1,423.30 crore** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment stated that this amount was released to States and Union Territories across three financial years under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for the two Acts.

302. **C** **217** – As reported by the states and Union Territories, 217 Exclusive Special Courts have been set up in 15 States and Union Territories to try offences under the Act of 1989, the purpose being speedy trial and quicker disposal of cases.

303. **B** **SAMBAL** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the National Helpline Against Atrocities in December 2021 and the service was later given this name.

304. **C** **Paranur Toll Plaza** – It lies on the Tambaram-Tindivanam section of NH-179B and has become the first location in Tamil Nadu where the National Highways Authority of India charges toll without a boom barrier, letting vehicles roll through while cameras and FASTag settle the fee.

305. **A** **Automatic Number Plate Recognition** – Cameras at the plaza read the registration plate of every vehicle that crosses, and the FASTag-based Electronic Toll Collection system then debits the user fee from the account linked to that vehicle.

306. **B** **Tambaram-Tindivanam section of NH-179B** – That is where Paranur Toll Plaza stands, and it is the stretch on which Tamil Nadu received its first barrier-less tolling arrangement from the National Highways Authority of India.

307. **B** **Rs 12,000** – A student selected under the scheme receives that amount every year, and the money is credited straight into the student's own bank account through Direct Benefit Transfer, which removes middlemen from the payment chain.

308. **C** **Class IX** – Fresh scholarships under the scheme go to Class IX students who qualify in the selection examination conducted by the respective State or Union Territory government, and one lakh such awards are made every year.

309. **C** **Rs 3.50 lakh per annum** – The scheme is built for meritorious children of economically weaker households, so an income test applies along with the marks test, and the parental income of an applicant must not cross that figure.

310. **B** **National Statistics Office** – The correct answer is the National Statistics Office, which works under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation and is running this round as CAPEX 2026, its third such exercise, between October and December.

311. **C** **Manufacturing** – In the second round of the survey it took slightly more than half of the provisional aggregate capital expenditure for that year, a share of 50.17 per cent, worth Rs 5,73,900 crore, which is far ahead of every other activity category.

312. **B** **Collection of Statistics Act** – The correct answer is the Collection of Statistics Act, passed in two thousand eight, which gives the statistical system the authority to gather information from enterprises and also obliges it to protect what it gathers.

313. **B** **A frontline stealth frigate** – That is how the ship has been described in the announcement of her visit to the Kenyan port, and a frigate of this class is a general purpose warship built with a reduced radar signature so that it is harder to detect at sea.

314. **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.

315. **C** **Mombasa** – The correct answer is Mombasa, the Kenyan port where the frontline stealth frigate berthed for a goodwill call during her deployment.

316. **B** **Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas** – That is the title under which the People's Plan Campaign for the year is launched when Special Gram Sabhas assemble on the second of October, and under it every Gram Panchayat draws up its development plan for the next financial year through participatory, ev...

317. **C** **2027-28** – The campaign itself is named for the current round, but the plan a Gram Panchayat prepares in it is for the financial year that follows, which is how village planning is meant to work: the Sabha decides priorities well before the money for that year is alloca...

318. **B** **125 days** – The Viksit Bharat guarantee for employment and livelihood in rural areas, placed before the Special Gram Sabhas by the Department of Rural Development, carries a statutory guarantee of that many days of wage employment, and it is discussed along with the Viks...

319. **C** **Bronze** – The Indian women's team in squash finished third in its event at the Games and so took the bronze medal, a result the Prime Minister described as a richly deserved place on the podium while congratulating the players for a spirited effort and for the resolve...

320. **B** **Squash** – The bronze was won by the Indian Women's Squash Team, and while congratulating them the Prime Minister added a remark about the game itself, saying the success would motivate young people towards squash and that the sport is becoming popular in India.

321. **C** **Asian Games 2026** – That is the event at which the Indian women's squash side finished on the podium with a bronze medal and for which the Prime Minister sent his congratulations to the players.

322. **B** **2001** – The Government of India created the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library in that year, bringing CSIR and the Ministry of AYUSH together for the purpose, and it was the first database of its kind anywhere in the world.

323. **C** **Rajgir, Bihar** – Nalanda University has been established at Rajgir in Nalanda district of Bihar as an international university of national importance, and it functions under the aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs.

324. **C** **18** – The Traditional Knowledge Digital Library is at present open to that many international patent offices, and each of them gets access through a non-disclosure agreement, so the knowledge is used for examining patent claims without being published.

325. **A** **Prince Noble and Manu Francis** – The two of them finished second in the Men’s Skiff event at the Asian Games 2026 and took the silver medal, and the Prime Minister congratulated them on a result he said was built on skill and determination, adding that they had bettered their previous perfor...

326. **B** **Men’s Compound Individual** – Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru came through the Men’s Compound Individual bronze medal match at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister praised him for accuracy under pressure, for his composure and for an unyielding spirit, saying he had brought the country gr...

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327. **B** **The skiff brought silver and the compound individual brought bronze** – The correct answer is that the skiff brought silver and the compound individual brought bronze.

328. **C** **Five years** – The revised framework of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways ties the validity of an exempted FASTag to the percentage of disability on record, and the higher slab of 70 to 100 per cent carries a validity of five years.

329. **B** **2 October 2026** – The ministry announced the revision and stated that the new guidelines would come into force from that date, covering both the issuance and the renewal of exempted FASTags for eligible Divyangjan and persons with disabilities.

330. **C** **The exempted FASTag must still be renewed every year** – The correct answer is that the exempted FASTag must still be renewed every year, because this is precisely the requirement the revision removes.

331. **B** **Andaman Sea** – The Ministry of Mines offered Sewell Rise-01, in the southern part of Sewell Rise, and West Sewell Ridge-01, which lies off Great Nicobar Island, and both blocks sit in the Andaman Sea.

332. **B** **Polymetallic nodules and crusts** – Both blocks are described as holding deposits of this kind, and they host cobalt, nickel, manganese, copper and rare earth elements, which are needed for advanced manufacturing, clean energy technology, electric mobility and electronics.

333. **B** **Keshav Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Mines** – The correct answer is Keshav Chandra, Secretary, Ministry of Mines, who launched the auction virtually for the grant of a Composite Licence.

334. **A** **1 October 2001** – HQ IDS was established in New Delhi on that date, and the day is observed every year as Tri-Service Day; the organisation therefore completed 25 years and celebrated its Silver Jubilee under the theme of future readiness through jointness and integration.

335. **B** **“Future readiness through jointness and Integration”** – Under this theme HQ IDS organised Trishakti Manthan, released a Silver Jubilee Book and a film on its milestones, and conferred CDS Unit Citations on personnel.

336. **D** **Trishakti Manthan held as a permanent annual review body** – The correct answer is Trishakti Manthan held as a permanent annual review body.

337. **B** **ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana** – The correct answer is ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana, the Central Institute of Post-Harvest Engineering and Technology, which will carry out the two-year Phase-I of the project on alternatives to chemical fumigation in wheat and rice.

338. **A** **Aluminium phosphide and malathion** – For decades these two have been the mainstay of post-harvest pest control in the country’s grain reserves, and their widespread, repeated use is what pushed pest resistance to 72 to 100 per cent in key states while raising fumigation cycles and costs.

339. **B** **A one-year multi-location trial across agro-climatic zones** – Phase-II follows the two-year Phase-I pilot and is designed to test the methods in varied conditions so that region-specific Standard Operating Procedures can be established.

340. **B** **Scholarship for Education Transformation and Upliftment** – The app carries this name together with the National Scholarship Portal and belongs to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, serving beneficiaries of the Pre-Matric and Post-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes.

341. **C** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, through its Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, which launched the app in April 2026.

342. **D** **Direct disbursal of loans to students** – The correct answer is direct disbursal of loans to students, which is no part of what this app does.

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343. **B** **Rs 23,731 crore** – The Union Cabinet cleared GOBARdhan on 6 August 2026 with this outlay, and the scheme gives the compressed biogas sector a ten-year framework running from FY 2026-27 to FY 2035-36.

344. **C** **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** – One of the main changes GOBARdhan brings is that a single ministry now anchors compressed biogas instead of the fragmented support the sector had before, and that ministry is Petroleum and Natural Gas.

345. **B** **Rs 2,110 per MMBtu** – The scheme sets this administered price so that producers can see their revenue in advance, which was one of the sector's long-standing complaints along with fragmented support and poor access to finance.

346. **C** **Rs 10,520 crore** – That is the financial support the Government of India has approved for running the Amended BharatNet Programme in Maharashtra under the state-led model, and the agreement signed at Sanchar Bhawan puts it into effect through MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limi...

347. **A** **MahaNet Digital Infrastructure Limited** – The project in Maharashtra will be implemented through MDIL, which is why it is one of the five parties to the agreement.

348. **B** **Universal Service Obligation Fund** – The fund was created under the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003, and the Telecommunications Act, 2023 renamed it Digital Bharat Nidhi.

349. **B** **Milwaukee** – The correct answer is Milwaukee, in the state of Wisconsin, and the meeting is hosted under the United States G20 Presidency.

350. **A** **G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions** – The correct answer is the G20 Statement on the Weaponization of Food through Coercive Trade Actions.

351. **B** **2011** – The Indian minister referred to the G20 Agricultural Market Information System, set up in that year, as one of the mechanisms already available to handle concerns about food and trade.

352. **C** **Bronze** – The Indian quartet of Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK finished on the podium in third place in the men's 4x400m relay, and the Prime Minister congratulated them on the bronze, praising the timing they clocked.

353. **A** **Dharmveer Chaudhary** – The relay bronze was won by a team of four: Dharmveer Chaudhary, Manu TS, Jay Kumar and Vishal TK.

354. **C** **Four** – The name of the event itself gives it away: in a 4x400m relay, four runners each cover one lap of 400 metres and pass the baton on to the next.

355. **C** **279th** – The Raksha Mantri launched the department's publications and digital initiatives at this celebration held at DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi, and he congratulated the department on nearly three centuries of service to the nation, which fits an edition in the high tw...

356. **A** **eKUBER** – The Treasury Single Account system, inaugurated for just-in-time release of funds to autonomous bodies under the Ministry of Defence, is fully integrated with RBI eKUBER.

357. **B** **Managing pay and allowances of Agniveers of the Indian Army** – The correct answer is managing pay and allowances of Agniveers of the Indian Army.

358. **D** **3,69,469** – Every other option is a real figure from the same Shivir attached to the wrong service, which is exactly how such a question is set.

359. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – A senior official of this ministry gave out the attendance and service figures for the Shivir and named the states whose municipal corporations organised health camps, namely Meghalaya, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala and Bihar.

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360. **C** — **3,870** – The Shivir was conducted in hybrid mode, anchored from the national capital and held physically at participating locations, and more than 3,800 urban local bodies, rural local bodies and line departments took part in it.

361. **C** — **28** – The Centre, acting in consultation with the Union Territory of Ladakh, settled standard place and feature names for twenty-eight locations and had them marked on the official map of Ladakh issued by the Survey of India.

362. **B** — **Survey of India** – The twenty-eight places and features were marked with their standard names on the Survey of India's official map of the Union Territory of Ladakh, and that map, along with further places and features, can be seen in the state maps section of the Survey of Ind…

363. **D** — **Peak** – Ten of the twenty-eight entries are listed as peaks, namely Atisha Giri, Kanishka Peak, Martand Giri, Zorawar Peak, Rinchen Zangpo, Sakyasri Giri, Marpa Lotsava Ri, Milarepa Kangri, Shiva Ri and Maheshvara Ri, which is more than any other feature type on the…

364. **B** — **2 October to 31 October 2026** – Both the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Ministry of Steel said on the opening day that the implementation phase of the campaign would run through that month.

365. **B** — **Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste** – The campaign retains its older aims of cleanliness and clearing pendency, but electronic waste is the subject singled out for this round, and a standard operating procedure for scientific disposal of such waste has been sent to every subordinate office, auton…

366. **C** — **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, usually shortened to DARPG.

367. **A** — **Arjun Ram Meghwal** – He is the Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Law and Justice, and in that capacity he led the tree plantation drive on the campus of the India International Arbitration Centre at Vasant Kunj in New Delhi.

368. **B** — **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam** – The Department of Legal Affairs of the Ministry of Law and Justice organised the drive under that theme on the eve of Gandhi Jayanti, and it formed part of Special Campaign 6 as well as Swachhata Hi Seva 2026.

369. **C** — **1917** – Speaking at the plantation drive, the minister recalled Gandhi's stay in Champaran in that year and highlighted how Gandhi began efforts towards sanitation and hygiene there, how those efforts became part of a wider mass movement, and how they contributed to…

370. **B** — **31 December 2026** – The Department of Commerce has carried the RoDTEP scheme forward to that date, and the benefit is available for exports made by Domestic Tariff Area units, Advance Authorisation holders, Special Economic Zone units and Export Oriented Units in the meantime.

371. **C** — **Notification No. 41/2026-27** – The correct answer is Notification No. 41/2026-27, which the Department of Commerce issued on 30 September 2026 to continue the RoDTEP scheme up to 31 December 2026.

372. **A** — **Appendix 4R and Appendix 4RE** – The rates and the value caps listed in these two appendices, in the shape they held on 30 September 2026, continue without any change for the whole extended period, so an exporter claims the same entitlement as before.

373. **A** — **Resilience and Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation** – RELIEF is a time-bound intervention under the Export Promotion Mission and was launched on 19 March 2026 to support exporters struck by extraordinary freight escalation, higher insurance premia and war-related export risks arising on the Gulf and the wider We…

374. **B** — **ECGC, with 95 per cent risk coverage** – Component II nudges an exporter into taking Export Credit Guarantee Corporation cover for upcoming shipments to the specified regions, and that cover carries

ninety-five per cent risk coverage, available on a Stand Alone Policy or a Whole Turnover Policy obta...

375. **D** **Energy shipments** – The cargo that does attract the benefit is of three kinds: a Full Container Load, where one consignor fills a whole container, a Less than Container Load, where a shipment shares container space with others, and a Reefer container, the refrigerated box in whi...

376. **B** **Milwaukee, Wisconsin** – The correct answer is Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where the Union Minister of Commerce and Industry joined the concluding day of the G20 Trade Ministers Meeting under the United States Presidency.

377. **C** **Article 23** – Speaking on ending forced labour in global supply chains, the minister said India commitment to eliminating forced labour is absolute and unconditional, and that the Constitution forbids forced labour as a fundamental right enforceable by the Supreme Court.

378. **D** **United Kingdom** – The correct answer is the United Kingdom, to which India extended its full support for the G20 Presidency that follows the American one.

379. **A** **Greece** – The consignment of popped phool makhana left Purnea in Bihar for Greece, sailing from Mundra Port in India to the Piraeus Port at the Greek end.

380. **C** **Bihar** – The correct answer is Bihar, which contributes about eighty to eighty-five per cent of the national output, with India itself the global leader in makhana production.

381. **B** **Mundra Port** – The correct answer is Mundra Port, from which the shipment moves to the Piraeus Port in Greece.

382. **B** **State Support Mission** – The correct answer is the State Support Mission, the initiative under which NITI Aayog works with states on planning and budgeting, and under which this workshop was held with the Government of West Bengal and technical support from the United Nations Develop...

383. **C** **32** – Alongside these participants, the workshop drew senior officials from NITI Aayog, the office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, the Controller General of Accounts, the Department of Public...

384. **A** **NITI Aayog, the CAG of India and UNDP** – The correct answer is NITI Aayog, the Comptroller and Auditor General of India and the United Nations Development Programme.

385. **B** **2 October 2014** – The correct answer is 2 October 2014, the date from which the mission counts the twelve years it now completes.

386. **A** **Bengaluru** – The correct answer is Bengaluru, in Karnataka, where an old vehicle at the Majestic terminal of the Karnataka State Road Transport Corporation was converted into a facility for women alone.

387. **B** **11,700 bottles and 35,200 caps** – The structure built by the Navi Mumbai Municipal Corporation at Sector 14, Koparkhairane, uses 426 square metres of recycled plastic sheeting, which includes 5.3 metric tonnes of single-use plastic, and the builders also reused 85 repurposed computer keyboard...

388. **A** **Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti** – The three of them shot together in the women's recurve team event at the Asian Games and brought India the gold medal, the country's first ever in that event, and the Prime Minister congratulated all three by name.

389. **C** **Women's Recurve Team** – India had never taken the gold in this archery event at the Asian Games before, and Ankita Bhakat, Kumkum Anil Mohod and Kirti ended that wait, which is why the Prime Minister described the win as historic and as a landmark for the sport.

390. **B** **Archery** – Recurve is one of the two bow types used in competitive archery, the other being the compound bow, and the recurve bow is the one used in Olympic archery, so a recurve team event is always an archery event.

391. **B** **Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod** – The two shot together in the recurve mixed team event at the Asian Games and finished with the silver medal, which is India's first in that event at these Games, and the Prime Minister congratulated both by name.

392. **B** **Silver** – Dhiraj Bommadevara and Kumkum Anil Mohod finished second in the recurve mixed team event, and the Prime Minister noted that the pair had given the country its first ever silver in this event at the Asian Games.

393. **B** **Two archers, one man and one woman** – That is precisely what the word mixed means in the name of the event: a country is represented by a male and a female archer who shoot as one unit, their scores being added together, which is why the Indian silver in this event is credited to Dhiraj Bommadeva...

394. **B** **Harshita Tomar and Shital Verma** – The two sailed together in the women's skiff event at the Asian Games and finished third for the bronze medal, and the Prime Minister congratulated both by name while noting that they had bettered India's previous performance in the event.

395. **C** **Sailing** – A skiff is a light and fast sailing boat driven by the wind in its sails and handled by a crew of two, so every skiff class event belongs to sailing.

396. **B** **That the pair bettered India's previous performance in the event** – The correct answer is that the pair bettered India's previous performance in the event.

397. **B** **Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar** – The tigress, identified as T138, was moved from Valmiki in Bihar to Buxa in West Bengal after ecological, veterinary and management parameters had been assessed and the laid-down protocols followed, and the Environment Minister thanked the Bihar Chief Ministe...

398. **B** **1983** – Buxa, long regarded as an important tiger landscape of North Bengal, was given the status of a Tiger Reserve in that year, and it forms part of a larger ecological unit connected to forests and protected areas in Bhutan and Assam.

399. **C** **About 380 hectares** – The correct answer is about 380 hectares, restored or converted over the past eight years as part of the groundwork for tiger recovery at Buxa.

400. **A** **Namami Gange** – Gifts and artefacts presented to the Prime Minister are catalogued and offered for public bidding, and whatever the sale earns is placed at the service of the Namami Gange project, the programme devoted to the cleaning and conservation of the Ganga.

401. **C** **Delhi** – The edition puts up thirty mementos chosen to show the many dimensions of the capital, and the lots bear this out: a framed artwork of St. Stephen's College, a crystal memento of the Old Secretariat building, a textile artwork of the New Parliament Building,...

402. **B** **Yogesh Kathuniya** – The correct answer is Yogesh Kathuniya, described in the announcement as a Paralympic silver medallist whose discus is part of the collection and stands for sporting achievement and perseverance.

403. **B** **Canada** – The consignment of frozen food products was flagged off from Sonipat in Haryana for the Canadian market, it was exported by Aterna Foods Producer Company Limited, and the Chairman of APEDA said at the event that he expected exports to Canada to grow further.

404. **B** **CAD 35,140** – The consignment comprised 2,295 boxes of frozen food products weighing 24 MT in all, and its declared shipment value was CAD 35,140, the currency being the Canadian dollar because the buyer is in Canada.

405. **A** **Abhishek Dev** – Addressing the gathering at the flag-off, the Chairman of APEDA congratulated the exporter and the stakeholders, said that a direct export by the farmer producer organisation would raise considerably the value realised by the producers, acknowledged the contr...

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406. **B** **Vijay Ghat** – On the birth anniversary of Lal Bahadur Shastri, both the Prime Minister and the Vice-President went to Vijay Ghat to lay flowers at the memorial of the former Prime Minister.

407. **A** **Thiru K. Kamaraj** – Apart from offering homage to Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat and to Lal Bahadur Shastri at Vijay Ghat, the Vice-President paid tribute at Upa-Rashtrapati Bhavan to Thiru K. Kamaraj, a former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, on his death anniversary.

408. **A** **Buy at least one Khadi product** – In his Gandhi Jayanti message the Prime Minister recalled the stress that Mahatma Gandhi laid on Swadeshi, with Khadi foremost among its symbols, and he urged every citizen to purchase at least one Khadi item on 2 October and to say with pride that it is Swad...

409. **B** **17 September 2026** – The campaign opened on that date with the taking of the Swachhata pledge and ran as a fortnight-long drive that ended on 2 October 2026, the day observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas.

410. **C** **157th** – On the concluding day of the campaign the Department offered floral tribute to the Father of the Nation on his 157th birth anniversary, the date that is observed across the country as Swachh Bharat Diwas.

411. **A** **Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE** – The Shramdaan was organised at a PM SHRI school in New Delhi under the aegis of Eco Clubs for Mission LiFE and was led by the Secretary of the Department of School Education and Literacy, with students, teachers, senior officials and officers of the Kendriya...

412. **A** **2 October 2014** – The mission was launched on that date and grew into one of the largest government-led sanitation movements in the country, working through two components, one for rural areas and one for urban areas.

413. **B** **The spectacles of Mahatma Gandhi** – The logo of the mission is built around the round glasses associated with the Father of the Nation.

414. **C** **ODF++** – This protocol goes beyond the availability and upkeep of toilets and looks at what happens to faecal sludge after it leaves the toilet, covering its safe containment, evacuation, transportation and processing so that untreated sludge does not flow into open d...

415. **B** **Ghaziabad** – The municipal corporation of this city in Uttar Pradesh has registered for an international carbon credit project verified by the United Nations and has been accredited under the Verified Carbon Standard, which is supported by the United Nations Framework Con...

416. **C** **Goa** – The facility at Saligao is operated by the Goa Waste Management Corporation and stands on land that was once used as a garbage dump.

417. **D** **Andhra Pradesh** – Kakinada lies in the East Godavari district of that state and has become a leading example of technology enabled sanitation.

418. **B** **The NDPS Act, 1985** – The correct answer is the NDPS Act, 1985, that is, the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

419. **C** **Neemuch** – Along with the destruction of the bulk of the seized contraband, the bureau deposited 154.375 kg of seized opium at the Government Opium and Alkaloid Works at Neemuch in Madhya Pradesh as part of the prescribed disposal process.

420. **B** **Thailand** – Acting on specific intelligence about a suspect consignment, officers of the bureau at Jaipur examined an international parcel received from that country at the Foreign Post Office and found hydroponic weed weighing 1.080 kg concealed inside 29 pouches of cak...

421. **B** **Men's 65 kg** – Sujeet won the gold medal in the men's 65 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games after a thrilling final, and the weight class is the detail a paper setter is most likely to test.

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422. **B** **Wrestling** – Sujeet competed in the freestyle wrestling competition, and his win gave India its first wrestling gold of this edition of the Asian Games.

423. **A** **He won it on his Asian Games debut** – The wrestler was appearing at the Asian Games for the first time, and he turned that first appearance into a gold medal, which is what made the achievement notable enough for the Prime Minister to call it a memorable triumph.

424. **C** **Women's 75 kg** – Lovlina Borgohain won the gold medal in the women's 75 kg boxing event at the Asian Games, and the weight division is the single detail most likely to be tested, because several Indian boxers compete in neighbouring classes.

425. **C** **5-0** – The boxer closed out the final with a 5-0 scoreline, which the government described as an emphatic victory, and that margin is the reason the win was reported as a dominant one rather than a narrow escape.

426. **A** **That her sporting journey reflects remarkable determination and excellence** – The correct answer is that her sporting journey reflects remarkable determination and excellence.

427. **C** **Women's 65 kg** – Parveen won the gold medal in the women's 65 kg boxing event at the Asian Games after a hard-fought final, and the division is the detail most often tested on a medal story of this kind.

428. **A** **As a hard-fought final** – The official account of the result records that the boxer won the gold after a hard-fought final, which tells aspirants that the bout stayed competitive until the end.

429. **A** **That it adds another glorious chapter to Indian boxing** – The correct answer is that it adds another glorious chapter to Indian boxing.

430. **B** **Men's 80 kg** – Ankush won the gold medal in the men's 80 kg boxing event at the Asian Games with an emphatic victory in the final, and the weight division is the detail that decides this question.

431. **A** **That it ensures India's boxing campaign at the Asian Games ends on a great note** – The correct answer is that it ensures India's boxing campaign at the Asian Games ends on a great note.

432. **B** **As an emphatic victory** – The official account records that the boxer took the gold with an emphatic victory in the final, which indicates a commanding performance rather than a result that could have gone either way.

433. **B** **Limestone** – Both the blocks auctioned in the Union Territory are limestone blocks, named the Koot-Kapran Limestone Block and the Wantrag Limestone Block, and both lie in Anantnag district.

434. **C** **Anantnag** – Both the Koot-Kapran Limestone Block and the Wantrag Limestone Block lie in Anantnag district of the Union Territory, and the first of them is located more precisely in Koot and Kapran villages of Dooru Tehsil.

435. **C** **10.853 million tonnes** – The Wantrag Limestone Block covers 5.36 hectares and carries that estimated limestone resource, and it has been explored up to the G-3 stage, a stage reached with 159 metres of drilling.

436. **A** **Hockey** – The gold medal that ended a wait of more than four decades was won in the hockey competition at the Asian Games by India's women's team, and the Prime Minister's message spoke of the win carrying hockey's popularity further across the country.

437. **C** **More than four decades** – That is the length of the wait that the Indian women's hockey team ended by winning the gold medal at the Asian Games, and it is the figure named when the win was described as a very special moment for Indian hockey.

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438. **A** **The women's team won gold** – The achievement in the news is the Indian women's hockey team finishing first in the hockey competition at the Asian Games, a gold that came after a wait of more than four decades.

439. **B** **Sepaktakraw** – The men's quadrant event belongs to the sepaktakraw programme at the Asian Games, and the bronze won by the Indian men's quadrant team is India's first medal in that event at the Games, which is why the win was called a landmark moment for Indian sepaktakraw.

440. **C** **Bronze** – The Indian men's quadrant team finished third in the men's quadrant event of the sepaktakraw competition at the Asian Games and took the bronze medal, and that bronze is India's first medal ever in this event at the Games.

441. **A** **It is India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Asian Games** – The correct answer is that it is India's first-ever medal in the men's quadrant event at the Asian Games.

442. **C** **New Delhi** – The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 was conducted in New Delhi over three days, from 29 September to 1 October 2026, and it was at this apex-level sitting that the Navy's operational and materiel preparedness was reviewed.

443. **B** **Gen NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff** – The correct answer is Gen NS Raja Subramani, the Chief of Defence Staff.

444. **A** **Combat Ready, Credible, Cohesive and Future Ready** – That four-part description is the goal the conference's key deliberations were aligned to, and it was to be reached through jointness, coordination across agencies, the best use of available resources and strategic alignment.

445. **B** **The Netherlands** – Silvio Erkens, the Dutch Minister for Agriculture, Fisheries, Food Security and Nature, held bilateral talks with the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare in New Delhi, and the discussions covered the Centres of Excellence being set up in agricu...

446. **B** **25** – The two sides discussed the progress made on establishing twenty-five Centres of Excellence in the agriculture and horticulture sectors, and these centres are the main instrument through which Dutch expertise in horticulture and protected cultivation reaches...

447. **C** **Seed sector** – The two sides agreed to look at working together in the seed sector through a work plan that would name the key areas of cooperation and lay down a clear framework for effective implementation, and this was the new area taken up alongside the review of existi...

448. **B** **More than 2.42 lakh** – That many Special Gram Sabhas were scheduled across the country on the GPDP Portal and the Panchayat NIRNAY Portal for Gandhi Jayanti, and they were attended by residents, elected representatives, Panchayat functionaries and officials.

449. **A** **Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas (People's Plan Campaign)** – The correct answer is Sabki Yojana, Sabka Vikas, the title of the People's Plan Campaign for the year, under which Panchayats will prepare their Panchayat Development Plans for the financial year that follows.

450. **C** **Rs 4,35,236 crore** – This is the amount the Sixteenth Finance Commission has recommended for Rural Local Bodies for the award period 2026-31, and it marks an increase of nearly 84 per cent over what the Fifteenth Finance Commission provided, with the annual per capita grant risin...

451. **B** **Türkiye** – Navpreet Singh, named by the Ministry of Home Affairs as a hardened kingpin of the narcotics trade, had settled in Türkiye and taken Turkish nationality under the invented identity of Navab Virk.

452. **A** **Navab Virk** – That was the false name under which the narco-trafficking kingpin secured citizenship of Türkiye, and behind it he continued sending heroin and methamphetamine into India from Afghanistan.

453. **C** **288 fugitives from 36 countries** – That is the count the Ministry of Home Affairs gave for the period from 2019 up to August 2026, during which returning absconders was pursued as a national priority through

global outreach, close coordination between agencies and diplomacy.

454. **B** **Resilience in an Age of Flux** – The conclave was organised on that theme by the Institute of Economic Growth, and the Vice-President used it to argue that economic resilience cannot be separated from social resilience, that inclusion is the foundation of resilience, and that no citizen, ent…

455. **A** **Institute of Economic Growth, established in 1952** – The Vice-President recalled that the institute was set up that year under Professor V. K. R. V. Rao and has stayed close to India's development journey ever since; it hosts this conclave.

456. **D** **More than 590 million** – The inaugural address used this figure to show how far financial inclusion has spread, crediting the JAM trinity, Direct Benefit Transfer and the Goods and Services Tax with widening access, improving transparency and formalising the economy.

457. **B** **₹180 crore** – NABKISAN Finance Limited, a subsidiary of NABARD, placed India's first social bond meant only for water, sanitation and hygiene work, and investors bid for 1.8 times the paper on offer.

458. **B** **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development** – NABKISAN Finance Limited is a NABARD subsidiary, and the listing of the WASH bond was described as a step that strengthens the commitment of both NABARD and NABKISAN to new financing routes for rural development.

459. **C** **8.10% a year** – The bond that NABKISAN listed on the National Stock Exchange in Mumbai runs for five years and pays this rate to its holders until it is redeemed in September 2031.

460. **B** **United Republic of Tanzania** – The Assembly and the meetings held around it are taking place at Arusha, a city in that country, from 5 to 9 October 2026, and the Indian Parliamentary Delegation left for Arusha for this purpose.

461. **B** **The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha** – The correct answer is the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Shri Harivansh, who heads the nine-member team that went to Arusha.

462. **D** **The election of the United Nations Secretary-General** – The correct answer is the election of the United Nations Secretary-General, which has nothing to do with this Assembly.

463. **B** **Majigam, Navsari district, Gujarat** – Union Minister of Jal Shakti Shri C. R. Patil attended the Special Gram Sabha there, in Chikhli Block, on Swachh Bharat Diwas.

464. **B** **An annual digital self-assessment carried out by a Gram Panchayat** – The correct answer is an annual digital self-assessment carried out by a Gram Panchayat.

465. **B** **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam** – The correct answer is Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, the plantation drive under which Shri C. R. Patil and the Joint Secretary and Mission Director of the Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) planted trees at Majigam.

466. **B** **Mahatma Gandhi** – National Anti-Drug Addiction Day falls on 2 October, the birth anniversary of Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, and the Central Bureau of Narcotics tied its Rajasthan programmes to Gandhi's message of self-discipline and social responsibility.

467. **C** **Ministry of Finance** – The release on the Rajasthan Unit's anti-addiction programmes was issued under the Ministry of Finance, which is the parent ministry of the Central Bureau of Narcotics; the bureau licenses and supervises legal opium poppy cultivation.

468. **A** **Operation Yuva Raksha** – The student session at the University of Kota was organised by CBN Kota under this campaign, with Deputy Narcotics Commissioner Naresh Bundel as chief guest and the university Registrar Murlidhar Pratihar present; participants ended the session by taking the…

469. **B** **Desert National Park, Jaisalmer** – The two captive-bred birds were moved from a soft-release facility at this park in the Thar desert, with the Union Environment Minister present at the site and the Chief Minister of Rajasthan joining by video conference during Wildlife Week 2026.

470. **C** **Rajasthan** – The bird is the State bird of Rajasthan, and the Chief Minister called the day of its rewilding a day of pride for the whole State, noting that the species is part of the cultural heritage of the Thar and has been brought back from the brink of extinction.

471. **A** **Wildlife Institute of India** – The recovery programme is a joint effort of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Rajasthan Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India, with technical collaboration from the International Fund for Houbara Conservation and fund...

472. **C** **₹60,000 crore** – The scheme is funded three ways: the Centre contributes ₹30,000 crore, the State governments ₹20,000 crore and industry ₹10,000 crore, which together make up the full outlay.

473. **B** **200** – Component I covers a thousand government Industrial Training Institutes, split into 200 Hub ITIs and 800 Spoke ITIs, so option D names the number of spokes rather than hubs.

474. **D** **51%** – PM-SETU puts industry in charge of cluster governance: the anchor industry partner takes a majority holding of fifty-one per cent in the special purpose vehicle, while the Union government and the State government hold the rest in equal parts.

475. **B** **2 October 2026** – The Department of Agricultural Research and Education and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research started the campaign on that day, the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, which is also observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas.

476. **A** **Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan** – The correct answer is Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, who honoured the Safai Mitras of the ICAR-Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute with shawls, bouquets and gifts for keepi...

477. **B** **Dr Mangi Lal Jat** – The correct answer is Dr Mangi Lal Jat, who holds both posts, Secretary of the Department of Agricultural Research and Education and Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

478. **B** **Kumkum Anil Mohod** – She became the first Indian woman to win the Recurve Individual gold medal at the Asian Games, doing so at the 2026 edition, and the Prime Minister congratulated her on the achievement the same day.

479. **C** **Recurve Individual** – The medal was won in the individual event shot with the recurve bow, and it is this event in which no Indian woman had previously finished on the top step at the Asian Games.

480. **A** **By a shoot-off** – The final went to the single-arrow decider that archery uses when two competitors cannot be separated on set points, and the Prime Minister's message praised the composure the archer kept at precisely that moment.

481. **B** **Pranavi Sharath Urs** – She won the country's first gold medal in the Women's Individual Golf event at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister congratulated her the same day, describing the achievement as one for the history books and praising the superb finish that produced it.

482. **A** **Golf** – The medal was won in the Women's Individual Golf event, and it is India's first gold in that event at the Asian Games.

483. **A** **India's first-ever gold in Women's Individual Golf at the Games** – The correct answer is that this is India's first-ever gold in Women's Individual Golf at the Asian Games.

484. **B** **The men's cricket team** – The Prime Minister congratulated the Indian men's cricket side on retaining its gold medal at the Asian Games, called the result a joyous occasion for the nation and wished the players well for their future endeavours.

485. **C** **A title retained from a previous edition** – The message spoke of the team retaining its title and of the gold coming to India yet again, which together make clear that the side was defending a medal it already owned rather than claiming one for the first time.

486. **A** **A joyous occasion for the nation** – That is the phrase used in the congratulatory message, which also carried best wishes to the team members for their future endeavours, while the Prime Minister's Office noted on X that the gold had come to India yet again.

487. **B** **5.56 km** – That is the span over which the country's first free-space Quantum Key Distribution link was established, between the BISAG-N campus and IIT Gandhinagar, in a field trial run on the night of 27 and 28 September.

488. **B** **QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar** – QNu Labs supplied the hardware QKD device Armos, BISAG-N contributed the post-quantum cryptography platform Vedic Kavach along with one end of the link, and IIT Gandhinagar hosted the other end and provided the field setting.

489. **A** **230 to 260 bits per second, with error rate below 5%** – The correct answer is 230 to 260 bits per second, with the Quantum Bit Error Rate held below 5%.

490. **C** **Five** – The Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education approved the establishment of five Centres of Excellence, one each for Classical Assamese, Classical Bengali, Classical Marathi, Classical Pali and Classical Prakrit.

491. **B** **Central University of Odisha** – This pairing is a favourite with paper setters precisely because it is not the one a candidate would guess, since Pali is not a language a reader would associate with a particular modern State in the way Assamese or Bengali is.

492. **B** **Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute, Pune** – The correct answer is the Deccan College Post-Graduate and Research Institute in Pune, a deemed-to-be university, which will host the centre for Classical Marathi in Maharashtra.

493. **B** **Philippines** – The ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise was conducted there, with INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish representing the Indian Navy through both the Harbour Phase and the Sea Phase.

494. **A** **Anchored in Trust, United at Sea** – Themes are among the most heavily tested details in questions on exercises and summits, because they are specific, short and easy to confuse with a plausible alternative.

495. **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.

496. **B** **Hockey** – The Prime Minister, in congratulating the men's team on retaining its Asian Games gold, noted that the triumph was made more special because India's men's and women's hockey teams had both won gold at the same Asian Games for the first time.

497. **C** **Fifth** – The Prime Minister's message recorded that the men's team had won back-to-back Asian Games golds for the first time and had secured a fifth gold in all at the Games, which fixes the running total at five.

498. **A** **Winning the Asian Games hockey gold in consecutive editions** – The correct answer is winning the Asian Games hockey gold in consecutive editions.

499. **A** **Men's 57 kg freestyle** – The wrestler won the gold medal in that weight category, and it was recorded as the first time India has won an Asian Games gold in this event, which is precisely what makes the category worth memorising along with the name.

500. **C** **Bronze** – The congratulatory message traced the wrestler's progress from a bronze medal at the last Asian Games to standing at the top of the podium this time, and it was this climb that the Prime Minister described as a display of great tenacity.

501. **B** **The Prime Minister** – Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the wrestler on winning India's first Asian Games gold in the men's 57 kg freestyle event, called the win a phenomenal triumph and said that the journey from bronze at the last Games to the top of the podium showed g...

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502. **C** **Men's 97 kg freestyle wrestling** – The bronze medal was won in that weight category after a fiercely contested bout, and the result was described as bringing India back on to the podium in the event after six decades.

503. **B** **It returned India to the podium in this event after six decades** – The correct answer is that it returned India to the podium in this event after six decades.

504. **A** **As a new chapter in India's wrestling journey** – Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the wrestler on the bronze won after a fiercely contested bout, said the achievement adds a new chapter to the country's wrestling journey and wished him continued success in the time to come.

505. **B** **Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0** – Jal Arpan is described as a key reform under that mission, and it places rural drinking water systems in the hands of the communities that use them by handing completed schemes to gram panchayats and to Village Water and Sanitation Committees.

506. **B** **346** – That many Har Ghar Jal certificates were generated for eligible gram panchayats and villages, and the issue of these certificates in regional languages through the Jal Arpan module was itself described as a first.

507. **A** **Sujalam Bharat** – Digital governance and asset management under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 are being strengthened through Sujalam Bharat, under which water supply assets and piped water supply sources are geotagged, and on the Jal Arpan occasion a total of 2691 assets were geotagg...

508. **A** **Namami Gange Project** – The auction of mementos presented to the Prime Minister is held so that the gifts serve a larger public purpose, and the money raised in this edition is directed to the Namami Gange Project, the programme for cleaning and conserving the river Ganga.

509. **C** **Harwinder Singh** – He is identified as the first Indian to win a Paralympic gold medal in archery, and an arrow presented by him is one of the seven mementos from Haryana in this edition of the auction.

510. **A** **Men's F41 javelin throw** – Navdeep Singh won the gold medal in that event at the Paris Paralympics, and the cap and signed shirt he presented are part of the Haryana collection in the eighth edition of the PM Mementos auction.

511. **C** **75 thousand** – The target set under White Revolution 2.0 is to establish that many new cooperative dairies across the country, and alongside it to strengthen 46 thousand dairies that already exist.

512. **B** **Ujjain** – The Union Cooperation Minister digitally laid the foundation stone of a milk processing plant of 3 lakh litres a day there, to be built at a cost of 255 crore rupees.

513. **C** **485 grams** – Per capita milk availability in the country has risen by about 58 per cent, from around 307 grams a day in 2014-15 to about 485 grams a day at present, and India is now the world's largest milk producing country.

514. **B** **Silver** – The Indian women's side finished second in the team golf event at the Asian Games 2026, and the Prime Minister congratulated Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar on winning the silver medal.

515. **C** **Golf** – All three athletes were part of the Indian women's team in the team golf event, and the Prime Minister's congratulatory message names golf as the sport in which the silver medal came.

516. **A** **Women's team golf** – Diksha Dagar was in the three-member Indian line-up, along with Aditi Ashok and Pranavi Sharath Urs, that took the silver medal in the women's team golf event at the Asian Games 2026.

517. **B** **53 kg** – Antim Panghal finished second in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games, and the Prime Minister congratulated her on that silver medal, calling it exemplary.

518. **C** **Freestyle** – The event named in the Prime Minister's congratulatory message is the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling competition, so that is the style in which the silver medal was won.

519. **A** **Silver** – The Prime Minister congratulated Antim Panghal on winning the silver medal in the women's 53 kg freestyle wrestling event at the Asian Games, describing her performance as exemplary and wonderful.

520. **B** **Swachhata Mein Sabhag, Swachh Bharat, Viksit Bharat** – This was the theme under which the fortnight-long campaign ran at the All India Institute of Ayurveda from 17 September to 2 October 2026, and it ties participation in cleanliness to the larger goals of a clean and a developed India.

521. **C** **E-waste** – After the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign ended, the All India Institute of Ayurveda moved on to Special Campaign 6.0, which was already under way and continues till 31 October 2026 with the theme of collecting, segregating and disposing of electronic waste effect...

522. **B** **2 October 2026** – The campaign was conducted over a fortnight and was wound up on that date with a campus-wide cleanliness drive, a Swachhata Pledge and the felicitation of Safai Mitras.

523. **A** **Sam, Desert National Park, Jaisalmer** – The correct answer is Sam, in the Desert National Park of Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

524. **D** **97** – The two conservation-breeding facilities at Sam and Ramdevra together hold 97 Great Indian Bustards, and that total is made up of two streams of birds. 40 is wrong on its own because that is only the count of birds that began as eggs collected from the wild,...

525. **B** **Wildlife Institute of India** – The Bustard Recovery Programme is a joint effort of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the Rajasthan Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India, with technical collaboration from the International Fund for Houbara Conservation...

526. **B** **Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat** – The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways is holding its two-day Chintan Shivir there on 5 and 6 October 2026, bringing together senior representatives of the Centre, the States and the agencies that carry out highway work.

527. **C** **Five** – The conclave is built around five thematic sessions: PM GatiShakti and integrated infrastructure planning; Land Acquisition and Bhoomi Rashi; Model Concession Agreements and Ratings; Designing Safe Highways; and Quality Assurance and Project Monitoring.

528. **D** **Nitin Gadkari** – The correct answer is Nitin Gadkari, who holds the Road Transport and Highways portfolio and will speak at the opening session on the first day.

529. **B** **Dr. Jitendra Singh** – The 17th Pension Adalat is being held under the chairmanship of the Union Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, Dr. Jitendra Singh, at the T. N. Chaturvedi Memorial Hall of the Indian Institute of Public Administration in New Delhi...

530. **C** **897** – The 17th Pension Adalat is thematic and lists 897 long-pending grievances belonging only to super-senior pensioners and family pensioners.

531. **B** **2017** – The Department of Pension and Pensioners Welfare introduced Pension Adalats in 2017 as an alternative way of settling complicated and long-pending pension complaints of central government pensioners.

532. **C** **3 lakh** – Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan handed Andhra Pradesh a sanction of three lakh permanent houses, costing Rs 3,600 crore, at Burripalem village in Guntur district, with Chief Minister Nara Chandrab...

533. **B** **Andhra Pradesh** – The foundation stone of the country's first housing project built with 3D concrete printing was laid at Burripalem and Obulnaidupalem in Guntur district of Andhra Pradesh.

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534. **C** **Rs 20,000** – The Centre pays Rs 6,000 a year to eligible farmers under the PM-KISAN Samman Nidhi, and the Andhra Pradesh government adds Rs 14,000 a year under its own Annadata Sukhibhava scheme, so a farmer in the state gets twenty thousand rupees in a year.

535. **B** **Institute of Company Secretaries of India** – Its 58th Foundation Day was celebrated at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, and the Vice-President addressed the gathering, praising the institute for nearly six decades of work in strengthening transparent, ethical and inclusive corporate governance.

536. **A** **MSME Compliance Calendar 2027** – The Vice-President released this calendar at the Foundation Day function and welcomed the institute's work for micro, small and medium enterprises and for start-ups, including the ICSI MSME and Start-up Catalyst.

537. **C** **C. S. Pawan Chandak** – The correct answer is C. S. Pawan Chandak, who is the President of the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and was present at the Foundation Day celebrations at Bharat Mandapam.

538. **B** **Vigyan Bhawan** – The ceremony, organised by the Bhagwan Mahavir Memorial Committee along with Jain Mahasabha Delhi, was held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, and the Vice-President described the occasion as a celebration of the universal values of forgiveness, friendship, non-v...

539. **C** **K. C. Jain** – The correct answer is K. C. Jain, who was given the Jain Samaj Ratna Award by the Vice-President at the ceremony in New Delhi.

540. **A** **Governor of Punjab, Gulab Chand Kataria** – The correct answer is the Governor of Punjab, Gulab Chand Kataria, who attended the ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan.

541. **C** **25** – Four flying squad teams set up by the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas inspected twenty five road stretches of the Inner and Outer Ring Road, together covering about thirty five kilometres, all of them under the Public Works De...

542. **B** **Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas** – The correct answer is the Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas, known as CAQM, which conducted the special inspection drive in Delhi and constituted the flying squad teams for it.

543. **A** **Operation Clean Air** – The Commission said that inspection drives will continue under this operation across Delhi and the National Capital Region, to see how the various air pollution abatement measures are being implemented on the ground, to identify gaps in compliance and to make...

544. **C** **More than 150** – MY Bharat and its partner organisations spread the Walk for Nasha Mukt Yuva across more than 150 locations in the country on that single day, and over one lakh youth and citizens joined in at those venues.

545. **B** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan** – The walk was organised as one activity within that abhiyan, which seeks to mobilise young people and communities against substance abuse through sustained awareness, wide participation and collective action.

546. **C** **MY Bharat** – The walk was organised by MY Bharat together with its partner organisations, and the programme sits under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

547. **B** **2015** – India started the National Supercomputing Mission in April 2015 to build up the country's computing strength, and it was given an outlay of roughly Rs 4,500 crore.

548. **C** **68 PF** – By September 2026 India had 40 supercomputers in service, all built within the country, and their capacity added up to 68 PF.

549. **B** **C-DAC, Pune and IISc, Bengaluru** – The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing at Pune and the Indian Institute of Science at Bengaluru are the two bodies that implement the Mission, while the Department of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology...

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550. **C** **Hyderabad** – The Ministry of Textiles is holding the special showcase of cotton sector reforms at Hyderabad in Telangana on 6 October 2026, and the event is run by the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd, a public sector undertaking of the ministry.

551. **A** **Kapas Kisan** – It is the platform named as a key initiative of the showcase, and it carries the stages of a cotton purchase online: enrolling the grower, booking a slot, sending messages about the purchase and making payment through Aadhaar.

552. **B** **218** – Mera Resham Mera Abhimaan 2.0, the second round of the Central Silk Board campaign, was designed as a structured and outcome-driven drive across 218 key sericulture districts, and those districts together account for over 95 per cent of the country's raw silk...

553. **B** **Pangaon Port, Dhaka** – The vessel leaving the Bogibeel Terminal at Dibrugarh carries methanol made by Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited and sails to Pangaon Port, which lies at Dhaka in Bangladesh.

554. **C** **The Brahmaputra** – The methanol consignment sailing from the Bogibeel Terminal at Dibrugarh to Pangaon Port in Dhaka moves on National Waterway-2, which is the Brahmaputra, and afterwards on the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route.

555. **A** **Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited** – The methanol that sails from the Bogibeel Terminal at Dibrugarh to Pangaon Port in Dhaka has been produced by this company, and its Chairman, Bikul Ch.

556. **B** **15.59 kg** – The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized this cumulative quantity of amphetamine, cocaine and heroin in three separate intelligence-led operations carried out on 29 and 30 September 2026, and five persons were arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.

557. **C** **Rajiv Gandhi International Airport, Hyderabad** – Acting on precise intelligence, officers there stopped an Indian passenger who had arrived from Doha.

558. **B** **Central Bureau of Narcotics** – It joined the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in stopping a Mahindra Thar at the Ujjain-Dewas Toll Plaza in Madhya Pradesh.

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