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5 October 2026

UCIL Marks Diamond Jubilee Year of Uranium Mining

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Uranium Corporation of India Limited, the Department of Atomic Energy firm set up in 1967, marked its Diamond Jubilee Year at Jaduguda on 4 October 2026.

- Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a PSU under the Department of Atomic Energy, marked its Diamond Jubilee Year on 4 October 2026, six decades after being incorporated on 4 October 1967.
- The celebrations were held at Jaduguda, with Ms. Seema Jain, Member-Finance of the Atomic Energy Commission, as Chief Guest.
- A Dark Matter Laboratory of the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics is proposed at the 815-metre level of the Jaduguda underground mine.
- A first-of-its-kind Journalists' Workshop was held at the Information Centre, Narwapahar, together with a DAE Technology Exhibition for school students.
- Dr Kacham Anand Rao is Chairman and Managing Director of UCIL, while Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty is Secretary, DAE and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission.

Organisation	Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL)
Parent department	Department of Atomic Energy (DAE)
Milestone	Diamond Jubilee Year, six decades
Incorporated on	4 October 1967
Celebrated on	4 October 2026
Venue	Jaduguda
Chief Guest	Ms. Seema Jain, Member-Finance, Atomic Energy Commission
Proposed Dark Matter Laboratory	815-metre level of the Jaduguda underground mine, by the Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics

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TDB Backs Project VeerAI With Rs 130 Crore for AI Vision Chip

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with BigEndian Semiconductors for Rs 130 crore of RDI Fund support to build an indigenous AI Vision SoC.

- The Technology Development Board, under the Department of Science and Technology, signed an agreement with BigEndian Semiconductors of Bengaluru for Rs 130 crore of support from the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
- Project VeerAI has a total project cost of Rs 260 crore and will develop a camera-focused AI Vision System-on-Chip on a sovereign technology platform
- The support comes through Optional Convertible Debt, and must move the technology from Technology Readiness Level 5 to Technology Readiness Level 9
- The chip is aimed first at CCTV and surveillance use in India and the Global South, with later deployment planned in defence, automotive, industrial and medical fields
- Rajesh Kumar Pathak is the Secretary of the Technology Development Board, the DST body that extends RDI Fund support to Indian companies

Project	Project VeerAI
Support	Rs 130 crore from the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Total project cost	Rs 260 crore
Funding body	Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology
Company	BigEndian Semiconductors, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Instrument	Optional Convertible Debt (OCD)
Technology jump	Technology Readiness Level 5 to Technology Readiness Level 9
Product	Camera-focused AI Vision System-on-Chip (SoC)

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India, Switzerland Sign Mobility and Infrastructure Agreements

5 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Infrastructure Push Cuts Travel Time, 549 Trains Speeded Up

5 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

5 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Sanchar Saathi Portal Crosses 30 Crore Visits Against Telecom Fraud

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Department of Telecommunications said its Sanchar Saathi portal has crossed 30 crore visits, blocked 60.96 lakh handsets and helped prevent fraud losses.

- The Sanchar Saathi portal, developed by the Department of Telecommunications, has crossed 30 crore visits since its launch in May 2023
- 60.96 lakh lost or stolen handsets have been blocked, 37.85 lakh traced and more than 14 lakh recovered
- Chakshu has received 12.80 lakh inputs, leading to action in 59.82 lakh cases and the disconnection of more than 50 lakh connections
- The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator has helped prevent suspected cyber-fraud losses of more than 5,000 crore rupees
- The Digital Intelligence Platform links over 1,600 stakeholders, and the app is available in English, Hindi and 21 regional languages

Portal	Sanchar Saathi, of the Department of Telecommunications
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Launched	May 2023
Visits	More than 30 crore
Handsets blocked	60.96 lakh
Handsets traced and recovered	37.85 lakh traced, more than 14 lakh recovered
Chakshu inputs	12.80 lakh, with action in 59.82 lakh cases
Connections disconnected	More than 50 lakh

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Gadkari Opens Chintan Shivir 2026 on Highway Infrastructure

5 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Nitin Gadkari inaugurated Chintan Shivir 2026, a national conclave on highway infrastructure held at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat under the motto Gatishakti se Pragati.

- Chintan Shivir 2026, a national conclave on highway infrastructure, was inaugurated by Nitin Gadkari at Tent City 2 near the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
- The two-day conclave carries the motto Gatishakti se Pragati and was also addressed by Minister of State Harsh Malhotra
- A document on Environment and Wildlife Mitigation Measures and a BRICS Compendium on Perspectives in Sustainable Transport were launched
- Sessions cover PM GatiShakti, land acquisition and Bhoomi Rashi, model concession agreements, safe and green highways, road safety, toll reform and quality assurance
- The minister highlighted the FASTag Annual Pass and Multi-Lane Free Flow as tolling reforms, and asked for stronger preparation at the Detailed Project Report stage

Event	Chintan Shivir 2026 – A National Conclave on Highway Infrastructure
Motto	Gatishakti se Pragati
Inaugurated by	Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari
Also addressed by	Minister of State Harsh Malhotra
Venue	Tent City 2, Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Narmada district, Gujarat
Duration	Two days
Documents launched	Environment and Wildlife Mitigation Measures; BRICS Compendium on Perspectives in Sustainable Transport
Session themes	PM GatiShakti, Bhoomi Rashi, model concession agreements, safe and green highways, road safety and toll reform

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DST Marks Swachhata Hi Sewa 2026, Felicitates 110 Safai Mitras

5 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Department of Science and Technology set out its work under the Swachhata Hi Sewa 2026 campaign, which began on 17 September and saw 110 Safai Mitras honoured.

- The Swachhata Hi Sewa 2026 campaign began on 17 September 2026 across DST, its autonomous institutions and the offices of the Survey of India
- The Secretary of the department felicitated 110 Safai Mitras on 29 September 2026 at the Safai Mitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir
- A shramdaan was held on 1 October 2026 at Vigyan Sadan under the nationwide call Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath, and another on Gandhi Jayanti, 2 October 2026
- A financial awareness session was arranged through the Securities and Exchange Board of India on 23 September 2026 under Safai Mitra Suraksha
- Technology Bhawan and Vigyan Sadan were the Cleanliness Target Units, and Prof. Umesh V. Waghmare, Secretary DST, joined the plantation drive

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Sewa (SHS) 2026
Department	Department of Science and Technology
Start date	17 September 2026
Swachhata Pledge	18 September 2026, administered by the Secretary
Cleanliness Target Units	Technology Bhawan and Vigyan Sadan
Nationwide call	Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath, with shramdaan on 1 October 2026 at Vigyan Sadan
Gandhi Jayanti drive	2 October 2026, led by the Secretary around Technology Bhawan
Safai Mitras felicitated	110, on 29 September 2026

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Kuno Cheetah KJP21 Delivers Five Cubs, India Tally Reaches 60

5 October 2026 · Environment

An India-born cheetah named KJP21 delivered five cubs at Kuno National Park, pushing the country's cheetah count to 60, of which 41 were born here.

- KJP21, a 32-month-old India-born female cheetah, gave birth to five healthy cubs at Kuno National Park on 5 October 2026
- India's cheetah population has risen to 60 animals, of which 41 were born in the country itself
- KJP21 is the third India-born female cheetah to breed, following Mukhi and KGP12
- The cubs' father is a Botswanan male, so the litter begins the Botswanan bloodline in India and adds fresh genetic diversity
- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav announced the birth and credited the Project Cheetah veterinary and field teams

Event	Birth of five cheetah cubs under Project Cheetah
Mother	KJP21, a 32-month-old India-born female cheetah
Place	Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh
Cheetah population in India	60, including 41 born in India
Earlier India-born mothers	Mukhi and KGP12
Father's origin	Botswana, beginning the Botswanan bloodline in India
Announced by	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav

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Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 Begins at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand

5 October 2026 · Defence

The India–UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 opened at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, with 92 soldiers drilling in mountain warfare.

- India–UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 began on 5 October 2026 at the Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
- The exercise runs from 5 to 18 October 2026 and focuses on mountain warfare, interoperability and cooperation between the two armies
- A total of 92 personnel are taking part, with equal representation from the Indian Army and the UAE Army
- The Indian contingent is from a Bhairav Battalion and the UAE contingent from a Mountain Infantry Battalion
- Women officers and combatants from both armies are participating in specialist roles

Exercise	Mountain Guardian 2026
Countries	India and the United Arab Emirates
Venue	Foreign Training Node, Chaubatia, Uttarakhand
Dates	5 to 18 October 2026
Participants	92 personnel, equal numbers from both armies
Indian contingent	Troops of a Bhairav Battalion
UAE contingent	Troops of a Mountain Infantry Battalion
Focus	Mountain warfare and interoperability

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First National Household Travel Survey: Two-Wheelers Lead at 42.6%

5 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

NSO released India’s first National Household Travel Survey, covering 4,92,023 households, and found two-wheelers carry 42.6% of workers to fixed workplaces.

- NSO under MoSPI released the first-ever National Household Travel Survey, conducted from July 2025 to June 2026, as a factsheet on 5 October 2026
- The survey covered 14,274 villages and 10,377 urban blocks, collecting data from 4,92,023 households and 20,34,371 persons
- Two-wheelers are the leading mode for work trips at 42.6% (52.3% urban, 37.1% rural), while 57.6% of workers aged 15 and above travel over a kilometre to work
- Average commute is 23 minutes for students and 25 minutes for workers; 87.6% of students and 83.4% of workers reach within 30 minutes
- For overnight trips buses account for 55.8% and inter-city railways 17.7%, with 70.2% of such travel driven by social and religious purposes

Survey	National Household Travel Survey (NHTS), the first of its kind in India
Conducted by	National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
Period	July 2025 to June 2026
Coverage	14,274 villages and 10,377 urban blocks
Sample	4,92,023 households and 20,34,371 persons
Definition of a trip	Travel of more than one kilometre
Top mode for work trips	Two-wheelers, 42.6% of workers
Top modes for overnight trips	Buses 55.8% and inter-city railways 17.7%

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PMGSY Chintan Shivir: 62 Thousand km Roads in Fourth Phase

5 October 2026 · Government Schemes

At the PMGSY National Chintan Shivir in Bharat Mandapam, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said the fourth phase of the scheme will add 62 thousand kilometres of rural roads.

- The two-day National Chintan Shivir on the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 5 October 2026
- Union Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said about 8.50 lakh kilometres of rural roads have been built in the country so far
- The fourth phase of PMGSY has a target of 62 thousand kilometres of new roads, of which 20 thousand kilometres are already sanctioned
- A limit of 72 days applies between sanction and the start of construction, and agencies doing shoddy work are to be blacklisted
- Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Tamil Nadu and Rajasthan were praised for quality, and Assam for QR coding of road assets

Event	Two-day National Chintan Shivir on the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Addressed by	Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and of Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Roads built so far	About 8.50 lakh kilometres of rural roads
Fourth phase target	62 thousand kilometres of new roads, 20 thousand kilometres sanctioned
Timeline	72 days from sanction to the start of construction
Maintenance	Responsibility of the agency for five years after construction
Also present	Minister of State Kamlesh Paswan and Rural Development Secretary Rohit Kansal

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ITRA Study: Ayurveda with Yoga Cuts Bedwetting by 70 Per Cent

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

A study at ITRA Jamnagar found that Ayurvedic medicine combined with four yoga asanas improved bedwetting in children by about 70 per cent in eight weeks.

- A clinical study at ITRA Jamnagar, an Institution of National Importance under the Ministry of Ayush, tested Ayurvedic medicine with yoga for bedwetting in children
- The eight-week study covered about 38 children aged 6 to 14 years, divided into a medicine-only group and a medicine-with-yoga group
- Bedwetting frequency improved by about 70 per cent with the combined approach against about 38 per cent with medicine alone
- Memory improved about 61 per cent in the combined group against about 31 per cent, irritability fell about 66 per cent and hyperactivity about 71 per cent
- The findings were published in the AYU Journal; the medicine used was Medhya Rasayana Churna and the asanas were Utkatasana, Ardha-Shalabhasana, Bhujangasana and Shavasana

Study by	Department of Kaumarbhritya, Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush; ITRA is an Institution of National Importance
Condition studied	Nocturnal enuresis, or bedwetting, in children
Duration and sample	Eight weeks, about 38 children aged 6 to 14 years
Medicine	Medhya Rasayana Churna of Brahmi, Shankhpushpi, Yashtimadhu and Guduchi, twice daily with milk
Yoga asanas	Utkatasana, Ardha-Shalabhasana, Bhujangasana and Shavasana
Main result	About 70 per cent improvement with medicine and yoga against about 38 per cent with medicine alone
Published in	AYU Journal

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Bogibeel Terminal Sends 540 Tonnes of Methanol to Bangladesh

5 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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17th Pension Adalat Clears 756 of 897 Old Grievances

5 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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First Fleet Support Ship FSS-1 to Be Launched at Visakhapatnam

5 October 2026 · Defence

Fleet Support Ship-1, a 43,500-tonne replenishment vessel for the Indian Navy, will be launched at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, on 6 October 2026.

- Fleet Support Ship-1 (FSS-1) will be launched at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, on 6 October 2026
- FSS-1 is the first of five 43,500-tonne replenishment ships for the Indian Navy and enters the water 18 months after steel cutting
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will also lay the keel of FSS-5, the last ship of the class
- The upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath Crane let the yard build vessels of up to 45,000 DWT
- Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan will attend

Ship	Fleet Support Ship-1 (FSS-1), first of five for the Indian Navy
Builder	Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
Launch date	6 October 2026
Displacement	43,500 tonnes
Build span	Launched 18 months after steel cutting
Role	Replenishing warships at sea across the Indian Ocean Region
Facilities opened	Upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath Crane, enabling vessels up to 45,000 DWT
Launched by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh

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HAL Koraput to Hand Over 2,000th Aero-Engine in Odisha

5 October 2026 · Defence

Hindustan Aeronautics Limited's Koraput division will deliver its 2,000th aero-engine on 6 October 2026, with a second Shakti engine line set up for Rs 218 crore.

- HAL's Koraput division in Odisha will deliver its 2,000th aero-engine on 6 October 2026
- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the milestone event, which marks nearly six decades of the division's work
- A second production line for Shakti engines has been set up with an investment of Rs 218 crore
- The added capacity will serve the Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and the Prachand Light Combat Helicopter
- Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi and HAL CMD Ravi K will attend the ceremony

Milestone	Delivery of the 2,000th aero-engine by HAL Koraput
Plant	HAL Koraput division, Odisha
Date	6 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
New facility	Second production line for Shakti engines
Investment	Rs 218 crore
Platforms served	Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and Prachand Light Combat Helicopter
Attending	Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, Secretary (Defence Production) Sanjeev Kumar, HAL CMD Ravi K

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Windergy India 2026 in Chennai, Wind Capacity at 58.52 GW

5 October 2026 · Environment

The 8th Windergy India will run from 7 to 9 October 2026 at the Chennai Trade Centre, as India's installed wind capacity reaches 58.52 GW with 6.05 GW added last year.

- The 8th edition of Windergy India will be held from 7 to 9 October 2026 at the Chennai Trade Centre
- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi will inaugurate it on 8 October 2026, with MoS Shripad Yesso Naik also present
- India added a record 6.05 GW of wind capacity in 2025-26 and cumulative capacity reached 58.52 GW by August 2026
- Another 28 GW of wind capacity is under implementation against a target of 100 GW by 2030
- Around 400 exhibitors from over 20 countries and 500 delegates are expected, with pavilions from Denmark, Germany and Spain

Event	Windergy India 2026, 8th edition
Dates and venue	7 to 9 October 2026, Chennai Trade Centre
Inauguration	Union Minister Pralhad Joshi on 8 October 2026
Organisers	Indian Wind Turbine Manufacturers Association and PDA Ventures, supported by MNRE and Ministry of Power
Wind capacity added in 2025-26	A record 6.05 GW
Cumulative wind capacity	58.52 GW by August 2026
Under implementation	28 GW
Target	100 GW of wind capacity by 2030

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

5 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Swachhta Udyami Yojana and NFSC: Three Scheme Case Studies

5 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry released three beneficiary accounts covering the Swachhta Udyami Yojana, the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste and an NSFDC subsidy.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment released three scheme beneficiary accounts on 5 October 2026
- Under the Swachhta Udyami Yojana a tractor-mounted Open Nallah Cleaner costing Rs 16,99,952 was financed with a loan of Rs 10,24,964 and a subsidy of Rs 6,74,988
- The beneficiary's monthly income rose from about Rs 8,000 to around Rs 18,000 after the machine was bought
- Under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste, support of about Rs 18 lakh from September 2019 covered fellowship, house rent allowance and contingency, funding a PhD
- Under the NSFDC Electric Auto-Rickshaw Subsidy Scheme, 2024 a beneficiary in Chhindwara received Rs 1,85,000

Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Scheme 1	Swachhta Udyami Yojana (SUY), routed through the Navajeevan Organisation
SUY project	Tractor-mounted Open Nallah Cleaner costing Rs 16,99,952
SUY funding split	Loan of Rs 10,24,964 and capital subsidy of Rs 6,74,988
Income change	From about Rs 8,000 to around Rs 18,000 a month
Scheme 2	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste (NFSC), support from September 2019
NFSC heads	Fellowship, house rent allowance and contingency, totalling about Rs 18 lakh
Scheme 3	NSFDC Electric Auto-Rickshaw Subsidy Scheme, 2024, assistance of Rs 1,85,000

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Three High Court Chief Justices Made Supreme Court Judges

5 October 2026 · Appointments

The President appointed Gujarat High Court Chief Justice Sunita Agarwal, Delhi's Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya and Telangana's Aparesh Kumar Singh as Supreme Court judges.

- The President of India appointed three sitting High Court Chief Justices as Judges of the Supreme Court of India, announced by the Ministry of Law and Justice on 5 October 2026
- Justice Sunita Agarwal was Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court and her parent High Court is Allahabad; she is the only woman among the three elevated
- Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya was Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, also with Allahabad as his parent High Court
- Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh was Chief Justice of the Telangana High Court, with Jharkhand as his parent High Court
- A separate notification the same day appointed judicial officer Gurvinder Pal Singh as an Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court after consultation with the Chief Justice of India

Announced by	Ministry of Law and Justice, 5 October 2026
Appointing authority	The President of India, under powers given by the Constitution
Elevated from Gujarat HC	Justice Sunita Agarwal (parent High Court: Allahabad)
Elevated from Delhi HC	Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya (parent High Court: Allahabad)
Elevated from Telangana HC	Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh (parent High Court: Jharkhand)
Delhi High Court appointment	Shri Gurvinder Pal Singh, judicial officer, as Additional Judge
Consultation required	The Chief Justice of India was consulted for the Delhi High Court appointment

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TRAI Report: Telephone Users Reach 1,330.58 Million

5 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI's Yearly Performance Indicators for 2025-26 put telephone subscribers at 1,330.58 million and tele-density at 93.26 per cent at the end of March 2026.

- TRAI released The Indian Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators for 2025-26 on 5 October 2026, covering 1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
- Total telephone subscribers rose to 1,330.58 million and overall tele-density to 93.26 per cent at the end of March 2026
- Internet subscribers reached 1092.79 million, of which broadband accounted for 1065.88 million and narrowband 26.91 million
- Monthly ARPU for wireless service rose to Rs 180.73 and average wireless data use per subscriber to 25.51 GB a month, while realisation per GB fell to Rs 8.02
- Sector Gross Revenue stood at Rs 4,04,067 crore and Adjusted Gross Revenue at Rs 3,34,659 crore in 2025-26

Report	The Indian Telecom Services Yearly Performance Indicators, 2025-26
Released by	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), 5 October 2026
Period covered	1 April 2025 to 31 March 2026
Telephone subscribers	1,330.58 million, up 10.81 per cent
Tele-density	93.26 per cent overall; urban 151.47 per cent, rural 60.46 per cent
Internet subscribers	1092.79 million, broadband 1065.88 million
Wireless ARPU per month	Rs 180.73
Data use per subscriber	25.51 GB a month at Rs 8.02 per GB

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India, Japan Launch Joint Crediting Mechanism Manual

5 October 2026 · Environment

India and Japan launched the Operational Manual for their Joint Crediting Mechanism, a carbon market arrangement under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement.

- India and Japan launched the Operational Manual for the India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism in New Delhi on 30 September 2026, announced by the environment ministry on 5 October 2026
- It was launched by Japan's Ambassador to India Keiichi Ono and the then Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change Tanmay Kumar
- The mechanism operationalises bilateral cooperation under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement and covers emission reductions and removals in India
- A Memorandum of Cooperation was signed on 7 August 2025 and the Rule of Implementation was adopted on 8 June 2026 before the Manual came
- The Manual covers the full project cycle, from submission of a Project Idea Note to the issuance and authorisation of JCM credits

Mechanism	India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM)
Document launched	Operational Manual for the India-Japan JCM
Launched on	30 September 2026 in New Delhi; announced 5 October 2026
Launched by	Keiichi Ono, Ambassador of Japan to India, and Tanmay Kumar, then Secretary, MoEFCC
Treaty basis	Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement
Memorandum of Cooperation	Signed on 7 August 2025
Rule of Implementation	Adopted on 8 June 2026
Project cycle	From a Project Idea Note to issuance and authorisation of JCM credits

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CAQM Deploys Flying Squads in 34 Stubble Burning Districts

5 October 2026 · Environment

CAQM has deployed Flying Squads in 34 districts of Punjab and Haryana, 18 and 16 respectively, from 1 October to 30 November 2026 to curb paddy stubble burning.

- CAQM has deployed Flying Squads in 34 districts across Punjab and Haryana from 1 October to 30 November 2026 to prevent paddy stubble burning
- The deployment covers 18 districts in Punjab and 16 districts in Haryana, among them Sangrur, Bathinda, Jind, Kaithal and Karnal
- The step follows a communication from CAQM to the Central Pollution Control Board and is arranged in successive phases through the 2026 harvesting season
- The squads will coordinate with farmers, the Parali Protection Force, district authorities, State Nodal Officers and State Pollution Control Boards
- The squads will report the ground situation and the preventive action taken to the CAQM Cell at SAS Nagar on a daily basis

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Action	Deployment of Flying Squads against paddy stubble burning
Districts covered	34 in all, 18 in Punjab and 16 in Haryana
Period	1 October to 30 November 2026
Communication sent to	Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
Reporting	Daily reports to the CAQM Cell at SAS Nagar
Partners on the ground	Farmers, Parali Protection Force, district authorities, State Nodal Officers, State Pollution Control Boards
Announced by	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, 5 October 2026

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Agriculture Ministry Reports 10.77 Crore Farmer IDs Made

5 October 2026 · Government Schemes

At the agriculture ministry's first monthly review, Shivraj Singh Chouhan said over 10.77 crore Farmer IDs are ready and a Khet Bachao Abhiyan begins this month.

- Union Agriculture Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan chaired the ministry's first comprehensive monthly review meeting at Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi, on 5 October 2026
- Under the Digital Agriculture Mission, more than 10.77 crore digital Farmer IDs have been made against a national target of 14 crore farmers
- A nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan to protect soil and crops will begin on the 22nd of this month
- In 2025-26 pulses output reached 274.09 lakh tonnes and oilseed output 430.59 lakh tonnes, both above the national targets
- Natural farming now covers 27.32 lakh farmers and 12.85 lakh hectares, and crop insurance enrolment rose 23 per cent to cross 2.83 crore

Meeting	First comprehensive monthly review of the agriculture ministry, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi
Chaired by	Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Date	5 October 2026
Farmer IDs	More than 10.77 crore, against a target of 14 crore farmers
New campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan, nationwide from the 22nd of this month
Pulses output 2025-26	274.09 lakh tonnes, area 286.46 lakh hectares
Oilseed output 2025-26	430.59 lakh tonnes
Natural farming	27.32 lakh farmers, 12.85 lakh hectares, 33,257 Krishi Sakhis

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IMC 2026 Theme Scale Without Boundaries, 10th Edition at Yashobhoomi

5 October 2026 · Science & Technology

India Mobile Congress 2026, the tenth edition, opens at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka on the theme Scale Without Boundaries, with over 500 exhibitors expected.

- India Mobile Congress 2026 is the tenth edition and is being held at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
- The theme of IMC 2026 is 'Scale Without Boundaries' and the Prime Minister inaugurates it on 8 October 2026
- India has 1.01 billion broadband subscribers, 5G in 99.9 per cent of districts and 4G in 98.7 per cent of villages
- India is the fifth country in the world to develop an indigenous 4G stack of its own
- More than 2,000 technology use cases, over 120 sessions and over 700 investor meetings are planned at the event

Event	India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, 10th edition
Theme	Scale Without Boundaries
Venue	Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
Inauguration	8 October 2026, by the Prime Minister
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Broadband subscribers	1.01 billion
5G district coverage	99.9 per cent
4G village coverage	98.7 per cent

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India Chem 2026 Theme Advantage Bharat, 14th Edition in Mumbai

5 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Anupriya Patel launched the 14th India Chem on the theme Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub, to be held in Mumbai from 22 to 24 October.

- India Chem 2026 is the fourteenth edition of the biennial flagship event of the chemicals and petrochemicals industry
- The theme is 'Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub' and the venue is Mumbai, from 22 to 24 October
- It is hosted by the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals with FICCI as partner
- The stated aim is to make India a global hub for battery, speciality and semiconductor chemicals by 2040
- Minister of State Anupriya Patel launched the edition and spoke on the BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme for chemical parks

Event	India Chem 2026, 14th edition
Theme	Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub
Venue and dates	Mumbai, 22 to 24 October
Launched by	Anupriya Patel, Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers
Host	Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals, with FICCI
Frequency	Biennial, held once in two years
Scheme named	BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme, for dedicated chemical parks
Sector target	One trillion dollar chemical industry by 2040

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World Habitat Day 2026 Theme Adequate Housing for All

5 October 2026 · Important Days

The Housing Ministry marked World Habitat Day 2026 on the theme Adequate Housing for All and gave away the first PMAY-U Awards to the best states.

- World Habitat Day 2026 was observed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs on the theme 'Adequate Housing for All'
- The PMAY-U Awards 2026 were given to the best performing states, union territories and urban local bodies, and will now be held every year on World Habitat Day
- Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Madhya Pradesh were recognised for the highest completion of BLC houses under PMAY-U
- Tamil Nadu with SIPCOT, at 18,720 beds, and SPR India Private Limited, at 11,154 beds, led in affordable rental housing complexes
- A mobile application and revamped websites of PMAY-U and PMAY-U 2.0 were launched at the function

Observance	World Habitat Day 2026, marked on 5 October 2026
Theme	Adequate Housing for All
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA)
Guest of honour	Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs
Awards given	PMAY-U Awards 2026, now to be held every year on World Habitat Day
BLC houses, best states	Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh
Most reforms under PMAY-U 2.0	Gujarat
Best lending institution	HDFC Bank

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

5 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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

5 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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6 October 2026

eSanjeevani Crosses 50 Crore Teleconsultations in India

6 October 2026 · Government Schemes

India's national telemedicine service eSanjeevani has crossed 50 crore teleconsultations, reaching 50,00,92,730 sittings across all 36 States and UTs.

- eSanjeevani, India's national telemedicine service, crossed 50 crore teleconsultations on 15 September 2026 with a running total of 50,00,92,730 sittings in all 36 States and Union Territories.
- The platform runs on more than 1.42 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandir spokes, 19,473 medical hubs and 901 online OPDs, with 2,41,923 registered health workers and service in 15 languages.
- Women account for 57.14 per cent of the use, citizens of 46 years and above for 40.15 per cent, and those of 60 and above for 16.25 per cent; the busiest day saw 6,30,315 consultations.
- Its AI-powered Clinical Decision Support System won a Gold Award under the National Awards for e-Governance 2026, and the service has been linked to the Emergency Response Support System-112.
- Specialist OPD teleconsultation has begun at AIIMS Jodhpur, AIIMS Jammu and AIIMS Patna; the platform was built by C-DAC, with C-DAC Mohali providing the engineering support.

Platform	eSanjeevani, the National Telemedicine Service of India
Milestone	50 crore teleconsultations (exactly 50,00,92,730)
Date crossed	15 September 2026
Coverage	All 36 States and Union Territories
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Developed by	C-DAC, with C-DAC Mohali giving end-to-end engineering support
Network	Over 1.42 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandir spokes, 19,473 medical hubs, 901 online OPDs
Registered providers	2,41,923 healthcare providers

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VB-G RAM G Schedule Notifies 375 Permissible Rural Works

6 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Rural Development has notified 375 permissible works under the VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, a 41 per cent rise over the earlier 266 works.

- The Ministry of Rural Development has notified a Schedule of 375 permissible works under the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025, known as VB-G RAM G.
- The list is 41 per cent wider than the 266 works of the earlier framework and is grouped under four pillars.
- Water Security has the most works at 128, followed by Core Rural Infrastructure with 111, Livelihood-related Infrastructure with 98 and Disaster Preparedness with 38.
- For the first time a head of its own covers extreme weather and disaster preparedness; livelihood works now take 26 per cent of the list against 1.1 per cent earlier.
- Works will start from a Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan approved by the Gram Sabha and will be tracked on the Viksit Bharat National Rural Infrastructure Stack.

Notified by	Ministry of Rural Development
Scheme	Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), VB-G RAM G
Act	VB-G RAM G Act, 2025
Permissible works	375
Earlier framework	266 works, so a rise of 41 per cent
Water Security	128 works, the largest pillar
Core Rural Infrastructure	111 works
Livelihood-related Infrastructure	98 works, 26 per cent of the list against 1.1 per cent earlier

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

6 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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MoD Signs Rs 661.50 Crore BrahMos Fire Control System Deal

6 October 2026 · Defence

The Ministry of Defence ordered BrahMos fire control systems and launchers for Indian Navy ships from BrahMos Aerospace for Rs 661.50 crore on 6 October.

- The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 661.50 crore contract with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL) on 6 October 2026 in New Delhi
- The order covers BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers for ships of the Indian Navy
- It was placed under the Buy (Indian-IDDM) category, with a minimum of 68 per cent indigenous content
- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh was present at the signing; the work will generate employment over three years
- BrahMos is the Indian Navy’s primary surface-to-surface missile system for maritime strike, supersonic and able to hit land and sea targets

Contract value	Rs 661.50 crore
Signed with	BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited (BAPL)
Items ordered	BrahMos Fire Control System and Launchers for Indian Navy ships
Procurement category	Buy (Indian-IDDM)
Indigenous content	Minimum 68 per cent
Date and place	6 October 2026, New Delhi
Official present	Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
Employment period	Over three years

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First Fleet Support Ship Surya Launched at HSL Visakhapatnam

6 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched Surya, the first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam on 6 October 2026.

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched FSS-1, named Surya, the first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
- He also laid the keel of FSS-5 and inaugurated the upgraded Slipway-4 and a 300-tonne Goliath Crane at the same yard
- Slipway-4 now allows HSL to build and launch ships of up to 45,000 DWT; the crane was built by L and T Geostructure with Konecranes under Make in India
- Surya was launched with traditional honours by Laila Swaminathan, President of the Navy Wives Wellness Association, into the Bay of Bengal
- HSL received Miniratna Category-I status in 2025; Jala Usha, independent India's first ship, was launched at Visakhapatnam in 1948

Ship launched	Surya, the first Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1)
Shipyard	Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
Launched by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
Launch honours	Laila Swaminathan, President, Navy Wives Wellness Association
Also done	Keel laying of FSS-5; upgraded Slipway-4 and 300-tonne Goliath Crane inaugurated
Slipway-4 capacity	Ships of up to 45,000 DWT
Crane makers	L and T Geostructure with Konecranes, under Make in India
HSL status	Miniratna Category-I, granted in 2025

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ARIES Study Tracks Blazar OJ 287 Twin Black Holes for a Decade

6 October 2026 · Science & Technology

An ARIES Nainital study with 106 scientists from 18 countries tracked blazar OJ 287 for ten years and put its main black hole at 3.89 billion solar masses.

- A decade-long optical study of the blazar OJ 287 was coordinated by ARIES, Nainital, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology
- OJ 287 lies about 4 billion light years away and holds two supermassive black holes orbiting each other every twelve years
- The study was led by Dr Alok C. Gupta and involved 106 scientists from 18 countries and 48 institutions, using about two dozen telescopes from 2015 to 2025
- The central black hole was estimated at a minimum of 3.89 billion solar masses from the oxygen emission line width in eight spectra taken in 2017
- The double-peaked brightness pattern of OJ 287 was discovered in 1988 by Finnish scientists using nearly 100 years of records going back to 1880

Object studied	OJ 287, a blazar with two supermassive black holes
Coordinating institute	Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences (ARIES), Nainital
Parent department	Department of Science and Technology
Study leader	Dr Alok C. Gupta
Distance from Earth	About 4 billion light years
Orbital period of the pair	Twelve years
Team size	106 scientists from 18 countries and 48 institutions
Observation span	About two dozen telescopes, 2015 to 2025

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India Joins 153rd IPU Assembly at Arusha in Tanzania

6 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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ESTIC 2026 Ocean Sciences Curtain Raiser Held at Kochi

6 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Earth Sciences held the ESTIC 2026 curtain raiser on Ocean Sciences and Maritime Technologies at CMLRE in Kochi, ahead of the October conclave.

- CMLRE, Kochi, an attached office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, hosted the ESTIC 2026 curtain raiser on the theme Ocean Sciences and Maritime Technologies
- The event was held alongside a stakeholder workshop on the IndOBIS portal, built to support biodiversity research under the Deep Ocean Mission
- ESTIC 2026 was launched by Dr Jitendra Singh at the National Media Centre, New Delhi, on 10 September 2026
- The conclave will be held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026 and will cover 12 thematic areas
- Dr Srinivasa Kumar Tummala, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences, linked ocean resources to the goal of Viksit Bharat 2047 in his video message

Host institution	Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology (CMLRE), Kochi
Parent ministry	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Theme previewed	Ocean Sciences and Maritime Technologies
ESTIC full form	Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave
Portal workshop held alongside	IndOBIS, the Indian Ocean Biodiversity Information System
Mission it supports	Deep Ocean Mission
ESTIC 2026 launched by	Dr Jitendra Singh, on 10 September 2026, National Media Centre, New Delhi
Conclave venue and dates	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, 27 to 29 October 2026

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Textile Industry Development Council Holds Its First Meeting

6 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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

6 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Cabinet Approves Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority

6 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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DRDO Flight-Tests High-Altitude Platform, Reaches 21 km

6 October 2026 · Defence

DRDO flight-tested its indigenous High-Altitude Platform, which climbed to 21 km above mean sea level and stayed at 20 km for more than 30 minutes.

- DRDO conducted a successful flight trial of the indigenously developed High-Altitude Platform (HAPS), announced on 6 October 2026
- The experimental flight reached 21 km above mean sea level and stayed at 20 km for more than 30 minutes before descending on command
- HAPS is a lighter-than-air system meant to serve as a long endurance stratospheric aerial surveillance platform
- It is being developed by the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra, with the IAF, CEMILAC, DGCA and AAI taking part in the trial
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh called the trial a milestone in the Aatmanirbhar Bharat journey towards a stratospheric airship

System	High-Altitude Platform (HAPS), indigenously developed
Agency	Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
Altitude attained	21 km above mean sea level
Loiter	20 km above mean sea level for more than 30 minutes
Type	Lighter-than-air, long endurance stratospheric surveillance platform
Developing laboratory	Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra
Payload carried	Inertial measurement unit, GPS receiver, onboard cameras, altitude control mechanism
Agencies in the trial	Indian Air Force, CEMILAC, DGCA, Airports Authority of India

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DRDO Makes Maiden Live Jump of High-Altitude Parachute AHAP

6 October 2026 · Defence

DRDO carried out the first live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute at Nyoma, from 16,000 feet above mean sea level, landing at 13,700 feet.

- DRDO conducted the maiden live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute (AHAP) at Nyoma (Mudh DZ) on 6 October 2026
- The jump was made from 16,000 feet above mean sea level, the parachute was deployed at 15,500 feet and the landing zone lies at 13,700 feet
- AHAP is a static line parachute system for the mass drop of paratroopers, designed by ADRDE, Agra
- It is manufactured by the Ordnance Parachute Factory, Kanpur, inspected by DGAQA and certified by CEMILAC, RCMA Kanpur
- The system works up to an altitude of 18,000 feet and has the safest rate of descent for high-altitude terrain

System	Advanced High-Altitude Parachute (AHAP)
Event	Maiden live jump conducted by DRDO
Drop zone	Nyoma (Mudh DZ), one of the highest-altitude drop zones
Exit altitude	16,000 feet above mean sea level
Deployment altitude	15,500 feet above mean sea level
Landing elevation	13,700 feet
Operational range	Up to 18,000 feet
Type	Static line parachute system for mass drop of paratroopers

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President Murmu Attends First Convocation of AIIMS Bilaspur

6 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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India Presses for Equity and CBDR-RC at Pre-COP31 in Fiji

6 October 2026 · Environment

Bhupender Yadav led India at the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 in Fiji, seeking equal attention to adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation before COP31.

- Union Minister Bhupender Yadav is leading the Indian delegation at the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meetings co-hosted by Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
- Addressing the Leaders Plenary at Fiji, he sought equal attention to adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation ahead of COP31
- India insisted that Equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) be upheld in letter and spirit
- India offered to share its coastal resilience and space-based expertise with Pacific partners, citing ISRO, NCSCM and NCCR
- COP31, the annual UN Climate Change Conference, will be held in Antalya, Türkiye, in November

Meeting	UNFCCC Pre-COP31 preparatory meetings
Co-hosts	Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
India represented by	Union Minister Bhupender Yadav, leading the Indian delegation
Venue of the plenary	Leaders Plenary at Fiji
India demand	Equal attention to adaptation, mitigation and means of implementation
Principles stressed	Equity and Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities
Institutions named	ISRO, National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management, National Centre for Coastal Research
Project cited	Tuvalu Coastal Adaptation Project

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India Takes 85 Medals at Asian Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya

6 October 2026 · Sports

India closed the 20th Asian Games at Aichi-Nagoya in Japan with 85 medals, among them 21 gold, with the meet running from 19 September to 4 October 2026.

- The 20th Asian Games were staged at Aichi-Nagoya in Japan from 19 September to 4 October 2026 under the slogan 'Imagine One Asia'
- India won 85 medals in all - 21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze - with archery supplying five golds and shooting and boxing three each
- The meet carried 43 sports and 71 disciplines, and 1,407 medals were awarded across 469 events over 16 days of competition
- India's contingent numbered 501 athletes across 36 disciplines, more than 300 of them Asian Games debutants
- The 5th Asian Para Games follow at Aichi-Nagoya from 18 to 24 October 2026, with about 3,000 athletes from 45 nations expected

Event	20th Asian Games 2026 (Asiad)
Host city	Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
Dates	19 September to 4 October 2026
Slogan	Imagine One Asia
Mascot	HONOHON
India's medals	85 (21 gold, 27 silver, 37 bronze)
Programme	43 sports and 71 disciplines
Medals awarded	1,407 across 469 events

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HAL Koraput Delivers Its 2,000th Aero-Engine to Forces

6 October 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh saw HAL Koraput hand over its 2,000th aero-engine and cleared a second Shakti engine line with an outlay of Rs 218 crore on 6 October 2026.

- HAL's Koraput Division delivered its 2,000th aero-engine on 6 October 2026, six decades after the unit was established in 1964
- AL-31FP annual capacity rises from 30 to 50 engines with an investment of Rs 335 crore; a second Shakti line gets Rs 218 crore
- The new Shakti line can build up to 100 engines a year by 2028-29 for the Dhruv ALH and Prachand LCH helicopters
- Koraput has overhauled more than 9,000 engines and its output has powered the MiG-21, MiG-27, MiG-29 and Su-30MKI
- An indigenous high-thrust engine for the AMCA programme is being pursued with an investment of about Rs 5,000 crore

Milestone	2,000th aero-engine delivered by HAL Koraput
Date	6 October 2026
Division established	1964
AL-31FP capacity	Raised from 30 to 50 engines a year, Rs 335 crore
Second Shakti line	Rs 218 crore, up to 100 engines a year by 2028-29
Engines overhauled	More than 9,000
AL-31FP order	240 engines placed with HAL in 2024 for Su-30MKI
High-thrust engine	About Rs 5,000 crore, for the AMCA programme

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National Postal Week 2026 Opens on World Post Day

6 October 2026 · Important Days

India Post will mark National Postal Week from 9 to 15 October 2026, opening on World Post Day themed 'One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities'.

- National Postal Week runs from 9 to 15 October 2026 and opens with World Post Day on 9 October
- The World Post Day theme this year is 'World Post Day: One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities'
- Fun with Philately Day is on 12 October 2026 and Financial Inclusion and CCS Day on 13 October 2026
- Mails and Parcels Day falls on 14 October 2026 and Technology and Innovation Day closes the week on 15 October 2026
- N-Gen Post Offices, Jan Sewa Connect Post Offices, the Dak Sewa App and the Dak Mitra App are the initiatives being showcased

Observance	National Postal Week 2026
Dates	9 to 15 October 2026
World Post Day	9 October 2026
Theme	World Post Day: One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities
Organiser	Department of Posts (India Post)
Fun with Philately Day	12 October 2026
Financial Inclusion and CCS Day	13 October 2026
Mails and Parcels Day	14 October 2026

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CAQM Orders More PTZ Cameras at NCR Industries

6 October 2026 · Environment

CAQM has ordered industries in the NCR to fit additional PTZ cameras by 31 October 2026 so that fuel use can be watched in real time ahead of winter.

- CAQM has ordered industries in the NCR to install additional PTZ cameras by 31 October 2026 under a standard operating procedure
- Cameras must cover all fuel storage areas and fuel charging points, and the gas gauge or meter where gas-based fuel is used
- Video feeds must be streamed live to CPCB, the state pollution control boards and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee, with power backup assured
- The boards and the Delhi committee must report the status of implementation to the Commission by 1 November 2026
- The order follows reports by CAQM Flying Squads of unapproved fuels being used at industries during incognito inspections

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Measure	Additional Pan-Tilt-Zoom (PTZ) cameras at industries
Installation deadline	31 October 2026
Status report due	1 November 2026
Feeds streamed to	CPCB, state pollution control boards and the Delhi Pollution Control Committee
Areas to be covered	Fuel storage areas, fuel charging points, gas gauge or meter
Trigger	Flying Squad inspections found unapproved fuels in use
Related system	Online Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (OCEMS)

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Viksit Bharat Quiz Draws 1,45,26,013 Attempts for VBYLD 2027

6 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Viksit Bharat Quiz for VBYLD 2027 drew 1,45,26,013 attempts, and about 5.7 lakh qualifiers now move to a 500-word essay round closing 15 October 2026.

- The Viksit Bharat Quiz for VBYLD 2027 recorded 1,45,26,013 attempts during the selection process
- The quiz ran on the MY Bharat portal from 17 August to 30 September 2026 with 20 questions, 20 marks and a 10-minute limit
- About 5.7 lakh qualifiers advance to the Viksit Bharat Essay Challenge, writing 500 words on a regional theme
- Essays may be submitted in any of 23 languages on the MY Bharat portal till 15 October 2026
- The pathway runs Quiz to Essay Challenge to District PPT Championship to State or UT dialogue to National VBYLD, under ten regional themes

Programme	Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD) 2027
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
Quiz attempts	1,45,26,013
Quiz period	17 August to 30 September 2026
Quiz format	20 questions, 20 marks, 10 minutes
Qualifiers	About 5.7 lakh youth
Essay length and deadline	500 words, till 15 October 2026
Languages allowed	23

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India, Switzerland Launch Indo-Swiss Research Framework

6 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Named 29th Chief of the Air Staff

6 October 2026 · Appointments

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, at present Vice Chief of the Air Staff, will take over as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on the afternoon of 31 October 2026.

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, has been appointed the 29th Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force
- He takes over in the rank of Air Chief Marshal from the afternoon of 31 October 2026, the day Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh retires
- He was commissioned into the fighter stream on 6 December 1986 and was serving as Vice Chief of the Air Staff before the appointment
- He has flown more than 3500 hours on types such as the Mirage-2000, MiG variants, Kiran, Jaguar, IL-78, Hawk and Tejas
- His decorations are the Vayu Sena Medal (2006), Vishisht Seva Medal (2011), Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2023) and Param Vishisht Seva Medal (2026)

Appointed as	29th Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), Indian Air Force
Officer	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM
Rank on taking over	Air Chief Marshal
Takes charge	Afternoon of 31 October 2026
Post held earlier	Vice Chief of the Air Staff
Outgoing chief	Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh (retires 31 October 2026)
Commissioned	6 December 1986, fighter stream
Flying experience	More than 3500 hours, including Mirage-2000, MiG variants, Jaguar, IL-78, Hawk, Tejas

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DFS Reviews Financial Inclusion Schemes, Plans FI Saturation Drive

6 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

DFS Secretary Sanjay Lohiya reviewed financial inclusion schemes with public and private banks and sought full support for the FI saturation campaign from 21 October.

- Sanjay Lohiya, Secretary, Department of Financial Services, chaired a review of financial inclusion schemes with public and private sector banks in New Delhi
- PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, Atal Pension Yojana, PMMY, Stand Up India, PM SVANidhi, PM Vishwakarma, PM Surya Ghar and KCC were reviewed
- An FI saturation campaign will run from 21 October 2026 to 31 December 2026, with banks asked to focus on marginalised sections
- Banks were told to widen digital outreach, process loans end to end digitally and use credit lines on UPI and credit cards for micro-enterprises
- All new PMJJBY and PMSBY enrolments are to go through the Jan Suraksha portal, which is being integrated with banks and insurers

Meeting	Review of financial inclusion schemes, New Delhi
Chaired by	Sanjay Lohiya, Secretary, Department of Financial Services
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Attended by	Heads of all Public Sector Banks and Executive Directors of major Private Sector Banks
Schemes reviewed	PMJDY, PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY, PMMY, Stand Up India, PM SVANidhi, PM Vishwakarma, PM Surya Ghar, KCC
FI saturation campaign	21 October 2026 to 31 December 2026
Enrolment portal	Jan Suraksha portal, for new PMJJBY and PMSBY beneficiaries
Credit channels explained	Credit lines on UPI; credit cards for micro-enterprises (CCME)

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MoSPI Paper Proposes Wider Index of Services Production Coverage

6 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI has issued an approach paper to bring education, health and public administration into the Index of Services Production, raising coverage to about 78.4 per cent.

- MoSPI has released an approach paper on expanding the scope and coverage of the Index of Services Production and invited comments from stakeholders
- The monthly ISP for the formal sector began on a trial basis in July 2026 with 2024-25 as the base year and covers 19 broad service sub-sectors
- The present framework uses high-frequency administrative data and GST outward supply data covering about 60 per cent of services gross value added
- Education, human health and residential care, and public administration and defence are proposed for inclusion; they make up nearly 21 per cent of services GVA
- With these three areas added, the index would cover roughly 78.4 per cent of services sector GVA; comments are open till 16 October 2026

Document	Approach paper on expanding the scope and coverage of the Index of Services Production
Issued by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Base year of ISP	2024-25
Monthly compilation began	July 2026, on a trial basis, for the formal sector
Sub-sectors covered now	19 broad service sub-sectors
Present coverage	About 60 per cent of services sector gross value added
Proposed additions	Education; human health and residential care; public administration and defence
Share of the additions	Nearly 21 per cent of services gross value added

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

6 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Asia's First Telecom Manufacturing Zone Comes Up in Gwalior

6 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Indo-Argentine Army Team Scales Mt Kamet and Mt Abi Gamin

6 October 2026 · Defence

The Chief of the Army Staff flagged in the joint Indo-Argentine mountaineering team in Delhi after it climbed Mt Abi Gamin and Mt Kamet in Uttarakhand.

- Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth flagged in the Joint Indo-Argentine Army Mountaineering Expedition at New Delhi
- The team summited Mt Abi Gamin (7,355 metres) on 17 September and Mt Kamet (7,756 metres) on 21 September 2026
- Mt Kamet is in Chamoli district of Uttarakhand and is the third-highest peak in India after Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi
- The 35-member team, 25 from the Indian Army and 10 from the Argentine Army, was led by Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee
- It was the third joint climb of the two armies, after Mt Aconcagua in Argentina and Mt Kun in Ladakh

Expedition	Joint Indo-Argentine Army Mountaineering Expedition, the third of its kind
Flagged in by	General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff, at New Delhi
Peaks climbed	Mt Abi Gamin (7,355 metres) and Mt Kamet (7,756 metres)
Summit dates	17 September and 21 September 2026
Mt Kamet	Chamoli district, Uttarakhand; third-highest peak in India
Higher Indian peaks	Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi
Team	35 members: 25 Indian Army and 10 Argentine Army
Leader	Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee

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SAREX-2026, 12th Maritime Search and Rescue Drill, off Paradip

6 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Coast Guard holds SAREX-2026, the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, off the Paradip coast with observers from 30 countries watching.

- SAREX-2026, the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, is being conducted by the Indian Coast Guard off the Paradip coast
- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth inaugurates the exercise on 7 October 2026 and sees the rescue demonstration at sea on 8 October 2026
- 32 international observers from 30 countries are attending, making it one of the largest such drills in the region
- Fifteen Coast Guard ships, two Dornier aircraft, three Advanced Light Helicopters, a Chetak, Indian Air Force C-130J and Mi-17 aircraft and two Navy ships are deployed
- The 24th NMSAR Board Meeting is held at Bhubaneswar under Director General Paramesh Sivamani of the Indian Coast Guard

Exercise	SAREX-2026, 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise
Conducted by	Indian Coast Guard
Venue	Off the Paradip coast, Odisha
Inaugurated by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth, 7 October 2026
International observers	32 observers from 30 countries
Main assets	15 Coast Guard ships, two Dornier aircraft, three Advanced Light Helicopters, a Chetak, two Navy ships
Air Force aircraft	C-130J and Mi-17
Scenario	Mass Rescue Operation; passenger aircraft ditching with 228 persons and impact with container vessel MV Zumba

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MY Bharat Starts Points, Rewards and Recognition Mechanism

6 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Mera Yuva Bharat has begun a Points, Rewards and Recognition mechanism that rewards young volunteers at milestones running from 1,000 points to 1,00,000 points.

- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports has operationalised a Points, Rewards and Recognition (PRR) Mechanism on the Mera Yuva Bharat portal
- Youth reaching 1,000 points get a MY Bharat Letter of Recognition signed by the Director of the MY Bharat Division
- The MY Bharat Digital Hall of Fame opens at 5,000 points and the book Modi@20 is awarded at 7,500 points
- A signed copy of The Golden Road by William Dalrymple comes at 10,000 points and Treasures of India by DK at 20,000 points
- At 50,000 and 1,00,000 points achievers meet the Minister of State and the Union Minister at a Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, from October 2027

Mechanism	Points, Rewards and Recognition (PRR) Mechanism
Platform	MY Bharat (Mera Yuva Bharat) Portal
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Announced by	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports
1,000 points	MY Bharat Letter of Recognition
5,000 points	MY Bharat Digital Hall of Fame
7,500 points	Hardbound book Modi@20
10,000 points	The Golden Road by William Dalrymple, signed

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Vice-President Addresses Second Convocation of Sanskrit University

6 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Pre-COP31 in Fiji: Bhupender Yadav Leads Indian Delegation

7 October 2026 · Environment

At the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting in Fiji, Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav urged COP31 to close gaps and speed up Paris Agreement delivery.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav led the Indian delegation at the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting in Fiji, co-hosted by Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
- India asked COP31 to close gaps in understanding, honour existing climate commitments and accelerate delivery of the Paris Agreement
- COP31, this year's UN Climate Change Conference, will be held at Antalya in Türkiye in November 2026
- The COP31 Presidencies have built their agenda around three themes: consensus, decision-making and implementation
- Yadav said Antalya must be judged by faster delivery, support reaching the needy and scaling up solutions that already work, not by new declarations alone

Event	UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting
Held in	Fiji
Date	7 October 2026
Co-hosts	Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
India represented by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
COP31 venue	Antalya, Türkiye
COP31 month	November 2026
Temperature ambition cited	Limiting global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius

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Additive Manufacturing: MeitY's NSAM Moves to NSAM 2.0 Phase

7 October 2026 · Science & Technology

A PIB backgrounder of 7 October 2026 says the National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing has trained over 1,54,000 people and backed 56 AM start-ups.

- MeitY released the National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing (NSAM) in February 2022; it targets a 5 per cent share of the global AM market and about one billion US dollars added to GDP.
- NSAM has trained more than 1,54,000 people, supported 56 AM start-ups and enabled 65 India-specific AM technologies through seven Development and Deployment Centres.
- The global market for AM machines is projected at 149 billion US dollars by 2035, with the AM-electronics supply chain growing to 112 billion US dollars.
- ESTIC-2026, the second Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave, will be held from 27 to 29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, by CSIR.
- Each Atal Tinkering Lab receives 20 lakh rupees for a 1,200 to 1,500 sq ft workspace with 3D printers for students of Classes VI to XII.

Technology	Additive Manufacturing (3D printing)
Strategy	National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing (NSAM)
Released by	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), February 2022
Market target	5 per cent of the global AM market and about one billion US dollars to GDP
Trained so far	More than 1,54,000 persons
Start-ups supported	56
India-specific technologies	65
Development and Deployment Centres	Seven

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TRAI Drive Test Grades Mobile Networks in Balasore City

7 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI's independent drive test on a 345 km route in Balasore city from 18 to 20 August 2026 found average download speeds from 8.18 Mbps to 239.24 Mbps.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test conducted in Balasore city, in the Odisha licensed service area, for August 2026.
- The test covered a city drive of 345 km and 7 hotspot locations from 18 to 20 August 2026, supervised by TRAI's regional office at Hyderabad.
- Average download speeds were 239.24 Mbps for Reliance Jio, 67.10 Mbps for Airtel, 24.65 Mbps for Vi and 8.18 Mbps for BSNL on 3G.
- Dropped calls were 3 of 387 for Reliance Jio, 4 of 393 for Airtel, 8 of 390 for Vi and 11 of 356 for BSNL.
- Voice parameters checked include call setup success rate, drop call rate, call silence rate and speech quality measured as the Mean Opinion Score.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
City and service area	Balasore, Odisha licensed service area
Dates	18 to 20 August 2026
Route covered	City drive of 345 km and 7 hotspot locations
Supervised by	TRAI regional office, Hyderabad
Highest average download	239.24 Mbps (Reliance Jio)

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Fleet Support Ship FSS-1 Launched at Hindustan Shipyard

7 October 2026 · Defence

FSS-1, the first of the Indian Navy's Fleet Support Ships, was launched at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, with over 82 per cent indigenous content.

- FSS-1, the first Fleet Support Ship, was launched on 6 October 2026 at Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh as chief guest
- The ship was launched by Smt Laila Swaminathan, President of the Navy Welfare and Wellness Association (NWWA), in keeping with naval tradition
- The same event marked the keel laying of FSS-5 and the opening of an Augmented Slipway at HSL
- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, attended the ceremony
- Indigenous content in the Fleet Support Ships is above 82 per cent; their secondary roles are HADR and Non-Combatant Evacuation Operations

Ship	FSS-1, first of the Fleet Support Ships
Launched on	6 October 2026
Shipyard	Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam
Launched by	Smt Laila Swaminathan, President, Navy Welfare and Wellness Association (NWWA)
Chief guest	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Chief of the Naval Staff	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
Indigenous content	Over 82 per cent
Also at the ceremony	Keel laying of FSS-5 and inauguration of the Augmented Slipway

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153rd IPU Assembly: Harivansh Leads India in Arusha

7 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Piyush Goyal Meets Top US Firms in New York on Investment

7 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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MoSPI Releases Environmental Accounts Strategy for 2026-2030

7 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation has released a Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030, extending the 2022-2026 roadmap.

- MoSPI has released a document titled Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030, extending the earlier 2022-2026 strategy
- India follows the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA), endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission; MoSPI began work on environment accounts in 2018
- The 2022-2026 strategy had identified Material Flow Accounts, Ocean Accounts, Energy Accounts and thematic accounts for biodiversity and urban areas
- The new roadmap covers forest, minerals, soil resources, land, water, carbon stock, biodiversity and environment statistics, drawing on the report Green National Account in India - A Framework and the SEEA Central Framework
- The System of National Accounts 2025 recognises natural resource accounting; the strategy is offered as a reference for States and Union Territories

Document	Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030
Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Accounting system followed	System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA)
Endorsed by	United Nations Statistical Commission
Work began	2018
Earlier strategy	Strategy for Environmental-Economic Accounts in India 2022-2026, issued by the National Statistical Office
Areas in the earlier strategy	Material Flow Accounts, Ocean Accounts, Energy Accounts, thematic accounts for biodiversity and urban areas
Basis of the new strategy	Report Green National Account in India - A Framework and the SEEA Central Framework

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Textiles Ministry Wraps Up Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 Drive

7 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Textiles concluded its Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign, run from 17 September to 2 October 2026, with a plantation drive at NIFT Delhi.

- The Ministry of Textiles concluded its participation in the Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 campaign, organised from 17 September to 2 October 2026
- The campaign focused on Cleanliness Target Units, Swachh Paathshala - Yuva for Swachhata, Safai Mitra Suraksha evam Samman Shivir, Jan Bhagidari and Swachhata se Samridhi
- The concluding plantation activity was held at NIFT Delhi on Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti, led by Secretary (Textiles) Smt Neelam Shami Rao
- Tree plantation was carried out under the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam initiative and Shramdaan under the call Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath
- The campaign culminated on 2 October 2026, which is observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas and the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

Campaign	Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Textiles
Period	17 September to 2 October 2026
Day of conclusion	2 October, observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas and Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary
Closing activity	Tree plantation at NIFT Delhi
Led by	Secretary (Textiles), Smt Neelam Shami Rao
Plantation initiative	Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
Shramdaan call	Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath

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

7 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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JOSH Teams Launched for TB Mukt Bharat in 55 Districts

7 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Health Ministry will launch JOSH (Joint Squad for Health) Teams on 8 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, covering 55 districts in 11 States in phase one.

- JOSH stands for Joint Squad for Health; the teams will be launched on 8 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- Three ministries are involved: Health and Family Welfare, Youth Affairs and Sports, and Defence
- The first phase covers 55 districts in 11 States, working at the block, ward and community level
- Each team combines Class-I Officers, MY Bharat Volunteers and NCC Cadets
- An AI chatbot called Khushi Avatar and new IEC material for the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan will be released at the same event

Initiative	JOSH Teams (Joint Squad for Health)
Launch date	8 October 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Lead ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Partner ministries	Youth Affairs and Sports; Defence
Launch led by	Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda
First phase coverage	55 districts in 11 States
Team members	Class-I Officers, MY Bharat Volunteers, NCC Cadets

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Metal-Free Catalyst TTT-DHTD Rivals Platinum in Zn-Air Cells

7 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Indian scientists have built TTT-DHTD, a metal-free porous material that reaches about 96 per cent of platinum's performance in zinc-air battery electrodes.

- Indian scientists have developed TTT-DHTD, a metal-free organic porous material that works as an air-electrode catalyst in zinc-air batteries
- The catalyst delivered about 96 per cent of the performance of commercial platinum catalysts and stayed stable through 120 hours of continuous operation
- It is made only of abundant elements, namely carbon, sulphur, nitrogen and hydrogen, arranged in a honeycomb-like porous framework
- The work was done by S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata, the Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali, and SRM University, Amaravati, and published in Science Advances
- The reaction it speeds up is the oxygen reduction reaction, which normally needs costly platinum in fuel cells and metal-air batteries

Material	TTT-DHTD, a metal-free organic porous framework
Application	Air-electrode catalyst in zinc-air (Zn-air) batteries
Reaction	Oxygen reduction reaction (ORR)
Metal it replaces	Platinum
Performance	About 96 per cent of commercial platinum catalysts
Stability	Maintained performance over 120 hours of continuous operation
Elements used	Carbon, sulphur, nitrogen and hydrogen
Institutions	S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata; Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali; SRM University, Amaravati

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DWBDNC Governing Body: Two New Members Sworn In

7 October 2026 · Appointments

MoSJE Secretary Sudhansh Pant administered the oath of office to Narayan Dewasi and Swaroop Singh Banjara as Members of the DWBDNC Governing Body.

- Shri Narayan Dewasi and Shri Swaroop Singh Banjara took the oath as Members of the Governing Body of the DWBDNC
- The oath was administered by Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and Chairman of the Board
- DWBDNC stands for the Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities
- Both members were appointed by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment for a tenure of three years from the date of joining, or until further orders
- Shri Swaroop Singh Banjara assumed charge on 17 September and Shri Narayan Dewasi on 25 September 2026

Board	Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities (DWBDNC)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Chairman of the Board	Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, MoSJE
New Members	Shri Narayan Dewasi and Shri Swaroop Singh Banjara
Appointed by	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment
Tenure	Three years from the date of joining, or until further orders
Charge assumed	Swaroop Singh Banjara on 17 September; Narayan Dewasi on 25 September 2026
Communities covered	De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic (DNT) communities

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Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026: Guwahati Hosts 2nd CBC Workshop

7 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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DST Begins Special Campaign 6 on Swachhata and E-Waste

7 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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SAREX-2026 Opens Off Paradip With 30 Nations Joining

7 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth opened SAREX-2026, the multinational maritime search and rescue exercise off Paradip, with 32 delegates from 30 friendly nations.

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth inaugurated the Multinational Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-2026 on 7 October 2026
- The exercise is to be conducted off Paradip, Odisha, on 8 October 2026, with 32 delegates from 30 friendly foreign nations
- India’s satellite-aided rescue has moved from LEOSAR to GEOSAR and now towards MEOSAR; the MEOLUT terminal has reached full operational capability
- The 24th NMSAR Board Meeting was chaired by DG Paramesh Sivamani, Director General of the Indian Coast Guard and Chairman of the NMSAR Board
- The Indian Search and Rescue Region covers 4.6 million square kilometres; the National Maritime Search and Rescue Awards 2026 were presented

Exercise	Multinational Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026)
Inaugurated by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth, on 7 October 2026
Sea phase	Off Paradip, Odisha, on 8 October 2026
Foreign participation	32 delegates from 30 friendly foreign nations
Board meeting	24th National Maritime Search and Rescue (NMSAR) Board Meeting
Board Chairman	DG Paramesh Sivamani, Director General, Indian Coast Guard
Indian Search and Rescue Region	4.6 million square kilometres
Satellite SAR path	LEOSAR to GEOSAR, now towards MEOSAR; MEOLUT at full operational capability

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India-Ghana MoU Links ICAR With Crops Research Institute

7 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Rajnath Singh Approves Revised SOP for MoD Proof Ranges

7 October 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh cleared a revised SOP letting Indian defence firms use MoD proof ranges, field firing ranges and test facilities more easily.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh approved a revised Standard Operating Procedure for use of MoD proof ranges, field firing ranges and test facilities by Indian defence industry
- Proof and testing charges have been waived for iDEX, TDF, Make and other developmental projects of the Ministry of Defence to promote Atmanirbharta in Defence
- The SOP lists the proof ranges, field firing ranges and laboratory test facilities available with DRDO, Government Quality Assurance agencies and the three Services
- The arbitration provision has been replaced with a simpler, industry-friendly Conciliation Agreement Clause to ease doing business
- A three-day slot every quarter is reserved at proof ranges for proof firing of developmental projects, including those taken up by industry on its own initiative

Decision	Revised Standard Operating Procedure for utilisation of MoD proof ranges, field firing ranges and test facilities
Approved by	Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh
Date	7 October 2026
Charges waived for	iDEX, TDF, Make and other developmental projects of the Ministry of Defence
Stated goal	Atmanirbharta in Defence
Facilities listed	Proof ranges, field firing ranges and laboratory test facilities
Held by	DRDO, Government Quality Assurance agencies and the three Services
Dispute mechanism	Conciliation Agreement Clause, replacing arbitration

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Live Events Sector Grows 44 Per Cent in a Single Year

7 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Onion Prices Ease as Kharif Arrivals Gain Momentum

7 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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8th PM Mementos Auction Lists 16 Chhattisgarh Works

7 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

7 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Sagarmanthan 2026: 3rd Great Oceans Dialogue in New Delhi

7 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The third Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue opened in New Delhi, with PM Modi calling in a written message for a free, open, secure and rules-based maritime order.

- The third edition of Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue is being held in New Delhi, organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways with the Observer Research Foundation
- In a written message, Prime Minister Narendra Modi called for a free, open, secure and rules-based maritime order for greater peace, prosperity and progress
- Sagarmanthan means the churning of the ocean, which in Indian tradition is linked to the discovery of new possibilities
- India's major ports have nearly doubled their capacity and turnaround times have come down significantly; Indian seafarers form the second largest maritime workforce in the world
- The maritime push was linked to the goal of Viksit Bharat by 2047, with a new era of shipbuilding and green shipping being prepared

Event	Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue, third edition
Venue	New Delhi
Organisers	Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Observer Research Foundation
Message by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Maritime order sought	Free, open, secure and rules-based
Meaning of Sagarmanthan	Churning of the ocean
Indian seafarers	Second largest maritime workforce in the world
Historical references	Lothal port, Chola dynasty, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj

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Narendra Modi Completes 25 Years as Head of Government

7 October 2026 · Persons in News

Narendra Modi completed 25 unbroken years as Head of Government on 7 October 2026, counting from his first term as Chief Minister of Gujarat in 2001 to the present.

- Narendra Modi completed 25 continuous years as Head of Government on 7 October 2026, a milestone marked by congratulatory messages from world leaders
- The count starts in 2001, when he first became Chief Minister of Gujarat, a post he held for more than twelve years before becoming Prime Minister of India in 2014
- Greetings came from the leaders of Bhutan, Nigeria, the Philippines, Botswana, Belgium, Japan, Dominica, the Republic of Korea, Serbia and Nepal
- Nigeria's President Bola Ahmed Tinubu recalled the State Visit to Abuja in November 2024, when Modi was conferred the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger
- The messages highlighted infrastructure, digital public goods, financial inclusion, innovation and the Viksit Bharat vision of a nation of 1.4 billion people

Milestone	25 continuous years as Head of Government
Date reached	7 October 2026
First office	Chief Minister of Gujarat, assumed in 2001
Tenure in Gujarat	More than twelve years
Prime Minister of India since	2014
Bhutan	Prime Minister Tshering Tobgay
Nigeria	President Bola Ahmed Tinubu
Japan	Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi

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PMGSY Chintan Shivir: PMGSY-IV Targets 62,500 km of Roads

7 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A two-day PMGSY Chintan Shivir at Bharat Mandapam reviewed rural roads, with PMGSY-IV carrying an outlay of Rs 70,125 crore for 62,500 km of all-weather roads.

- The two-day PMGSY Chintan Shivir was held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, on 5 and 6 October 2026 to chart the future of rural road connectivity
- PMGSY has built about 8 lakh km of rural roads across its phases over the past 25 years
- PMGSY-IV has an outlay of Rs 70,125 crore and targets about 62,500 km of all-weather roads to connect 25,000 eligible unconnected habitations
- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan called for digital tools, GPS-based monitoring and artificial intelligence in field verification and monitoring
- Experts from CRRI, NDMA, CDRI and the Border Roads Organisation spoke on climate-resilient roads, new materials and AI-enabled monitoring

Event	PMGSY Chintan Shivir, two days
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Dates	5 and 6 October 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Roads built so far	About 8 lakh km over 25 years
PMGSY-IV outlay	Rs 70,125 crore
PMGSY-IV target	About 62,500 km of all-weather roads
Habitations targeted	25,000 eligible unconnected habitations

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IICT and YouTube Unveil First Four AI-Enabled Short Films

7 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies and YouTube unveiled the first four AI-enabled short films of the Create with AI programme at the IICT Theatre in Mumbai.

- IICT and YouTube unveiled the first four AI-enabled short films of the Create with AI programme at the IICT Theatre in Mumbai
- The Create with AI programme was announced in November 2025 to support AI-led creative projects and build India's capability in emerging technologies
- The films are Chekavar by Avium Studios, CHANAKYA: The Mind of an Empire by Eleventh Door Studio, DEVI: The Nine Astras by Kalpanik Films and Laika by Karthik Kult Kreations
- A Gen Media India report by Public First and Google found a productivity gain of 20 per cent for creative workers, about 390 hours saved a year
- IICT is India's National Centre of Excellence for AVGC-XR, set up with the I and B Ministry, the Government of Maharashtra, FICCI and CII

Programme	Create with AI, announced in November 2025
Partners	Indian Institute of Creative Technologies and YouTube
Films unveiled	Four AI-enabled short films
Venue	IICT Theatre, Mumbai
Chekavar	Avium Studios, set against the Battle of Colachel of 1741
Productivity gain	20 per cent, about 390 hours saved a year
Report	Gen Media India, by Public First and Google
IICT	National Centre of Excellence for AVGC-XR

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Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Review at IIM Bangalore Sets Reforms

7 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A regional review of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 at IIM Bangalore heard that rural tap connections have risen to 15.96 crore households from 3.27 crore at the launch.

- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation held a regional review of States and UTs under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 at IIM Bangalore, chaired by Secretary Ashok K. K. Meena
- More than 15.96 crore rural households now have tap water connections, against 3.27 crore when the Mission was launched in August 2019
- JJM 2.0 marks a shift from infrastructure creation to sustainable and accountable service delivery, with source-to-household connectivity and digital records
- The Jal Seva Adhayan found pipeline leakages and breakages to be the leading cause of supply disruption, followed by power cuts and low voltage
- Professor Gopal Naik of IIM Bangalore presented a study on power cost optimisation, and solarisation of water assets is being examined with the MNRE

Meeting	Regional review of States and UTs under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Venue	Indian Institute of Management Bangalore
Department	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti
Chaired by	Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary, DDWS
Mission Director	Kamal Kishore Soan, Additional Secretary and Mission Director, NJJM
Tap connections now	More than 15.96 crore rural households
At the launch	3.27 crore households, August 2019
Focus of JJM 2.0	Sustainable and accountable service delivery

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NCAHP Notifies Autonomous Boards and D.MRIT Diploma Rules

7 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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DFS Orders Scheme-Wise Reporting of SC Beneficiaries by Banks

7 October 2026 · Banking & Finance

After NCSC intervention, the Department of Financial Services directed SLBCs and UTLBCs to report scheme-wise and bank-wise Scheduled Caste beneficiary data.

- The Department of Financial Services has made scheme-wise and bank-wise reporting of Scheduled Caste beneficiaries mandatory for SLBC and UTLBC convenors in all States and Union Territories
- NCSC Secretary Shri Vivek Kumar Dewangan wrote to the DFS Secretary on 24 September 2026, and DFS issued the directions on 5 October 2026
- The schemes covered include Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana, Stand-Up India, PMEGP, PM SVANidhi, CGTMSE and MSME business loans
- An action-taken report is due to DFS by 9 October 2026, with an update on the action taken within 30 days
- The Commission draws its mandate to evaluate socio-economic progress of Scheduled Castes from Article 338(5)(c) of the Constitution

Commission	National Commission for Scheduled Castes (NCSC)
Directions issued by	Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance
Date of directions	5 October 2026
Who must report	SLBC and UTLBC convenors in all States and Union Territories
What must be reported	Number and percentage of SC beneficiaries, scheme-wise and bank-wise
Schemes named	PMMY, Stand-Up India, PMEGP, PM SVANidhi, CGTMSE and MSME business loans
Action-taken report due	9 October 2026
Update on action taken	Within 30 days

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PM Modi Meets GSMA Board at Seva Teerth Before IMC 2026

7 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Prime Minister Narendra Modi met GSMA Board members at Seva Teerth before India Mobile Congress 2026, urging technology-led answers to cyber fraud.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with GSMA Board members at Seva Teerth ahead of India Mobile Congress 2026, which will be the 10th edition of the event
- Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Minister of State Dr Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar joined the interaction with senior government officials
- The Prime Minister called Digital Public Infrastructure a springboard for the Global South and said digital and cyber fraud needs technology-driven solutions
- On deepfakes and AI-generated content he suggested mechanisms that let users identify the origin immediately, and pressed for global standards for emerging technologies
- GSMA Board members pointed to the rapid spread of 4G and 5G in India and flagged cooperation in 5G, 6G, AI, cybersecurity, digital inclusion and satellite connectivity

Event	Prime Minister interaction with GSMA Board members
Venue	Seva Teerth
GSMA	Global System for Mobile Communications Association
Ahead of	India Mobile Congress 2026, the 10th edition, in New Delhi
Union Minister present	Jyotiraditya Scindia, Communications and DoNER
Minister of State present	Dr Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar
Key idea raised	Digital Public Infrastructure as a springboard for the Global South
Areas of cooperation flagged	5G, 6G, AI, cybersecurity, digital inclusion, satellite connectivity

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CCI Clears Four Combinations Including JSW-BMM Merger

7 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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GMPCS Licensing: Government Calls Satcom Rules Non-Discriminatory

8 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Ministry of Communications called India's satellite communication authorisation framework non-discriminatory as security checks on all three GMPCS licensees go on.

- The Ministry of Communications has called India's authorisation framework for satellite communication services fair and non-discriminatory, answering a claim spread on social media
- Telecom licences for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) services have been granted to three companies, all of them using non-geosynchronous satellite orbits
- Under the licence terms every such licensee must demonstrate compliance with security conditions, and that security assessment is currently under way for all three
- A licensee may seek assignment of spectrum only after completing the security assessment, so all three companies are at broadly the same regulatory stage
- The ministry termed the suggestion of unfair or discriminatory treatment baseless and misconceived

Statement issued by	Ministry of Communications
Date of statement	8 October 2026
Licence category	Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS)
Licences granted	Three
Orbit used	Non-geosynchronous satellite orbit
Licence requirement	Demonstrating compliance with security conditions
Step after security assessment	Seeking assignment of spectrum
Government's position	Framework is fair and non-discriminatory; charge of discrimination baseless

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Women Form 43% of Ayush Services Workforce: RIS Report

8 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

Women hold 43 per cent of Ayush services jobs and over half the posts in hospitals and wellness units, says the RIS Ayush Service Sector Report.

- Women make up 43 per cent of the overall Ayush services workforce, and more than half the workforce in hospitals, day-care centres, educational institutes and wellness establishments
- Segment shares: over 60 per cent in spas and wellness resorts, 58 per cent in educational institutes, 57 per cent in day-care centres and 53 per cent in hospitals
- The Ayush Service Sector Report is a study by RIS, brought out on Ayurveda Day 2026
- The Ayush services economy stood at US$36.92 billion in FY2024-25, a 16.91 per cent CAGR since FY2022-23, supporting about 1.76 million livelihoods
- Standalone clinics earn US$16.21 billion or 43.9 per cent of revenue; Ayurveda alone accounts for US$17.73 billion, and the sector may reach US$216-318 billion by 2047

Report	Ayush Service Sector Report, a study by RIS
Brought out on	Ayurveda Day 2026
Women in workforce	43 per cent of the overall Ayush services workforce
Sector size	US$36.92 billion in FY2024-25
Growth	16.91 per cent CAGR since FY2022-23
Livelihoods supported	About 1.76 million
Largest segment	Standalone clinics, US$16.21 billion (43.9 per cent of revenue)
Largest system	Ayurveda, US$17.73 billion (about 48 per cent)

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India Seeks Balanced COP31 Outcome at Pre-COP in Nadi, Fiji

8 October 2026 · Environment

At Pre-COP31 in Nadi, Fiji, Bhupender Yadav sought flexibility and pragmatism for a balanced COP31 outcome backed by finance and technology transfer.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav addressed the Plenary Discussion on Political Landing Zones and Outcomes at the Pre-COP31 meeting in Nadi, Fiji
- India called for flexibility, pragmatism and mutual respect to secure an ambitious and balanced outcome at UNFCCC COP31
- COP31 will be held in Antalya, Turkiye, in November; a Pre-COP is a preparatory meeting held a few weeks before the annual UN climate conference
- India stressed that higher ambition must be matched by scaled-up climate finance, technology transfer and capacity-building, and that implementation must respect nationally determined pathways
- India welcomed Article 9.1 on the provisional agenda and sought strategic use of Article 6 cooperative approaches to unlock market-driven resources

Event	Pre-COP31 meeting ahead of UNFCCC COP31
Venue of Pre-COP	Nadi, Fiji
India represented by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Session addressed	Plenary Discussion on Political Landing Zones and Outcomes
COP31 venue	Antalya, Turkiye
COP31 month	November
Temperature goal cited	Limiting global warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius
Provisions highlighted	Article 9.1 on the provisional agenda; Article 6 cooperative approaches

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National SC-ST Hub Procurement Rises Nearly 39-Fold in a Decade

8 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Procurement from SC/ST-owned MSEs rose nearly 39-fold to Rs 4,013.42 crore in 2025-26 under the National SC-ST Hub, which has aided 1,90,414 beneficiaries.

- The National SC-ST Hub was launched on 18 October 2016 and is implemented through the National Small Industries Corporation under the MSME Ministry
- Procurement from SC/ST-owned MSEs rose nearly 39-fold, from Rs 99.37 crore in 2015-16 to Rs 4,013.42 crore in 2025-26, sourced from 12,524 enterprises
- The scheme has assisted 1,90,414 beneficiaries and trained 54,499 candidates up to 31 July 2026; in 2025-26, 10,717 were trained and 55 per cent of them were women
- Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Assam are the five leading States under the Hub
- The Public Procurement Policy requires 25 per cent of annual purchases from MSEs, with 4 per cent earmarked for SC/ST-owned MSEs

Scheme	National SC-ST Hub (NSSH)
Launched on	18 October 2016
Ministry	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Implementing agency	National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC)
Beneficiaries assisted	1,90,414 up to 31 July 2026
Candidates trained	54,499 up to 31 July 2026
Procurement in 2025-26	Rs 4,013.42 crore from 12,524 MSEs
Procurement in 2015-16	Rs 99.37 crore, a nearly 39-fold rise since

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Veteran Hindi and Marathi Actor Nana Patekar Passes Away

8 October 2026 · Obituaries

Veteran actor Nana Patekar, whose work spanned Hindi and Marathi cinema, passed away, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi called his passing a deep void.

- Veteran actor Nana Patekar passed away, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi issued a condolence message on 8 October 2026
- The actor's work spanned two film industries, Hindi cinema and Marathi cinema, and his contribution to both was described as immense
- The Prime Minister spoke of the intensity, individuality and unmistakable presence that few actors possessed, and of characters that will be remembered for generations
- The actor was also admired for his frank and forthright views, and for never hesitating to express what he believed in
- The condolence was issued by the Prime Minister's Office and shared in a post on X, with versions in Marathi and Konkani besides English

Person	Nana Patekar, veteran actor
Event	Passing away, condoled by the Prime Minister
Date of condolence	8 October 2026
Film industries	Hindi cinema and Marathi cinema
Tribute by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Qualities noted	Intensity, individuality and unmistakable presence
Also admired for	Frank and forthright views
Released by	Prime Minister's Office

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PM Modi Opens 10th India Mobile Congress at Yashobhoomi

8 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 10th India Mobile Congress at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi, built around the theme Scale Without Boundaries.

- The 10th India Mobile Congress opened at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 8 October 2026 with the theme Scale Without Boundaries.
- 5G, launched from the same platform in 2022, now works from over 5.5 lakh base stations and covers every district, with speeds up about tenfold.
- Over 50 lakh crore rupees has reached beneficiaries directly through mobile-based systems, blocking about 5 lakh crore rupees of leakage.
- More than 50 crore Indians are part of the gaming ecosystem, concentrated among young people in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.
- Semiconductor commercial production has started at five locations, and the Prime Minister sought a global framework against deepfakes.

Event	10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Theme	Scale Without Boundaries
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
5G reach	Over 5.5 lakh base stations, every district covered
Direct transfers cited	Over 50 lakh crore rupees, about 5 lakh crore rupees of leakage stopped
PM Kisan Samman Nidhi	Over 4 lakh crore rupees paid to small farmers
Gaming ecosystem	More than 50 crore people

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Nadda Launches JOSH Teams for Youth-Led TB Elimination

8 October 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda launched JOSH Teams under TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan at Bharat Mandapam, covering 55 districts in 11 States and UTs first.

- JOSH, short for Joint Squad for Health, was launched by Health Minister J.P. Nadda at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan.
- Every JOSH team has five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets and is headed by a Class-I officer at the block or ward level.
- The first phase covers 55 districts in 11 States and Union Territories, and all 804 districts joined the launch virtually.
- TB incidence in India has dropped 21 per cent against 12 per cent globally, and treatment coverage has reached 92 per cent against 78 per cent worldwide.
- A total of 67,933 Panchayats in 697 districts were recognised as TB Mukt in 2026, and Khushi Avatar now works in 12 Indian languages.

Initiative	JOSH Teams (Joint Squad for Health)
Launched by	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Parent campaign	TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan
Ministries involved	Health and Family Welfare, Youth Affairs and Sports, Defence
Team composition	Five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets, led by a Class-I officer
First phase	55 districts across 11 States and Union Territories
TB incidence decline	21 per cent in India against 12 per cent globally

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C.R. Paatil Chairs 20th Ganga Empowered Task Force Meeting

8 October 2026 · Environment

Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Paatil chaired the 20th Empowered Task Force meeting on Ganga rejuvenation in New Delhi and reviewed 527 Namami Gange projects.

- The 20th Empowered Task Force meeting on Ganga rejuvenation was chaired by Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil in New Delhi.
- Namami Gange has sanctioned 527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees as of August 2026, of which 368 stand completed.
- Of 219 sanctioned sewerage projects, 147 are complete, giving 4,339 MLD of treatment capacity and 4,615 km of sewer network.
- The master plan for Gomti Udgam Sthal at Pilibhit was cleared in the 68th Executive Committee meeting of NMCG in December 2025.
- NMCG and NIUA have developed two river courses, Principles of Urban River Management and Eco-friendly Waterfront Development.

Meeting	20th Empowered Task Force (ETF) meeting on Ganga rejuvenation
Chaired by	Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil
Venue	New Delhi
Programme reviewed	Namami Gange Programme, run by the National Mission for Clean Ganga
Projects sanctioned	527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees as of August 2026
Projects completed	368
Sewerage capacity created	4,339 MLD of a sanctioned 6,603 MLD
Sewer network	4,615 km built of a sanctioned 5,245 km

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PRASHAST Inclusion Module Screened in 60,000 Schools

8 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Education Ministry screened a 30-minute inclusive education module through the PRASHAST Portal in over 60,000 schools, with 72 lakh teachers sensitised.

- More than 60,000 schools joined the nationwide screening of a 30-minute inclusive education module run through the PRASHAST Portal.
- Over 72 lakh teachers have already been sensitised through the module, which has been running for the past three months.
- The module is available in 12 Indian languages and is meant for heads of schools, teachers, special educators and non-teaching staff alike.
- PRASHAST is a school-based digital tool that screens children for probable disability conditions covered by the RPwD Act, 2016.
- Its two-part checklist lets teachers screen on observable indicators while special educators validate cases and arrange medical referrals.

Initiative	Nationwide screening of a sensitisation module on inclusive education
Conducted by	Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education
Platform	PRASHAST Portal
Module length	30 minutes
Languages	12 Indian languages
Schools covered	More than 60,000
Teachers sensitised	More than 72 lakh
Legal basis	Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016

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India at 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers Meeting

8 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Harivansh Leads India at 153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha

8 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh led India's delegation on day three of the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly at Arusha in Tanzania.

- Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh led the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania, on 7 October 2026.
- The General Debate theme was 'Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all'.
- An emergency item on urgent parliamentary action against climate-related disasters in the Himalayan region, proposed by Nepal and backed by India, was adopted.
- Anda Filip is the first woman Secretary General in the IPU's 137-year history and was elected at the 152nd Assembly in Istanbul, Türkiye.
- The delegation held a bilateral meeting with Konstantin Kosachev of the Federation Council of Russia and met outgoing IPU President Tulia Ackson.

Event	153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)
Venue	Arusha, Tanzania
Indian delegation led by	Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
General Debate theme	Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all
Emergency item adopted	Urgent parliamentary action on climate-related disasters and resilience in the Himalayan region and other vulnerable regions
Proposed by	Nepal, supported by India among others
IPU Secretary General	Anda Filip, the first woman in the body's 137-year history
Elected at	The 152nd IPU Assembly, Istanbul, Türkiye

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Coast Guard Conducts 12th SAREX-2026 off Paradip Coast

8 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Coast Guard held SAREX-2026, the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, off Paradip in Odisha with observers from 30 countries.

- The Indian Coast Guard conducted SAREX-2026, the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, off Paradip in Odisha on 8 October 2026.
- It was held under the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board on the theme Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety.
- Coast Guard Director General Paramesh Sivamani reviewed the drill, which was watched by 32 observers from 30 countries.
- Fifteen Coast Guard ships, three Dornier aircraft, three Advanced Light Helicopters, a Chetak, an IAF C-130J and Mi-17 and two Navy ships were deployed.
- The scenario had a passenger aircraft with 228 persons ditching near Paradip Port and its fuselage damaging the container vessel MV Zumba.

Exercise	12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026)
Conducted by	Indian Coast Guard, under the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board (NMSARB)
Location	Off Paradip, Odisha
Date	8 October 2026
Theme	Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety
Reviewed by	Director General Paramesh Sivamani, DG, Indian Coast Guard
Foreign participation	32 observers from 30 countries
Simulated distress	Passenger aircraft with 228 persons; container vessel MV Zumba hit and set on fire

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Pralhad Joshi Opens 8th Windergy India 2026 in Chennai

8 October 2026 · Environment

Union Minister Pralhad Joshi opened the 8th Windergy India 2026 in Chennai and said wind capacity stood at 59.20 GW, with 100 GW targeted by 2030.

- Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the 8th edition of Windergy India 2026 in Chennai on 8 October 2026; the conference runs from 7 to 9 October.
- India had 59.20 GW of installed wind capacity as on 30 September 2026 and aims to cross 100 GW by 2030.
- A record 6.05 GW of wind capacity was added in FY2026, the highest annual installation so far, and FY2027 is expected to be higher.
- The event drew around 400 exhibitors from over 20 countries and 500 delegates, with country pavilions from Denmark, Germany and Spain.
- The IWTMA-BWE Global MoU, the IWTMA-PTB Letter of Intent and an IWTMA-OECD collaboration were announced at the inauguration.

Event	8th edition of Windergy India 2026
Venue and dates	Chennai, 7 to 9 October 2026
Inaugurated by	Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi
Tamil Nadu Minister present	C. T. R. Nirmal Kumar, Minister for Energy Resources and Law
Installed wind capacity	59.20 GW as on 30 September 2026
Record annual addition	6.05 GW in FY2026
Target	100 GW of wind capacity by 2030
Participation	About 400 exhibitors from more than 20 countries and 500 delegates

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Goyal Sets USD 1 Trillion Export Target for This Year

8 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Three Sivaji Ganesan Tamil Classics Donated to NFAI

8 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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TRAI Drive Test Rates Mobile Networks in Fazilka, Punjab

8 October 2026 · Science & Technology

TRAI released its independent drive test findings for Fazilka in Punjab, where Reliance Jio recorded the fastest average download speed at 271.44 Mbps.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test across Fazilka city and nearby areas in the Punjab Licensed Service Area, conducted in August 2026.
- The agency covered a city drive of 184.6 km, a walk test of 1.9 km and six hotspot locations between 5 and 7 August 2026, supervised by TRAI's Jaipur regional office.
- Average download speed was highest for Reliance Jio at 271.44 Mbps, followed by Airtel at 204.39 Mbps, Vodafone Idea at 17.19 Mbps and BSNL at 15.59 Mbps.
- Airtel led on average upload speed at 23.52 Mbps, ahead of Jio at 20.86 Mbps, Vodafone Idea at 15.10 Mbps and BSNL at 6.39 Mbps.
- Airtel and Jio recorded no dropped calls, at 0/279 and 0/278, while BSNL had 3/281 and Vodafone Idea 3/248.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Test	Independent Drive Test (IDT) for voice and data quality of service
Area	Fazilka city and adjoining areas, Punjab Licensed Service Area
Test dates	5 to 7 August 2026; findings released 8 October 2026
Route covered	City drive of 184.6 km, walk test of 1.9 km, six hotspot locations
Supervision	TRAI Regional Office, Jaipur
Best download speed	Reliance Jio, 271.44 Mbps
Best upload speed	Airtel, 23.52 Mbps

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DBT Begins Special Campaign 6 With E-Waste Disposal Drive

8 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Indian Air Force Marks 94th Air Force Day at Hindan

8 October 2026 · Defence

The Indian Air Force marked its 94th anniversary at Air Force Station Hindan on 8 October 2026 with a parade reviewed by Air Chief Marshal AP Singh.

- The Indian Air Force celebrated its 94th anniversary on 8 October 2026 at Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad, with the parade reviewed by Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal AP Singh.
- This year's Air Force Day theme was 'Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise'.
- Group Captain Manish Sharma commanded the parade, and three Mi-17 1V helicopters in 'Dhwaj' formation trooped the National Flag and the Air Force flag as an aerial salute.
- Five unit citations went to 24 Squadron 'The Hawks', 110 Helicopter Unit 'The Vanguards', 200 Squadron 'Skanda', 2402 Squadron 'Vajra' and the Electronic Warfare Range.
- The Air Force Day aerial display will be held at Namo Ghat, Varanasi, on 25 October 2026.

Occasion	94th Air Force Day / 94th anniversary of the Indian Air Force
Date	8 October 2026
Venue	Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad
Parade reviewed by	Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, Chief of the Air Staff
Parade commanded by	Group Captain Manish Sharma
Theme	'Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise'
Aerial salute	Three Mi-17 1V helicopters in 'Dhwaj' formation
Unit citations	Five: 24 Squadron 'The Hawks', 110 Helicopter Unit 'The Vanguards', 200 Squadron 'Skanda', 2402 Squadron 'Vajra', Electronic Warfare Range

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World Development Report 2026 on AI Launched in New Delhi

8 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

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- Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the World Bank Group's World Development Report 2026: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence in New Delhi on 8 October 2026.
- The India launch was organised by the IndiaAI Mission and MeitY in collaboration with the World Bank Group.
- The report prescribes a path of adoption, adaptation and advancement, and asks developing countries to be optimistic, be strategic and be pragmatic.
- Of the world's 25 low-income countries, only one has published a national AI strategy, the report notes.
- World Bank Group Chief Economist Michael Kremer gave the keynote lecture; Gaurav Nayyar, Director of the report, presented its key findings.

Report	World Development Report 2026: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence
Published by	World Bank Group
Launched in India by	Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Railways, and Information and Broadcasting
Venue	The Oberoi, New Delhi
Organisers of the India launch	IndiaAI Mission and MeitY with the World Bank Group
Framework	Adoption, adaptation and advancement
Core advice	Be optimistic, be strategic, be pragmatic
Key finding	Only one of the world's 25 low-income countries has published a national AI strategy

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NHAI Lists Rs 19,700 Crore of Wildlife Mitigation Work

8 October 2026 · Environment

NHAI released a document on Wildlife Mitigation Measures and Structures, recording Rs 19,700 crore spent and over 2,150 structures on National Highways.

- NHAI released a document on 'Wildlife Mitigation Measures & Structures' to mark National Wildlife Week, observed from 2 to 8 October 2026.
- The document was released by Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari during a Chintan Shivir at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
- About Rs 19,700 crore has been invested in wildlife mitigation infrastructure and environmental safeguards on National Highway projects over the last five years.
- More than 2,150 wildlife mitigation structures have been built or proposed along National Highways across the country.
- Guide fencing and noise barriers have been provided along over 300 km of National Highway alignments.

Document	'Wildlife Mitigation Measures & Structures', released by NHAI
Occasion	National Wildlife Week, 2 to 8 October 2026
Released by	Nitin Gadkari, Minister for Road Transport and Highways
Place of release	Chintan Shivir, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
Investment in five years	About Rs 19,700 crore
Mitigation structures	More than 2,150, built and/or proposed
Highest item of spending	Viaducts, about Rs 8,300 crore
Animal underpasses	About Rs 4,600 crore

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Scindia Chairs DoT Roundtable With State IT Ministers

8 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Silkworm Seed Centre at Jorhat Gets Grainage, Cold Storage

8 October 2026 · State News

Union Minister of State Pabitra Margherita opened a new grainage building and cold storage at the silkworm seed production centre in Jorhat, Assam.

- Union Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita inaugurated a new grainage building and cold storage facility at the CSB Silkworm Seed Production Centre, Rowriah, Jorhat, Assam.
- The facility was built under the North-East Region Textile Promotion Scheme and can produce 30 lakh disease-free layings of mulberry hybrid seed a year while preserving up to 1 crore DFLs.
- Assam contributes about 84 per cent (73 MT) of India's Muga silk and about 74 per cent (2,131 MT) of its Eri silk production.
- In 2026-27 up to July the North-Eastern Region recorded 142 MT of mulberry silk, 2,890 MT of Eri silk, 87 MT of Muga silk and 3 MT of Tasar silk.
- Sericulture is estimated to employ about 29.50 lakh persons during 2025-26.

Inaugurated by	Pabitra Margherita, Union Minister of State for Textiles
Facility	Grainage building and cold storage at CSB Silkworm Seed Production Centre, Rowriah, Jorhat, Assam
Scheme	North-East Region Textile Promotion Scheme (NERTPS)
Annual capacity	30 lakh disease-free layings (DFLs) of mulberry hybrid seed
Preservation capacity	Up to 1 crore DFLs
Assam's Muga silk share	About 84 per cent of India, or 73 metric tonnes
Assam's Eri silk share	About 74 per cent, or 2,131 metric tonnes
North-Eastern Region output	142 MT mulberry, 2,890 MT Eri, 87 MT Muga and 3 MT Tasar silk

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Space Sector Opening Curbed Brain Drain: Jitendra Singh

8 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Dr Jitendra Singh said opening the space sector to private players has created jobs at home, with the space economy at about USD 9 billion now.

- Dr Jitendra Singh said on 8 October 2026 that opening India's space sector to private players has created opportunities for young talent at home and reduced the need to go abroad for work.
- He put the space economy at about USD 9 billion now, with the potential to reach USD 45 to 46 billion in the next 8 to 10 years.
- He was speaking to students at the NaMo Book Fest at the Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi, held on 7 and 8 October.
- He cited the target of 100 GW of nuclear energy capacity by 2047 and the opening of the nuclear sector to private participation.
- Gross expenditure on research and development has risen from about Rs 46,000 to 47,000 crore in 2013-14 to roughly Rs 2 to 2.5 lakh crore.

Speaker	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Occasion	Address to students at the NaMo Book Fest
Venue	Rudraksh International Cooperation and Convention Centre, Varanasi
Festival dates	7 and 8 October, marking 25 years of Narendra Modi as Head of Government
Space economy now	About USD 9 billion
Projected space economy	USD 45 to 46 billion in the next 8 to 10 years
Private space startup named	Skyroot
Nuclear energy target	100 GW of capacity by 2047

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

8 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026 Marked by MNRE

8 October 2026 · Important Days

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy marked World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026 in New Delhi and released a gap report on India's hydrogen standards.

- The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy marked World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026 with an event at Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi, attended by more than 100 officials, industry figures and researchers.
- Two panel discussions were held, one on hydrogen standards and one on safety at hydrogen facilities, with speakers from CEEW, BIS, PNGRB, PESO and OISD.
- A report titled 'India's Hydrogen Standards: Gap Assessment and Preliminary Action Framework', prepared with Boston Consulting Group, was released at the event.
- Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India, was the chief guest, and SECI Managing Director Akash Tripathi gave the special address.
- The National Green Hydrogen Mission, approved in January 2023 with an outlay of 19,744 crore rupees, targets 5 million metric tonnes of green hydrogen a year by 2030.

Occasion	World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026
Organiser	Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
Venue	Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, New Delhi
Participation	More than 100 officials, industry representatives, researchers and experts
Report released	India's Hydrogen Standards: Gap Assessment and Preliminary Action Framework, with Boston Consulting Group
Chief guest	Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
Special address	Akash Tripathi, Managing Director, Solar Energy Corporation of India
Mission approved	National Green Hydrogen Mission, January 2023

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Cancer Drug Trade Margins Capped at 30 Per Cent of MRP

8 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Scindia Opens 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026

8 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Jyotiraditya Scindia opened the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, where the Bharat 6G Alliance signed five MoUs and issued nine white papers.

- Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026 at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, held from 7 to 9 October 2026.
- The Bharat 6G Alliance exchanged five new MoUs, with GSMA, the one6G Association, GTI Alliance Ltd, the 6G Industry Forum (6GIF) and VoICE.
- With these, the Alliance now has seventeen collaborations in all, having earlier held ten global and two domestic partnerships.
- Nine Working Group white papers were released, on subjects from Integrated Sensing and Communication and optical technologies to sustainable 6G, captive non-public networks and 6G security.
- A joint report on one year of progress under the New Delhi Declaration, endorsed at the 2025 symposium, was released as its First Edition, October 2026.

Event	3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026
Dates	7 to 9 October 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
Organiser	Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA)
Inaugurated by	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region
New MoUs	Five, with GSMA, one6G Association, GTI Alliance Ltd, 6G Industry Forum (6GIF) and VoICE
Total collaborations	Seventeen, including ten global and two domestic held earlier
White papers released	Nine Working Group white papers

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NBA Gets Rs 9.68 Crore Under Access and Benefit Sharing

8 October 2026 · Environment

The National Biodiversity Authority received Rs 9.68 crore from users of India biological resources between April and September 2026, led by the agri-seed sector.

- The National Biodiversity Authority received Rs 9.68 crore from users of biological resources between 1 April 2026 and 30 September 2026, of which Rs 9.56 crore was for access to those resources.
- The agri-seed sector contributed the most at Rs 7.16 crore, followed by food and beverages at Rs 1.59 crore and animal husbandry at Rs 62.01 lakh.
- M/s East West Seeds India Ltd was the largest contributor with about Rs 2.01 crore, while the single biggest payment was Rs 1.17 crore from M/s Synergia Life Science Ltd.
- Since 2008 the Authority has realised about Rs 278 crore through access and benefit sharing and disbursed more than Rs 200 crore for conservation and benefit claimers.
- Collections are made under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023, and the money is routed through State Biodiversity Boards and Union Territory Biodiversity Councils.

Body	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
Amount received	Rs 9.68 crore
Period	1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026
Towards access to resources	Rs 9.56 crore of the total
Law	Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023, and the ABS Regulations
Top sector	Agri-seed, Rs 7.16 crore
Second and third sectors	Food and beverages Rs 1.59 crore; animal husbandry Rs 62.01 lakh
Largest contributor	M/s East West Seeds India Ltd, about Rs 2.01 crore

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NHRC Concludes Two-Day Bihar Open Hearing in Patna

8 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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9th National Review Workshop on Cooperation Opens in Bastar

8 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Cooperation opened its 9th National Review Workshop in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, on the theme Sahkar se Samriddhi: The Road Ahead, on 8 and 9 October 2026.

- The Ministry of Cooperation is holding its 9th National Review Workshop on 8 and 9 October 2026 in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, on the theme Sahkar se Samriddhi: The Road Ahead: Scaling Impact through Cooperative Transformation.
- Secretary Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani said the suggestion to hold it in Bastar, a district long affected by Left Wing Extremism, came from Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah.
- A recent amendment to the NCDC Act allows financial assistance to institutions that are not cooperatives themselves but promote cooperative development.
- A common cooperative digital marketing platform is under consideration, with support offered by the Open Network for Digital Commerce, and a model cooperative banking framework is to be discussed with States.
- Value chains in exports, organic products and seeds are to be strengthened through NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL, while reviews covered multipurpose PACS, PACS computerisation and the grain storage plan.

Event	9th National Review Workshop of the Ministry of Cooperation
Dates	8 and 9 October 2026
Venue	Bastar, Chhattisgarh
Theme	Sahkar se Samriddhi: The Road Ahead: Scaling Impact through Cooperative Transformation
Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation	Dr. Ashish Kumar Bhutani
Union Minister of Cooperation	Shri Amit Shah, who is also Union Home Minister
Chhattisgarh Chief Secretary	Shri Vikas Sheel
National cooperative bodies named	NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL

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9 October 2026

World Cotton Day Marked by India and Mali at UN Headquarters

9 October 2026 · Important Days

India and Mali jointly marked World Cotton Day at the United Nations Headquarters in New York with an event on cotton, livelihoods and value addition.

- India and Mali jointly organised a World Cotton Day event at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 7 October 2026, on the theme "Cotton for Sustainability: Livelihoods, Value Addition and Partnership".
- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 7 October as World Cotton Day through resolution 75/318.
- Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, India’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations, placed four priorities before the meeting: growers’ livelihoods, value addition and market access, sustainability, and technology partnerships.
- Ambassador Issa Konfourou of Mali called India a key partner and sought South-South cooperation to widen his country’s own cotton processing.
- Padmini Singla, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Textiles, explained the Mission for Cotton Productivity and Kasturi Cotton Bharat; the PM MITRA textile park was raised by MP L. K. Sudhish.

Occasion	World Cotton Day, observed on 7 October
Theme	"Cotton for Sustainability: Livelihoods, Value Addition and Partnership"
Hosts	Permanent Missions of India and Mali to the United Nations
Venue	United Nations Headquarters, New York
Date of the event	7 October 2026
Proclaimed by	United Nations General Assembly, resolution 75/318
India’s Permanent Representative	Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni
Mali’s Permanent Representative	Ambassador Issa Konfourou

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

9 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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Coal Supply to Power Plants Rises 36% From September Low

9 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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15th AITIGA Joint Committee Meeting Held in Jakarta

9 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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Health Ministry Proposes Curbs on Prescription Drug Advertising

9 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Khadi: NIFT Centre of Excellence Builds 2,129 Design Collections

9 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The MSME Ministry says the Centre of Excellence for Khadi at NIFT Delhi has built 2,129 design collections and that 80% of Khadi artisans are women.

- The Centre of Excellence for Khadi at NIFT, Delhi has developed 2,129 Khadi design collections, while Navyug Khadi was launched with 710 new products.
- An EDII Ahmedabad evaluation found more than 75 per cent of artisans under the schemes recorded a measurable rise in income.
- About 80 per cent of the roughly half a million Khadi artisans are women, with the largest presence in agarbatti, handmade paper and the Honey Mission.
- Khadi Vikas Yojana, Gramodyog Vikas Yojana and PMEGP support employment in the sector; spinning and weaving wages were raised from April 2025.
- Central Sliver Plants at Chittadurga in Karnataka and Kuttur in Kerala are modernised and operational, with Chittadurga meeting 50 per cent of its energy need from solar.

Ministry	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises
Centre of Excellence for Khadi	NIFT, Delhi, with 2,129 design collections
Navyug Khadi	Launched with 710 new products
Wellness and yoga wear line	Svadha
Income rise	More than 75 per cent of artisans, per EDII Ahmedabad study
Women artisans	About 80 per cent of roughly half a million Khadi artisans
Schemes	Khadi Vikas Yojana, Gramodyog Vikas Yojana and PMEGP
GI tag	Ponduru Khadi

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National Medical Library Holds 5th ERMED Consortium Conference

9 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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CTIL Marks 9th Anniversary, Releases Trade Magazine

9 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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TRAI Issues Draft DRM Audit Manual for Cable and IPTV Services

9 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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PM Mementos E-Auction Lists 18 Andhra Pradesh Craft Gifts

9 October 2026 · State News

Eighteen mementos gifted to the Prime Minister from Andhra Pradesh are in the PM Mementos e-auction, whose proceeds go to the Namami Gange programme.

- Eighteen mementos presented to the Prime Minister from Andhra Pradesh are part of the PM Mementos e-auction run by the Ministry of Culture
- The lot includes a Kondapalli wooden bullock cart and a Kalamkari textile carrying a photoprint of the Prime Minister
- A commemorative memento from Sree Shivaji Sphoorti Kendram at Srisailam is also in the collection
- Proceeds from the auction are directed to the Namami Gange programme for conserving the river Ganga
- The e-auction is live and has been extended until 31 October 2026 on the official PM Mementos portal

Initiative	PM Mementos e-auction
Ministry	Ministry of Culture
State in focus	Andhra Pradesh
Mementos featured	Eighteen
Crafts named	Kondapalli woodcraft, Kalamkari textile
Award memento	Stree Shakti Pratibha Award-2025
Painting	Good Governance of India (acrylic)
Religious site memento	Sree Shivaji Sphoorti Kendram, Srisailam

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

9 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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CDS Opens Project Seabird Phase IIA Housing at Karwar

9 October 2026 · Defence

General NS Raja Subramani opened Project Seabird Phase IIA housing and trunk infrastructure at Naval Base Karwar, including two towers of 60 dwelling units.

- General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs, inaugurated Project Seabird Phase IIA housing at Naval Base Karwar on 8 October 2026.
- The handover covered one tower of 60 dwelling units for married senior sailors, another tower of 60 units for naval defence civilians, inliving accommodation for 156 Defence Security Corps personnel and a KG school.
- Vice Admiral Vivek Dahiya, Director General Seabird, attended; the housing was built by NCC Ltd, Hyderabad, and the trunk infrastructure by Cemindia Projects India Ltd.
- Phase IIA covers a dual-use Naval Air Station, a full-fledged naval dockyard and logistics facilities, and the base will eventually hold about 10,000 personnel and civilians with their families.
- The project is to be IGBC Gold rated on completion and has sourced over 90 per cent of its materials and equipment within India under Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Event	Inauguration of Project Seabird Phase IIA infrastructure
Inaugurated by	General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff and Secretary, Department of Military Affairs
Place	Naval Base, Karwar (EOMC and Amadalli), Uttara Kannada region
Date of event	8 October 2026 (release issued 9 October 2026)
Also present	Vice Admiral Vivek Dahiya, Director General Seabird
Housing opened	60 dwelling units for married senior sailors, 60 for naval defence civilians, inliving units for 156 DSC personnel, one KG school
Builders	NCC Ltd, Hyderabad (housing); Cemindia Projects India Ltd (trunk infrastructure)
Phase IIA scope	Dual-use Naval Air Station, full-fledged naval dockyard, logistics facilities for ships and aircraft

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NHRC to Mark 33rd Foundation Day on 12 October 2026

9 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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MeitY Pavilion at IMC 2026 Shows Digital India Platforms

9 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The MeitY pavilion at the 10th India Mobile Congress at Yashobhoomi is showing Aadhaar, DigiLocker, BHASHINI, DARPAN S3 and 14 STPI-incubated startups.

- The 10th India Mobile Congress 2026 opened at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 7 October 2026 and runs to 10 October, on the theme Scale Without Boundaries.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi formally inaugurated the edition on 8 October 2026.
- The MeitY pavilion showcases Aadhaar, DigiLocker, UMANG and Entity Locker, along with API Setu, UX4G and the Digital Personal Data Protection framework.
- Digital India BHASHINI is demonstrating AI and language technology, while C-DAC is showing DARPAN S3 alongside NIXI, SAMEER and the India Semiconductor Mission.
- STPI has brought 14 STPI-incubated startups, and an Experience Zone offers an AI avatar booth and a VR cricket experience.

Event	10th India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Dates	7 to 10 October 2026
Theme	'Scale Without Boundaries'
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on 8 October 2026
Pavilion	Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Digital platforms shown	Aadhaar, DigiLocker, UMANG, Entity Locker, API Setu, UX4G, DPDP framework
AI and language	Digital India BHASHINI; MyGov India Mann Ki Baat videos

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NISD Begins Five-Day Geriatric Care Training in Diu

9 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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PM Chairs National Summit on Women and Child Development

9 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the closing session of the two-day National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the valedictory session of the two-day National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi
- The summit is one of a series of departmental summits conceived by the Prime Minister, attended by ministers and senior officials from the states and union territories
- The agenda covered nutrition, care in early childhood, protection of children, the safety and empowerment of women, and convergence to strengthen service delivery
- The Prime Minister proposed Chintan Shivirs at the district, Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels, and dedicated Chintan Shivirs for Anganwadi workers
- He suggested universities adopt nearby Anganwadi Centres for social-impact studies, and named Vocal for Local and One District One Product (ODOP) for women's empowerment

Event	National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development
Chaired by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi (valedictory session)
Venue	Sushma Swaraj Bhawan, New Delhi
Duration	Two days
Who attended	Ministers and senior officials from the states and union territories
Idea stressed	Jan Bhagidari — Anganwadi Centres as centres of community participation
Proposal for states	Chintan Shivirs at district, Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels
Movements named for women's empowerment	Vocal for Local and One District One Product (ODOP)

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Rajya Sabha Panel Tables 382nd Report on NTA Reforms

9 October 2026 · Reports & Indices

A Rajya Sabha standing committee headed by Mukul Wasnik tabled its 382nd report on strengthening the National Testing Agency on 9 October 2026.

- The 382nd report, on "Reforms and Strengthening of the National Testing Agency", was presented to the Rajya Sabha Chairman on 9 October 2026
- The committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports is headed by Rajya Sabha member Mukul Wasnik; the report was adopted on 25 August 2026
- The NTA conducts JEE-Main, NEET-UG, UGC-NET and CUET, and about 1.2 crore candidates appear in its examinations every year
- Only 23 of the 39 sanctioned posts in the NTA are filled, a vacancy of 41 per cent, and all 39 permanent posts run on deputation
- The panel wants NEET-UG shifted to computer-based testing and the 1,000 secure government CBT centres of the K. Radhakrishnan panel set up

Report	382nd report on "Reforms and Strengthening of the National Testing Agency (NTA)"
Committee	Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports
Chairman	Mukul Wasnik, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha
Presented to	Chairman, Rajya Sabha, on 9 October 2026
Adopted on	25 August 2026
Concerned department	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
Candidates a year	About 1.2 crore in NTA examinations
Staffing	23 officers against 39 sanctioned posts, a 41 per cent vacancy

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NSO Releases Draft Guideline for Expenditure-Side GSDP

9 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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India Finishes 10th at 48th WorldSkills Competition

9 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Milton Dick Elected IPU President at 153rd Assembly

9 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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India Backs ITU Joint Trials Against Telecom Fraud

9 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Minister of State Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani welcomed the ITU proposal for joint trials against cross-border telecom fraud at a roundtable held during IMC 2026.

- Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani gave the keynote at the ITU Roundtable on implementing ITU standards against fraudulent communications, held alongside India Mobile Congress 2026
- India Mobile Congress 2026 was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
- Indians lost over ₹22,800 crore to organised telecom fraud in 2024, the minister said
- C-DOT's AI-based ASTR tool has helped disconnect over 82 lakh fraudulent connections and the Sanchar Saathi app has about 25 million downloads
- The Digital Intelligence Platform links over 1,600 organisations and the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator prevented suspected losses above ₹5,000 crore in 15 months

Event	ITU Roundtable on "Implementing ITU Standards to Combat Fraudulent Communications"
Held alongside	India Mobile Congress 2026, inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 8 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi
Keynote speaker	Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development
Fraud losses	Over ₹22,800 crore lost by Indians in 2024
ASTR	AI-based tool of C-DOT; over 82 lakh fraudulent connections disconnected
Sanchar Saathi	Around 25 million app downloads
Digital Intelligence Platform	Links over 1,600 organisations
Financial Fraud Risk Indicator	Prevented suspected losses of over ₹5,000 crore in 15 months

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Scindia Opens ITU AI for Good Lab Workshop at IMC 2026

9 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia opened the DoT-ITU AI for Good Lab Workshop at India Mobile Congress 2026, with India as a pilot country.

- Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the "AI for Good Lab Workshop: From Strategy to Impact" at India Mobile Congress 2026 in New Delhi
- It was organised jointly by the Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union
- India is one of ten pilot countries for the AI for Good Lab framework, with partners from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Gulf
- The framework rests on three pillars: AI Readiness and Policy, AI Skills Development, and Public AI Infrastructure
- Under the IndiaAI Mission of over ₹10,000 crore, more than 38,000 high-end GPUs have been onboarded and another 20,000 are being added

Event	"AI for Good Lab Workshop: From Strategy to Impact" at India Mobile Congress 2026, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Union Minister for Communications and Development of the North Eastern Region
Organised by	Department of Telecommunications with the International Telecommunication Union
ITU dignitary	Dr Bilel Jamoussi, Deputy Director, ITU Telecommunication Standardization Bureau
Three pillars	AI Readiness and Policy; AI Skills Development; Public AI Infrastructure
Pilot countries	India is one of ten, with partners from Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Gulf
IndiaAI Mission	Outlay of over ₹10,000 crore; over 38,000 high-end GPUs onboarded and 20,000 more being added
AI talent	India first globally in relative AI skill penetration; about 5.2 per cent of open-source AI projects on GitHub with ten or more stars

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Defence Exports Reach Record ₹38,424 Crore, Says Rajnath Singh

9 October 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh gave away 15 SIDM Champion Awards in New Delhi on 9 October 2026 and said defence exports touched a record ₹38,424 crore in 2025-26.

- Rajnath Singh presented 15 SIDM Champion Awards 2026 at the eighth annual session of the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers in New Delhi on 9 October 2026
- India’s defence exports hit an all-time high of ₹38,424 crore in the financial year 2025-26, growing by over 60 per cent against the year before
- The stated target is ₹50,000 crore of defence exports by 2029, with the private share in defence production to rise from about 24 per cent to 50 per cent
- SIDM, set up in 2017, represents large firms, MSMEs, startups, academia and foreign OEMs; its session theme was “Sovereign Capabilities, Contested Frontiers”
- Reforms named by the minister include the Defence Acquisition Procedure, Positive Indigenisation Lists, the SRIJAN portal and iDEX

Event	SIDM Champion Awards 2026, at SIDM’s 8th Annual Session, New Delhi
Awards presented by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
Awards given	15
Defence exports, FY 2025-26	₹38,424 crore (record; growth over 60 per cent)
Export target	₹50,000 crore by 2029
Private share in defence production	To rise from about 24 per cent to 50 per cent
SIDM founded	2017
Session theme	Sovereign Capabilities, Contested Frontiers

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Navy to Commission ASW Shallow Water Craft Mangrol at Mumbai

9 October 2026 · Defence

Mangrol, the third anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft built by Cochin Shipyard, joins the Indian Navy on 12 October 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

- Mangrol is the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi, and will be commissioned on 12 October 2026
- The ceremony at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, will be presided over by Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Naval Command
- The ship is named after Mangrol, a coastal town and fishing harbour in the Junagadh district of Gujarat, and recalls the minesweeper INS Mangrol (M85) retired in 2004
- Over 80 per cent of the craft is indigenous; it carries the Abhay hull-mounted sonar, lightweight torpedoes, an indigenous anti-submarine rocket launcher and the Maareech decoy system
- Three diesel engines with waterjet propulsion give it manoeuvrability for shallow-water work, mine warfare tasks and low-intensity maritime operations

Ship	Mangrol, third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)
Builder	Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
Commissioning	12 October 2026, Naval Dockyard, Mumbai
Ceremony presided over by	Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, FOC-in-C, Western Naval Command
Named after	Mangrol, a coastal town in Junagadh district, Gujarat
Earlier ship of the name	INS Mangrol (M85), a minesweeper that served till 7 April 2004
Indigenous content	More than 80 per cent
Main sensors and weapons	Abhay hull-mounted sonar, lightweight torpedoes, indigenous ASW rocket launcher, Maareech torpedo decoy

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World Mental Health Day 2026: Tele-MANAS Passes 47.75 Lakh Calls

9 October 2026 · Important Days

India marks World Mental Health Day on 10 October 2026 on the theme of lived experiences, with Tele-MANAS having taken 47,75,644 calls on helpline 14416.

- World Mental Health Day is observed on 10 October 2026; this year's global theme is "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"
- Tele-MANAS, on toll-free helpline 14416, has received 47,75,644 calls since its launch on 10 October 2022 and has 53 cells across all 36 states and union territories
- Of 13,35,275 recorded caller profiles, women make up 43.78 per cent (5,84,587) and men 54.18 per cent (7,23,427); those aged 18 to 45 years form 73.2 per cent
- MANN Jaagriti is a community awareness initiative to build mental health literacy, reduce stigma and encourage early help-seeking
- The District Mental Health Programme is sanctioned for 767 districts, and mental health services run in over 1.83 lakh Ayushman Arogya Mandirs

Day	World Mental Health Day, 10 October 2026
Theme 2026	Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change
Observed by	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Tele-MANAS helpline	14416 (toll-free, 24x7, multilingual)
Tele-MANAS launched	10 October 2022
Calls received	47,75,644 (as of October 2026)
Tele-MANAS cells	53, across all 36 states and union territories
Caller profile	Women 43.78 per cent and men 54.18 per cent of 13,35,275 profiles; 73.2 per cent aged 18-45 years

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Cooperation Ministry’s 9th National Review Workshop Ends in Bastar

9 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Cooperation’s two-day 9th National Review Workshop closed in Bastar, Chhattisgarh, on 9 October 2026 with a call for state-specific action plans.

- The Ministry of Cooperation’s 9th National Review Workshop was held on 8 and 9 October 2026 at Bastar in Chhattisgarh
- Its theme was ‘Sahkar se Samriddhi — The Road Ahead: Scaling Impact through Cooperative Transformation’; the ministry is headed by Amit Shah
- Cooperation Secretary Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani asked states for prioritised, time-bound action plans with named officials and regular monitoring
- The first phase of PACS computerisation is to be completed by December 2026, with audits for 2024-25 and 2025-26 done by October 2026
- NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL were cited for produce aggregation and better prices, while NABARD is developing a uniform Core Banking Solution for cooperative banks

Event	9th National Review Workshop, Ministry of Cooperation
Dates	8 and 9 October 2026 (two days)
Venue	Bastar, Chhattisgarh
Theme	Sahkar se Samriddhi — The Road Ahead: Scaling Impact through Cooperative Transformation
Union Minister of Cooperation	Amit Shah (also Union Home Minister)
Concluding address	Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation
PACS computerisation	First phase to be completed by December 2026
Audits	For 2024-25 and 2025-26, to be completed by October 2026

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

9 October 2026 · Economy

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

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

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

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India Mobile Congress 2026 Draws Over 100 Countries to Yashobhoomi

9 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The 10th India Mobile Congress is on at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on the theme 'Scale Without Boundaries', with participants from more than 100 countries.

- The 10th India Mobile Congress is being held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on the theme 'Scale Without Boundaries'.
- It is organised jointly by the Department of Telecommunications and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI).
- The edition spans a 60,000 square metre exhibition area with participation from more than 100 countries and over 2,000 technology use cases.
- More than 400 startups and over 900 thought leaders are taking part, alongside industry partners, investors, incubators and accelerators.
- Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said the aim is to move from 'Made in India' to 'Designed, Developed and Made in India' and cited the Samriddh Gram initiative of the Department of Telecommunications.

Event	India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, 10th edition
Venue	Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
Theme	Scale Without Boundaries
Organisers	Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, with the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)
Exhibition area	60,000 square metres
Participation	More than 100 countries, over 2,000 technology use cases
Startups and speakers	More than 400 startups and over 900 thought leaders
Minister	Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, Minister of Communications and Development of North Eastern Region

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Bharat 6G Alliance Signs Five MoUs at 3rd 6G Symposium

9 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium ended at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, with five new MoUs exchanged and ten white papers released by the Bharat 6G Alliance.

- The 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium concluded at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi, with a valedictory address by Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani.
- Five new MoUs were exchanged with GSMA, one6G, the GTI Alliance, the 6G Innovation Forum of Taiwan and VOICE, and ten white papers and reports were released.
- The symposium drew more than 75 speakers, including over 30 international experts, and discussed the roadmap to IMT-2030 and beyond.
- The Bharat 6G Alliance, set up in July 2023, is an industry-led platform of telecom operators, industry, startups, academia and research institutions.
- A curtain raiser was held for the second ESTIC, scheduled from 27 to 29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, organised by CSIR with 12 ministries and departments.

Event	3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026
Venue	Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
Organiser	Bharat 6G Alliance (B6GA), alongside the India Mobile Congress
Valedictory address	Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development
MoUs exchanged	Five, with GSMA, one6G, GTI Alliance, 6G Innovation Forum (Taiwan) and VOICE
Publications	Ten white papers and reports, including a progress report on the 6G Joint Principles
Participation	More than 75 speakers, including over 30 international experts
Alliance founded	July 2023, as an industry-led platform

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India Post and Blue Dart Sign Parcel Delivery Agreement

9 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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10 October 2026

Forest Rights Act Review Conference Held in Kolkata for Eight States

10 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 Second Edition Held at Jodhpur

10 October 2026 · Defence

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the second edition of the multinational air exercise Tarang Shakti at Air Force Station Jodhpur, hosted by the Indian Air Force.

- Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 is the second edition of the Indian Air Force's multinational air exercise, held from 26 September to 12 October 2026
- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh addressed the participants at Air Force Station Jodhpur in Rajasthan
- Seven friendly foreign countries flew aircraft — Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, the UAE and the USA — while thirty-two more countries attended as observers
- Indigenous platforms on show included the LCA Tejas and the LCH Prachand; the first edition was held in 2024
- The Minister said future military power will be decided by the speed of sensing, understanding, deciding and acting, not by the number of platforms

Exercise	Tarang Shakti 2026 (second edition)
Conducted by	Indian Air Force
Venue	Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan
Dates	26 September to 12 October 2026
Participating air forces	Seven — Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, UAE, USA
Observer nations	Thirty-two
Addressed by	Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
First edition	2024

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Milton Dick of Australia Elected President of the IPU at Arusha

10 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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BRICS Traditional Sports Demonstration Games to Open in Ahmedabad

10 October 2026 · Sports

Mandaviya will open the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 at Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, under India's BRICS Chairship.

- The BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 will be held at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, on 12 October 2026
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya will declare the Games open, with Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi present
- The Games are organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Government of Gujarat under India's BRICS Chairship
- The format is non-competitive: the aim is demonstration, documentation and exchange of traditional sporting practices rather than medals
- India will showcase Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu; Russia brings Sambo and Gorodki, China Wushu and Lion Dance, and Brazil Capoeira

Event	BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026
Venue	Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, Gujarat
Date	12 October 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Government of Gujarat
Held under	India's BRICS Chairship
To be inaugurated by	Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Format	Non-competitive demonstration, documentation and exchange
India's entries	Mallakhamb, Yogasana, Kalaripayattu

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Vice-President Addresses Second Convocation of AIIMS Deoghar

10 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle to Be Held in Varanasi

10 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle will be held in Varanasi on the theme 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat', led by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

- The 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle will be held in Varanasi on 11 October 2026, from Namo Ghat to the Diksha Mandap of Sampurnanand Sanskrit University
- The theme is 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat', linking fitness with the campaign against substance abuse
- Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya will be the chief guest
- Asian Games medallists joining include Raj Kumar Pal (hockey gold), Jay Kumar (relay silver and bronze), Parul Chaudhary (two bronze) and Prachi Chaudhary (bronze)
- The campaign is run by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Cycling Federation of India, Raahgiri Foundation and MY Bharat, and over 6,000 NAMO Fit India Clubs hold the ride weekly

Event	94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle
City	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
Date	11 October 2026, from 6 in the morning
Route	Namo Ghat to Diksha Mandap, Sampurnanand Sanskrit University
Theme	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat
Chief guest	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
Organised by	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports with the Cycling Federation of India, Raahgiri Foundation and MY Bharat
NAMO Fit India Clubs	More than 6,000 hold the ride every week

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Lighthouse Tourism Grows to 18.63 Lakh Visitors in 2024-25

10 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana Completes One Year in 100 Districts

10 October 2026 · Government Schemes

PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana completes one year on 11 October 2026; the average score of its 100 aspirational agricultural districts rose to 46.89 in August 2026.

- PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana was approved by the Union Cabinet on 16 July 2025 for six years and launched on 11 October 2025; it completes one year on 11 October 2026
- It covers 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts picked on low productivity, low cropping intensity and low farm credit disbursement, with at least one district in every State
- The scheme converges 36 Central schemes of 11 Ministries and Departments and is tracked through 121 indicators, 74 on output and 47 on outcomes, on the PM-DDKY dashboard
- The average score of the 100 districts rose from 18.85 in April 2026 to 46.89 in August 2026, a gain of 28.04 points
- The National Executive Committee is headed by the Union Agriculture Minister and the National Monitoring Committee by the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Scheme	Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)
Cabinet approval	16 July 2025, for six years from 2025-26
Launched	11 October 2025; first anniversary on 11 October 2026
Coverage	100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts, at least one per State
Selection indicators	Low productivity, low cropping intensity, low agricultural credit disbursement
Convergence	36 Central schemes across 11 Ministries and Departments
Monitoring	121 indicators (74 output, 47 outcome) on the PM-DDKY dashboard
Average district score	18.85 in April 2026 to 46.89 in August 2026, up 28.04 points

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National Quantum Mission Crosses 1,000 km Quantum-Secure Link

10 October 2026 · Science & Technology

India has achieved 1,000 km of quantum-secure communication against an eight-year target of 2,000 km under the National Quantum Mission, said Jitendra Singh.

- India has achieved 1,000 km of quantum-secure communication in three years, against the National Quantum Mission target of 2,000 km over eight years
- India’s bioeconomy has crossed US$195 billion and stands at about US$196 billion, up from roughly US$10 billion in 2014, with a target of US$300 billion by 2030
- Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, spoke at the 121st Annual Session of PHDCCI in New Delhi
- He urged industry to join research projects at inception so that scientific work is designed for commercial deployment and strategic sovereignty by 2047
- The Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) initiative seeks greater private-sector participation in research and development

Event	121st Annual Session of the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI), New Delhi
Speaker	Dr. Jitendra Singh, Union MoS (Independent Charge), Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Quantum-secure communication achieved	1,000 km in three years
National Quantum Mission target	2,000 km of quantum-secure communication in eight years
Bioeconomy size	Crossed US$195 billion, about US$196 billion, from roughly US$10 billion in 2014
Bioeconomy target	US$300 billion by 2030
Government initiative cited	Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) initiative
Long-term goal	Strategic sovereignty and national objectives set for 2047

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Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan Reaches 1.06 Lakh in First Month

10 October 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat and NSS closed the first month of Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan with a nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela that reached 1,06,855 participants on 9 October 2026.

- The nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela was held on 9 October 2026 by MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme, closing Month 1 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan
- Month 1 carried the theme ‘My Health, My Pride’ and reached 1,06,855 participants across 200 designated institutions and their adopted villages
- The outreach included 93,662 youth participants and 13,193 other citizens, through 15 NSS Regional Directorates
- Activities covered 509 seminars reaching 36,086 youth, 396 awareness stalls reaching 32,909 people and 587 cultural performances reaching 24,944 people
- Month 2 of the campaign will run on the theme ‘Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth’, focused on physical fitness and sports

Event	Nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela, 9 October 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme (NSS)
Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva Abhiyan; Month 1 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan
Month 1 theme	‘My Health, My Pride’
Total outreach	1,06,855 participants
Institutions covered	200 designated institutions and their adopted villages, through 15 NSS Regional Directorates
Break-up of reach	93,662 youth and 13,193 other citizens
Gender break-up	48,269 female and 45,618 male youth participants

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Third National CSR Conference NCCSR 2026 Concludes in Delhi

10 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility concluded at The Ashok, New Delhi, drawing 600 plus senior representatives.

- NCCSR 2026, the Third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility, was held on 6 and 7 October 2026 at The Ashok, New Delhi
- It was organised by the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), through its School of Business Environment, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs
- The theme was ‘Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment’, and 600 plus senior representatives took part
- Satish Chandra Dubey, MoS for Coal and Mines, inaugurated it and released the Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies; the India CSR Factbook 2024-25 was also released
- Ajit Seth, former Cabinet Secretary, delivered the valedictory address and released the Compendium of CSR Best Practices 2025

Event	Third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility (NCCSR 2026)
Dates	6 and 7 October 2026
Venue	The Ashok, New Delhi
Organiser	School of Business Environment, Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA), Ministry of Corporate Affairs
Theme	‘Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment’
Inaugurated by	Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines
Valedictory address	Ajit Seth, former Cabinet Secretary
Publications released	Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies; India CSR Factbook 2024-25; Compendium of CSR Best Practices 2025

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Robotics for Good India 2026: Singularity, Ferrum Incubators Win

10 October 2026 · Awards & Honours

Team Ferrum Incubators and Team Singularity won the Senior and Junior titles of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India 2026 at IMC 2026 in New Delhi.

- Team Ferrum Incubators of Cambridge School, Noida, won the Senior Category and Team Singularity of Gopalan International School, Karnataka, won the Junior Category
- The Challenge is run by the ITU with the Department of Telecommunications, supported by IHFC, the Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi, under ITU's AI for Good programme
- Fifty-seven teams took part, 28 Junior and 29 Senior, with about 300 students and mentors from 14 States; competitors were aged 10 to 18
- This year's mission was public health emergency response, linked to UN Sustainable Development Goal 3 on good health and well-being
- Both winning teams go to the Grand Finale at Geneva, Switzerland, during the AI for Good Global Summit in June 2027

Event	Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India 2026–2027 (India Nationals)
Date and venue	10 October 2026, Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on the sidelines of India Mobile Congress 2026
Organisers	International Telecommunication Union (ITU) and Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications
Support	I-Hub Foundation for Cobotics (IHFC), Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi
Parent programme	ITU's AI for Good programme
Senior Category winner	Team Ferrum Incubators, Cambridge School, Noida, Uttar Pradesh
Junior Category winner	Team Singularity, Gopalan International School, Karnataka
Field	57 teams (28 Junior, 29 Senior), about 300 students and mentors from 14 States, aged 10 to 18

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Yuva Sangam Phase VII Delegates Meet President Droupadi Murmu

10 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

10 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Vice-President Visits Sainya Sampark Mela at Deoghar

10 October 2026 · Defence

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan visited the Sainya Sampark Mela, Sadaiv Aapke Saath, at Deoghar in Jharkhand on 10 October 2026 and spoke for veterans' welfare.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan visited the Sainya Sampark Mela - Sadaiv Aapke Saath at Deoghar, Jharkhand, on 10 October 2026
- The mela was organised by the Indian Army with the Deoghar district administration for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and dependents of the Santhal Pargana region
- A single-window mechanism brought pension assistance, medical facilities, documentation and grievance redressal on to one platform at the venue
- The Vice-President paid tribute to Param Vir Chakra awardee Lance Naik Albert Ekka and to tribal freedom fighters including Bhagwan Birsa Munda and Tilka Manjhi
- Stalls covered ECHS services, disaster relief, medical screening and blood donation camps, women's health awareness and NCC activities

Event	Sainya Sampark Mela - Sadaiv Aapke Saath
Theme meaning	Sadaiv Aapke Saath, that is, Always with You
Place	Deoghar, Jharkhand, serving the Santhal Pargana region
Date of visit	10 October 2026
Organised by	Indian Army with the Deoghar district administration
Visited by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan, a former Governor of Jharkhand
For whom	Ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their dependents
Health scheme named	Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme (ECHS)

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Defence Secretary to Visit Cyprus and Greece in October

10 October 2026 · International

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

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

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

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GI-AI4FS Second Meeting Held at IMC 2026 in New Delhi

10 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The second meeting of the UN Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems was hosted by TEC and ICAR in New Delhi alongside India Mobile Congress 2026.

- The second meeting of the UN Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI4FS) was held in New Delhi alongside India Mobile Congress 2026
- It was hosted by the Telecommunication Engineering Centre of the Department of Telecommunications jointly with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research
- GI-AI4FS is coordinated by the International Telecommunication Union with the FAO, IFAD and the World Food Programme
- About 70 delegates took part in person and 25 online; Dr. Sebastian Bosse is the Chair of GI-AI4FS
- A two-day international hackathon on AI for agri-food systems preceded it on 8-9 October 2026 at the ICAR campus, New Delhi

Event	Second meeting of the Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI4FS)
Venue	New Delhi, alongside India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026
Indian hosts	Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC), Department of Telecommunications, with ICAR
Coordinated by	International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
Partner UN agencies	FAO, IFAD and World Food Programme (WFP)
Chair of GI-AI4FS	Dr. Sebastian Bosse
Participation	Around 70 delegates in person and 25 online
Hackathon	Two-day international hackathon on 8-9 October 2026 at the ICAR campus, New Delhi

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CAQM Reviews Stubble Burning Curbs in Amritsar, Tarn Taran

10 October 2026 · Environment

A CAQM team led by Dr. S.D. Attri reviewed stubble burning curbs with the Amritsar and Tarn Taran administrations and visited hotspot villages in Punjab.

- A CAQM team led by Member (Technical) Dr. S.D. Attri visited the Amritsar and Tarn Taran districts of Punjab, both stubble burning hotspots
- A review meeting with the Deputy Commissioners of both districts was held at Amritsar on 10 October 2026, with field visits on 9 and 10 October
- CAQM has deployed Flying Squads in 18 districts of Punjab from 1 October to 30 November 2026
- Amritsar has set up a Control Room and Help Desk at the District Administrative Complex and a district helpline to report stubble fires
- Paddy stubble burning is described as a major cause of winter air pollution in the NCR and adjoining areas

Body	Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
Team led by	Dr. S.D. Attri, Member (Technical), CAQM
Districts visited	Amritsar and Tarn Taran, Punjab
Review meeting	Amritsar, 10 October 2026, with Deputy Commissioners of both districts
Field visits	Hotspot villages on 9 and 10 October 2026
Flying Squads	Deployed in 18 districts of Punjab, 1 October to 30 November 2026
Machinery	Crop Residue Management (CRM) machines and balers for in-situ and ex-situ use
Ministry	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

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Navy's Next Generation OPV Shreyas Launched at GRSE Kolkata

10 October 2026 · Defence

Shreyas, Yard 3040 of the Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel project, was launched at GRSE in Kolkata on 10 October 2026 by Mrs Reyman Kochhar.

- Shreyas, Yard 3040 of the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel project, was launched at GRSE, Kolkata on 10 October 2026
- The ship was launched by Mrs Reyman Kochhar in the presence of Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
- NGOPVs are being built at two shipyards at the same time: Goa Shipyard Limited in Goa and GRSE in Kolkata
- Shreyas is a Sanskrit word meaning 'best' or 'most excellent', in keeping with the practice of naming these ships from India's heritage
- The vessels are for maritime surveillance, search and rescue, protection of offshore assets, disaster relief and anti-piracy missions

Ship	Shreyas, Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV)
Yard number	3040
Builder	Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata
Launched by	Mrs Reyman Kochhar
Senior officer present	Vice Admiral Ajay Kochhar, Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
Other yard on the class	Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), Goa
Meaning of the name	'Best' or 'most excellent' in Sanskrit
Roles	Maritime surveillance, search and rescue, protection of offshore assets, HADR and anti-piracy

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NBA Disburses Rs 2.02 Crore of Seed Sector ABS Funds to States

10 October 2026 · Environment

The National Biodiversity Authority has disbursed Rs 2.02 crore of access and benefit-sharing funds from seed companies to 27 states and 3 union territories.

- The National Biodiversity Authority has disbursed Rs 2.02 crore of seed-sector Access and Benefit-Sharing funds to 27 states and 3 union territories
- The top ten states accounted for Rs 1.43 crore of the amount, with Madhya Pradesh and West Bengal receiving the largest shares
- Cumulative ABS disbursement by the NBA has now reached Rs 202 crore
- Shares were fixed by cultivation area using the Ministry of Agriculture's statistics, and go to State Biodiversity Boards and UT Biodiversity Councils
- India's ABS framework rests on the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 and supports Targets 13 and 19 of the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework

Body	National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)
Amount disbursed	Rs 2.02 crore
Recipients	27 State Biodiversity Boards and 3 Union Territory Biodiversity Councils
Top ten states	Rs 1.43 crore of the total
Largest shares	Madhya Pradesh, followed by West Bengal, Odisha, Bihar and Gujarat
Cumulative ABS disbursement	Rs 202 crore
Parent law	Biological Diversity Act, 2002
Action plan	National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, 2024 to 2030

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MY Bharat Youth Convention Held at BHU in Varanasi

10 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Telangana Delegation Visits Assam Under Yuva Sangam Phase VII

10 October 2026 · Government Schemes

A Telangana youth delegation led by Central University of Karnataka toured Assam under Yuva Sangam Phase VII and met Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya.

- Yuva Sangam Phase VII is organised by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative
- The programme works through 20 paired states and their higher education institutions to promote national integration
- A Telangana delegation led by the Central University of Karnataka was welcomed at Guwahati by IIT Guwahati on 4 October 2026
- The delegation met the Governor of Assam, Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, on 5 October 2026
- The delegates began their day in Assam with a yoga session, presented as part of India's traditional knowledge and heritage

Programme	Yuva Sangam Phase VII
Umbrella initiative	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Organiser	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
Pairing	20 paired states and their higher education institutions
Delegation	Telangana, led by the Central University of Karnataka
Host institution	IIT Guwahati, Assam
Arrival	Guwahati, 4 October 2026
Governor met	Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, Governor of Assam, on 5 October 2026

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Fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave Concludes in New Delhi

10 October 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave, on the theme Resilience in an Age of Flux, ended in New Delhi after three days of talks on India's economic priorities.

- The fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave was held from 3 to 5 October 2026 in New Delhi on the theme Resilience in an Age of Flux
- It is convened by the Institute of Economic Growth together with the Union Ministry of Finance, and began in 2022
- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated it; Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addressed the special plenary on India's economic priorities
- External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar gave the special concluding address in the session India and the World: Adaptive by Design
- More than 200 participants attended, including over 80 international delegates from about 30 countries

Event	Fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave (KEC 2026)
Theme	Resilience in an Age of Flux
Dates	3 to 5 October 2026
Venue	New Delhi
Convenors	Institute of Economic Growth with the Ministry of Finance
Inaugurated by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Concluding address	External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar
First edition	2022, on the theme Redefining the Future

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Fourth All Science and Technology Clusters Meet in Chandigarh

10 October 2026 · Science & Technology

Principal Scientific Adviser Ajay Kumar Sood chaired the Fourth All S&T Clusters Meet at Panjab University, Chandigarh, where eight clusters reviewed progress.

- The Fourth All S&T Clusters Meet was held on 9 and 10 October 2026 at Panjab University, Chandigarh, hosted by PI-RAHI
- Principal Scientific Adviser Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood chaired it; representatives of all eight S&T Clusters took part
- The S&T Clusters programme was conceived in 2020 following recommendations of PM-STIAC and runs under the Office of the Principal Scientific Adviser
- Northern India's first Digital Podiatric Clinic, using AI-powered foot screening, was inaugurated at the Panjab University Health Centre
- 12 international MoUs followed the First International Conference on S&T Clusters; a second such conference was announced

Event	Fourth All Science and Technology (S&T) Clusters Meet
Dates	9 and 10 October 2026
Venue	Panjab University, Chandigarh
Host	PI-RAHI (PU-IIT Ropar Regional Accelerator for Holistic Innovations Foundation)
Chaired by	Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
Clusters	Eight S&T Clusters across the country
Programme conceived	2020, on the recommendation of PM-STIAC
Inaugurated	Northern India's first Digital Podiatric Clinic, at the Panjab University Health Centre

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Defence Correspondents Course Concludes at Tezpur

10 October 2026 · Defence

The three-week Defence Correspondents Course, attended by 24 journalists, concluded at Tezpur after its Navy, Air Force and Army legs were completed.

- The Defence Correspondents Course concluded at Tezpur after its Navy, Air Force and Army legs were completed
- 24 journalists took part in the course, which ran over three weeks under the Ministry of Defence
- Participants were given briefings, field visits and interactions with serving military personnel across the three Services
- The valedictory function was chaired by Lieutenant General Neeraj Shukla, General Officer Commanding, Gajraj Corps
- Vijay Kumar, Additional Director General (Media and Communication), Ministry of Defence, attended with officials of the Directorate of Public Relations

Course	Defence Correspondents Course
Concluded at	Tezpur
Participants	24 journalists
Duration	Three weeks
Legs	Navy, Air Force and Army
Valedictory chaired by	Lieutenant General Neeraj Shukla, General Officer Commanding, Gajraj Corps
Also present	Vijay Kumar, Additional Director General (Media and Communication), Ministry of Defence
Organised by	Ministry of Defence, with its Directorate of Public Relations

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Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses Completes One Year

11 October 2026 · Government Schemes

The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses, begun on 11 October 2025 with an outlay of Rs 11,440 crore, completed one year, targeting 350 lakh tonnes by 2030-31.

- The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses was launched on 11 October 2025 and has an allocation of Rs 11,440 crore for 2025-26 to 2030-31.
- By 2030-31 the Mission aims at nearly 350 lakh tonnes of pulses and a yield of 1,130 kg per hectare, on a targeted area of 310 lakh hectares.
- Pulses output reached 274.09 lakh tonnes in 2025-26 against 256.83 lakh tonnes in 2024-25; yield rose from 926 to 957 kg per hectare.
- Pulses imports fell 31.52 per cent to Rs 31,793.59 crore in 2025-26, while exports rose 13.40 per cent to USD 969.53 million.
- NCCF and NAFED are allowed to procure the whole of Tur, Masur and Urad for four years, from 2025-26 to 2028-29.

Mission	Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses
Launched on	11 October 2025
Outlay	Rs 11,440 crore (2025-26 to 2030-31)
Production target	About 350 lakh tonnes by 2030-31
Yield target	1,130 kg per hectare
Area target	310 lakh hectares by 2030-31
Focus crops	Tur, Urad and Masoor
Districts covered	489 districts in cluster mode

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

11 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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DRI Seizes 5.753 kg Crystal Meth from Train Passenger

11 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

11 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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INS Trishul Reaches Plymouth for Exercise KONKAN-26 with Royal Navy

11 October 2026 · Defence

Indian Navy stealth frigate INS Trishul has reached Plymouth in the United Kingdom for Exercise KONKAN-26, the annual India-UK naval drill with the Royal Navy.

- INS Trishul, a guided missile stealth frigate of the Indian Navy, has arrived at Plymouth in the United Kingdom to take part in Exercise KONKAN-26 with the Royal Navy.
- KONKAN is the annual bilateral maritime exercise between India and the United Kingdom; this edition is being held off Plymouth from 8 to 15 October in two phases.
- The Harbour Phase covers professional interactions, cross-deck visits, sports and cultural events, and opening the ship to visitors.
- The Sea Phase covers drills in the air, surface and sub-surface domains, including cross-deck landings, gunnery firings, air defence serials and anti-submarine warfare practice.
- The exercise is tied to the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership set out in the India-UK Vision 2035 document.

Exercise	KONKAN-26, India-UK bilateral maritime exercise
Indian ship	INS Trishul, guided missile stealth frigate
Partner navy	Royal Navy, United Kingdom
Venue	Off Plymouth, United Kingdom
Dates	8 to 15 October, in two phases
Phases	Harbour Phase and Sea Phase
Domains covered	Air, surface and sub-surface
Framework	India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, India-UK Vision 2035

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Fit India Sundays on Cycle 94th Edition Rides Through Varanasi

11 October 2026 · Sports

The 94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle was held in Varanasi on the theme Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat, drawing over 500 cyclists for a 5.5-km rally.

- The 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle was held in Varanasi and was led by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.
- The theme of the event was Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat; over 500 cyclists and more than 1,000 participants joined in.
- The morning began at 6:00 AM at Namo Ghat with meditation, followed by a Kathak recital, a Zumba session and the Nasha Mukt Bharat pledge.
- The 5.5-km cycle rally went from Namo Ghat to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University in Varanasi.
- Medallists of the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games were felicitated: Prachi Chaudhary, Parul Chaudhary, Jay Kumar and Raj Kumar Pal.

Event	94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle
City	Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
Theme	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat
Led by	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports
Turnout	Over 500 cyclists, more than 1,000 participants
Rally route	Namo Ghat to Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, about 5.5 km
Start	6:00 AM at Namo Ghat, with a meditation session
Pledge taken	Nasha Mukt Bharat pledge

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Yuva Sangam Phase VII Takes Uttarakhand Youth to West Bengal

11 October 2026 · Government Schemes

An Uttarakhand delegation toured West Bengal under Yuva Sangam Phase VII of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, hosted by IIT Kharagpur, and met Governor R. N. Ravi.

- Yuva Sangam Phase VII is being implemented by the Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme.
- The programme sends youth from 20 paired States and Union Territories to each other to promote national integration and people-to-people contact.
- An Uttarakhand delegation is visiting West Bengal, with Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University as the nodal institute and IIT Kharagpur as host.
- The delegation was welcomed on 7 October 2026 and interacted with West Bengal Governor Shri R. N. Ravi on 8 October 2026.
- On 9 October 2026 the delegates visited Prinsep Ghat on the Hooghly river in Kolkata and Sundervan.

Programme	Yuva Sangam Phase VII, under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Implemented by	Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
Pairing in the news	Uttarakhand delegation visiting West Bengal
Paired States and UTs	20
Nodal institute	Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University, Uttarakhand
Host institute	IIT Kharagpur, West Bengal
Governor met	Shri R. N. Ravi, Governor of West Bengal, on 8 October 2026
Places visited	Prinsep Ghat on the Hooghly river, Kolkata, and Sundervan

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INS Sahyadri Reaches Vladivostok for Exercise INDRA 2026

11 October 2026 · Defence

Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri has reached Vladivostok in Russia for Exercise INDRA 2026, the bilateral drill with the Russian Federation Navy from 13 to 18 October.

- INS Sahyadri arrived at Vladivostok, Russia, on 10 October 2026 to take part in Exercise INDRA 2026.
- INDRA is the bilateral exercise between India and Russia; this edition pairs the Indian Navy with the Russian Federation Navy (RuFN).
- The exercise has been scheduled from 13 to 18 October 2026 and runs as a harbour phase followed by coordinated activity at sea.
- The Ministry of Defence links the deployment to the MAHASAGAR vision, which stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- The sailing carries forward the momentum of the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit held on 4 and 5 December 2025.

Exercise	INDRA 2026, India-Russia bilateral exercise
Indian ship	INS Sahyadri
Partner navy	Russian Federation Navy (RuFN)
Host port	Vladivostok, Russia
Ship arrived	10 October 2026
Exercise dates	13 to 18 October 2026
Phases	Harbour phase, then coordinated activity at sea
Vision cited	MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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PM Launches Chennai Projects, Dedicates New Metro Stretch

11 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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ICMR to Get First High Altitude Medicine Centre at Keylong

11 October 2026 · Science & Technology

The Health Ministry announced ICMR-CHAMP at Keylong in Himachal Pradesh, the first dedicated centre of ICMR for high-altitude medicine and public health research.

- The ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research, or ICMR-CHAMP, is coming up at Keylong in Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh.
- It will be the first dedicated centre of the Indian Council of Medical Research for high-altitude medicine and public health research.
- Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda is to lay the foundation stone on 12 October 2026; the centre is set up under the Department of Health Research.
- Its mandate covers high-altitude physiology, mountain medicine, climate-sensitive diseases, maternal and child health, disaster medicine, telemedicine and drone-based health logistics.
- It will work with the Armed Forces Medical Services, institutions of national importance and the Government of Himachal Pradesh; saplings will be planted under the Green ICMR Campus Initiative.

Centre	ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research (ICMR-CHAMP)
Location	Keylong, Lahaul and Spiti district, Himachal Pradesh
Distinction	First dedicated ICMR centre for high-altitude medicine and public health research
Foundation stone	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda, 12 October 2026
Set up by	Indian Council of Medical Research, under the Department of Health Research
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Key partners	Armed Forces Medical Services, institutions of national importance, Government of Himachal Pradesh
Green initiative	Planting of native Himalayan saplings under the Green ICMR Campus Initiative

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Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh Jayanti Observed

11 October 2026 · Important Days

The birth anniversaries of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh were observed on 11 October 2026, with tributes from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

- The birth anniversaries of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh both fall on 11 October and were observed on 11 October 2026.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said the appeal of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan crossed generations and that he made people see public life as an instrument of national renewal.
- The tribute recalled the fearless voice of Jayaprakash Narayan during the Emergency and his commitment to good governance and to the marginalised.
- Nanaji Deshmukh was remembered as an outstanding nation-builder who showed that real transformation starts at the grassroots.
- Nanaji Deshmukh joined political conviction with constructive social work and devoted himself to rural development and community participation, with a vision of a strong, self-reliant India.

Occasion	Birth anniversaries of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh
Date	11 October
Title of Jayaprakash Narayan	Loknayak, meaning leader of the people
Period recalled for JP	The Emergency, when he raised a fearless voice
Ideals of JP cited	Good governance and reaching the marginalised sections
Nanaji Deshmukh known for	Rural development, community participation, grassroots transformation
Vision of Nanaji Deshmukh	A strong and self-reliant India
Tributes by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi, through the Prime Minister Office

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DRI Seizes 5.8 kg Gold from Car Cavity at Visakhapatnam

11 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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CBN Seizes 4,209.80 kg Poppy Straw in Madhya Pradesh

11 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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IITM Pune Hosts APARC Early Career Workshop Ahead of ESTIC

11 October 2026 · Science & Technology

IITM Pune held the APARC Early Career Researcher Workshop on 11 October 2026 at Meghdoot Hall as the curtain-raiser for ESTIC, drawing about 120 researchers.

- IITM Pune hosted the APARC Early Career Researcher Workshop 2026 on 11 October 2026 at Meghdoot Hall, titled 'The ECR Nexus: Connecting Voices, Tools, and Science to Society'
- The workshop was the curtain-raiser for the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) and came just before the APARC General Assembly 2026
- Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, gave the main address; IITM Director Dr. Suryachandra A. Rao gave the welcome address
- About 120 Indian and foreign participants attended; a tutorial covered ESMValTool and a keynote covered AI and machine learning in earth sciences
- ESTIC 2026 carries the vision 'Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies' and is linked to the Viksit Bharat 2047 goal

Event	APARC Early Career Researcher (ECR) Workshop 2026
Workshop title	The ECR Nexus: Connecting Voices, Tools, and Science to Society
Date and venue	11 October 2026, Meghdoot Hall, IITM Pune
Host institute	Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune
Ministry	Ministry of Earth Sciences
Main address	Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences
IITM Director	Dr. Suryachandra A. Rao
Participants	About 120 national and international participants

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DESW Steps Up Special Campaign 6.0 on Swachhata, Pendency

11 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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

11 October 2026 · National

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

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

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

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL) is a public sector enterprise under which department?

(A) Ministry of Mines
(B) Department of Atomic Energy
(C) Ministry of Coal
(D) Department of Science and Technology

2. At which place were UCIL's Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations held?

(A) Narwapahar
(B) Jaduguda
(C) Trombay
(D) Kalpakkam

3. Ms. Seema Jain, the Chief Guest at UCIL's Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations, holds which post?

(A) Chairman and Managing Director, UCIL
(B) Secretary, Department of Atomic Energy
(C) Member-Finance, Atomic Energy Commission
(D) Director, Saha Institute of Nuclear Physics

4. How much support has the Technology Development Board sanctioned for Project VeerAI from the RDI Fund?

(A) Rs 100 crore
(B) Rs 130 crore
(C) Rs 260 crore
(D) Rs 500 crore

5. What is Project VeerAI developing?

(A) A memory chip for data centres
(B) A camera-focused AI Vision System-on-Chip
(C) A general-purpose mobile processor
(D) A quantum computing processor

6. Project VeerAI aims to take its technology from Technology Readiness Level 5 to which level?

(A) TRL-6
(B) TRL-7
(C) TRL-8
(D) TRL-9

7. India’s first free trade agreement with an economic bloc in Europe has been signed with which grouping?

(A) European Union
(B) European Free Trade Association
(C) Benelux Union
(D) Eurasian Economic Union

8. How much investment is the India–EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement expected to bring into India over the following 15 years?

(A) 50 billion dollars
(B) 75 billion dollars
(C) 100 billion dollars
(D) 250 billion dollars

9. Which of the following was NOT among the agreements announced during the Swiss President’s visit to India?

(A) Migration and Mobility Partnership Agreement
(B) Young Professionals Agreement
(C) Agreement on transport, mobility and infrastructure
(D) Agreement on a common currency swap window

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10. According to the PIB backgrounder, how many trains were speeded up in the 2026 railway timetable?

(A) 376
(B) 459
(C) 549
(D) 649

11. What are the length and operating speed of the Mumbai–Ahmedabad high-speed rail corridor?

(A) 408 km and 300 kmph
(B) 508 km and 320 kmph
(C) 608 km and 350 kmph
(D) 508 km and 250 kmph

12. Which bridge reduced the rail journey between Nirmali and Saraigarh from about eight hours to 30 minutes?

(A) Bogibeel Bridge
(B) Bhupen Hazarika Setu
(C) Kosi Rail Mahasetu
(D) Sisseri River Bridge

13. What was Coal India's total coal offtake in the first half of the financial year 2026-27?

(A) 357.0 MT
(B) 376.5 MT
(C) 384.2 MT
(D) 402.6 MT

14. Roughly what share of Coal India's first-half offtake in 2026-27 was sent to the power sector?

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

15. Electricity generation from domestic coal in the first half of 2026-27 was reported as

(A) 582.5 BU
(B) 610.2 BU
(C) 640.05 BU
(D) 668.4 BU

16. The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator has helped prevent suspected cyber-fraud losses of more than

(A) 1,000 crore rupees
(B) 2,500 crore rupees
(C) 5,000 crore rupees
(D) 10,000 crore rupees

17. Which facility on the Sanchar Saathi portal is used to report suspected fraud communication and spam?

(A) Chakshu
(B) Trusted Contact Details
(C) Digital Intelligence Platform
(D) Keep Yourself Aware

18. How many lost or stolen mobile handsets have been blocked through Sanchar Saathi?

(A) 37.85 lakh
(B) 48.50 lakh
(C) 60.96 lakh
(D) 72.40 lakh

19. Who inaugurated Chintan Shivir 2026, the national conclave on highway infrastructure?

(A) Harsh Malhotra
(B) Nitin Gadkari
(C) Ashwini Vaishnaw
(D) Piyush Goyal

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20. What is the motto under which Chintan Shivir 2026 is being held?

(A) Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas
(B) Gatishakti se Pragati
(C) Safar Suhana, Safar Surakshit
(D) Viksit Bharat Sankalp

21. Where was Chintan Shivir 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(B) Sabarmati Riverfront, Ahmedabad
(C) Tent City 2, Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
(D) Rann of Kutch, Gujarat

22. How many Safai Mitras were felicitated by the Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology?

(A) 75
(B) 100
(C) 110
(D) 150

23. On which date did the Swachhata Hi Sewa 2026 campaign commence at the Department of Science and Technology?

(A) 15 August 2026
(B) 17 September 2026
(C) 1 October 2026
(D) 2 October 2026

24. Which body conducted the financial awareness session held under the Safai Mitra Suraksha initiative?

(A) Reserve Bank of India
(B) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(C) Bureau of Indian Standards
(D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

25. How many cubs did the India-born cheetah KJP21 give birth to at Kuno National Park?

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

26. KJP21 is the third India-born female cheetah to give birth. Which two India-born females had bred before her?

(A) Mukhi and KGP12
(B) Jwala and Aasha
(C) Nirva and Veera
(D) Gamini and Dheera

27. The five cubs born at Kuno National Park begin a new bloodline in India. The father of the cubs was brought from which country?

(A) Namibia
(B) South Africa
(C) Botswana
(D) Kenya

28. Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

(A) Saudi Arabia
(B) United Arab Emirates
(C) Oman
(D) Qatar

29. How many personnel in total are participating in Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026?

(A) 45
(B) 92
(C) 150
(D) 250

30. The Indian contingent for Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 has been drawn from which type of unit?

(A) A Bhairav Battalion
(B) A Rashtriya Rifles battalion
(C) A Parachute Regiment battalion
(D) An Assam Rifles battalion

31. Which organisation conducted India's first National Household Travel Survey, released on 5 October 2026?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) National Statistics Office
(C) Reserve Bank of India
(D) Census Commissioner of India

32. According to the National Household Travel Survey, which is the leading primary mode of transport for workers commuting to a workplace?

(A) Bus, 29.5% of workers
(B) Walking, 36.6% of workers
(C) Two-wheeler, 42.6% of workers
(D) Suburban rail, 20.7% of workers

33. What is the average monthly expenditure on commuting to a fixed workplace per worker, as reported by the survey?

(A) ₹443
(B) ₹612
(C) ₹785
(D) ₹1,044

34. How many kilometres of new roads are targeted in the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana?

(A) 32 thousand kilometres
(B) 62 thousand kilometres
(C) 85 thousand kilometres
(D) One lakh kilometres

35. Where was the National Chintan Shivir on the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(D) Pragati Maidan auditorium, New Delhi

36. According to the Chintan Shivir, what is the fixed time limit between sanction and the start of construction of a road?

(A) 30 days
(B) 60 days
(C) 72 days
(D) 90 days

37. The study on managing bedwetting in children through Ayurveda and yoga was conducted at which institute?

(A) All India Institute of Ayurveda, New Delhi
(B) Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar
(C) National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur
(D) Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy

38. By about how much did bedwetting improve in the group that received Ayurvedic medicine along with yoga asanas?

(A) About 31 per cent
(B) About 38 per cent
(C) About 61 per cent
(D) About 70 per cent

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39. Which Ayurvedic formulation was given to the children in both groups of the study?

(A) Chyawanprash
(B) Medhya Rasayana Churna
(C) Triphala Churna
(D) Ashwagandha Churna

40. From which terminal was the first international cargo from upper Assam since independence flagged off?

(A) Pandu Terminal, Guwahati
(B) Bogibeel Terminal, Dibrugarh
(C) Dhubri Terminal
(D) Jogighopa Terminal

41. How long is the stretch of the Brahmaputra that has been declared National Waterway-2?

(A) 768 km
(B) 891 km
(C) 1,300 km
(D) 218 km

42. Which company produced the methanol shipped from Bogibeel to Dhaka?

(A) Brahmaputra Cracker and Polymer Limited
(B) Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited
(C) Oil India Limited
(D) Numaligarh Refinery Limited

43. How many long-pending grievances were taken up at the 17th All India Pension Adalat?

(A) 648
(B) 756
(C) 897
(D) 1,024

44. Which department organises the All India Pension Adalat?

(A) Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Department of Expenditure

45. Which e-booklet was released at the 17th Pension Adalat?

(A) Pension at Your Doorstep
(B) Bringing Ease in the Life of Family Pensioners
(C) Digital Life Certificate Handbook
(D) Ease of Living for Senior Citizens

46. At which shipyard is the Indian Navy's first Fleet Support Ship FSS-1 being launched?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
(C) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
(D) Garden Reach Shipbuilders, Kolkata

47. What is the displacement of each Fleet Support Ship being built for the Indian Navy?

(A) 25,000 tonnes
(B) 37,000 tonnes
(C) 43,500 tonnes
(D) 52,000 tonnes

48. Which Fleet Support Ship's keel is being laid on the same day that FSS-1 is launched?

(A) FSS-2
(B) FSS-3
(C) FSS-4
(D) FSS-5

49. Which HAL division is marking the delivery of its 2,000th aero-engine?

(A) Bengaluru division
(B) Koraput division
(C) Nashik division
(D) Hyderabad division

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50. What is the investment in the second production line for Shakti engines at HAL Koraput?

(A) Rs 118 crore
(B) Rs 218 crore
(C) Rs 418 crore
(D) Rs 818 crore

51. The extra Shakti engine capacity at HAL Koraput will mainly serve which platforms?

(A) Tejas and Rafale fighter aircraft
(B) Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and Prachand Light Combat Helicopter
(C) Dornier and Saras transport aircraft
(D) Rustom and Tapas unmanned aircraft

52. What was India's cumulative installed wind power capacity by August 2026?

(A) 48.52 GW
(B) 52.85 GW
(C) 58.52 GW
(D) 65.20 GW

53. Windergy India 2026, the 8th edition of the wind energy show, is being held in which city?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Chennai
(C) Ahmedabad
(D) Pune

54. How much wind capacity did India add in the financial year 2025-26?

(A) 3.45 GW
(B) 4.15 GW
(C) 6.05 GW
(D) 8.60 GW

55. Which department is the nodal department for the government's Special Campaign on cleanliness and pendency?

(A) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances
(B) Department of Personnel and Training
(C) Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare
(D) Department of Expenditure

56. How much space did the Department of Sports and its organisations reclaim in the previous Special Campaign?

(A) 1,20,000 square feet
(B) 2,50,000 square feet
(C) 3,90,000 square feet
(D) 5,40,000 square feet

57. Which idea did Dr Jitendra Singh link to the recycling of e-waste and scrap under Special Campaign 6?

(A) Waste to Wealth
(B) Zero Defect Zero Effect
(C) Reduce, Reuse, Refuse
(D) Mission Life

58. The Swachhta Udyami Yojana provides assistance mainly for which purpose?

(A) Scholarships for sanitation workers' children
(B) Purchase of mechanised sanitation equipment for self-employment
(C) Construction of household toilets
(D) Pension for retired municipal staff

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59. Which three heads make up the award under the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste?

(A) Fellowship, house rent allowance and contingency

(B) Tuition fee, hostel fee and books grant

(C) Stipend, travel grant and thesis grant

(D) Fellowship, medical allowance and laptop grant

60. Under which scheme did a beneficiary from Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, receive assistance of Rs 1,85,000?

(A) Swachhta Udyami Yojana

(B) National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste

(C) NSFDC Electric Auto-Rickshaw Subsidy Scheme, 2024

(D) Stand Up India Scheme

61. Justice Sunita Agarwal, appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of India in October 2026, was until then the Chief Justice of which High Court?

(A) Allahabad High Court

(B) Gujarat High Court

(C) Delhi High Court

(D) Telangana High Court

62. Who was appointed an Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court by the President in the notification issued on 5 October 2026?

(A) Shri Gurvinder Pal Singh

(B) Shri Aparesh Kumar Singh

(C) Shri Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya

(D) Shri Tanmay Kumar

63. Which of the following statements about the Supreme Court appointments announced on 5 October 2026 is correct?

(A) All three judges elevated had Jharkhand as their parent High Court

(B) Two of the three judges elevated had Allahabad as their parent High Court

(C) All three judges were elevated from the same High Court

(D) None of the judges elevated was a serving Chief Justice

64. According to TRAI's Yearly Performance Indicators for 2025-26, what was India's overall tele-density at the end of March 2026?

(A) 85.04 per cent

(B) 89.88 per cent

(C) 93.26 per cent

(D) 151.47 per cent

65. As per the TRAI report for 2025-26, the total number of telephone subscribers in India at the end of March 2026 was about:

(A) 1,200.80 million

(B) 1,282.33 million

(C) 1,330.58 million

(D) 1092.79 million

66. What was the average monthly revenue per user, or ARPU, for wireless service during 2025-26 as reported by TRAI?

(A) Rs 174.46

(B) Rs 180.73

(C) Rs 190.66

(D) Rs 245.66

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67. The Joint Crediting Mechanism whose Operational Manual was launched in 2026 is an arrangement between India and which country?

(A) Germany
(B) Japan
(C) South Korea
(D) Australia

68. The India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism operationalises cooperation under which provision of the Paris Agreement?

(A) Article 4.1
(B) Article 5.3
(C) Article 6.2
(D) Article 9.4

69. Which document for the India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism was adopted on 8 June 2026?

(A) The Memorandum of Cooperation
(B) The Rule of Implementation
(C) The Operational Manual
(D) The Project Idea Note

70. CAQM has deployed Flying Squads to prevent paddy stubble burning in how many districts of Punjab and Haryana?

(A) 24 districts
(B) 30 districts
(C) 34 districts
(D) 42 districts

71. For which period have the Flying Squads been deployed in Punjab and Haryana?

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

72. CAQM, which deployed the Flying Squads, sent its communication on the deployment to which body?

(A) Central Pollution Control Board
(B) National Green Tribunal
(C) India Meteorological Department
(D) National Disaster Management Authority

73. How many digital Farmer IDs have been created in the country under the Digital Agriculture Mission so far?

(A) More than 8.50 crore
(B) More than 10.77 crore
(C) More than 14 crore
(D) More than 26.73 crore

74. Which nationwide campaign focused on soil health and crop residue management begins on the 22nd of this month?

(A) Khet Bachao Abhiyan
(B) Makhana Development Mission
(C) National Natural Farming Mission
(D) Digital Crop Survey

75. As reported at the review meeting, what was India's pulses production in 2025-26?

(A) 266 lakh tonnes
(B) 274.09 lakh tonnes
(C) 286.46 lakh tonnes
(D) 430.59 lakh tonnes

76. What is the theme of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026?

(A) Digital India for All
(B) Scale Without Boundaries
(C) Connecting the Next Billion
(D) Sovereign Telecom Future

77. At which venue is India Mobile Congress 2026 being held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi
(C) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(D) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

78. India has become which country in the world to develop its own indigenous 4G stack?

(A) Third
(B) Fourth
(C) Fifth
(D) Seventh

79. What is the theme of India Chem 2026, the 14th edition of the chemicals and petrochemicals event?

(A) Chemicals for a Viksit Bharat
(B) Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub
(C) Green Chemistry, Green Growth
(D) Make in India for the World

80. Under which scheme are dedicated chemical parks with plug and play facilities to be developed?

(A) National Manufacturing Mission
(B) Critical Mineral Mission
(C) BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme
(D) Rare Earth Corridor

81. In which city is India Chem 2026 being held?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Mumbai
(C) Ahmedabad
(D) Chennai

82. What was the theme of World Habitat Day 2026 as observed by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs?

(A) Housing for All by 2030
(B) Adequate Housing for All
(C) Resilient Cities, Resilient Homes
(D) Urban Crisis Response

83. On which occasion will the PMAY-U Awards now be given every year?

(A) World Cities Day
(B) World Habitat Day
(C) National Urban Day
(D) Good Governance Day

84. Which public agency was recognised for completing the highest number of houses under affordable rental housing complexes?

(A) Gujarat and GIDC
(B) Tamil Nadu and SIPCOT
(C) Maharashtra and MIDC
(D) Andhra Pradesh and APIIC

85. What is the theme of NCCSR 2026, the third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility?

(A) CSR for Sustainable Development Goals
(B) Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment
(C) Trusteeship and the Indian Corporation
(D) From Spending to Transforming

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86. Which former President of India suggested that 2 October be dedicated to corporate social responsibility?

(A) Pranab Mukherjee
(B) Ram Nath Kovind
(C) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
(D) Droupadi Murmu

87. Which section of the Companies Act, 2013 was cited to say that a company owes a duty to its employees, the community and the environment, and not to shareholders alone?

(A) Section 135
(B) Section 149
(C) Section 166(2)
(D) Section 173

88. Who delivered the 2nd Prof. (Dr.) N. R. Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre?

(A) Chief Justice of India Justice Surya Kant
(B) Justice Vikram Nath
(C) Attorney General R. Venkataramani
(D) Prof. S. Sivakumar

89. What was the theme of the 2nd Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture?

(A) Legal Education for a New India
(B) Access to Justice for the Last Citizen
(C) Judging with Compassion: Human Understanding in the Practice of Law
(D) Indian Personal Law: Unity and Diversity

90. Under which ministry does the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre function?

(A) Ministry of Law and Justice
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Education

91. eSanjeevani, the telemedicine service that has crossed 50 crore teleconsultations, works under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(C) Ministry of Science and Technology
(D) Ministry of Rural Development

92. On which date did eSanjeevani cross the mark of 50 crore teleconsultations?

(A) 15 August 2026
(B) 1 September 2026
(C) 15 September 2026
(D) 6 October 2026

93. Which organisation developed the eSanjeevani digital health platform?

(A) Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)
(B) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
(C) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
(D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

94. How many permissible works have been notified under the new Schedule of the VB-G RAM G Act?

(A) 266
(B) 300
(C) 375
(D) 425

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95. Which pillar of the new VB-G RAM G Schedule carries the highest number of permissible works?

(A) Water Security
(B) Core Rural Infrastructure
(C) Livelihood-related Infrastructure
(D) Disaster Preparedness

96. The Schedule of Permissible Works has been notified under the VB-G RAM G Act of which year?

(A) 2023
(B) 2024
(C) 2025
(D) 2026

97. Who will chair the Steel Industry Safety Council announced by the Ministry of Steel?

(A) The Union Minister of Steel
(B) The Chairman of SAIL
(C) The Secretary, Ministry of Steel
(D) The Chairman of NMDC

98. NMDC has commissioned a 2 MTPA pellet plant at Nagarnar. In which state is Nagarnar located?

(A) Odisha
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Chhattisgarh
(D) West Bengal

99. How many steel producers have been issued Green Steel Certificates in the lists issued up to September 2026?

(A) 51
(B) 101
(C) 151
(D) 201

100. What is the value of the contract signed for BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers for Indian Navy ships?

(A) Rs 451.20 crore
(B) Rs 661.50 crore
(C) Rs 1,061.50 crore
(D) Rs 266.15 crore

101. Under which procurement category did the Ministry of Defence place the BrahMos fire control system order?

(A) Buy (Global)
(B) Buy and Make (Indian)
(C) Buy (Indian-IDDM)
(D) Make-II

102. In the Indian Navy, the BrahMos is primarily used as which kind of weapon system?

(A) Surface-to-air missile system
(B) Surface-to-surface missile system
(C) Anti-submarine rocket system
(D) Air-to-air missile system

103. What is the name given to India's first indigenously built Fleet Support Ship, launched in October 2026?

(A) Jala Usha
(B) Surya
(C) Varuna
(D) Samudra

104. The upgraded Slipway-4 at Hindustan Shipyard Limited now allows the yard to build and launch ships of what maximum size?

(A) Up to 25,000 DWT
(B) Up to 35,000 DWT
(C) Up to 45,000 DWT
(D) Up to 60,000 DWT

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105. Hindustan Shipyard Limited, where the first Fleet Support Ship was launched, is located in which city?

(A) Kochi
(B) Mumbai
(C) Visakhapatnam
(D) Kolkata

106. Which Indian institute coordinated the decade-long optical study of the blazar OJ 287?

(A) Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru
(B) Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences, Nainital
(C) Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics, Pune
(D) Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad

107. The two supermassive black holes at the centre of OJ 287 orbit each other once in how many years?

(A) Five years
(B) Eight years
(C) Twelve years
(D) Twenty years

108. What minimum mass was estimated for the central black hole of OJ 287 in the study?

(A) 3.89 million solar masses
(B) 3.89 billion solar masses
(C) 18 billion solar masses
(D) 106 million solar masses

109. In which city is the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held?

(A) Nairobi, Kenya
(B) Arusha, Tanzania
(C) Kampala, Uganda
(D) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

110. Who led the Indian parliamentary delegation to the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha
(B) The Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(C) The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(D) The Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha

111. Who declared the 153rd IPU Assembly open at its inaugural ceremony?

(A) The Speaker of the Parliament of Tanzania
(B) The President of the United Republic of Tanzania
(C) The Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union
(D) The Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia

112. What is the full form of ESTIC, whose ocean theme curtain raiser was held at Kochi?

(A) Earth Sciences and Technology Innovation Congress
(B) Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave
(C) Engineering Sciences and Technology Industry Conference
(D) Exploration of Seas, Technology and Innovation Convention

113. Where and when will ESTIC 2026 be held?

(A) Kochi, from 10 to 12 September 2026
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026
(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, from 6 to 8 October 2026
(D) Hyderabad, from 27 to 29 November 2026

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114. The IndOBIS portal, discussed at a workshop alongside the curtain raiser, supports research under which mission?

(A) Deep Ocean Mission
(B) National Mission on Himalayan Studies
(C) National Supercomputing Mission
(D) Blue Revolution Mission

115. Who chaired the first meeting of the Development Council for Textile Industry?

(A) The Union Minister of Textiles
(B) The Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
(C) The Chairman of the Cotton Corporation of India
(D) The Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog

116. At which venue was the first meeting of the Development Council for Textile Industry held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Udyog Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(D) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

117. Which of the following was NOT among the areas the council deliberated upon at its first meeting?

(A) Research and development, including new-age fibres and technical textiles
(B) Exports and market access
(C) Minimum support price for sugarcane
(D) Investment, skilling and sustainability

118. How much has the Union Cabinet committed towards the establishment of the SME Growth Fund?

(A) Rs 5,000 crore
(B) Rs 7,500 crore
(C) Rs 10,000 crore
(D) Rs 25,000 crore

119. Through which kind of vehicle will the SME Growth Fund make its investments?

(A) A public sector bank
(B) An Alternative Investment Fund
(C) A sovereign wealth fund
(D) A regional rural bank

120. Which category of enterprises will receive the majority of the allocation from the SME Growth Fund?

(A) Early-stage technology startups
(B) Micro enterprises in rural areas
(C) Small and medium manufacturing enterprises
(D) Export houses and trading firms

121. What is the cost threshold above which ITLA will carry out the technical appraisal of central infrastructure projects?

(A) Rs 100 crore
(B) Rs 250 crore
(C) Rs 500 crore
(D) Rs 1,000 crore

122. Which of the following will ITLA build to bring transport data together in one place?

(A) National Transport Data Repository
(B) National Freight Exchange
(C) Unified Logistics Interface Platform
(D) National Mobility Grid

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123. Which policy will the new authority advise on reviewing and updating?

(A) National Rail Plan
(B) National Logistics Policy of 2022
(C) National Civil Aviation Policy
(D) National Highways Development Policy

124. Which DRDO laboratory is designing and developing the High-Altitude Platform that was flight-tested in October 2026?

(A) Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment, Agra
(B) Defence Electronics Research Laboratory, Hyderabad
(C) Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bengaluru
(D) Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad

125. What altitude above mean sea level did the platform attain during the experimental flight?

(A) 12 km
(B) 17 km
(C) 21 km
(D) 35 km

126. Which statement about the High-Altitude Platform is correct?

(A) It is a supersonic cruise missile
(B) It is a lighter-than-air stratospheric surveillance platform
(C) It is a submarine-launched reconnaissance drone
(D) It is a satellite launch vehicle

127. At which drop zone did DRDO conduct the maiden live jump of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute?

(A) Agra
(B) Nyoma (Mudh DZ)
(C) Pokhran
(D) Chandipur

128. At what altitude above mean sea level was the AHAP jump executed?

(A) 10,000 feet
(B) 13,700 feet
(C) 16,000 feet
(D) 22,000 feet

129. Which organisation manufactures the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute?

(A) Ordnance Parachute Factory, Kanpur
(B) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited, Bengaluru
(C) Bharat Dynamics Limited, Hyderabad
(D) Mishra Dhatu Nigam, Hyderabad

130. Who conferred the degrees at the first convocation of AIIMS Bilaspur in October 2026?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The President
(C) The Vice-President
(D) The Governor of Himachal Pradesh

131. What health cover does a family receive each year under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana?

(A) Rs 1 lakh
(B) Rs 3 lakh
(C) Rs 5 lakh
(D) Rs 10 lakh

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132. According to the Union Health Minister, to what number have undergraduate medical seats in India risen?

(A) 51,348
(B) 1.42 lakh
(C) 2.5 lakh
(D) 75,000

133. Which countries co-hosted the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meetings addressed by India?

(A) Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
(B) New Zealand, Samoa and Tonga
(C) Indonesia, Papua New Guinea and Nauru
(D) Brazil, Chile and Peru

134. What does the principle CBDR-RC, stressed by India at Pre-COP31, stand for?

(A) Climate Burden Distribution and Resource Compensation
(B) Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities
(C) Coastal Baseline Development and Risk Containment
(D) Carbon Budget Division and Regional Cooperation

135. Where will COP31, this year annual UN Climate Change Conference, be held?

(A) Suva, Fiji
(B) Antalya, Türkiye
(C) Belem, Brazil
(D) Baku, Azerbaijan

136. How many gold medals did India win at the Asian Games 2026 at Aichi-Nagoya?

(A) 18
(B) 21
(C) 27
(D) 37

137. Which city hosted the 20th Asian Games?

(A) Hangzhou
(B) Hiroshima
(C) Aichi-Nagoya
(D) Tokyo

138. What was the official slogan of the Asian Games 2026?

(A) One Asia, One Dream
(B) Imagine One Asia
(C) Heart to Heart, Future Together
(D) Ever Onward

139. Which milestone did the Koraput Division of HAL mark on 6 October 2026?

(A) Delivery of its 1,000th aero-engine
(B) Delivery of its 2,000th aero-engine
(C) Overhaul of its 5,000th aero-engine
(D) Export of its 500th aero-engine

140. What is the investment announced for the second Shakti engine production line?

(A) Rs 135 crore
(B) Rs 218 crore
(C) Rs 335 crore
(D) Rs 661 crore

141. For which aircraft programme is an indigenous high-thrust engine being pursued with an investment of about Rs 5,000 crore?

(A) Tejas Mk1A
(B) Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)
(C) Prachand Light Combat Helicopter
(D) Su-30MKI upgrade

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142. On which date is World Post Day observed, opening National Postal Week 2026?

(A) 1 October
(B) 9 October
(C) 12 October
(D) 15 October

143. What is the theme of World Post Day this year?

(A) One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities
(B) Connecting Every Doorstep
(C) Innovate to Communicate
(D) Post for a Digital Bharat

144. Which themed day of National Postal Week 2026 falls on 13 October 2026?

(A) Fun with Philately Day
(B) Mails and Parcels Day
(C) Financial Inclusion and CCS Day
(D) Technology and Innovation Day

145. By which date must industries in the NCR install the additional PTZ cameras ordered by CAQM?

(A) 15 October 2026
(B) 31 October 2026
(C) 1 November 2026
(D) 31 December 2026

146. What do the PTZ cameras ordered by CAQM have to capture at industrial units?

(A) Only the factory entry gates
(B) Fuel storage areas and fuel charging points
(C) Worker attendance registers
(D) Only effluent discharge channels

147. Which finding by CAQM prompted the order on real-time monitoring of fuel use?

(A) Flying Squads found unapproved fuels in use at industries
(B) Industries had stopped filing annual returns
(C) Stubble burning had risen in neighbouring states
(D) Construction dust had crossed permitted levels

148. How many attempts were recorded in the Viksit Bharat Quiz held for VBYLD 2027?

(A) 1,05,26,013
(B) 1,45,26,013
(C) 2,45,26,013
(D) 45,26,013

149. What is the required length of the essay in the Viksit Bharat Essay Challenge?

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

150. Which ministry runs the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue, and through which platform?

(A) Ministry of Education, through SWAYAM
(B) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through MY Bharat
(C) Ministry of Culture, through Bharat Parv
(D) Ministry of Skill Development, through Skill India Digital

151. How much has Switzerland earmarked for strengthening the Indo-Swiss research partnership?

(A) CHF 25 million
(B) CHF 45 million
(C) CHF 90 million
(D) CHF 150 million

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152. Who is Guy Parmelin, who met Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi?

(A) President of the Swiss Confederation
(B) Swiss Ambassador to India and Bhutan
(C) President of the Swiss National Science Foundation
(D) Swiss State Secretary for Education and Research

153. In which year was the Inter-Governmental Agreement that formally began India-Switzerland science and technology cooperation signed?

(A) 1998
(B) 2003
(C) 2005
(D) 2011

154. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed as which Chief of the Air Staff of the Indian Air Force?

(A) 27th
(B) 28th
(C) 29th
(D) 30th

155. Which post was Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit holding at the time he was named the next Chief of the Air Staff?

(A) Vice Chief of the Air Staff
(B) Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Central Air Command
(C) Chief of Integrated Defence Staff to the Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee
(D) Commandant, National Defence College

156. Which award was conferred on Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit in the year 2026?

(A) Vayu Sena Medal
(B) Vishisht Seva Medal
(C) Ati Vishisht Seva Medal
(D) Param Vishisht Seva Medal

157. Who chaired the review meeting on the progress of financial inclusion schemes with public and private sector banks?

(A) The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India
(B) The Secretary, Department of Financial Services
(C) The Union Finance Minister
(D) The Chairman of the State Bank of India

158. What are the dates of the FI saturation campaign that banks were asked to join?

(A) 1 October to 31 December 2026
(B) 21 October to 31 December 2026
(C) 21 October 2026 to 31 March 2027
(D) 1 November to 31 December 2026

159. New beneficiaries of PMJJBY and PMSBY are to be enrolled through which portal?

(A) Jan Dhan Darshak portal
(B) Udyam Registration portal
(C) Jan Suraksha portal
(D) PM SVANidhi portal

160. What is the base year of the Index of Services Production being compiled by MoSPI?

(A) 2011-12
(B) 2017-18
(C) 2022-23
(D) 2024-25

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161. How many broad service sub-sectors does the present framework of the Index of Services Production track?

(A) 12
(B) 19
(C) 24
(D) 33

162. Which three service areas does the approach paper propose to add to the Index of Services Production?

(A) Trade, hotels and transport
(B) Banking, insurance and real estate
(C) Education, human health and residential care, and public administration and defence
(D) Construction, mining and electricity

163. Which Gujarat initiative for hearing citizens grievances received the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010?

(A) PRAGATI
(B) SWAGAT
(C) Jyotigram
(D) PM-JANMAN

164. The Union Cabinet resolution congratulated the Prime Minister on completing how many years of continuous leadership as head of government?

(A) 15 years
(B) 20 years
(C) 25 years
(D) 30 years

165. According to the Cabinet resolution, Operation Sindoor belongs to which year?

(A) 2016
(B) 2019
(C) 2024
(D) 2025

166. Asia's first Telecom Manufacturing Zone is being set up in which city?

(A) Indore
(B) Gwalior
(C) Bhopal
(D) Jabalpur

167. How much central assistance is being given for the first-phase infrastructure of the Telecom Manufacturing Zone?

(A) Rs 493 crore
(B) Rs 349 crore
(C) Rs 934 crore
(D) Rs 439 crore

168. In the Special Purpose Vehicle formed for the Gwalior Telecom Manufacturing Zone, what is the equity split?

(A) Centre 51 per cent, state 49 per cent
(B) State 51 per cent, Department of Telecommunications 49 per cent
(C) Equal halves
(D) State 74 per cent, Centre 26 per cent

169. Mt Kamet, climbed by the joint Indo-Argentine Army expedition, is the highest peak in India after which two mountains?

(A) Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi
(B) Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Saltoro Kangri
(C) Mt Nanda Devi and Mt Trishul
(D) Mt Nun and Mt Kun

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170. Who led the Joint Indo-Argentine Army Mountaineering Expedition of 2026?

(A) General Dhiraj Seth
(B) Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee
(C) Colonel Ranveer Jamwal
(D) Major Sita Sahu

171. The 2026 climb was which joint mountaineering expedition of the Indian and Argentine armies?

(A) The first
(B) The second
(C) The third
(D) The fifth

172. SAREX-2026, conducted by the Indian Coast Guard, is which edition of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise?

(A) 10th
(B) 11th
(C) 12th
(D) 14th

173. How many international observers are attending SAREX-2026, and from how many countries?

(A) 32 observers from 30 countries
(B) 30 observers from 32 countries
(C) 24 observers from 20 countries
(D) 15 observers from 12 countries

174. Where is the 24th National Maritime Search and Rescue Board Meeting being held?

(A) Paradip
(B) Bhubaneswar
(C) Visakhapatnam
(D) Chennai

175. Under the MY Bharat PRR Mechanism, at how many points does a young person get a place in the MY Bharat Digital Hall of Fame?

(A) 1,000
(B) 2,500
(C) 5,000
(D) 7,500

176. Which book, written by William Dalrymple, is given to youth reaching the 10,000-point milestone?

(A) The Golden Road
(B) Treasures of India
(C) Modi@20
(D) The Anarchy

177. The PRR Mechanism of MY Bharat is run by which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(C) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
(D) Ministry of Culture

178. Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University holds which NAAC grade?

(A) A
(B) A+
(C) A++
(D) B++

179. The Gyan Bharatam Mission, mentioned at the convocation, has a foundational corpus of how much?

(A) Rs 100 crore
(B) Rs 250 crore
(C) Rs 500 crore
(D) Rs 1,000 crore

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180. Who is remembered as the founder whose vision shaped Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri National Sanskrit University?

(A) Jawaharlal Nehru
(B) Lal Bahadur Shastri
(C) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
(D) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

181. COP31, the annual UN Climate Change Conference, is scheduled to be held in which city?

(A) Baku, Azerbaijan
(B) Antalya, Türkiye
(C) Suva, Fiji
(D) Belém, Brazil

182. The UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting, at which India was represented, was co-hosted by which group of countries?

(A) India, Fiji and Australia
(B) Türkiye, Australia and Tuvalu
(C) Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu
(D) Fiji, Samoa and Tonga

183. Who led the Indian delegation at the UNFCCC Pre-COP31 meeting held in Fiji?

(A) The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(B) The Union Minister for External Affairs
(C) The Union Minister for Jal Shakti
(D) The Union Minister for Science and Technology

184. Which ministry released India's National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing (NSAM)?

(A) Ministry of Heavy Industries
(B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(C) Ministry of Science and Technology
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

185. What share of the global additive manufacturing market does NSAM aim to capture for India?

(A) 2 per cent
(B) 5 per cent
(C) 10 per cent
(D) 15 per cent

186. ESTIC-2026, to be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 27 to 29 October 2026, is being organised by which organisation?

(A) Indian Space Research Organisation
(B) Defence Research and Development Organisation
(C) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research
(D) Indian Council of Agricultural Research

187. TRAI's Independent Drive Test reported for August 2026 was carried out in Balasore city, which falls in which licensed service area?

(A) Odisha
(B) Bihar
(C) West Bengal
(D) Jharkhand

188. Which operator recorded the highest average data download speed in TRAI's Balasore drive test?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) Reliance Jio
(D) Vi

189. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India works under which union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Communications
(B) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(C) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

190. At which shipyard was FSS-1, the first of the Indian Navy's Fleet Support Ships, launched?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam
(D) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi

191. What is the indigenous content of the Fleet Support Ships being built for the Indian Navy?

(A) Over 50 per cent
(B) Over 65 per cent
(C) Over 82 per cent
(D) Over 95 per cent

192. What is the primary role of a Fleet Support Ship such as FSS-1?

(A) Hunting enemy submarines with towed sonar arrays
(B) Replenishment of fleet ships while they are at sea
(C) Laying and clearing naval minefields
(D) Carrying and operating fighter aircraft

193. In which city is the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held?

(A) Nairobi, Kenya
(B) Arusha, Tanzania
(C) Geneva, Switzerland
(D) Kampala, Uganda

194. Who leads the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha
(B) Dr Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha
(C) Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(D) Dr Sanjay Jaiswal, MP, Lok Sabha

195. Which Indian MP took part in the panel discussion on the role of parliaments in securing peace in the age of military artificial intelligence?

(A) Kamaljeet Sehrawat
(B) N. K. Premachandran
(C) Dr Sasmit Patra
(D) Dr Sanjay Jaiswal

196. Which Union Minister held meetings with the heads of leading American companies in New York to invite investment into India?

(A) The Minister of Finance
(B) The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal
(C) The Minister of External Affairs
(D) The Minister of Electronics and Information Technology

197. India's vision of 'Insurance for All by 2047' came up in the Minister's meeting with the Non-Executive Chairman of which company?

(A) MetLife
(B) General Atlantic
(C) AIA Group
(D) Neuberger Berman

198. Which areas of collaboration were discussed with IBM Chairman and CEO Arvind Krishna?

(A) Artificial intelligence, cloud infrastructure and quantum computing
(B) Beauty and personal care manufacturing and sourcing
(C) Private equity investments in infrastructure
(D) Insurance and wealth management services

199. Which ministry released the document 'Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030'?

(A) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(B) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
(C) Ministry of Earth Sciences
(D) NITI Aayog

200. The System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA), which India follows for its environment accounts, has been endorsed by which body?

(A) The United Nations Statistical Commission
(B) The World Bank
(C) The United Nations Environment Programme
(D) The International Monetary Fund

201. Which of the following was identified as an area of work under the earlier Strategy for Environmental-Economic Accounts in India 2022-2026?

(A) Material Flow Accounts
(B) Consumer Price Index accounts
(C) Balance of payments accounts
(D) Monetary aggregates

202. Over which period was the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign organised?

(A) From 15 August to 2 October 2026
(B) From 17 September to 2 October 2026
(C) From 1 September to 30 September 2026
(D) From 2 October to 31 October 2026

203. Who led the concluding tree plantation activity of Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 at NIFT Delhi?

(A) The Union Minister of Textiles
(B) The Director General of NIFT
(C) Secretary (Textiles), Smt Neelam Shami Rao
(D) The Development Commissioner for Handlooms

204. Under which initiative were trees planted during the Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 campaign?

(A) Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam
(B) Kabaad se Kala
(C) Swachh Paathshala - Yuva for Swachhata
(D) Safai Mitra Suraksha evam Samman Shivir

205. Which four countries form the European Free Trade Association (EFTA), India's partner in the Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA)?

(A) Austria, Denmark, Finland and Sweden
(B) Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland
(C) Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands and Ireland
(D) Norway, Sweden, Denmark and Switzerland

206. On which date did the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) come into force?

(A) 1 October 2024
(B) 1 April 2025
(C) 1 October 2025
(D) 1 October 2026

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207. Under Article 7.1 of TEPA, how much foreign direct investment do the EFTA states aim to bring into India within ten years of the agreement entering into force?

(A) 20 billion US dollars
(B) 50 billion US dollars
(C) 75 billion US dollars
(D) 100 billion US dollars

208. What does JOSH stand for in the newly launched JOSH Teams for tuberculosis elimination?

(A) Joint Squad for Health
(B) Youth Organisation for Sanitation and Health
(C) Joint Outreach Scheme for Hospitals
(D) Jan Outreach Squad for Hygiene

209. In its first phase, the JOSH Teams initiative will be rolled out across how many districts and States?

(A) 35 districts in 9 States
(B) 45 districts in 10 States
(C) 55 districts in 11 States
(D) 75 districts in 15 States

210. Which three groups will together form the JOSH Teams?

(A) ASHA workers, Anganwadi workers and ANMs
(B) Class-I Officers, MY Bharat Volunteers and NCC Cadets
(C) Panchayat members, NSS volunteers and Scouts
(D) District Collectors, Red Cross volunteers and NYKS workers

211. The newly developed metal-free catalyst TTT-DHTD is designed to replace which costly metal used in clean-energy devices?

(A) Palladium
(B) Platinum
(C) Iridium
(D) Ruthenium

212. In laboratory tests, TTT-DHTD held its performance without decay for how long of continuous operation?

(A) 48 hours
(B) 72 hours
(C) 120 hours
(D) 240 hours

213. TTT-DHTD was developed by researchers from which set of institutions?

(A) IIT Madras, IISc Bengaluru and CSIR-NCL Pune
(B) S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Institute of Nano Science and Technology and SRM University, Amaravati
(C) TIFR Mumbai, IISER Pune and BARC
(D) IIT Kanpur, JNCASR and ARCI Hyderabad

214. Who administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Members of the Governing Body of the DWBDNC?

(A) The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment
(B) Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) The Chairperson of the National Commission for Backward Classes
(D) The Cabinet Secretary

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215. DWBDNC, which swore in two new Governing Body Members, works for which group of communities?

(A) Scheduled Tribes living in forest areas

(B) De-notified, nomadic and semi-nomadic communities

(C) Transgender persons and beggars

(D) Safai karamcharis and manual scavengers

216. For how long have the newly appointed Members of the DWBDNC Governing Body been appointed?

(A) Two years from the date of joining

(B) Three years from the date of joining, or until further orders

(C) Five years from the date of joining

(D) Until they attain the age of 65 years

217. Sadhana Shrinkhla (Series) 2026, whose second regional workshop is being held at Guwahati, is organised by which body?

(A) NITI Aayog

(B) Capacity Building Commission

(C) Union Public Service Commission

(D) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

218. How many Training Institutes are connected by the UNNATI portal launched during Sadhana Saptah 2026?

(A) More than 300

(B) More than 500

(C) More than 700

(D) More than 1,200

219. Who will inaugurate the second regional workshop of Sadhana Shrinkhla 2026 at Guwahati?

(A) The Governor of Assam

(B) Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam

(C) Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Personnel

(D) The Chairperson of the Capacity Building Commission

220. Which department is the nodal department for Special Campaign 6 in the Union Government?

(A) Department of Personnel and Training

(B) Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

(C) Department of Science and Technology

(D) Department of Expenditure

221. What is the period of the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1 September to 30 September 2026

(B) 2 October to 31 October 2026

(C) 2 October to 31 December 2026

(D) 15 October to 15 November 2026

222. Under which rules must electronic waste generated during Special Campaign 6 be disposed of?

(A) Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016

(B) Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2016

(C) E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022

(D) Hazardous Waste Rules, 2008

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223. Where is the sea phase of the Multinational Search and Rescue Exercise SAREX-2026 being conducted?

(A) Off Kochi
(B) Off Paradip
(C) Off Port Blair
(D) Off Visakhapatnam

224. How large is the Indian Search and Rescue Region (ISRR) reviewed at the 24th NMSAR Board Meeting?

(A) 2.4 million square kilometres
(B) 4.6 million square kilometres
(C) 7.8 million square kilometres
(D) 1.2 million square kilometres

225. Which sequence correctly describes the progression of India's satellite-aided search and rescue capability?

(A) GEOSAR to LEOSAR to MEOSAR
(B) LEOSAR to GEOSAR to MEOSAR
(C) MEOSAR to LEOSAR to GEOSAR
(D) LEOSAR to MEOSAR to GEOSAR

226. Which Ghanaian institution signed the agricultural research MoU with ICAR in October 2026?

(A) Crops Research Institute (CSIR-CRI), Accra
(B) University of Ghana, Legon
(C) Ghana Cocoa Board
(D) Ghana Standards Authority

227. For how long will the India-Ghana agricultural research MoU remain in force?

(A) Three years
(B) Five years
(C) Seven years
(D) Ten years

228. Which body will oversee the implementation of the ICAR-CSIR-CRI cooperation?

(A) A Joint Working Group of the two institutes
(B) The African Union Commission
(C) A panel of the Food and Agriculture Organization
(D) The Ministry of External Affairs alone

229. Under the revised SOP approved in October 2026, proof and testing charges have been waived for which category of projects?

(A) Only foreign collaboration projects
(B) iDEX, TDF, Make and other MoD developmental projects
(C) Only projects of ordnance factories
(D) Only export orders above a fixed value

230. What has replaced the arbitration provision in the revised Standard Operating Procedure?

(A) A Conciliation Agreement Clause
(B) A mandatory civil court reference
(C) An ombudsman for defence contracts
(D) A tribunal under the Ministry of Law

231. How much time has been reserved at proof ranges for proof firing of developmental projects?

(A) One day per month
(B) Three days per quarter
(C) Five days per half-year
(D) Ten days per year

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232. By what percentage did India's live events sector grow over the past year, as stated at the 5th LEDC meeting?

(A) 22 per cent
(B) 44 per cent
(C) 56 per cent
(D) 18 per cent

233. On which platform has the Single Window Clearances Portal for the live events industry been built?

(A) India Cine Hub portal
(B) National Single Window System
(C) iGOT Karmayogi platform
(D) Bharat Events Portal

234. Notified entertainment precincts for live events were discussed under which set of rules?

(A) The Environment Protection Rules
(B) The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000
(C) The Cinematograph Rules
(D) The Public Premises Rules

235. Through how many cities has the Government's buffer onion been distributed, as stated in October 2026?

(A) 97 cities
(B) 123 cities
(C) 145 cities
(D) 210 cities

236. From which States had fresh kharif onion arrivals commenced?

(A) Punjab, Haryana and Uttar Pradesh
(B) Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan
(C) Gujarat, Kerala and Assam
(D) Bihar, Jharkhand and Odisha

237. What is the name of the special rail service used to move buffer onion to consuming centres?

(A) Kisan Rail
(B) Kanda Express
(C) Anna Express
(D) Krishi Rath

238. Which traditional craft of Chhattisgarh, with a history of more than 4,000 years in India, is at the centre of the 8th PM Mementos collection?

(A) Bidri work
(B) Dhokra metal casting
(C) Pattachitra painting
(D) Bidriware inlay

239. Proceeds from the PM Mementos auction will support which project?

(A) Namami Gange Project
(B) Swachh Bharat Mission
(C) Adopt a Heritage Project
(D) Project Tiger

240. Which of the following contemporary subjects features in the Chhattisgarh collection of the 8th PM Mementos?

(A) A woodcut panel on the Mahtari Vandan Yojana
(B) A model of the new Parliament building
(C) A panel on the Jal Jeevan Mission
(D) A replica of the Statue of Unity

241. Which city hosted the fourth India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue?

(A) Mumbai
(B) London
(C) New Delhi
(D) Edinburgh

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242. On which date did the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) enter into force?

(A) 29 September 2026
(B) 1 April 2026
(C) 15 July 2026
(D) 15 August 2026

243. Both sides at the Dialogue reaffirmed support for the roadmap on enhancing cross-border payments framed by which grouping?

(A) G20
(B) G7
(C) BRICS
(D) OECD

244. The Sagarmanthan: The Great Oceans Dialogue is organised by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways along with which body?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Observer Research Foundation
(C) Indian Council of World Affairs
(D) FICCI

245. Indian seafarers today form which position in the global maritime workforce?

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

246. Which ancient port city did the Prime Minister name while tracing India's seafaring history?

(A) Lothal
(B) Dholavira
(C) Muziris
(D) Tamralipti

247. In which year did Narendra Modi first assume office as Chief Minister of Gujarat?

(A) 1998
(B) 2001
(C) 2004
(D) 2014

248. Which honour conferred by Nigeria on the Indian Prime Minister was recalled in the congratulatory message of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu?

(A) Order of the Companions of Oliver Tambo
(B) Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger
(C) Order of the Republic
(D) Grand Cross of the Order of the Nile

249. Which of these leaders is correctly matched with the country from which a congratulatory message came?

(A) Tshering Tobgay, Nepal
(B) Sanae Takaichi, Japan
(C) Lee Jae-myung, Serbia
(D) Duma Gideon Boko, Belgium

250. What is the outlay announced for PMGSY-IV?

(A) Rs 62,500 crore
(B) Rs 70,125 crore
(C) Rs 25,000 crore
(D) Rs 80,000 crore

251. How many eligible unconnected habitations is PMGSY-IV meant to connect?

(A) 12,500
(B) 25,000
(C) 62,500
(D) 1,00,000

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252. Which Union Minister addressed the PMGSY Chintan Shivir and asked for greater use of GPS-based monitoring and artificial intelligence?

(A) Nitin Gadkari
(B) Shivraj Singh Chouhan
(C) Kamlesh Paswan
(D) Rohit Kansal

253. The Create with AI programme is a collaboration between YouTube and which institution?

(A) Film and Television Institute of India
(B) Indian Institute of Creative Technologies
(C) Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute
(D) National School of Drama

254. The AI-enabled film Chekavar is set against the backdrop of which battle?

(A) Battle of Colachel, 1741
(B) Battle of Plassey, 1757
(C) Battle of Talikota, 1565
(D) Battle of Wandiwash, 1760

255. According to the Gen Media India report by Public First and Google, generative media tools give creative workers in India a productivity boost of how much?

(A) 10 per cent
(B) 15 per cent
(C) 20 per cent
(D) 35 per cent

256. How many rural households were reported to have tap water connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission?

(A) More than 3.27 crore
(B) More than 11.50 crore
(C) More than 15.96 crore
(D) More than 19.20 crore

257. The regional review meeting of States and Union Territories under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 was held at which institution?

(A) IIM Bangalore
(B) IIM Ahmedabad
(C) IIT Madras
(D) IIM Kozhikode

258. According to the Jal Seva Adhayan findings presented at the meeting, what is the leading cause of rural water supply disruption?

(A) Power cuts
(B) Pipeline leakages and breakages
(C) Groundwater depletion
(D) Shortage of trained operators

259. Under which Act has the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions notified the Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Committee Regulations?

(A) NCAHP Act, 2021
(B) Clinical Establishments Act, 2010
(C) National Medical Commission Act, 2019
(D) Allied Health Services Act, 2015

260. How many members will the Central Assessment Committee constituted under the new regulations have?

(A) 10 to 20 members, including a President
(B) 10 to 30 members, including a President
(C) 15 to 25 members, including a Chairperson
(D) 20 to 40 members, including a Chairperson

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261. From which academic year must institutions mandatorily adopt the new D.MRIT curriculum?

(A) 2025-26
(B) 2026-27
(C) 2027-28
(D) 2028-29

262. Which department has directed bankers committees to report Scheduled Caste beneficiary data scheme-wise and bank-wise?

(A) Department of Financial Services
(B) Department of Expenditure
(C) Department of Revenue
(D) Department of Economic Affairs

263. Under which constitutional provision is the National Commission for Scheduled Castes required to evaluate the socio-economic development of Scheduled Castes?

(A) Article 338(5)(c)
(B) Article 330
(C) Article 341
(D) Article 342

264. By when must the bankers committees submit their action-taken report to the Department of Financial Services?

(A) 5 October 2026
(B) 9 October 2026
(C) 24 September 2026
(D) 30 October 2026

265. Where did the Prime Minister interact with the Board members of the GSMA?

(A) Bharat Mandapam
(B) Seva Teerth
(C) Hyderabad House
(D) Pragati Maidan

266. Which edition of the India Mobile Congress is India preparing to host in New Delhi?

(A) 8th
(B) 9th
(C) 10th
(D) 12th

267. Who is the Union Minister for Communications who took part in the interaction with the GSMA Board?

(A) Jyotiraditya Scindia
(B) Ashwini Vaishnaw
(C) Piyush Goyal
(D) Dharmendra Pradhan

268. Which regulator approved the proposed combination amalgamating BMM Ispat into JSW Steel?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) Competition Commission of India
(C) Reserve Bank of India
(D) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India

269. What equity stake does JSW Projects currently hold in BMM Ispat Limited?

(A) 26.00 per cent
(B) 51.00 per cent
(C) 58.47 per cent
(D) 74.90 per cent

270. Concessoc 41 SAS, the acquirer of Vishavari Tollway and nine road SPVs, is ultimately controlled by which company?

(A) VINCI S.A.
(B) Bain Capital
(C) Canada Pension Plan Investment Board
(D) Macquarie Asset Management

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271. How many companies have been granted telecom licences for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite (GMPCS) services in India?

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

272. Under the licence terms described by the government, what must a satellite communication licensee in India do before it can seek assignment of spectrum?

(A) List its shares on a recognised stock exchange
(B) Demonstrate compliance with the security conditions of its licence
(C) Launch its own satellite from Indian soil
(D) Enrol a minimum of ten lakh subscribers

273. The GMPCS services licensed in India, as described in the government's statement, are based on which kind of satellite orbit?

(A) Geostationary orbit only
(B) Non-geosynchronous satellite orbit
(C) Lunar transfer orbit
(D) Geosynchronous transfer orbit

274. What is the share of women in the overall Ayush services workforce?

(A) 33 per cent
(B) 43 per cent
(C) 53 per cent
(D) 63 per cent

275. Which segment is the largest revenue earner in India's Ayush services sector?

(A) Hospitals
(B) Day-care centres
(C) Standalone clinics
(D) Spas and wellness resorts

276. Which body carried out the Ayush Service Sector Report?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) RIS
(C) Indian Council of Medical Research
(D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

277. In which country was the Pre-COP31 meeting held, at which India called for an ambitious and balanced outcome at COP31?

(A) Fiji
(B) Turkiye
(C) Brazil
(D) Azerbaijan

278. Where is UNFCCC COP31 scheduled to be held?

(A) Nadi, Fiji
(B) Antalya, Turkiye
(C) Belem, Brazil
(D) New Delhi, India

279. Which two provisions of the climate regime did India specifically highlight at the Pre-COP31 plenary?

(A) Article 9.1 and Article 6
(B) Article 4 and Article 12
(C) Article 2 and Article 8
(D) Article 5 and Article 14

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280. Through which agency is the National SC-ST Hub scheme implemented?

(A) Small Industries Development Bank of India
(B) National Small Industries Corporation
(C) Khadi and Village Industries Commission
(D) National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation

281. What was the procurement from SC/ST-owned micro and small enterprises in 2025-26 under the National SC-ST Hub?

(A) Rs 99.37 crore
(B) Rs 356.10 crore
(C) Rs 1,013.42 crore
(D) Rs 4,013.42 crore

282. Under the Public Procurement Policy, what share of total procurement is earmarked for SC/ST-owned micro and small enterprises?

(A) 2 per cent
(B) 4 per cent
(C) 10 per cent
(D) 25 per cent

283. Veteran actor Nana Patekar, who passed away in October 2026, was associated with which two film industries?

(A) Hindi and Marathi
(B) Hindi and Bengali
(C) Marathi and Tamil
(D) Hindi and Telugu

284. Which veteran actor of Hindi and Marathi cinema passed away on 8 October 2026?

(A) Nana Patekar
(B) Paresh Rawal
(C) Ashok Saraf
(D) Mohan Agashe

285. Which of the following was NOT among the qualities highlighted in the tribute to Nana Patekar?

(A) Intensity and individuality on screen
(B) Versatility and creativity in every role
(C) Frank and forthright views
(D) A long career as a film producer abroad

286. Which edition of the India Mobile Congress was inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 8 October 2026?

(A) 8th edition
(B) 9th edition
(C) 10th edition
(D) 12th edition

287. At which venue was the India Mobile Congress 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Yashobhoomi, New Delhi
(C) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(D) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

288. What was the theme of the 10th India Mobile Congress?

(A) Scale Without Boundaries
(B) Digital India, Digital World
(C) Future is Now
(D) Connecting the Unconnected

289. What does JOSH stand for in the initiative launched under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan?

(A) Joint Squad for Health
(B) Youth Squad for Hygiene
(C) Joint Outreach for Social Health
(D) Junior Officers for Social Health

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290. How is a single JOSH Team constituted?

(A) Ten MY Bharat volunteers led by a doctor

(B) Five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets led by a Class-I officer

(C) Five ASHA workers and five NSS volunteers led by a Panchayat head

(D) Three NCC cadets and seven NSS volunteers led by a district magistrate

291. By what percentage has tuberculosis incidence declined in India, as cited at the JOSH Teams launch?

(A) 12 per cent

(B) 18 per cent

(C) 21 per cent

(D) 32 per cent

292. Who chaired the 20th meeting of the Empowered Task Force on Ganga rejuvenation?

(A) The Union Environment Minister

(B) The Union Jal Shakti Minister

(C) The Director General of NMCG

(D) The Union Urban Affairs Minister

293. As reviewed at the meeting, how many projects has the Namami Gange Programme sanctioned, and at what cost?

(A) 427 projects worth 33,266 crore rupees

(B) 527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees

(C) 627 projects worth 53,266 crore rupees

(D) 327 projects worth 23,266 crore rupees

294. The rejuvenation of the Gomti Udgam Sthal, a main focus of the meeting, is located in which district?

(A) Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh

(B) Gaya, Bihar

(C) Etawah, Uttar Pradesh

(D) Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh

295. PRASHAST, in the news in October 2026, is a tool used for which purpose?

(A) Screening school children for probable disability conditions

(B) Recording midday meal attendance in schools

(C) Grading teachers on classroom performance

(D) Allotting scholarships to first-generation learners

296. How many schools took part in the nationwide screening of the inclusive education module?

(A) More than 20,000

(B) More than 40,000

(C) More than 60,000

(D) More than 90,000

297. The PRASHAST tool screens children for conditions covered under which law?

(A) The Right to Education Act, 2009

(B) The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016

(C) The Juvenile Justice Act, 2015

(D) The Mental Healthcare Act, 2017

298. The 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting, attended by India, was held in which city?

(A) Jakarta, Indonesia

(B) Manila, the Philippines

(C) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

(D) Bangkok, Thailand

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299. What was India's installed electricity generation capacity as on 30 September 2026, as stated at the meeting?

(A) 458.8 GW
(B) 508.8 GW
(C) 558.8 GW
(D) 608.8 GW

300. The proposed cross-border power interconnection between India and Singapore discussed at the meeting is of what capacity?

(A) 1,000 MW
(B) 1,500 MW
(C) 2,000 MW
(D) 4,000 MW

301. In which city is the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union being held?

(A) Istanbul, Türkiye
(B) Arusha, Tanzania
(C) Geneva, Switzerland
(D) Nairobi, Kenya

302. Which country proposed the emergency item adopted at the 153rd IPU Assembly on climate-related disasters in the Himalayan region?

(A) India
(B) Bhutan
(C) Nepal
(D) Bangladesh

303. Who became the first woman Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union?

(A) Tulia Ackson
(B) Anda Filip
(C) Martin Chungong
(D) Bijuli Kalita Medhi

304. Off which coast was the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise, SAREX-2026, conducted?

(A) Kochi, Kerala
(B) Paradip, Odisha
(C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(D) Mormugao, Goa

305. What was the theme of SAREX-2026, the national maritime search and rescue exercise held in October 2026?

(A) Safe Seas, Safe Shores
(B) Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety
(C) Blue Economy for a Resilient Coastline
(D) One Ocean, One Response

306. How many foreign observers, and from how many countries, took part in SAREX-2026?

(A) 22 observers from 18 countries
(B) 32 observers from 30 countries
(C) 45 observers from 25 countries
(D) 52 observers from 40 countries

307. What was India’s installed wind power capacity as on 30 September 2026?

(A) 48.75 GW
(B) 59.20 GW
(C) 68.40 GW
(D) 75.10 GW

308. In which city was the 8th edition of Windergy India 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Chennai
(B) Ahmedabad
(C) New Delhi
(D) Bengaluru

309. Which three countries set up dedicated country pavilions at Windergy India 2026?

(A) Denmark, Germany and Spain
(B) Norway, France and Japan
(C) Denmark, Netherlands and Sweden
(D) Germany, Italy and Portugal

310. According to Piyush Goyal, what were India's exports last year and what is the target for the current year?

(A) USD 712 billion last year, USD 900 billion target
(B) USD 863 billion last year, USD 1 trillion target
(C) USD 925 billion last year, USD 1.2 trillion target
(D) USD 650 billion last year, USD 800 billion target

311. Where and when will the 31st CII Partnership Summit be held?

(A) Amaravati, on 12 and 13 December
(B) Visakhapatnam, on 12 and 13 November
(C) New Delhi, on 20 and 21 November
(D) Hyderabad, on 5 and 6 December

312. What size does Piyush Goyal see for the Indian economy by 2047?

(A) USD 10 trillion
(B) USD 20 trillion
(C) USD 30 trillion
(D) USD 50 trillion

313. Which of the following films is NFAI's first-ever copy among the three Tamil prints donated in October 2026?

(A) Thillana Mohanambal
(B) Thiruvilayadal
(C) Thiruvarutchelvar
(D) Rathakaneer

314. Where is the NFDC-National Film Archive of India located?

(A) Pune
(B) Chennai
(C) Mumbai
(D) Kolkata

315. Who directed the three Tamil classics starring Sivaji Ganesan that were donated to the national film archive?

(A) K. Balachander
(B) A. P. Nagarajan
(C) Sridhar
(D) Bharathiraja

316. In TRAI's independent drive test at Fazilka, which operator recorded the highest average download speed?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) Reliance Jio
(D) Vodafone Idea

317. How long was the city drive route in TRAI's independent drive test at Fazilka?

(A) 96.2 km
(B) 145.3 km
(C) 184.6 km
(D) 212.8 km

318. Which two operators recorded no dropped calls in TRAI's Fazilka drive test?

(A) BSNL and Vodafone Idea
(B) Airtel and Reliance Jio
(C) Airtel and BSNL
(D) Reliance Jio and Vodafone Idea

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319. During which period is Special Campaign 6 for cleanliness and e-waste disposal being carried out?

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

320. How much revenue did the Department of Biotechnology earn from the disposal of e-waste and other scrap under Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 12,45,600
(B) Rs 39,33,055
(C) Rs 56,80,120
(D) Rs 1,04,70,000

321. On which day did the Department of Biotechnology observe Swachh Bharat Diwas with an e-waste disposal drive?

(A) 1 October 2026
(B) 2 October 2026
(C) 15 September 2026
(D) 31 October 2026

322. Where did the Indian Air Force hold its 94th Air Force Day parade?

(A) Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad
(B) Air Force Station Palam, Delhi
(C) Air Force Station Chandigarh
(D) Air Force Station Prayagraj

323. What was the theme of Air Force Day 2026?

(A) Indian Air Force: Swift, Silent, Supreme
(B) Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise
(C) Indian Air Force: Touch the Sky with Glory
(D) Indian Air Force: Agile, Airborne, Aatmanirbhar

324. Which of the following units did NOT receive a unit citation at the 94th Air Force Day ceremony?

(A) 110 Helicopter Unit 'The Vanguards'
(B) 200 Squadron 'Skanda'
(C) 18 Squadron 'Flying Bullets'
(D) The Electronic Warfare Range

325. Which organisation publishes the World Development Report, whose 2026 edition is subtitled "The Promise of Artificial Intelligence"?

(A) International Monetary Fund
(B) World Bank Group
(C) World Economic Forum
(D) United Nations Development Programme

326. The World Development Report 2026 recommends which three-step path for developing economies on artificial intelligence?

(A) Adoption, adaptation and advancement
(B) Research, regulation and rollout
(C) Invent, invest and integrate
(D) Compute, connect and commercialise

327. Who delivered the keynote lecture "From AI Pilots to Scale: The Promise of AI in India" at the report launch?

(A) Somik Lall, Director of Strategy, Development Economics
(B) Gaurav Nayyar, Director of the report
(C) Michael Kremer, Chief Economist, World Bank Group
(D) S. Krishnan, Secretary, MeitY

328. How much has been invested in wildlife mitigation infrastructure on National Highway projects over the last five years, as per the NHAI document?

(A) About Rs 9,700 crore
(B) About Rs 19,700 crore
(C) About Rs 29,700 crore
(D) About Rs 39,700 crore

329. Who released the document on "Wildlife Mitigation Measures & Structures", and at which event?

(A) The Environment Minister, at a meeting of the National Board for Wildlife
(B) Nitin Gadkari, at a Chintan Shivir in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
(C) The Chairman of NHAI, at a press conference in New Delhi
(D) The Prime Minister, at a wildlife conference in Gandhinagar

330. Which item accounts for the largest share of structural wildlife mitigation spending in the NHAI document?

(A) Animal underpasses
(B) Animal overpasses
(C) Viaducts
(D) Tunnels

331. Under the Telecommunication (Right of Way) Rules, 2024, what is the timeline for processing a general Right of Way application?

(A) 30 days
(B) 45 days
(C) 60 days
(D) 67 days

332. How many mobile towers had been commissioned through Digital Bharat Nidhi funded projects as of 31 August 2026?

(A) 15,367
(B) 25,367
(C) 35,367
(D) 45,367

333. Which initiative, piloted at Umri, Chaurawala and Narakoduru, won a WSIS Prize 2026 under Action Line C6?

(A) Sanchar Saathi
(B) Amended BharatNet Programme
(C) Samriddh Gram Phygital Services Initiative
(D) Digital Intelligence Platform

334. The new grainage and cold storage facility inaugurated in October 2026 is located at which silkworm seed production centre?

(A) Rowriah, Jorhat, Assam
(B) Lahdoigarh, Jorhat, Assam
(C) Mysuru, Karnataka
(D) Berhampore, West Bengal

335. Assam accounts for approximately what share of India's Muga silk production?

(A) 54 per cent
(B) 64 per cent
(C) 74 per cent
(D) 84 per cent

336. Sericulture is estimated to provide employment to how many persons during 2025-26?

(A) About 9.50 lakh persons
(B) About 19.50 lakh persons
(C) About 29.50 lakh persons
(D) About 39.50 lakh persons

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337. According to Dr Jitendra Singh, what is the present size of India's space economy?

(A) About USD 2 billion
(B) About USD 9 billion
(C) About USD 24 billion
(D) About USD 45 billion

338. What is India's target for nuclear energy capacity, as mentioned by the minister?

(A) 50 GW by 2040
(B) 75 GW by 2035
(C) 100 GW by 2047
(D) 200 GW by 2050

339. Which of these was NOT named by the minister as an initiative building capability in emerging scientific fields?

(A) Deep Ocean Mission
(B) Quantum Mission
(C) Anusandhan National Research Foundation
(D) National Supercomputing Mission

340. The 57th GST Council meeting recommended raising the monetary threshold for launching prosecution under GST to which amount?

(A) Rs 1 crore
(B) Rs 2 crore
(C) Rs 5 crore
(D) Rs 10 crore

341. Which section of the CGST Act, 2017 is to be omitted so that the power of arrest under GST ends?

(A) Section 69
(B) Section 74
(C) Section 125
(D) Section 132

342. The maximum general penalty under the CGST Act has been recommended to be reduced from Rs 25,000 to which amount?

(A) Rs 5,000
(B) Rs 10,000
(C) Rs 15,000
(D) Rs 20,000

343. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy held its World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026 event at which venue in New Delhi?

(A) Bharat Mandapam
(B) Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan
(C) Vigyan Bhawan
(D) Yashobhoomi

344. What is the outlay of the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

(A) Rs 9,744 crore
(B) Rs 15,744 crore
(C) Rs 19,744 crore
(D) Rs 29,744 crore

345. Which report, prepared in association with Boston Consulting Group, was released on World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day 2026?

(A) India's Hydrogen Standards: Gap Assessment and Preliminary Action Framework
(B) India Hydrogen Outlook
(C) Green Hydrogen Readiness Index
(D) National Fuel Cell Safety Report

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346. At what level have margins in the supply and sale of non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines been capped?

(A) 10 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price
(B) 20 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price
(C) 30 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price
(D) 50 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price

347. How much are cancer patients expected to save every year because of the wider margin cap?

(A) Rs 984 crore
(B) Rs 1,500 crore
(C) Rs 2,500 crore
(D) Rs 5,000 crore

348. Which body will take the decision and issue the notification capping these margins?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
(C) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
(D) Directorate General of Health Services

349. Which edition of the International Bharat 6G Symposium was inaugurated at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi?

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

350. How many Working Group white papers were released by the Bharat 6G Alliance at the symposium?

(A) Five
(B) Seven
(C) Nine
(D) Seventeen

351. After the new agreements at the symposium, how many collaborations does the Bharat 6G Alliance have in all?

(A) Twelve
(B) Fifteen
(C) Seventeen
(D) Twenty-two

352. How much did the National Biodiversity Authority receive under the Access and Benefit Sharing framework during April to September 2026?

(A) Rs 5.68 crore
(B) Rs 9.68 crore
(C) Rs 19.68 crore
(D) Rs 96.80 crore

353. Which sector contributed the largest share of these access and benefit sharing receipts?

(A) Food and beverages
(B) Animal husbandry
(C) Agriculture and seeds
(D) Cosmetics

354. Under which law are access and benefit sharing payments collected from users of biological resources?

(A) The Environment Protection Act, 1986
(B) The Wild Life Protection Act, 1972
(C) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023
(D) The Forest Conservation Act, 1980

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355. In which city did the National Human Rights Commission hold its two-day Bihar open hearing and camp sitting?

(A) Gaya
(B) Darbhanga
(C) Patna
(D) Muzaffarpur

356. Who is the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission who led this open hearing?

(A) Justice (Dr.) Bidyut Ranjan Sarangi
(B) Smt. Vijaya Bharathi Sayani
(C) Shri Piyush Goyal
(D) Justice V. Ramasubramanian

357. In the case of the rape and murder of a girl in the Maner area of Patna district, how much relief did the Commission recommend for the next of kin?

(A) Rs 2 lakh
(B) Rs 5 lakh
(C) Rs 10 lakh
(D) Rs 15 lakh

358. Where is the 9th National Review Workshop of the Ministry of Cooperation being held?

(A) Raipur, Chhattisgarh
(B) Bastar, Chhattisgarh
(C) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
(D) New Delhi

359. Which three national cooperative bodies were named for strengthening export, organic and seed value chains?

(A) NAFED, NCCF and NDDB
(B) NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL
(C) NABARD, NCDC and IFFCO
(D) KRIBHCO, AMUL and NDDB

360. What does the recent amendment to the NCDC Act allow?

(A) Direct lending by the Corporation to individual farmers
(B) Financial assistance to institutions that are not cooperatives but promote cooperative development
(C) Conversion of cooperative banks into commercial banks
(D) Transfer of the Corporation to the Reserve Bank of India

361. On which date is World Cotton Day observed every year?

(A) 5 October
(B) 7 October
(C) 10 October
(D) 16 October

362. Through which United Nations General Assembly resolution was World Cotton Day proclaimed?

(A) Resolution 70/218
(B) Resolution 72/204
(C) Resolution 75/318
(D) Resolution 77/300

363. Who delivered the welcome remarks at the World Cotton Day event as India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations?

(A) Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni
(B) Ambassador Issa Konfourou
(C) Padmini Singla
(D) Dr Keshav R. Kranthi

364. Which country is India's largest source of foreign direct investment?

(A) Mauritius
(B) Singapore
(C) United States
(D) Japan

365. What is the approximate cumulative foreign direct investment from Singapore into India between April 2000 and March 2026?

(A) USD 94.68 billion
(B) USD 144.68 billion
(C) USD 194.68 billion
(D) USD 234.68 billion

366. Who is the President of Singapore, on whom the Union Finance Minister is to call during her visit?

(A) Lawrence Wong
(B) Gan Kim Yong
(C) Tharman Shanmugaratnam
(D) Vivian Balakrishnan

367. By how much have daily coal supplies to the power sector risen from the September low, as stated by the Ministry of Coal?

(A) About 12%
(B) About 24%
(C) About 36%
(D) About 48%

368. Which rake-loading target was achieved on three consecutive days in October 2026, according to the Ministry of Coal?

(A) 420 rakes a day
(B) 450 rakes a day
(C) 470 rakes a day
(D) 510 rakes a day

369. The daily drawdown of coal stocks at power plants fell from 0.243 MT a day in September to which level in October 2026?

(A) 0.198 MT a day
(B) 0.116 MT a day
(C) 0.085 MT a day
(D) 0.150 MT a day

370. Where was the 15th meeting of the AITIGA Joint Committee held?

(A) ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Putrajaya, Malaysia
(D) Bangkok, Thailand

371. How many of the sub-committees under the AITIGA Joint Committee held meetings on the sidelines of its 15th round?

(A) Two of six
(B) Three of eight
(C) Five of eight
(D) All eight

372. When and where is the next meeting of the AITIGA Joint Committee scheduled to be held?

(A) December 2026 in Indonesia
(B) January 2027 in India
(C) March 2027 in Singapore
(D) July 2027 in Viet Nam

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373. The Health Ministry's draft amendment on advertising of prescription medicines seeks to amend which rules?

(A) The Drugs Rules, 1945
(B) The Drugs and Magic Remedies Rules, 1955
(C) The Food Safety and Standards Rules, 2011
(D) The Clinical Establishments Rules, 2012

374. Through which Gazette notification was the draft amendment on prescription drug advertising notified?

(A) G.S.R. 612(E) dated 12 August 2026
(B) G.S.R. 861(E) dated 28 September 2026
(C) S.O. 904(E) dated 1 October 2026
(D) G.S.R. 455(E) dated 30 June 2026

375. Which meeting of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board recommended a provision on advertisements by drug sale and distribution licence holders?

(A) The 88th meeting, held in June 2025
(B) The 90th meeting, held in October 2025
(C) The 93rd meeting, held on 16 February 2026
(D) The 95th meeting, held on 4 August 2026

376. How many Khadi design collections has the Centre of Excellence for Khadi at NIFT, Delhi developed?

(A) 1,024
(B) 1,750
(C) 2,129
(D) 3,400

377. According to the MSME Ministry, roughly what share of Khadi artisans are women?

(A) About 40 per cent
(B) About 55 per cent
(C) About 65 per cent
(D) About 80 per cent

378. Where are the two modernised and operational Central Sliver Plants of KVIC located?

(A) Chittadurga in Karnataka and Kuttur in Kerala
(B) Ponduru in Andhra Pradesh and Agra in Uttar Pradesh
(C) Nagpur in Maharashtra and Bhavnagar in Gujarat
(D) Erode in Tamil Nadu and Guntur in Andhra Pradesh

379. What was the theme of the 5th National Training-cum-Conference on the ERMED Consortium?

(A) Health for All Through Technology
(B) Digital Health Resources: Redefining Access Through Libraries
(C) Libraries for a Viksit Bharat
(D) Evidence to Action in Clinical Practice

380. According to the Union Health Secretary, the National Medical Library network has expanded to how many medical colleges?

(A) 63 medical colleges
(B) 78 medical colleges
(C) 93 medical colleges
(D) 120 medical colleges

381. Hands-on training at the conference covered which four ERMED resource platforms?

(A) ClinicalKey, BMJ, Access Medicine and MedOne
(B) PubMed, Scopus, Web of Science and JSTOR
(C) Cochrane, Embase, UpToDate and Medline
(D) ClinicalKey, Scopus, Cochrane and MedOne

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382. CTIL, which marked its ninth anniversary in New Delhi, is housed at which institution?

(A) Indian Institute of Foreign Trade
(B) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations
(C) National Law University, Delhi
(D) Indian Institute of Public Administration

383. How many legal opinions has CTIL provided, according to its Head at the ninth anniversary celebration?

(A) More than 1,500
(B) More than 2,500
(C) More than 4,000
(D) More than 6,500

384. What is the title of the ninth anniversary issue of the CTIL Magazine released at the event?

(A) Trade in a Fragmented World
(B) The Emerging Sustainability Landscape: Responding to Shifting Winds
(C) Investment Law Compass: Nine Years On
(D) Digital Trade and the Developing World

385. Which body has issued the Draft DRM-based Digital Addressable Systems Audit Manual, 2026?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(C) Prasar Bharati
(D) Central Board of Film Certification

386. Schedule X of the Interconnection (Addressable Systems) Regulations lays down requirements mainly for which kind of system?

(A) DRM-based systems used for IPTV distribution
(B) Conditional access systems and set-top boxes
(C) FM radio transmission equipment
(D) Community radio stations

387. By which date have stakeholders been asked to send comments on the draft DRM audit manual?

(A) 30 October 2026
(B) 30 November 2026
(C) 19 November 2026
(D) 10 March 2026

388. Proceeds from the PM Mementos e-auction are directed to which programme?

(A) Swachh Bharat Mission
(B) Namami Gange
(C) Jal Jeevan Mission
(D) Atal Bhujal Yojana

389. Kondapalli woodcraft, seen in one of the auctioned mementos, belongs to which state?

(A) Odisha
(B) Karnataka
(C) Andhra Pradesh
(D) Telangana

390. Till which date has the PM Mementos e-auction been extended?

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

391. What is the reserve price fixed for the HIL (India) Limited land parcel at Najafgarh, New Delhi?

(A) Rs 629.69 crore
(B) Rs 829.69 crore
(C) Rs 1,029.69 crore
(D) Rs 16.60 crore

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392. The National Land Monetization Corporation functions under which department?

(A) Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance

(B) Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development

(C) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

(D) Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Home Affairs

393. What is the approximate area of the land parcel being monetised?

(A) 2.119 acres

(B) 5.119 acres

(C) 15.119 acres

(D) 51.19 acres

394. Who inaugurated the Project Seabird Phase IIA residential infrastructure at Naval Base, Karwar?

(A) The Chief of the Naval Staff

(B) General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff

(C) The Raksha Mantri

(D) Vice Admiral Vivek Dahiya, Director General Seabird

395. About how many uniformed personnel and defence civilians, with their families, will the Karwar naval base support once Project Seabird is complete?

(A) About 2,500

(B) About 5,000

(C) About 10,000

(D) About 25,000

396. Which green building rating is Project Seabird expected to receive on completion?

(A) IGBC Gold

(B) IGBC Platinum

(C) GRIHA Five Star

(D) LEED Silver

397. On which date will the National Human Rights Commission, India mark its 33rd Foundation Day?

(A) 2 October

(B) 10 December

(C) 12 October

(D) 24 October

398. Who will be the chief guest at the 33rd Foundation Day function of the NHRC, India?

(A) The President of India

(B) Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant

(C) NHRC Chairperson, Justice V. Ramasubramanian

(D) The Union Home Minister

399. What is the theme of the National Conference being held with the NHRC Foundation Day function?

(A) 'Water as the Elixir of Life: Advancing Human Dignity through the Right to Water'

(B) 'Human Rights of Prison Inmates'

(C) 'Ensuring Everyday Essentials: Public Services and Dignity for All'

(D) 'Rethinking Beggary: Bridging Gaps between Policy, Practice and Dignity'

400. What is the theme of the 10th India Mobile Congress 2026?

(A) 'Scale Without Boundaries'

(B) 'Digital India for All'

(C) 'Connecting the Unconnected'

(D) 'Innovation to Scale'

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401. Which platform at the MeitY pavilion in IMC 2026 demonstrates artificial intelligence for Indian languages?

(A) Entity Locker
(B) API Setu
(C) BHASHINI
(D) DigiLocker

402. How many STPI-incubated startups is the Software Technology Parks of India presenting at IMC 2026?

(A) 10
(B) 12
(C) 14
(D) 20

403. Which institute is conducting the five-day Geriatric Care Training Programme at Diu?

(A) National Institute of Social Defence
(B) National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development
(C) National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences
(D) National Institute of Educational Planning and Administration

404. In which Union Territory was the five-day geriatric care training programme inaugurated?

(A) Lakshadweep
(B) Puducherry
(C) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
(D) Ladakh

405. Which pledge did the Union Secretary administer to the participants of the programme?

(A) Swachhta Pledge
(B) Pledge for Welfare of Senior Citizens
(C) Digital India Pledge
(D) Fit India Pledge

406. At which venue was the two-day National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan
(B) Sushma Swaraj Bhawan
(C) Bharat Mandapam
(D) Rashtrapati Bhavan

407. The Prime Minister suggested that states take the summit model forward by organising Chintan Shivirs at which levels?

(A) Only at the state capital level
(B) At the district level and at Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels
(C) Only at the national level, once a year
(D) Only in the offices of district collectors

408. Which two national movements did the Prime Minister say should be promoted for women's empowerment?

(A) Make in India and Startup India
(B) Vocal for Local and One District One Product
(C) Digital India and Skill India
(D) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao and Poshan Abhiyaan

409. Who heads the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports that presented the 382nd report on the National Testing Agency?

(A) Dr K. Radhakrishnan
(B) Mukul Wasnik
(C) Harivansh
(D) Jayant Chaudhary

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410. According to the 382nd report, how many candidates appear every year in examinations conducted by the National Testing Agency?

(A) About 50 lakh
(B) About 80 lakh
(C) About 1.2 crore
(D) About 2.5 crore

411. Which examination did the committee recommend be shifted to computer-based testing?

(A) JEE-Main
(B) CUET
(C) UGC-NET
(D) NEET-UG

412. What is the base year used in the draft guideline for compiling Gross State Domestic Product estimates by the expenditure approach?

(A) 2011-12
(B) 2017-18
(C) 2022-23
(D) 2024-25

413. Which expenditure component is at present not compiled by any State or Union Territory, according to the release?

(A) Gross Fixed Capital Formation
(B) Government Final Consumption Expenditure
(C) Private Final Consumption Expenditure
(D) Net exports

414. Which office released the draft guideline for expenditure-side GSDP estimates?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) National Statistics Office
(C) Reserve Bank of India
(D) Finance Commission

415. Which position did Team India secure at the 48th WorldSkills Competition held in Shanghai?

(A) 5th
(B) 8th
(C) 10th
(D) 13th

416. How many silver medals did India win at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026?

(A) 4 silver medals
(B) 6 silver medals
(C) 11 silver medals
(D) 20 silver medals

417. How large was the Indian contingent at the 48th WorldSkills Competition?

(A) 48 competitors in 40 skills
(B) 56 competitors in 52 skills
(C) 70 competitors in 63 skills
(D) 85 competitors in 70 skills

418. Who was elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at its 153rd Assembly?

(A) Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(B) Milton Dick, Speaker of Australia's House of Representatives
(C) Dr Anurag Singh Thakur, MP, Lok Sabha
(D) Dr Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha

419. Where was the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held?

(A) Geneva, Switzerland
(B) Nairobi, Kenya
(C) Arusha, Tanzania
(D) Kathmandu, Nepal

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420. Which country proposed the emergency item on climate-related disasters and resilience in the Himalayan region at the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) India
(B) Nepal
(C) Bhutan
(D) Tanzania

421. Which organisation developed the artificial-intelligence based ASTR tool used to identify fraudulent mobile connections?

(A) C-DOT
(B) TRAI
(C) BSNL
(D) NIC

422. How much did Indians lose to organised telecom and cyber fraud in 2024, as stated by the minister?

(A) Over ₹5,000 crore
(B) Over ₹12,400 crore
(C) Over ₹22,800 crore
(D) Over ₹45,000 crore

423. How many organisations does the Digital Intelligence Platform connect?

(A) Over 600
(B) Over 1,600
(C) Over 2,500
(D) Over 5,000

424. Which two bodies jointly organised the "AI for Good Lab Workshop: From Strategy to Impact" at India Mobile Congress 2026?

(A) MeitY and UNESCO
(B) Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union
(C) TRAI and the World Bank
(D) NITI Aayog and the World Economic Forum

425. Which of the following is NOT one of the three pillars of the AI for Good Lab framework?

(A) AI Readiness and Policy
(B) AI Skills Development
(C) Public AI Infrastructure
(D) AI Export Promotion

426. How many high-end GPUs have been onboarded under the IndiaAI Mission, as stated at the workshop?

(A) More than 18,000
(B) More than 20,000
(C) More than 38,000
(D) More than 72,000

427. India’s defence exports in the financial year 2025-26 stood at a record figure of about:

(A) ₹21,083 crore
(B) ₹38,424 crore
(C) ₹45,600 crore
(D) ₹52,900 crore

428. By which year does India aim to reach defence exports of ₹50,000 crore?

(A) 2027
(B) 2028
(C) 2029
(D) 2032

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429. The Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM), whose Champion Awards were presented in October 2026, was established in:

(A) 2011
(B) 2014
(C) 2017
(D) 2020

430. Mangrol, the third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft of the Indian Navy, has been built by:

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi
(D) Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam

431. Which hull-mounted sonar is fitted on the anti-submarine warfare craft Mangrol?

(A) Humsa
(B) Abhay
(C) Maareech
(D) Nagan

432. The warship Mangrol is named after a coastal town in which Indian state?

(A) Maharashtra
(B) Kerala
(C) Gujarat
(D) Odisha

433. What is the toll-free helpline number of Tele-MANAS, India's tele mental health service?

(A) 14416
(B) 14446
(C) 15100
(D) 18001801104

434. World Mental Health Day 2026 was observed on which date, and on what theme?

(A) 10 October, "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"
(B) 10 October, "Mental health is a universal human right"
(C) 7 April, "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"
(D) 2 October, "Mental health in an unequal world"

435. The District Mental Health Programme has been sanctioned for how many districts?

(A) 640
(B) 704
(C) 767
(D) 812

436. The 9th National Review Workshop of the Ministry of Cooperation concluded at which place?

(A) Bastar, Chhattisgarh
(B) Bhubaneswar, Odisha
(C) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
(D) Nagpur, Maharashtra

437. By when is the first phase of PACS computerisation to be completed, as stated at the workshop?

(A) March 2026
(B) December 2026
(C) March 2027
(D) December 2027

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438. Who delivered the concluding address at the 9th National Review Workshop on cooperatives?

(A) Amit Shah, Union Minister of Cooperation
(B) Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation
(C) The Chairman of NABARD
(D) The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh

439. Which meeting of the GST Council recommended the next-generation GST process reforms?

(A) 55th
(B) 56th
(C) 57th
(D) 58th

440. How many registered GST taxpayers were there as on September 2026?

(A) 60 lakh
(B) 1.20 crore
(C) 1.70 crore
(D) 2.50 crore

441. Under the recommended refund reforms, within how many days must a refund claim be acknowledged?

(A) 7 days
(B) 10 days
(C) 15 days
(D) 30 days

442. What is the theme of the 10th India Mobile Congress, held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi?

(A) Scale Without Boundaries
(B) Connecting the Unconnected
(C) Digital India, Global Partner
(D) Networks for Viksit Bharat

443. How many countries are taking part in India Mobile Congress 2026?

(A) More than 50
(B) More than 75
(C) More than 100
(D) More than 150

444. Which two bodies jointly organise the India Mobile Congress?

(A) TRAI and NASSCOM
(B) Department of Telecommunications and COAI
(C) MeitY and CII
(D) C-DOT and FICCI

445. How many new MoUs did the Bharat 6G Alliance exchange at the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium?

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

446. Who delivered the valedictory address at the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium?

(A) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
(B) Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani
(C) Dr. Jitendra Singh
(D) Dr. Rajkumar Upadhyay

447. The Bharat 6G Alliance was established in which year?

(A) 2021
(B) 2022
(C) 2023
(D) 2024

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448. The Department of Posts signed an agreement for India Post Parcel services with which company?

(A) Delhivery
(B) Blue Dart Express Limited
(C) DTDC Express
(D) Gati Limited

449. How many post offices does the Department of Posts operate across India?

(A) About 1.10 lakh
(B) About 1.64 lakh
(C) About 2.25 lakh
(D) About 3.50 lakh

450. Which of the following is NOT among the services covered by the India Post and Blue Dart agreement?

(A) Cash-on-delivery parcels
(B) OTP-based delivery authentication
(C) Real-time shipment tracking
(D) International air freight booking

451. In which city was the Second Regional Review Conference on implementation of the Forest Rights Act held?

(A) Bengaluru
(B) Bhubaneswar
(C) Kolkata
(D) Ranchi

452. The Forest Rights Act, whose implementation was reviewed at the conference, was enacted in which year?

(A) 2005
(B) 2006
(C) 2008
(D) 2013

453. How many titles had been distributed under the Forest Rights Act nationally, as reported at the conference?

(A) About 11 lakh
(B) About 18 lakh
(C) About 25 lakh
(D) About 54 lakh

454. Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026, the second edition of the multinational air exercise, was conducted by which force?

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

455. How many friendly foreign countries flew their aircraft in Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026?

(A) Five
(B) Seven
(C) Twelve
(D) Eighteen

456. At which Air Force Station did the Defence Minister address the participants of Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026?

(A) Jodhpur
(B) Jamnagar
(C) Sulur
(D) Hindan

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457. Who has been elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at its 153rd Assembly?

(A) Harivansh
(B) Milton Dick
(C) Mussa Azzan Zungu
(D) Sasmit Patra

458. The 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in which city?

(A) Nairobi, Kenya
(B) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
(C) Arusha, Tanzania
(D) Kampala, Uganda

459. Who led the Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the 153rd IPU Assembly?

(A) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha
(B) The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha
(C) The Deputy Speaker of the Lok Sabha
(D) The Minister of External Affairs

460. In which city will the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 be held?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Ahmedabad
(C) Bhopal
(D) Pune

461. Which of the following traditional sports will India showcase at the BRICS Demonstration Games 2026?

(A) Sambo, Gorodki and Wushu
(B) Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu
(C) Capoeira, Tinku and Rayuela
(D) Asyk Atu, Togyzkumalak and Al Tabbah

462. What is the distinctive feature of the format of the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026?

(A) It is non-competitive, with no medals awarded
(B) It awards medals only in team events
(C) It is open only to athletes under the age of twenty
(D) It is restricted to the five founding BRICS members

463. AIIMS Deoghar, whose second convocation was addressed by the Vice-President, is located in which state?

(A) Bihar
(B) Jharkhand
(C) Odisha
(D) West Bengal

464. Of the students who graduated at the second convocation of AIIMS Deoghar, how many were women?

(A) 87 of 173
(B) 132 of 173
(C) 132 of 240
(D) 96 of 150

465. According to the Vice-President, the number of medical colleges in India has grown from 387 before 2014 to what figure?

(A) 648
(B) 706
(C) 846
(D) 912

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466. What is the theme of the 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle?

(A) Fit Youth, Fit India
(B) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat
(C) Cycle for Clean Air
(D) Khelo India, Badho India

467. In which city was the 94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle organised, with Namo Ghat as the starting point?

(A) Prayagraj
(B) Varanasi
(C) Haridwar
(D) Patna

468. Which of the athletes joining the 94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle won two bronze medals at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games?

(A) Prachi Chaudhary
(B) Parul Chaudhary
(C) Jay Kumar
(D) Raj Kumar Pal

469. How many lighthouses stand along India's coastline?

(A) 155
(B) 205
(C) 255
(D) 305

470. Where is the 77-metre Lighthouse Museum, planned as the tallest of its kind in the world, coming up?

(A) Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu
(B) Lothal, Gujarat
(C) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(D) Fort Aguada, Goa

471. Along which river is India setting up its first lighthouses on an inland waterway?

(A) Ganga
(B) Godavari
(C) Brahmaputra
(D) Mahanadi

472. How many districts are covered by the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana?

(A) 75
(B) 100
(C) 150
(D) 250

473. Who heads the National Executive Committee of the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(C) The Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
(D) The Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog

474. The average score of the scheme districts across the six objectives in August 2026 was:

(A) 18.85
(B) 28.04
(C) 46.89
(D) 62.15

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475. How much quantum-secure communication has India achieved under the National Quantum Mission?

(A) 500 km
(B) 1,000 km
(C) 1,500 km
(D) 2,000 km

476. What is the target set for India's bioeconomy by 2030?

(A) US$150 billion
(B) US$196 billion
(C) US$300 billion
(D) US$500 billion

477. Dr. Jitendra Singh made these remarks while addressing the annual session of which industry body?

(A) FICCI
(B) PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry
(C) CII
(D) ASSOCHAM

478. What was the total outreach of the nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela held on 9 October 2026?

(A) 93,662 participants
(B) 1,06,855 participants
(C) 1,36,086 participants
(D) 2,00,000 participants

479. Which theme was followed in Month 1 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan?

(A) 'Fit Youth, Addiction-Free Youth'
(B) 'My Health, My Pride'
(C) 'Youth for Viksit Bharat'
(D) 'Swachh Yuva, Swasth Bharat'

480. The Yuva Sanwad Mela was organised by MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(C) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

481. Which institute organised the Third National Conference and Exhibition on Corporate Social Responsibility (NCCSR 2026)?

(A) Indian Institute of Public Administration
(B) Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs
(C) National Institute of Financial Management
(D) Institute of Company Secretaries of India

482. Who inaugurated NCCSR 2026 and released the Comprehensive CSR Framework for Indian Coal Companies?

(A) Ajit Seth, former Cabinet Secretary
(B) Pallavi Jain Govil, Secretary, Ministry of Corporate Affairs
(C) Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines
(D) Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA

483. What was the theme of NCCSR 2026?

(A) 'CSR for Sustainable Development Goals'
(B) 'Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment'
(C) 'Responsible Business for a Self-Reliant India'
(D) 'From Boardrooms to Villages: The CSR Journey'

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484. Which team won the Junior Category of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India 2026?

(A) Team Mech Minds
(B) Team Singularity
(C) Team Botics Alpha
(D) Team Vajra

485. Where will the winning teams represent India at the Grand Finale of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge?

(A) Dubai, United Arab Emirates
(B) Geneva, Switzerland
(C) Singapore
(D) Nairobi, Kenya

486. Along with the Department of Telecommunications, which international organisation runs the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India?

(A) UNESCO
(B) International Telecommunication Union
(C) World Intellectual Property Organization
(D) United Nations Industrial Development Organization

487. Under Yuva Sangam Phase VII, Odisha has been paired with which State?

(A) Assam
(B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Telangana

488. Which institution is the nodal institution leading the Odisha delegation under Yuva Sangam Phase VII?

(A) IIM Sambalpur
(B) IIT Bhubaneswar
(C) NIT Rourkela
(D) Utkal University

489. Yuva Sangam is implemented under which programme of the Union Government?

(A) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
(B) Samagra Shiksha
(C) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(D) Khelo India

490. What is the approximate total value of the development projects being inaugurated, dedicated and started at Chennai on 11 October 2026?

(A) Over ₹3,700 crore
(B) Over ₹8,500 crore
(C) Over ₹13,000 crore
(D) Over ₹21,000 crore

491. The Poonamallee-Vadapalani corridor being opened in Chennai belongs to which project, and what is its special structural feature?

(A) Phase I of Chennai Metro, with an underground twin tunnel
(B) Phase II of Chennai Metro, with a double-decker structure of 3.7 km
(C) Chennai Suburban Rail, with an elevated cable-stayed span
(D) Phase III of Chennai Metro, with a floating station

492. Under which scheme have the five railway stations at Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakkudi and Namakkal been redeveloped?

(A) Amrit Bharat Station Scheme
(B) Adarsh Station Scheme
(C) Setu Bharatam
(D) Bharatmala Pariyojana

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493. The Sainya Sampark Mela visited by the Vice-President on 10 October 2026 was held at which place?

(A) Ranchi, Jharkhand
(B) Deoghar, Jharkhand
(C) Dumka, Jharkhand
(D) Bokaro, Jharkhand

494. What does the theme of the mela, Sadaiv Aapke Saath, mean, and for whom was the event organised?

(A) Always with You; for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their dependents
(B) Service before Self; for serving soldiers on the border
(C) Always Ready; for cadets of the National Cadet Corps
(D) Nation First; for families of serving officers only

495. Which health scheme for veterans was among the services offered at the stalls of the mela?

(A) Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission
(B) Central Government Health Scheme
(C) Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme
(D) Employees' State Insurance Scheme

496. Which two countries will the Defence Secretary of India visit from 12 to 15 October 2026?

(A) Cyprus and Greece
(B) Malta and Italy
(C) Cyprus and Turkey
(D) Greece and Egypt

497. Which two themes are expected to be prominent in the Defence Secretary's talks with Cyprus and Greece?

(A) Space launch services and satellite navigation
(B) Maritime security and defence industrial cooperation
(C) Counter-terrorism financing and extradition
(D) Tourism promotion and student mobility

498. Whose visit to India in May 2026 is credited with giving momentum to the India-Cyprus Strategic Partnership?

(A) The Prime Minister of Cyprus
(B) The President of Cyprus
(C) The Defence Minister of Cyprus
(D) The Speaker of the Cypriot Parliament

499. Which United Nations agency coordinates the Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI4FS)?

(A) Food and Agriculture Organization
(B) International Telecommunication Union
(C) World Food Programme
(D) International Fund for Agricultural Development

500. The second GI-AI4FS meeting in New Delhi was hosted by the Telecommunication Engineering Centre jointly with which Indian body?

(A) Indian Council of Agricultural Research
(B) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(C) NITI Aayog
(D) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

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501. Who is the Chair of the Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems?

(A) Dr. Bilel Jamoussi
(B) Dr. A. K. Nayak
(C) Dr. Sebastian Bosse
(D) Mr. Krishnan Pallassana

502. Which two districts of Punjab did the CAQM team visit for its review of stubble burning prevention?

(A) Ludhiana and Patiala
(B) Amritsar and Tarn Taran
(C) Sangrur and Bathinda
(D) Moga and Mansa

503. In how many districts of Punjab has CAQM deployed Flying Squads for the paddy harvesting season?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 18
(D) 22

504. Who led the high-level CAQM team that reviewed stubble burning prevention measures in Punjab?

(A) The Chairperson of CAQM
(B) Dr. S.D. Attri, Member (Technical), CAQM
(C) The Deputy Commissioner of Amritsar
(D) The Chairman of the Punjab Pollution Control Board

505. At which shipyard was the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel Shreyas launched?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai
(B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata
(C) Cochin Shipyard, Kochi
(D) Hindustan Shipyard, Visakhapatnam

506. What is the meaning of the name given to the newly launched Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel?

(A) 'Courage' or 'valour'
(B) 'Best' or 'most excellent'
(C) 'Guardian of the seas'
(D) 'Invincible'

507. Which two shipyards are building the Indian Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels?

(A) Goa Shipyard Limited and GRSE Kolkata
(B) Mazagon Dock and Cochin Shipyard
(C) Cochin Shipyard and Goa Shipyard Limited
(D) GRSE Kolkata and Hindustan Shipyard

508. How much did the National Biodiversity Authority disburse from seed-sector access and benefit-sharing contributions?

(A) Rs 1.43 crore
(B) Rs 2.02 crore
(C) Rs 20.2 crore
(D) Rs 202 crore

509. Which law provides the basis for India's access and benefit-sharing framework?

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

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510. Where is the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity being held?

(A) Yerevan, Armenia
(B) Kunming, China
(C) Montreal, Canada
(D) Nagoya, Japan

511. Where was the Youth for Viksit Bharat: MY Bharat Youth Convention held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi
(C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(D) Indira Gandhi Pratishthan, Lucknow

512. Which Union Minister addressed the MY Bharat Youth Convention at Varanasi?

(A) The Union Minister for Education
(B) Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports
(C) Girish Chandra Yadav
(D) Sunil Paliwal

513. Which campaign against substance abuse was highlighted at the MY Bharat Youth Convention?

(A) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan
(B) Fit India Movement
(C) Khelo India Yuva Abhiyan
(D) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

514. Yuva Sangam is organised under which initiative?

(A) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(B) Fit India Movement
(C) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
(D) Study in India

515. Which institution led the Telangana delegation that visited Assam under Yuva Sangam Phase VII?

(A) IIT Guwahati
(B) Central University of Karnataka
(C) University of Hyderabad
(D) Tezpur University

516. Who is the Governor of Assam, whom the Yuva Sangam delegation from Telangana met?

(A) Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya
(B) Shri Gulab Chand Kataria
(C) Shri C. P. Radhakrishnan
(D) Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati

517. What was the theme of the fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave?

(A) The Indian Era
(B) Resilience in an Age of Flux
(C) Navigating a World on Fire
(D) Seeking Prosperity in Turbulent Times

518. Who delivered the inaugural address at the fifth Kautilya Economic Conclave?

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

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519. Which institution convenes the Kautilya Economic Conclave along with the Ministry of Finance?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Institute of Economic Growth
(C) National Council of Applied Economic Research
(D) Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations

520. Who chaired the Fourth All Science and Technology Clusters Meet held at Chandigarh?

(A) The Union Minister of Science and Technology
(B) The Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India
(C) The Director of IIT Ropar
(D) The Vice-Chancellor of Panjab University

521. How many Science and Technology Clusters took part in the fourth All S&T Clusters Meet?

(A) Five
(B) Six
(C) Eight
(D) Eleven

522. On whose recommendation was the Science and Technology Clusters programme conceived in 2020?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) The Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council
(C) The University Grants Commission
(D) The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

523. At which place did the Defence Correspondents Course conclude?

(A) Guwahati
(B) Tezpur
(C) Shillong
(D) Jodhpur

524. How many journalists took part in the Defence Correspondents Course that concluded at Tezpur?

(A) 18
(B) 24
(C) 30
(D) 42

525. Who chaired the valedictory function of the Defence Correspondents Course at Tezpur?

(A) The Defence Secretary
(B) The Chief of the Army Staff
(C) The General Officer Commanding, Gajraj Corps
(D) The Additional Director General (Media and Communication), Ministry of Defence

526. What is the financial outlay of the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses?

(A) Rs 7,047 crore
(B) Rs 11,440 crore
(C) Rs 14,217 crore
(D) Rs 6,431 crore

527. What pulses production does India target by 2030-31 under the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses?

(A) 274.09 lakh tonnes
(B) 286.46 lakh tonnes
(C) 350 lakh tonnes
(D) 310 lakh tonnes

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528. Which two agencies are authorised to procure Tur, Masur and Urad under the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses?

(A) FCI and CWC
(B) NCCF and NAFED
(C) NABARD and SFAC
(D) APEDA and NCDC

529. How much foreign-origin gold did the DRI seize in its October 2026 operations in the eastern region?

(A) About 2.5 kg
(B) About 7.8 kg
(C) About 15 kg
(D) About 22 kg

530. At which toll plaza did DRI officers intercept the vehicle carrying 50 gold bars?

(A) Palsit Toll Plaza
(B) Barasat Toll Plaza
(C) Dankuni Toll Plaza
(D) Kharagpur Toll Plaza

531. Gold seized by DRI from train passengers in West Bengal was traced to smuggling across the border in which State?

(A) Tripura
(B) Assam
(C) Mizoram
(D) Meghalaya

532. How much suspected methamphetamine did the DRI seize from a train passenger in October 2026?

(A) 1.253 kg
(B) 3.500 kg
(C) 5.753 kg
(D) 9.250 kg

533. Which unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence made the crystal meth seizure?

(A) Mangalore Regional Unit
(B) Kolkata Regional Unit
(C) Lucknow Regional Unit
(D) Ahmedabad Regional Unit

534. The crystal meth seized by DRI was taken over under which law?

(A) The Customs Act, 1962
(B) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
(C) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
(D) The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940

535. How many graduate-level NTPC vacancies has Indian Railways notified under CEN No. 06/2026?

(A) 2,750
(B) 3,548
(C) 5,696
(D) 8,113

536. Which post accounts for the largest share of vacancies in the NTPC graduate recruitment of 2026?

(A) Senior Clerk Cum Typist
(B) Junior Accounts Assistant Cum Typist
(C) Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor
(D) Goods Train Manager

537. What is the initial basic pay of Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor in this recruitment?

(A) Rs 19,900 a month
(B) Rs 29,200 a month
(C) Rs 35,400 a month
(D) Rs 44,900 a month

538. Which Indian Navy warship has arrived at Plymouth to take part in Exercise KONKAN-26?

(A) INS Tabar
(B) INS Trishul
(C) INS Teg
(D) INS Talwar

539. Exercise KONKAN is an annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the navy of which country?

(A) France
(B) Australia
(C) The United Kingdom
(D) The United States of America

540. Which three domains does the Sea Phase of Exercise KONKAN-26 cover?

(A) Air, surface and sub-surface
(B) Land, air and cyber
(C) Surface, space and cyber
(D) Land, surface and space

541. In which city was the 94th edition of Fit India Sundays on Cycle organised?

(A) Lucknow
(B) Prayagraj
(C) Varanasi
(D) Kanpur

542. What was the theme of the 94th Fit India Sundays on Cycle?

(A) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat
(B) Fit Yuva for Swachh Bharat
(C) Khelo India, Badho India
(D) Cycle for Clean Air

543. Which of the athletes felicitated at the Varanasi event won a gold medal at the 2026 Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games?

(A) Prachi Chaudhary
(B) Parul Chaudhary
(C) Jay Kumar
(D) Raj Kumar Pal

544. Yuva Sangam is implemented under which programme of the Government of India?

(A) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(B) Rashtriya Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan
(C) Unnat Bharat Abhiyan
(D) Study in India

545. In Yuva Sangam Phase VII, the Uttarakhand delegation visited which state?

(A) Odisha
(B) West Bengal
(C) Assam
(D) Tamil Nadu

546. Which institute is hosting the Uttarakhand delegation during its Yuva Sangam Phase VII visit?

(A) Jadavpur University
(B) Visva-Bharati University
(C) IIT Kharagpur
(D) Presidency University

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547. Exercise INDRA 2026, for which INS Sahyadri has reached Vladivostok, is a bilateral exercise between India and which country?

(A) Japan
(B) Russia
(C) Indonesia
(D) Oman

548. In the Ministry of Defence statement on INS Sahyadri, MAHASAGAR stands for which of the following?

(A) Maritime Highway for Shipping, Access, Growth and Regional Reach
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Alliance for Secure Harbours, Growth and Reconstruction
(D) Mission for Advancement of Shipping, Agriculture, Growth and Rural Reform

549. INS Sahyadri arrived at which Russian port for Exercise INDRA 2026?

(A) St. Petersburg
(B) Murmansk
(C) Vladivostok
(D) Sevastopol

550. In which city did the Prime Minister dedicate a new metro stretch and launch development projects on 11 October 2026?

(A) Coimbatore
(B) Chennai
(C) Madurai
(D) Tiruchirappalli

551. Which port is being developed as a world-class mega container and green energy hub, as announced in the Prime Minister address at Chennai?

(A) Ennore Port
(B) Karaikal Port
(C) VOC Port, Thoothukudi
(D) Chennai Port

552. According to the Prime Minister, metro rail services are operated in how many cities of India today, compared with five cities in 2014?

(A) 15
(B) 20
(C) 25
(D) 30

553. The ICMR Centre for High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research (ICMR-CHAMP) is being set up at which place?

(A) Leh, Ladakh
(B) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
(C) Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Munsiyari, Uttarakhand

554. Which body is establishing the first dedicated centre for high-altitude medicine and public health research in India?

(A) Defence Research and Development Organisation
(B) All India Institute of Medical Sciences
(C) Indian Council of Medical Research
(D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

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555. At the foundation ceremony of ICMR-CHAMP, native Himalayan saplings are to be planted under which initiative?

(A) Green ICMR Campus Initiative
(B) Mission Life Himalaya
(C) Nilgiri Green Campus Mission
(D) Swachh Himalaya Abhiyan

556. Which leader, remembered on 11 October, is known by the title Loknayak?

(A) Jayaprakash Narayan
(B) Ram Manohar Lohia
(C) Acharya Narendra Deva
(D) Morarji Desai

557. Whose birth anniversary, also falling on 11 October, was marked with a tribute recalling his work for rural development and community participation?

(A) Vinoba Bhave
(B) Nanaji Deshmukh
(C) Jagjivan Ram
(D) Kamaraj

558. In the tribute to Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, his fearless voice was especially recalled from which period?

(A) The Quit India Movement
(B) The Emergency
(C) The Bengal Partition
(D) The Non-Cooperation Movement

559. Which agency seized 5,832.90 grams of foreign-origin gold from a cavity in a car at Visakhapatnam?

(A) Central Bureau of Investigation
(B) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence
(C) Narcotics Control Bureau
(D) Enforcement Directorate

560. Where in the car was the smuggled gold concealed?

(A) Inside the spare wheel in the boot
(B) In a cavity below the leg space of the front passenger seat
(C) Inside the fuel tank
(D) Behind the dashboard panel

561. Which border did the arrested men say the gold had been smuggled across?

(A) The India-Nepal border
(B) The India-Myanmar border
(C) The India-Bangladesh border
(D) The India-Bhutan border

562. How much poppy straw did the Central Bureau of Narcotics seize in its two Madhya Pradesh operations?

(A) 1,209.80 kg
(B) 2,750.50 kg
(C) 4,209.80 kg
(D) 6,480.25 kg

563. What was loaded over the poppy straw in the Mandsaur case to disguise the consignment?

(A) Bags of wheat
(B) Crates of fruit
(C) Bales of cotton
(D) Sacks of cement

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564. Under which Act were the three persons arrested in these poppy straw cases?

(A) The Customs Act, 1962

(B) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985

(C) The Essential Commodities Act, 1955

(D) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002

565. Which institute hosted the APARC Early Career Researcher Workshop 2026 that acted as the curtain-raiser for ESTIC?

(A) Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru

(B) Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune

(C) National Institute of Oceanography, Goa

(D) National Centre for Medium Range Weather Forecasting, Noida

566. Who delivered the principal address at the curtain-raiser event for the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave held on 11 October 2026?

(A) Dr. Suryachandra A. Rao

(B) Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar

(C) Dr. Maria Molina

(D) Dr. Suvarna Fadnavis

567. What is the vision statement of ESTIC 2026?

(A) Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies

(B) Science for Society, Technology for All

(C) Innovate in India, Innovate for the World

(D) Young Minds, Green Technologies, Strong Nation

568. Over which period is the Government of India's nationwide Special Campaign 6.0 being conducted?

(A) 1 to 30 September 2026

(B) 2 to 31 October 2026

(C) 15 August to 15 September 2026

(D) 1 to 31 December 2026

569. The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, which detailed its activities under Special Campaign 6.0, functions under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs

(B) Ministry of Defence

(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

(D) Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions

570. Under Special Campaign 6.0, the concept of converting discarded material into valuable resources is described by which term?

(A) Waste to Wealth

(B) Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

(C) Zero Landfill Mission

(D) Clean to Green

571. In which year did the Vishwa Hindu Vidya Kendra begin as a small school at West Mambalam in Chennai?

(A) 1965

(B) 1970

(C) 1975

(D) 1980

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572. The number of universities in India has grown from about 750 in 2014 to more than how many today?

(A) 900
(B) 1,100
(C) 1,300
(D) 1,600

573. How many Indian universities feature in the latest QS Rankings, against 14 in 2015?

(A) 28
(B) 36
(C) 44
(D) 52

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Answer key

1.	**B**	**Department of Atomic Energy** – UCIL is described as a public sector enterprise working under the Department of Atomic Energy, and it supplies the uranium that feeds the country's nuclear power programme.
2.	**B**	**Jaduguda** – The Diamond Jubilee Year celebrations of Uranium Corporation of India Limited were held at Jaduguda, bringing together senior officials, scientists, engineers, technical personnel, employees and media professionals.
3.	**C**	**Member-Finance, Atomic Energy Commission** – Ms. Seema Jain attended the jubilee at Jaduguda in that capacity as Chief Guest, toured the Technology Demonstration Pilot Plant and the proposed site of the Dark Matter Laboratory, and described the year as a celebration of six decades of scientific capabili...
4.	**B**	**Rs 130 crore** – The Technology Development Board, which works under the Department of Science and Technology, agreed to give BigEndian Semiconductors of Bengaluru exactly this amount out of the Research Development and Innovation Fund, and the money is being routed through O...
5.	**B**	**A camera-focused AI Vision System-on-Chip** – Project VeerAI is building a single piece of silicon that lets a camera do its own thinking, combining artificial intelligence processing with security, privacy and connectivity features on a sovereign technology platform.
6.	**D**	**TRL-9** – The agreement states that the project must lift the technology from Technology Readiness Level 5, where it stands now, to Technology Readiness Level 9, the stage at which a product has proved itself in actual use rather than in a laboratory.
7.	**B**	**European Free Trade Association** – The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement that took effect in October of the previous year was concluded between India and the EFTA countries, and it is the first free trade agreement India has with any economic bloc in Europe.
8.	**C**	**100 billion dollars** – The agreement is described as an ambitious blueprint for investment, innovation, jobs and shared prosperity, and the two sides expect it to deliver investment of 100 billion dollars in India together with 10 lakh direct jobs across a span of 15 years.
9.	**D**	**Agreement on a common currency swap window** – The correct answer is the agreement on a common currency swap window, because no such pact was announced.
10.	**C**	**549** – The backgrounder states that the 2026 railway timetable speeded up 549 trains across the network, and it breaks that total into four bands.
11.	**B**	**508 km and 320 kmph** – The corridor will serve 12 stations and includes India’s first undersea rail tunnel, which runs about 7 km beneath Thane Creek, and the first service on it is targeted for August 2027.
12.	**C**	**Kosi Rail Mahasetu** – The correct answer is the Kosi Rail Mahasetu in Bihar, opened in September 2020.
13.	**C**	**384.2 MT** – Coal India lifted 384.2 MT in the first six months of the financial year 2026-27, an increase of 27.2 MT or 7.6 per cent over the same months of the previous year.
14.	**C**	**79 per cent** – Of the coal Coal India lifted in the first half of the financial year 2026-27, nearly 79 per cent was directed to the power sector, which confirms how central electricity generation is to the company’s distribution strategy.
15.	**C**	**640.05 BU** – Generation from domestic coal rose to 640.05 billion units in the first half of the financial year 2026-27 from 582.5 billion units in the corresponding period a year earlier, an increase of roughly 57.5 billion units or 9.9 per cent.

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16. **C** **5,000 crore rupees** – The Financial Fraud Risk Indicator, built partly from what citizens report on Sanchar Saathi, provides risk-based intelligence on mobile numbers that may be linked to financial fraud, and the ministry credits it with preventing suspected losses of more than 5...

17. **A** **Chakshu** – It is the reporting facility on Sanchar Saathi through which a citizen can flag suspicious calls, SMS or WhatsApp messages, including fake KYC and bill-payment alerts, people impersonating government, police or bank officials, and fraudulent investment, job o...

18. **C** **60.96 lakh** – The Sanchar Saathi dashboard shows that 60.96 lakh lost or stolen handsets have been blocked across the networks of all telecom operators, that 37.85 lakh of them were traced, and that more than 14 lakh have actually been recovered and returned to their owner...

19. **B** **Nitin Gadkari** – The correct answer is Nitin Gadkari, the Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, who inaugurated the conclave at Tent City 2 near the Statue of Unity at Ekta Nagar in the Narmada district of Gujarat.

20. **B** **Gatishakti se Pragati** – The correct answer is Gatishakti se Pragati, which translates as progress through Gatishakti and ties the conclave to the PM GatiShakti approach of planning infrastructure in an integrated way rather than ministry by ministry.

21. **C** **Tent City 2, Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat** – The correct answer is Tent City 2 at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, which lies in the Narmada district of Gujarat.

22. **C** **110** – At the Safai Mitra Suraksha Evam Samman Shivir held on 29 September 2026, the Secretary of the department felicitated 110 Safai Mitras in recognition of their contribution to cleanliness and hygiene at the department, an exercise meant to underline the dignit...

23. **B** **17 September 2026** – The campaign started on that date across the department, its autonomous institutions and the offices of the Survey of India located throughout the country, and officials took the Swachhata Pledge the very next day, administered by the Secretary.

24. **B** **Securities and Exchange Board of India** – Under the Safai Mitra Suraksha initiative, the department arranged a financial awareness session through the securities regulator on 23 September 2026, and it was open to housekeeping staff as well as to the scientists, officers and officials of the departmen...

25. **C** **Five** – The Environment Ministry announced that KJP21, a female cheetah aged 32 months and herself born on Indian soil, delivered a litter of five healthy cubs at Kuno National Park.

26. **A** **Mukhi and KGP12** – The Union Environment Minister stated that KJP21 is the third female cheetah born in India to have given birth, and that she follows Mukhi and KGP12 in that line.

27. **C** **Botswana** – The father of the litter is a male cheetah of Botswanan origin, which is why the Environment Ministry described the five cubs as the beginning of the Botswanan lineage in India and as an addition to the genetic diversity of the growing population.

28. **B** **United Arab Emirates** – The Ministry of Defence announced that the India–UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 began at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, with equal participation from both armies and mountain warfare as the theme.

29. **B** **92** – The Ministry of Defence stated that a total of 92 personnel are taking part in the exercise, with the Indian Army and the UAE Army represented in equal numbers.

30. **A** **A Bhairav Battalion** – According to the Ministry of Defence, the Indian Army contingent at Mountain Guardian 2026 comprises troops from a Bhairav Battalion, while the partner contingent from the United Arab Emirates comprises troops of a Mountain Infantry Battalion.

31. **B** **National Statistics Office** – The NSO, which works under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, carried out the first all-India National Household Travel Survey between July 2025 and

June 2026 and released its key indicators through a factsheet.

32.	C	**Two-wheeler, 42.6% of workers** – The survey found the two-wheeler to be the single largest primary mode for work trips across the country, with a share of 52.3% in urban areas and 37.1% in rural areas.
33.	C	**₹785** – The survey put the average monthly outlay on commuting to a fixed workplace at ₹785 for each worker, and the figure hides a sharp divide: urban workers spend ₹1,044 a month while rural workers spend ₹612.
34.	B	**62 thousand kilometres** – At the National Chintan Shivir the Union Rural Development Minister said the fourth phase of the scheme carries a target of 62 thousand kilometres of new rural roads, of which 20 thousand kilometres have already been sanctioned.
35.	B	**Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The two-day National Chintan Shivir on the rural roads scheme was held at Bharat Mandapam, was addressed by the Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and of Rural Development, and was attended by secretaries and chief engineers from every state an...
36.	C	**72 days** – The Minister said a limit of 72 days has been fixed between sanction and the start of construction, that some states are breaching it, and that a full account would be prepared for those states.
37.	B	**Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar** – The correct answer is the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar.
38.	D	**About 70 per cent** – Children who took the Ayurvedic formulation and also practised the four selected asanas showed roughly 70 per cent improvement in the frequency of bedwetting over the eight weeks of the study.
39.	B	**Medhya Rasayana Churna** – Children in both groups received this formulation, made of Brahmi, Shankhpushpi, Yashtimadhu, which is liquorice, and Guduchi, administered twice a day with milk.
40.	B	**Bogibeel Terminal, Dibrugarh** – The barge DLB Patkai, pushed by the tug Kushal Konwar, left Bogibeel on 5 October 2026 carrying 540 metric tonnes of methanol for Bangladesh, and it is the first consignment sent from upper Assam to a foreign port since India became independent in 1947.
41.	B	**891 km** – The reach of the Brahmaputra between Sadiya and Dhubri measures 891 kilometres and was notified as National Waterway-2 in 1988, although scheduled cargo movement on it began only in December 2017.
42.	B	**Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited** – The 540 metric tonnes of methanol loaded at Bogibeel were made by this state-owned company at its Namrup works, and the consignment is bound for Pangaon Port in Dhaka.
43.	C	**897** – The 17th All India Pension Adalat listed 897 long-pending grievances of family pensioners and super-senior pensioners for consideration, and of these 756 were settled on the day of the sitting, giving a redressal rate of 84.2 per cent.
44.	A	**Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare** – The correct answer is the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, known as DoPPW, which sits in the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions.
45.	B	**Bringing Ease in the Life of Family Pensioners** – This e-booklet was released at the sitting along with a set of flyers carrying success stories from the 16th Pension Adalat, and both publications were meant to show what direct hearings have achieved for pensioners and their families.
46.	B	**Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam** – The yard is building all five Fleet Support Ships ordered by the Indian Navy, and FSS-1 will be launched there on 6 October 2026 into the waters of the Bay of Bengal, eighteen months after its steel was first cut.

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47.	**C**	**43,500 tonnes** – Each of the five Fleet Support Ships is a vessel of this size, built to replenish warships while they remain at sea by passing across fuel, stores and provisions, so that a task force can keep operating without returning to harbour.
48.	**D**	**FSS-5** – At the Visakhapatnam ceremony the Raksha Mantri will launch the first ship of the class and, on the same day, lay the keel of the fifth and last ship, which marks the programme's move towards series production rather than one-off construction.
49.	**B**	**Koraput division** – The correct answer is the Koraput division, which is in Odisha and has been building aero-engines for close to six decades.
50.	**B**	**Rs 218 crore** – That is the investment behind the second Shakti engine production line being highlighted at the Koraput event, and the added capacity is intended for indigenous helicopter platforms, named in the announcement as the Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and the Pra…
51.	**B**	**Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and Prachand Light Combat Helicopter** – The correct answer is the Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and the Prachand Light Combat Helicopter, both indigenous rotary-wing platforms named in the announcement as the users of the growing Shakti engine output.
52.	**C**	**58.52 GW** – That is the cumulative installed wind capacity India had reached by August 2026, according to the figures the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy issued ahead of Windergy India.
53.	**B**	**Chennai** – The correct answer is Chennai, where the eighth edition is being held at the Chennai Trade Centre from 7 to 9 October 2026.
54.	**C**	**6.05 GW** – The correct answer is 6.05 GW, described by the ministry as a record annual addition for wind power in India.
55.	**A**	**Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, known as DARPG, which has been institutionalising the Special Campaign since 2021 and sets the targets that other ministries and departments work to.
56.	**C**	**3,90,000 square feet** – In the previous round of the campaign the Department of Sports, working with the Sports Authority of India, the Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education, the National Sports University, the National Anti-Doping Agency and the National Dope Testing…
57.	**A**	**Waste to Wealth** – The minister said the recycling of electronic waste and other scrap contributes to this wider government idea and to the principles of a circular economy, in which resources are recovered and put back to productive use instead of accumulating as waste.
58.	**B**	**Purchase of mechanised sanitation equipment for self-employment** – The case released by the ministry shows how it works: a two-member group project under the scheme financed a tractor-mounted Open Nallah Cleaner at a total cost of Rs 16,99,952, with a loan of Rs 10,24,964 and a capital subsidy of Rs 6,74,988.
59.	**A**	**Fellowship, house rent allowance and contingency** – These are the three components named in the beneficiary account of a scholar from Faridabad in Haryana whose assistance began in September 2019 and came to about Rs 18 lakh, funding her doctorate.
60.	**C**	**NSFDC Electric Auto-Rickshaw Subsidy Scheme, 2024** – A resident of Junardev in Chhindwara district, Madhya Pradesh, was selected under it and received financial assistance of Rs 1,85,000, which let him acquire an auto-rickshaw and earn a living where he had no steady income before.
61.	**B**	**Gujarat High Court** – The notification of the Ministry of Law and Justice names Justice Sunita Agarwal as the Chief Justice of the Gujarat High Court at the time she was appointed a Judge of the Supreme Court of India, and records Allahabad as her parent High Court.

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62.	**A**	**Shri Gurvinder Pal Singh** – The Ministry of Law and Justice notification states that the President, after consulting the Chief Justice of India, appointed Shri Gurvinder Pal Singh, a judicial officer, as an Additional Judge of the Delhi High Court.
63.	**B**	**Two of the three judges elevated had Allahabad as their parent High Court** – The correct answer is two of the three judges elevated had Allahabad as their parent High Court.
64.	**C**	**93.26 per cent** – TRAI's annual report records overall tele-density rising to that level at the end of March 2026 from 85.04 per cent a year earlier, which is why option A is wrong, as it is the figure for the end of March 2025 and not the one being asked.
65.	**C**	**1,330.58 million** – The report puts total telephone subscribers, that is wireless and wireline taken together, at that number at the end of March 2026, a growth of 10.81 per cent over the year.
66.	**B**	**Rs 180.73** – TRAI reports monthly ARPU for wireless service at that level in 2025-26, a rise of 3.59 per cent over the year.
67.	**B**	**Japan** – The environment ministry's release describes the Operational Manual as the manual for the India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism, and it was launched by the Ambassador of Japan to India, Keiichi Ono, with the then Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Fore...
68.	**C**	**Article 6.2** – The release states that the launch of the Manual marks a milestone in operationalising bilateral cooperation between India and Japan under Article 6.2 of the Paris Agreement, the provision that allows countries to cooperate on mitigation outcomes that are tra...
69.	**B**	**The Rule of Implementation** – The release sets out three steps in order, and the Rule of Implementation is the one adopted on 8 June 2026.
70.	**C**	**34 districts** – The release of the environment ministry states that Flying Squads have been deployed in 34 districts across the two States for the period from 1 October to 30 November 2026, and it splits the number as 18 districts in Punjab and 16 districts in Haryana.
71.	**B**	**1 October to 30 November 2026** – The release fixes the deployment for exactly that window, which is the stretch when paddy is harvested in Punjab and Haryana and when crop residue is most often burnt, and it is also the period when air quality in the National Capital Region falls sharply.
72.	**A**	**Central Pollution Control Board** – The release states that the Flying Squads were deployed following a communication made by CAQM to the Central Pollution Control Board, usually written as CPCB.
73.	**B**	**More than 10.77 crore** – The agriculture ministry's first comprehensive monthly review was told that unique digital Farmer IDs have so far been made for that many farmers under the Digital Agriculture Mission.
74.	**A**	**Khet Bachao Abhiyan** – At the review meeting the Union Agriculture Minister said this intensive campaign will begin across the country on the 22nd of this month to save farmland from declining soil health, poor stubble and residue management and the unbalanced use of chemical ferti...
75.	**B**	**274.09 lakh tonnes** – The meeting was told that pulses production in 2025-26 reached that record level, which is above the national target.
76.	**B**	**Scale Without Boundaries** – This is the theme chosen for the tenth India Mobile Congress, which is being held at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka, New Delhi, and which the Prime Minister inaugurates on 8 October 2026.
77.	**B**	**Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, New Delhi** – The Union Minister of Communications visited this convention centre to review the final arrangements before the opening of the tenth India Mobile Congress, and the exhibition halls, sessions and investor meetings of the event are housed there.

78.	C	**Fifth** – India has emerged as the fifth nation in the world to design and build an indigenous 4G stack of its own, a milestone the Ministry of Communications treats as proof of growing self-reliance in developing and deploying advanced telecom technology.
79.	B	**Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Hub** – This theme was announced when the Minister of State for Chemicals and Fertilizers launched the fourteenth edition of India Chem, and it reflects the growing capability of the country in the global chemicals and petrochemicals trade.
80.	C	**BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme** – The Secretary of the Department of Chemicals and Petrochemicals said the long held vision of dedicated chemical parks is coming close to reality through this scheme, and that the parks will offer best in class plug and play facilities and other infrastructure...
81.	B	**Mumbai** – The fourteenth edition of India Chem will be held in Mumbai from 22 to 24 October, as an international exhibition and conference bringing together industry leaders, policy makers, investors, researchers and participants from abroad.
82.	B	**Adequate Housing for All** – The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs observed World Habitat Day on this theme, with the stated focus on strengthening the urban housing system through innovation, policy reform, technology and sustainable financing.
83.	B	**World Habitat Day** – It was announced at the function that the PMAY-U Awards are being institutionalised, so that the contribution of states, union territories, urban local bodies and partner agencies under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban is recognised every year on World Habi...
84.	B	**Tamil Nadu and SIPCOT** – The correct answer is Tamil Nadu and SIPCOT, which was named the public agency with the highest number of houses completed and in use under affordable rental housing complexes, at 18,720 beds.
85.	B	**Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment** – The correct answer is Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment.
86.	B	**Ram Nath Kovind** – The observance of CSR Day draws on a suggestion he made as President of India at the National CSR Awards in 2019, that 2 October be set apart for corporate social responsibility.
87.	C	**Section 166(2)** – The Director General and Chief Executive Officer of the Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs pointed to this provision of the Companies Act, 2013 to argue that the law itself recognises that a company works within society and owes responsibility to its worke...
88.	B	**Justice Vikram Nath** – The correct answer is Justice Vikram Nath, Judge of the Supreme Court of India and Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority, who delivered the memorial lecture on the theme of judging with compassion and argued that a humane approach to jus...
89.	C	**Judging with Compassion: Human Understanding in the Practice of Law** – The correct answer is Judging with Compassion: Human Understanding in the Practice of Law.
90.	B	**Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, under which the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi functions, and which announced the holding of the second Madhava Menon Memorial Lecture there.
91.	B	**Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. eSanjeevani is the national telemedicine service of India and the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare guides its working and its growth as the needs of the health system change.
92.	C	**15 September 2026** – On that day the running count of teleconsultations on eSanjeevani stood at 50,00,92,730, which took the platform past the figure of 50 crore, or 500 million, across all 36 States and Union Territories.

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93. **A** **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)** – The correct answer is the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC). eSanjeevani is described as a made-in-India digital health solution developed by C-DAC, and its Mohali centre has given end-to-end technological development and engineering suppor...

94. **C** **375** – The Ministry of Rural Development has notified a Schedule of Permissible Works allowing that many works under the new rural works framework of the VB-G RAM G Act.

95. **A** **Water Security** – The correct answer is Water Security, which carries 128 works and is the largest of the four pillars.

96. **C** **2025** – The Ministry of Rural Development notified the Schedule of Permissible Works under the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act of that year, and the Schedule itself was put out on 6 October 2026.

97. **C** **The Secretary, Ministry of Steel** – The Steel Industry Safety Council is being created as an apex body for the whole steel industry, with the mandate of strengthening safety standards, preventing accidents and building a safety culture, and the Secretary of the ministry will head it.

98. **C** **Chhattisgarh** – The pellet plant of 2 MTPA capacity has been commissioned at Nagarnar in Chhattisgarh, and with it NMDC has completed an integrated project costing Rs 5,427 crore.

99. **B** **101** – Under the Green Steel Initiative of the Ministry of Steel, Green Steel Certificates have been issued to 101 distinct producers across the lists brought out up to September 2026.

100. **B** **Rs 661.50 crore** – The Ministry of Defence signed the contract with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited on 6 October 2026 in New Delhi, and the value of the order for BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers meant for ships of the Indian Navy was fixed at Rs 661.50 crore.

101. **C** **Buy (Indian-IDDM)** – The order for BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers was placed with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited under this category, which is reserved for equipment that is indigenously designed, developed and manufactured.

102. **B** **Surface-to-surface missile system** – The BrahMos, fitted on board various frontline warships, is the Indian Navy's primary surface-to-surface missile system for maritime strike operations.

103. **B** **Surya** – FSS-1, the first of the Fleet Support Ships designed and built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, was named Surya and launched by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Visakhapatnam yard on 6 October 2026.

104. **C** **Up to 45,000 DWT** – Slipway-4 at Hindustan Shipyard Limited was extended and strengthened so that the yard could take on larger hulls, and the Defence Minister inaugurated the upgraded slipway on the same day he launched Surya and laid the keel of FSS-5.

105. **C** **Visakhapatnam** – Hindustan Shipyard Limited stands in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh, and it was there that Surya was launched into the Bay of Bengal, the keel of FSS-5 was laid and the upgraded Slipway-4 and the 300-tonne Goliath Crane were inaugurated.

106. **B** **Aryabhatta Research Institute of Observational Sciences, Nainital** – The multi-institutional campaign on the blazar OJ 287 was coordinated by scientists of this institute, which is an autonomous body of the Department of Science and Technology, and the study was led by Dr Alok C. Gupta of the same institute.

107. **C** **Twelve years** – OJ 287 is a rare object lying about 4 billion light years away in which two supermassive black holes circle each other on a twelve-year orbit, forming a binary system.

108. **B** **3.89 billion solar masses** – Using eight optical spectra recorded at Steward Observatory in the United States during low-brightness phases of the object in October and November 2017, the team estimated the central black hole to weigh no less than that, reading the figure from the width o...

109. **B** **Arusha, Tanzania** – The Indian parliamentary delegation led by Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, is taking part in the assembly at Arusha, and the Parliament of the United Republic of Tanzania organised the formal inaugural ceremony there.

110. **C** **The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha** – He headed the delegation at the assembly and attended the inaugural ceremony along with members of Parliament Aparajita Sarangi, Anurag Singh Thakur, N. K. Premachandran and Dr Sasmit Patra, and he also led the bilateral meetings with the Speakers of the Aust...

111. **B** **The President of the United Republic of Tanzania** – The correct answer is the President of the United Republic of Tanzania, Dr Samia Suluhu Hassan.

112. **B** **Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave** – The curtain raiser for its ocean theme was hosted by the Centre for Marine Living Resources and Ecology at Kochi, an attached office of the Ministry of Earth Sciences, and the theme being previewed was Ocean Sciences and Maritime Technologies.

113. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026** – The correct answer is Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 27 to 29 October 2026.

114. **A** **Deep Ocean Mission** – IndOBIS, which stands for the Indian Ocean Biodiversity Information System, was developed to augment the biodiversity research being carried out under that mission, and its stakeholder engagement workshop ran as a parallel event to the ESTIC curtain raiser at...

115. **B** **The Secretary, Ministry of Textiles** – The council met for the first time at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi under her chairpersonship, and in her address she stressed that textiles and apparel are among the largest employment generators and export earners for the country and called for a whole-of-valu...

116. **C** **Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** – The Development Council for Textile Industry held its first meeting there on 6 October 2026, chaired by the Secretary of the Ministry of Textiles, with senior officers of the ministry, industry associations, export promotion councils, research associations, s...

117. **C** **Minimum support price for sugarcane** – The correct answer is minimum support price for sugarcane, which was not on the agenda.

118. **C** **Rs 10,000 crore** – The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved an aggregate commitment of this size by the Government of India towards setting up the SME Growth Fund, and the money will be placed in an Alternative Investment Fund raised under the fund f...

119. **B** **An Alternative Investment Fund** – Under the approved scheme the Government of India will provide its aggregate commitment of Rs 10,000 crore to an Alternative Investment Fund established within the SME Growth Fund framework, and that fund will take direct equity positions in small and medium...

120. **C** **Small and medium manufacturing enterprises** – The approval states that the majority of the allocation from the fund will go to small and medium enterprises focused on manufacturing, and that enterprises operating in industrial clusters in Tier-II and Tier-III cities will also be considered.

121. **C** **Rs 500 crore** – The approval gives the Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority the task of technically appraising infrastructure projects of the Government of India costing that much or more, while financial appraisal continues through the mechanisms that already exist.

122. **A** **National Transport Data Repository** – The Cabinet decision asks ITLA to build a unified transport data repository by obtaining relevant transport and logistics datasets from several sources, among them the GSTN e-way bill, FASTag, Vahan, GPS-based systems and urban traffic management systems, and...

123. **B** **National Logistics Policy of 2022** – Among the roles listed for ITLA is to advise and assist in the review and updating of that policy, alongside capacity building, training and skilling in the logistics sector and the promotion of research and innovation in transport and logistics.

124. **A** **Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment, Agra** – The correct answer is the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment (ADRDE), Agra.

125. **C** **21 km** – In the experimental flight the High-Altitude Platform climbed to that altitude above mean sea level, and it then remained at 20 km above mean sea level for more than 30 minutes before it was commanded to descend back to the ground.

126. **B** **It is a lighter-than-air stratospheric surveillance platform** – The release describes the High-Altitude Platform as a lighter-than-air system being developed as a long endurance stratospheric aerial surveillance platform, and the Defence Minister spoke of the trial as a milestone towards realising a long endurance stratos...

127. **B** **Nyoma (Mudh DZ)** – The correct answer is Nyoma (Mudh DZ), described as one of the highest-altitude drop zones.

128. **C** **16,000 feet** – The jump was made from that altitude above mean sea level, after which the parachute was deployed at 15,500 feet and the landing was undertaken at the Nyoma drop zone.

129. **A** **Ordnance Parachute Factory, Kanpur** – The system has been designed and developed by the Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment at Agra and manufactured at the Kanpur factory; it is inspected by DGAQA and certified by CEMILAC, RCMA Kanpur.

130. **B** **The President** – President Droupadi Murmu conferred degrees on the first graduating batch of AIIMS Bilaspur at the institute first convocation and also presented gold medals to meritorious students across disciplines.

131. **C** **Rs 5 lakh** – Speaking at the convocation, the President said that eligible beneficiaries receive health cover of that amount per family per year under the scheme, which reduces the financial burden of treatment for economically vulnerable families.

132. **B** **1.42 lakh** – The Union Health Minister said that undergraduate medical seats have risen to that number, while the count of medical colleges has gone up from 384 to more than 800.

133. **A** **Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu** – The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change led the Indian delegation at the Pre-COP31 meetings under the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, which these three countries co-hosted, and he addressed the Leaders Plenary at F...

134. **B** **Common but Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities** – The Union Minister said that this principle, together with Equity, must be upheld in letter and spirit for climate action to be meaningful and sustained across countries, and he argued that there cannot be a one-size-fits-all pathway to such action.

135. **B** **Antalya, Türkiye** – The correct answer is Antalya, Türkiye, where the conference will be held in November.

136. **B** **21** – India's campaign at the 20th Asian Games closed with 85 medals in all, and 21 of them were gold.

137. **C** **Aichi-Nagoya** – The 20th Asian Games were held in this Japanese host region from 19 September to 4 October 2026, and the city will also stage the 5th Asian Para Games from 18 to 24 October 2026.

138. **B** **Imagine One Asia** – This was the official slogan adopted for the 20th Asian Games at Aichi-Nagoya, a meet organised by the Olympic Council of Asia with forty-five countries and regions taking part.

139. **B** **Delivery of its 2,000th aero-engine** – The Defence Minister was present at Koraput for this handover, which came six decades after the Division was set up in 1964.

140. **B** **Rs 218 crore** – The second Shakti engine line carries this outlay and will be able to produce up to 100 engines a year once it is fully established by 2028-29, feeding indigenous helicopters such as the Dhruv Advanced Light Helicopter and the Prachand Light Combat Helicopter.

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141. **B** **Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)** – The Defence Minister said aerospace self-reliance must extend to an indigenous aero-engine capability, especially for the AMCA, and pointed to a proposed investment of around Rs 5,000 crore, indigenisation of raw materials together with Mishra Dhatu Nigam Lim...

142. **B** **9 October** – World Post Day is observed on this date and it opens National Postal Week, which the Department of Posts is celebrating from 9 to 15 October 2026.

143. **A** **One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities** – The theme announced for World Post Day this year is 'World Post Day: One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities', and it frames the week-long observance by the Department of Posts.

144. **C** **Financial Inclusion and CCS Day** – The correct answer is Financial Inclusion and CCS Day, which is observed on 13 October 2026, a Tuesday.

145. **B** **31 October 2026** – The Commission's order requires industrial units in the National Capital Region to put in the additional Pan-Tilt-Zoom cameras by that date, following the standard operating procedure it has laid down.

146. **B** **Fuel storage areas and fuel charging points** – The standard operating procedure in the order says cameras must be placed so as to capture all fuel storage areas and all fuel charging points, and where a gas-based fuel is used, the gauge or meter of the gas must be in view as well.

147. **A** **Flying Squads found unapproved fuels in use at industries** – The correct answer is that the Commission's Flying Squads found unapproved fuels in use at industries.

148. **B** **1,45,26,013** – The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports reported this many attempts in the Viksit Bharat Quiz, the first stage of selection for the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2027.

149. **B** **500 words** – Shortlisted participants have to submit an essay of this length on the MY Bharat portal, on the theme designated for their region, and the window runs till 15 October 2026.

150. **B** **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through MY Bharat** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, through MY Bharat.

151. **B** **CHF 45 million** – President Guy Parmelin announced this further allocation during his bilateral meeting with Dr Jitendra Singh in New Delhi and said Switzerland expects a corresponding commitment from India so that the joint research framework can be consolidated.

152. **A** **President of the Swiss Confederation** – Guy Parmelin held bilateral talks with Dr Jitendra Singh, the Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, on taking the science and technology partnership into a longer-term phase.

153. **B** **2003** – The formal foundation of India-Switzerland cooperation in science and technology was laid by the Inter-Governmental Agreement signed in that year, and President Parmelin recalled it while describing how steadily the partnership has grown since.

154. **C** **29th** – The Government has appointed Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, PVSM, AVSM, VM, VSM, as the twenty-ninth officer to head the Indian Air Force, and he takes charge in the rank of Air Chief Marshal from the afternoon of 31 October 2026.

155. **A** **Vice Chief of the Air Staff** – That was the appointment Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit held when the Government named him the next Chief of the Air Staff in the rank of Air Chief Marshal.

156. **D** **Param Vishisht Seva Medal** – The correct answer is Param Vishisht Seva Medal, the highest of the four distinguished service decorations he holds and the one conferred on him in 2026 in recognition of exemplary service.

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157. **B** **The Secretary, Department of Financial Services** – The correct answer is the Secretary, Department of Financial Services, Sanjay Lohiya, who took the review in New Delhi with the heads of all public sector banks and the Executive Directors of major private sector banks, assisted by senior officers of his depa...

158. **B** **21 October to 31 December 2026** – The Secretary of the Department of Financial Services urged banks to take part wholeheartedly in the saturation drive running between those two dates and to give greater thrust to serving the weaker sections of society and meeting their banking needs.

159. **C** **Jan Suraksha portal** – Banks were directed to route every new enrolment under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana and the Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana through it, because the portal is being linked with all banks and insurers, which should improve the quality of data...

160. **D** **2024-25** – The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation began a monthly compilation of the Index of Services Production for the formal sector on a trial basis in July 2026, and that is the base year it adopted for the exercise.

161. **B** **19** – The initial framework of the index follows nineteen broad service sub-sectors, relying on high-frequency administrative data sources together with data on outward supplies filed under the goods and services tax, which between them account for close to sixty p...

162. **C** **Education, human health and residential care, and public administration and defence** – The correct answer is education, human health and residential care, and public administration and defence.

163. **B** **SWAGAT** – The Cabinet resolution recalls that through this system the then Chief Minister personally heard the grievances of citizens, and that it won the United Nations Public Service Award in 2010.

164. **C** **25 years** – The resolution marks a quarter century of unbroken leadership as head of government, a stretch that covers his terms in Gujarat and then at the Centre, and it recalls three decisive mandates in the state along with support in three successive general election...

165. **D** **2025** – In its section on decisive leadership the resolution names three actions in sequence, and Operation Sindoor is placed in that year.

166. **B** **Gwalior** – The zone is coming up at the Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Counter Magnet City, known as SADA, inside Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh, and the state government has given about 170 acres of land free of cost for it.

167. **A** **Rs 493 crore** – The Government of India is bearing the entire cost of building infrastructure in the first phase of the zone, and that figure is a full grant rather than a loan or a shared contribution.

168. **B** **State 51 per cent, Department of Telecommunications 49 per cent** – The correct answer is state 51 per cent, Department of Telecommunications 49 per cent.

169. **A** **Mt Kanchenjunga and Mt Nanda Devi** – Mt Kamet stands in the Chamoli district of Uttarakhand and is the third-highest mountain within India, which places exactly those two peaks above it.

170. **B** **Lieutenant Colonel Chirag Chatterjee** – He headed the party of 35 climbers, of whom 25 belonged to the Indian Army and 10 to the Argentine Army, and the group was flagged off from the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi on 21 August 2026.

171. **C** **The third** – The two armies first climbed together on Mt Aconcagua at 6,962 metres in Mendoza, Argentina, in January 2025, then on Mt Kun at 7,077 metres in the Suru valley of Ladakh in August 2025, and the Uttarakhand outing of this year was therefore the third in the se...

172. **C** **12th** – The exercise is being held off the Paradip coast of Odisha and is inaugurated by the Minister of State for Defence, with the search and rescue demonstration at sea following a day later.

173. **A** **32 observers from 30 countries** – The number of observers is slightly larger than the number of countries because some nations have sent more than one representative, and the Ministry of Defence

treats this international presence as a highlight of the drill, since it points to shared rescue p...

174. **B** **Bhubaneswar** – The board meeting is convened by the Indian Coast Guard under the chairmanship of its Director General, Paramesh Sivamani, and takes up national preparedness for rescue at sea, the management of distress alerts and faster movement of rescue assets through tec...

175. **C** **5,000** – At that count the portal carries the achiever in a dedicated Digital Hall of Fame, showing the name, the MY Bharat identity number, a photograph and a short profile taken from the public profile.

176. **A** **The Golden Road** – The correct answer is The Golden Road, whose full title runs The Golden Road: How Ancient India Transformed the World.

177. **B** **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, which runs the mechanism through Mera Yuva Bharat, its platform for engaging young people.

178. **C** **A++** – The correct answer is A++, which is the highest grade the National Assessment and Accreditation Council awards.

179. **C** **Rs 500 crore** – The mission is meant to preserve and document India's manuscript heritage and to bring it within reach of readers in the country and abroad, and the Vice-President cited it while asking teachers and students to seek out unpublished Sanskrit manuscripts, prese...

180. **B** **Lal Bahadur Shastri** – The correct answer is Lal Bahadur Shastri, the former Prime Minister after whom the university is named.

181. **B** **Antalya, Türkiye** – A Pre-COP is the preparatory round held a few weeks ahead of the annual UN Climate Change Conference, and the release makes clear that this year the conference itself moves to Antalya in Türkiye in the month of November.

182. **C** **Australia, Fiji and Tuvalu** – The Pre-COP31 meeting was co-hosted by these three countries, and India attended it as a participating Party with a delegation of its own.

183. **A** **The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change** – The correct answer is the Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav, who headed India at the Pre-COP31 meeting in Fiji and addressed the plenary discussion on the priorities for COP31.

184. **B** **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** – MeitY brought out the National Strategy for Additive Manufacturing in February 2022 as the guiding policy framework for 3D printing in India, keeping it aligned with Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

185. **B** **5 per cent** – The national strategy sets a time-bound goal of capturing a twentieth of the world additive manufacturing market and of adding close to one billion US dollars to India's gross domestic product.

186. **C** **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research** – ESTIC is India's Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave, and its second edition is organised by CSIR on the theme 'Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies'.

187. **A** **Odisha** – Balasore is a city in Odisha, and the drive test was conducted in the Odisha licensed service area, with the exercise supervised by TRAI's regional office at Hyderabad.

188. **C** **Reliance Jio** – The correct answer is Reliance Jio, whose average download speed on the tested route was 239.24 Mbps on its 5G and 4G networks, the highest of the four operators.

189. **A** **Ministry of Communications** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Communications, under which the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India functions and which issued the release on the Balasore drive test.

190. **C** **Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam** – The Fleet Support Ships are under construction at HSL in Visakhapatnam, and FSS-1, the first of the class, was launched there on 6 October 2026 with Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh as chief guest.

191. **C** **Over 82 per cent** – The Ministry of Defence states that the Fleet Support Ships are indigenously designed and built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, with indigenous content above 82 per cent, which it reads as a mark of close cooperation between the Navy, the shipya...

192. **B** **Replenishment of fleet ships while they are at sea** – The correct answer is replenishment of fleet ships while they are at sea.

193. **B** **Arusha, Tanzania** – The Rajya Sabha Secretariat records that the Indian Parliamentary Delegation continued its participation in the 153rd IPU Assembly at Arusha in Tanzania, and that the second day of the Assembly was 6 October 2026.

194. **C** **Harivansh, Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha** – He heads the delegation and, on the floor of the Assembly, used the Right of Reply to answer uncalled-for remarks made by Pakistan on Kashmir, stating that Kashmir is an integral and inalienable part of India and that Pakistan has no locus standi in India's i...

195. **C** **Dr Sasmit Patra** – The correct answer is Dr Sasmit Patra, a member of the Rajya Sabha.

196. **B** **The Minister of Commerce and Industry, Piyush Goyal** – The release from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry records that he held a series of meetings with senior leaders of leading United States companies in New York during the week, to discuss ways of strengthening India-United States trade and to invite those...

197. **C** **AIA Group** – The Minister met its Non-Executive Chairman, Mark Tucker, and the discussion turned on the group's engagement in India and the openings in the insurance and financial services sectors, expressly in the context of India's vision of Insurance for All by 2047.

198. **A** **Artificial intelligence, cloud infrastructure and quantum computing** – The release says that in the meeting with IBM Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Arvind Krishna, the discussion focused on strengthening the company's engagement in India and expanding collaboration in these emerging technologies.

199. **B** **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, usually shortened to MoSPI.

200. **A** **The United Nations Statistical Commission** – The release states plainly that MoSPI has been following the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting, which that commission has endorsed, and that the ministry took up work on various aspects of environment accounts from 2018.

201. **A** **Material Flow Accounts** – The earlier roadmap, issued by the National Statistical Office under MoSPI, picked out Material Flow Accounts, Ocean Accounts, Energy Accounts and thematic accounts for biodiversity and urban areas as the areas to work on in that period.

202. **B** **From 17 September to 2 October 2026** – The Ministry of Textiles says it took part in the campaign over exactly these dates, with its organisations, institutions and field formations joining in, and that the drive culminated on the closing date, which is observed as Swachh Bharat Diwas and as the b...

203. **C** **Secretary (Textiles), Smt Neelam Shami Rao** – The release records that the final plantation activity took place at NIFT Delhi on Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti and was led by her, with senior officials of the ministry joining, under the Shramdaan call Ek Din, Ek Ghanta, Ek Saath.

204. **A** **Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam** – Environmental sustainability formed an important part of the drive, and tree plantation was carried out under this initiative, with the concluding plantation at NIFT Delhi on Mahatma Gandhi Jayanti.

205. **B** **Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland** – These are the four member states of the European Free Trade Association, and leaders of all four were in New Delhi to mark the first year of the agreement with India.

206. **C** **1 October 2025** – That is the day the partnership agreement between India and the four EFTA states entered into force, which is why leaders from all the member countries gathered in the Indian capital in early October to mark its completion of one year and to discuss the road…

207. **B** **50 billion US dollars** – The article in question asks the EFTA states to aim at increasing foreign direct investment from their investors into India by that amount within ten years of the pact starting, and then by a further fifty billion dollars during the five years that follow.

208. **A** **Joint Squad for Health** – That is the expansion of the acronym used by the Union Health Ministry for the squads being launched at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, which bring Class-I Officers, MY Bharat Volunteers and NCC Cadets together for community work against tuberculosis.

209. **C** **55 districts in 11 States** – The first phase of the squads has been planned on that scale, with the work concentrated at the block, ward and community level so that information about tuberculosis reaches people where they live and work rather than staying inside health facilities.

210. **B** **Class-I Officers, MY Bharat Volunteers and NCC Cadets** – This combination is the heart of the design, because it joins administrative leadership with the youth reach of the MY Bharat platform of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and the cadet network of the Ministry of Defence.

211. **B** **Platinum** – Many clean-energy technologies, and hydrogen fuel cells in particular, depend on platinum to speed up the oxygen reduction reaction, and because it is one of the rarest and most expensive metals available, its cost and limited supply stand in the way of large…

212. **C** **120 hours** – Tests showed that even after that long a spell of continuous running, the material kept its performance and did not suffer the degradation or contamination that commonly affects catalysts built around metals.

213. **B** **S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Institute of Nano Science and Technology and SRM University, Amaravati** – The correct answer is S. N. Bose National Centre for Basic Sciences, Kolkata, the Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali, and SRM University, Amaravati.

214. **B** **Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, who holds the post of Chairman of the Board as well and therefore swore in the two new Members at the Ministry's office.

215. **B** **De-notified, nomadic and semi-nomadic communities** – The Board's very name is the Development and Welfare Board for De-notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Communities, and the oath taken by its Members includes a pledge to do right by every person belonging to these groups in line with the Board's Terms of Refer…

216. **B** **Three years from the date of joining, or until further orders** – The correct answer is three years from the date of joining, or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

217. **B** **Capacity Building Commission** – The Commission is running this nationwide series of four regional workshops to help turn civil service training institutions into capacity building institutions under the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building.

218. **C** **More than 700** – The Unified New-Age National Training Initiative portal brings that many training institutes on to a single digital platform, with the purpose of closing the gap between the demand for capacity building and what institutions can actually supply.

219. **B** **Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Chief Minister of Assam** – The correct answer is Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, the Chief Minister of Assam, who will open the workshop in Guwahati, where stakeholders from all eight States of the North Eastern region are gathering along with heads and faculty of government training institut…

220. **B** **Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances** – The correct answer is the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, which steers this campaign across the Union Government.

221. **B** **2 October to 31 October 2026** – The preparatory phase of the campaign closed on the last day of September, and the working phase was then taken up for the whole of October, which is why the Department of Science and Technology held a review of readiness with its autonomous institutions and...

222. **C** **E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022** – Offices taking part in the campaign were told to identify and separate the electronic waste generated during the drive and to dispose of it only through authorised recyclers, following these rules together with the applicable guidelines of the Ministry of Env...

223. **B** **Off Paradip** – The exercise was inaugurated by the Raksha Rajya Mantri on 7 October 2026 and the sea phase was set to be conducted off Paradip, on the Odisha coast, the next day.

224. **B** **4.6 million square kilometres** – At its twenty-fourth meeting the National Maritime Search and Rescue Board looked at how prepared the country is to run rescue operations across this whole stretch of ocean, and discussed technology integration, real-time information sharing, management of di...

225. **B** **LEOSAR to GEOSAR to MEOSAR** – India began with Low Earth Orbit Search and Rescue, moved on to Geostationary Search and Rescue, and is now progressing towards Medium Earth Orbit Search and Rescue.

226. **A** **Crops Research Institute (CSIR-CRI), Accra** – It signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, covering joint agricultural research, scientific and technological exchange, capacity building and the application and commercialisation of farm technologies,...

227. **B** **Five years** – The understanding between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Crops Research Institute of Ghana provides a framework of this duration for joint agricultural research, exchange of science and technology, capacity building, and the application a...

228. **A** **A Joint Working Group of the two institutes** – It will be made up of representatives of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research and the Crops Research Institute, will review the progress of cooperation and will guide implementation, meeting periodically in New Delhi and in Accra.

229. **B** **iDEX, TDF, Make and other MoD developmental projects** – The correct answer is iDEX, TDF, Make and other developmental projects of the Ministry of Defence.

230. **A** **A Conciliation Agreement Clause** – The earlier procedure routed disagreements into arbitration, and the revised version replaces that with a simpler, industry-friendly conciliation clause so that problems faced by domestic manufacturers are settled faster, which the Ministry links to ease of d...

231. **B** **Three days per quarter** – The revised procedure keeps this slot free at proof ranges for proof firing of developmental projects sponsored by the Government, including those under iDEX, the Technology Development Fund and the Make route along with other ministry projects, and also for...

232. **B** **44 per cent** – The Secretary in the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting gave this figure while addressing the fifth meeting of the Live Events Development Cell, adding that around thirty-four thousand events were held across the country and that the sector now supports...

233. **A** **India Cine Hub portal** – The meeting reviewed how the single window clearances facility for the live event industry on this platform is being implemented, and States and Union Territories were asked to designate Nodal Officers, nominate authorised officers from departments, integrate...

234. **B** **The Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2000** – Notifying entertainment precincts under these rules was taken up as one of the next-generation reforms, along with a single national music

licence carrying notified tariffs to replace overlapping demands from multiple rights societies, and relaxation of the c...

235. **B** **123 cities** – The Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution said more than two lakh quintals of buffer onion had been disposed of so far, moved by eight Kanda Express rail consignments and four hundred and sixty-seven trucks, and that additional rail rakes...

236. **B** **Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Rajasthan** – These were named as the major producing States from which fresh kharif onion had started reaching markets, while availability from stored stocks continued to meet demand in the meantime, and arrivals were expected to rise further in the following weeks.

237. **B** **Kanda Express** – Eight such rail movements, together with four hundred and sixty-seven trucks, were used to carry more than two lakh quintals of buffer onion to one hundred and twenty-three cities, and further rail rakes were being planned so that bigger quantities could reac...

238. **B** **Dhokra metal casting** – It is a lost-wax casting tradition whose history in the country runs back more than four thousand years, and several works in the collection show its range, among them an Elephant Head Nandi, a Standing Nandi and a bust of a Madia-Madin tribal couple.

239. **A** **Namami Gange Project** – The auction of the mementos is live, has been extended to the end of October, and whatever it earns goes to that project, with bids placed online through the official memento e-auction portal.

240. **A** **A woodcut panel on the Mahtari Vandan Yojana** – The collection places this piece alongside a memento marking the silver jubilee, or Rajat Jayanti, of the State legislative assembly and models representing institutions in the new capital area, so that the State’s present sits next to its older traditions.

241. **B** **London** – The fourth round of the India-UK Financial Markets Dialogue took place in London on 29 September 2026, and the joint statement adopted after it was put out on 7 October 2026.

242. **C** **15 July 2026** – The joint statement records that the two sides reflected on a strengthened relationship, particularly in the light of the launch of Vision 2035, and underlined the importance of driving the implementation of the UK-India Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agree...

243. **A** **G20** – India and the United Kingdom reaffirmed their support for the G20 Roadmap for Enhancing Cross-Border Payments, and went on to discuss practical ways of cutting frictions, improving transparency and making cross-border payments more efficient in line with that...

244. **B** **Observer Research Foundation** – The dialogue is a thought leadership conference put together by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways together with the Observer Research Foundation, and its third edition is being held in New Delhi.

245. **B** **The second largest** – In his message the Prime Minister said that Indian seafarers now form the second largest maritime workforce in the world, and that young Indians are earning respect across the oceans.

246. **A** **Lothal** – The Prime Minister traced India's relationship with the sea from the ancient port city of Lothal to the Chola dynasty and then to the naval vision of the Maratha ruler Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, recalling that Indian sailors and traders carried goods, ideas...

247. **B** **2001** – The milestone of 25 continuous years as Head of Government, reached on 7 October 2026, is counted from the day in 2001 when Narendra Modi first assumed office as Chief Minister of Gujarat.

248. **B** **Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger** – The President of Nigeria recalled the State Visit to Abuja in November 2024, when his country conferred that title on the Indian Prime Minister, and said the visit gave fresh impetus to cooperation in trade and investment, energy, defence and security, health...

249. **B** **Sanae Takaichi, Japan** – The messages on the milestone came from leaders across continents, and the Prime Minister of Japan is named as Sanae Takaichi.

250. **B** **Rs 70,125 crore** – Under PMGSY-IV, with this outlay, about 62,500 km of all-weather roads are targeted so that 25,000 eligible unconnected habitations receive connectivity.

251. **B** **25,000** – The current phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana is designed to provide connectivity to 25,000 eligible unconnected habitations, and to do so it targets roughly 62,500 km of all-weather roads with an outlay of Rs 70,125 crore.

252. **B** **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** – The correct answer is Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Union Minister of Rural Development and of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

253. **B** **Indian Institute of Creative Technologies** – The Create with AI programme was announced in November 2025 by IICT together with YouTube, to support creative projects built with artificial intelligence and to strengthen India's capability in emerging technologies, and the first four AI-enabled short films...

254. **A** **Battle of Colachel, 1741** – Chekavar, made by Avium Studios, is a fictional cinematic story set against that historic battle, and it draws inspiration from the land, the people, the courage and the martial traditions of the era.

255. **C** **20 per cent** – The Gen Media India report prepared by Public First and Google found that generative media tools offer a productivity boost of that order for creative workers in India, which translates into roughly 390 hours saved every year, or close to ten full weeks given...

256. **C** **More than 15.96 crore** – At the regional review of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, the Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation said that rural drinking water access has been transformed, with more than 15.96 crore rural households now holding tap water connections.

257. **A** **IIM Bangalore** – The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation of the Ministry of Jal Shakti organised the regional review meeting at the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, where Professor Gopal Naik, who holds the JJM Professor Chair at that institute, also presente...

258. **B** **Pipeline leakages and breakages** – Drawing on the findings of the Jal Seva Adhayan, the Secretary told the meeting that leakages and breakages in pipelines continue to be the single largest cause of disruption in rural water supply, and that power cuts and low-voltage problems come next.

259. **A** **NCAHP Act, 2021** – The Commission notified both the Registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations and the Autonomous Boards and Central Assessment Committee Regulations under the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021, which is the...

260. **B** **10 to 30 members, including a President** – The regulations create a Central Assessment Committee for States and Union Territories where no functional State Allied and Healthcare Council exists.

261. **C** **2027-28** – The Commission notified the competency-based curriculum for the Diploma in Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology on 30 September 2026 under One Nation One Curriculum, and institutions that run the course or intend to run it must adopt the curriculum mandat...

262. **A** **Department of Financial Services** – It is the department of the Finance Ministry that deals with banks, insurance and the financial inclusion schemes, and it is the body that issued the directions to convenors of State Level Bankers Committees and their Union Territory counterparts after the Na...

263. **A** **Article 338(5)(c)** – The Commission told the Department of Financial Services that the absence of Scheduled Caste beneficiary figures in bankers committee reports was hindering the constitutional mandate this clause gives it, namely to evaluate the progress of socio-economic deve...

264. **B** **9 October 2026** – The directions ask convenors of State Level Bankers Committees and Union Territory Level Bankers Committees to share the Scheduled Caste beneficiary information with the Commission regularly and to send an action-taken report to the Department of Financial Se...

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265. **B** **Seva Teerth** – The Prime Minister held the interaction with Board members of the Global System for Mobile Communications Association at Seva Teerth, ahead of India Mobile Congress.

266. **C** **10th** – The interaction with the GSMA Board came as India prepared to host the tenth edition of India Mobile Congress in New Delhi, an event that gathers global technology and telecom leaders.

267. **A** **Jyotiraditya Scindia** – The correct answer is Jyotiraditya Scindia, the Union Minister for Communications and Development of the North Eastern Region, who attended the interaction along with the Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, Dr Pemmasani Chandra Sekhar,...

268. **B** **Competition Commission of India** – It is the statutory authority that examines proposed combinations, meaning mergers, amalgamations and acquisitions above the prescribed thresholds, to see whether they would cause an appreciable adverse effect on competition in India, and it cleared this inte...

269. **C** **58.47 per cent** – JSW Projects Limited, an unlisted company of the JSW Group based in Mumbai, holds that share of the equity in BMM Ispat Limited at present, and the proposed combination is meant to convert this majority interest into full ownership by amalgamating BMM into JS...

270. **A** **VINCI S.A.** – The correct answer is VINCI S.A. The acquirer is a company incorporated under the laws of France and is ultimately controlled by VINCI S.A. through VINCI Highways and VINCI Concessions.

271. **C** **Three** – The Ministry of Communications stated that telecom licences have been granted to three Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite operators whose services rest on non-geosynchronous satellite orbits, and that all three are at broadly the same regulator...

272. **B** **Demonstrate compliance with the security conditions of its licence** – The correct answer is demonstrate compliance with the security conditions of its licence.

273. **B** **Non-geosynchronous satellite orbit** – The Ministry of Communications said the telecom licences for Global Mobile Personal Communication by Satellite services were granted for satellite communications based on non-geosynchronous satellite orbit.

274. **B** **43 per cent** – The assessment of the Ayush services sector puts the share of women in the sector's total workforce at 43 per cent, and notes that the share rises past half in several organised segments.

275. **C** **Standalone clinics** – They remain the biggest revenue-generating segment of the Ayush services sector, bringing in an estimated US$16.21 billion, which works out to 43.9 per cent of the sector's revenue.

276. **B** **RIS** – The Ayush Service Sector Report is a study by RIS and was brought out on Ayurveda Day 2026.

277. **A** **Fiji** – The Pre-COP31 meeting was convened in Nadi, Fiji, and it was there that Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav addressed the Plenary Discussion on Political Landing Zones and Outcomes and asked the Parties for greater flexib...

278. **B** **Antalya, Turkiye** – The annual UN Climate Change Conference, COP31, is to be held in Antalya in November, and the Pre-COP held weeks earlier was the preparatory meeting leading up to it.

279. **A** **Article 9.1 and Article 6** – India welcomed the inclusion of Article 9.1 on the provisional agenda, describing it as a vital formal opportunity to address the matching of finance to what countries actually need.

280. **B** **National Small Industries Corporation** – The National SC-ST Hub was launched on 18 October 2016 and is implemented through NSIC, which also runs the Single Point Registration Scheme that gives registered micro and small enterprises free tender sets and exemption from Earnest Money Deposit.

281. **D** **Rs 4,013.42 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 4,013.42 crore, procured in 2025-26 from 12,524 micro and small enterprises.

282. **B** **4 per cent** – Central Ministries, Departments and Central Public Sector Enterprises are required to procure 25 per cent of their annual purchases from micro and small enterprises, and within that requirement 4 per cent of total procurement is earmarked for enterprises owne...

283. **A** **Hindi and Marathi** – The condolence message on the veteran actor's passing described his contribution to Hindi and Marathi cinema as immense, and it is this pairing that identifies his body of work.

284. **A** **Nana Patekar** – The Prime Minister's Office issued a condolence message on 8 October 2026 on the passing of the veteran actor, whose work in Hindi and Marathi cinema was called immense.

285. **D** **A long career as a film producer abroad** – The correct answer is a long career as a film producer abroad, which finds no place in the tribute.

286. **C** **10th edition** – The India Mobile Congress completed ten years with this edition, which the Prime Minister opened at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi on 8 October 2026, and he described the tenth anniversary of the platform as running in parallel with the hosting of a GSMA Board meet...

287. **B** **Yashobhoomi, New Delhi** – The tenth edition of the India Mobile Congress was inaugurated there by the Prime Minister, before an audience of telecom operators, industry leaders, academics and startups from India and abroad.

288. **A** **Scale Without Boundaries** – The Prime Minister took up the theme directly and told delegates that India's own experience shows what scaling without limits means in practice, citing 5G reaching every district from over 5.5 lakh base stations and the spread of affordable data and devices.

289. **A** **Joint Squad for Health** – The Union Health Minister launched the JOSH Teams at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, and the squads are to work at district and block level under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, carrying information on prevention, testing and treatment into households.

290. **B** **Five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets led by a Class-I officer** – The correct answer is five MY Bharat volunteers and five NCC cadets led by a Class-I officer.

291. **C** **21 per cent** – Quoting the latest World Health Organization report, the Union Health Minister said tuberculosis incidence in India has come down by twenty-one per cent, which is well ahead of the global decline.

292. **B** **The Union Jal Shakti Minister** – The correct answer is the Union Jal Shakti Minister, C. R. Paatil, who presided over the meeting in New Delhi.

293. **B** **527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees** – The correct answer is 527 projects worth 43,266 crore rupees, the position as of August 2026, with 368 projects already completed.

294. **A** **Pilibhit, Uttar Pradesh** – The correct answer is Pilibhit in Uttar Pradesh, the source area of the Gomti whose master plan for rejuvenation and integrated development was approved at the 68th Executive Committee meeting of the National Mission for Clean Ganga held in December 2025.

295. **A** **Screening school children for probable disability conditions** – PRASHAST is a school-based digital tool under the Department of School Education and Literacy that helps identify children with conditions covered by the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, and it works through a checklist in two parts, with the teacher...

296. **C** **More than 60,000** – The correct answer is more than 60,000 schools, with participation expected to grow further during the month.

297. **B** **The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016** – The conditions listed in that law define the scope of the PRASHAST checklist, which is how a classroom observation becomes a formal referral for assessment.

298. **B** **Manila, the Philippines** – The correct answer is Manila, the Philippines, where India was represented by the Minister of State for Power and New and Renewable Energy, Shripad Yesso Naik.

299. **C** **558.8 GW** – Of this total, the Minister said 308 GW comes from non-fossil sources, which works out to fifty-five per cent of installed capacity, a share that matters because it is the headline measure of the energy transition.

300. **C** **2,000 MW** – India and Singapore are exploring options for a link of that capacity, and one option on the table is a land-based transmission corridor of roughly three thousand kilometres from Imphal in India to Singapore, passing through Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia.

301. **B** **Arusha, Tanzania** – The correct answer is Arusha in Tanzania, where the Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha took part in the General Debate and in several committee meetings.

302. **C** **Nepal** – The correct answer is Nepal, which proposed the item on urgent parliamentary action to address climate-related disasters and strengthen resilience in the Himalayan region and other vulnerable regions.

303. **B** **Anda Filip** – The correct answer is Anda Filip, who was elected Secretary General of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at the 152nd Assembly held in Istanbul, Türkiye, and is the first woman to hold the post in the organisation's 137-year history.

304. **B** **Paradip, Odisha** – The Indian Coast Guard conducted the 12th edition of the National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise in the sea off Paradip on 8 October 2026, and the Paradip Port Authority along with the Odisha state administration took part in it.

305. **B** **Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety** – The correct answer is Leveraging Technology to Strengthen SAR Preparedness and Maritime Safety.

306. **B** **32 observers from 30 countries** – Their presence at the exercise off Paradip was treated as a notable step towards stronger cooperation between nations on rescue at sea, because it allowed an exchange of working practices, improved the ability of different forces to operate together, and unde…

307. **B** **59.20 GW** – Speaking at the inauguration of Windergy India 2026 in Chennai, the Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy put installed wind capacity at that level as on 30 September 2026, and said the country is firmly placed to cross 100 GW of wind capacity by 2030.

308. **A** **Chennai** – The 8th edition of the global wind energy conference opened there on 8 October 2026 and ran from 7 to 9 October, and the choice of city fits the role Tamil Nadu plays in wind generation; the state Minister for Energy Resources and Law, C. T. R. Nirmal Kumar,…

309. **A** **Denmark, Germany and Spain** – These were the three countries with dedicated pavilions at the Chennai event, which also brought together about 400 exhibitors representing more than 20 countries and 500 delegates.

310. **B** **USD 863 billion last year, USD 1 trillion target** – The correct answer is USD 863 billion last year and a USD 1 trillion target.

311. **B** **Visakhapatnam, on 12 and 13 November** – The curtain raiser for the summit was held in New Delhi on 8 October 2026, which makes option C a tempting distractor, but the capital hosted only the preview and not the summit itself.

312. **C** **USD 30 trillion** – The Minister said the economy, which is around USD 4 trillion at present, has the potential to grow to that size by 2047, the hundredth year of independence and the year set for the goal of a developed India.

313. **C** **Thiruvarutchelvar** – The archive did not hold this title in any format before the donation, so the print fills a real gap in the national collection, and the donor gave it priority once she learnt of the gap.

314. **A** **Pune** – The three donated Tamil prints were handed over to the NFDC-National Film Archive of India in that city, and the Film and Television Institute of India, where the donor works as a Film Research Officer, is based there as well.

315. **B** **A. P. Nagarajan** – All three donated prints, of Thiruvarutchelvar, Thillana Mohanambal and Thiruvilayadal, were directed by him and starred Sivaji Ganesan, which is why the set is treated as a single significant addition to the national collection rather than three unconnected...

316. **C** **Reliance Jio** – The correct answer is Reliance Jio, which averaged 271.44 Mbps on download in the Fazilka drive test.

317. **C** **184.6 km** – Along with the city drive, the appointed agency carried out a walk test of 1.9 km and tested six hotspot locations across Fazilka city and the areas adjoining it, all between 5 and 7 August 2026.

318. **B** **Airtel and Reliance Jio** – Airtel dropped none of the 279 calls it successfully set up and Jio dropped none of its 278, while BSNL recorded three drops out of 281 calls and Vodafone Idea three out of 248, which rules out options A, C and D. On the related measure of coverage gap, count...

319. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – That is the implementation period announced by the government for the sixth edition of the special campaign, under which departments clear pendency, manage records and dispose of electronic waste.

320. **B** **Rs 39,33,055** – The figure came from the disposal of electronic waste together with non-electronic scrap, and it sits alongside a set of other targets fixed in the preparatory phase: the review of 18,741 electronic files and 7,773 physical files, cleanliness and space-cleari...

321. **B** **2 October 2026** – The department marked Swachh Bharat Diwas on that day with an e-waste disposal drive led by the Secretary at its headquarters in the CGO Complex in Delhi, where officers were urged to identify and dispose of obsolete items and unserviceable material both at w...

322. **A** **Air Force Station Hindan, Ghaziabad** – The force completed 94 years of service on 8 October 2026 and held its ceremonial Air Force Day parade at Hindan, where the Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal AP Singh, reviewed the parade in the presence of the Army and Navy chiefs, former air chiefs...

323. **B** **Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise** – The correct answer is Indian Air Force: Infallible, Impervious and Precise, rendered in Hindi as achook, abhedya and sateek.

324. **C** **18 Squadron 'Flying Bullets'** – The correct answer is 18 Squadron 'Flying Bullets', which was not among the units honoured.

325. **B** **World Bank Group** – The correct answer is the World Bank Group, which brings out the World Development Report every year; the latest edition carries the subtitle "The Promise of Artificial Intelligence" and was launched in India by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

326. **A** **Adoption, adaptation and advancement** – The report examines the opportunities and risks AI brings to developing economies and offers this sequence as the framework through which such countries can turn the technology into development gains.

327. **C** **Michael Kremer, Chief Economist, World Bank Group** – The correct answer is Michael Kremer, Chief Economist and Senior Vice President of the World Bank Group, who used the lecture to argue that India’s progress in AI carries lessons for the wider developing world.

328. **B** **About Rs 19,700 crore** – The document brought out by the National Highways Authority of India records that this amount has gone into wildlife mitigation infrastructure and related environmental protection measures across National Highway projects over the past five years.

329. **B** **Nitin Gadkari, at a Chintan Shivir in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat** – The correct answer is Nitin Gadkari, at a Chintan Shivir in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.

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330. **C** **Viaducts** – The correct answer is viaducts, which take about Rs 8,300 crore, the biggest single item in the structural break-up.

331. **D** **67 days** – The rules, notified by the Department of Telecommunications under the Telecommunications Act, 2023, came into effect on 1 January 2025 and set up a uniform and transparent framework for laying telecom infrastructure, with rationalised charges and time-bound p...

332. **B** **25,367** – The correct answer is 25,367 mobile towers, covering 35,771 villages and locations across the country.

333. **C** **Samriddh Gram Phygital Services Initiative** – The correct answer is the Samriddh Gram Phygital Services Initiative, an integrated service delivery model that turns rural broadband into usable services.

334. **A** **Rowriah, Jorhat, Assam** – The Central Silk Board's Silkworm Seed Production Centre there received a newly constructed grainage building and cold storage facility, inaugurated by the Union Minister of State for Textiles under the North-East Region Textile Promotion Scheme.

335. **D** **84 per cent** – The correct answer is about 84 per cent, which works out to 73 metric tonnes of Muga silk.

336. **C** **About 29.50 lakh persons** – The minister cited this estimate to show how much livelihood depends on the sector, which is the reason seed quality and modern infrastructure matter well beyond the rearing shed.

337. **B** **About USD 9 billion** – The minister described this as the current size of the space economy and said it could reach USD 45 to 46 billion over the next 8 to 10 years if the present momentum continues, crediting the expansion to the opening of the sector and the entry of a wider set...

338. **C** **100 GW by 2047** – The minister referred to this target together with the opening of the nuclear sector to private participation, and described nuclear power as an important clean-energy source for future requirements, among them the demand created by artificial intelligence an...

339. **D** **National Supercomputing Mission** – The correct answer is the National Supercomputing Mission, which the minister did not name in this address.

340. **C** **Rs 5 crore** – Among the decriminalisation measures taken at the 57th meeting of the GST Council, the money threshold at which a prosecution may be launched was lifted to five crore rupees, so that criminal proceedings are reserved for large cases of fraud and evasion rathe...

341. **A** **Section 69** – The Council recommended the complete withdrawal of arrest powers under the goods and services tax by deleting this section from the CGST Act, 2017, a step presented as part of a trust-based tax system that still keeps deterrence against fraud.

342. **B** **Rs 10,000** – The Council recommended cutting the ceiling on the general penalty under section 125 of the CGST Act from 25,000 rupees to 10,000 rupees.

343. **B** **Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan** – The correct answer is Atal Akshay Urja Bhawan, the New Delhi building that houses the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy and the venue where the ministry marked World Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Day.

344. **C** **Rs 19,744 crore** – The National Green Hydrogen Mission was approved in January 2023 with this outlay, and the money is spread across production of the gas, the manufacture of equipment, pilot projects, research and training.

345. **A** **India's Hydrogen Standards: Gap Assessment and Preliminary Action Framework** – The correct answer is India's Hydrogen Standards: Gap Assessment and Preliminary Action Framework.

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346. **C** **30 per cent of the Maximum Retail Price** – The Government has approved a ceiling on the margins charged while non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines move through the supply chain to the patient, and that ceiling is fixed at 30 per cent of the MRP.

347. **C** **Rs 2,500 crore** – The Department of Pharmaceuticals expects the cap on margins for non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines to save patients about Rs 2,500 crore every year, mainly by reducing what they spend from their own pockets on treatment.

348. **B** **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** – Two bodies have distinct roles here, and the question turns on telling them apart.

349. **C** **Third** – Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium 2026, organised by the Bharat 6G Alliance at Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, in New Delhi, with sessions running from...

350. **C** **Nine** – The Bharat 6G Alliance released nine Working Group white papers, reflecting the technical contributions of its industry, academic and research members.

351. **C** **Seventeen** – Before the symposium the Bharat 6G Alliance already held ten global and two domestic collaborations, and at the inaugural ceremony it exchanged five more Memoranda of Understanding, with GSMA, the one6G Association, GTI Alliance Ltd, the 6G Industry Forum and...

352. **B** **Rs 9.68 crore** – The National Biodiversity Authority received that amount from users of India biological resources in the half year from 1 April 2026 to 30 September 2026, under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023, read with the Access and Benefit Sharing R...

353. **C** **Agriculture and seeds** – The agri-seed sector accounted for the largest share of the receipts at Rs 7.16 crore, well ahead of every other category.

354. **C** **The Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023** – The correct answer is the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, as amended in 2023.

355. **C** **Patna** – The correct answer is Patna, the capital of Bihar, where the National Human Rights Commission held and concluded its two-day open hearing and camp sitting for the State.

356. **D** **Justice V. Ramasubramanian** – The correct answer is Justice V. Ramasubramanian, the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission, who led the two-day Bihar open hearing and camp sitting at Patna and heard the bonded labour matters on the second day himself.

357. **B** **Rs 5 lakh** – In the case concerning the rape and murder of a ten-year-old girl in the Maner area of Patna district, the Commission recommended payment of Rs 5 lakh as relief to the next of kin of the victim.

358. **B** **Bastar, Chhattisgarh** – The correct answer is Bastar in Chhattisgarh, where the Ministry of Cooperation is holding its 9th National Review Workshop on 8 and 9 October 2026.

359. **B** **NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL** – The correct answer is NCEL, NCOL and BBSSL, that is National Cooperative Exports Limited, National Cooperative Organics Limited and Bharatiya Beej Sahakari Samiti Limited.

360. **B** **Financial assistance to institutions that are not cooperatives but promote cooperative development** – The correct answer is financial assistance to institutions that are not cooperatives themselves but promote cooperative development.

361. **B** **7 October** – The United Nations General Assembly set aside this date as World Cotton Day through resolution 75/318, and the observance draws attention to the place of cotton in economic development, in international trade and in the fight against poverty, particularly in...

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362. **C** **Resolution 75/318** – It is by this resolution that the United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 7 October as World Cotton Day, giving the observance its formal standing in the United Nations calendar and tying it to the role of the crop in trade, in development and in reducing…

363. **A** **Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni** – The correct answer is Ambassador Harish Parvathaneni, India's Permanent Representative to the United Nations, who opened the event, recalled Mahatma Gandhi's linking of cotton and the spinning wheel with self-reliance and the freedom struggle, and set out fou…

364. **B** **Singapore** – The city state is India's largest source of foreign direct investment, with cumulative inflows of roughly USD 194.68 billion between April 2000 and March 2026, and its institutional investors, among them GIC and Temasek, hold significant positions across the…

365. **C** **USD 194.68 billion** – That is the cumulative figure for foreign direct investment flowing from Singapore into India over the period from April 2000 to March 2026, and it is the number behind the description of Singapore as India's single largest source of such investment.

366. **C** **Tharman Shanmugaratnam** – During her official visit the Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs is to call on him as part of a set of high level engagements with the country's leadership.

367. **C** **About 36%** – The Ministry of Coal said that daily supplies of coal to the power sector have climbed roughly 36% from the low point reached in September, and that the October average is around 9% higher than the September average.

368. **C** **470 rakes a day** – Rail loading of coal has averaged more than 465 rakes a day during October, and the ministry noted that the 470-rake target was met on three days running, which it treated as a sign that logistics had strengthened alongside production.

369. **B** **0.116 MT a day** – The Ministry of Coal reported that the rate at which coal stocks at power stations were being drawn down slowed sharply, with the daily drawdown dropping by more than half from 0.243 MT a day in September to 0.116 MT a day in October.

370. **A** **ASEAN Secretariat, Jakarta, Indonesia** – ASEAN hosted the 15th Joint Committee of the ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement there from 6 to 9 October 2026, along with meetings of sub-committees, and the round was conducted in hybrid format.

371. **B** **Three of eight** – The Joint Committee has eight sub-committees, and three of them held hybrid meetings on the margins of the 15th round in Jakarta.

372. **B** **January 2027 in India** – At the close of the Jakarta round the two sides fixed the next Joint Committee sitting for January 2027, to be held in India and again in hybrid mode.

373. **A** **The Drugs Rules, 1945** – The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has proposed an amendment to these rules so that the requirement of prior Central Government sanction for advertising drugs listed in Schedule H, Schedule H1 and Schedule X extends to entities licensed to sell a…

374. **B** **G.S.R. 861(E) dated 28 September 2026** – The ministry notified the draft amendment through that notification after consulting the Drugs Technical Advisory Board, and it has invited objections and suggestions from stakeholders and from the public within thirty days of the date on which copies of the…

375. **C** **The 93rd meeting, held on 16 February 2026** – That sitting of the Drugs Technical Advisory Board took up the question of whether the rules needed an express provision covering advertisements issued by firms holding licences to sell and distribute medicines, and the draft amendment follows its recommendat…

376. **C** **2,129** – The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises stated that the Centre of Excellence for Khadi at NIFT, Delhi has developed that many Khadi design collections across multiple categories, as part of the effort to place Khadi in contemporary fashion and lif…

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377. **D** **About 80 per cent** – The ministry said that women make up roughly four fifths of the approximately half a million Khadi artisans, and that their participation has been especially strong in agarbatti, handmade paper, the Honey Mission and the service industries, giving them a rout…

378. **A** **Chittadurga in Karnataka and Kuttur in Kerala** – The ministry said the Central Sliver Plants of the Khadi and Village Industries Commission are being modernised and that these two have completed the work and become operational, with the Chittadurga plant meeting half of its energy requirement from solar pow…

379. **B** **Digital Health Resources: Redefining Access Through Libraries** – The National Medical Library, which functions under the Directorate General of Health Services in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, organised the one-day conference on this theme in New Delhi, drawing attention to the place of digital knowledge resou…

380. **C** **93 medical colleges** – Smt. Punya Salila Srivastava, Secretary in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, highlighted the growth of the National Medical Library network to that many colleges and urged that its reach be extended to every medical college in the country, with parti…

381. **A** **ClinicalKey, BMJ, Access Medicine and MedOne** – A central feature of the conference was practical training on these four platforms, meant to familiarise medical librarians and healthcare professionals with them and strengthen their ability to reach clinical information and academic resources.

382. **A** **Indian Institute of Foreign Trade** – The Centre for Trade and Investment Law is housed there, and its Head, Prof. James J. Nedumpara, also holds the WTO India Chair.

383. **C** **More than 4,000** – Prof. James J. Nedumpara, Head of the Centre for Trade and Investment Law and WTO India Chair, said the centre had provided that many legal opinions, had participated in negotiations concerning nearly ten free trade agreements, and had contributed to negotiat…

384. **B** **The Emerging Sustainability Landscape: Responding to Shifting Winds** – That issue of the CTIL Magazine examines the opportunities and the challenges developing countries may face as they take part in the evolving intersection of trade and sustainability.

385. **B** **Telecom Regulatory Authority of India** – TRAI is the regulator for telecom as well as for broadcasting and cable services, and it is TRAI that has placed the draft manual for DRM-based digital addressable systems in the public domain for comments.

386. **A** **DRM-based systems used for IPTV distribution** – Schedule X of the interconnection rules carries the requirements for systems built on Digital Rights Management, and these are used chiefly where television channels are delivered over internet protocol.

387. **A** **30 October 2026** – The regulator has asked for written inputs, comments and suggestions by that date, and has said that each one should be supported by detailed reasons, justification and relevant data.

388. **B** **Namami Gange** – Gifts and mementos presented to the Prime Minister are offered through a public e-auction, and the money they raise is directed to the Namami Gange programme, which works to conserve and rejuvenate the river Ganga.

389. **C** **Andhra Pradesh** – The collection being highlighted is the set of mementos that came to the Prime Minister from Andhra Pradesh, and among them is a wooden bullock cart made in the Kondapalli style, a craft that stands for rural life and traditional workmanship in that state.

390. **A** **31 October 2026** – The e-auction is currently live and its closing date has been pushed to the end of October, so that bidders have more time to study the collection and place their offers on the official PM Mementos portal.

391. **B** **Rs 829.69 crore** – That is the floor below which the freehold parcel at Najafgarh Industrial Area will not be sold, and every bid in the electronic auction has to start from it.

392. **A** **Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance** – The correct answer is the Department of Public Enterprises in the Ministry of Finance.

393. **B** **5.119 acres** – The correct answer is 5.119 acres, which works out to about 20,722.93 square metres.

394. **B** **General NS Raja Subramani, Chief of Defence Staff** – He is also Secretary of the Department of Military Affairs, and he opened the new housing for senior sailors and naval defence civilians, along with trunk utility and amenity infrastructure, at the Karwar base.

395. **C** **About 10,000** – The base at Karwar, when the work is finished, will house roughly 10,000 uniformed and civilian personnel together with their families, and the Ministry expects this to strengthen the local economy, industry and tourism and to generate direct and indirect job...

396. **A** **IGBC Gold** – The project is being built to the norms of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and of the Indian Green Building Council, and on completion it is to be rated IGBC Gold.

397. **C** **12 October** – The Commission was set up on 12 October 1993, so its Foundation Day falls on that date every year, and the 33rd edition will be held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi in 2026.

398. **B** **Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant** – The correct answer is Chief Justice of India, Justice Surya Kant, who will address the function as chief guest.

399. **A** **'Water as the Elixir of Life: Advancing Human Dignity through the Right to Water'** – The correct answer is Water as the Elixir of Life: Advancing Human Dignity through the Right to Water.

400. **A** **'Scale Without Boundaries'** – The 10th edition of the India Mobile Congress is being held under this theme from 7 to 10 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi, and it was formally inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 8 October 2026.

401. **C** **BHASHINI** – Digital India BHASHINI is demonstrating at the pavilion how artificial intelligence and language technology can carry digital content and government services into Indian languages.

402. **C** **14** – The Software Technology Parks of India is taking part in the congress with 14 startups incubated by it, so that their founders can place their products and solutions before visitors, investors and other industry participants.

403. **A** **National Institute of Social Defence** – The correct answer is the National Institute of Social Defence, which works under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and is running the course with the Office of the Collector, Diu, and the administration of the Union Territory of Dadra and Nagar...

404. **C** **Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu** – The programme was opened at the Education Hub at Kevdi in Diu, which is part of this Union Territory, and the Collector of Diu, Shri Rahul Dev Boora, welcomed the dignitaries and participants at the inaugural session.

405. **B** **Pledge for Welfare of Senior Citizens** – The correct answer is the Pledge for Welfare of Senior Citizens, which Shri Sudhansh Pant, Secretary of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, administered to the trainees after the inaugural session.

406. **B** **Sushma Swaraj Bhawan** – The two-day National Departmental Summit on Women and Child Development was held at Sushma Swaraj Bhawan in New Delhi, and the Prime Minister chaired its valedictory session there.

407. **B** **At the district level and at Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels** – The correct answer is at the district level and at Nagar Palika and Mahanagar Palika levels.

408. **B** **Vocal for Local and One District One Product** – At the valedictory session the Prime Minister observed that national movements such as Vocal for Local and One District One Product, known by the short form ODOP, should be promoted for the empowerment of women.

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409. **B** **Mukul Wasnik** – He is a Member of Parliament in the Rajya Sabha and heads the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Education, Women, Children, Youth and Sports, which placed the 382nd report on "Reforms and Strengthening of the National Testing Agency" befo...

410. **C** **About 1.2 crore** – The committee records that the National Testing Agency conducts examinations in which roughly 1.2 crore students sit every year, which is why it describes the agency as the gateway to the higher education system.

411. **D** **NEET-UG** – The committee notes that most entrance tests run by the National Testing Agency are already held on computers and that NEET-UG is the outlier still relying on pen and paper, so it recommends moving that test to computer-based testing as well.

412. **C** **2022-23** – The National Statistics Office has prepared the draft guideline for compiling Gross State Domestic Product estimates from the expenditure side with 2022-23 as the base year, and the whole framework is described as working under the revised base year arrangeme...

413. **C** **Private Final Consumption Expenditure** – The release states plainly that while some States and Union Territories do put together estimates of Gross Fixed Capital Formation and Government Final Consumption Expenditure, no State or Union Territory is compiling PFCE at present.

414. **B** **National Statistics Office** – The correct answer is the National Statistics Office, which functions under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

415. **C** **10th** – Team India secured the tenth position at the 48th WorldSkills Competition, WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, taking 6 silver medals and 20 Medals for Excellence.

416. **B** **6 silver medals** – India's tally at the 48th WorldSkills Competition was 6 silver medals along with 20 Medals for Excellence, which together placed the country 10th.

417. **C** **70 competitors in 63 skills** – The correct answer is 70 competitors in 63 skills, described as the largest contingent India has ever sent to the competition.

418. **B** **Milton Dick, Speaker of Australia's House of Representatives** – He was declared elected President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union on 9 October 2026, the last day of the 153rd Assembly held in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania.

419. **C** **Arusha, Tanzania** – The 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union was held in Arusha in the United Republic of Tanzania, and the election of the new President took place there on the closing day.

420. **B** **Nepal** – The emergency item, titled "Urgent parliamentary action to address climate-related disasters and strengthen resilience in the Himalayan region and other vulnerable regions", was proposed by Nepal and adopted on the third day of the Assembly.

421. **A** **C-DOT** – ASTR is described as the artificial-intelligence based tool of C-DOT and forms one layer of India's defence against fraudulent communications; it has helped disconnect over 82 lakh fraudulent mobile connections.

422. **C** **Over ₹22,800 crore** – Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani cited this figure for losses suffered by Indians in 2024 to organised, cross-border fraud, which includes impersonation, digital arrest scams, voice cloning generated by artificial intelligence and deepfakes.

423. **B** **Over 1,600** – The Digital Intelligence Platform is the intelligence-sharing layer of India's approach and links more than 1,600 organisations, among them telecom operators, banks and law-enforcement agencies.

424. **B** **Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union** – The correct answer is the Department of Telecommunications and the International Telecommunication Union.

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425. **D** **AI Export Promotion** – The correct answer is AI Export Promotion, which is not a pillar of the framework.

426. **C** **More than 38,000** – The minister said more than 38,000 high-end GPUs have been onboarded under the IndiaAI Mission at roughly a third of the global average cost.

427. **B** **₹38,424 crore** – Speaking at the eighth annual session of the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers in New Delhi, the Defence Minister said exports of defence goods had touched this figure in the financial year 2025-26, the highest India has ever reached, and that the rise...

428. **C** **2029** – While giving away the SIDM Champion Awards, the Defence Minister repeated the target of lifting India's defence exports to ₹50,000 crore by that year.

429. **C** **2017** – SIDM was set up in that year and has since grown into a common platform for large defence enterprises, micro, small and medium enterprises, startups, academic institutions and foreign original equipment manufacturers.

430. **C** **Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi** – Mangrol is the third shallow water craft for anti-submarine warfare delivered by that yard, and it will be commissioned at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, with the Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Western Naval Command presiding.

431. **B** **Abhay** – The correct answer is Abhay, the hull-mounted sonar that lets the craft pick up submarines in coastal and shallow waters.

432. **C** **Gujarat** – Mangrol is a coastal town and a well-known fishing harbour in the Junagadh district of that state, and the Navy has used the name before: the minesweeper INS Mangrol, with the pennant M85, served until April 2004.

433. **A** **14416** – Tele-MANAS, which stands for Tele Mental Health Assistance and Networking Across States, offers free and confidential counselling on this number at any hour of the day, in several languages, without the caller having to reach a hospital.

434. **A** **10 October, "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"** – The correct answer is A. The day falls on 10 October every year, and the theme for the 2026 observance asks that the voices of those who have lived with mental health conditions be heard and allowed to shape policy and services.

435. **C** **767** – The programme runs under the National Mental Health Programme with support to states and union territories through the National Health Mission, and it funds outpatient care, counselling, psychosocial help, medicines, follow-up, outreach, referral and inpatien...

436. **A** **Bastar, Chhattisgarh** – The correct answer is Bastar in Chhattisgarh, where the two-day workshop was held on 8 and 9 October 2026 and ended with a call for state-specific and time-bound action plans.

437. **B** **December 2026** – The Secretary of the Ministry of Cooperation set that deadline for finishing the first phase of computerising Primary Agricultural Credit Societies, and asked in the same breath that audits for the years 2024-25 and 2025-26 be completed by October 2026.

438. **B** **Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation** – The correct answer is Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, Secretary in the Ministry of Cooperation, who closed the workshop by calling the discussions productive and asking states to move from discussion to implementation.

439. **C** **57th** – The backgrounder states that the process reforms covering registration, return filing, refunds, input tax credit and dispute resolution were recommended at the 57th meeting of the GST Council, held in October 2026.

440. **C** **1.70 crore** – The backgrounder records that the taxpayer base widened from roughly 60 lakh when the tax began to about 1.70 crore in September 2026, which is close to a threefold increase over nine years.

441. **B** **10 days** – One of the measures meant to speed up refunds is a shorter acknowledgement window: the period comes down from 15 days to 10 days, and where no response is issued within it the claim is

treated as acknowledged by deeming.

442. **A** — **Scale Without Boundaries** – The tenth edition of the India Mobile Congress is being held at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi under that theme, organised jointly by the Department of Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications and the Cellular Operators Association of India.

443. **C** — **More than 100** – The scale of the tenth edition is set out in a cluster of figures: an exhibition area of 60,000 square metres, participation from over 100 countries, more than 2,000 technology use cases, over 400 startups and more than 900 thought leaders, besides industry p…

444. **B** — **Department of Telecommunications and COAI** – The correct answer is the Department of Telecommunications and the Cellular Operators Association of India.

445. **C** — **Five** – A key outcome of the symposium was the exchange of five new memoranda of understanding, with GSMA, one6G, the GTI Alliance, the 6G Innovation Forum of Taiwan and VOICE, which open the way to international cooperation, joint research, trials and the sharing of…

446. **B** — **Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani** – The correct answer is Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development, who closed the symposium at Yashobhoomi in Dwarka, New Delhi.

447. **C** — **2023** – The correct answer is 2023, the Alliance having been set up in July of that year.

448. **B** — **Blue Dart Express Limited** – The Department of Posts, which works under the Ministry of Communications, signed the agreement with that company in New Delhi on 9 October 2026, in the presence of senior officers from both organisations.

449. **B** — **About 1.64 lakh** – The Department of Posts runs more than that many post offices across the country, which together make up the largest postal network in the world, and it is this reach that Blue Dart Express Limited gains under the agreement.

450. **D** — **International air freight booking** – The agreement lists delivery of parcels paid for in advance and parcels paid for on delivery, confirmation of delivery through a one-time password, and tracking of a consignment in real time, along with faster delivery through closer operational coordination…

451. **C** — **Kolkata** – The Ministry of Tribal Affairs convened the second of its regional review conferences on the Forest Rights Act in the West Bengal capital, and officers of the Tribal Welfare, Revenue and Forest Departments of eight States took part, along with district Collec…

452. **B** — **2006** – The full name of the law is the Scheduled Tribes and Other Traditional Forest Dwellers (Recognition of Forest Rights) Act, and the year that goes with it is 2006.

453. **C** — **About 25 lakh** – The Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs gave the national position as on 31 August 2026, and that is the number of titles handed over to forest dwellers so far.

454. **C** — **Indian Air Force** – Tarang Shakti is an air exercise, and the second edition was hosted by the Indian Air Force from 26 September to 12 October 2026, with the Defence Minister addressing the participants at Air Force Station Jodhpur.

455. **B** — **Seven** – The air forces that brought aircraft to the exercise were those of Australia, Bangladesh, France, Germany, Sri Lanka, the United Arab Emirates and the United States of America — seven friendly foreign countries in all.

456. **A** — **Jodhpur** – Air Force Station Jodhpur, in Rajasthan, was where the Defence Minister spoke to the aircrews and ground teams of the second edition of Tarang Shakti.

457. **B** — **Milton Dick** – The correct answer is Milton Dick, the Speaker of the House of Representatives of Australia, who was declared elected after a secret ballot in the IPU Governing Council on the closing day of the Assembly.

458. **C** **Arusha, Tanzania** – The Assembly was held there from 5 to 9 October 2026, and the outcome document it adopted on its final day is accordingly named the Arusha Communiqué.

459. **B** **The Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha** – The correct answer is the Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, Harivansh, who led the Indian Parliamentary Delegation at Arusha and was one of the three members who cast India's votes for the IPU presidency.

460. **B** **Ahmedabad** – The correct answer is Ahmedabad, where the Games are being held at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex on 12 October 2026.

461. **B** **Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu** – The correct answer is Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu, the three disciplines India will present.

462. **A** **It is non-competitive, with no medals awarded** – The correct answer is option A. The Games have deliberately been designed as a non-competitive platform: the purpose is to demonstrate traditional and indigenous sporting practices, to document them, and to let practitioners from different countries exchange...

463. **B** **Jharkhand** – Deoghar lies in the Santhal Pargana region of Jharkhand, and the Vice-President described the convocation as a celebration of that region's aspirations, speaking of what the institute means for tribal and rural communities around it.

464. **B** **132 of 173** – The Vice-President pointed to this with satisfaction, saying that it showed the country moving from the empowerment of women towards development led by women, and that it showed how education allows women to realise their potential.

465. **C** **846** – Speaking about the expansion of medical education and health infrastructure, the Vice-President said the country had 387 medical colleges before 2014 and now has 846, and he presented institutions such as AIIMS Deoghar as proof of development that is balanced...

466. **B** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat** – The 94th edition of the ride, held in Varanasi, was built around this theme, which joins the weekly fitness drive to the effort to keep young people away from substance abuse and sets both in the frame of a developed India.

467. **B** **Varanasi** – The ride went from Namo Ghat to the Diksha Mandap of Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, and both of those landmarks are in Varanasi, in Uttar Pradesh; the start was at 6 in the morning.

468. **B** **Parul Chaudhary** – The correct answer is Parul Chaudhary, who won two bronze medals at the Asian Games, one in the women's 3000m steeplechase and the other in the 5000m.

469. **B** **205** – India maintains 205 lighthouses along a coastline that stretches beyond 11,000 km, and these towers are looked after by the Directorate General of Lighthouses and Lightships under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

470. **B** **Lothal, Gujarat** – The Lighthouse Museum of 77 metres forms part of the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, an archaeological site tied to ancient seaborne trade, and it is estimated at ₹266.11 crore.

471. **C** **Brahmaputra** – Four lighthouses are being established along this river at Pandu, Bogibeel, Silghat and Biswanath Ghat, and together they will be the first lighthouse infrastructure India places on an inland waterway rather than on the sea coast.

472. **B** **100** – The scheme works in 100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts, and these were identified using three indicators: low productivity, low cropping intensity and low disbursement of agricultural credit.

473. **B** **The Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare** – The scheme runs on a three-tier structure.

474. **C** **46.89** – The average score of the 100 districts across the six objectives of the scheme stood at 18.85 in April 2026 and reached 46.89 in August 2026, which is an improvement of 28.04 points over those

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months.

475. **B** **1,000 km** – Under the National Quantum Mission the country set an eight-year target of covering 2,000 kilometres of quantum-secure communication, and the 1,000-kilometre milestone was reached in three years, which is well ahead of the pace that target implied.

476. **C** **US$300 billion** – The bioeconomy has grown from roughly US$10 billion in 2014 to about US$196 billion, crossing the US$195 billion mark, and the ambition stated is to take it to US$300 billion by 2030.

477. **B** **PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry** – The Minister spoke at the 121st Annual Session of PHDCCI in New Delhi, where industry leaders, entrepreneurs and other stakeholders had gathered to discuss growth and innovation priorities.

478. **B** **1,06,855 participants** – This was the consolidated outreach of the Yuva Sanwad Mela, conducted across 200 designated institutions and the villages they have adopted.

479. **B** **‘My Health, My Pride’** – The first month of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan ran under this theme and concluded with the nationwide Yuva Sanwad Mela on 9 October 2026, organised by MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

480. **C** **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** – Both MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme function under this ministry, and the Yuva Sanwad Mela of 9 October 2026 was organised through them across 15 NSS Regional Directorates.

481. **B** **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs** – NCCSR 2026 was organised by IICA, specifically by its School of Business Environment, under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, and was held at The Ashok in New Delhi on 6 and 7 October 2026.

482. **C** **Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines** – The correct answer is Satish Chandra Dubey, Minister of State for Coal and Mines.

483. **B** **‘Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment’** – The correct answer is ‘Re-envisioning the Spirit of CSR for Viksit Bharat: From Compliance to Commitment’.

484. **B** **Team Singularity** – The Junior Category of the Robotics for Good Youth Challenge India 2026 was won by Team Singularity of Gopalan International School, Karnataka.

485. **B** **Geneva, Switzerland** – The winners of the Junior and Senior categories of the India Nationals will represent the country at the Grand Finale to be held at Geneva during the AI for Good Global Summit in June 2027, where teams from participating countries will compete.

486. **B** **International Telecommunication Union** – The Challenge is organised by the ITU together with the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, with support from the I-Hub Foundation for Cobotics, the Technology Innovation Hub of IIT Delhi, and it is a flagship initiative under ITU’s...

487. **B** **Himachal Pradesh** – Under Yuva Sangam Phase VII the Odisha delegation travelled to Himachal Pradesh, reaching the State on 5 October 2026, where NIT Hamirpur is hosting it.

488. **A** **IIM Sambalpur** – The Indian Institute of Management, Sambalpur, is the nodal institution leading the Odisha delegation on its Yuva Sangam Phase VII visit to Himachal Pradesh.

489. **C** **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** – Yuva Sangam is run by the Department of Higher Education in the Union Ministry of Education under the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat programme, whose purpose is to strengthen cultural and emotional bonds among the youth of India.

490. **C** **Over ₹13,000 crore** – The announcement states that the projects taken up together at Chennai in Tamil Nadu carry a combined value of more than ₹13,000 crore, and that they cover metro rail, national highways, railways, ports, petroleum and education.

491. **B** **Phase II of Chennai Metro, with a double-decker structure of 3.7 km** – The correct answer is Phase II of Chennai Metro, with a double-decker structure of 3.7 km.

492. **A** **Amrit Bharat Station Scheme** – The five stations named for inauguration in Tamil Nadu, at Palani, Vellore Cantonment, Ambasamudram, Paramakkudi and Namakkal, have been rebuilt under that scheme and are being opened as Amrit Stations, as part of railway works worth more than ₹750 crore that...

493. **B** **Deoghar, Jharkhand** – The mela, named Sainya Sampark Mela - Sadaiv Aapke Saath, was held at Deoghar and was organised by the Indian Army together with the Deoghar district administration.

494. **A** **Always with You; for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their dependents** – The correct answer is Always with You; for ex-servicemen, Veer Naris and their dependents.

495. **C** **Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme** – The correct answer is the Ex-Servicemen Contributory Health Scheme, known by its short form ECHS.

496. **A** **Cyprus and Greece** – The Ministry of Defence has said that the Defence Secretary, Rajesh Kumar Singh, will undertake an official visit to these two countries from 12 to 15 October 2026, with the Cyprus leg falling on 12 and 13 October and Greece forming the second half of the tou...

497. **B** **Maritime security and defence industrial cooperation** – The announcement states that these two subjects will remain prominent themes in the discussions with both countries.

498. **B** **The President of Cyprus** – According to the Ministry of Defence, the India-Cyprus Strategic Partnership gained further momentum after the President of Cyprus travelled to India in May 2026, and the Defence Secretary's visit on 12 and 13 October 2026 is expected to underline the shared...

499. **B** **International Telecommunication Union** – GI-AI4FS is a global initiative of the United Nations and the ITU is named as the body that coordinates it, working in close collaboration with three partner agencies.

500. **A** **Indian Council of Agricultural Research** – The Telecommunication Engineering Centre, which works under the Department of Telecommunications in the Ministry of Communications, hosted the meeting jointly with ICAR of the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

501. **C** **Dr. Sebastian Bosse** – The correct answer is Dr. Sebastian Bosse, who opened the inaugural session of the second meeting in his capacity as Chair of GI-AI4FS.

502. **B** **Amritsar and Tarn Taran** – The high-level CAQM team visited these two districts during the paddy harvesting season because both have been identified as hotspots for paddy stubble burning, and the review meeting with Deputy Commissioners was held at Amritsar.

503. **C** **18** – As part of its monitoring mechanism the Commission has deployed Flying Squads in eighteen districts of Punjab for the period running from the first of October to the last day of November in the same year.

504. **B** **Dr. S.D. Attri, Member (Technical), CAQM** – The correct answer is Dr. S.D. Attri, Member (Technical), CAQM, under whose chairmanship the high-level team visited the two hotspot districts and held the review meeting.

505. **B** **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata** – The correct answer is Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata, where Shreyas, carrying the yard number 3040, was launched.

506. **B** **'Best' or 'most excellent'** – The correct answer is 'best' or 'most excellent', which is what Shreyas means in Sanskrit.

507. **A** **Goa Shipyard Limited and GRSE Kolkata** – Construction of the Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels is being carried out at these two yards at the same time, and the ships are both designed and built in India.

508. **B** **Rs 2.02 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 2.02 crore, the sum the Authority released among twenty-seven states and three union territories as their share of contributions paid by seed companies.

509. **C** **The Biological Diversity Act, 2002** – The correct answer is the Biological Diversity Act of that year, under which the National Biodiversity Authority, the State Biodiversity Boards and the Union Territory Biodiversity Councils function, and through which access and benefit-sharing is implemented.

510. **A** **Yerevan, Armenia** – The correct answer is Yerevan, Armenia, where the seventeenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity begins later in the same month as this announcement.

511. **B** **Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi** – The correct answer is Swatantrata Bhavan, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi, the venue of the convention organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through Mera Yuva Bharat.

512. **B** **Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports** – The correct answer is Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, the Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, who addressed the convention and asked young people to become ambassadors of a developed India.

513. **A** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Abhiyan** – The minister said substance abuse threatens young people's potential, the well-being of families and national progress, and asked young citizens to spread awareness, encourage positive choices and mobilise their communities towards a drug-free society.

514. **A** **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** – The correct answer is Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, the initiative under which the Department of Higher Education of the Ministry of Education runs Yuva Sangam to strengthen cultural and emotional bonds among young Indians.

515. **B** **Central University of Karnataka** – The correct answer is the Central University of Karnataka, which led the Telangana delegation on this exchange.

516. **A** **Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya** – The correct answer is Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya, the Governor of Assam, with whom the visiting delegates interacted during their stay.

517. **B** **Resilience in an Age of Flux** – This was the theme chosen for the fifth edition of the Kautilya Economic Conclave, held across three days from 3 to 5 October 2026 in New Delhi by the Institute of Economic Growth together with the Union Ministry of Finance.

518. **C** **The Vice-President of India** – Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated the conclave on 3 October 2026 and gave the inaugural address, in which he said that economic resilience cannot be separated from social resilience and that inclusion is a foundation of resilience in a fast-chang…

519. **B** **Institute of Economic Growth** – The conclave is convened jointly by the Institute of Economic Growth, usually shortened to IEG, and the Union Ministry of Finance, and has run every year since it began in 2022.

520. **B** **The Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India** – The correct answer is the Principal Scientific Adviser to the Government of India.

521. **C** **Eight** – Representatives of all eight Science and Technology Clusters joined the deliberations, and each of them made a presentation on its work over the two days.

522. **B** **The Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council** – The correct answer is the Prime Minister's Science, Technology and Innovation Advisory Council, known by the short form PM-STIAC.

523. **B** **Tezpur** – The Defence Correspondents Course ended there once the participating journalists had completed the Navy, Air Force and Army legs of the programme, and the valedictory function was held at the same place.

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524. **B** **24** – The course was made up of 24 journalists, who went through legs with the Navy, the Air Force and the Army before the programme closed at Tezpur.

525. **C** **The General Officer Commanding, Gajraj Corps** – Lieutenant General Neeraj Shukla, who holds that command, chaired the closing ceremony at Tezpur at the end of the three-week course taken by 24 journalists.

526. **B** **Rs 11,440 crore** – The Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses was sanctioned with this allocation for the six years from 2025-26 to 2030-31, and the money pays for seed kits, certified seed, cluster-based cultivation in 489 districts and a thousand dal mills.

527. **C** **350 lakh tonnes** – The Mission sets this as the production goal for 2030-31, to be reached with yield of 1,130 kg per hectare and a sown area taken up to 310 lakh hectares.

528. **B** **NCCF and NAFED** – The correct answer is NCCF and NAFED, that is the National Cooperative Consumers' Federation of India Limited and the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India Limited.

529. **B** **About 7.8 kg** – The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized that much foreign-origin gold, valued at more than Rs 11.50 crore, in intelligence-led operations run on 8 and 9 October 2026 in the eastern region, and six persons were arrested.

530. **C** **Dankuni Toll Plaza** – A four-wheeler carrying four persons was stopped there as it travelled from Banpur, near the Bangladesh border, towards Kolkata.

531. **A** **Tripura** – DRI teams intercepted passengers coming off trains at Malda Town railway station and New Jalpaiguri railway station and seized about 1 kg of foreign-origin gold worth nearly Rs 1.5 crore, held in the form of bangles and bars.

532. **C** **5.753 kg** – The Mangalore Regional Unit of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence intercepted an Indian national travelling by train from Delhi to Bengaluru and recovered three packets of a white crystalline substance of that weight, suspected to be methamphetamine, fro…

533. **A** **Mangalore Regional Unit** – Acting on intelligence, officers of that unit stopped a passenger travelling by train from Delhi to Bengaluru and recovered 5.753 kg of suspected methamphetamine from the trolley bag being carried.

534. **B** **The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985** – The correct answer is the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, usually called the NDPS Act.

535. **B** **3,548** – Indian Railways notified that many graduate-level posts in the Non-Technical Popular Categories through the Centralised Employment Notification issued by the Railway Recruitment Boards, covering four categories of posts across commercial services, train opera…

536. **D** **Goods Train Manager** – The correct answer is Goods Train Manager, with 2,750 of the notified posts, which is by far the biggest block in this recruitment.

537. **C** **Rs 35,400 a month** – The correct answer is Rs 35,400 a month, which is the initial basic pay for Chief Commercial Cum Ticket Supervisor at Pay Level 6 under the Seventh Central Pay Commission.

538. **B** **INS Trishul** – The Ministry of Defence stated that the guided missile stealth frigate INS Trishul had reached Plymouth in the United Kingdom, where it is scheduled to exercise with the Royal Navy in KONKAN-26.

539. **C** **The United Kingdom** – KONKAN is described as the yearly bilateral maritime exercise between India and the United Kingdom, held with the Royal Navy, and the current edition is being conducted in the waters off Plymouth on the British coast in a harbour phase and a sea phase.

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540. **A** **Air, surface and sub-surface** – The Sea Phase of the exercise is built around complex operational drills in all three of these domains.

541. **C** **Varanasi** – The 94th edition of the weekly cycling drive was held in Varanasi, where the Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports led the ride.

542. **A** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat** – The edition in Varanasi was built around that theme, which links physical fitness to the wider campaign for a drug-free generation.

543. **D** **Raj Kumar Pal** – The correct answer is Raj Kumar Pal, who won his gold medal as a member of the Indian men's hockey team at the Asian Games held in Aichi-Nagoya.

544. **A** **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** – Yuva Sangam is the youth exchange carried out under that programme, and its seventh phase is being implemented by the Department of Higher Education in the Ministry of Education with the aim of strengthening national integration and building contact between y...

545. **B** **West Bengal** – The delegation from Uttarakhand, for which Hemvati Nandan Bahuguna Garhwal University is the nodal institute, travelled to West Bengal and is being hosted there by IIT Kharagpur.

546. **C** **IIT Kharagpur** – The correct answer is IIT Kharagpur, which is hosting the visiting group and arranging its exposure to the cultural, spiritual and educational life of the host state.

547. **B** **Russia** – INDRA is the bilateral exercise between India and Russia, and in this edition the Indian Navy works with the Russian Federation Navy.

548. **B** **Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions** – The correct answer is Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

549. **C** **Vladivostok** – The Ministry of Defence stated that the Indian Naval Ship Sahyadri reached Vladivostok on 10 October 2026 to take part in the exercise, which has been scheduled from 13 to 18 October 2026 and begins with a harbour phase at that port before moving to coordinat...

550. **B** **Chennai** – The Prime Minister addressed a public function in Chennai, where completed works were opened and foundation stones laid for new ones, the whole set valued at thirteen thousand crore rupees, and where a further stretch of the Chennai Metro was dedicated to the...

551. **C** **VOC Port, Thoothukudi** – The Prime Minister said the Union Government has recently decided to build this port into a world-class mega container and green energy hub with an investment of about seventeen thousand crore rupees, and that once the work is finished even ultra-large contai...

552. **C** **25** – The Prime Minister said that in 2014 metro trains ran in only five cities of the country, whereas metro services are today operated in twenty-five cities, and that the network itself has grown from roughly two hundred fifty kilometres in that year to more tha...

553. **B** **Keylong, Himachal Pradesh** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has said that the centre will come up at Keylong in the Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh, and that the Union Health Minister will lay its foundation stone there.

554. **C** **Indian Council of Medical Research** – The centre is being established by the ICMR under the Department of Health Research in the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and the announcement describes it as the first dedicated centre of the ICMR for high-altitude medicine and public health research.

555. **A** **Green ICMR Campus Initiative** – The Ministry has said that after the Bhumi Pujan, the ceremonial groundbreaking and the unveiling of the foundation stone at Keylong, native Himalayan saplings will be planted under this initiative, and that the ceremony will also include a scientific exhibit...

556. **A** **Jayaprakash Narayan** – The Prime Minister Office tribute issued on his birth anniversary refers to him throughout as Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, and in short as Loknayak JP, the word meaning leader of

the people.

557. **B** **Nanaji Deshmukh** – The Prime Minister paid homage to him on his birth anniversary, which falls on the same date as that of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, and described him as an outstanding nation-builder who showed in thought and in action that genuine change starts at the gras…

558. **B** **The Emergency** – The Prime Minister noted that the fearless voice of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan during the Emergency was itself noteworthy, placing it alongside his concern for good governance and for reaching people at the margins of society.

559. **B** **Directorate of Revenue Intelligence** – DRI, which functions under the Ministry of Finance, is the central agency that gathers intelligence on smuggling and acts on it, and it carried out this interception at Visakhapatnam after chasing a car travelling from Kolkata towards Hyderabad.

560. **B** **In a cavity below the leg space of the front passenger seat** – The correct answer is a cavity below the leg space of the front passenger seat.

561. **C** **The India-Bangladesh border** – The two occupants of the car admitted in their statements that the gold had entered India over the Indo-Bangladesh border and was being taken to Hyderabad, which matches the Kolkata starting point of the journey.

562. **C** **4,209.80 kg** – The Madhya Pradesh unit of the Central Bureau of Narcotics ran two operations in the week to 11 October 2026, and the quantities recovered in them add up to this figure.

563. **A** **Bags of wheat** – When the Tata truck with a Rajasthan registration number was stopped on the Gandhisagar-Bhanpura road on 9 October 2026 and taken to the CBN office at Garoth for a detailed search, officers found 3,280.72 kg of poppy straw underneath 100 bags of wheat that we…

564. **B** **The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985** – The correct answer is the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, usually shortened to the NDPS Act.

565. **B** **Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology, Pune** – The workshop for early career researchers, titled 'The ECR Nexus: Connecting Voices, Tools, and Science to Society', was held at IITM Pune in Meghdoot Hall, and the same event served as the curtain-raiser for the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Co…

566. **B** **Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar** – The correct answer is Dr. T. Srinivasa Kumar, Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

567. **A** **Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies** – This is the stated vision guiding the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave in its 2026 edition.

568. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – Special Campaign 6.0 is a nationwide drive of the Government of India run through that month, with the twin purposes of making Swachhata a permanent feature of government working and of cutting the backlog of pending matters in government processes.

569. **B** **Ministry of Defence** – The Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare, abbreviated DESW, is a department of that ministry and is responsible for the welfare of former service personnel and their families, which is why the faster disposal of grievances and Parliamentary assurances under th…

570. **A** **Waste to Wealth** – In its campaign work the Department of Ex-Servicemen Welfare has made electronic waste a priority area, collecting it, segregating it scientifically and disposing of it responsibly in keeping with the E-Waste (Management) Rules, and it frames that effort thro…

571. **C** **1975** – The institution started that year as a single small school in the West Mambalam locality of Chennai, with only seven children on its rolls, no permanent building and very limited resources.

572. **C** **1,300** – Speaking at the jubilee, the Prime Minister said the count of universities in the country stood at about 750 in 2014 and has since crossed 1,300, a near doubling in roughly a decade.

573. **D** **52** – The Prime Minister said that in the QS Rankings of 2015 only 14 universities from India found a place, and that the latest edition of those rankings carries 52 Indian names.

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