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PM Modi Attends 26th SCO Summit at Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

1 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 26th SCO Summit at Bishkek in the Kyrgyz Republic, where the Bishkek Declaration and four MoUs were adopted.

- The 26th meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of State was held at Bishkek, capital of the Kyrgyz Republic, from 31 August to 1 September 2026
- This is the 25th anniversary year of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation; Kyrgyzstan held the chair and President Sadyr Japarov hosted the leaders
- India's vision rests on three pillars whose initials spell SCO: S for Security, C for Connectivity and O for Opportunity
- The summit adopted the Bishkek Declaration, four MoUs and more than twenty decisions and statements on climate, nuclear safety, energy conservation and drug addiction
- India will host the first SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum this year; English as an official language of the SCO Charter was among four India-backed proposals in the declaration

Event	26th SCO Summit (Council of Heads of State)
Venue	Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic
Dates	31 August to 1 September 2026
Host	President Sadyr Japarov; Kyrgyzstan held the chair
Milestone	25th anniversary year of the SCO
Outcome document	Bishkek Declaration, four MoUs, over twenty decisions and statements
India's three pillars	Security, Connectivity, Opportunity
India to host	First SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum, this year

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India's GDP Grows 7.8% in Q1 of 2026-27, Best in Four Years

1 September 2026 · Economy

India's real GDP rose 7.8% in the first quarter of 2026-27 to ₹81.36 lakh crore, the strongest first-quarter growth in four years, while real GVA gained 8.2%.

- Real GDP grew 7.8 per cent in the first quarter of 2026-27, the highest first-quarter growth in the four years from 2023-24, and above the Reserve Bank of India's estimate of 7.0 per cent
- Real GDP stood at ₹81.36 lakh crore and nominal GDP at ₹88.27 lakh crore; real GVA was ₹73.82 lakh crore, growing 8.2 per cent
- Investment measured by Gross Fixed Capital Formation rose 11.9 per cent, household consumption 7.1 per cent and exports 12.0 per cent
- Manufacturing grew 9.2 per cent and the tertiary sector 10.0 per cent; real GDP growth for 2025-26 was revised up to 7.8 per cent
- The IMF in July 2026 called India a key engine of global growth, and S&P Global Ratings affirmed the BBB rating with a stable outlook in August 2026

Quarter	First quarter (Q1) of 2026-27
Real GDP growth	7.8 per cent
Real GDP level	₹81.36 lakh crore
Nominal GDP	₹88.27 lakh crore, up 10.3 per cent
Real GVA	₹73.82 lakh crore, up 8.2 per cent
RBI projection for the quarter	7.0 per cent
Investment (GFCF)	Up 11.9 per cent
Manufacturing growth	9.2 per cent

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Shakti Sharma Becomes First Woman Two-Star Officer

1 September 2026 · Defence

Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma became the first woman officer outside the medical stream to reach a two-star rank in the Indian defence forces on 1 September 2026.

- Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma is the first woman officer outside the medical stream in the Indian defence forces to reach the rank of Air Vice Marshal or its equivalent, a two-star rank
- She assumed the appointment of Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Education) at Air Headquarters on 1 September 2026
- She was commissioned into the Education Branch of the Indian Air Force on 18 June 1994 and has served more than three decades
- She was earlier the first woman officer from the three services to command a Sainik School, as Principal of Sainik School, Kapurthala
- She led the creation of the Indian Air Force Chairs of Excellence at IIT Kanpur and Pune University for academic and strategic defence collaboration

Officer	Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma
Record set	First woman officer (non-medical) at a two-star rank in the Indian defence forces
New appointment	Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Education), Air Headquarters
Date of taking charge	1 September 2026
Commissioned	18 June 1994, Education Branch, Indian Air Force
Earlier first	First woman from the tri-services to command a Sainik School, at Kapurthala
Institutions she helped set up	IAF Chairs of Excellence at IIT Kanpur and Pune University
Air Force motto quoted	Touch the Sky with Glory

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IPPB Marks 9th Foundation Day, Launches DakPay Sound Box

1 September 2026 · Banking & Finance

India Post Payments Bank marked its 9th Foundation Day on 1 September 2026 and launched the DakPay Sound Box for merchants along with two new digital platforms.

- India Post Payments Bank marked its 9th Foundation Day on 1 September 2026; the bank was launched on 1 September 2018 under the Department of Posts with the entire equity held by the Government of India
- Three launches were announced: the DakPay Sound Box for Merchants, a Digital Insurance Technology Platform and a Digital Mutual Fund Platform
- As on 31 March 2026 the bank had 13.25 crore customers, 77 per cent of them rural and 49 per cent women, with deposits of ₹29,104 crore
- Digital financial transactions touched ₹21.61 lakh crore, UPI remittances ₹7.41 lakh crore, and 6.5 crore DBT beneficiaries received about ₹1.55 lakh crore
- Shri R. Viswesvaran is the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer; the bank serves more than 13 crore customers in 5.57 lakh villages and towns in 13 languages

Occasion	9th Foundation Day of India Post Payments Bank (IPPB Day 2026)
Bank launched on	1 September 2018
Ownership	Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications; 100% equity with the Government of India
MD and CEO	Shri R. Viswesvaran
Main launch	DakPay Sound Box for Merchants
Other launches	Digital Insurance Technology Platform and Digital Mutual Fund Platform
Customers (31 March 2026)	13.25 crore, 77% rural and 49% women
Deposits	₹29,104 crore

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PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana Score Rises to 38.85 in July

1 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The average score of the 100 districts under PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana rose from 22.54 in April 2026 to 38.85 in July 2026, a gain of 16.31 points.

- The average score of the 100 PM-DDKY districts across six objectives rose from 22.54 in April 2026 to 38.85 in July 2026, an improvement of 16.31 points
- PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana covers 100 districts chosen for low agricultural productivity, low cropping intensity and low agricultural credit disbursement
- It is implemented through the convergence of 36 central schemes of 11 ministries and departments, along with state schemes and private-sector participation
- Progress is tracked on 121 indicators, made up of 74 output indicators and 47 outcome indicators, with monthly district rankings on the dashboard
- Between January and July 2026 the scheme trained 6,90,530 farmers and 88,961 extension workers, and 2,20,683 more were trained in natural farming

Scheme	Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PM-DDKY)
Reviewed by	Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, at Krishi Bhawan, New Delhi
Coverage	100 districts with low productivity, low cropping intensity and low farm credit
Objectives	Six, from productivity and diversification to credit and governance
Convergence	36 central schemes of 11 ministries and departments
Indicators	121 in all, being 74 output and 47 outcome indicators
Average score	Rose from 22.54 in April 2026 to 38.85 in July 2026, a gain of 16.31 points
Training, January to July 2026	6,90,530 farmers and 88,961 extension workers; 2,20,683 trained in natural farming

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Indian Railways Approves Kavach 4.0 and Three More Works

1 September 2026 · National

Indian Railways sanctioned four works on 1 September 2026, among them Kavach 4.0 on 712 route km of the Moradabad Division at a cost of ₹170 crore.

- Kavach Version 4.0 was sanctioned for the remaining 712 route kilometres of the Moradabad Division of Northern Railway at a cost of ₹170 crore
- Electronic Interlocking was approved at 21 stations of the Samastipur Division of East Central Railway at a cost of ₹233 crore, which also prepares them for Kavach
- An 11 km bypass line between Adra and Joychandipahar in South Eastern Railway was cleared for ₹272 crore as part of the Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor
- The Bhavnagar Para yard in Gujarat will be remodelled for about ₹125 crore to decongest Bhavnagar Terminus, with a new high-level island platform and two road under bridges
- Kavach is an indigenous Automatic Train Protection system that prevents Signal Passing at Danger, applies brakes automatically and controls train speed

Kavach 4.0 sanction	Remaining 712 route kilometres of Moradabad Division, Northern Railway, for ₹170 crore
Electronic Interlocking	21 stations of Samastipur Division, East Central Railway, for ₹233 crore
New bypass line	11 km between Adra and Joychandipahar, South Eastern Railway, for ₹272 crore
Yard remodelling	Bhavnagar Para, Gujarat, for about ₹125 crore
What Kavach is	Indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP) system
Corridor	The Adra-Joychandipahar bypass is part of the Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor
Freight served	SAIL's iron ore demand of 23.40 MTPA and BCCL's projected 45 rakes a day
Capacity outlook	Line capacity of 47.50 per cent expected to reach 56.45 per cent by 2028-29; extra traffic of 8.88 MTPA

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Swachh Sagar Surakshit Sagar 5.0 Launched for Ocean Cleanup

1 September 2026 · Environment

Dr Jitendra Singh launched the 5th edition of Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar, a nationwide coastal cleanup campaign that will run from 12 to 19 September 2026.

- Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences, launched the 5th edition of Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar on 1 September 2026
- The campaign, written as SSSS v.5.0, will run for a week from 12 to 19 September 2026 and is led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences
- Beach clean-up drives are planned at more than 100 locations, along with a human chain, cycling rallies, marathons and ozone day activities
- The first-ever national Ocean Olympiad is the new element of this edition, meant to build environmental awareness among students and youth
- The Minister said India's coastline stretches over 11,000 km, and named the SAGAR PRAHARI mobile app, the Ocean Pledge and the campaign website among the launches

Campaign	Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar 2026 (SSSS v.5.0), 5th edition
Launched by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences
Ministry	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Dates	12 to 19 September 2026, a week-long campaign
Coastline quoted	Over 11,000 km, from the eastern to the western side of India
Clean-up locations	More than 100 across the country
New this edition	First-ever national Ocean Olympiad
Mobile app	SAGAR PRAHARI

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RDI Fund of ₹1 Lakh Crore Needs Wider Awareness: Minister

1 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Dr Jitendra Singh sought wider awareness of the ₹1 lakh crore RDI Fund at the 30th Foundation Day of the Technology Development Board on 1 September 2026.

- Dr Jitendra Singh called for wider awareness about the ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund, so that eligible applicants understand its purpose and process
- He spoke at the 30th Foundation Day of the Technology Development Board, which was set up to carry technologies from the laboratory to the market
- The RDI Fund offers support at a later stage, at TRL4 level, and the Technology Development Board was the first to roll out its proposals
- The Minister said the fund must not be seen as another source of finance or a conventional loan facility, and that the funding process is transparent with safeguards in place
- He said start-ups are not limited to Bengaluru or Hyderabad, with more than 50 per cent coming from smaller towns, and cited Skyroot and BotLab as examples of TDB support

Fund	Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Corpus	₹1 lakh crore
Occasion	30th Foundation Day of the Technology Development Board (TDB)
Minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister for Science and Technology
Stage of support	Later stage, at TRL4 level; TDB first to roll out proposals
TDB's mandate	To take technologies from laboratories into products, solutions and enterprises
Examples of TDB support	Skyroot and BotLab
Start-ups from smaller towns	More than 50 per cent

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Q1 2026-27 GDP Estimates Explained: Base Year and Deflators

2 September 2026 · Economy

GDP at current prices for the first quarter of 2026-27 stood at Rs 88.27 lakh crore, and manufacturing GVA was worked out using the double deflation method.

- The updated annual and quarterly GDP series, released on 31 August 2026, uses 2022-23 as its base year in place of 2011-12, along with a new output PPI and a Banking Services Price Index
- Manufacturing GVA is now compiled by double deflation, under which output and intermediate consumption are deflated separately; the IMF calls it the preferred method for volume measurement
- Manufacturing nominal GVA grew 7.7 per cent against real growth of 9.2 per cent, producing an implicit GVA deflator of -1.5 per cent, while agriculture recorded implied inflation of 3.9 per cent
- Mining and quarrying had real GVA growth of -2.4 per cent but nominal growth of 22.3 per cent, because crude petroleum and natural gas prices rose 69.5, 72.2 and 33.7 per cent in April, May and June
- GDP at current prices was Rs 88.27 lakh crore in the first quarter of 2026-27, to be read against the same series estimate of Rs 80.32 lakh crore, not the old Rs 86.05 lakh crore

Ministry	Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Quarter	First quarter (April-June) of 2026-27
New base year	2022-23, replacing 2011-12
Updated series released	31 August 2026
New method	Double deflation for manufacturing
GDP at current prices, Q1 2026-27	Rs 88.27 lakh crore
Comparable Q1 2025-26 estimate	Rs 80.32 lakh crore
Manufacturing implicit GVA deflator	-1.5 per cent

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Japan Credit Rating Agency Upgrades India to 'A-', Outlook Stable

2 September 2026 · Economy

Japan Credit Rating Agency raised India's long-term foreign and local currency issuer ratings by one notch from 'BBB+' to 'A-' and kept the outlook stable.

- Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR) raised India's long-term foreign currency and local currency issuer ratings by one notch from BBB+ to A-, with a stable outlook
- India's country ceiling was also raised by one notch to A, which lets Indian companies borrow abroad on easier terms
- JCR cited real GDP growth of 7.8 per cent in FY26, with the same pace held in the first quarter of FY27
- The Centre's fiscal deficit fell from 4.7 per cent in FY25 to 4.4 per cent in FY26 while capital spending stayed high
- Morningstar DBRS upgraded India in May 2025, S&P Global Ratings in August 2025 and R&I of Japan in September 2025

Agency	Japan Credit Rating Agency (JCR)
Earlier rating	BBB+
New rating	A- (one notch up)
Outlook	Stable
Country ceiling	Raised one notch to A
Ratings covered	Long-term foreign currency and local currency issuer ratings
Real GDP growth cited	7.8 per cent in FY26
Fiscal deficit	4.7 per cent in FY25 to 4.4 per cent in FY26

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GIFT IFSC Banks Disburse \$52.82 Billion Under RBI Swap Facility

2 September 2026 · Banking & Finance

Twenty IFSC Banking Units at GIFT City sanctioned \$54.02 billion under the RBI's FCNR(B) swap facility by 31 August 2026, of which \$52.82 billion was disbursed.

- As on 31 August 2026, twenty IFSC Banking Units at GIFT City had sanctioned USD 54.02 billion under the RBI's special swap facility for FCNR(B) deposits, of which about USD 52.82 billion was disbursed
- Sanctions rose from USD 28.60 billion on 14 August to USD 37.26 billion on 21 August and USD 54.02 billion by 31 August 2026
- IBUs disbursed USD 11.62 billion of External Commercial Borrowings between April and August 2026, monthly flows rising from USD 1.54 billion to USD 3.54 billion
- Indian banks raised USD 11.12 billion through bond listings on IFSC exchanges in the same period, USD 9.17 billion of it in July and August 2026
- IFSCA, headed by Chairperson K. Rajaraman, is the unified regulator for IFSCs in India, established under the IFSCA Act, 2019

Regulator	International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)
Established under	IFSCA Act, 2019
Chairperson	K. Rajaraman
Location	GIFT City IFSC, Gujarat
Facility	RBI special swap facility for FCNR(B) deposits
Sanctioned as on 31 August 2026	USD 54.02 billion by 20 IBUs
Disbursed	About USD 52.82 billion
ECBs disbursed, April-August 2026	USD 11.62 billion

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Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules 2026 Notified

2 September 2026 · National

The Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026 make IST the legally recognised time reference for India and come into force 180 days after publication.

- The Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026 were notified by the Department of Consumer Affairs on 27 August 2026 and published in the Official Gazette on 29 August 2026
- The Rules come into force 180 days from the date of publication and support the Government's One Nation, One Time vision
- CSIR-National Physical Laboratory, India's National Metrology Institute, generates IST using an ensemble of atomic clocks and keeps it traceable to UTC within a few nanoseconds
- Secondary timescales were set up jointly by CSIR-NPL, ISRO and Legal Metrology at five Regional Reference Standard Laboratories: Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Faridabad and Guwahati
- IST is disseminated through NTP and PTP over networks, through ISRO's NavIC by satellite, and through White Rabbit over optical fibre, which is under testing

Rules	Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026
Notified by	Department of Consumer Affairs, Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution
Date of notification	27 August 2026
Gazette publication	29 August 2026
Coming into force	180 days after publication
Vision	One Nation, One Time
Scientific custodian of IST	CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (CSIR-NPL)
International reference	Coordinated Universal Time (UTC), maintained by BIPM

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/legal-metrology-indian-standard-time-rules-2026-notified/

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2024 Announced

2 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

Four adventurers will receive the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2024, each getting a statuette, a certificate and prize money of Rs 15 lakh.

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards for 2024, covering Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure and Lifetime Achievement
- Baljeet Kaur and Skalzang Rigzin were named for Land Adventure, Rimo Saha for Water Adventure and Shiv Prasad Chamoli for Lifetime Achievement
- Each awardee receives a statuette, a certificate and award money of Rs 15 lakh
- The President of India will confer the awards at Rashtrapati Bhavan along with the National Sports Awards 2025, on a date to be announced separately
- The selections were made on the recommendations of the National Selection Committee after scrutiny of the nominations

Award	Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards (TNNAA) 2024
Ministry	Youth Affairs and Sports
Categories	Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure, Lifetime Achievement
Land Adventure	Baljeet Kaur and Skalzang Rigzin
Water Adventure	Rimo Saha
Lifetime Achievement	Shiv Prasad Chamoli
Award money	Rs 15 lakh, with a statuette and a certificate
Conferred by	President of India, at Rashtrapati Bhavan

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16th Aero India to Be Held at Bengaluru in February 2027

2 September 2026 · Defence

The 16th Aero India will run from 8 to 12 February 2027 at Air Force Station Yelahanka, Bengaluru, with exhibitor registration opening on 3 September 2026.

- The 16th edition of Aero India will be held from 8 to 12 February 2027 at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, in Bengaluru, Karnataka
- It is organised by the Department of Defence Production under the Ministry of Defence, and is described as Asia's largest air show
- Online registration and booking of exhibition space begin on 3 September 2026 through the portal www.aeroindia.gov.in
- The five-day event features an exhibition, business and strategic engagements, technology demonstrations and aerial displays by the Indian Air Force and international flying teams
- The show is expected to support the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision and open opportunities for Indian defence firms, including MSMEs and start-ups

Event	16th Aero India
Dates	8 to 12 February 2027
Venue	Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru
State	Karnataka
Organiser	Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence
Duration	Five days
Registration opens	3 September 2026
Portal	www.aeroindia.gov.in

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18th BRICS IP Offices Heads Meeting Held in New Delhi

2 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 18th Meeting of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices of BRICS countries ran in New Delhi from 1 to 3 September 2026 and adopted Updated Operational Guidelines.

- The 18th Meeting of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices of BRICS countries was held in New Delhi from 1 to 3 September 2026
- It was hosted by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks under DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- Around 35 delegates took part; those from Russia, Iran and Ethiopia joined online while other member offices attended in person
- The meeting adopted the Updated Operational Guidelines, its main outcome, to guide cooperation and help shape global IP standards
- Deliberations followed the theme of India's BRICS Chairship, Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability

Meeting	18th Meeting of Heads of IP Offices of BRICS countries
Venue	New Delhi
Dates	1 to 3 September 2026 (three days)
Host	Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks (CGPDTM)
Parent department	DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Delegates	Around 35
Joined online	Russia, Iran and Ethiopia
Main outcome	Updated Operational Guidelines adopted

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IBCA and ADB Sign MoU at Tiger Landscapes Workshop in Delhi

2 September 2026 · Environment

Bhupender Yadav opened a two-day international workshop on tiger landscapes in New Delhi, where the International Big Cat Alliance and the ADB signed an MoU.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated a two-day international workshop on tiger landscapes in New Delhi on 2 September 2026, running on 2 and 3 September
- It is jointly organised by the International Big Cat Alliance, the Asian Development Bank and the National Tiger Conservation Authority
- IBCA and ADB signed an MoU covering landscape conservation, sustainable development, capacity building, knowledge exchange and nature-positive financing
- ADB Country Director for India Mia Oka said 2026 marks 40 years of the bank's partnership with India
- Experts and government representatives from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, Malaysia, Nepal and Vietnam attended; IBCA works on the conservation of seven big cat species

Event	International Workshop on Tiger Landscapes
Theme	Tiger Landscapes: Conservation, Bioeconomy and Ecotourism as Pillars for Livelihood and Income Generation
Dates	2 and 3 September 2026 (two days)
Venue	New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Organisers	IBCA, ADB and NTCA
Agreement	MoU between IBCA and ADB
DG, IBCA	S. P. Yadav

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India-Belgium Joint Statement: Defence LoI and Investment Track

3 September 2026 · International

Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever visited India from 2 to 4 September 2026, and the two sides signed a Letter of Intent between their Defence Ministries.

- Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever was on an official visit to India from 2 to 4 September 2026, his first since taking office in February 2025, accompanied by Defence and Foreign Trade Minister Theo Francken
- A Letter of Intent was signed between the Defence Ministries of the two countries, and an MoU between the Central Bureau of Investigation and Belgium's Federal Police on organised crime and cybercrime
- Belgium was among the first European countries to establish diplomatic relations with India in 1947, and the 80th anniversary of those relations will fall in 2027
- The two countries will back each other for non-permanent seats on the UN Security Council, India for the 2028-29 term and Belgium for 2037-2038, and Belgium supports India's permanent seat
- The India-Belgium Investment Fast-Track Mechanism was launched, and the leaders aimed at doubling bilateral trade over the next 5 years; the Belgian frigate LEOPOLD I will visit India from 5 to 8 November 2026

Visiting leader	Bart De Wever, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium
Dates of visit	2 to 4 September 2026
Accompanying minister	Theo Francken, Minister of Defence and Foreign Trade
Diplomatic relations since	1947
Anniversary in 2027	80th anniversary of Belgium-India relations
Defence document signed	Letter of Intent between the two Defence Ministries
Police MoU	Central Bureau of Investigation and Federal Police of Belgium
Investment platform launched	India-Belgium Investment Fast-Track Mechanism

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Rajnath Singh Releases 'RAKSHA' Defence Diplomacy Document

3 September 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the 'RAKSHA' document in New Delhi, setting out India's defence diplomacy roadmap for global partnerships over the next 10 years.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh released the 'RAKSHA' document on defence diplomacy in New Delhi on 3 September 2026
- The document sets out India's strategic roadmap and vision for global defence partnerships over the next 10 years, that is, for the coming decade
- Its four pillars are Strategic Partnerships, Capacity Building, Indigenous Exports and Maritime Security
- Under Maritime Security the document strengthens India's role as a Net Security Provider and a First Responder in the Indian Ocean Region
- Indigenous Exports seeks to promote Make-in-India defence platforms so that India becomes a reliable global defence manufacturing hub

Document released	RAKSHA, on defence diplomacy
Released by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Date and place	3 September 2026, New Delhi
Period covered	The next 10 years
Pillar 1	Strategic Partnerships
Pillar 2	Capacity Building
Pillar 3	Indigenous Exports
Pillar 4	Maritime Security

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/rajnath-singh-releases-raksha-defence-diplomacy-document/

Steel Sector Grows in April-August 2026; NMDC Sets August Record

3 September 2026 · Economy

India's steel production, consumption and trade all rose between April and August 2026, and NMDC mined 4.07 million tonnes of iron ore in August alone.

- The Ministry of Steel's review for April to August 2026, based on provisional Joint Plant Committee data, showed crude steel output up 1.8 per cent and finished steel consumption up 7.0 per cent over the year
- India remained a net importer of finished steel by quantity during April to August 2026, even though both imports and exports grew
- NMDC mined 4.07 million tonnes of iron ore in August 2026 with sales of 3.58 million tonnes, growth of 20.8 per cent and 5.6 per cent; its Kirandul, Bacheli and Donimalai mines set August records
- SRTMI of India and SWERIM of Sweden signed an MoU covering iron and steel research, green steel, decarbonisation, the circular economy and advanced steels
- SAIL won Top Employer certification valid till December 2027, and its Bhilai Steel Plant launched a carbon dioxide dashboard for daily monitoring of emissions

Data source	Provisional Joint Plant Committee data for August 2026
Period reviewed	April to August 2026
Crude steel growth	1.8 per cent over the year
Finished steel consumption growth	7.0 per cent over the year
Net trade position	India was a net importer of finished steel by quantity
Top 7 producers	SAIL, RINL, NSL, TSL Group, AM/NS, JSL (JSPL), JSW Group
NMDC iron ore, August 2026	4.07 million tonnes mined, 3.58 million tonnes sold
NMDC record mines	Kirandul, Bacheli and Donimalai

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/steel-sector-grows-in-april-august-2026-nmdc-sets-august-record/

NHAI Announces Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026 Winners

3 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

NHAI named the winners of the Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026 in three plantation categories, choosing from 86 nominations received from across the country.

- NHAI announced the winners of the Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026 in three categories: Avenue Plantations, Median Plantations, and Plantation in Land Parcels covering clover leaves, interchanges, toll plazas and service areas
- A total of 86 nominations came from across the country, 27 for Avenue Plantations, 36 for Median Plantations and 23 for Plantation in Land Parcels
- After initial screening, 15 nominations were shortlisted for final assessment, five in each of the three categories
- The survival rate of plantations carried the highest weight in the assessment framework, and entries had to submit geo-tagged photographs and drone videos
- The awards were instituted by NHAI in 2025 as mandated in the Green Highways Policy, 2015

Awarding body	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Award	Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026
Categories	Avenue Plantations, Median Plantations, Plantation in Land Parcels
Nominations received	86
Category-wise nominations	27 Avenue, 36 Median, 23 Land Parcels
Shortlisted	15, five in each category
Highest weight in assessment	Survival rate of plantations
Awards instituted	2025

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/nhai-announces-green-highways-excellence-awards-2026-winners/

CeNS Bengaluru Turns Peptides Into Piezoelectric Biomaterials

3 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Scientists at CeNS Bengaluru switched on a strong piezoelectric response in peptides by adding one per cent of a co-solvent, opening the way to self-powered implants.

- Researchers at the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, made highly efficient piezoelectric biomaterials from peptides
- The work was done with IISER Kolkata and JNCASR Bengaluru, and was led by Dr Goutam Ghosh with his doctoral scholar Aparna Ramesh
- Adding just one per cent of a suitable co-solvent reorganised the peptide molecules into an ordered supramolecular arrangement and switched on a strong piezoelectric response without changing the chemical composition
- Controlled chiral self-assembly aligns molecular dipoles into a non-centrosymmetric structure, which is the basic structural requirement for piezoelectricity
- The engineered peptide nanomaterials reached a piezoelectric coefficient of nearly 30 pm per volt, and the discovery was published in Angewandte Chemie International Edition

Lead institute	Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS), Bengaluru
Parent department	Department of Science and Technology
Partner institutes	IISER Kolkata and JNCASR, Bengaluru
Led by	Dr Goutam Ghosh, with doctoral scholar Aparna Ramesh
Material used	Peptides, the natural building blocks of proteins
Key intervention	Adding one per cent of a suitable co-solvent
Structural requirement	Non-centrosymmetric structure formed by chiral self-assembly
Microscopy used	Atomic force microscopy and field emission scanning electron microscopy

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Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan Turns Six: National Pledge Planned

3 September 2026 · Government Schemes

A National Mass Pledge against drug abuse has been planned for the 6th anniversary of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, which has reached over 34.56 crore citizens.

- A National Mass Pledge Against Drug Abuse has been planned for this month to mark the 6th anniversary of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan, with a target of mobilising more than 10 crore citizens
- The Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment on 15 August 2020 to curb drug demand in the country
- The campaign has reached more than 34.56 crore citizens, including over 13.71 crore youth and 10.65 crore women, and more than 1.64 lakh Nasha Mukti Mitras have joined it
- The strategy runs under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction and rests on the first National Survey on the Extent and Pattern of Substance Use, done by the NDDTC at AIIMS New Delhi
- The de-addiction helpline number is 14446, and the NMBA 2.0 mobile application helps a citizen locate the nearest de-addiction centre

Campaign	Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Launched on	15 August 2020
Anniversary being marked	6th
Nodal Ministry	Social Justice and Empowerment
Target for the pledge	More than 10 crore citizens
Citizens reached so far	More than 34.56 crore
Youth and women reached	Over 13.71 crore youth and 10.65 crore women
Nasha Mukti Mitras	More than 1.64 lakh

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Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari Crosses 1.58 Crore Recharge Structures

3 September 2026 · Environment

More than 1.58 crore artificial groundwater recharge structures had been built under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari as of 3 September 2026, a PIB backgrounder said.

- Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari was launched on 6 September 2024 and is guided by the 3Cs, namely Community, Corporate Social Responsibility and Cost, following a Whole-of-Government and Whole-of-Society approach
- More than 27 lakh structures were built under JSJB 1.0 by May 2025; JSJB 2.0 was launched in June 2025 and had more than 1.5 crore recharge structures by May 2026
- In June 2026 the initiative was merged with the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain campaign, and as of 3 September 2026 more than 1.58 crore artificial groundwater recharge structures had been built
- The Ministry of Jal Shakti held its first Departmental Summit in New Delhi on 1 and 2 September 2026, with four thematic pillars including rural water supply under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
- Under the Aawa Paani Jhoki movement in Korea district of Chhattisgarh, more than 1,260 farmers gave 5 per cent of their land for recharge ponds and groundwater rose by 3 to 4 metres in many villages

Initiative	Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB)
Launched on	6 September 2024
Guiding principle	The 3Cs: Community, Corporate Social Responsibility and Cost
JSJB 1.0 progress	More than 27 lakh structures by May 2025
JSJB 2.0 launched	June 2025
JSJB 2.0 progress	More than 1.5 crore structures by May 2026
Merged in June 2026 with	Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain (JSA: CTR)
Total as of 3 September 2026	More than 1.58 crore recharge structures

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Grain Storage Plan: Godowns Built in 313 PACS by July 2026

3 September 2026 · Government Schemes

Godown construction under the Decentralised Grain Storage Plan was complete in 313 PACS by July 2026, creating more than 1.80 lakh metric tonnes of storage capacity.

- The Decentralised Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector was launched in 2023 and works through Primary Agricultural Credit Societies, with the National Cooperative Development Corporation as the implementing agency
- The pilot covered 11 PACS across 11 states with 9,750 MT of capacity; by July 2026, 1012 PACS had been identified and godowns were complete in 313 PACS, creating more than 1.80 lakh metric tonnes of capacity
- Foodgrain production for 2025-26 is estimated at 376.563 million tonnes against 357.732 million tonnes a year earlier, while the National Food Security Act of 2013 covers about 80 crore people
- The subsidy under the Agricultural Marketing Infrastructure scheme was raised from 25 per cent to 33.33 per cent, and with NABARD refinance and 3 per cent interest subvention the effective loan rate for PACS falls to 1 per cent
- Nerpingalai PACS in Amravati, Maharashtra built a 3,000 MT warehouse where about 300 farmers store nearly 32,000 bags of soybean, with advances of about Rs 4.50 crore given against stored produce

Plan	Decentralised Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector
Launched	2023; pilot rolled out on 31 May 2023
Works through	Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)
Implementing agency	National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC)
Pilot	11 PACS across 11 states, 9,750 MT of capacity
PACS identified by July 2026	1012
Godowns completed by July 2026	313 PACS
Capacity created	More than 1.80 lakh metric tonnes

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/grain-storage-plan-godowns-built-in-313-pacs-by-july-2026/

ISRO Launches EOS-05 on GSLV-F17: A Geosynchronous First

4 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed ISRO for the successful launch of GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05, India's first imaging satellite placed in Geosynchronous orbit.

- ISRO successfully launched GSLV-F17 carrying the satellite EOS-05, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the space agency on 4 September 2026
- EOS-05 is India's first-ever imaging satellite to be placed in Geosynchronous orbit, a first for the Indian space programme
- The Prime Minister said the launch reflects the excellence, innovation and growing capabilities of India's space sector
- He also said the growing partnership between ISRO and Indian industry is adding new strength and scale to the space programme
- GSLV stands for Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle and EOS stands for Earth Observation Satellite

Launch vehicle	GSLV-F17
Satellite	EOS-05, an imaging satellite
Orbit	Geosynchronous orbit
Distinction	India's first-ever imaging satellite from Geosynchronous orbit
Agency	Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
Congratulated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a post on X

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India-France Space Talks Ahead of Paris International Space Summit

4 September 2026 · International

Dr Jitendra Singh and French Minister Philippe Baptiste met virtually on 4 September 2026 to plan India's role at the Paris International Space Summit.

- Dr Jitendra Singh and France's Minister for Higher Education, Research and Space, Prof Philippe Baptiste, held a virtual bilateral meeting on space cooperation
- The International Space Summit is to be held in Paris on 9 and 10 September 2026, while the Bengaluru Space Expo runs from 7 to 9 September 2026
- The Chairman of ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space has been invited to deliver the opening keynote at Paris on India's future human spaceflight in Low Earth Orbit
- Prof Philippe Baptiste will visit India from 28 to 30 September 2026 and wishes to see ISRO facilities in Bengaluru
- ISRO and France's CNES have flown the joint satellite missions Megha-Tropiques and SARAL in a partnership of nearly six decades

Indian minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
French minister	Prof Philippe Baptiste, Minister for Higher Education, Research and Space
International Space Summit	Paris, 9 to 10 September 2026
Bengaluru Space Expo	7 to 9 September 2026
Keynote invitation	Chairman, ISRO / Secretary, Department of Space, on India's future human spaceflight in Low Earth Orbit
French space agency	CNES
Joint missions	Megha-Tropiques and SARAL
Visit of Prof Baptiste	28 to 30 September 2026

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India Wins Best-Ever 9 Medals at 19th Earth Science Olympiad

4 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

India took nine medals, four of them gold, at the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad in Turin, Italy, its best-ever haul at the competition.

- India won nine medals, four gold, three silver and two bronze, at the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad 2026, its highest-ever tally at the event
- The Olympiad was held in Turin, Italy from 20 to 27 August 2026 under the aegis of the International Geoscience Organisation, with 39 countries taking part
- Soumik Mandal of DAV Model School, Durgapur, West Bengal won two gold and one silver and stood third in the overall global ranking
- Union Minister for Earth Sciences Dr Jitendra Singh felicitated the team at Prithvi Bhawan, Lodhi Road, New Delhi
- Selection began with an all-India test facilitated by the Geological Society of India in which about 17,800 students appeared at 500 centres

Event	19th International Earth Science Olympiad (IESO) 2026
Venue	Turin, Italy
Dates of the Olympiad	20 to 27 August 2026
Held under	International Geoscience Organisation
Countries taking part	39
India's medals	9 in all: 4 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze, the highest ever
Top Indian performer	Soumik Mandal, 2 gold and 1 silver, third in the global ranking
Felicitated by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister (Independent Charge) for Earth Sciences

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Amit Shah Opens World Archery Para Series in Ahmedabad

4 September 2026 · Sports

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Archery Association of India's World Archery Para Series in Ahmedabad, with 108 athletes from 19 countries.

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Archery Association of India's World Archery Para Series through video conferencing
- The competition is being held in Ahmedabad from 5 to 9 September 2026 with 108 athletes from 19 countries taking part
- The Home Minister named Harvinder Singh, Sheetal Devi, Rakesh Kumar, Shyam Sundar Sami and Payal Nag among archers who brought India global glory
- The 2030 Commonwealth Games will be the centenary edition of the Games and Ahmedabad will host it
- Ahmedabad has submitted a bid to host the 2036 Olympic Games, and Gujarat hosted around 10 international sporting events between 2025 and 2026

Event	World Archery Para Series
Organiser	Archery Association of India
Inaugurated by	Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah, through video conferencing
Dates	5 to 9 September 2026
Host city	Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Participation	108 athletes from 19 countries
Indian para archers named	Harvinder Singh, Sheetal Devi, Rakesh Kumar, Shyam Sundar Sami, Payal Nag
Commonwealth Games 2030	Centenary edition, to be hosted by Ahmedabad

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SAIL Posts Best-Ever August Output and 13% Sales Growth

4 September 2026 · Economy

SAIL recorded its best-ever August production of hot metal, crude steel and saleable steel in August 2026, with total sales rising 13 per cent to 1.871 million tonnes.

- SAIL achieved its best-ever August output of hot metal, crude steel and saleable steel in August 2026
- Crude steel production grew 8 per cent to 1.68 MT, hot metal rose 9 per cent to 1.78 MT and saleable steel rose 1 per cent to 1.69 MT
- Total sales in August 2026 were 1.871 million tonnes, a rise of 13 per cent over 1.654 million tonnes a year earlier, with cash collections up 23 per cent
- Rail supplies to Indian Railways rose 5 per cent to 1.23 lakh tonnes, and Long Rails supplies touched a record 1.12 lakh tonnes
- SAIL cut borrowings by Rs 870 crore from the 31.03.2026 level and cumulative April to August 2026 sales reached 7.71 million tonnes

Company	Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), under the Ministry of Steel
Crude steel, August 2026	1.68 MT, up 8 per cent from 1.55 MT
Hot metal, August 2026	1.78 MT, up 9 per cent from 1.63 MT
Saleable steel, August 2026	1.69 MT, up 1 per cent from 1.66 MT
Total sales, August 2026	1.871 million tonnes, up 13 per cent from 1.654 million tonnes
Cash collections	Up 23 per cent year on year
Rail supplies to Indian Railways	1.23 lakh tonnes, up 5 per cent from 1.18 lakh tonnes
Long Rails supplies	1.12 lakh tonnes, highest ever, up 11 per cent

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India-EU FTA Binds a Market of 2 Billion People: Piyush Goyal

4 September 2026 · Economy

Piyush Goyal told the India-Belgium High-Level Dialogue in Mumbai that the India-EU FTA joins 2 billion people and a quarter of the global GDP.

- Piyush Goyal addressed the India-Belgium High-Level Dialogue on the India-EU FTA in Mumbai, with Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis present
- The India-EU FTA brings together 2 billion people, a quarter of global GDP, a third of world trade and a market of USD 24 trillion, with all 27 EU countries on board
- Bart De Wever said tariffs on more than 95 per cent of Indian and European goods exports would be scrapped or reduced
- India-EU trade has doubled over the last decade to nearly USD 140 billion, and the Port of Antwerp-Bruges is Europe's second-largest seaport
- India aims to grow from a USD 4 trillion economy to a USD 30 trillion economy by 2047, when it completes 100 years of independence

Event	India-Belgium High-Level Dialogue on the India-EU FTA, Mumbai
Addressed by	Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal
Also present	Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis
People covered by the FTA	2 billion, a quarter of global GDP and a third of world trade
Size of the combined market	USD 24 trillion
EU countries on board	All 27
Tariff relief	On more than 95 per cent of Indian and European goods exports
India-EU trade	Doubled in a decade to nearly USD 140 billion

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Geothermal Energy: India's First Two Wells at Puga Valley, Ladakh

4 September 2026 · Environment

A PIB backgrounder sets out India's geothermal push: the first two wells at Puga Valley in Ladakh, 381 mapped hot springs and a 10.6 GW theoretical prospect.

- The ONGC Energy Centre commissioned India's first two geothermal wells at Puga Valley in Ladakh in July 2026, each about 1,000 metres deep
- Puga Valley lies at over 14,000 feet above sea level and the wells pave the way for India's first 1 megawatt demonstration geothermal power project
- The National Policy on Geothermal Energy was notified in September 2025, with the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy as the nodal ministry
- The Geological Survey of India has mapped 381 hot springs and identified 10 geothermal provinces, with a theoretical prospect of nearly 10.6 GW and 42 promising sites
- Global installed geothermal capacity reached 15.67 GW by the end of 2025, with Indonesia, the United States, the Philippines, Türkiye and New Zealand holding about 67 per cent

First two geothermal wells	Puga Valley, Ladakh, commissioned in July 2026
Commissioned by	ONGC Energy Centre
Depth of each well	About 1,000 metres
Altitude of Puga Valley	Over 14,000 feet above sea level
Policy	National Policy on Geothermal Energy, notified in September 2025
Nodal ministry	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
Hot springs mapped	381, by the Geological Survey of India
Geothermal provinces	10, with 42 sites recognised as promising

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Special Campaign 3 Settles 2,306 Long-Pending Pension Grievances

4 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare redressed 2,306 long-pending pension grievances under Special Campaign 3, a redressal rate of 72 per cent.

- The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare redressed 2,306 of the 3,193 cases taken up under Special Campaign 3, a redressal rate of 72 per cent
- Special Campaign 3 ran from 7 July 2026 to 31 August 2026 and had a preparatory phase and an execution phase
- Ministries identified 1,062 target cases, and another 2,131 cases pending on the CPENGRAMS portal for over a month were also taken up
- The coordinated efforts of 40 ministries and departments produced the result, with two mid-campaign review meetings held
- Most resolved cases belonged to pensioners in rural areas, which the department describes as evidence that the digital divide is narrowing

Campaign	Special Campaign 3, the third annual edition since 2024
Run by	Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW)
Ministry	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Campaign period	7 July 2026 to 31 August 2026
Cases redressed	2,306 out of 3,193 taken up
Redressal rate	72 per cent
Target cases identified in the preparatory phase	1,062
CPENGRAMS cases taken up	2,131, pending for more than one month

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National Teachers Awards 2026: President Honours 82 Teachers

5 September 2026 · Awards & Honours

President Droupadi Murmu gave the National Awards to Teachers to 82 teachers and educators at a New Delhi function on Teachers' Day, 5 September 2026.

- President Droupadi Murmu conferred the National Awards to Teachers at a function in New Delhi on Teachers' Day, 5 September 2026
- A total of 82 teachers and educators were selected for the awards this year from three departments
- The break-up is 48 teachers from the Department of School Education and Literacy, 21 from higher educational institutions and polytechnics, and 13 skill trainers from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- The President said education is the most effective means of realising the Constitution's ideal of equality of opportunity, and credited teachers with the negligible primary school dropout rate
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi met the winners at 7, Lok Kalyan Marg a day earlier and spoke about drug awareness, screen time and the National Education Policy

Award	National Awards to Teachers
Conferred by	President Droupadi Murmu
Date and occasion	5 September 2026, Teachers' Day
Venue	New Delhi
Total awardees	82 teachers and educators
School education share	48 teachers from the Department of School Education and Literacy
Higher education share	21 teachers and faculty members from higher educational institutions and polytechnics
Skill training share	13 skill trainers from the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship

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Indore Metro Priority Corridor-2 Opens with 11 Stations

5 September 2026 · State News

Union Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated Indore Metro Priority Corridor-2, an 11-station stretch of about 11 km built at an estimated cost of ₹2,850 crore.

- Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal inaugurated Indore Metro Priority Corridor-2 on 5 September 2026, with Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav present
- The newly opened Phase-I (Reach-II) covers about 11 km with 11 stations, from Super Corridor-3 to Malviya Nagar Chauraha, at an estimated cost of ₹2,850 crore
- With this addition the Indore Metro has 16 operational stations over roughly 17 km, at a cumulative project cost of about ₹4,370 crore
- Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu also attended the inauguration
- The project is executed by the Madhya Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Limited, which the Union Minister congratulated

Project	Indore Metro Priority Corridor-2, Phase-I (Reach-II)
Inaugurated by	Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal
Present at the event	Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav and MoS Tokhan Sahu
New stretch	About 11 km with 11 stations
Route	Super Corridor-3 to Malviya Nagar Chauraha
Cost of new stretch	₹2,850 crore (estimated)
Network now	16 operational stations over about 17 km
Cumulative project cost	About ₹4,370 crore

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ECLGS 5.0 Explained: ₹2.55 Lakh Crore Credit Guarantee Push

5 September 2026 · Banking & Finance

ECLGS 5.0, approved on 5 May 2026 and run by NCGTC, targets an extra credit flow of ₹2.55 lakh crore for MSMEs, non-MSMEs and scheduled passenger airlines.

- ECLGS 5.0 was approved by the Government on 5 May 2026 and aims to facilitate an additional credit flow of up to ₹2.55 lakh crore
- The scheme is implemented by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company and covers MSMEs, eligible non-MSME borrowers and scheduled passenger airlines
- Guarantee cover is 100 per cent for eligible MSMEs and 90 per cent for eligible non-MSMEs and airlines, with no guarantee fee charged to lenders
- As on 20 August 2026 the scheme had issued 6,73,979 guarantees worth ₹2,50,024 crore, with MSMEs accounting for 97.3 per cent by number and 80.79 per cent by amount
- From ECLGS 1.0 to 4.0, launched in 2020 under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat Package, 1.19 crore guarantees worth ₹3.68 lakh crore were issued before those phases ended on 31 March 2023

Scheme	Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme (ECLGS) 5.0
Approved on	5 May 2026
Implemented by	National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC)
Target credit flow	Up to ₹2.55 lakh crore
Valid till	31 March 2027, or till guarantees of ₹2.55 lakh crore are issued
Guarantee cover	100 per cent for MSMEs, 90 per cent for non-MSMEs and airlines
Ceiling per borrower	₹100 crore for MSMEs and non-MSMEs, ₹1,500 crore for airlines
Interest cap	9 per cent a year for banks, 13 per cent a year for eligible NBFCs

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NBA Crosses ₹200 Crore in Access and Benefit-Sharing Payouts

5 September 2026 · Environment

The National Biodiversity Authority crossed ₹200 crore in cumulative ABS disbursement and sanctioned ₹8.23 crore to 27 State boards and 5 UT councils.

- The National Biodiversity Authority has crossed ₹200 crore in cumulative Access and Benefit-Sharing disbursement, the Environment Ministry said on 5 September 2026
- A fresh ₹8.23 crore was sanctioned to 27 State Biodiversity Boards and 5 Union Territory Biodiversity Councils
- The proceeds arose from access to biological resources of four crops: bitter gourd, okra, chilli and onion, paid by three seed companies
- Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra are the largest cumulative recipients, Maharashtra mainly because it holds more than 49 per cent of India's onion cultivation area
- Funds must be used for activities under Section 32(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, such as People's Biodiversity Registers and Biodiversity Heritage Sites

Body	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
Ministry	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Milestone	Cumulative ABS disbursement above ₹200 crore
Fresh sanction	₹8.23 crore
Recipients	27 State Biodiversity Boards and 5 Union Territory Biodiversity Councils
Crops involved	Bitter gourd, okra, chilli and onion
Largest recipients	Madhya Pradesh, followed by Maharashtra
Maharashtra's onion share	More than 49 per cent of India's onion cultivation area

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Coal Gasification Scheme: ₹37,500 Crore Outlay, NTPC Applies

5 September 2026 · Government Schemes

The Coal Ministry said the ₹37,500 crore surface coal and lignite gasification scheme has drawn applications from Talcher Fertilisers and NTPC Limited.

- The Union Cabinet approved the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects on 13 May 2026 with an outlay of ₹37,500 crore
- The scheme promotes conversion of domestic coal and lignite into syngas, methanol, ammonia and urea, cutting dependence on imported feedstock
- The Ministry of Coal said Talcher Fertilisers Limited and NTPC Limited have already applied, and rejected press reports that the scheme had no takers
- The first-round application deadline is 7 September 2026, and rounds run on a rolling basis with the next opening the day after one closes and staying open for two months
- The scheme is expected to draw investment of about ₹2.5 lakh crore to ₹3 lakh crore across nearly 25 projects and generate around 50,000 direct and indirect jobs

Scheme	Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects
Ministry	Ministry of Coal
Approved by	Union Cabinet, on 13 May 2026
Outlay	₹37,500 crore
Products targeted	Syngas, methanol, ammonia and urea
Applicants named	Talcher Fertilisers Limited and NTPC Limited
Request for Proposal issued	7 July 2026
First-round deadline	7 September 2026

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/coal-gasification-scheme-rs-37500-crore-outlay-ntpc-applies/

Vice President Launches India Valve Registry in Chennai

5 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the India Valve Registry at India Valves 2026 in Chennai, a national meeting on valvular and structural heart disease.

- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the India Valve Registry at India Valves 2026 in Chennai on 5 September 2026
- India Valves 2026 is a national academic meeting on valvular and structural heart disease, attended by cardiologists and cardiac surgeons from India and abroad
- The registry is a collaborative multicentre initiative for systematic, secure and de-identified collection of real-world data on transcatheter valve interventions across India
- The Vice President said healthcare is a human right and that India-specific clinical evidence creates our country's own data for our own countrymen
- He recalled that India supplied COVID-19 vaccines to around 100 countries, and said a Viksit Bharat by 2047 must also be a Swasth Bharat

Initiative launched	India Valve Registry
Launched by	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Occasion	India Valves 2026, a national academic meeting
Venue	Chennai
Date	5 September 2026
Subject area	Valvular and structural heart disease
What the registry collects	Real-world, de-identified data on transcatheter valve interventions across India
Purpose	To strengthen India-specific clinical evidence and improve patient care

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/vice-president-launches-india-valve-registry-in-chennai/

Commemorative Stamp Marks 75 Years of Dinamalar Newspaper

5 September 2026 · National

Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp in Chennai marking the 75th year of the Tamil newspaper Dinamalar, founded in 1951.

- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp in Chennai on 5 September 2026 marking the 75th year of Dinamalar
- Dinamalar was founded in 1951 with the resolve to serve as a touchstone of truth, and its founder was T. V. Ramasubbaiyer
- The Vice President said the newspaper has earned readers' trust over 75 years by upholding truth, patriotism and public service
- He said a newspaper keeps public trust only when it stands firm against pressures and upholds higher values without fear
- He appreciated Dinamalar's Pattam publication, which carries general awareness, language skills and scientific innovations to school students

Occasion	75th year of the newspaper Dinamalar
Released by	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
What was released	A commemorative postage stamp
Venue	Chennai
Date	5 September 2026
Year of founding	1951
Founder	T. V. Ramasubbaiyer
Publication for students	Pattam

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Vibrant Villages Programme: Rs 11,639 Crore for Border Villages

6 September 2026 · Government Schemes

A Home Ministry backgrounder of 6 September 2026 showed the Vibrant Villages Programme covering over 2,616 border villages with an outlay of Rs 11,639 crore.

- The Vibrant Villages Programme runs as VVP-I and VVP-II with a combined outlay of Rs 11,639 crore and covers more than 2,616 villages along India's international land borders
- VVP-I is a Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Rs 4,800 crore for the northern border; VVP-II is a Central Sector Scheme funded fully by the Centre for the remaining land borders
- VVP-I was launched at Kibithoo in Anjaw district, Arunachal Pradesh, on 10 April 2023 and prioritised 662 villages with a population of about 1.42 lakh
- VVP-II covers 1,954 villages in 334 blocks spread over 15 States and 2 Union Territories, and the Ministry of Home Affairs is the nodal ministry
- By July 2026 the Home Ministry had sanctioned 1,248 projects worth Rs 3,020.32 crore, released Rs 953.47 crore and seen 283 projects completed

Scheme	Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP-I and VVP-II)
Nodal Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs
Combined outlay	Rs 11,639 crore
Villages covered	More than 2,616
VVP-I outlay	Rs 4,800 crore, of which Rs 2,500 crore is for roads
VVP-I launch	Kibithoo, Anjaw district, Arunachal Pradesh, 10 April 2023
VVP-I priority villages	662 villages, population about 1.42 lakh
VVP-II coverage	1,954 villages in 334 blocks of 15 States and 2 Union Territories

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6th RISE Conclave 2026 Opens at CSIR-IICB in Kolkata

6 September 2026 · Science & Technology

Dr Jitendra Singh opened the 6th RISE Conclave 2026 at CSIR-IICB, Kolkata, built around a 4M framework of minerals, medicine, materials and machines.

- The 6th RISE Conclave 2026 was inaugurated in Kolkata on 6 September 2026 by Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology
- The venue is CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Salt Lake, and the theme is 'Driving Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Viksit Bharat 2047'
- Four CSIR laboratories host it jointly: CSIR-CGCRI, CSIR-IICB, CSIR-CMERI and CSIR-IMMT, working to a 4M framework of minerals, medicine, materials and machines
- Outcomes include eight MoUs, four technology transfer initiatives, two product launches and one facility inauguration, with eight panels and 67 panellists
- Earlier editions were held in Mumbai, Lucknow, Hyderabad, Chennai and Bengaluru, making Kolkata the sixth host city

Event	6th RISE Conclave 2026
Venue	CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology, Salt Lake, Kolkata
Dates	6 and 7 September 2026
Theme	Driving Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Viksit Bharat 2047
Inaugurated by	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) for Science and Technology
Organisers	CSIR-CGCRI, CSIR-IICB, CSIR-CMERI and CSIR-IMMT
Framework	4M: minerals, medicine, materials and machines
Outcomes	Eight MoUs, four technology transfers, two product launches, one facility inaugurated

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Vulture Awareness Day 2026 Marked at Panchkula, Haryana

6 September 2026 · Environment

Bhupender Yadav opened a national vulture workshop at Panchkula on the theme 'From Crisis to Recovery' and released the book 'Story of Jatayu'.

- International Vulture Awareness Day 2026 was observed at Panchkula, Haryana, on 6 September 2026, led by Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
- The national workshop carried the theme 'From Crisis to Recovery - Conserving India's Vultures' and was organised with the Central Zoo Authority, BNHS and the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore
- During 2025-26 the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre housed 356 vultures, bred 35 chicks, contributed 87 vultures for reintroduction and trained 1,222 participants from 22 institutions
- India is home to nine vulture types, among them the White-rumped, Long-billed, Slender-billed, Red-headed, Egyptian, Himalayan Griffon and Bearded vultures
- The coffee table book 'Story of Jatayu: Saving India's Vulture' was released, and the Minister called for more Vulture Safe Zones

Occasion	International Vulture Awareness Day 2026
Venue	Panchkula, Haryana
Theme of workshop	From Crisis to Recovery - Conserving India's Vultures
Led by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Haryana Minister present	Rao Narbir Singh
Breeding centre	Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore
Vultures housed in 2025-26	356, with 35 chicks bred
Training	1,222 participants from 22 institutions

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16th National Meet of Biodiversity Boards Opens in Chandigarh

6 September 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The National Biodiversity Authority opened the 16th National Meet of State Biodiversity Boards at Chandigarh on 6 September 2026, a two-day meeting on governance.

- The 16th National Meet of State Biodiversity Boards and Union Territory Biodiversity Councils opened at Chandigarh on 6 September 2026 and runs for two days
- It is organised by the National Biodiversity Authority, whose Chairperson is Virendra Tiwari, and was presided over by Punjab Governor Gulab Chand Kataria and Union Minister Bhupender Yadav
- The governance framework rests on the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, strengthened by the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, 2023 and the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024
- The National Biodiversity Authority has shared over Rs 200 crore of Access and Benefit Sharing funds with farmers, communities, boards and research institutions
- India's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan for 2024 to 2030 is aligned with the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Event	16th National Meet of State Biodiversity Boards and UT Biodiversity Councils
Venue	Chandigarh
Dates	6 and 7 September 2026
Organiser	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
NBA Chairperson	Virendra Tiwari
Presided by	Gulab Chand Kataria, Bhupender Yadav and Rao Narbir Singh
Parent law	Biological Diversity Act, 2002
Recent changes	Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, 2023 and Biological Diversity Rules, 2024

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Vinaya Prakash Singh Re-elected APPU Secretary-General

6 September 2026 · Appointments

Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh was re-elected Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union unopposed at the 14th APPU Congress in Bangkok on 4 September 2026.

- Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh, a 1988 batch officer of the Indian Postal Service, was re-elected Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union for a second consecutive four-year term
- He was declared elected unopposed by acclamation at the 14th APPU Congress held in Bangkok on 4 September 2026
- His second term will run from January 2027 to December 2030; he first took charge in January 2023 after being elected at the 13th Congress in 2022
- The Asian-Pacific Postal Union is an inter-governmental body of 32 member countries with its headquarters in Bangkok
- APPU functions as a Regional Union of the Universal Postal Union, the United Nations specialised agency for the postal sector

Person	Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh, Indian Postal Service, 1988 batch
Post	Secretary-General, Asian-Pacific Postal Union
Elected at	14th APPU Congress, Bangkok, 4 September 2026
Manner of election	Unopposed, by acclamation
Second term	January 2027 to December 2030
First term began	January 2023, after election at the 13th Congress in 2022
APPU headquarters	Bangkok
Member countries	32

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Bhagwat Prasad Makwana Appointed NCSK Chairperson

6 September 2026 · Appointments

Bhagwat Prasad Makwana was named Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis, with Kaishab Bihari as Vice-Chairperson and three Members.

- Bhagwat Prasad Makwana has been appointed Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis and Kaishab Bihari its Vice-Chairperson
- Manoj Kumar Balmiki, Sushma Gaudiyal and Ravi Ramu Kalose have been appointed Members of the Commission
- All the appointments remain effective up to 31 March 2028, matching the remaining tenure of the present Commission
- The Chairperson has earlier served as Vice-Chairman and Chairman of the Safai Karamchari Commission of Uttarakhand and as an Independent Director on the NHPC Board
- The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment made the appointments, announced on 6 September 2026

Body	National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK)
Chairperson	Bhagwat Prasad Makwana
Vice-Chairperson	Kaishab Bihari
Members	Manoj Kumar Balmiki, Sushma Gaudiyal and Ravi Ramu Kalose
Term	Effective up to 31 March 2028
Appointing Department	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
Chairperson's earlier post	Vice-Chairman and Chairman, Safai Karamchari Commission, Uttarakhand
Relevant law	Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013

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IAF Sarang Team Reaches Egypt for El Alamein Airshow

6 September 2026 · Defence

The Indian Air Force Sarang helicopter display team reached Egypt for the second El Alamein International Airshow, to be held from 8 to 10 September 2026.

- The Indian Air Force's Sarang Helicopter Display Team reached Egypt to take part in the second edition of the El Alamein International Airshow
- The airshow will be held from 8 to 10 September 2026 at El Alamein International Airport in Egypt
- Sarang is the world's only five-helicopter display team and flies the indigenously designed and built Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv
- The team will perform its famous 'Dolphin Leap' manoeuvre and also present a new manoeuvre called the 'Spot Stall Turn'
- The participation reflects growing defence and diplomatic ties between India and Egypt, the Ministry of Defence said

Team	Sarang Helicopter Display Team, Indian Air Force
Event	El Alamein International Airshow, second edition
Venue	El Alamein International Airport, Egypt
Dates	8 to 10 September 2026
Aircraft	Advanced Light Helicopter (ALH) Dhruv, designed and built in India
Distinction	World's only five-helicopter display team
Manoeuvres	Dolphin Leap, and the new Spot Stall Turn

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89th Fit India Sundays on Cycle Held in Surat, Gujarat

6 September 2026 · Sports

The 89th Fit India Sundays on Cycle was held in Surat on the theme 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat', drawing riders at over 25,000 locations nationwide.

- The 89th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle was organised in Surat, Gujarat, on 6 September 2026 with the theme 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat'
- Union Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya and Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi led the ride and administered the Nasha Mukh Pledge
- More than 5 million young people joined the edition at over 25,000 locations across the country
- The Surat ride started at the Sardar Patel Statue, Mangadh Chowk, and covered 6 km towards the Sarthana Zoo
- Fit India Sundays on Cycle is organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Cycling Federation of India, Raahgiri Foundation and MY Bharat

Event	89th Fit India Sundays on Cycle
Main venue	Surat, Gujarat
Theme	Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat
Led by	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya and Harsh Sanghavi
Participation	More than 5 million people at over 25,000 locations
Route	Sardar Patel Statue, Mangadh Chowk, to Sarthana Zoo, 6 km
Organisers	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Cycling Federation of India, Raahgiri Foundation and MY Bharat
Delhi venue	Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, on a Teachers' Day theme

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. Which city hosted the 26th SCO Summit attended by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- (A) Astana
- (B) Bishkek
- (C) Tashkent
- (D) Samarkand

2. In India's vision for the SCO, what do the letters S, C and O stand for?

- (A) Stability, Commerce and Order
- (B) Security, Connectivity and Opportunity
- (C) Solidarity, Culture and Outreach
- (D) Sovereignty, Cooperation and Openness

3. Which SCO forum, proposed by India, will hold its first edition in India?

- (A) SCO Start-up Forum
- (B) SCO Young Scientists Forum
- (C) SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum
- (D) SCO Young Authors Conclave

4. What was India's real GDP growth in the first quarter of 2026-27?

- (A) 6.9 per cent
- (B) 7.0 per cent
- (C) 7.8 per cent
- (D) 8.2 per cent

5. Which body publishes India's quarterly GDP estimates referred to here?

- (A) NITI Aayog
- (B) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
- (C) Reserve Bank of India
- (D) Department of Economic Affairs

6. Which expenditure component of real GDP recorded 11.9 per cent growth in the quarter?

- (A) Private Final Consumption Expenditure
- (B) Gross Fixed Capital Formation
- (C) Government Final Consumption Expenditure
- (D) Imports of goods and services

7. Who became the first woman officer (non-medical) to attain a two-star rank in the Indian defence forces?

- (A) Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma
- (B) Air Marshal Sadhna Saxena Nair
- (C) Surgeon Vice Admiral Arti Sarin
- (D) Air Vice Marshal Padma Bandopadhyay

8. Which appointment did Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma assume on 1 September 2026?

- (A) Director General of Medical Services (Air)
- (B) Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Education)
- (C) Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance
- (D) Principal, Sainik School, Kapurthala

9. At which institutions did she lead the setting up of Indian Air Force Chairs of Excellence?

- (A) IIT Delhi and Jawaharlal Nehru University
- (B) IIT Kanpur and Pune University
- (C) IIT Madras and Osmania University
- (D) IIT Bombay and Panjab University

10. Which Foundation Day did India Post Payments Bank celebrate on 1 September 2026?

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

11. Which of these was launched by IPPB on its 9th Foundation Day for merchants?

- (A) DakPay Sound Box
- (B) Digital Mutual Fund Platform
- (C) Surakshit Savings Account
- (D) Digital Insurance Technology Platform

12. What was IPPB's customer base as on 31 March 2026?

- (A) 6.5 crore
- (B) 9.47 crore
- (C) 12.06 crore
- (D) 13.25 crore

13. How many districts are covered under PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana?

- (A) 75
- (B) 100
- (C) 112
- (D) 121

14. To what level did the average score of the PM-DDKY districts rise by July 2026?

- (A) 22.54
- (B) 16.31
- (C) 38.85
- (D) 10.33

15. PM-DDKY is implemented through the convergence of how many central schemes?

- (A) 11 schemes of 36 ministries
- (B) 36 schemes of 11 ministries and departments
- (C) 47 schemes of 11 ministries and departments
- (D) 74 schemes of 36 ministries

16. Kavach Version 4.0 has been sanctioned for the remaining sections of which railway division?

- (A) Samastipur Division
- (B) Moradabad Division
- (C) Adra Division
- (D) Bhavnagar Division

17. Kavach is best described as which kind of system?

- (A) An indigenous Automatic Train Protection system
- (B) A ticketing and reservation platform
- (C) A satellite-based cargo tracking service
- (D) A rolling stock maintenance depot

18. The new bypass line between Adra and Joychandipahar is part of which corridor?

- (A) Dedicated Freight Corridor
- (B) Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor
- (C) Golden Quadrilateral
- (D) Amrit Bharat Corridor

19. Which edition of Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar was launched on 1 September 2026?

- (A) Third
- (B) Fourth
- (C) Fifth
- (D) Sixth

20. Which ministry runs the Swachh Sagar, Surakshit Sagar campaign?

- (A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (C) Ministry of Jal Shakti
- (D) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

21. What is the new national event introduced in this edition of the campaign?

- (A) Ocean Olympiad
- (B) Sagar Marathon
- (C) Coastal Human Chain
- (D) Beach Cycling Rally

22. What is the corpus of the Research, Development and Innovation Fund?

- (A) ₹10,000 crore
- (B) ₹50,000 crore
- (C) ₹1 lakh crore
- (D) ₹2 lakh crore

23. Dr Jitendra Singh spoke about the RDI Fund at the Foundation Day of which body?

- (A) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
- (B) Technology Development Board
- (C) Department of Science and Technology
- (D) Science and Engineering Research Board

24. According to the Minister, what share of India's start-ups comes from smaller towns?

- (A) About one-fourth
- (B) About one-third
- (C) More than half
- (D) Less than one-tenth

25. What is the base year of India's updated series of annual and quarterly GDP estimates?

- (A) 2004-05
- (B) 2011-12
- (C) 2022-23
- (D) 2024-25

26. Under double deflation, which two items are deflated separately to arrive at real Gross Value Added?

- (A) Output and intermediate consumption
- (B) Exports and imports
- (C) Wages and profits
- (D) Government spending and private consumption

27. GDP at current prices for the first quarter of 2026-27 was estimated at:

- (A) Rs 80.32 lakh crore
- (B) Rs 86.05 lakh crore
- (C) Rs 88.27 lakh crore
- (D) Rs 94.60 lakh crore

28. Japan Credit Rating Agency upgraded India's long-term sovereign issuer ratings from BBB+ to which level?

- (A) A+
- (B) A-
- (C) AA-
- (D) BBB

29. According to the release, the Central Government's fiscal deficit in FY26 stood at:

- (A) 5.6 per cent
- (B) 4.9 per cent
- (C) 4.7 per cent
- (D) 4.4 per cent

30. Which of these agencies did NOT upgrade India's sovereign rating during the year before the JCR decision?

- (A) Morningstar DBRS
- (B) S&P Global Ratings
- (C) Rating and Investment Information, Inc.
- (D) Asian Development Bank

31. How much had IFSC Banking Units at GIFT City sanctioned under the RBI's FCNR(B) swap facility as on 31 August 2026?

- (A) USD 28.60 billion
- (B) USD 37.26 billion
- (C) USD 54.02 billion
- (D) USD 62.40 billion

32. Under which law was the International Financial Services Centres Authority established?

- (A) The SEBI Act, 1992
- (B) The IFSCA Act, 2019
- (C) The Banking Regulation Act, 1949
- (D) The FEMA, 1999

33. How much did Indian banks raise through bond listings on IFSC exchanges between April and August 2026?

- (A) USD 9.17 billion
- (B) USD 11.12 billion
- (C) USD 11.62 billion
- (D) USD 14.80 billion

34. After how many days from Gazette publication do the Legal Metrology (Indian Standard Time) Rules, 2026 come into force?

- (A) 30 days
- (B) 90 days
- (C) 180 days
- (D) 365 days

35. Which institution is the scientific custodian of Indian Standard Time?

- (A) CSIR-National Physical Laboratory
- (B) Indian Institute of Astrophysics
- (C) Survey of India
- (D) India Meteorological Department

36. Secondary timescales traceable to IST have been set up at Regional Reference Standard Laboratories in how many cities?

- (A) Three
- (B) Five
- (C) Seven
- (D) Nine

37. How much award money does each Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award winner receive?

- (A) Rs 5 lakh
- (B) Rs 10 lakh
- (C) Rs 15 lakh
- (D) Rs 25 lakh

38. Which of these is NOT a category of the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards?

- (A) Land Adventure
- (B) Water Adventure
- (C) Air Adventure
- (D) Polar Adventure

39. Shri Shiv Prasad Chamoli was named for the Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2024 in which category?

- (A) Land Adventure
- (B) Water Adventure
- (C) Lifetime Achievement
- (D) Air Adventure

40. Where will the 16th Aero India be held?

- (A) Air Force Station, Hindon, Ghaziabad
- (B) Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru
- (C) Begumpet Airport, Hyderabad
- (D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

41. Which department organises Aero India?

- (A) Department of Defence Production
- (B) Department of Military Affairs
- (C) Department of Defence Research and Development
- (D) Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare

42. On which date did online registration and booking of exhibition space for Aero India 2027 commence?

- (A) 2 September 2026
- (B) 3 September 2026
- (C) 1 October 2026
- (D) 8 February 2027

43. Which city hosted the 18th Meeting of Heads of Intellectual Property Offices of BRICS countries?

- (A) Moscow
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Johannesburg
- (D) Rio de Janeiro

44. What was adopted as the major outcome of the 18th IP BRICS meeting?

- (A) The New Delhi Declaration on Patents
- (B) The Updated Operational Guidelines
- (C) The BRICS Charter on Copyright
- (D) A single BRICS patent office

45. Approximately how many delegates participated in the 18th IP BRICS meeting?

- (A) 15
- (B) 25
- (C) 35
- (D) 55

46. Which two organisations signed a Memorandum of Understanding at the international workshop on tiger landscapes?

- (A) IBCA and the World Bank
- (B) IBCA and the Asian Development Bank
- (C) NTCA and the World Wide Fund for Nature
- (D) NTCA and the Asian Development Bank

47. Who inaugurated the international workshop on tiger landscapes in New Delhi?

- (A) The Prime Minister
- (B) Bhupender Yadav, Union Environment Minister
- (C) S. P. Yadav, Director General, IBCA
- (D) Mia Oka, ADB Country Director for India

48. The International Big Cat Alliance works for the conservation of how many big cat species?

- (A) Four
- (B) Five
- (C) Seven
- (D) Nine

49. Bart De Wever, who was on an official visit to India from 2 to 4 September 2026, is the Prime Minister of which country?

- (A) The Netherlands
- (B) Belgium
- (C) Luxembourg
- (D) Denmark

50. In which year were diplomatic relations between India and Belgium established, as recalled in the joint statement?

- (A) 1947
- (B) 1950
- (C) 1962
- (D) 1971

51. India and Belgium agreed to support each other's candidature for non-permanent membership of the UN Security Council. Which term will India contest?

- (A) 2026-27
- (B) 2028-29
- (C) 2031-32
- (D) 2037-2038

52. Who released the 'RAKSHA' document on defence diplomacy in New Delhi on 3 September 2026?

- (A) The Prime Minister
- (B) The Chief of Defence Staff
- (C) The Raksha Mantri
- (D) The Defence Secretary

53. The 'RAKSHA' document sets out India's roadmap for global defence partnerships over which period?

- (A) The next 3 years
- (B) The next 5 years
- (C) The next 10 years
- (D) The next 25 years

54. Under which pillar of the 'RAKSHA' document is India described as a Net Security Provider and First Responder in the Indian Ocean Region?

- (A) Strategic Partnerships
- (B) Capacity Building
- (C) Indigenous Exports
- (D) Maritime Security

55. How much iron ore did NMDC produce in August 2026, according to the Ministry of Steel's review?

- (A) 2.58 million tonnes
- (B) 3.58 million tonnes
- (C) 4.07 million tonnes
- (D) 6.15 million tonnes

56. Which of the following is NOT among the Top 7 steel producers named by the Ministry of Steel?

- (A) SAIL
- (B) NMDC
- (C) RINL
- (D) JSW Group

57. SRTMI of India signed an MoU on iron and steel research with a body from which country?

- (A) Canada
- (B) Japan
- (C) Sweden
- (D) Germany

58. How many nominations did NHAH receive for the Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026?

- (A) 56
- (B) 86
- (C) 115
- (D) 150

59. Which parameter carried the highest weight in assessing entries for the Green Highways Excellence Awards 2026?

- (A) Diversity of species planted
- (B) Size of the pits dug
- (C) Survival rate of plantations
- (D) Total length of the highway stretch

60. The Green Highways Excellence Awards were instituted by NHAH as mandated in which policy?

- (A) National Highways Development Policy, 2011
- (B) Green Highways Policy, 2015
- (C) National Green Corridor Policy, 2018
- (D) Bharatmala Plantation Policy, 2022

61. Which institute led the research that made peptides strongly piezoelectric?

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| (A) Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences,
Bengaluru | (B) Indian Institute of Science Education and
Research, Kolkata |
| (C) Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific
Research | (D) Indian Institute of Chemical Technology,
Hyderabad |

62. How did the researchers switch on a strong piezoelectric response in the peptide material?

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| (A) By changing the chemical composition of the
peptide | (B) By adding one per cent of a suitable co-solvent |
| (C) By coating the peptide with a ceramic layer | (D) By heating the peptide above 500 degrees
Celsius |

63. Which structural arrangement is the fundamental requirement for piezoelectricity, according to the study?

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| (A) A centrosymmetric crystal structure | (B) An amorphous structure with no order |
| (C) A non-centrosymmetric structure | (D) A body-centred cubic structure |

64. When was the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan launched?

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|---------------------|--------------------|
| (A) 2 October 2019 | (B) 15 August 2020 |
| (C) 26 January 2021 | (D) 1 April 2022 |

65. How many citizens has the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan reached through nationwide awareness activities?

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| (A) More than 10.65 crore | (B) More than 13.71 crore |
| (C) More than 25.40 crore | (D) More than 34.56 crore |

66. The anti-drug strategy of the Ministry rests on the findings of the first National Survey on Substance Use, which was conducted by which body?

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|-----------------------------------|--|
| (A) National Crime Records Bureau | (B) National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre at
AIIMS, New Delhi |
| (C) Narcotics Control Bureau | (D) Indian Council of Medical Research |

67. Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari is guided by the 3Cs. Which three does the term stand for?

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| (A) Community, Corporate Social Responsibility and
Cost | (B) Catchment, Conservation and Community |
| (C) Cost, Capacity and Coordination | (D) Community, Conservation and Compliance |

68. As of 3 September 2026, how many artificial groundwater recharge structures had been built under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari?

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| (A) More than 27 lakh | (B) More than 1.5 crore |
| (C) More than 1.58 crore | (D) More than 2.4 crore |

69. The Aawa Paani Jhoki movement, under which farmers set aside 5 per cent of their land for water conservation, is in which district?

- (A) Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh
- (B) Korea district, Chhattisgarh
- (C) Kalahandi district, Odisha
- (D) Barmer district, Rajasthan

70. Which body is the implementing agency of the Decentralised Grain Storage Plan in Cooperative Sector?

- (A) Food Corporation of India
- (B) National Cooperative Development Corporation
- (C) NABARD
- (D) Warehousing Development and Regulatory Authority

71. By July 2026, in how many PACS had godown construction been completed under the Plan?

- (A) 11
- (B) 313
- (C) 521
- (D) 1012

72. To what level does the effective loan interest rate for a PACS fall under the Plan?

- (A) 1 per cent
- (B) 3 per cent
- (C) 4 per cent
- (D) 7 per cent

73. Which launch vehicle carried the EOS-05 satellite?

- (A) PSLV-C58
- (B) GSLV-F17
- (C) LVM3-M4
- (D) SSLV-D3

74. EOS-05 is described as India's first-ever imaging satellite from which orbit?

- (A) Low Earth orbit
- (B) Sun-synchronous orbit
- (C) Geosynchronous orbit
- (D) Polar orbit

75. Who congratulated ISRO on the successful launch of GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05?

- (A) The President of India
- (B) The Vice-President of India
- (C) The Prime Minister of India
- (D) The Minister of Education

76. In which city is the International Space Summit discussed by India and France being held?

- (A) Vienna
- (B) Paris
- (C) Toulouse
- (D) Geneva

77. Who has been invited to deliver the opening keynote at the International Space Summit on India's future human spaceflight?

- (A) The Prime Minister of India
- (B) Dr Jitendra Singh
- (C) The Chairman of ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space
- (D) The Principal Scientific Adviser

78. Megha-Tropiques and SARAL are joint satellite missions of ISRO with which agency?

- (A) NASA
- (B) JAXA
- (C) CNES
- (D) Roscosmos

79. In which city was the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad 2026 held?

- (A) Rome, Italy
- (B) Turin, Italy
- (C) Milan, Italy
- (D) Vienna, Austria

80. What was India's medal break-up at the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad 2026?

- (A) 3 gold, 4 silver, 2 bronze
- (B) 4 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze
- (C) 5 gold, 2 silver, 2 bronze
- (D) 4 gold, 2 silver, 3 bronze

81. Which body facilitates the all-India test through which the Indian team for the Earth Science Olympiad is chosen?

- (A) National Centre for Earth Science Studies
- (B) Indian Institute of Geomagnetism
- (C) Geological Society of India
- (D) Survey of India

82. How many athletes are taking part in the World Archery Para Series inaugurated by Amit Shah?

- (A) 88 athletes from 15 countries
- (B) 108 athletes from 19 countries
- (C) 120 athletes from 19 countries
- (D) 108 athletes from 29 countries

83. Which city is to host the centenary edition of the Commonwealth Games in 2030?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Mumbai
- (C) Ahmedabad
- (D) Bhubaneswar

84. Which body organised the World Archery Para Series inaugurated on 4 September 2026?

- (A) Sports Authority of India
- (B) Paralympic Committee of India
- (C) Archery Association of India
- (D) Indian Olympic Association

85. What were SAIL's total sales in August 2026?

- (A) 1.654 million tonnes
- (B) 1.871 million tonnes
- (C) 7.71 million tonnes
- (D) 1.69 million tonnes

86. By how much did SAIL reduce its borrowings from the 31.03.2026 level?

- (A) Rs 560 crore
- (B) Rs 870 crore
- (C) Rs 1,230 crore
- (D) Rs 770 crore

87. Which of the following is correct about SAIL's crude steel production in August 2026?

- (A) It grew by 8 per cent to 1.68 MT
- (B) It grew by 9 per cent to 1.78 MT
- (C) It grew by 1 per cent to 1.69 MT
- (D) It grew by 13 per cent to 1.55 MT

88. According to Piyush Goyal, the India-EU FTA brings together a market of how many people?

- (A) 1 billion people
- (B) 2 billion people
- (C) 3 billion people
- (D) 1.5 billion people

89. The Port of Antwerp-Bruges, described as a key India-Europe link, is which seaport of Europe by size?

- (A) The largest
- (B) The second-largest
- (C) The third-largest
- (D) The fifth-largest

90. India-EU trade has doubled over the last decade to roughly what figure?

- (A) USD 90 billion
- (B) USD 140 billion
- (C) USD 240 billion
- (D) USD 70 billion

91. Where were India's first two geothermal wells commissioned?

- (A) Tattapani, Chhattisgarh
- (B) Puga Valley, Ladakh
- (C) Manikaran, Himachal Pradesh
- (D) Ankleshwar, Gujarat

92. How many hot springs has the Geological Survey of India mapped in the country?

- (A) 183
- (B) 381
- (C) 420
- (D) 106

93. Which ministry is the nodal ministry for implementing the National Policy on Geothermal Energy?

- (A) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
- (B) Ministry of Earth Sciences
- (C) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
- (D) Ministry of Power

94. How many long-pending pension grievances were redressed under Special Campaign 3?

- (A) 1,062
- (B) 2,131
- (C) 2,306
- (D) 3,193

95. Special Campaign 3 for redressal of pension grievances ran between which dates?

- (A) 1 July 2026 to 30 September 2026
- (B) 7 July 2026 to 31 August 2026
- (C) 2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
- (D) 1 April 2026 to 31 August 2026

96. Which portal is used for redressal of central government pension grievances under Special Campaign 3?

- (A) CPGRAMS
- (B) CPENGRAMS
- (C) Bhavishya
- (D) Anubhav

97. How many teachers and educators were selected for the National Teachers Awards conferred on 5 September 2026?

- (A) 75
- (B) 82
- (C) 91
- (D) 50

98. Which department accounted for the largest share of the National Teachers Awards winners in 2026?

- (A) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
- (B) Department of Higher Education
- (C) Department of School Education and Literacy
- (D) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

99. Teachers' Day in India is observed on the birth anniversary of which former President?

- (A) Dr Rajendra Prasad
- (B) Dr Zakir Husain
- (C) Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
- (D) Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

100. The Indore Metro Priority Corridor-2 inaugurated on 5 September 2026 runs between which two points?

- (A) Super Corridor-3 and Malviya Nagar Chauraha
- (B) Rajwada and Vijay Nagar
- (C) Super Corridor-3 and Rajwada
- (D) Gandhi Nagar and Bhawarkuan

101. After the inauguration of Priority Corridor-2, how many stations of the Indore Metro are operational?

- (A) 11
- (B) 14
- (C) 16
- (D) 21

102. Who inaugurated the Indore Metro Priority Corridor-2?

- (A) The Union Minister of Railways
- (B) The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs
- (C) The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh
- (D) The Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways

103. What is the additional credit flow that ECLGS 5.0 aims to facilitate?

- (A) ₹1.50 lakh crore
- (B) ₹2.55 lakh crore
- (C) ₹3.68 lakh crore
- (D) ₹5 lakh crore

104. Under ECLGS 5.0, what is the credit guarantee cover for loans extended to eligible MSMEs?

- (A) 75 per cent
- (B) 80 per cent
- (C) 90 per cent
- (D) 100 per cent

105. Which agency implements the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme 5.0?

- (A) Reserve Bank of India
- (B) Small Industries Development Bank of India
- (C) National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company
- (D) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

106. How much fresh Access and Benefit-Sharing money did the National Biodiversity Authority sanction to State boards and UT councils?

- (A) ₹8.23 crore
- (B) ₹82.3 crore
- (C) ₹200 crore
- (D) ₹23.8 crore

107. Which State is the largest cumulative recipient of the latest ABS proceeds across the four crops?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Madhya Pradesh
- (C) Andhra Pradesh
- (D) Karnataka

108. Under which provision must the State Biodiversity Boards use the ABS funds they receive?

- (A) Section 21 of the Environment Protection Act
- (B) Section 32(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- (C) Section 6 of the Wildlife Protection Act
- (D) Section 15 of the Forest Conservation Act

109. What is the total financial outlay of the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects?

- (A) ₹8,500 crore
- (B) ₹37,500 crore
- (C) ₹1 lakh crore
- (D) ₹6,000 crore

110. Which two companies were named by the Ministry of Coal as having applied under the gasification scheme?

- (A) Coal India Limited and GAIL
- (B) Talcher Fertilisers Limited and NTPC Limited
- (C) NLC India and IOCL
- (D) SAIL and ONGC

111. The gasification scheme contributes to the target of achieving how much coal gasification capacity by 2030?

- (A) 50 million tonnes
- (B) 75 million tonnes
- (C) 100 million tonnes
- (D) 200 million tonnes

112. Who launched the India Valve Registry at India Valves 2026?

- (A) The President of India
- (B) The Vice President of India
- (C) The Union Health Minister
- (D) The Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu

113. The India Valve Registry collects data mainly on which type of medical procedure?

- (A) Transcatheter valve interventions
- (B) Kidney transplants
- (C) Cataract surgeries
- (D) Knee replacement surgeries

114. In his address, the Vice President said that a Viksit Bharat must also be which of the following?

- (A) Atmanirbhar Bharat
- (B) Digital Bharat
- (C) Swasth Bharat
- (D) Swachh Bharat

115. The commemorative postage stamp released in Chennai on 5 September 2026 marked the 75th year of which newspaper?

- (A) Dinamani
- (B) Dinamalar
- (C) Daily Thanthi
- (D) Malayala Manorama

116. In which year was Dinamalar founded?

- (A) 1947
- (B) 1951
- (C) 1956
- (D) 1962

117. Which Dinamalar publication for school students did the Vice President appreciate?

- (A) Pattam
- (B) Balamitra
- (C) Vidya
- (D) Chandamama

118. What is the combined outlay of VVP-I and VVP-II under the Vibrant Villages Programme?

- (A) Rs 4,800 crore
- (B) Rs 11,639 crore
- (C) Rs 15,000 crore
- (D) Rs 9,250 crore

119. Where was the first phase of the Vibrant Villages Programme launched on 10 April 2023?

- (A) Nathanpur, Cachar district, Assam
- (B) Kibithoo, Anjaw district, Arunachal Pradesh
- (C) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
- (D) Leh, Ladakh

120. Which country shares the longest stretch of India's international land border?

- (A) China
- (B) Pakistan
- (C) Bangladesh
- (D) Nepal

121. In which city was the 6th RISE Conclave 2026 inaugurated on 6 September 2026?

- (A) Bengaluru
- (B) Kolkata
- (C) Hyderabad
- (D) Lucknow

122. The 4M framework at the centre of the RISE Conclave 2026 stands for which four areas?

- (A) Minerals, Medicine, Materials and Machines
- (B) Mining, Manufacturing, Metals and Mobility
- (C) Minerals, Marine, Materials and Microchips
- (D) Medicine, Metals, Manufacturing and Machines

123. Who addressed the inaugural session of the 6th RISE Conclave 2026 as Director General of CSIR?

- (A) Dr Vibha Tandon
- (B) Dr Ramanuj Narayan
- (C) Dr N. Kalaiselvi
- (D) Dr Sharadwat Mukherjee

124. What was the theme of the national workshop held on International Vulture Awareness Day 2026?

- (A) Wings of Hope
- (B) From Crisis to Recovery - Conserving India's Vultures
- (C) Save the Scavengers
- (D) Vultures for a Clean India

125. How many vultures did the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore, house during 2025-26?

- (A) 245
- (B) 356
- (C) 412
- (D) 180

126. In which State is the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre at Pinjore located?

- (A) Punjab
- (B) Himachal Pradesh
- (C) Haryana
- (D) Uttarakhand

127. Which city hosted the 16th National Meet of State Biodiversity Boards and Union Territory Biodiversity Councils?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Chandigarh
- (C) Panchkula
- (D) Jaipur

128. Which Act is the parent law for biodiversity governance in India?

- (A) The Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972
- (B) The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986
- (C) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002
- (D) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980

129. India's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan is aligned with which global framework?

- (A) The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework
- (B) The Aichi Biodiversity Targets
- (C) The Sendai Framework
- (D) The Ramsar Framework

130. Who was re-elected Secretary-General of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union at its 14th Congress?

- (A) Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh
- (B) Shri Tanmay Kumar
- (C) Dr N. Kalaiselvi
- (D) Shri Rajesh Agarwal

131. Where are the headquarters of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union?

- (A) Bern
- (B) Singapore
- (C) Bangkok
- (D) New Delhi

132. The Asian-Pacific Postal Union functions as a Regional Union of which organisation?

- (A) The World Trade Organization
- (B) The Universal Postal Union
- (C) The International Telecommunication Union
- (D) The Asian Development Bank

133. Who has been appointed Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis?

- (A) Kaishab Bihari
- (B) Bhagwat Prasad Makwana
- (C) Manoj Kumar Balmiki
- (D) Ravi Ramu Kalose

134. Until what date will the new appointments to the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis remain effective?

- (A) 31 March 2028
- (B) 31 December 2027
- (C) 30 September 2029
- (D) 31 March 2030

135. The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis comes under which ministry?

- (A) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- (B) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- (C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (D) Ministry of Rural Development

136. In which country is the El Alamein International Airshow being held, where the IAF's Sarang team will perform?

- (A) Egypt
- (B) Oman
- (C) United Arab Emirates
- (D) Jordan

137. Which helicopter does the Indian Air Force's Sarang display team fly?

- (A) HAL Rudra
- (B) HAL Prachand
- (C) Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv
- (D) Mi-17 V5

138. How many helicopters does the Sarang display team fly, making it unique in the world?

- (A) Three
- (B) Four
- (C) Five
- (D) Nine

139. In which city was the 89th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle organised on 6 September 2026?

- (A) Ahmedabad
- (B) Surat
- (C) Vadodara
- (D) New Delhi

140. What was the theme of the 89th Fit India Sundays on Cycle?

- (A) Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat
- (B) Cycle for Clean Air
- (C) Fit Youth, Fit Nation
- (D) Pedal for Progress

141. Which ministry organises Fit India Sundays on Cycle?

- (A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (B) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
- (C) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- (D) Ministry of Education

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Answer key

1. **B** **Bishkek** – The release from the Prime Minister's Office says that the 26th meeting of the Council of Heads of State of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation was held at Bishkek, the capital of the Kyrgyz Republic, and that the Prime Minister took part in it on 1 Septemb...
2. **B** **Security, Connectivity and Opportunity** – In his statement at Bishkek the Prime Minister recalled that at the previous summit he had set out three main pillars of India's thinking on the grouping, and that their initials spell the organisation's own short name: S for Security, C for Connectivity and...
3. **C** **SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum** – The Prime Minister said India would be glad to host the first edition of this forum later this year, and described it as an Indian flagship proposal meant to build civilisational exchanges among member states.
4. **C** **7.8 per cent** – Real GDP, that is GDP at constant prices, is estimated at ₹81.36 lakh crore for the first quarter of 2026-27, and that level represents growth of 7.8 per cent.
5. **B** **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, usually shortened to MoSPI.
6. **B** **Gross Fixed Capital Formation** – The correct answer is Gross Fixed Capital Formation, the measure of investment funded within the economy.
7. **A** **Air Vice Marshal Shakti Sharma** – The Ministry of Defence release says that she became the first woman officer outside the medical stream in the Indian defence forces to attain the rank of Air Vice Marshal or an equivalent rank, and that on 1 September 2026 she assumed the appointment of Assi...
8. **B** **Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Education)** – The correct answer is Assistant Chief of the Air Staff (Education), a post at Air Headquarters.
9. **B** **IIT Kanpur and Pune University** – Among the institutional initiatives she led during her career, the release singles out the establishment of Indian Air Force Chairs of Excellence at these two places, created to carry forward academic work and strategic collaboration in the field of defence.
10. **C** **9th** – The correct answer is the 9th Foundation Day, observed as IPPB Day 2026.
11. **A** **DakPay Sound Box** – The release describes it as a launch for merchants, designed to simplify and strengthen the acceptance of everyday digital payments at their end.
12. **D** **13.25 crore** – The release gives this as the pan-India customer base as on 31 March 2026, and adds two shares worth remembering: 77 per cent of these customers are in rural areas and 49 per cent are women.
13. **B** **100** – The scheme was designed to speed up agricultural development in districts identified on three counts: low agricultural productivity, low cropping intensity and low disbursement of agricultural credit.
14. **C** **38.85** – The average score of the 100 districts across the six objectives of the scheme stood at 22.54 in April 2026 and reached 38.85 in July 2026.
15. **B** **36 schemes of 11 ministries and departments** – The correct answer is 36 schemes of 11 ministries and departments, working along with state schemes and participation from the private sector.
16. **B** **Moradabad Division** – Indian Railways approved Kavach Version 4.0 on the sections of this division that were still without the system, covering 712 route kilometres at a total cost of ₹170 crore.
17. **A** **An indigenous Automatic Train Protection system** – The correct answer is that Kavach is an indigenous Automatic Train Protection system, often shortened to ATP.

18.	B	Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor – The correct answer is the Energy, Mineral and Cement Corridor identified for Indian Railways.
19.	C	Fifth – The correct answer is the fifth edition, written in official papers as SSSS v.5.0.
20.	B	Ministry of Earth Sciences – The campaign is spearheaded by that ministry, and the minister who launched it, Dr Jitendra Singh, holds Earth Sciences as Minister of State with Independent Charge.
21.	A	Ocean Olympiad – The correct answer is the Ocean Olympiad, described in the release as the first-ever national event of its kind under the campaign.
22.	C	₹1 lakh crore – The release refers throughout to the ₹1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation Fund, and it is the size of that corpus that makes the Minister's appeal for outreach necessary: thousands of applications are arriving, some from applicants who do not ap...
23.	B	Technology Development Board – The correct answer is the Technology Development Board, usually shortened to TDB, whose 30th Foundation Day was the occasion for the address.
24.	C	More than half – The Minister said start-ups are not confined to Bengaluru or Hyderabad and that more than 50 per cent of them come from smaller towns, a figure he used while asking for prevailing myths about entrepreneurship to be dispelled.
25.	C	2022-23 – The backgrounder states that the updated series of annual and quarterly GDP estimates, released on 31 August 2026, takes 2022-23 as its base year.
26.	A	Output and intermediate consumption – Double deflation is a production-side technique: gross output is deflated with one price index and intermediate consumption with another, and real Gross Value Added is what remains after subtracting the second from the first.
27.	C	Rs 88.27 lakh crore – The release says the first quarter of 2026-27 should be compared with the earlier first-quarter figure from the same series, and in doing so it names the current-price estimate for the quarter.
28.	B	A- – The agency moved both the long-term foreign currency issuer rating and the long-term local currency issuer rating up by exactly one notch, from BBB+ to A-, and kept the outlook at stable.
29.	D	4.4 per cent – JCR noted that the Centre's fiscal deficit came down from 4.7 per cent in FY25 to 4.4 per cent in FY26, and that this happened while capital spending was kept high, with infrastructure investment given particular weight.
30.	D	Asian Development Bank – It is a multilateral development bank that lends to its member countries; it is not a credit rating agency and assigns no sovereign ratings, so it cannot appear in this list.
31.	C	USD 54.02 billion – That is the figure twenty IFSC Banking Units had sanctioned under the Reserve Bank's special swap facility for FCNR(B) deposits as on 31 August 2026, and about USD 52.82 billion of it had already been disbursed.
32.	B	The IFSCA Act, 2019 – The release describes IFSCA as the unified regulatory authority set up by the Government of India under an Act of Parliament for the development and regulation of financial products, financial services and financial institutions in India's International Finan...
33.	B	USD 11.12 billion – Indian banks raised that amount through bond listings on IFSC exchanges over the five months from April to August 2026.
34.	C	180 days – The Rules were notified by the Department of Consumer Affairs on 27 August 2026 and published in the Official Gazette on 29 August 2026, and the release states that they take effect 180 days from the date of that publication.

35.	A	CSIR-National Physical Laboratory – It is India's National Metrology Institute, mandated to set up primary national standards and to disseminate them.
36.	B	Five – CSIR-NPL, ISRO and the Legal Metrology Department jointly established secondary timescales at Regional Reference Standard Laboratories in Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Bhubaneswar, Faridabad and Guwahati.
37.	C	Rs 15 lakh – The release states that every awardee receives three things: a statuette, a certificate and award money of Rs 15 lakh.
38.	D	Polar Adventure – The award has exactly four categories and that is not one of them.
39.	C	Lifetime Achievement – The list approved by the Government places Shiv Prasad Chamoli in that category, which honours a sustained record in adventure rather than one outstanding feat.
40.	B	Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru – The 16th edition of Aero India is scheduled there from 8 to 12 February 2027, in the state of Karnataka, and is organised by the Department of Defence Production under the Ministry of Defence.
41.	A	Department of Defence Production – It organises Aero India under the Ministry of Defence, which fits the show's purpose of displaying India's capability in aerospace and defence manufacturing and drawing in partnerships, investment and exports.
42.	B	3 September 2026 – The release says exhibitor registration was scheduled to commence on that date through the dedicated portal www.aeroindia.gov.in , which was built to handle registration and the booking of exhibition space for both exhibitors and visitors.
43.	B	New Delhi – The three-day meeting was held there from 1 to 3 September 2026, hosted by the Office of the Controller General of Patents, Designs and Trade Marks, which functions under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade in the Ministry of Commerce...
44.	B	The Updated Operational Guidelines – The release names their adoption as a major outcome of the deliberations, and explains their purpose: to guide result-oriented cooperation among the member offices, to promote cross-border innovation, and to strengthen joint efforts in shaping global intellec...
45.	C	35 – The release states that about that many delegates took part in the meeting, through a mix of virtual and physical formats.
46.	B	IBCA and the Asian Development Bank – The two formalised their partnership through an MoU at the event, marking a step towards stronger collaboration in landscape conservation, sustainable development, capacity building, knowledge exchange and nature-positive financing initiatives.
47.	B	Bhupender Yadav, Union Environment Minister – The correct answer is Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change.
48.	C	Seven – The release describes IBCA as a global platform for cooperation among countries and institutions working for the conservation of the seven big cat species, and notes its growing role under the vision of the Prime Minister.
49.	B	Belgium – The joint statement records that Bart De Wever, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Belgium, was on an official visit to India at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
50.	A	1947 – The two leaders noted that Belgium was among the first European countries to establish diplomatic ties with India, and the statement fixes that year as 1947.
51.	B	2028-29 – The joint statement sets out a straight exchange of support: India will contest a non-permanent seat on the Security Council for the 2028-29 term, and Belgium for the 2037-2038 term, with each backing the other.

52.	C	The Raksha Mantri – The release states plainly that he put out the RAKSHA document on defence diplomacy in New Delhi, and that the framework sets down India's strategic roadmap and vision for defence partnerships across the world for the next 10 years.
53.	C	The next 10 years – The release calls RAKSHA a comprehensive framework that carries India's strategic roadmap and vision for global defence partnerships over the coming decade, and it repeats that the document gives a clear and actionable vision for the next ten years.
54.	D	Maritime Security – That pillar of the RAKSHA document speaks of strengthening India's role as a Net Security Provider and a First Responder in the Indian Ocean Region, and both phrases are standard usage in Indian maritime strategy.
55.	C	4.07 million tonnes – The review records that NMDC mined that quantity of iron ore in August 2026, which is growth of 20.8 per cent over the same month a year earlier.
56.	B	NMDC – The review names the Top 7 producers as SAIL, RINL, NSL, the TSL Group, AM/NS, JSL (JSPL) and the JSW Group.
57.	C	Sweden – The review records that SRTMI and SWERIM of Sweden signed a memorandum of understanding to strengthen cooperation in iron and steel research, technology and innovation.
58.	B	86 – The release calls the response encouraging and puts the number of nominations received from across the country at that figure.
59.	C	Survival rate of plantations – The release states that the evaluation used a comprehensive assessment framework in which the survival rate carried the highest weightage.
60.	B	Green Highways Policy, 2015 – The release states that NHAI instituted the awards in 2025 as mandated in that policy, and describes them as reinforcing the Authority's commitment to joining environmental sustainability with the development of the National Highway network.
61.	A	Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences, Bengaluru – The correct answer is the Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences, Bengaluru, an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology.
62.	B	By adding one per cent of a suitable co-solvent – The correct answer is by adding one per cent of a suitable co-solvent.
63.	C	A non-centrosymmetric structure – The release explains that controlled chiral self-assembly aligns the molecular dipoles into such a structure, and calls it a fundamental structural requirement for piezoelectricity.
64.	B	15 August 2020 – The release states that the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan on that date to combat the demand for drugs in the country, which is why the campaign is now marking its sixth anniversary with a National Mas...
65.	D	More than 34.56 crore – That is the total reach of the campaign as stated in the release.
66.	B	National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre at AIIMS, New Delhi – The correct answer is the National Drug Dependence Treatment Centre at AIIMS, New Delhi.
67.	A	Community, Corporate Social Responsibility and Cost – The backgrounder states that the initiative is guided by the 3Cs and spells them out in exactly those words.
68.	C	More than 1.58 crore – The backgrounder gives a running series of figures, and each belongs to a different date, which is where candidates slip.
69.	B	Korea district, Chhattisgarh – The backgrounder describes farmers there voluntarily dedicating 5 per cent of their agricultural land for recharge ponds and terraced pits under the Aawa Paani Jhoki

movement, and holds the model up as proof that sustainable water management needs neither lar...

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70. **B** **National Cooperative Development Corporation** – The backgrounder names it as the implementing agency, supported by coordination at the national, state and district levels through an Inter-Ministerial Committee, a National Level Coordination Committee, and State and District Cooperative Development Committee...
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71. **B** **313** – The backgrounder reports that as of July 2026 godown construction had been completed in that many PACS across the country, creating more than 1.80 lakh metric tonnes of storage capacity.
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72. **A** **1 per cent** – The Plan uses NABARD's special refinance facility to lighten the burden on participating cooperatives, and when that is combined with the 3 per cent interest subvention available under the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund, the effective loan interest rate for...
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73. **B** **GSLV-F17** – The release records that ISRO carried out the successful launch of GSLV-F17 carrying EOS-05, and that the Prime Minister praised the space agency for the achievement.
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74. **C** **Geosynchronous orbit** – The distinction claimed for EOS-05 in this release is precisely this: it is India's first-ever imaging satellite from Geosynchronous orbit.
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75. **C** **The Prime Minister of India** – The release was issued by the Prime Minister's Office and records that Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the launch as yet another outstanding achievement by ISRO and a proud moment for the nation.
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76. **B** **Paris** – The release states that the virtual bilateral meeting between Dr Jitendra Singh and Prof Philippe Baptiste took place ahead of the International Space Summit, which is scheduled in Paris on 9 and 10 September 2026.
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77. **C** **The Chairman of ISRO and Secretary, Department of Space** – The correct answer is the Chairman of ISRO, who is also Secretary of the Department of Space.
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78. **C** **CNES** – The release recalls that India and France have shared a close space partnership spanning nearly six decades, and that cooperation between ISRO and CNES has included the joint satellite missions Megha-Tropiques and SARAL.
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79. **B** **Turin, Italy** – The release records that Indian student delegates delivered their best-ever performance at the 19th International Earth Science Olympiad, held under the aegis of the International Geoscience Organisation in Turin, Italy, from 20 to 27 August 2026.
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80. **B** **4 gold, 3 silver, 2 bronze** – The correct answer is four gold, three silver and two bronze, which adds up to the nine medals that made this India's highest-ever haul at the competition.
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81. **C** **Geological Society of India** – The release explains that the Earth Science Olympiad journey begins with an all-India test facilitated by this body, in which roughly 17,800 students appeared across 500 centres nationwide.
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82. **B** **108 athletes from 19 countries** – The release records that the Union Home Minister extended his best wishes to the 108 athletes from 19 countries participating in the World Archery Para Series, and that the participating nations include Bhutan, the United Kingdom, China, Bangladesh, France, G...
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83. **C** **Ahmedabad** – Speaking at the inauguration, the Union Home Minister said that the 2030 Commonwealth Games will mark the centenary edition of those Games, and that it is a matter of great joy that Ahmedabad will host the event.
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84. **C** **Archery Association of India** – The release states plainly that the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation inaugurated the Archery Association of India's World Archery Para Series through video conferencing.
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85.	B	1.871 million tonnes – The release states that SAIL achieved double digit year-on-year growth in overall sales volumes in August 2026, with total sales at this level, registering a rise of 13 per cent over the corresponding period last year.
86.	B	Rs 870 crore – The release records that during August 2026 SAIL further strengthened its financial position by reducing borrowings by this amount from the level of 31.03.2026.
87.	A	It grew by 8 per cent to 1.68 MT – The correct answer is that crude steel production grew by 8 per cent to 1.68 MT, against 1.55 MT in the corresponding period last year.
88.	B	2 billion people – Addressing the India-Belgium High-Level Dialogue in Mumbai, the Commerce and Industry Minister said the India-EU Free Trade Agreement brings together 2 billion people, representing a quarter of global GDP, a third of world trade and a market of USD 24 trillion...
89.	B	The second-largest – Shri Goyal said that Belgium stands at the gateway of the opportunity created by the India-EU FTA, and noted that the Port of Antwerp-Bruges is Europe's second-largest seaport.
90.	B	USD 140 billion – The Commerce and Industry Minister said India's trade with the European Union had already doubled over the last decade to nearly this figure, which is why the conclusion of the Free Trade Agreement matters so much to both sides.
91.	B	Puga Valley, Ladakh – The backgrounder records that the ONGC Energy Centre commissioned the country's first two geothermal wells there in July 2026.
92.	B	381 – The backgrounder states that the Geological Survey of India has mapped 381 hot springs and identified 10 geothermal provinces across the country, and that India's theoretical geothermal prospect stands at nearly 10.6 GW, of which 42 sites have been recognised...
93.	C	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy – The backgrounder states that the Government notified the National Policy on Geothermal Energy in September 2025 and that this ministry is the nodal ministry for its implementation.
94.	C	2,306 – The release states that the coordinated efforts of forty ministries and departments culminated in the successful resolution of this many cases, and that the redressal rate works out to seventy-two per cent.
95.	B	7 July 2026 to 31 August 2026 – The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare started Special Campaign 3 on the earlier of those dates, for the timely and qualitative redressal of long-pending pension grievances, claims and issues, and the campaign concluded on the later one.
96.	B	CPENGRAMS – The release records that, besides the target cases identified by ministries, grievance cases pending on the CPENGRAMS portal for more than one month were also taken up for redressal during the preparatory phase.
97.	B	82 – The release records that 82 teachers and educators were selected for the National Teachers Awards this year, and that they came from three departments.
98.	C	Department of School Education and Literacy – Of the 82 awardees, 48 came from that department, which is well over half the total and easily the largest block.
99.	C	Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan – The releases of the day tie the occasion directly to him: President Droupadi Murmu paid floral tributes to Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a former President of India, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, and the Prime Minister said that Teachers' Day is also a day to pay hom...
100.	A	Super Corridor-3 and Malviya Nagar Chauraha – The release describes the newly inaugurated Phase-I (Reach-II) as a stretch of about 11 km with 11 stations running from Super Corridor-3 to Malviya Nagar Chauraha, developed at an estimated cost of ₹2,850 crore.

101.	C	16 – The release states that with this expansion the Indore Metro network now comprises 16 operational stations covering approximately 17 km, at a cumulative project cost of about ₹4,370 crore.
102.	B	The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs – The correct answer is the Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal.
103.	B	₹2.55 lakh crore – The backgrounder states that the scheme, approved on 5 May 2026 and implemented by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company, aims to facilitate an additional credit flow of up to that amount, and that the scheme runs till 31 March 2027 or till guarantees...
104.	D	100 per cent – The release separates the two levels of cover clearly: eligible MSMEs get a full guarantee, while eligible non-MSME borrowers get 90 per cent cover.
105.	C	National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company – The correct answer is the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company, usually written as NCGTC.
106.	A	₹8.23 crore – The release records that the Authority sanctioned that amount in ABS proceeds to 27 State Biodiversity Boards and 5 Union Territory Biodiversity Councils, arising from access to biological resources of four vegetable crops.
107.	B	Madhya Pradesh – The table in the release ranks the recipients, and Madhya Pradesh stands at the top, ahead of Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka and Gujarat.
108.	B	Section 32(2) of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 – The release states that the boards and councils are required to spend the funds on the activities listed in that provision, and it lists them: documentation and updating of People's Biodiversity Registers, conservation of biological resources both in their na...
109.	B	₹37,500 crore – The Ministry of Coal states that the Union Cabinet approved the scheme on 13 May 2026 with that total financial outlay, and the same figure appears at the start of the clarification issued about press reports on the scheme.
110.	B	Talcher Fertilisers Limited and NTPC Limited – The Ministry said it had been informed that both companies had already submitted their applications through the online portal, and it used this fact to reject the claim that the scheme had received no takers.
111.	C	100 million tonnes – The release says the scheme will contribute significantly to the Government's broader objective of achieving 100 million tonnes of coal gasification capacity by 2030, which makes the pair of numbers, 100 million tonnes and the year 2030, one of the most likel...
112.	B	The Vice President of India – The release records that he launched the India Valve Registry at India Valves 2026, a national academic meeting on valvular and structural heart disease held in Chennai.
113.	A	Transcatheter valve interventions – The release describes the registry as a collaborative multicentre initiative for the systematic, secure and de-identified collection of real-world data on transcatheter valve interventions across India, with the aim of strengthening India-specific clinical ev...
114.	C	Swasth Bharat – Referring to the national goal of building a Viksit Bharat by 2047, the Vice President said that a developed India must also be a healthy India, and the release carries the line as one of its highlighted quotations.
115.	B	Dinamalar – The release records that the Vice President released a commemorative postage stamp in Chennai marking the 75th year of Dinamalar, and that the function itself was held to mark the paper's 75th year of publication along with the release of the stamp.
116.	B	1951 – The Vice President noted in his address that Dinamalar was founded in that year with the resolve to serve as a touchstone of truth, and the same address places the paper in its 75th year of publication, which fits the founding year.

117.	A	Pattam – The release states that the Vice President stressed the importance of nurturing the next generation and appreciated Dinamalar's efforts through its Pattam publication, which brings knowledge on general awareness, language skills and scientific innovations to...
118.	B	Rs 11,639 crore – The backgrounder states that the Vibrant Villages Programme is being carried out through two phases whose outlays together come to that figure, and that the two phases between them reach more than 2,616 villages along the international land border.
119.	B	Kibithoo, Anjaw district, Arunachal Pradesh – The release records that VVP-I was launched there on 10 April 2023.
120.	C	Bangladesh – The backgrounder places India's total international land boundary at more than 15,000 km, shared with seven neighbouring countries, and says the longest single stretch runs 4,096.7 km along the boundary with Bangladesh.
121.	B	Kolkata – The release says the sixth edition opened at the CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Biology in Salt Lake, Kolkata, and runs on 6 and 7 September.
122.	A	Minerals, Medicine, Materials and Machines – The release places this 4M framework at the heart of the conclave and explains that the four words represent the complementary strengths of the four CSIR laboratories hosting it.
123.	C	Dr N. Kalaiselvi – The correct answer is Dr N. Kalaiselvi, who is Director General of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and also Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research.
124.	B	From Crisis to Recovery - Conserving India's Vultures – Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav inaugurated the national workshop under this theme at Panchkula in Haryana, and the release uses the same phrase again at the close to describe the journey the country has made in vulture conservation through science...
125.	B	356 – The release records that the Jatayu Conservation Breeding Centre at Pinjore housed that many vultures during 2025-26 and bred 35 chicks successfully in the same period.
126.	C	Haryana – Pinjore lies in Haryana, and the centre there is described in the release as a joint initiative of the Haryana Forest Department and the Bombay Natural History Society.
127.	B	Chandigarh – The release states that the 16th National Meet, organised by the National Biodiversity Authority, was inaugurated there and runs for two days, on 6 and 7 September.
128.	C	The Biological Diversity Act, 2002 – The Union Minister referred to it as the foundation of the country's biodiversity governance and noted that two later measures have strengthened and streamlined it: the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, 2023 and the Biological Diversity Rules, 2024.
129.	A	The Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework – The release says India's updated National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, covering the period from 2024 to 2030, has been aligned with it, and that States and Union Territories were encouraged to become partners in meeting the global 30-by-30 conservat...
130.	A	Dr Vinaya Prakash Singh – He is a 1988 batch officer of the Indian Postal Service and was declared elected unopposed, by acclamation, at the 14th APPU Congress held in Bangkok on 4 September 2026.
131.	C	Bangkok – The release describes the Asian-Pacific Postal Union as an inter-governmental organisation headquartered in Bangkok with 32 member countries, and it was in Bangkok that the 14th Congress met on 4 September 2026 and re-elected its Secretary-General.
132.	B	The Universal Postal Union – The release states plainly that the APPU works as a Regional Union of the UPU, which is the United Nations specialised agency for the postal sector.

133.	B	Bhagwat Prasad Makwana – The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment appointed him Chairperson of the Commission, and the release sets out his background: a Master's degree in Economics, long experience in social work for Scheduled Caste communities, earlier service as Vice-Chai...
134.	A	31 March 2028 – The release states that the appointments will be effective up to that date, which corresponds to the remaining tenure of the present Commission.
135.	C	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment – The release is issued by that Ministry, and the appointments were made by its Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.
136.	A	Egypt – The Ministry of Defence said the Sarang Helicopter Display Team of the Indian Air Force had reached Egypt to take part in the second edition of the El Alamein International Airshow, which is held at El Alamein International Airport from 8 to 10 September 2026.
137.	C	Advanced Light Helicopter Dhruv – The release states that the Sarang team flies this helicopter, that it is designed and manufactured in India, and that the team's displays show off both the skill of the pilots and the capability of the country's indigenous aerospace industry.
138.	C	Five – The release describes the Sarang team as the only five-helicopter display team in the world, which is the single most distinctive fact about it and the one most likely to be tested.
139.	B	Surat – The release says the 89th edition was organised there with the theme 'Nasha Mukti Yuva for Viksit Bharat', led by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya together with Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi.
140.	A	Nasha Mukti Yuva for Viksit Bharat – The release names this theme for the 89th edition and links it to the Nasha Mukti Sankalp Abhiyan, under which the Union Minister, the Deputy Chief Minister and the participants together took the Nasha Mukti Pledge.
141.	C	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports – The release states that it organises the initiative in collaboration with the Cycling Federation of India, the Raahgiri Foundation and MY Bharat, and that Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, who heads this ministry, led the 89th edition in Surat.

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