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NPPA Cuts MRP of 1,364 Anti-Cancer Formulations from 9 November

9 November 2026 · Economy

Lower retail prices of 1,364 anti-cancer formulations took effect on 9 November 2026 after NPPA capped trade margins on 137 cancer drugs, saving Rs 3,540.38 crore.

- NPPA has capped the trade margin in the maximum retail price of 137 anti-cancer drugs, and the revised prices came into force on 9 November 2026.
- By 8 November 2026, 85 pharmaceutical companies had reported new retail prices for 1,364 anti-cancer formulations covering 121 drugs.
- Prices fell by more than half in 679 brands, and the biggest single reduction reported was 96.45 per cent.
- Consumers are expected to save about Rs 3,540.38 crore every year on these cancer medicines.
- The order follows the recommendations, dated 17 October 2026, of an expert committee set up by the Directorate General of Health Services.

Regulator	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
Comes under	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Drugs under trade margin cap	137 anti-cancer drugs
Formulations repriced	1,364 formulations, covering 121 drugs
Companies reporting new prices	85 pharmaceutical companies (as on 8 November 2026)
Brands cheaper by more than half	679 brands
Steepest reduction reported	96.45 per cent
Expected annual saving	Rs 3,540.38 crore

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Buddha Relics Enshrined at Bomdila Monastery in Arunachal

9 November 2026 · National

The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined at Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, Bomdila, in Arunachal Pradesh for public darshan from 8 to 13 November 2026.

- The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined at Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, on 8 November 2026 for darshan until 13 November 2026.
- The exposition is organised by the Ministry of Culture with the National Museum New Delhi, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International Buddhist Confederation.
- About 4,000 devotees had darshan on the opening day, and the relics were flown in from Tawang by an Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter.
- The relics were received at the Army Helipad, Rupa, by state minister Pasang Dorjee Sona, and two exhibitions were opened at the monastery.
- Next the relics go to the Golden Pagoda, Namsai, from 14 to 20 November 2026, and return to the National Museum, New Delhi, on 21 November 2026.

Event	Exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
Venue	Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery, Lower Gompa, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh
Relics arrived	8 November 2026
Public darshan	8 to 13 November 2026
Organisers	Ministry of Culture with National Museum New Delhi, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and International Buddhist Confederation
Devotees on day one	About 4,000
Brought from Tawang by	Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter
Received at	Army Helipad, Rupa, by Pasang Dorjee Sona, Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Education and Tourism

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Uttarakhand Statehood Day: PM Greets Devbhoomi on 9 November

9 November 2026 · Important Days

Prime Minister Narendra Modi greeted the people of Uttarakhand on their Statehood Day on 9 November 2026, calling Devbhoomi rich in spiritual heritage.

- Uttarakhand observed its Statehood Day on 9 November 2026, and Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended greetings to all the people of the state in a post on X.
- The Prime Minister called the state Devbhoomi, blessed with spiritual heritage and extraordinary natural beauty.
- His message named the state's scenic mountain landscapes, sacred rivers, the revered Char Dham and its glorious cultural heritage.
- He said the hardworking, talented and progressive people of the state are taking it to new heights of development in every sector.
- He expressed confidence that Uttarakhand would continue to progress rapidly and wished its people happiness, peace and prosperity.

Occasion	Uttarakhand Statehood Day
Date	9 November (observed in 2026 on 9 November)
Greetings extended by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Name used for the state	Devbhoomi, the land of the gods
Features named in the message	Scenic mountain landscapes, sacred rivers, revered Char Dham, glorious cultural heritage
Message shared on	A post on X
Wish conveyed	Happiness, peace and prosperity for the people of the state

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Exercise Rahat Mitra: India-Myanmar HADR Drill Ends in Chennai

9 November 2026 · Defence

India and Myanmar completed Rahat Mitra, their first bilateral tri-services disaster relief exercise, at Chennai, with the Indian Navy, Army and Air Force taking part.

- Rahat Mitra was the first bilateral tri-services HADR exercise between the defence forces of India and Myanmar, held on 5 and 6 November 2026 and concluded at Chennai
- Personnel of the Indian Army, the Indian Navy and the Indian Air Force trained with a visiting delegation of the Myanmar Defence Forces
- A table-top exercise built on a severe cyclone scenario was used to work through joint disaster management protocols and coordinated relief
- The delegation went aboard INS Sukanya for shipborne relief capability, and saw INS Adyar and the Communication Network Centre at Chennai
- Maritime search and rescue was shown by a Chetak helicopter with INS Bitra, and Myanmar officers flew on an IAF ALH for a casualty evacuation drill

Exercise	Rahat Mitra (inaugural edition)
Countries	India and Myanmar
Type	Bilateral tri-services humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) exercise
Dates	5 and 6 November 2026 (two days)
Venue	Chennai, Tamil Nadu
Indian participants	Indian Army, Indian Navy and Indian Air Force
Table-top scenario	A severe cyclone
Ships named	INS Sukanya, INS Adyar and INS Bitra

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Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 Awards: President to Honour Cleanest Cities

9 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 10th Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on 11 November 2026, honouring India's cleanest cities.

- President Droupadi Murmu will confer the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, on 11 November 2026
- This is the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan, held on the theme 'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'
- The survey has grown from 73 urban local bodies in 2016 to more than 4,751 cities, and is run by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- Cities were assessed on 43 indicators across 10 assessment areas by more than 3,000 trained assessors, with GPS-tracked field visits
- Swachh Shehar Jodi, launched on 27 September 2025, pairs 70 mentor cities with 191 mentee cities across 33 States and Union Territories

Event	Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 (10th edition)
Awards conferred by	President Droupadi Murmu
Date and venue	11 November 2026, Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Theme	'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (Department of Urban Development)
Mission	Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban
Union Minister	Manohar Lal, with Minister of State Tokhan Sahu
Coverage	More than 4,751 cities, up from 73 urban local bodies in 2016

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INS Surat Reaches Muscat for Naseem Al Bahr Exercise

9 November 2026 · Defence

INS Surat reached Muscat in Oman on 8 November 2026 for the 15th edition of the India-Oman naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr, to be followed by a CORPAT.

- INS Surat arrived at Muscat, Oman, on 8 November 2026 to take part in the 15th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr.
- Naseem Al Bahr, which means Sea Breeze, is held by the Indian Navy with the Royal Navy of Oman and has a harbour phase and a sea phase.
- A Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) between the two navies will be carried out after the exercise ends.
- The port call is in line with India's MAHASAGAR vision - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.
- The visit builds on the 13th India-Oman Joint Military Cooperation Committee meeting held on 24 November 2025.

Ship	INS Surat (Indian Naval Ship Surat)
Port of call	Muscat, Oman
Date of arrival	8 November 2026
Exercise	Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze), 15th edition
Partner navy	Royal Navy of Oman
After the exercise	Coordinated Patrol (CORPAT) by the two navies
Vision	MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
Earlier milestone	13th Joint Military Cooperation Committee meeting, 24 November 2025

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TRAI Caps IP Port Charges in Third Amendment Regulations 2026

9 November 2026 · Science & Technology

TRAI released the Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) Third Amendment Regulations, 2026, capping annual IP port charges from 1 January 2027.

- TRAI released the Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026, which take effect from 1 January 2027.
- The annual ceiling for IP port charges is Rs 5.6 lakh for a 1 Gbps port and Rs 42.3 lakh for a 10 Gbps port.
- The definition of port now covers both the legacy E1 port of 2.048 Mbps and IP ports measured in Mbps or Gbps.
- Earlier port charges came from the 2001 regulation and had last been revised in 2012; the old rates continue to apply to E1 ports.
- A graded financial disincentive of up to Rs 15 lakh per service area applies for each contravention of the specified provisions.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Regulation	Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) (Third Amendment) Regulations, 2026
Effective from	1 January 2027
Ceiling, 1 Gbps IP port	Rs 5.6 lakh a year
Ceiling, 10 Gbps IP port	Rs 42.3 lakh a year
Legacy E1 port	2.048 Mbps; earlier charges continue for E1 ports
Parent regulation	Port Charges Regulation of 2001, rates last revised in 2012
Enabling provision	Section 11(1)(b) of the TRAI Act, 1997

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Legal Affairs Department Weeds Out 15,679 Files in Campaign 6

9 November 2026 · National

The Department of Legal Affairs reviewed 27,289 physical files, weeded out 15,679 and earned Rs 4,71,881 from scrap disposal under Special Campaign 6.

- The Department of Legal Affairs reviewed 27,289 physical files against a target of 13,523 and weeded out 15,679 of them under Special Campaign 6.
- It reviewed 20,572 e-files against a target of 15,188 and closed 17,798 of them.
- Disposal of scrap and e-waste earned the Department Rs 4,71,881, of which about Rs 4.15 lakh came from 1,484 obsolete ICT and electrical items.
- Clearing obsolete records and furniture freed 4,889 square feet of office space, and 30 cleanliness drives were held.
- The Department settled 534 public grievances against a target of 512 and disposed of 58 references from Members of Parliament.

Department	Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law and Justice
Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters
Physical files reviewed	27,289 against a target of 13,523
Physical files weeded out	15,679
E-files	20,572 reviewed against a target of 15,188; 17,798 closed
Revenue from scrap	Rs 4,71,881
E-waste disposed	1,484 items against a target of 1,418, earning about Rs 4.15 lakh
Office space freed	4,889 square feet

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TRAI Drive Test Checks Mobile Quality on Assam Rail Route

9 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI released the findings of an independent drive test over the 515.9 km New Tinsukia-Guwahati railway route in Assam, held on 11 September 2026.

- TRAI released the findings of an Independent Drive Test on the New Tinsukia to Guwahati railway route in the Assam Licensed Service Area.
- The test was conducted on 11 September 2026 over 515.9 km of railway and 2 hotspot locations, supervised by the TRAI regional office at Kolkata.
- The highest average download speed on the route was 110.82 Mbps for RJIL, followed by 42.71 Mbps for Airtel, 15.69 Mbps for VIL and 5 Mbps for BSNL.
- The highest average upload speed was 11.75 Mbps for Airtel, ahead of 8.29 Mbps for RJIL, 5.46 Mbps for VIL and 3.25 Mbps for BSNL.
- Dropped calls were 5 of 166 for Airtel, 9 of 175 for RJIL, 34 of 164 for VIL and 65 of 205 for BSNL.

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Exercise	Independent Drive Test (IDT)
Service area	Assam Licensed Service Area
Route	New Tinsukia railway station to Guwahati railway station
Length covered	515.9 km of railway and 2 hotspot locations
Date of test	11 September 2026
Supervised by	TRAI Regional Office, Kolkata
Best download	110.82 Mbps, RJIL

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Crosses Rs 55.46 Lakh in Artisan Sales

9 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat in New Delhi has recorded about Rs 55.46 lakh in sales for artisans from SC, OBC, Safai Karamchari and Divyangjan homes.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 is being held by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi, and runs for fifteen days until 15 November 2026
- Four corporations, NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC, together recorded sales of about Rs 55.46 lakh between 1 and 8 November 2026
- More than 130 stalls are laid out across seven themed zones on the theme 'प्रकाश और परंपरा - ज्योति से ज्योति जलाएँ'
- The Ministry has organised these fairs since 2022, and more than 1,000 artisans from SC, OBC and Safai Karamchari communities have benefited
- Sellers get free stalls, travel expenses, a daily allowance and freight for their goods, while Bharat TULIP links them to e-commerce platforms

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
Duration	Fifteen days, concluding on 15 November 2026
Theme	प्रकाश और परंपरा - ज्योति से ज्योति जलाएँ
Cumulative sales	About Rs 55.46 lakh, from 1 to 8 November 2026
Stalls	More than 130
Thematic zones	Seven

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Agriculture Department Frees 13,553 Sq Ft in Special Campaign 6

9 November 2026 · National

The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare freed 13,553 sq ft of office space and earned Rs 32,19,644 from scrap under Special Campaign 6 this year.

- Special Campaign 6 ran in two stages for the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare: preparation from 16 to 30 September and implementation from 2 to 31 October 2026
- The department freed 13,553 sq ft of office space and earned Rs 32,19,644 by disposing of scrap and e-waste
- Against a target of 999 cleanliness sites the department covered 1,179, and disposed of 3,733 e-waste articles against a target of 3,298
- More than 2,000 saplings were planted by field offices, and 21 October 2026 was observed as the department's dedicated campaign day
- A life-size rhinoceros built from circuit boards at NERFMTTI Assam was among the waste-to-wealth models, and the department made 645 social media posts

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for Disposal of Pending Matters
Department	Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
Preparatory stage	16 to 30 September 2026
Implementation stage	2 to 31 October 2026
Dedicated day	21 October 2026
Office space freed	13,553 sq ft
Revenue earned	Rs 32,19,644
Cleanliness sites	1,179 covered against a target of 999

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National Entrepreneurship Day 2026: 2.62 Lakh Startups

9 November 2026 · Important Days

National Entrepreneurship Day fell on 9 November 2026, with India counting 2.62 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups and the third largest ecosystem worldwide.

- National Entrepreneurship Day is observed on 9 November, the date on which the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was created in 2014.
- India has 2.62 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups, up from fewer than 500 in 2014, and ranks third among startup ecosystems in the world.
- Over 55,200 startups were recognised in 2025-26, the highest for any single year since 2016, with recognitions up 51.6% year on year.
- Startups had generated more than 25 lakh jobs by October 2026, and about 48% of recognised startups have a woman director or partner.
- The Fund of Funds for Startups has a corpus of 10,000 crore rupees managed by SIDBI, with 12,623 crore rupees committed to 166 AIFs.

Day	National Entrepreneurship Day, 9 November
Why this date	Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship was established on 9 November 2014
DPIIT-recognised startups	2.62 lakh (fewer than 500 in 2014)
Global rank	Third largest startup ecosystem in the world
Jobs created	More than 25 lakh, up to October 2026
Recognitions in 2025-26	Over 55,200, the highest in a single year since 2016
Women-led share	Over 1.07 lakh startups have a woman director or partner, about 48%
Fund of Funds for Startups	Corpus of 10,000 crore rupees, managed by SIDBI

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Railways Earns Rs 628.49 Crore from Scrap in Campaign 6

9 November 2026 · National

Indian Railways closed Special Campaign 6 on 31 October 2026 with 628.49 crore rupees earned from scrap, beating its target of 600 crore rupees.

- Indian Railways concluded Special Campaign 6, held from 2 to 31 October 2026, across zones, divisions, production units and railway PSUs.
- Scrap disposal earned 628.49 crore rupees, above the campaign target of 600 crore rupees set for Indian Railways.
- Over one lakh cleanliness drives were conducted and 6,20,121 square feet of space was freed by removing scrap and obsolete material.
- More than 1.50 lakh units of e-waste were disposed of, generating 10.43 crore rupees; e-waste was this edition's focus area.
- Rail Jan Samvad was held simultaneously at 5,884 railway stations on 22 October 2026 for direct passenger feedback.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for disposal of pending matters
Period	2 to 31 October 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Railways / Indian Railways
Scrap sale earnings	628.49 crore rupees
Target	600 crore rupees
Space freed	6,20,121 square feet
E-waste disposed	More than 1.50 lakh units
E-waste earnings	10.43 crore rupees

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Power Ministry Earns Rs 15.74 Crore in Special Campaign 6

9 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Power closed Special Campaign 6 with 342 cleanliness drives, 2,51,757 square feet of office space freed and 15.74 crore rupees earned.

- The Ministry of Power concluded Special Campaign 6, run from 2 to 31 October 2026 across the ministry and its central public sector enterprises.
- It held 342 cleanliness drives, freed 2,51,757 square feet of office space and earned 15,74,20,231 rupees from scrap and e-waste disposal.
- The ministry weeded out 13,282 of 26,885 physical files reviewed and closed 34,525 of 34,572 electronic files reviewed.
- It disposed of 1589 public grievances and 86 grievance appeals, exceeding the targets set for both heads.
- The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare covered 1179 cleanliness sites against a target of 999 and earned 32,19,644 rupees.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6 for disposal of pending matters
Implementation phase	2 to 31 October 2026
Theme of this edition	Collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
Power Ministry: drives	342 cleanliness drives
Power Ministry: space freed	2,51,757 square feet
Power Ministry: revenue	15,74,20,231 rupees, about 15.74 crore rupees
Power Ministry: files	13,282 physical files weeded out of 26,885 reviewed
Power Ministry: grievances	1589 public grievances and 86 appeals disposed of

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Delhi to Get First Yamuna Cruise on National Waterway-110

9 November 2026 · National

Delhi's first recreational Yamuna river cruise, on the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch of National Waterway-110, is to be opened on 10 November 2026.

- Delhi's first recreational river cruise service on the Yamuna will be inaugurated on 10 November 2026 at Sonia Vihar.
- Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal will open it with Lt Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta present.
- The service runs on the Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur stretch, and the Yamuna is National Waterway-110 under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- The Inland Waterways Authority of India is developing it with the DDA, DTTDC, Delhi Jal Board and the Irrigation and Flood Control Department.
- The cruise will use electric-powered vessels, offered as a demonstration of clean and sustainable inland water transport.

Service	Delhi's first recreational Yamuna river cruise
Inauguration	10 November 2026 at Sonia Vihar, Delhi
Inaugurated by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Also present	Lt Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu and Chief Minister Rekha Gupta
Stretch	Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur on the Yamuna
Waterway status	National Waterway-110, under the National Waterways Act, 2016
Nodal agency	Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)
Partners	DDA, DTTDC, Delhi Jal Board, Irrigation and Flood Control Department

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INS Chilka to Pass Out Largest Agniveer Batch of 3,300

9 November 2026 · Defence

INS Chilka will hold the passing out parade of its ninth and largest batch of over 3,300 Agniveers and Coast Guard Naviks on 13 November 2026.

- INS Chilka will conduct the passing out parade of the ninth batch of Indian Navy Agniveers and Indian Coast Guard Naviks on 13 November 2026.
- More than 3,300 trainees will pass out, making it the largest batch to complete training at INS Chilka.
- Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, will be the chief guest and reviewing officer of the parade.
- The parade marks the end of 16 weeks of ab-initio training covering academics, physical conditioning, swimming, drill and outdoor camp.
- Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, Flag Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Southern Naval Command, will preside over the valedictory function, where the bilingual trainees' magazine Ankur will be unveiled.

Establishment	INS Chilka, the Indian Navy's ab-initio training establishment
Event	Passing out parade of the ninth batch of Agniveers and Naviks
Date	13 November 2026
Trainees	More than 3,300, the largest batch from INS Chilka
Services covered	Indian Navy (Agniveers) and Indian Coast Guard (Naviks)
Chief guest and reviewing officer	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
Valedictory function	Presided over by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena, FOC-in-C, Southern Naval Command
Training duration	16 weeks of ab-initio training

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MY Bharat-NSS Diwali Sneh Milan Covers 153 Institutions

9 November 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat-NSS held Diwali Sneh Milan at 153 institutions with 1,07,494 participations under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan.

- MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme organised Diwali Sneh Milan at 153 institutions, recording 1,07,494 participations.
- It was the eighth weekly intervention under the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan and closed the campaign's second month.
- The Nasha Mukt Deepotsav and Sneh Milan gatherings together engaged more than 41,600 participants with lamps, pledges and cultural events.
- Nearly 25,000 people took the Addiction-Free Diwali Sankalp, and over 16,700 volunteers served at old-age homes, orphanages, hospitals and slums.
- Street plays, rangoli and Nasha Mukt songs engaged over 24,100 participants, and more than 1,100 posts and reels used the hashtag NashaMuktYuva.

Programme	Diwali Sneh Milan by MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme
Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan
Ministry	Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Institutions covered	153
Participations	1,07,494
Which intervention	Eighth weekly intervention, closing the campaign's second month
Deepotsav and Sneh Milan	More than 41,600 participants
Cultural programmes	Over 24,100 participants in street plays, rangoli and songs

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India, Saudi Arabia Sign Haj 2027 Pact; Quota 175,025

9 November 2026 · International

India and Saudi Arabia signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027 at Jeddah on 9 November 2026, fixing the Indian pilgrim quota at 175,025.

- The Bilateral Haj Agreement between India and Saudi Arabia for Haj-2027 was signed in Jeddah on 9 November 2026.
- India's country quota for Haj-2027 has been confirmed at 175,025 pilgrims.
- Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, led the Indian side on a visit that ran from 6 to 9 November 2026.
- The Saudi side was represented by Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, Minister of Hajj and Umrah; the bilateral meeting took place at the Jeddah Superdome.
- The Minister attended the opening of the 6th Hajj Conference and Exhibition on 8 November and met the Deputy Governor of the Makkah Region.

Agreement	Bilateral Haj Agreement between India and Saudi Arabia for Haj-2027
Signed at	Jeddah, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 9 November 2026
Indian quota	175,025 pilgrims
Indian Minister	Kiren Rijiju, Union Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs
Saudi Minister	Dr Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah, Minister of Hajj and Umrah
Venue of bilateral meeting	Jeddah Superdome
Visit dates	6 to 9 November 2026
Conference attended	6th Hajj Conference and Exhibition, Jeddah

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Amit Shah Opens Rs 1,400 Crore Ahmedabad Projects

9 November 2026 · State News

Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for development works worth about Rs 1,400 crore in Ahmedabad on 9 November 2026.

- Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for works worth about Rs 1,400 crore in Ahmedabad on 9 November 2026.
- Of the total, about Rs 1,024 crore is Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation work and about Rs 400 crore comes through the Gujarat Roads and Buildings Department and the Government of India.
- A four-kilometre ISKCON overbridge, a pump house for the Bopal-Ghuma area and the Jalasapur Water Treatment Plant were among the projects.
- The target announced is a drug-free India by 31 December 2029, with Gujarat asked to achieve it before 31 December 2028; the drug helpline is 1033.
- Works worth Rs 25,000 crore have been completed in the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency over the past seven years.

Occasion	Inauguration and foundation stones for works of about Rs 1,400 crore, Ahmedabad, 9 November 2026
Who	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Also present	Bhupendra Patel, Chief Minister of Gujarat
Split of outlay	About Rs 1,024 crore by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation and about Rs 400 crore by the Gujarat Roads and Buildings Department with the Government of India
Drug-free India target	31 December 2029; Gujarat asked to achieve it before 31 December 2028
Drug helpline	1033, with the informant's identity kept confidential
Control room	To start from 1 December, with action within three hours of information
Gandhinagar Lok Sabha	Works worth Rs 25,000 crore completed in the past seven years

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PM Modi Speaks to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy

9 November 2026 · International

Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke by telephone to Ukraine President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on 9 November 2026 and backed dialogue and diplomacy.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi spoke by telephone with Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on 9 November 2026.
- President Zelenskyy shared his perspective on recent developments in the ongoing conflict.
- The Prime Minister reiterated India's consistent position that the conflict must be settled through dialogue and diplomacy, and recalled India's human-centric approach.
- He conveyed India's readiness to contribute to all efforts aimed at a peaceful resolution of the conflict.
- The two leaders also discussed measures to strengthen India-Ukraine bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

Event	Telephone conversation between the Prime Minister of India and the President of Ukraine
Date	9 November 2026
Leaders	Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy
India's stated position	The conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy
India's approach	Human-centric approach, with readiness to contribute to all peace efforts
Other agenda	Strengthening India-Ukraine bilateral cooperation in various sectors

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NAPDDR: Sultanpur De-addiction Centre Rebuilds a Life

9 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A case put out on 9 November 2026 shows how a Drug De-addiction Centre at Sultanpur, backed under NAPDDR, helped a man leave addiction behind.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment put out the case on 9 November 2026.
- NAPDDR stands for the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction, a programme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- The Drug De-addiction Centre (DDAC) at Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh, supported under NAPDDR, treated the man concerned.
- The centre gave medical treatment, medicines, healthcare services, rehabilitation, safe accommodation, counselling, motivation, yoga sessions and emotional guidance.
- After recovery he started his own business and regained financial stability along with social respect.

Scheme	National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Facility	Drug De-addiction Centre (DDAC), Sultanpur
State	Uttar Pradesh
Support given	Medical treatment, medicines, healthcare, rehabilitation, safe accommodation, counselling, motivation, yoga and emotional guidance
Outcome	Recovery from addiction, own business started, financial stability and social reintegration
Date of release	9 November 2026

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NFSC Fellowship Takes SC Scholars to Research Posts

9 November 2026 · Government Schemes

On 9 November 2026 the Social Justice Ministry showed how its National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students carried two scholars into research careers.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment published both accounts on 9 November 2026.
- NFSC stands for the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students, a scheme of that Ministry.
- One beneficiary, now an Assistant Professor, received fellowship support for research expenses, study material and other academic needs.
- On upgradation from Junior Research Fellow to Senior Research Fellow in 2024, he received additional government assistance of about Rs 50,000.
- The second account is of a Scheduled Caste scholar from Tamil Nadu pursuing a doctorate in medical and molecular research at Tampere University, Finland.

Scheme	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Fellowship stages	Junior Research Fellow (JRF) and Senior Research Fellow (SRF)
Additional assistance on upgradation	About Rs 50,000, received in 2024 on moving from JRF to SRF
First beneficiary	A scholar from a rural background, now an Assistant Professor
Second beneficiary	A Scheduled Caste scholar from Tamil Nadu, in the first year of a PhD at Tampere University, Finland
Research field abroad	Experimental cancer research, molecular signalling and therapies for glioblastoma and other brain cancers
Date of release	9 November 2026

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Island Fisheries Anchor India's Blue Economy Growth Plan

10 November 2026 · Economy

Lakshadweep gets Rs 175 crore and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Rs 218 crore under PMMSY to build tuna, seaweed and ornamental fisheries in the islands.

- Lakshadweep has been earmarked Rs 175 crore and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands Rs 218 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana for fisheries development
- India's coastline measures about 11,099 km and its Exclusive Economic Zone nearly 24 lakh sq km; the two island groups together hold close to 40 per cent of that zone
- Marine fisheries potential within the Exclusive Economic Zone is estimated at 58.6 lakh MT, and the sector supports the livelihoods of nearly 50 lakh fishers
- Seafood exports were valued at about Rs 73,890 crore in 2025-26, and public investment in fisheries since 2015 adds up to Rs 39,272 crore
- A five-year plan aims to double Lakshadweep's tuna output to 50,000 tonnes, and the islands have been notified as a dedicated Seaweed Cluster

Ministry	Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying
Islands in focus	Lakshadweep and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands
PMMSY outlay, Lakshadweep	Rs 175 crore
PMMSY outlay, Andaman and Nicobar	Rs 218 crore
Coastline	About 11,099 km
Exclusive Economic Zone	Nearly 24 lakh sq km; the two island groups hold about 40 per cent
Marine fisheries potential	58.6 lakh MT within the EEZ
Seafood exports, 2025-26	About Rs 73,890 crore

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Mushroom Cultivation Powers Rural Livelihoods Across India

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Mushroom farming is lifting rural incomes, with Bihar's Anantpur declared a Mushroom Village and over 250 Jeevika women linked to the trade in Nalanda.

- Anantpur village in Harnaut block of Nalanda district, Bihar, was declared a Mushroom Village by the State Agriculture Department in 2012
- Anita Devi, known as the Mushroom Mahila, set up a spawn production laboratory with a Rs 15 lakh subsidy under the National Horticulture Mission
- By 2023 more than 250 women from Jeevika Self-Help Groups in Nalanda were engaged in mushroom-based livelihood activities
- Training under the Skill Training for Rural Youth scheme at Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Guntur, helped Ruthu of Ippatam village earn about Rs 35,000 a month
- Cultivation moves through composting, spawning, casing, pinning, cropping and harvesting, and uses farm waste as the growing medium

Document	PIB Backgrounder on mushroom cultivation
Mushroom Village	Anantpur, Harnaut block, Nalanda district, Bihar; declared in 2012
Mushroom Mahila	Anita Devi of Anantpur
Spawn laboratory subsidy	Rs 15 lakh under the National Horticulture Mission
Producer company	Madhopur Farmers Producers Company Limited
Jeevika women linked by 2023	More than 250 in Nalanda district
Skill scheme	Skill Training for Rural Youth, with SAMETI and MANAGE, Hyderabad
Cultivation stages	Composting, spawning, casing, pinning, cropping, harvesting

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Buddha's Sacred Relics Draw 11,969 Devotees at Bomdila

10 November 2026 · National

Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha drew 11,969 devotees in two days at the TGL Monastery in Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, with Darshan open till 13 November 2026.

- A total of 11,969 devotees visited the Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery at Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh, in the first two days of the exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
- The exposition is organised by the Ministry of Culture with the National Museum New Delhi, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International Buddhist Confederation
- Public Darshan at Bomdila continues until 13 November 2026, with viewing from 8:30 AM to 6:00 PM on all scheduled days
- After a ceremonial send-off on 14 November 2026 the Relics go to Namsai, where they will be enshrined at the Golden Pagoda from 14 to 20 November 2026
- The Holy Relics return to the National Museum in New Delhi on 21 November 2026

Event	Exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
Venue	Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery or Lower Gompa, Bomdila, Arunachal Pradesh
Devotees in first two days	11,969
Organisers	Ministry of Culture with the National Museum New Delhi, Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International Buddhist Confederation
Darshan timings	8:30 AM to 6:00 PM
Last day at Bomdila	13 November 2026
Next destination	Golden Pagoda, Namsai, from 14 to 20 November 2026
Return to National Museum	21 November 2026

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MoSPI Wraps Up Special Campaign 6 With 1,522 E-Files Shut

10 November 2026 · National

MoSPI closed Special Campaign 6, held from 2 to 31 October 2026, disposing of 48 grievances, shutting 1,522 e-files and freeing 1,982 sq ft of office space.

- MoSPI conducted Special Campaign 6 from 2 to 31 October 2026 across its field, attached, subordinate and autonomous offices in States and Union Territories
- The Ministry disposed of 48 public grievances and 9 public grievance appeals during the campaign
- Of 718 physical files reviewed, 433 were weeded out, while 1,607 e-files were reviewed and 1,522 of them were closed
- Office space of 1,982 sq ft was freed, and the disposal of e-waste and scrap earned revenue of Rs 3,69,819
- A total of 114 cleanliness drives were held, and a One-Day Cleanliness Drive on 7 October 2026 covered about 53 Field Operations Division sites

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Duration	2 to 31 October 2026
Portal used	Special Campaign for Disposal of Pending Matters (SCDPM) portal
Grievances disposed	48 public grievances and 9 grievance appeals
Physical files	718 reviewed, 433 weeded out
Electronic files	1,607 reviewed, 1,522 closed
Office space freed	1,982 sq ft
Revenue from e-waste and scrap	Rs 3,69,819

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Anuj Shrivatri Becomes India's 100th Chess Grandmaster

10 November 2026 · Sports

Anuj Shrivatri has become India's 100th chess Grandmaster, taking the country to a century of Grandmasters, a feat Prime Minister Narendra Modi called exceptional.

- Anuj Shrivatri has become India's 100th chess Grandmaster, completing a century of Grandmasters for the country
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated Anuj Shrivatri on 10 November 2026 and called the feat exceptional and wonderful
- A tally of 100 Grandmasters was described as reflecting the talent, dedication and hard work of Indian players and the growing popularity of chess among the youth
- Young chess talents are emerging from different parts of the country and making their mark on the global stage
- Grandmaster (GM) is the highest title in chess, and the announcement came through the Prime Minister's Office

Player	Anuj Shrivatri
Milestone	India's 100th chess Grandmaster
Game	Chess
India's Grandmaster tally	100
Greeted by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Date	10 November 2026

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India Seeks Fair, Ambitious Outcome at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya

10 November 2026 · Environment

India's opening statement at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye, pressed developed countries to meet Article 9.1 climate finance duties and backed equity and CBDR-RC.

- India delivered its opening statement at the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UNFCCC, being held in Antalya, Turkiye
- The statement was delivered by Narendra Bhooshan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- India backed equity and the principle of Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC) and aligned with G77 and China, LMDC and BASIC
- India underlined Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement, which obliges developed countries to provide financial resources to developing countries
- The COP31 Presidency's vision is a 'COP of Implementation' guided by Dialogue, Consensus and Action; Turkiye and Australia lead the session

Event	31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UNFCCC
Venue	Antalya, Turkiye
COP31 leadership	Turkiye, with Australia
Presidency's vision	A 'COP of Implementation' guided by Dialogue, Consensus and Action
India's statement delivered by	Narendra Bhooshan, Secretary, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Principles invoked by India	Equity and Common But Differentiated Responsibilities and Respective Capabilities (CBDR-RC)
Groupings India aligned with	G77 and China, Like Minded Developing Countries (LMDC) and BASIC
Finance provision highlighted	Article 9.1 of the Paris Agreement

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MY Bharat Deepotsav Draws 1.19 Lakh Youth in Week 8 Drive

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

MY Bharat's Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav and Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments in Week 8 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan drew over 1.19 lakh people in 30 States and UTs.

- MY Bharat held 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav - Ek Diya Sankalp Ka' and 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Par Paricharcha' on 6 and 7 November 2026 as Week 8 of the 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan
- Over 1.19 lakh youth and citizens from 30 States and Union Territories took part and pledged support for a Nasha Mukt Bharat
- The Deepotsav leg had 435 programmes and 568 activities with 1,10,101 participants; partners included Brahma Kumaris, EPSI and Heartfulness
- The Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments leg had 85 programmes and 298 activities with 9,526 participants, each NYP aiming at a minimum of 80 youth per block through four sessions
- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat) works under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; the campaign is titled 'Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat'

Organiser	Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100-Week Sankalp Abhiyan (Week 8)
Activities	Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav - Ek Diya Sankalp Ka, and Nasha Mukt Yuva Par Paricharcha through Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments
Dates	6 and 7 November 2026
Total reach	Over 1.19 lakh youth and citizens across 30 States and Union Territories
Deepotsav figures	435 programmes, 568 activities, 1,10,101 participants
NYP figures	85 programmes, 298 activities, 9,526 participants
NYP design	At least 80 youth per block through four structured sessions

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PLFS Bulletin: LFPR Climbs to 55.5% in July-September 2026

10 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

Labour force participation for persons aged 15 years and above rose to 55.5% in July-September 2026 from 54.6%, and unemployment eased to 5.1%.

- MoSPI released the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin for July-September 2026 on 10 November 2026; it is the sixth bulletin in the series to cover both rural and urban India.
- LFPR for persons aged 15 years and above rose to 55.5% from 54.6% in the previous quarter, with rural LFPR at 58.1% and urban LFPR at 50.4%.
- The Worker Population Ratio improved to 52.7% and the all-India unemployment rate eased to 5.1%, with rural unemployment down to 4.3%.
- Agriculture's share of rural employment rose to 56.7% from 52.9%, while casual labour fell to 21.7% in rural and 10.7% in urban areas.
- An estimated 57.9 crore persons aged 15 years and above were employed in the quarter, including 40.5 crore men and 17.4 crore women.

Report	PLFS Quarterly Bulletin, July-September 2026 (sixth in the rural-urban series)
Released by	National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
LFPR (15+ years)	55.5%, up from 54.6% in April-June 2026
Worker Population Ratio	52.7%, up from 51.7%
Unemployment Rate	5.1% overall, 4.3% rural, 6.8% urban
Female LFPR	34.7%, up from 33.2%
Workers estimated	57.9 crore aged 15 years and above (40.5 crore men, 17.4 crore women)
Framework	Current Weekly Status (CWS)

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Coal Gasification Scheme's Round 3 Opens; NTPC Bids in Round 2

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Coal opened Round 3 of the Rs 37,500 crore surface coal and lignite gasification scheme on 10 November 2026 as Round 2 closed with two NTPC bids.

- The Ministry of Coal concluded Round 2 of the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects and opened Round 3 from 10 November 2026.
- The scheme has a total financial outlay of Rs 37,500 crore and was approved by the Union Cabinet on 13 May 2026.
- Round 2 drew just two applications, both from NTPC Limited, proposing urea in one case and methanol with dimethyl ether (DME) in the other.
- The last date for applications under Round 3 is 11 January 2027.
- India's national target is 100 million tonnes of coal gasification capacity by 2030, which this scheme is meant to support.

Scheme	Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects
Ministry	Ministry of Coal
Outlay	Rs 37,500 crore
Cabinet approval	13 May 2026
Round 2 applicant	NTPC Limited, with two applications
End products proposed	Urea; methanol and dimethyl ether (DME)
Round 3 window	Opened 10 November 2026, closes 11 January 2027
National target	100 million tonnes of coal gasification capacity by 2030

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DRI Seizes Foreign Currency, Tusks, Drugs and E-Cigarettes

10 November 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence announced four seizures on 10 November 2026: foreign currency at Kolkata airport, elephant tusks, amphetamine and e-cigarettes.

- DRI seized foreign currency worth Rs 3.12 crore from seven passengers headed to Bangkok at Kolkata's NSCBI Airport and arrested all seven under the Customs Act with FEMA regulations.
- Two elephant tusks of 29 and 30 inches, weighing about 3.7 kg, were recovered near Sonapur Toll Gate about 27 km from Guwahati under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.
- A trafficker carrying 6.642 kg of amphetamine from Delhi to Bhopal was arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985.
- About 13,000 e-cigarettes worth over Rs 4 crore, mis-declared as Mop Rod, were seized at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Navi Mumbai.
- In financial year 2026-27 the DRI has seized around 3,55,000 e-cigarettes valued at more than Rs 135 crore across four states.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), Ministry of Finance
Kolkata airport	Foreign currency worth Rs 3.12 crore seized; seven arrested
Assam	Two elephant tusks, 29 and 30 inches, about 3.7 kg, near Sonapur Toll Gate
Bhopal	6.642 kg amphetamine seized from a bus passenger from Delhi
JNPT, Navi Mumbai	About 13,000 e-cigarettes worth over Rs 4 crore, mis-declared as Mop Rod
Laws applied	Customs Act with FEMA; Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972; NDPS Act, 1985; Prohibition of Electronic Cigarettes Act, 2019
E-cigarette seizures in 2026-27	About 3,55,000 pieces worth more than Rs 135 crore

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NLMC to E-Auction 11 Government Flats in Prayagraj

10 November 2026 · Economy

The National Land Monetization Corporation has issued an RFP for the e-auction of 11 government residential flats in Prayagraj, with bidding set for 11 December 2026.

- NLMC released a Request for Proposal on 5 November 2026 for the e-auction of 11 government residential flats in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
- The flats lie in three housing schemes: five in Juhi Housing Scheme on Muir Road, four in Parivartan Housing Scheme on Thornhill Road and two in Agnipath Housing Scheme in Civil Lines.
- A pre-bid meeting is set for 20 November 2026 and registration with earnest money deposit closes on 7 December 2026.
- The e-auction will be held on 11 December 2026 from 11 in the morning to 5 in the evening on a digital auction platform.
- NLMC is a wholly owned Government of India company under the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance, created to monetise surplus public land and buildings.

Body	National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC)
Under	Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
Assets offered	11 government residential flats in Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh
Housing schemes	Juhi (Muir Road), Parivartan (Thornhill Road), Agnipath (Civil Lines)
RFP released	5 November 2026
Pre-bid meeting	20 November 2026
E-auction date	11 December 2026
Mandate	Monetising surplus land and building assets of CPSEs and government entities

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President Murmu Asks IPS Probationers to Rethink Cyber Policing

10 November 2026 · National

President Droupadi Murmu told IPS probationers of the 78 RR 2025 batch at Rashtrapati Bhavan to reorient their approach towards cyber crimes and deep fakes.

- Probationers of the Indian Police Service 78 RR (2025 batch) called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 10 November 2026.
- The President asked the officer trainees to reorient their own approach towards cyber crimes and to sensitise society about how serious such offences are.
- She flagged deep-fake content as a new threat and said police must stay ahead of criminals using state-of-the-art technology.
- Spreading misinformation to create fear was described as a serious emerging problem that smart policing can contain at local, regional and national levels.
- She said real respect comes from performance and an officer's value system, not from the authority that laws and rules confer.

Who	President Droupadi Murmu
Whom she addressed	Probationers of the Indian Police Service, 78 RR (2025 batch)
Venue	Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
Date	10 November 2026
Main appeal	Reorient the police approach towards cyber crimes
New threat named	Deep-fake content and orchestrated disinformation
On authority	Respect comes from performance and value system, not from powers under law

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Special Campaign 6.0: Sports and Ayush Report Their Results

10 November 2026 · National

The Department of Sports and the Ministry of Ayush reported their Special Campaign 6.0 results, settling 120 and 368 public grievances and freeing office space.

- DARPG's Special Campaign 6.0 ran from 2 October to 31 October 2026 and focused on grievance redressal, record management, cleanliness and scientific e-waste disposal.
- The Department of Sports settled 120 public grievances, 15 MP references, 4 state references, 2 PMO references and 3 Parliamentary Assurances during the campaign.
- It reviewed 290 physical files and 340 e-files, cleaned 65 sites, reclaimed 50,605 square feet of space and earned Rs 9,29,946 from scrap disposal.
- The Ministry of Ayush disposed of 368 public grievances and 64 appeals, held 285 cleanliness campaigns and closed 1,610 files.
- Ayush freed 8,741 square feet of office space and earned Rs 1,94,161 in revenue from scrap disposal.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0, run by DARPG
Period	2 October to 31 October 2026
Sports: grievances	120 public grievances, 15 MP references, 3 Parliamentary Assurances
Sports: files	290 physical files and 340 e-files reviewed
Sports: space and scrap	50,605 square feet reclaimed at 65 sites; Rs 9,29,946 earned
Ayush: grievances	368 grievances and 64 appeals disposed
Ayush: records	1,610 files closed; 8,741 square feet freed; Rs 1,94,161 earned
Sports launch event	Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run on 2 October 2026

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Yamuna Recreational Cruise Service Launched in Delhi

10 November 2026 · National

Sarbananda Sonowal opened Delhi's first recreational Yamuna cruise at Sonia Vihar, running a 30-seater electric vessel on the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch.

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Delhi's first recreational Yamuna river cruise at Sonia Vihar on 10 November 2026, with Chief Minister Rekha Gupta present.
- The service uses a 30-seater electric vessel on the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch, covering a round trip of about 6 kilometres.
- The Yamuna is National Waterway-110, notified under the National Waterways Act, 2016; the Inland Waterways Authority of India developed the project.
- Cargo on national waterways grew from 18 million metric tonnes in 2013-14 to 218 million metric tonnes in 2025-26, and overnight cruise vessels from 5 to 26.
- Water freight costs Rs 1.06 per tonne-kilometre against Rs 1.41 by rail and Rs 2.28 by road; MV Ganga Vilas is the Limca Book record holder for the longest river cruise.

Service	Recreational Yamuna River Cruise Service, Delhi
Inaugurated by	Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, with Delhi CM Rekha Gupta
Stretch	Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur, round trip of about 6 km
Vessel	30-seater electric cruise boat
Waterway	National Waterway-110 (Yamuna), National Waterways Act, 2016
Developed by	Inland Waterways Authority of India with DDA, DTTDC, Delhi Jal Board and the Irrigation and Flood Control Department
Waterway cargo	Up from 18 million metric tonnes in 2013-14 to 218 million metric tonnes in 2025-26

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PLI 2.0 for Medical Devices Opens With Rs 2,700 Crore

10 November 2026 · Economy

The Department of Pharmaceuticals invited fresh applications under the medical devices PLI scheme, now extended to 2035-36 with an outlay of about Rs 2,700 crore.

- The Department of Pharmaceuticals invited fresh applications under the PLI scheme for medical devices (PLI-MD) on 10 November 2026, with the scheme extended up to 2035-36.
- About Rs 2,700 crore is available as outlay, and the online application portal is to open within ten days.
- Since 2021-22 the scheme has brought over 60 high-end devices and components into domestic production, with output valued above Rs 16,000 crore.
- Incentives average about 5% for consumables and implants, about 9% for critical components and nascent high-end devices, and 6% for devices now only assembled in India.
- The minimum sales threshold for claiming incentive has been discontinued and the minimum investment requirement trimmed, with applicants allowed three years to set up plants.

Scheme	PLI Scheme for Promoting Domestic Manufacturing of Medical Devices (PLI-MD 2.0)
Ministry	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Extended up to	2035-36
Outlay	About Rs 2,700 crore
Launched in	2021-22
Production so far	Over Rs 16,000 crore, covering more than 60 high-end devices and components
Target segments	Four: consumables and implants, critical components, nascent high-end devices, devices now only assembled
Eased conditions	Minimum sales threshold discontinued; minimum investment requirement trimmed

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New AIIMS Cross 6 Crore OPD Visits Under PMSSY

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

New AIIMS built under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana recorded over 6 crore OPD consultations in five years since 2021-22, the Health Ministry said.

- The Health Ministry said on 10 November 2026 that new AIIMS under PMSSY crossed 6 crore OPD consultations in the five years from 2021-22, counted up to 31 October 2026.
- Of 22 new AIIMS approved in various phases of PMSSY, 18 are fully functional with OPD, IPD, emergency, trauma, diagnostic, teaching and research services.
- Yearly OPD numbers rose from 50.03 lakh in 2021-22 to 77.95 lakh, 100.52 lakh, 129.98 lakh and 144.96 lakh in 2025-26.
- In 2026-27 the new AIIMS had recorded 97.41 lakh outpatients by October 2026, taking the cumulative total to about 6.01 crore.
- The institutes have also expanded undergraduate, postgraduate and nursing seats and added specialised clinical facilities.

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY)
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Milestone	Over 6 crore OPD consultations at new AIIMS since 2021-22, as on 31 October 2026
New AIIMS approved	22
Fully functional	18
OPD in 2021-22	50.03 lakh
OPD in 2025-26	144.96 lakh
OPD in 2026-27 till October 2026	97.41 lakh

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Odisha Millet Roadmap Targets 5 Lakh Hectares by 2047

10 November 2026 · State News

At a national event in Bhubaneswar, ICAR chief M. L. Jat set a target of 5 lakh hectares under millets in Odisha by 2047 with 8 lakh tonnes of output.

- A two-day national event on agro-biodiversity, climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable food systems began at Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 10 November 2026.
- ICAR Director General Dr Mangi Lal Jat called for raising Odisha's millet area from 1.79 lakh hectares to 5 lakh hectares by 2047, with output of 8 lakh metric tonnes.
- The Odisha Shree Anna Abhiyan was described as a potential national model for millet-based agricultural transformation.
- Odisha procured 7.5 lakh quintals of ragi in KMS 2024-25 and has a target of 8 lakh quintals for 2025-26.
- The state has documented 163 finger millet landraces, and varieties such as Kalia, Bati, Mami and Bharathi were highlighted for conservation.

Event	Two-day national event on agro-biodiversity conservation, climate-resilient agriculture and sustainable food systems
Venue	Bhubaneswar, Odisha
Proposed by	Dr Mangi Lal Jat, Secretary DARE and Director General, ICAR
Millet area target	From 1.79 lakh hectares to 5 lakh hectares by 2047
Production target	8 lakh metric tonnes
State campaign	Odisha Shree Anna Abhiyan
Ragi procurement	7.5 lakh quintals in KMS 2024-25; target 8 lakh quintals for 2025-26
Finger millet landraces	163 documented, including Kalia, Bati, Mami and Bharathi

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MATSYA-6000 Progress Reviewed at ESSC Meeting

10 November 2026 · Science & Technology

Jitendra Singh chaired the second general body meeting of the Earth System Sciences Council and reviewed Deep Ocean Mission progress, including MATSYA-6000 dives.

- Dr Jitendra Singh chaired the second General Body Meeting of the Earth System Sciences Council on 10 November 2026 and pressed for citizen-centric science communication.
- The meeting reviewed the 2025-26 annual reports and audited accounts of five institutions: NIOT, INCOIS, NCESS, IITM and NCPOR.
- Under the Deep Ocean Mission, MATSYA-6000 is India’s human submersible rated for a depth of 6,000 metres.
- Indian aquanauts dived to 4,025 metres and 5,002 metres in an Indo-French expedition aboard the submersible Nautile.
- NCPOR reported the 45th Indian Antarctic Expedition with 95 members and the 16th Indian Arctic Expedition, besides Himalayan glacier monitoring.

Meeting	Second General Body Meeting of the Earth System Sciences Council (ESSC)
Chaired by	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Institutions reviewed	NIOT, INCOIS, NCESS, IITM and NCPOR
Submersible	MATSYA-6000, depth-rated for 6,000 metres
Dives completed	4,025 metres and 5,002 metres aboard the French submersible Nautile
Polar expeditions	45th Indian Antarctic Expedition with 95 members; 16th Indian Arctic Expedition
Weather programmes	Mission Mausam, PRITHVI programme and the Bharat Forecasting System

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BRIC Third Foundation Day: India-UK Biomanufacturing LoI

10 November 2026 · Science & Technology

BRIC marked its third Foundation Day at BRIC-NII, signed a Letter of Intent with the UK Centre for Process Innovation and drew a Wellcome Trust grant.

- BRIC observed its third Foundation Day on 10 November 2026 at BRIC-National Institute of Immunology, with Dr Jitendra Singh as chief guest.
- A Letter of Intent was signed between BRIC and the United Kingdom’s Centre for Process Innovation for cooperation in biomanufacturing and biofoundries.
- The Wellcome Trust announced a grant of up to Rs 21.7 crore for a five-year immersion training programme for more than 250 iBRIC+ PhD scholars.
- India’s bioeconomy has grown from about USD 10 billion to more than USD 195 billion, and biotechnology startups from around 50-60 to more than 11,000.
- BRIC unites 13 premier biotechnology institutions across 11 cities; the iBRIC+ Spotlight Scientist of the Year-2026 awards went to Sunil Laxman, Rashna Bhandari and Bhabatosh Das.

Event	Third Foundation Day of the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council (BRIC)
Venue	BRIC-National Institute of Immunology
Agreement	Letter of Intent with the UK’s Centre for Process Innovation on biomanufacturing
Grant	Wellcome Trust, up to Rs 21.7 crore for a five-year programme for over 250 iBRIC+ PhD scholars
Bioeconomy	Grown from about USD 10 billion to more than USD 195 billion
Startups	From around 50-60 to more than 11,000
Network	13 biotechnology institutions across 11 cities
Spotlight Scientist 2026	Dr Sunil Laxman (BRIC-inStem), Dr Rashna Bhandari (BRIC-CDFD), Prof Bhabatosh Das (BRIC-THSTI)

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UPSC Declares CDS (I) 2026 Final Result; 243 Qualify

10 November 2026 · Defence

The Union Public Service Commission has declared the final result of the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026, with 243 candidates qualifying.

- UPSC has declared the final result of the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026, with 243 candidates in the merit lists
- The 243 qualifiers are made up of three groups of 155, 63 and 25 names for the three training academies
- Admission is to the 162nd (DE) Course at IMA Dehradun, to the Indian Naval Academy at Ezhimala, and to Pre-Flying Course No. 221 F(P) at AFA Hyderabad
- Notified vacancies are 100 for IMA (13 for NCC 'C' Army Wing), 26 for INA Ezhimala and 32 for AFA Hyderabad
- At the written stage 2601, 770 and 640 candidates had qualified for IMA, INA and AFA respectively

Examination	Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026
Conducted by	Union Public Service Commission; written test held in April 2026
Candidates in final lists	243 (155 + 63 + 25)
IMA course	162nd (DE) Course, Indian Military Academy, Dehradun
Air Force Academy course	Pre-Flying Training Course No. 221 F(P), Hyderabad
Naval Academy	Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala
Vacancies notified	IMA 100, INA Ezhimala 26, AFA Hyderabad 32
Interviews by	Services Selection Board, Ministry of Defence

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Nasha Mukt Yuva Quiz Crosses 25,607 Participants

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan has drawn over 25,607 participants and stays open until 25 November 2026.

- The 'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz' has crossed 25,607 participants and remains open until 25 November 2026
- It was launched on 26 October 2026 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, and is hosted on the MY Bharat portal
- The quiz has 20 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 10 minutes, with a participation certificate for everyone who submits
- Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on 15 August 2020, began in 272 vulnerable districts and now covers all districts
- Campaign outreach stands at 35.84 crore people, with 39.91 lakh treated and rehabilitated through over 755 de-addiction centres

Initiative	'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz' (online)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Parent campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, launched 15 August 2020
Quiz window	26 October to 25 November 2026
Participation	More than 25,607 citizens
Format	20 multiple-choice questions in 10 minutes, on the MY Bharat portal
Districts covered	Began in 272 vulnerable districts, now all districts
Outreach	35.84 crore people, including 14.33 crore youth and 11.32 crore women

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Vayo SAATHI Volunteer Registration Opens for Citizens 18+

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry has opened Vayo SAATHI volunteer registration for citizens aged 18 and above under the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment has opened Vayo SAATHI volunteer registration to all citizens aged 18 years and above
- Vayo SAATHI stands for Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion, and volunteers receive a Vayo SAATHI Certificate
- It is a component of the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan, a national intergenerational bonding campaign under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
- Registration is through the Senior Citizens Welfare SAMAVESH portal or the JEEVAN mobile app, which stands for Joint Elderly Empowerment and Virtual Assistance Network
- The campaign follows a 5C model - Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue - and covers twelve thematic areas

Initiative	Vayo SAATHI volunteer registration
Full form	Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion
Parent campaign	Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan (National Intergenerational Bonding Campaign)
Umbrella scheme	Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Eligibility	Citizens aged 18 years and above
Registration routes	SCW SAMAVESH portal and the JEEVAN mobile application
Model	5C - Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute, Continue

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Sales Cross Rs 64.52 Lakh

10 November 2026 · National

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat has recorded cumulative sales of over Rs 64.52 lakh, with more than 130 stalls across seven thematic zones.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi, has recorded sales of about Rs 64.52 lakh
- The sales were recorded between 1 and 9 November 2026 by four corporations: NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC
- The 15-day fair runs until 15 November 2026 and has more than 130 stalls across seven thematic zones
- Its theme is 'Prakash aur Parampara - Jyoti se Jyoti Jalayen' and the zones include Kala Aangan, Prakash Chowk, Pooja Path and Swad Chowk
- The Ministry has held these melas since 2022, benefiting more than 1,000 artisans with free stalls, travel costs and transport support

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Venue	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
Duration	15-day fair, continuing until 15 November 2026
Cumulative sales	About Rs 64.52 lakh between 1 and 9 November 2026
Stalls	More than 130
Thematic zones	Seven: Kala Aangan, Prakash Chowk, Pooja Path, Sajawat Bazaar, Gharana, Swad Chowk and Manch
Participating corporations	NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC

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MSME Ministry Reviews 4% SC/ST Procurement by CPSEs

10 November 2026 · Economy

The MSME Ministry held a round table with 30 CPSEs to review the mandated 4% procurement from SC/ST micro and small enterprises under the Public Procurement Policy.

- The MSME Ministry held a round table with CPSEs on 5 November 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
- The meeting reviewed the mandated 4 per cent procurement from SC/ST micro and small enterprises under the Public Procurement Policy
- A total of 30 CPSEs took part, including BHEL, BEL, NTPC, AAI, BEML and Coal India Limited
- Public procurement from SC/ST enterprises has risen more than 36 times by the financial year 2025-26 since the National SC-ST Hub Scheme began
- A new Entrepreneur Awareness and Special Vendor Development Program was announced, and GeM has added filters to identify SC/ST sellers

Event	Round table discussion of the MSME Ministry with CPSEs
Date and venue	5 November 2026, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
Mandate reviewed	4 per cent procurement from SC/ST MSEs under the Public Procurement Policy
Chaired by	Ms. Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, Ministry of MSME
CPSEs present	30, including BHEL, BEL, NTPC, AAI, BEML and Coal India Limited
Scheme	National SC-ST Hub (NSSH) Scheme
Growth reported	More than 36 times rise in procurement from SC/ST MSEs by FY 2025-26 since inception
New initiative	Entrepreneur Awareness and Special Vendor Development Program

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India Post Takes Digital Detox 2.0 to 15 IndiGo Flights

10 November 2026 · National

India Post and IndiGo ran Digital Detox 2.0 on 15 flights covering 11 destinations, letting passengers send handwritten Diwali postcards in flight.

- The Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications, ran Digital Detox 2.0 with IndiGo on 15 flights covering 11 destinations
- It is the second edition of the in-flight postcard writing activity, held during the Diwali season
- Destinations covered were Chandigarh, Ranchi, Bagdogra, Delhi, Mumbai, Goa, Pune, Ahmedabad, Kolkata, Varanasi and Jaipur
- Passengers received Digital Detox kits with postcards, greeting cards, do-it-yourself postcards and specially designed Diwali stickers
- The aim was to revive handwritten communication and encourage mindful use of screens while travelling

Campaign	Digital Detox 2.0, in-flight postcard writing
Edition	Second
Run by	Department of Posts, Ministry of Communications
Airline partner	IndiGo
Flights covered	15
Destinations	11, including Chandigarh, Ranchi, Bagdogra, Varanasi and Jaipur
Kit contents	Postcards, greeting cards, do-it-yourself postcards and Diwali stickers
Occasion	Diwali and the festive travel season

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Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027 Set for 4-9 February

10 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The third Bharat Mobility Global Expo runs from 4 to 9 February 2027 at Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi on the theme Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow.

- The third Bharat Mobility Global Expo will be held from 4 to 9 February 2027 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
- Theme of the edition is Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow; the Curtain Raiser was hosted on 10 November 2026 by the Commerce and Industry and Heavy Industries ministries
- Scale planned: over 1,750 exhibitors, 11 concurrent shows, more than 10 lakh visitors and over 2.5 lakh square metres of space
- Piyush Goyal called it the world's second largest mobility expo and sought at least 25,000 international visitors
- India had reached about 480 billion dollars of exports by September, 48 per cent of its one-trillion-dollar yearly target, with engineering exports up about 22 per cent

Event	Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027, third edition
Dates	4 to 9 February 2027
Venues	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, Delhi
Theme	Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow
Hosted by	Ministry of Commerce and Industry with the Ministry of Heavy Industries
Exhibitors	More than 1,750
Concurrent shows	11
Expected footfall	More than 10 lakh visitors

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Khet Bachao Abhiyan Runs to 30 November for Rabi Crops

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The nationwide Khet Bachao Abhiyan for Rabi crops is on from 22 October to 30 November 2026, and Union Minister Ram Nath Thakur joined it in West Bengal.

- Khet Bachao Abhiyan is a nationwide campaign for Rabi crops, running from 22 October to 30 November 2026
- Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Shri Ram Nath Thakur joined a campaign programme at Subhasnagar, Swarupnagar Block, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal
- The West Bengal programme was organised by ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology (ICAR-NINFET)
- The Minister urged use of Soil Health Cards for need-based fertiliser application and named Krishi Vigyan Kendras as the extension arm for natural farming
- He also visited the Kolkata Centre of ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), where West Bengal Agriculture Minister Shri Dudh Kumar Mondal was Guest of Honour

Campaign	Khet Bachao Abhiyan, for Rabi crops
Duration	22 October to 30 November 2026, nationwide
Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
Minister	Shri Ram Nath Thakur, Union Minister of State
Programme venue	Subhasnagar, Swarupnagar Block, North 24 Parganas, West Bengal
Organiser	ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology (ICAR-NINFET)
Also visited	ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education (ICAR-CIFE), Kolkata Centre
Guest of Honour at Kolkata	Shri Dudh Kumar Mondal, Minister of Agriculture, West Bengal

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Social Justice Ministry Showcases NOS, NAMASTE and NFSC

10 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment set out gains under the National Overseas Scholarship, the NAMASTE scheme and the NFSC fellowship on 10 November 2026.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment released three beneficiary accounts on 10 November 2026, covering the NOS, NAMASTE and NFSC schemes
- Under the National Overseas Scholarship a Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra got tuition of 39,800 pounds and a maintenance allowance of 9,900 pounds for an MSc at University College London
- NAMASTE stands for National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem and is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- A Pondicherry Municipality sanitation worker given a PPE kit under NAMASTE in 2025 saw monthly income rise from about Rs 12,000 to Rs 16,000-18,000
- The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students has paid a Darjeeling research scholar Rs 18,41,870 since November 2022 as fellowship, House Rent Allowance and contingency

Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
NOS	National Overseas Scholarship, for study abroad
NOS assistance cited	Tuition fees of 39,800 pounds and maintenance allowance of 9,900 pounds, plus airfare, visa fees and insurance
NOS beneficiary's course	MSc in Construction Economics and Management, University College London
NAMASTE	National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem
NAMASTE support	PPE kit with overalls, heavy-duty gloves, gumboots, face mask and safety helmet, with safety training
NAMASTE income change	About Rs 12,000 a month to Rs 16,000-18,000
NFSC	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students

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11 November 2026

NCAHP Drafts Provisional Registration Rules for 2026

11 November 2026 · National

The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions has issued draft provisional registration regulations, 2026, and invited comments by 4 December.

- The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions has proposed the Draft Provisional Registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations, 2026
- NCAHP works under the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, and the draft is framed under the NCAHP Act, 2021
- A provisionally registered professional may reach regular registration through prescribed bridge courses, supervised clinical training, competency assessment and a minimum qualifying examination
- Each provisionally registered professional will get a Provisional Registration Unique Identification Number, or PR UID, under a single online registration system
- Comments, suggestions and objections may be sent to the commission until 4 December 2026, after which the draft will be finalised

Body	National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP)
Ministry	Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Draft regulations	Provisional Registration of Allied and Healthcare Professionals Regulations, 2026
Parent law	National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021
Released on	11 November 2026
Last date for comments	4 December 2026
Identifier on provisional registration	Provisional Registration Unique Identification Number (PR UID)
Route to regular registration	Bridge courses, supervised clinical training, competency assessment and minimum qualifying examination

Read online: gk24.in/current-affairs/ncahp-drafts-provisional-registration-rules-for-2026/

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CSIR and SINTEF Hold India-Norway Waste to Resource Dialogue

11 November 2026 · Science & Technology

CSIR, SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway held the India-Norway Dialogue on waste to resource solutions for cement and construction in New Delhi.

- The India-Norway Dialogue on Waste to Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sector was held on 10 November 2026 at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- It was organised by CSIR with SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway, and announced by the Ministry of Science and Technology
- India-Norway ties were raised to a Green Strategic Partnership during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Norway in May; Norway's Prime Minister is Jonas Gahr Store
- Cement kiln co-processing was examined for destroying POPs, DDT and PCB-contaminated waste; CSIR-NEERI cited the Stockholm Convention commitments and the 2025 CDW Rules
- Agreed priorities include two to three joint research proposals, pilot projects on hazardous waste treatment and technical guidelines for DDT and PCB waste disposal

Event	India-Norway Dialogue on Waste to Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sector
Date	10 November 2026
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Organisers	CSIR (India) with SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway
Ministry	Ministry of Science and Technology
Bilateral framework	India-Norway Green Strategic Partnership, agreed during the Prime Minister's visit to Norway in May
Norway's Prime Minister	Jonas Gahr Store
CSIR laboratories involved	CSIR-CBRI, CSIR-NEERI, CSIR-CRRI and CSIR-AMPRI

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Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Reaches 35.84 Crore in Six Years

11 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, begun in 272 districts on 15 August 2020, has reached over 35.84 crore people, including 14.33 crore youth, PIB said.

- Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on 15 August 2020 in 272 districts, extended to 372 districts in August 2022 and to all districts from 15 August 2023
- As on 10 November 2026 it had reached over 35.84 crore people, including 14.33 crore youth and 11.32 crore women, with more than 2 lakh Nasha Mukti Mitr enrolled
- It is the flagship awareness programme of NAPDDR, run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; Article 47 of the Constitution is its constitutional basis
- Treatment seekers rose from 2.08 lakh in 2020-21 to over 9.11 lakh in 2025-26; the network has 344 IRCAs, 198 DDACs, 155 ATFs, 71 ODICs and 45 CPLIs
- The national de-addiction helpline is 14446 and NCB's MANAS helpline is 1933; the Union Budget gives NAPDDR Rs 333 crore in 2026-27

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Launched	15 August 2020, in 272 districts most vulnerable to substance use
Nationwide from	15 August 2023, after an extension to 372 districts in August 2022
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Parent scheme	National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction (NAPDDR), a Centrally Sponsored Scheme
People reached	More than 35.84 crore as on 10 November 2026, including 14.33 crore youth and 11.32 crore women
Volunteers	More than 2 lakh enrolled as Nasha Mukti Mitr
Treatment network	344 IRCAs, 198 DDACs, 155 ATFs, 71 ODICs and 45 CPLIs

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INS Betwa Refit Contract Worth Rs 498.58 Crore Goes to CSL

11 November 2026 · Defence

The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 498.58 crore contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited on 11 November 2026 for the refit and re-powering of INS Betwa.

- The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth Rs 498.58 crore, about Rs 500 crore, with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the normal refit and re-powering of INS Betwa
- INS Betwa is a Brahmaputra-class frigate of the Indian Navy; the contract was signed in New Delhi on 11 November 2026 with Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh present
- Her steam-based propulsion system will be replaced by a diesel-engine-based system, making this a re-powering rather than an ordinary refit
- A modernised weapon suite will be installed to raise the frigate’s combat capability and operational effectiveness
- More than 50 MSMEs are expected to take part, creating employment across Indian shipbuilding and ancillary industries under Aatmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India

Ship	INS Betwa, a Brahmaputra-class frigate of the Indian Navy
Shipyard	Cochin Shipyard Limited
Contract value	Rs 498.58 crore (about Rs 500 crore)
Scope	Normal refit and re-powering, with a modernised weapon suite
Propulsion change	Steam-based system replaced by a diesel-engine-based system
Signed on	11 November 2026, New Delhi
Present at signing	Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh
Industry participation	More than 50 MSMEs expected to be involved

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Stand-Up India Extended to 2031 With Rs 4,111 Crore Corpus

11 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Union Cabinet on 11 November 2026 cleared five more years of Stand-Up India up to 31 March 2031, backed by a credit guarantee corpus of Rs 4,111 crore.

- The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme for five years, up to 31 March 2031
- A credit guarantee corpus of Rs 4,111 crore has been sanctioned for the new term of the scheme
- The scheme targets a minimum of 2.5 lakh fresh women, SC and ST borrowers over the five-year period
- Loans run above Rs 10 lakh and up to Rs 1 crore, covering as much as 85 per cent of project cost
- Since April 2016 the scheme has arranged loans for over 2.75 lakh women, SC and ST entrepreneurs

Decision	Continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Extended up to	31 March 2031 (five years)
Credit guarantee corpus	Rs 4,111 crore
Beneficiary target	Minimum 2.5 lakh entrepreneurs
Target group	Women, Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs
Loan band	Above Rs 10 lakh and up to Rs 1 crore
Guarantee cover and fee	85 per cent of the loan; standard guarantee fee of 0.50 per cent

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Cabinet Clears Rs 5,000 Crore CGFMU Corpus for Mudra Loans

11 November 2026 · Banking & Finance

The Union Cabinet extended the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units to 31 March 2031 with a Rs 5,000 crore corpus set to back Rs 12.6 lakh crore of Mudra loans.

- The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units up to 31 March 2031
- The fund gets a corpus of Rs 5,000 crore, expected to back PMMY loans worth Rs 12.6 lakh crore in five years
- The guarantee is routed through the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC)
- Guarantee fee falls from 1 per cent a year to 0.75 per cent a year; Self Help Group rates stay unchanged
- As on September 2026, over 60.36 crore Mudra loans worth Rs 43.34 lakh crore had been sanctioned

Decision	Continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU)
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Extended up to	31 March 2031 (five years)
Corpus	Rs 5,000 crore
Lending enabled	PMMY loans of Rs 12.6 lakh crore over five years
Guarantee routed through	National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC)
Guarantee fee	Reduced from 1 per cent a year to 0.75 per cent a year
SHG guarantee fee	0.25 per cent in the first year, 0.50 per cent thereafter

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Cabinet Approves NBS Rates for Rabi 2026-27 on P&K Fertilizers

11 November 2026 · Economy

The Union Cabinet cleared Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Rabi 2026-27 on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, with a budget need of about Rs 62,370.02 crore.

- The Union Cabinet approved Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Rabi 2026-27 on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers
- The rates are applicable from 01.10.2026 to 31.03.2027 and the nodal ministry is Chemicals and Fertilizers
- The tentative budgetary requirement is about Rs 62,370.02 crore for the season
- This is roughly Rs 24,417.73 crore more than the Rabi 2025-26 budget of Rs 37,952.29 crore
- Government supplies 28 grades of P&K fertilizers, including DAP, at subsidised prices; NBS has run since 01.04.2010

Decision	Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Rabi 2026-27 on P&K fertilizers
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Applicable period	01.10.2026 to 31.03.2027
Budgetary requirement	About Rs 62,370.02 crore
Increase over previous Rabi	About Rs 24,417.73 crore
Rabi 2025-26 budget	Rs 37,952.29 crore
Grades covered	28 grades of P&K fertilizers, including DAP and NPKS grades
NBS scheme in force since	01.04.2010

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Cabinet Clears 8.449 Km Aqua Line Metro Extension in Noida

11 November 2026 · National

The Union Cabinet approved an 8.449 km Aqua Line extension with 5 stations from Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04, lifting the network to 71.878 km.

- The Union Cabinet approved extension of the Aqua Line metro corridor from Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04
- The corridor is 8.449 km long and will have 5 elevated stations
- After it opens, Noida and Greater Noida will have an active metro network of 71.878 km
- The line offers an interchange with the Blue Line at Noida Sector-61, linking a high-demand corridor
- The project falls under the Noida Metro Rail Project and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

Decision	Extension of the Aqua Line metro rail corridor, Noida Metro Rail Project
Approved by	Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Route	Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04
Route length	8.449 km
Stations	5 elevated stations
Network after commissioning	71.878 km of active metro in Noida and Greater Noida
Interchange	Blue Line at Noida Sector-61
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

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CCEA Clears Rs 3,230 Crore Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum Project

11 November 2026 · National

The CCEA approved the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum at the North and South Block complex in New Delhi at a cost of Rs 3,230 crore, with the largest display area globally.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum at a cost of Rs 3,230 crore
- It will come up at the North and South Block complex in New Delhi through adaptive reuse of the buildings
- Built-up area of about 1,78,509 square metres is expected to give it the largest display area in the world
- The first gallery, on the theme of Adornment, is to open in the North Block in the later part of 2027
- Around 18 lakh objects have been identified, including from 52 site museums of the Archaeological Survey of India

Decision	Development of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum (YYBM)
Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Location	North and South Block complex, New Delhi
Project cost	Rs 3,230 crore, appraised by the Public Investment Board
Built-up area	About 1,78,509 square metres
Distinction	Expected to have the largest display area of any museum in the world
Announced by the Prime Minister	18 May 2023
PIB appraisal	27 July 2026

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DGFT Bans Export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass

11 November 2026 · Economy

The DGFT has moved Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass from free to prohibited for export to feed domestic recyclers and cut import reliance on critical minerals.

- DGFT has prohibited the export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass with immediate effect and until further orders
- Notification No. 49/2026-27 dated 10 November 2026 changed the export policy from Free to Prohibited
- The item falls under ITC(HS) Code 85491400; Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023 governs transitional cases
- Black mass is powder from shredded end-of-life batteries holding lithium, cobalt, nickel and manganese
- The step complements the Rs 1,500 crore critical mineral recycling incentive scheme cleared in September 2025

Decision	Export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass prohibited
Authority	Directorate General of Foreign Trade, Department of Commerce
Notification	No. 49/2026-27 dated 10 November 2026
Policy change	From Free to Prohibited, with immediate effect and until further orders
ITC(HS) Code	85491400
Transitional provision	Para 1.05 of the Foreign Trade Policy, 2023
Minerals recoverable	Lithium, cobalt, nickel and manganese
Linked mission	National Critical Mineral Mission

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INS Trishul Wraps Up Egypt Port Call at Safaga Naval Base

11 November 2026 · Defence

INS Trishul completed its call at Egypt's Safaga Naval Base on 9 November 2026, holding joint diving training and talks on Gulf of Suez maritime security.

- INS Trishul concluded its port call at the Safaga Naval Base in Egypt on 9 November 2026 during an ongoing operational deployment
- The visit came after the 11th India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee meeting, which was held in Cairo in April 2026
- India and Egypt signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation in September 2022 and became Strategic Partners in 2023
- The Commanding Officer met Rear Admiral MD Abd El Maksoud, Commander of Egypt's Red Sea Naval Base, for talks on Gulf of Suez security
- The Indian crew visited the Egyptian Naval Ship ENS Port Said (976) and the two navies held joint diving training

Indian ship	INS Trishul, Indian Navy
Base visited	Safaga Naval Base, Egypt
Call concluded on	9 November 2026
Latest defence dialogue	11th India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee, Cairo, April 2026
Defence MoU signed	September 2022
Ties upgraded to Strategic Partnership	2023
Egyptian ship visited	ENS Port Said (976)
Egyptian officer met	Rear Admiral MD Abd El Maksoud, Commander, Red Sea Naval Base

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Special Campaign 6.0 Ends With 51,090 Grievances Disposed

11 November 2026 · National

Special Campaign 6.0 ran from 2 to 31 October 2026, with cleanliness work at 12,08,313 Anganwadi-level institutions and 51,090 grievances settled in one day.

- Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and clearing pending matters in government offices ran from 2 October to 31 October 2026
- The Ministry of Women and Child Development took up cleanliness work at 12,08,313 field institutions, including Anganwadi Centres and Shakti Sadans
- A dedicated one-day event on 30 October 2026 settled 51,090 grievances, and 5,51,653 other activities such as plantation drives were held
- The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation disposed of 576 Public Grievances, all 29 appeals, 25 MP references, 3 Parliamentary Assurances and 2 PMO references
- The department closed 100 e-files and held a Safai Mitra Samman ceremony with a health camp on 8 October 2026

Campaign	Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and minimising pendency
Duration	2 October to 31 October 2026
Dedicated one-day event	30 October 2026
Field institutions covered by WCD	12,08,313
Grievances disposed in one-day event	51,090
Other activities taken up	5,51,653
Portals for grievances	POSHAN Tracker, PMMVY and CPGRAMS
DDWS grievances disposed	576, plus all 29 appeals

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NHAI Debars Bijwasan Toll Agency, Imposes Rs 15 Lakh Fine

11 November 2026 · National

NHAI debarred M/s Riddhi Siddhi Associates for one month and fined it Rs 15 lakh after its staff misbehaved with road users at the Bijwasan Fee Plaza.

- NHAI debarred M/s Riddhi Siddhi Associates from its ongoing and future tenders for one month and fined the firm Rs 15 lakh
- The action followed misbehaviour by the agency's staff with road users at the Bijwasan Fee Plaza on NH-248BB on 5 November 2026
- A show cause notice proposes a one-year debarment of the agency and of its owners and directors from future NHAI tenders
- The agency was directed to hand over the fee plaza to a new agency on 14 November 2026
- Under the contract agreement the fee collection agency is responsible for the conduct, discipline and behaviour of its personnel at the plaza

Authority acting	National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)
Ministry concerned	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Agency penalised	M/s Riddhi Siddhi Associates
Penalty	Rs 15 lakh
Debarment ordered	One month from all NHAI tenders
Show cause notice proposes	One year debarment of the agency and its owners and directors
Location	Bijwasan Fee Plaza on NH-248BB
Date of incident	5 November 2026

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National Overseas Scholarship Funds SC Student's MSc at UCL

11 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Under the National Overseas Scholarship a Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra received tuition of 39,800 pounds for an MSc at University College London.

- The National Overseas Scholarship is run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for talented students from Scheduled Caste communities
- A 24-year-old Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra received assistance under the scheme in 2025-26
- The award funded an MSc in Construction Economics and Management at University College London in the United Kingdom
- The scholarship covered tuition fees of 39,800 pounds and a maintenance allowance of 9,900 pounds
- Airfare, visa fees, insurance and other admissible academic expenses were also met under the scheme

Scheme	National Overseas Scholarship (NOS)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Beneficiary group	Students from Scheduled Caste communities
Year of assistance	2025-26
Institution	University College London, United Kingdom
Course	MSc in Construction Economics and Management
Tuition fees covered	39,800 pounds
Maintenance allowance	9,900 pounds

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Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Birth Anniversary Marked in Parliament

11 November 2026 · Persons in News

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla led tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on his birth anniversary at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on 11 November 2026.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid floral tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad on his birth anniversary on 11 November 2026
- The tribute was offered at Azad's portrait in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, the building earlier known as Parliament House
- Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, sitting and former Members of Parliament also paid tributes
- Secretaries-General Utpal Kumar Singh of the Lok Sabha and P. C. Mody of the Rajya Sabha were present, and a booklet on Azad in Hindi and English was given to the dignitaries
- Azad's portrait was unveiled in the Central Hall by the then President Dr Rajendra Prasad on 16 December 1959

Occasion	Birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
Date	11 November 2026
Venue	Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, earlier Parliament House
Tributes led by	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
Minister present	Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs
Secretary-General, Lok Sabha	Utpal Kumar Singh
Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha	P. C. Mody
Portrait unveiled by	Dr Rajendra Prasad, then President of India

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First BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting Held in Colombo

11 November 2026 · International

The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting at Colombo adopted a Joint Ministerial Statement and the Revised Plan of Action on Public Health 2026-2030.

- The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting was held at Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 11 November 2026 and unanimously adopted a Joint Ministerial Statement
- The meeting also adopted the Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health (2026-2030) covering surveillance, pandemic preparedness, digital health and One Health
- India will host the BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine at the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar, Gujarat
- An MoU was exchanged for 100 more ambulances for Sri Lanka's 1990 Suwa Seriya service with Indian grant aid of about USD 5.28 million, plus 50 medical kiosks
- The forum will meet once in two years; Thailand offered to host the second meeting in 2028, and the Colombo meeting was chaired by Nalinda Jayatissa

Event	First BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting
Date and venue	11 November 2026, Colombo, Sri Lanka
India represented by	Union Health Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda
Chaired by	Nalinda Jayatissa, Minister of Health and Mass Media, Sri Lanka
Documents adopted	Joint Ministerial Statement and Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health (2026-2030)
Forum created at	Sixth BIMSTEC Summit, Bangkok, April 2025
Traditional medicine centre	ITRA, Jamnagar, Gujarat
Ambulance MoU	100 ambulances for 1990 Suwa Seriya, grant of about USD 5.28 million

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Sea Vigil-26 Coastal Defence Exercise Begins Across India

11 November 2026 · Defence

The Indian Navy began the fifth edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil-26 on 11 November 2026, to run in two phases till 19 November.

- The fifth edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil-26 is being held from 11 to 19 November 2026 with the Indian Navy as lead agency
- It runs in two phases: the Coastal Defence and Security Readiness Evaluation from 11 to 17 November and the Sea Phase on 18 and 19 November
- Sea Vigil was conceptualised in 2018 to validate the maritime security measures put in place after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks
- The exercise covers India's entire coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone and involves all coastal States and Union Territories, the Indian Coast Guard, Coastal Security Police, Customs and fishing communities
- Sea Vigil is a build-up to the Navy's biennial Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (TROPEX), the two together spanning coastal defence to high seas operations

Exercise	Sea Vigil-26, fifth edition
Nature	Pan-India coastal defence exercise
Lead agency	Indian Navy
Dates	11 to 19 November 2026
CDSRE phase	11 to 17 November 2026
Sea Phase	18 and 19 November 2026
Conceptualised in	2018, after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks
Geographical spread	India's entire coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone

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Villages Without 4G Fall to 11,372 Under Saturation Project

11 November 2026 · Science & Technology

The number of Indian villages without 4G has dropped from 45,180 in 2022 to 11,372 in 2026, a fall of nearly 75 per cent, the DoT said on 11 November.

- Villages without 4G connectivity have come down from 45,180 in 2022 to 11,372 in 2026, a reduction of nearly 75 per cent in four years
- The Department of Telecommunications' 4G Saturation Project was designed to cover 24,680 previously unconnected villages
- BSNL has commissioned 18,291 sites under the 24,680-site rollout plan; in October 2026 they served up to 10,21,048 active users in a day
- Those BSNL sites carried over 1.86 crore GB of data in October 2026, an average of 18.3 GB per user, with about 56 active users per site
- An additional 26,000 mobile network sites have been sanctioned for the next phase of rural coverage expansion

Scheme	4G Saturation Project of the Department of Telecommunications
Ministry	Ministry of Communications
Villages without 4G in 2022	45,180
Villages without 4G in 2026	11,372
Reduction	Nearly 75 per cent in four years
Project target	24,680 previously unconnected villages
BSNL sites commissioned	18,291
October 2026 usage	Over 1.86 crore GB, or 18,659,170 GB; 18.3 GB per user

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Vice President Attends Tamilnad Mercantile Bank 105th Day

11 November 2026 · Banking & Finance

Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan attended the 105th Foundation Day of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank at Thoothukudi on 11 November 2026 and urged wider lending.

- Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan graced the 105th Foundation Day celebrations of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank at Thoothukudi on 11 November 2026
- TMB was founded in 1921 as Nadar Bank Limited and now has 632 branches across 17 States and four Union Territories
- The bank serves over 53 lakh customers and records total business of more than Rs 1.30 lakh crore
- The Vice President urged banks to lend responsibly to MSMEs, farmers, small traders, entrepreneurs and women-led enterprises to help realise Viksit Bharat @2047
- Tamil Nadu Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar, Part Time Chairman K. Ramachandran and MD and CEO Salee S. Nair were present at the event

Occasion	105th Foundation Day of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)
Date and venue	11 November 2026, Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu
Chief guest	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Founded as	Nadar Bank Limited, 1921
Branches	632 branches in 17 States and four Union Territories
Customers	Over 53 lakh
Total business	More than Rs 1.30 lakh crore
Tamil Nadu Governor present	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

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CBN Busts Mephedrone Lab in Mau Under Operation Vajra 3.0

11 November 2026 · National

The Central Bureau of Narcotics dismantled a mephedrone laboratory at Mau in Uttar Pradesh, seizing 11.7 kg of the drug and arresting two persons.

- The Central Bureau of Narcotics dismantled a clandestine mephedrone laboratory in the Tajopur Industrial Area of Mau, Uttar Pradesh, under Operation Vajra 3.0
- A joint team of the CBN Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh units acted on 8 November 2026 and recovered 11.7 kg of mephedrone at different stages of processing
- Also seized were 20.9 kg of the precursor 2-bromo-4-methylpropiophenone, 3.5 kg of acetic anhydride and about 119.9 kg or litres of other chemicals and solvents
- Two persons were arrested under the NDPS Act, 1985, and the laboratory equipment was seized and dismantled in full
- During 2026 the CBN has busted six clandestine labs, seizing 130.2 kg of mephedrone and 1,465.4 kg or litres of precursor chemicals with 20 arrests

Agency	Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN), Ministry of Finance
Operation	Operation Vajra 3.0
Location	Tajopur Industrial Area, Mau district, Uttar Pradesh
Date of action	8 November 2026
Drug seized	11.7 kg mephedrone (MD)
Key precursor	20.9 kg of 2-bromo-4-methylpropiophenone
Other chemicals	3.5 kg acetic anhydride and about 119.9 kg or litres of solvents and reagents
Law applied	NDPS Act, 1985; two arrests

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Bharat Parv 2026 Runs at Ekta Nagar Till 15 November

11 November 2026 · National

Bharat Parv 2026, inaugurated by the Prime Minister on 30 October at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat, runs till 15 November on the theme Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat.

- Bharat Parv 2026 is being held at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat under the theme Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and continues till 15 November 2026
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the festival on 30 October 2026 as part of the Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations
- It is organised by the Ministry of Tourism in partnership with Gujarat Tourism and with the support of States and Union Territories
- The Theme Pavilion features 29 States and Union Territories and displays more than 100 One District One Product items along with handicrafts and textiles
- The Food Court offers cuisines of 23 States and Union Territories, with a Studio Kitchen run by NCHMCT and daily performances by artists of 10 States

Festival	Bharat Parv 2026
Venue	Ekta Nagar, Gujarat
Theme	Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
Organiser	Ministry of Tourism with Gujarat Tourism and the States and UTs
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 30 October 2026
Occasion	Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations
Duration	Till 15 November 2026
Theme Pavilion	29 States and Union Territories, over 100 ODOP products

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Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 Presented by President Murmu

11 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

President Droupadi Murmu presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, where 60 national awards went to the cleanest cities.

- President Droupadi Murmu presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi, in the tenth edition of the urban cleanliness survey
- Navi Mumbai, Surat and Vijayawada were the top three Clean Cities of the Super Swachh League
- GVMC Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur and Lucknow led the million-plus population category of Swachh Shehar
- Swachh Survekshan has grown from 73 cities in 2016 to 4,751 cities, with feedback from 2.70 crore citizens this year
- Cities were marked on 43 indicators across 10 domains by more than 3,000 trained assessors

Event	Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26, the 10th edition
Awards given by	President Droupadi Murmu
Venue	Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
National awards	60 awards under five categories
Super Swachh League top 3	Navi Mumbai, Surat, Vijayawada
Million-plus category top 3	GVMC Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur, Lucknow
Clean Himalayan City top 3	Rudrapur, Jammu, Shopian

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India Cuts Visa Categories From 13 to 9 in MHA Rationalisation

11 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Home Affairs has cut India's main visa categories from 13 to nine and sub-categories from 49 to 23 to ease travel, study and treatment.

- On 27 August 2026 the Ministry of Home Affairs cut main visa categories from 13 to nine and sub-categories from 49 to 23
- The October 2025 round had already reduced main categories from 22 to 13 and sub-categories from 63 to 49
- The Tourist Visa is renamed Visitor Visa, with V-1 for 30-day stays and V-2 valid for 1, 5 or 10 years
- Application forms for all 23 sub-categories have 65 to 70 per cent fewer fields to fill
- e-Visa runs under 13 sub-categories and is available to nationals of 172 countries

Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs
Date of rationalisation	27 August 2026
Main categories	Reduced from 13 to 9
Sub-categories	Reduced from 49 to 23
Earlier round	October 2025, 22 to 13 main and 63 to 49 sub-categories
Renamed visa	Tourist Visa is now the Visitor Visa
V-1 and V-2	V-1 for 30 days; V-2 valid 1, 5 or 10 years, mountaineering six months
Form fields cut	65 to 70 per cent across all 23 sub-categories

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Naseem Al Bahr 15th Edition Held by India and Oman Navies

11 November 2026 · Defence

India and Oman held the 15th edition of their bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr, with INS Surat and RNOV Al-Mu'azzar in the sea phase drills.

- The Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman conducted the 15th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr, which means Sea Breeze
- The harbour phase held Subject Matter Expert Exchanges on Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Mine Countermeasure Operations and Hydrography
- The sea phase involved Indian Naval Ship Surat and the Royal Navy of Oman vessel Al-Mu'azzar
- Joint Visit, Board, Search and Seizure drills and cross-deck operations were carried out at sea
- The exercise falls under the MAHASAGAR vision: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Exercise	Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze), 15th edition
Participants	Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman
Type	Bilateral maritime exercise
Indian ship	Indian Naval Ship (INS) Surat
Omani vessel	Royal Navy of Oman Vessel Al-Mu'azzar
Harbour phase topics	Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Mine Countermeasure Operations, Hydrography
Sea phase drills	Visit, Board, Search and Seizure (VBSS) and cross-deck operations
Vision	MAHASAGAR: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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IMNEX-26 India-Myanmar Naval Exercise Begins at Visakhapatnam

11 November 2026 · Defence

The 8th edition of the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise IMNEX-26 is being held at Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026 with INS Rana and INS Sumedha.

- The 8th edition of the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise, IMNEX-26, is being conducted at Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026
- Myanmar Navy Ship UMS King Sin Phyu Shin arrived at Visakhapatnam on 10 November 2026 for the exercise
- INS Rana and INS Sumedha are the Indian ships taking part, and the opening ceremony was held on board INS Rana
- The harbour phase has Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, cross-deck visits, sporting engagements and talks on operational matters
- The sea phase will cover coordinated maritime operations and tactical manoeuvres under the MAHASAGAR vision

Exercise	IMNEX-26, India-Myanmar Naval Exercise, 8th edition
Venue	Visakhapatnam
Dates	10 to 14 November 2026
Myanmar ship	UMS King Sin Phyu Shin
Indian ships	INS Rana and INS Sumedha
Opening ceremony	Held on board INS Rana on 10 November 2026
Phases	Harbour phase and sea phase
Vision	MAHASAGAR: Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

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Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada 2026 Marks Birsa Munda Anniversary

11 November 2026 · Important Days

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is observing Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada from 1 to 15 November 2026, with over 300 projects for Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas.

- Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada is being observed from 1 to 15 November 2026, ending on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on 15 November
- Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas marks the birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda and was designated in 2021
- Over 300 projects will be taken up on the day, with 228 for inauguration and 74 for foundation stone laying
- The Jan-HIT portal with ICMR is India's first tribe-disaggregated health data platform and covers 20 States
- The National FRA Digital Platform will take forest rights claims under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, online end to end

Observance	Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, 1 to 15 November 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas	15 November, birth anniversary of Dharti Aaba Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Designated in	2021
Earlier venues	Ranchi 2021, Khunti 2022 and 2023, Jamui 2024, Dediapada 2025
Projects	Over 300, of which 228 for inauguration and 74 for foundation stones
Jan-HIT portal	Built with ICMR, India's first tribe-disaggregated health data platform, 20 States
National FRA Digital Platform	Forest rights claims under the Forest Rights Act, 2006, end to end

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India Showcases BharatNet at ITU PP-26 Conference in Doha

11 November 2026 · Science & Technology

Minister of State Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani presented India's digital connectivity and cybersecurity approach at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Doha.

- Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Union MoS for Communications and Rural Development, spoke at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference PP-26 in Doha
- He said 2.2 billion people worldwide are still offline and pointed to India's investment of about 15 billion dollars in BharatNet
- Samriddh Gram Centres, a WSIS Prize winner, give villagers healthcare, farm advice, banking and government certificates
- India's technology agenda at the conference covered affordable AI computing, Indian-language AI models, quantum research, 100 5G use-case labs and the Bharat 6G Vision
- He said alerts to banks helped prevent suspected losses of over 5,000 crore rupees from digital fraud

Conference	ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26)
Venue	Doha
Indian representative	Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani, Union MoS for Communications and Rural Development
Session	High-Level Discussion on Emerging Technologies
People still offline	2.2 billion worldwide
BharatNet investment	About 15 billion dollars
WSIS Prize winner	Samriddh Gram Centres
5G labs	100 use-case labs

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Visakhapatnam Port Gets Rs 560 Crore Works and New Promenade

11 November 2026 · Economy

Sarbananda Sonowal dedicated a waterfront promenade at Visakhapatnam Port and laid foundation stones for four fresh works worth about Rs 560 crore.

- Sarbananda Sonowal dedicated the Port Promenade at Visakhapatnam Port and laid foundation stones for four works worth about Rs 560 crore on 11 November 2026
- The promenade runs about 710 metres (2,330 feet) over nearly 5.5 acres from the Venkateswara Temple to the International Cruise Terminal and cost about Rs 19 crore
- Three operation and maintenance contracts for the WQ-1, WQ-1RE, WQ-2, WQ-3 and EQ-3 berths are worth about Rs 580 crore and will employ around 500 local people
- The sewage treatment plant goes from 10 million to 15 million litres a day at about Rs 11 crore, feeding the Harit Sagar green port initiative
- The port handled a record 91.17 million metric tonnes of cargo in 2025-26, its fourth straight year of growth

Minister	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Port	Visakhapatnam Port, Andhra Pradesh
Value of new works	About Rs 560 crore
Port Promenade	About 710 metres (2,330 feet), nearly 5.5 acres, about Rs 19 crore
Promenade stretch	Venkateswara Temple to the International Cruise Terminal
Berth contracts	WQ-1, WQ-1RE, WQ-2, WQ-3 and EQ-3 berths, about Rs 580 crore
Local jobs	About 500 people
Sewage plant upgrade	10 million to 15 million litres a day, about Rs 11 crore

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Army Chief Dhiraj Seth Opens Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026

11 November 2026 · Defence

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- Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth delivered the Cavalry Memorial Address at the Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026 at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, on 11 November 2026
- His theme was ‘Vision for Future Warfighting in the Indian Subcontinent’, stressing innovation, technology, agility and the Yoddha at the core of Army transformation
- The two-day symposium is organised by the Cavalry Officers’ Association with the Directorate General of Mechanised Forces
- The book ‘Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace’ by Lt Gen AB Shivane (Retd) was unveiled at the inaugural session
- Lt Gen Prit Pal Singh, Director General Mechanised Forces, gave the keynote on contemporary mechanised warfare in the Indian context

Event	Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026, a two-day symposium
Address	Cavalry Memorial Address by the Chief of the Army Staff
Chief of the Army Staff	General Dhiraj Seth
Theme of the address	Vision for Future Warfighting in the Indian Subcontinent
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
Organisers	Cavalry Officers’ Association with the Directorate General of Mechanised Forces
Book unveiled	Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace, by Lt Gen AB Shivane (Retd)
Keynote speaker	Lt Gen Prit Pal Singh, Director General Mechanised Forces

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Sales Cross Rs 73.49 Lakh at Dilli Haat

11 November 2026 · National

Sales at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat INA in New Delhi crossed Rs 73.49 lakh between 1 and 10 November, the Social Justice Ministry said.

- Four national corporations at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 recorded cumulative sales of about Rs 73.49 lakh between 1 and 10 November 2026
- The mela is held at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and runs for 15 days until 15 November 2026
- The participating corporations are NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC
- More than 130 stalls are spread across seven thematic zones on the theme ‘प्रकाश और परंपरा – ज्योति से ज्योति जलाएँ’
- Shilp Samagam Melas have been held since 2022 and have benefited more than 1,000 artisans from SC, OBC and Safai Karamchari communities

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026, a 15-day fair
Venue	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Sales	About Rs 73.49 lakh between 1 and 10 November 2026
Corporations	NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC
Stalls	More than 130
Thematic zones	Seven, including Kala Aangan, Prakash Chowk, Pooja Path, Sajawat Bazaar, Gharana, Swad Chowk and Manch
Runs until	15 November 2026

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12 November 2026

One Nation One Ration Card Reaches All 36 States and UTs

12 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The One Nation One Ration Card scheme now runs in all 36 States and UTs and handles about 3.27 crore portability transactions a month, says a PIB note.

- The One Nation One Ration Card scheme was launched in 2019 by the Department of Food and Public Distribution as a major reform of the Public Distribution System
- ONORC runs in all 36 States and Union Territories and covers every PMGKAY beneficiary, with about 3.27 crore portability transactions a month
- More than 233 crore portability transactions have been recorded since the start, moving over 614 LMT of foodgrains
- Of 20.51 crore ration cards in the central system, 20.27 crore are Aadhaar-seeded; e-KYC was done for 71.52 crore beneficiaries as on 30 September 2026
- The Mera Ration app comes in 13 languages, and 5.50 lakh of the 5.51 lakh Fair Price Shops work with e-PoS devices

Scheme	One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC)
Launched	2019, by the Department of Food and Public Distribution
Legal base	National Food Security Act (NFSA), delivered through TPDS
Coverage	All 36 States and Union Territories; 100 per cent of PMGKAY beneficiaries
Monthly portability	About 3.27 crore transactions
Since inception	Over 233 crore transactions, more than 614 LMT of foodgrains
Fair Price Shops	5.51 lakh, of which 5.50 lakh (99.8 per cent) have e-PoS
Mera Ration app	Available in 13 languages

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National Naturopathy Day 2026 Set for 18 November in Karnataka

12 November 2026 · Important Days

The 9th National Naturopathy Day falls on 18 November 2026 at CRIYN, Nagamangala in Karnataka, on the theme 'Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat', says Ayush.

- The 9th National Naturopathy Day will be observed on 18 November 2026 at the Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy, Nagamangala, Karnataka
- The theme for the year is 'Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat', stressing preventive and promotive healthcare and the prevention of obesity
- The five research councils under the Ministry of Ayush together published 653 research papers in the financial year 2025-26
- CCRYN runs 22 units across India, and 200-bed Yoga and Naturopathy hospitals operate at Jhajjar in Haryana and Nagamangala in Karnataka
- The BNYS college at Nisarg Gram, National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune, is the first such college set up under the Central Government

Observance	9th National Naturopathy Day
Date	18 November 2026
Venue	Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy (CRIYN), Nagamangala, Karnataka
Theme	Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat
Ministry	Ministry of Ayush
Minister of State (Independent Charge)	Shri Prataprao Jadhav
Secretary, Ayush	Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha
Research output	653 papers by five Ayush research councils in FY 2025-26

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Buddha's Sacred Relics Draw 50,000 Devotees in Arunachal

12 November 2026 · National

Nearly 50,000 devotees have paid homage to the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha in Arunachal Pradesh, with the Bomdila exposition running till 13 November.

- Nearly 50,000 devotees have so far visited the exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha across Arunachal Pradesh
- The exposition began at Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang) Monastery on 31 October 2026 and closed there on 7 November 2026, drawing more than 31,000 devotees
- The relics reached Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery, also called Lower Gompa, at Bomdila on 8 November 2026 and stay on view till 13 November 2026
- From 14 to 20 November 2026 the relics will be open for public veneration at the Golden Pagoda in Namsai
- The Ministry of Culture is organising the exposition with the National Museum New Delhi, the Arunachal Pradesh government and the International Buddhist Confederation

Event	Exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
State	Arunachal Pradesh
First venue	Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang) Monastery, 31 October to 7 November 2026
Turnout at Tawang	More than 31,000 devotees
Second venue	Thubchog Gatsel Ling (TGL) Monastery or Lower Gompa, Bomdila, from 8 to 13 November 2026
Third venue	Golden Pagoda, Namsai, 14 to 20 November 2026
Devotees so far	Nearly 50,000 across the State
Organisers	Ministry of Culture with the National Museum New Delhi, the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the International Buddhist Confederation

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Rajnath Singh Opens Air Force Commanders' Conference 2026 in Delhi

12 November 2026 · Defence

Rajnath Singh addressed the Air Force Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on 12 November 2026 and launched AI tools built in-house by the IAF unit UDAAN.

- Rajnath Singh addressed the two-day Air Force Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on 12 November 2026
- Theme of the conference: 'The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation'
- He launched AI applications built by the AI Centre of Excellence of UDAAN for operations, administration and aerospace safety
- UDAAN is the IAF's Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking
- Chief of the Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit and Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth attended the opening session

Event	Air Force Commanders' Conference, New Delhi (two-day)
Date	12 November 2026
Theme	The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation
Addressed by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
Launched	In-house AI applications of the AI Centre of Excellence, UDAAN
UDAAN full form	Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking
AI tools cover	Operations, administration and aerospace safety
Chief of the Air Staff	Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

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TDB Gives Rs 64.05 Crore for Astrome AI-ELINT Satellite Project

12 November 2026 · Science & Technology

The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with Astrome Technologies for Rs 64.05 crore of RDI Fund support to build an AI-ELINT satellite constellation.

- TDB, under the Department of Science and Technology, signed an agreement with Astrome Technologies of Bengaluru for Rs 64.05 crore
- The support comes from the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund as Optionally Convertible Debt
- Total project cost is Rs 128.11 crore, and the target is to move the technology from TRL 4 to TRL 9
- The AI-ELINT constellation will use microsatellites of the 50 kg class in low Earth orbit for national security
- Three components: an ELINT payload, AI-based ground processing software and inter-satellite communication links

Agreement signed by	Technology Development Board (TDB), Department of Science and Technology
Company	Astrome Technologies Private Limited, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Support	Rs 64.05 crore from the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund
Total project cost	Rs 128.11 crore
Mode of support	Optionally Convertible Debt (OCD)
Technology readiness	From TRL 4 to TRL 9
Satellite class	Microsatellites of the 50 kg class in low Earth orbit
Sector	Deep technology, with space technology as sub-sector

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INSA Endorses S20 Joint Statement Ahead of G20 Summit in Miami

12 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Indian National Science Academy endorsed the Joint S20 Statement of G20 science academies, which will go to the G20 before its Miami summit in December.

- INSA, an institution of the Department of Science and Technology, endorsed the Joint S20 Statement of G20 science academies
- The statement was released on 10 November 2026 under the leadership of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences
- It will be placed before the G20 ahead of the G20 Summit at Miami, Florida, in December 2026
- Its theme is the use of Earth observation, remote sensing, early warning systems, digital twins, drones and AI for disaster preparedness
- The statement lists five areas for action, and the Royal Society will lead the S20 process in 2027

Academy	Indian National Science Academy (INSA), an institution of the Department of Science and Technology
Endorsed	Joint S20 Statement of the science academies of the G20 countries
Statement released on	10 November 2026
S20 2026 led by	U.S. National Academy of Sciences (NAS)
To be placed before	The G20, ahead of the G20 Summit at Miami, Florida
G20 Summit	December 2026, Miami, Florida
Subject	Advanced technology for preparedness and response to natural hazards and disasters
Areas for action	Five, from data collection to international and cross-sector collaboration

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57th IFFI Goa 2026: WaveX Startup Pavilion Entries Close 13 November

12 November 2026 · National

The 57th International Film Festival of India runs in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026, and entries for the WaveX Startup Pavilion close on 13 November.

- The 57th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026
- Registration for the WaveX Startup Pavilion at WAVES Bazaar closes on 13 November 2026
- The WAVES Bazaar startup showcase will run from 20 to 24 November 2026
- Only DPIIT-registered startups in film, media and allied technology, including AVGC-XR, are eligible
- WaveX is the startup accelerator of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa
Festival dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Startup showcase	WaveX Startup Pavilion at WAVES Bazaar, 20 to 24 November 2026
Registration closes	13 November 2026
Ministry	Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Eligibility	DPIIT-registered startups in film, media and allied technology sectors
AVGC-XR	Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality
Selection	By a selection committee constituted by WaveX

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Retail Inflation Rises to 6.09% in October 2026, Food at 8.94%

12 November 2026 · Economy

Retail inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index rose to 6.09% in October 2026 while food inflation touched 8.94%, the statistics ministry said on 12 November.

- All-India CPI retail inflation for October 2026 is 6.09% (provisional), measured over October 2025, on base 2024=100
- Rural retail inflation stood at 6.63% and urban retail inflation at 5.41% for the month
- Consumer Food Price Index inflation was 8.94%, with 9.09% in rural areas and 8.68% in urban areas
- Onion led the costliest items of the month while potato recorded the sharpest fall in price
- Prices came from 1,407 urban markets and 1,465 villages, with a 100% response rate in October 2026

Released by	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Month covered	October 2026 (provisional)
CPI inflation	6.09% combined; 6.63% rural, 5.41% urban
Food inflation (CFPI)	8.94% combined; 9.09% rural, 8.68% urban
Base year of series	2024=100
Costliest item	Onion, ahead of garlic and silver jewellery
Price collection	1,407 urban markets and 1,465 villages on a weekly roster of the National Statistical Office
Next release	CPI for November 2026 on 14 December 2026

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Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Reaches 35.88 Crore People

12 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan has reached over 35.88 crore people as on 12 November 2026, including 14.35 crore youth and 11.33 crore women, the ministry said.

- Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan has reached over 35.88 crore people as on 12 November 2026, up from about 1.4 crore in 2021
- The drive has connected with more than 14.35 crore youth and 11.33 crore women, and over 2 lakh people have enrolled as Nasha Mukti Mitr
- Launched on 15 August 2020 in 272 districts, widened to 372 districts in August 2022 and extended to all districts from 15 August 2023
- Persons seeking treatment and counselling rose from 2.08 lakh in 2020-21 to over 9.11 lakh in 2025-26, with 198 District De-Addiction Centres now running
- The 2018 national survey had found more than 7 crore people in India affected by substance use disorders

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Launched on	15 August 2020
People reached	Over 35.88 crore as on 12 November 2026
Youth and women reached	Over 14.35 crore youth and 11.33 crore women
Volunteers	Over 2 lakh citizens enrolled as Nasha Mukti Mitr
District coverage	272 districts at launch, 372 from August 2022, all districts from 15 August 2023
Treatment seekers	2.08 lakh in 2020-21 to over 9.11 lakh in 2025-26

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45th India International Trade Fair to Begin on 14 November

12 November 2026 · National

The 45th India International Trade Fair, themed 'Vikas aur Virasat', will run at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 14 to 27 November 2026 with over 3,500 exhibitors.

- The 45th India International Trade Fair runs from 14 to 27 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, organised by ITPO
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal will inaugurate it as chief guest on 13 November 2026
- The theme is 'Vikas aur Virasat', with over 3,500 exhibitors across 17 halls and more than 1,00,000 square metres
- Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh are Partner States; Assam, Delhi, Jharkhand and West Bengal are Focus States
- 32 States and UTs, 51 central ministries and bodies and 11 countries are taking part, with around 600 start-ups in the Hall of Inspiration

Event	45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026
Dates	14 to 27 November 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Organiser	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
Theme	Vikas aur Virasat
Inauguration	By Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal on 13 November 2026
Partner States	Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh
Focus States	Assam, Delhi, Jharkhand and West Bengal

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Education Minister Launches Three KVS Digital Platforms

12 November 2026 · National

Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched three digital platforms of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in New Delhi, led by the AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra.

- Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched three flagship digital initiatives of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan in New Delhi
- The three are the AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra with the 'Samiksha' AI Bot, KVS-Samvaad parent connect app and portal, and the KVS Alumni Connect Portal
- Vidya Samiksha Kendra gives real-time dashboards on attendance, academic performance, school infrastructure and admissions
- KVS-Samvaad lets parents see results and syllabus progress and apply online for Bonafide and CEA certificates and student leave
- All three platforms were developed in-house by the IT Services Cell of KVS headquarters, in line with NEP 2020 and Digital India

Launched by	Union Minister for Education Pralhad Joshi
Organisation	Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS), Ministry of Education
Platform 1	AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra with the 'Samiksha' AI Bot
Platform 2	KVS-Samvaad Parent Connect App and Web Portal
Platform 3	KVS Alumni Connect Portal
Developed by	IT Services Cell, KVS headquarters
Policy link	National Education Policy 2020 and Digital India
KVS Commissioner	Vikas Gupta

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Jitendra Singh in Italy for Second Science Innovation Dialogue

12 November 2026 · International

Union Minister Jitendra Singh began a visit to Italy from 11 to 15 November 2026 to carry forward the India-Italy Special Strategic Partnership in science and technology.

- Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, is on an official visit to Italy from 11 to 15 November 2026
- The visit takes forward the Special Strategic Partnership decided during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Italy in May 2026
- He is taking part in the Second Science and Innovation Dialogue with Italian Minister of University and Research Anna Maria Bernini
- On 13 November the delegation visits the Elettra Synchrotron facility, ICTP and ICGEB in Trieste
- An event marking World Diabetes Day will be held at the Indian Embassy in Rome on 14 November

Minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (IC) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Country visited	Italy, 11 to 15 November 2026
Framework	India-Italy Science and Technology Dialogue 2026
Dialogue	Second Science and Innovation Dialogue with Anna Maria Bernini
Partnership	Special Strategic Partnership decided during PM Narendra Modi's Italy visit in May 2026
Institutions visited	Elettra Synchrotron, ICTP and ICGEB in Trieste on 13 November
Ambassador of India to Italy	Vani Rao
Rome event	World Diabetes Day programme at the Indian Embassy on 14 November

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Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 2.0 Feedback Open Till 30 November

12 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Jal Shakti has extended the citizen feedback window on the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 2.0 portal to 30 November 2026, for works reported under the drive.

- The Ministry of Jal Shakti has extended the citizen feedback deadline on the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari 2.0 portal to 30 November 2026
- The feedback portal has been open to the public since 26 January 2026
- The water conservation drive was envisioned by the Prime Minister on 6 September 2024 at Surat, Gujarat, to make conservation a Jan Andolan
- More than 1.5 crore rainwater harvesting, recharge, conservation and storage structures had been reported as of 31 May 2026
- Districts, States and UTs are recognised on the basis of completed artificial recharge and storage works, so citizen feedback aids verification

Initiative	Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari (JSJB) 2.0
Ministry	Ministry of Jal Shakti
Feedback deadline	Extended to 30 November 2026
Portal open since	26 January 2026
Vision announced	By the Prime Minister on 6 September 2024 at Surat, Gujarat
Structures reported	More than 1.5 crore as of 31 May 2026
Works covered	Rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge, water conservation and storage
Portal	jsjb.mowr.gov.in

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PM Modi to Visit Manila for 23rd ASEAN-India Summit

12 November 2026 · International

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Manila from 16 to 17 November 2026 to join the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit hosted by the Philippines.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Manila, Philippines, from 16 to 17 November 2026, invited by Philippine President Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr.
- He will attend the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit, both held on 17 November 2026
- The Philippines is hosting the summits as the ASEAN Chair for 2026
- 2026 is being observed as the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation; 35 years of Dialogue Relations and five years of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership fall in 2027
- The ASEAN-India Summit will review the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, including the ASEAN-India Plan of Action 2026-2030

Visit	Prime Minister Narendra Modi to Manila, Philippines
Dates	16 to 17 November 2026
Invited by	Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines
Summits	23rd ASEAN-India Summit and 21st East Asia Summit, both on 17 November 2026
Host / ASEAN Chair 2026	Philippines
Theme year	2026 marked as the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation
Roadmap under review	ASEAN-India Plan of Action 2026-2030
Milestones in 2027	35 years of Dialogue Relations and five years of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership

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Revamped Gallantry Awards Portal Launched in New Delhi

12 November 2026 · Defence

Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth launched the rebuilt Gallantry Awards portal in New Delhi, which now carries Veer Gatha as a dedicated digital section.

- Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth launched the revamped Gallantry Awards portal in New Delhi on 12 November 2026
- The site is built around the sections Events, Memorials and Museums, Warpedia, Awardees, Gallantrypedia, Media and an interactive Tribute Section
- Veer Gatha's first edition covered roughly 8 lakh students in 4,788 schools; by the fifth edition the count stood above 1.92 crore students in more than 1.9 lakh schools
- Participation abroad covered 28,005 students from 91 CBSE-affiliated schools spread across 18 countries
- Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh attended the launch; the portal address is gallantryawards.gov.in

Launched by	Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth
Ministry	Ministry of Defence
Place and date	New Delhi, 12 November 2026
Portal	gallantryawards.gov.in
Key sections	Events, Memorials and Museums, Warpedia, Awardees, Gallantrypedia, Media, Tribute Section
Veer Gatha first edition	About 8 lakh students, 4,788 schools
Veer Gatha fifth edition	Over 1.92 crore students, 1.9 lakh schools
Participation abroad	28,005 students, 91 CBSE-affiliated schools, 18 countries

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MHI Gets 22 Bids for 10 GWh Battery Cell Capacity

12 November 2026 · Economy

The Ministry of Heavy Industries received 22 bids for the 10 GWh of grid-scale storage capacity offered under the PLI scheme for Advanced Chemistry Cells.

- The Ministry of Heavy Industries received 22 bids for 10 GWh of Advanced Chemistry Cell manufacturing capacity under a global tender
- The 10 GWh is earmarked for Grid-Scale Stationary Storage and is part of the 50 GWh target under the National Programme on ACC Battery Storage
- The Union Cabinet approved the PLI scheme for the programme in May 2021 with an outlay of Rs 18,100 crore
- Bids closed on 10 November 2026 and technical bids were opened on 11 November 2026 through a two-stage Quality and Cost Based Selection process
- Bidders include Reliance Industries, Exide Energy Solutions, JSW Neo Energy, Amara Raja Advanced Cell Technologies and Vikram Solar

Ministry	Ministry of Heavy Industries
Bids received	22
Capacity offered	10 GWh, for Grid-Scale Stationary Storage
Programme	National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage
Overall target	50 GWh of ACC manufacturing capacity
Cabinet approval	May 2021
Outlay	Rs 18,100 crore
RFP floated	15 July 2026 on the Central Public Procurement Portal

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Medicinal Plants Project Launched in 16 Tribal Hotspots

12 November 2026 · Environment

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and CSIR-NBRI launched a three-year medicinal plants conservation and livelihood project covering 16 tribal hotspots in 13 States and UTs.

- The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and CSIR-NBRI Lucknow launched the project at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, on 12 November 2026
- The three-year project covers 16 tribal hotspots across 13 States and Union Territories, from Kargil in Ladakh to Wayanad in Kerala
- It will document about 200 to 300 medicinal plant species and propagate 30 to 40 rare, endangered and threatened species
- The plan includes 16 community nurseries, 16 seed banks and distribution of 40,000 to 50,000 quality planting materials
- Fieldwork in Sonbhadra in October 2026 covered 146 tribal knowledge holders in 12 villages and 25 live orchid samples

Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Scientific partner	CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow
Launched at	Central University of Odisha, Koraput, on 12 November 2026
Duration	Three years
Coverage	16 tribal hotspots in 13 States and Union Territories
Species to document	About 200 to 300 medicinal plant species
Rare species to propagate	30 to 40 rare, endangered and threatened species
Institutions planned	16 community nurseries and 16 seed banks

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PPVFRA Marks 22nd Foundation Day With Saviour Awards

12 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

At the 22nd Foundation Day of PPVFRA, P.K. Mishra said India holds the world’s second largest National Genebank and has bred about 3,000 climate-resilient varieties.

- The 22nd Foundation Day of PPVFRA was held along with the Plant Genome Saviour Award ceremony, addressed by Principal Secretary to the PM Dr P.K. Mishra
- The event also marked 25 years of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Act, 2001; nearly half the registered varieties are farmers’ varieties
- The National Genebank at ICAR-NBPGR is the second largest in the world and around 3,000 climate-resilient crop varieties have been developed
- India has 22 agro-biodiversity hotspots; Koraput in Odisha was recognised by the FAO in 2012 as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System
- Benefit sharing and the National Gene Fund are meant to return value to communities conserving genetic resources

Event	22nd Foundation Day of PPVFRA and Plant Genome Saviour Award ceremony
Addressed by	Dr P.K. Mishra, Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
Law	Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Act, 2001
Milestone	25 years of the Act
National Genebank	At ICAR-NBPGR, second largest in the world
Climate-resilient varieties	Around 3,000 developed under the National Agricultural Research System
Agro-biodiversity hotspots	22 in India
FAO recognition	Koraput, Odisha, in 2012 as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System

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President Murmu Meets Meritorious EMRS Students

12 November 2026 · National

President Droupadi Murmu met 146 meritorious students and alumni of Eklavya Model Residential Schools at Rashtrapati Bhavan during Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada.

- President Droupadi Murmu interacted with students and alumni of Eklavya Model Residential Schools at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre on 12 November 2026
- The programme was organised by the National Education Society for Tribal Students under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs as part of Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada
- The fortnight marks the 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda; Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram gave the welcome address
- 146 students and alumni took part, among them Class X and XII toppers and students admitted to IITs, NITs, National Law Universities, NIFT and government medical colleges
- The President noted the equal number of boys and girls in these schools and felicitated five District Magistrates and the principals of five best-performing schools

Who	President Droupadi Murmu
Event	Interaction with meritorious EMRS students and alumni
Venue and date	Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, New Delhi, 12 November 2026
Organised by	National Education Society for Tribal Students, Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Occasion	Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada, 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Participants	146 meritorious students and alumni
Welcome address	Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram
Felicitated	Tribal welfare secretaries of Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Odisha, five District Magistrates, principals of five best schools

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LeadIT 3.0 to Be Launched at COP31 in Antalya

12 November 2026 · International

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav met Indian LeadIT member firms in New Delhi; the third phase of the India-Sweden platform will open at COP31 in Antalya.

- Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav held an interaction with Indian LeadIT member companies and project partners in New Delhi on 12 November 2026
- LeadIT was launched by India and Sweden in 2019 at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York with support from the World Economic Forum
- The platform now has 19 countries and 33 companies as members, including 13 from India; the renewed mandate was announced in May 2026
- LeadIT 3.0 will be launched on 17 November 2026 at the LeadIT Industry Leaders Roundtable during COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye
- Participants included Tata Steel, JSW Steel, SAIL, UltraTech Cement, Dalmia Cement, Volvo Group, SpiceJet and five Indian Institutes of Technology

Who	Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav
Platform	LeadIT, the Leadership Group for Industry Transition
Launched by	India and Sweden, in 2019, at the UN Climate Action Summit in New York
Supported by	World Economic Forum
Membership	19 countries and 33 companies, 13 of them Indian
Renewed mandate	Announced by the Prime Ministers of India and Sweden in May 2026
Next phase	LeadIT 3.0, on 17 November 2026
Where	LeadIT Industry Leaders Roundtable at COP31, Antalya, Turkiye

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NITI Aayog Releases Impact Assessment Report on PLI Schemes

12 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

NITI Aayog released the Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes report, prepared with IIM Ahmedabad, covering all 14 sectors with nearly 70 per cent on track.

- NITI Aayog released the report 'Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes' on 12 November 2026, with IIM Ahmedabad as the knowledge partner.
- The study assesses all 14 notified PLI sectors on investment, additional production, exports and employment generation.
- Sectors were sorted into On-Track, Partial Impact, Insignificant Evidence of Impact and Data unavailable; nearly 70 per cent of targeted segments are on track.
- Pharmaceuticals, mobile manufacturing, food processing, telecom, white goods, automobiles and drones showed notable progress, drones being the early success.
- ACC batteries, speciality steel and technical textiles are still building capacity, while high efficiency solar PV module capacity expanded significantly.

Report	Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes
Released by	NITI Aayog
Knowledge partner	Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
Sectors covered	All 14 notified PLI sectors
Parameters	Investment, additional production, exports, employment generation
Outcome categories	On-Track, Partial Impact, Insignificant Evidence of Impact, Data unavailable
Headline finding	Nearly 70 per cent of targeted segments on track
Early success sector	Drones

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31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 Opens in Visakhapatnam

12 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 began in Visakhapatnam on the theme 'Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust, Thought Leadership'.

- The 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 is being held on 12-13 November 2026 at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh.
- Theme: 'Navigating the New World Order: Trade | Technology | Trust | Thought Leadership'; organised by CII with DPIIT and hosted by the Andhra Pradesh government.
- Amit Shah, Piyush Goyal, Kinjarapu Ram Mohan Naidu, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Konidala Pawan Kalyan attended the inaugural session.
- NICDC showcased its three greenfield industrial smart city nodes in the State - Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy - spread over 7,717 acres with investment potential of Rs 31,360 crore.
- Japan's Ambassador Keiichi Ono said 31 Japanese companies in three cities of Andhra Pradesh have generated over 8,000 local jobs.

Event	31st CII Partnership Summit 2026
Venue	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Dates	12-13 November 2026
Theme	Navigating the New World Order: Trade, Technology, Trust, Thought Leadership
Organisers	Confederation of Indian Industry with DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce and Industry
Host	Government of Andhra Pradesh
NICDC nodes shown	Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy
Combined node area	7,717 acres

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Nutrient-Based Subsidy for Rabi 2026-27 Set at Rs 62,370.02 Crore

12 November 2026 · Economy

The Centre approved Nutrient-Based Subsidy rates for P and K fertilisers for Rabi 2026-27 with a tentative outlay of Rs 62,370.02 crore, up over 64 per cent.

- The Government approved Nutrient-Based Subsidy rates for P and K fertilisers for Rabi 2026-27 on 11 November 2026, valid from 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027.
- The tentative outlay is about Rs 62,370.02 crore, over 64 per cent higher than Rs 37,952.29 crore for Rabi 2025-26.
- Per kg rates: nitrogen 94 rupees 21 paise, phosphorus 66 rupees 11 paise, potassium 12 rupees 38 paise and sulphur 10 rupees 42 paise; the scheme covers 28 grades of P and K fertilisers.
- DAP continues at a fixed Rs 1,350 per bag, with freight subsidy on SSP and subsidy on Ammonium Sulphate also continuing.
- Fertiliser stocks rose from 173.46 lakh tonnes on 10 November 2025 to 235.21 lakh tonnes on 10 November 2026, about 35.6 per cent higher.

Scheme	Nutrient-Based Subsidy (NBS) Scheme, in force since 1 April 2010
Season	Rabi 2026-27, from 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027
Approved on	11 November 2026
Tentative outlay	About Rs 62,370.02 crore
Previous Rabi outlay	Rs 37,952.29 crore for Rabi 2025-26
Nutrient rates per kg	Nitrogen 94 rupees 21 paise, phosphorus 66 rupees 11 paise, potassium 12 rupees 38 paise, sulphur 10 rupees 42 paise
Grades covered	28 grades of phosphatic and potassic fertilisers
DAP price	Fixed at Rs 1,350 per bag

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Second National Tribal Literary Festival Opens in New Delhi

12 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs opened the second National Tribal Literary Festival at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, during Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada.

- The second National Tribal Literary Festival opened at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Theme: 'From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature'; the two-day festival is part of Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is observed on 15 November, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, as declared by the Union Cabinet.
- Union Minister Jual Oram inaugurated it with MoS Durgadas Uikey, NITI Aayog Member Dr Joram Aniya, Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti Chairman Chamu Krishna Shastry and Secretary Ranjana Chopra.
- The Toda language of the Nilgiris has only about 2,000 speakers; K. Vasamalli has built a dictionary of 5,700 words for it.

Event	Second National Tribal Literary Festival 2026
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Theme	From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature
Organiser	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Occasion	Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada
Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas	15 November, birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Inaugurated by	Union Minister of Tribal Affairs Jual Oram
Partner body named	Sahitya Akademi, for promoting tribal literature

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Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0: First Regional Conference in Tiruchirappalli

12 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil addressed the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 at Tiruchirappalli, with seven southern States and UTs.

- Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil addressed the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 at Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.
- The two-day conference was organised by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation with the Government of Tamil Nadu for seven southern States and UTs.
- Participants: Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Puducherry and Lakshadweep; it is the first of five planned regional conferences.
- Tap water connections under the Mission, launched in 2019, have reached about 16 crore rural households; the approved Mission timeline runs to December 2028.
- States were urged to complete remaining works by December 2027 where feasible, and NIOT showcased eight Low Temperature Thermal Desalination plants in Lakshadweep.

Event	First Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Venue	Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
Addressed by	Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil
Organisers	Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation with the Government of Tamil Nadu
Participants	Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Puducherry, Lakshadweep
Series	First of five regional conferences after the Departmental Summit on Water, 1-2 September 2026
Mission launched	2019, for tap water to every rural household
Coverage	About 16 crore rural households with tap water connections

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Defence Pensioners Cross 20.48 Lakh Digital Life Certificates

12 November 2026 · Defence

Over 20.48 lakh defence pensioners have filed Digital Life Certificates under National DLC Campaign 5.0, the highest among all participating departments.

- Over 20.48 lakh defence pensioners submitted Digital Life Certificates by 11 November 2026 under DLC Campaign 5.0, the highest among all departments.
- The nationwide campaign runs from 1 to 30 November 2026, coordinated by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, with CGDA leading the defence outreach.
- The network includes 194 SPARSH Service Centres, 4.63 lakh Common Service Centres, 13 partner banks with IPPB and 29 nodal officers, besides about 80 outreach programmes.
- A mega Digital Life Certificate camp will be held at Kochi on 23 November 2026, and more than 80 per cent of certificates are generated through Face ID.
- Under DLC Campaign 4.0 in November 2025 the Defence Accounts Department generated over 20.94 lakh certificates; 35.11 lakh pensioners are onboarded on SPARSH.

Campaign	Nationwide Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5.0
Duration	1 to 30 November 2026
DLCs by defence pensioners	Over 20.48 lakh as on 11 November 2026
Led by	Controller General of Defence Accounts, Ministry of Defence
Coordinated by	Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Service network	194 SPARSH Service Centres, 4.63 lakh Common Service Centres, 13 partner banks with IPPB, 29 nodal officers
Mega camp	Kochi, 23 November 2026
Technology	Aadhaar-based Face Authentication through the Jeevan Pramaan portal and app

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WHO Global TB Report 2026: India's TB Deaths Down 38%

12 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

India's tuberculosis mortality has fallen 38% since 2015 and treatment success stands at 94%, says the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 released on 12 November.

- The WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 was released on 12 November 2026 and credits India with a 38% fall in TB mortality since 2015, against a global decline of 35%.
- India's estimated TB death rate fell from 28 per lakh of population in 2015 to 18 per lakh in 2025, and treatment success in drug-susceptible TB is 94%.
- TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan screened over 25 crore people between 7 December 2024 and 8 November 2026, with 11 crore chest X-rays and 3 crore molecular tests.
- Screening found 48.64 lakh new TB patients, of whom 14.97 lakh had no symptoms, and 67,933 panchayats were declared TB free in 2025.
- Domestic resources meet 96% of the TB programme's funding needs; WHO used RGI-SRS data, verbal autopsy work and Ni-kshay records for its mortality estimate.

Report	WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, released 12 November 2026
Fall in TB mortality	38% in India since 2015; global decline 35%
Death rate	28 per lakh of population in 2015 to 18 per lakh in 2025
Treatment success rate	94% in drug-susceptible TB
Domestic funding share	96% of the TB programme's requirement
Cases detected	48.64 lakh, including 14.97 lakh asymptomatic cases
Screening reach	Over 25 crore people; 11 crore chest X-rays; 3 crore NAAT tests
TB-free panchayats	67,933 declared in 2025

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MoRTH Proposes Rent a Cab Reforms, Fleet Floor Cut to 5

12 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has proposed Rent a Cab reforms cutting the minimum fleet from 50 cabs to 5 and bringing in one electronic licence.

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has proposed Rent a Cab reforms to ease entry, widen rental choice and strengthen passenger safety.
- The minimum fleet falls from 50 cabs to 5, with at least 2 cabs per place of operation, and cabs may be offered with or without drivers.
- A single electronic licence valid across the State or UT at a uniform fee replaces separate main and branch licences; the five-tourist-city branch rule is dropped.
- Licence grant and renewal get a proposed 60-day timeline, while adding or removing cabs or places of operation has a 30-day deemed-approval route.
- Cabs need location tracking and first-aid kits; operators must run a website with 24-hour grievance support, emergency repairs and towing.

Ministry	Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
Reform proposed for	Rent a Cab operators
Minimum fleet	Cut from 50 cabs to 5
Cabs per place of operation	At least 2
Licence	One electronic licence valid across the State or UT at a uniform fee
Licence timeline	60 days for grant and renewal
Deemed approval	30 days for adding or removing cabs or places of operation
Dropped condition	Branches in five tourist cities no longer required

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Andhra Pradesh Plans Rs 30,000 Crore Dugarajapatnam Ship Hub

12 November 2026 · Economy

Sarbananda Sonowal said Andhra Pradesh will build a Rs 30,000 crore greenfield shipbuilding cluster at Dugarajapatnam and four new greenfield ports.

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, at the 31st CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam, said Andhra Pradesh can become India's maritime gateway to the east.
- A greenfield shipbuilding cluster at Dugarajapatnam has in-principle approval under the National Shipbuilding Mission, with about Rs 30,000 crore investment and 1.2 million gross tonnes annual capacity.
- Four greenfield ports are under construction at Mulapeta, Machilipatnam, Ramayapatnam and Kakinada SEZ; the state's coastline runs about 1,053 kilometres along the Bay of Bengal.
- Visakhapatnam Port handled a record 91.17 million tonnes of cargo in FY 2025-26, roughly 10% above the previous year and its fourth straight year of growth.
- Rs 70,000 crore has been allocated as financing support for shipbuilding, while Sagarmala and the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047 envisage Rs 80 lakh crore of investment.

Announced by	Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways
Occasion	31st CII Partnership Summit, Visakhapatnam
Shipbuilding cluster	Dugarajapatnam, greenfield, under the National Shipbuilding Mission
Cluster investment	About Rs 30,000 crore
Targeted capacity	1.2 million gross tonnes a year
Project vehicle	Centre-State SPV of Andhra Pradesh Maritime Board and Visakhapatnam Port Authority
Greenfield ports	Mulapeta, Machilipatnam, Ramayapatnam and Kakinada SEZ
State coastline	About 1,053 km along the Bay of Bengal

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DRI Seizes Red Sanders Worth Rs 7.72 Crore at Chennai Port

12 November 2026 · Environment

The DRI broke a red sanders smuggling syndicate at Chennai Port, seizing about 13,000 kg of logs worth Rs 7.72 crore and arresting three key members.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence intercepted an export container at Chennai Port between 9 and 11 November 2026, before it was loaded, on specific intelligence about a Chennai-based syndicate.
- Examination on 9 and 10 November 2026 revealed 12.87 metric tonnes, about 13,000 kg, of high-grade red sanders logs worth around Rs 7.72 crore, declared as 'Paper Laminate Rolls'.
- The consignment was bound for Malaysia; the syndicate misused a manufacturer-exporter's self-sealing facility and swapped the cargo at a private godown.
- Three key members were arrested and the goods seized under the Customs Act, 1962; a godown search yielded the original cargo, an industrial weighing scale and red sanders traces.
- Red sanders (Pterocarpus santalinus) is listed in CITES Appendix II and Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and its export is banned under the Foreign Trade Policy.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Place	Chennai Port
Dates of action	9 to 11 November 2026, examination on 9 and 10 November
Seizure	12.87 metric tonnes, about 13,000 kg of high-grade red sanders logs
Value	About Rs 7.72 crore
Declared as	Paper Laminate Rolls
Destination	Malaysia
Arrests	Three key syndicate members, under the Customs Act, 1962

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DIPAM Completes Special Campaign 6 for Swachhata and Pendency

13 November 2026 · National

DIPAM of the Ministry of Finance ran Special Campaign 6 from 2 to 31 October 2026, cleared all 3 VIP references and scrapped e-waste worth Rs 2,01,777.

- DIPAM, a department of the Ministry of Finance, took part in Special Campaign 6 for institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency, held from 2 October to 31 October 2026.
- The preparatory phase ran from 15 to 30 September 2026, when targets were fixed for VIP references, inter-ministerial and PMO references and Parliamentary Assurances.
- All 3 targeted VIP references were disposed of, and of the 8 Parliamentary Assurances taken up, an Implementation Report on 1 went to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats.
- E-waste was scrapped through MSTC Limited for Rs 2,01,777 and two cleanliness campaigns were conducted in the department.
- DIPAM has no attached office, subordinate office or autonomous body under it, so the drive was confined to the department itself.

Campaign	Special Campaign 6, for institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency
Department	Department of Investment and Public Asset Management (DIPAM)
Ministry	Ministry of Finance
Preparatory phase	15 to 30 September 2026
Implementation phase	2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026
E-waste scrapped	Rs 2,01,777, through MSTC Limited
VIP references	3 targeted, all 3 disposed of
Parliamentary Assurances	8 targeted; Implementation Report on 1 sent to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha Secretariats

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WHO Global TB Report 2026: India's TB Deaths Fall 38%

13 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

India cut tuberculosis deaths by 38% since 2015 and reached a 94% treatment success rate, the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 has recorded.

- India's tuberculosis mortality has fallen 38% since 2015, against a global decline of 35%, as recorded in the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026
- The TB death rate dropped from 28 per lakh population in 2015 to 18 per lakh in 2025, the country's highest-ever reduction
- 94% of patients with drug-susceptible tuberculosis complete treatment successfully under the National TB Elimination Programme
- Intensified screening covered over 25 crore people, using more than 11 crore chest X-rays and 3 crore molecular tests, and found 48.64 lakh cases
- 14.97 lakh of the detected patients had no symptoms, and 67,933 Panchayats were declared TB-free during 2025

Report	WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026
Fall in TB deaths in India	38% since 2015, against a global decline of 35%
Mortality rate	28 per lakh population in 2015 to 18 per lakh in 2025
Treatment success rate	94% among drug-susceptible TB patients
Cases detected	48.64 lakh, including 14.97 lakh without symptoms
Screening reach	Over 25 crore people, 11 crore chest X-rays, 3 crore molecular tests
TB-free Panchayats in 2025	67,933
Domestic funding share	96% of programme requirements

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57th IFFI in Goa to Open on Stories Without Borders Theme

13 November 2026 · National

The 57th International Film Festival of India runs in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 on the theme Stories Without Borders, with Spain as Country of Honour.

- The 57th International Film Festival of India will be held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 on the theme Stories Without Borders
- Over 1,900 films were submitted from 137 countries and more than 150 international films from 86 countries were selected for screening
- Spain is the Country of Honour and Russia the Partner Country, each represented by four films
- Fatherland by Pawel Pawlikowski opens the festival, I Matter is the Mid-Fest film and We Are All Strangers by Anthony Chen closes it
- The Indian Panorama screens 76 films in 18 languages, opening with Dhurandhar and the Ladakhi non-feature Becoming

Event	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2026
Dates and venue	20 to 28 November 2026, Goa
Theme	Stories Without Borders
Country of Honour	Spain
Partner Country	Russia
Opening film	Fatherland, directed by Pawel Pawlikowski
Closing film	We Are All Strangers by Anthony Chen, from Singapore
Festival Director	Ashutosh Gowariker

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India and Italy Plan New Joint Research Call in 2027

13 November 2026 · International

The Second India-Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue ended in Rome, with Dr Jitendra Singh announcing a fresh joint research call planned for 2027.

- The Second India-Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue 2026 concluded in Rome, with Dr Jitendra Singh and Italian Minister Anna Maria Bernini addressing the closing session
- India and Italy will launch a new joint research call in 2027 covering artificial intelligence, high-performance computing, clean energy and advanced biotechnology
- The first inter-governmental science and technology agreement between the two countries was signed in 1978 and renewed on 28 November 2003
- India-Italy relations were elevated to a Strategic Partnership in 2023, followed by the Joint Strategic Action Plan for 2025-2029 announced in November 2024
- More than 150 joint projects have been carried out under the Indo-Italian Executive Programme of Cooperation, whose current edition for 2025-27 was signed on 10 April 2025

Event	Second India-Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue 2026
Venue	Rome, Italy
Indian minister	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology
Italian minister	Anna Maria Bernini, Minister of University and Research
First S&T agreement	Signed in 1978, renewed on 28 November 2003
Strategic Partnership	India-Italy ties elevated in 2023
Joint Strategic Action Plan	For 2025-2029, announced in November 2024
Joint projects so far	More than 150 under the Executive Programme of Cooperation

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CCPA Fines Ola Rs 10 Lakh Over Pre-Ride Tip Prompts

13 November 2026 · National

The Central Consumer Protection Authority fined Ola operator ANI Technologies Rs 10 lakh for pre-ride tip prompts and ordered the feature to be stopped.

- The CCPA imposed a penalty of Rs 10 lakh on ANI Technologies Private Limited, the operator of Ola, for pre-ride tip or add-on payment prompts
- The order was passed by Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare and Commissioner Anupam Mishra, who held the practice a dark pattern and an unfair trade practice
- Ola's own booking data for 1 to 15 June 2026 showed add-on requests were accepted less often, 38% against 62% in Delhi and 39% against 68% in Mumbai
- Suggested amounts rose from the Rs 10 to Rs 40 range in May 2025 to as much as Rs 140, while the interface allowed payments of up to Rs 499
- The design was classified as Confirm Shaming under the Guidelines for Prevention and Regulation of Dark Patterns, 2023

Regulator	Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA)
Company penalised	ANI Technologies Private Limited, operator of Ola
Penalty	Rs 10 lakh
Order passed by	Chief Commissioner Nidhi Khare and Commissioner Anupam Mishra
Dark pattern identified	Confirm Shaming, under the Dark Patterns Guidelines, 2023
Law applied	Sections 2(28)(iv) and 2(47) of the Consumer Protection Act, 2019
Aggregator rule breached	Clause 14.15 of the Motor Vehicles Aggregators Guidelines, 2025
Earlier similar order	Rapido, operated by Roppen Transportation Services, fined the same amount

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NPPA Orders Price Monitoring on 137 Anti-Cancer Drugs

13 November 2026 · Economy

The NPPA has ordered strict monitoring of trade margin rationalisation on 137 anti-cancer drugs whose revised prices took effect on 9 November 2026.

- The NPPA has directed strict monitoring of Trade Margin Rationalisation on 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs
- The measure was notified by a Gazette Order dated 17 October 2026 and the revised prices became effective from 9 November 2026
- Revised price lists, based on company submissions up to 11 November 2026, are available on the NPPA website and the Pharma Sahi Daam app and portal
- Manufacturers, retailers, dealers, stockists, hospitals and medical institutions must sell at revised rates and display the updated lists
- Violations attract overcharging proceedings under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013, and State Drug Controllers must file Action Taken Reports by 16 November 2026

Regulator	National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)
Parent body	Department of Pharmaceuticals, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
Measure	Trade Margin Rationalisation (TMR)
Drugs covered	137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs
Notified by	Gazette Order dated 17 October 2026
Revised prices effective	9 November 2026
Action Taken Report deadline	16 November 2026, by State Drug Controllers
Law for overcharging	Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013

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India's Non-Fossil Power Capacity Reaches 308 GW

13 November 2026 · Environment

India's non-fossil power capacity stood at 308 GW, or 55% of a total installed capacity of about 560 GW, a Press Information Bureau backgrounder says.

- India's total installed power capacity is about 560 GW in October 2026, compared with 249 GW in 2014
- Non-fossil sources account for 308 GW as on 31 July 2026, which is 55% of total installed capacity, and India ranks third in the world in renewable capacity
- Solar capacity reached about 175 GW by 31 October 2026, and India was the second-largest solar growth market in 2025 with more than 37 GW added
- PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana, with an outlay of Rs 75,021 crore, now covers 65.26 lakh households and has commissioned 19.1 GW of rooftop solar
- Wind capacity stands at 59.20 GW, hydro at 57.49 GW and bio-power at 11.75 GW, while the green hydrogen mission targets 5 MMT a year by 2030

Total installed power capacity	About 560 GW in October 2026, up from 249 GW in 2014
Non-fossil capacity	308 GW as on 31 July 2026, 55% of the total
Global rank	Third in renewable energy installed capacity, fourth in wind
Solar capacity	About 175 GW as on 31 October 2026
Wind capacity	59.20 GW as on 29 October 2026
Hydro capacity	57.49 GW, large and small hydro together
Bio-power capacity	11.75 GW, with 839 CBG plants registered
PM-Surya Ghar outlay	Rs 75,021 crore for one crore households

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PM Modi Launches Rs 15,600 Crore Projects in Bengaluru

13 November 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development works worth over Rs 15,600 crore in Bengaluru, dedicating the Namma Metro Pink Line and a Vande Bharat train.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched development projects worth over Rs 15,600 crore in Bengaluru, Karnataka on 13 November 2026
- The Namma Metro Pink Line was dedicated, taking the Bengaluru metro network past 100 kilometres from 17 kilometres in 2014
- Bengaluru became the third city after Delhi-NCR and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region to cross the 100-kilometre metro mark
- A Vande Bharat train linking Karnataka with Goa was flagged off, along with four Amrit Bharat stations and two doubling and electrification works
- Energy works included the Mangaluru LPG project with 80,000 metric tonnes of storage and a Bengaluru CBG plant of 13 tonnes a day

Occasion	Launch of development projects in Bengaluru, Karnataka
Date	13 November 2026
Total worth	More than Rs 15,600 crore
Metro line dedicated	Pink Line of Namma Metro, Bengaluru
Metro milestone	Network crosses 100 km; third after Delhi-NCR and Mumbai Metropolitan Region
New train	Vande Bharat connecting Karnataka with Goa
Amrit Bharat stations	Chamarajanagar, Chikkamagaluru, Sakleshpur, Subrahmanya Road
LPG storage added	80,000 metric tonnes at the Mangaluru LPG project

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PM Joins Prashanti Kutiram Golden Jubilee in Bengaluru

13 November 2026 · National

Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the golden jubilee of Prashanti Kutiram in Bengaluru and said Yogasana now has a place in Khelo India and the National Games.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi joined the golden jubilee of Prashanti Kutiram, the S-VYASA yoga campus in Bengaluru, on 13 November 2026
- The jubilee year also marks the birth centenary of H. V. Seshadri, whose mission was nation building through character building
- Yogasana has been recognised in India as a competitive sport with a place in Khelo India and the National Games
- Saudi Arabia has recognised yoga as a sports activity and its sports ministry signed an agreement with the Ministry of AYUSH
- More than 150 Ayurveda training courses are recognised abroad, MoUs signed with 28 countries, and a National Turmeric Board set up

Occasion	Golden jubilee of Prashanti Kutiram, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Institution	S-VYASA, whose campus is Prashanti Kutiram
Date	13 November 2026
Birth centenary marked	H. V. Seshadri
Yogasana	Recognised as a competitive sport, included in Khelo India and the National Games
Ayurveda courses abroad	More than 150 recognised training courses
Ayurveda MoUs	Signed with 28 countries
New body	National Turmeric Board

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MHA Extends Ban on Islamic Research Foundation Under UAPA

13 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Home Affairs extended the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation, led by fugitive preacher Zakir Naik, as an unlawful association under the UAPA.

- The Ministry of Home Affairs extended the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation as an unlawful association under the UAPA on 13 November 2026
- The organisation is led by the fugitive preacher Dr Zakir Naik, who the ministry says has been involved in designs against India
- The ministry cited the spreading of an ideology of terrorism and separatism and the stirring of communal hatred as grounds
- The outfit was also found to be provoking violent unrest and helping absconding terrorists to regroup
- A body declared an unlawful association under the UAPA cannot function, and the declaration has to be extended by a fresh decision

Organisation	Islamic Research Foundation (IRF)
Action	Ban extended as an unlawful association
Law used	Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, UAPA
Ministry	Ministry of Home Affairs
Head of the outfit	Dr Zakir Naik, a fugitive preacher
Date	13 November 2026
Grounds cited	Ideology of terrorism and separatism, communal hatred, violent unrest, regrouping of absconding terrorists

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Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2026 Begins in Sri Lanka

13 November 2026 · Defence

A 170-member Indian contingent left for Sri Lanka for the 12th edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI, to be held at Maduru Oya from 13 to 26 November 2026.

- A 170-member Indian Defence Forces contingent departed on 13 November 2026 for the India-Sri Lanka exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2026
- This is the twelfth edition of the exercise, held at the Army Training School, Maduru Oya in Sri Lanka from 13 to 26 November 2026
- The Indian contingent is drawn mainly from a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles, with other arms and Indian Air Force personnel
- The drill focuses on counter terrorism operations in a semi-urban environment under a United Nations mandate
- MITRA SHAKTI is an annual bilateral exercise conducted alternately in India and Sri Lanka and ends with a validation exercise

Exercise	MITRA SHAKTI 2026, 12th edition
Countries	India and Sri Lanka
Venue	Army Training School, Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka
Dates	13 to 26 November 2026, a 14-day exercise
Indian contingent	170 members, mainly a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles with Indian Air Force personnel
Focus	Counter terrorism operations in a semi-urban environment under a United Nations mandate
Nature	Annual bilateral exercise held alternately in India and Sri Lanka

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SHATAYU Portal Lists 30,151 Geriatric Caregivers

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The SHATAYU national directory of the Social Justice Ministry now lists 30,151 trained geriatric caregivers, linking families with elderly care across States and UTs.

- SHATAYU is a digital geriatric care platform of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, launched on 22 May 2026
- The full form is Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility, a national caregiver dashboard and directory
- The national directory lists 30,151 trained caregivers and can be searched by State or Union Territory and by district
- It offers OTP-based callback requests, enrolment tracking and a rating system, with search and callback free of charge
- Four training categories are recognised and the framework is supported by the NISD and the NSDC

Initiative	SHATAYU, Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Launched	22 May 2026, at the National Workshop on Creating a Well-Functioning Care Economy
Caregivers listed	30,151 across States and Union Territories
Search filters	State or Union Territory and district
Training categories	Geriatric Care Provider, Geriatric Caregiver, Wellness Therapist (Elderly), Elderly Care Companion
Training support	National Institute of Social Defence and National Skill Development Corporation
Cost to users	Directory search and callback requests are free

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TRAI Bars 1,10,325 Telecom Resources Over Spam in Q2

13 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

TRAI barred 1,10,325 telecom resources and blacklisted 374 senders in July-September 2026, its quarterly report on unsolicited commercial communications shows.

- TRAI released the quarterly report on unsolicited commercial communications for July to September 2026, the second quarter of 2026-27
- 1,10,325 telecom resources were barred for fifteen days for a first violation and 13,777 were disconnected for a year for repeat violations
- 374 senders were blacklisted for one year and 3,725 SMS headers were blocked during the quarter
- UCC complaints numbered 1.529 million, of which 92.9 per cent came through the TRAI DND App
- AI based systems flagged about 19.9 billion calls and messages as suspected spam and 4.59 million warnings were issued

Regulator	Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI)
Report	Quarterly highlights of action against UCC, Q2 of FY 2026-27
Period	1 July to 30 September 2026
Calls originated	714.01 billion during the quarter
UCC complaints	1.529 million, about 2.14 for every million calls
Resources barred for 15 days	1,10,325 for a first violation
Resources disconnected for 1 year	13,777 for repeated violations
Senders blacklisted	374 for one year; 3,725 SMS headers blocked

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India's October 2026 Exports Reach US$ 89.99 Billion

13 November 2026 · Economy

India's total exports touched US$ 89.99 billion in October 2026, a rise of 29.90 percent over October 2025, the Commerce Ministry's trade estimate shows.

- Total exports of goods and services stood at US$ 89.99 billion in October 2026, a gain of 29.90 percent over the same month a year earlier
- Total imports for the month were US$ 110.07 billion, higher by 16.58 percent, and stayed above exports through the month
- Goods exports rose to US$ 49.47 billion from US$ 34.11 billion, while services exports are estimated at US$ 40.51 billion
- Exports for April to October of 2026-27 are placed at US$ 568.84 billion against US$ 487.59 billion a year earlier, a growth of 16.66 percent
- Petroleum product exports jumped 140.21 percent to US$ 8.89 billion and electronic goods exports rose 62.70 percent to US$ 6.64 billion

Reference month	October 2026
Total exports	US$ 89.99 billion
Export growth	29.90 percent over October 2025
Total imports	US$ 110.07 billion
Goods exports	US$ 49.47 billion
Services exports	US$ 40.51 billion
Exports, April-October 2026-27	US$ 568.84 billion
Imports, April-October 2026-27	US$ 662.19 billion

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Vice-President Addresses 31st CII Partnership Summit Close

13 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the valedictory session of the 31st CII Partnership Summit at Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh on 13 November.

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the valedictory session of the 31st CII Partnership Summit at Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- The theme of the summit was Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust
- He said Andhra Pradesh had attracted 714 investment projects worth over twenty-two lakh crore rupees since June 2024
- The state's Swarna Andhra 2047 vision was described as aligned with the national goal of Viksit Bharat 2047
- Governor S. Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee were among those present

Event	31st CII Partnership Summit
Session addressed	Valedictory session
Venue	Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
Theme	Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust
Addressed by	Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Investment projects cited	714 projects since June 2024
State's vision	Swarna Andhra 2047
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister	N. Chandrababu Naidu

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Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Sales Cross Rs 88.36 Lakh

13 November 2026 · National

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat recorded cumulative sales of Rs 88,36,416 up to 12 November 2026, the Social Justice Ministry said on 13 November.

- Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi recorded cumulative sales of Rs 88,36,416, about Rs 88.36 lakh, up to 12 November 2026
- The fair is organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and runs for fifteen days, closing on 15 November 2026
- More than 130 stalls are arranged across seven themed zones, on the theme Prakash aur Parampara - Jyoti se Jyoti Jalayen
- Four national corporations take part, NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC, serving Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Safai Karamcharis and persons with disabilities
- The ministry has held these fairs since 2022 and they have reached more than 1,000 artisans, with free stalls, travel costs and daily allowances provided

Event	Shilp Samagam Mela 2026
Venue	Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
Organiser	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Cumulative sales	Rs 88,36,416 up to 12 November 2026
Stalls	More than 130
Themed zones	Seven
Theme	Prakash aur Parampara - Jyoti se Jyoti Jalayen
Closing date	15 November 2026

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PLI Draws Rs 2.58 Lakh Crore Investment Across 14 Sectors

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A PIB backgrounder says the Production Linked Incentive scheme has drawn Rs 2.58 lakh crore of investment across 14 sectors, with 791 applications approved by June 2026.

- The Production Linked Incentive scheme covers 14 strategic sectors with a total approved outlay of Rs 1,91,049 crore
- As on 30 June 2026, 791 applications stood approved and actual investment had crossed Rs 2,58,835 crore
- Cumulative production and sales under PLI crossed Rs 23.79 lakh crore and exports were boosted by Rs 15.53 lakh crore
- Over 14.57 lakh direct and indirect jobs were created and Rs 36,754 crore of incentives had been disbursed
- Electronics production rose to Rs 13.11 lakh crore in 2025-26 and 99.2 per cent of mobile phones used in India are now made in India

Scheme	Production Linked Incentive (PLI), introduced in 2020
Sectors covered	14 strategic sectors
Approved outlay	Rs 1,91,049 crore
Approved applications	791 as on 30 June 2026
Actual investment	Rs 2,58,835 crore
Production and sales	Over Rs 23.79 lakh crore
Employment	14.57 lakh jobs, of which 8.81 lakh direct
Incentives disbursed	Rs 36,754 crore

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Culture Ministry Holds Creative India Meet at Bharat Mandapam

13 November 2026 · National

The Ministry of Culture held the Creative India: Collective Possibilities conference at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, inaugurated by Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.

- The Ministry of Culture convened Creative India: Collective Possibilities at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 13 November 2026
- Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat inaugurated the conference and called India's creative power its real power
- The Ministry's 43 organisations and more than 3,600 protected monuments were described as the public infrastructure of the creative economy
- The National Culture Fund has completed 66 projects with 39 partners since 1996, and Adopt a Heritage engages partners at 66 monuments
- Four sessions were held: Investing in Culture, Culture-Led Spaces, Culturepreneurs, and Technology and Communication

Conference	Creative India: Collective Possibilities
Organiser	Ministry of Culture
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
Culture Secretary	Vivek Aggarwal
Ministry's institutions	43 organisations and over 3,600 protected monuments
National Culture Fund	66 projects with 39 partners since 1996
New agreement	MoU with Google Arts and Culture

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INS Sahyadri Leaves Yokosuka After Exercise Malabar 2026

13 November 2026 · Defence

INS Sahyadri, the Navy's indigenous guided missile stealth frigate, sailed out of Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan on 12 November 2026 after Malabar 2026.

- INS Sahyadri, an indigenously built guided missile stealth frigate, left Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan on 12 November 2026 after Exercise Malabar 2026
- Malabar 2026 brought together the navies of India, Japan, the United States and Australia
- The exercise ran in a harbour phase of professional engagements and a sea phase of coordinated maritime operations
- Sea phase drills included anti-submarine warfare, VBSS, maritime interdiction, gunnery, replenishment approaches and cross-deck landings
- The Ministry of Defence tied the deployment to MAHASAGAR, Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions

Exercise	MALABAR 2026
Indian warship	INS Sahyadri, indigenous guided missile stealth frigate
Port left	Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan
Date of departure	12 November 2026
Participating navies	India, Japan, the United States and Australia
Phases	Harbour phase and sea phase
Indian vision cited	MAHASAGAR - Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
Region	Indo-Pacific

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NRIDA Wins U.P. Medal 2025 for Steel Slag Rural Roads

13 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

NRIDA has been selected for the Indian Roads Congress U.P. Medal 2025 for using steel slag on PMGSY roads in Jharkhand, cutting construction cost by 26 per cent.

- NRIDA, under the Ministry of Rural Development, has been selected for the U.P. Medal for Innovative Technology in Roads 2025
- The award is given by the Indian Roads Congress and will be presented on 19 November 2026 at Hyderabad, Telangana, during its 85th Annual Session
- It recognises the use of steel slag in PMGSY-III road works in Jharkhand sanctioned during 2022-23
- The project covered 381.57 km of road and brought down overall construction cost by 26 per cent
- MoRD and NRIDA have sanctioned 1,81,923 km of road works using sustainable technologies, of which 1,39,901 km is complete

Award	U.P. Medal for Innovative Technology in Roads, 2025
Awarded by	Indian Roads Congress (IRC)
Winner	National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency (NRIDA)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Presentation	19 November 2026, annual function of the 85th Annual Session, Hyderabad, Telangana
Reason	Innovative use of steel slag in rural road construction under PMGSY
Project state	Jharkhand, PMGSY-III works sanctioned in 2022-23
Road length	381.57 km

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MoSPI Seeks Feedback on Knowledge Systems Panel Report

13 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

MoSPI has invited public feedback till 12 December 2026 on the Committee on Knowledge Systems report, which frames how to measure knowledge in the economy.

- MoSPI has invited feedback from stakeholders and the public on the report of the Committee on Knowledge Systems till 12 December 2026
- The committee was constituted on 5 May 2026 under the chairmanship of Shri Ratan P. Watal, former Member Secretary of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
- Its Actionable Policy Paper sets out a Knowledge Ecosystem of eight interrelated components and five boundary tests for knowledge products
- It recommends a family of thematic accounts consistent with the System of National Accounts 2025 rather than one aggregate measure
- Priority areas named include human capital, research and development, the creative economy, artificial intelligence systems, data and the digital economy

Ministry	Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
Committee	Committee on Knowledge Systems, constituted 5 May 2026
Chairman	Shri Ratan P. Watal, former Member Secretary, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister
Output	Actionable Policy Paper on the Framework for Measuring the Contribution of Knowledge and Knowledge Products to the Economy
Feedback deadline	12 December 2026
Knowledge Ecosystem	Eight interrelated components
Technical Advisory Group	Formed in May 2025 under Dr. R. Balasubramaniam
Initial meeting	Chaired by Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Adviser, on 10 February 2025

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Nasha Mukt Yuva Quiz Draws 28,876 Participants

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The online Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz has drawn 28,876 citizens as of 13 November 2026 and stays open on the MY Bharat portal till 25 November.

- The Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz had recorded 28,876 participants as of 13 November 2026
- It was launched on 26 October 2026 by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and runs till 25 November 2026 on the MY Bharat portal
- The quiz has 20 multiple-choice questions to be answered in 10 minutes, with a participation certificate on submission
- The Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on 15 August 2020 in 272 vulnerable districts and now covers all districts
- The campaign has reached 35.89 crore people, including 14.36 crore youth and 11.34 crore women

Quiz	Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Parent campaign	Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA)
Participation so far	28,876 citizens as of 13 November 2026
Quiz window	26 October 2026 to 25 November 2026
Platform	MY Bharat portal
Format	20 multiple-choice questions in 10 minutes
NMBA launched	15 August 2020, initially in 272 vulnerable districts

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Nadda Reviews RHTC Najafgarh, 94,927 OPD Visits Logged

13 November 2026 · National

Health Minister J. P. Nadda reviewed RHTC Najafgarh, which handled 94,927 OPD patients and 35,985 emergency cases between August and October 2026.

- Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda reviewed the progress of the Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh, which works under the Directorate General of Health Services
- Between August and October 2026 the centre handled 94,927 OPD patients across 10 specialities and 35,985 emergency patients
- It recorded 198 inpatient admissions and 691 surgeries, made up of 101 major and 590 minor procedures
- Of 129 action points under the National Quality Assurance Standards for its three Urban Primary Health Centres, 105 are complete
- Established in 1937, the centre is being upgraded into a 230-bedded hospital and serves Najafgarh, Ujwa and Palam

Institution	Rural Health Training Centre (RHTC), Najafgarh, New Delhi
Under	Directorate General of Health Services, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
Reviewed by	Union Health Minister Shri Jagat Prakash Nadda
Established	1937
OPD, August to October 2026	94,927 patients across 10 specialities
Emergency cases	35,985 patients
Surgeries	691 in all, 101 major and 590 minor
Quality assurance	105 of 129 NQAS action points completed for three Urban Primary Health Centres

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DoT Holds First All India Official Language Conference

13 November 2026 · National

The Department of Telecommunications held its first All India Conference on Official Language 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi.

- The Department of Telecommunications organised its first All India Conference on Official Language 2026 on 13 November 2026 in New Delhi
- The venue was the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre on Janpath and the chief guest was Shri Manish Sinha, Member (Finance), DoT
- The first session covered the use, promotion and enrichment of Hindi and the second dealt with the policies, provisions and tools of Rajbhasha Hindi
- Such conferences follow the spirit of Article 351 of the Constitution, which asks the Union to promote the spread of Hindi
- The Department of Official Language under the Ministry of Home Affairs regularly holds All India and regional conferences on the Official Language

Event	First All India Conference on Official Language 2026
Organiser	Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications
Venue	Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, Janpath, New Delhi
Chief guest	Shri Manish Sinha, Member (Finance), Department of Telecommunications
Purpose	Progressive use of Hindi as the Official Language in government work
Sessions	Two, on the use and enrichment of Hindi and on Rajbhasha policies, provisions and tools
Constitutional provision	Article 351, on the directive for development of the Hindi language
Nodal department	Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs

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45th India International Trade Fair 2026 Opens at Bharat Mandapam

13 November 2026 · Economy

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal opened the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 at Bharat Mandapam with 3,500 exhibitors and 11 partner countries.

- Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, inaugurated the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- More than 30 States and Union Territories, over 3,500 exhibitors and 11 countries are taking part in the fair
- The Hall of Inspiration showcases 600 startups, while a One District, One Product Pavilion displays handicrafts, handloom and food products
- Goyal said October exports touched an all time high of nearly 90 billion dollars, with exports of 570 billion dollars in seven months
- Bharat Mandapam will get a new expansion phase that nearly doubles exhibition space, and ITPO will take IITF to overseas markets

Event	45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Inaugurated by	Piyush Goyal, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
Organiser	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
Exhibitors	Over 3,500
Countries taking part	11
States and UTs	More than 30
Startups on display	600, in the Hall of Inspiration

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Swachh Shehar Jodi: Ahmedabad and Sanand Take Rank One

13 November 2026 · National

MoHUA announced the Swachh Shehar Jodi results, with Ahmedabad and Sanand first among 191 mentor mentee city pairs under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.

- Ahmedabad and Sanand of Gujarat took rank one in the Swachh Shehar Jodi awards under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
- Indore with Depalpur came second and Tirupati with Kuppam came third, ranked on the combined score of mentor and mentee cities
- Swachh Shehar Jodi was launched on 27 September 2025 linking 70 mentor cities with about 191 mentee cities from 33 States and Union Territories
- The tenth Swachh Survekshan assessed 4,751 urban local bodies on 176 sub indicators using over 3,000 trained field assessors
- President Droupadi Murmu gave away 60 national awards under 7 categories at the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 ceremony in New Delhi

Initiative	Swachh Shehar Jodi, under Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
Ministry	Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
Rank 1 pair	Ahmedabad and Sanand, Gujarat
Rank 2 pair	Indore and Depalpur, Madhya Pradesh
Rank 3 pair	Tirupati and Kuppam, Andhra Pradesh
Launched on	27 September 2025, by Manohar Lal
Mentor and mentee cities	70 mentor cities and about 191 mentee cities from 33 States and UTs
Survey edition	10th edition of Swachh Survekshan, for 2025-26

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PM Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026 Portal Opens

13 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

DARPG opened the registration portal for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026, which carry 16 awards in three categories.

- The web portal for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026 was launched by DARPG to begin registration
- The awards carry 16 prizes in three categories: 5 for holistic development of districts, 5 for the Aspirational Blocks Programme and 6 for innovations
- The period of consideration runs from 1 April 2024 to 30 November 2026, and nine new schemes have been added to the district assessment
- The Aspirational Blocks category covers 513 aspirational blocks across 331 districts of India
- Each award carries a trophy, a scroll and an incentive of Rs 20 lakh to be used for public welfare projects or resource gaps

Award	Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026
Nodal department	Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG)
Ministry	Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions
Total awards	16, in three categories
Category 1	Holistic Development of Districts under 12 priority sector programmes, 5 awards
Category 2	Aspirational Blocks Programme, 5 awards
Category 3	Innovations for ministries, States, UTs and districts, 6 awards
Period of consideration	1 April 2024 to 30 November 2026

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COSMOS Planetarium Mysuru: India's First LED Dome Opened

13 November 2026 · Science & Technology

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium in Karnataka, which is described as India's first LED dome planetarium.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium at Mysuru in Karnataka, India's first LED dome planetarium
- He felicitated the Indian Institute of Astrophysics and the University of Mysore for their role in building the planetarium
- He named Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya and Nilakantha Somayaji as great Indian astronomers of the past
- Five Indian students at this year's International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics in Vietnam won four gold medals and one silver
- He said more than 10,000 Atal Tinkering Labs have benefited over one crore students across the country

Facility	COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium
Location	Mysuru, Karnataka
Distinction	India's first LED dome planetarium
Inaugurated by	Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Institutions felicitated	Indian Institute of Astrophysics and University of Mysore
Astronomers named	Aryabhata, Varahamihira, Bhaskaracharya, Nilakantha Somayaji
Olympiad result	Four gold and one silver by five Indian students in Vietnam
Slogan added by PM	Jai Anusandhan, after Jai Vigyan added by Atal Bihari Vajpayee

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NAMASTE Scheme Raises Puducherry Sanitation Worker's Income 50%

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A Puducherry sanitation worker's monthly income rose from Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000 after protective gear and safety training under the NAMASTE Scheme.

- NAMASTE stands for National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem and is run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- A 56 year old sanitation worker with Oulgaret Municipality in Puducherry was covered under the scheme in 2025
- He received a protective kit of overalls, gloves, safety boots, a face mask and a safety helmet, plus safety training
- His monthly income rose from about Rs 8,000 to about Rs 12,000, a rise of 50 per cent
- The scheme links sanitation workers to social security support and aims at a mechanised, safer sanitation ecosystem

Scheme	NAMASTE Scheme
Full form	National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Place in the case	Oulgaret Municipality, Puducherry
Year of coverage	2025
Protective kit	Overalls, gloves, safety boots, face mask and safety helmet
Income before	About Rs 8,000 a month
Income after	About Rs 12,000 a month

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NFSC Fellowship Funds PhD, Scholar Joins Utkal University

13 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment showed how its National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students funded a PhD in Anthropology in Odisha.

- NFSC stands for the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students, run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- The scholar in the case comes from Narasinghpur in Cuttack district of Odisha and began receiving assistance in 2017
- The support included a fellowship of Rs 16,000 a month along with house rent allowance and contingency assistance
- He completed a PhD in Anthropology with the help of the fellowship, which covered academic, fieldwork and research costs
- He now serves as Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology at Utkal University, Bhubaneswar

Scheme	National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC)
Ministry	Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
Beneficiary's district	Cuttack district, Odisha
Assistance began	2017
Monthly fellowship	Rs 16,000
Other components	House rent allowance and contingency assistance
Degree completed	PhD in Anthropology
Present position	Assistant Professor, Department of Anthropology, Utkal University, Bhubaneswar

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Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission Backs 4,172 Van Dhan Kendras

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission has sanctioned 4,172 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras linking 12.48 lakh tribal members, with MSP notified for 87 items.

- The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission, begun in 2021-22, organises tribal collectors of minor forest produce into community-owned Van Dhan Vikas Kendras.
- As of March 2026, 4,172 Kendras had been sanctioned and 12.48 lakh tribal members linked; 2,911 are functional with sales of about Rs 168 crore by 31 July 2026.
- Minimum Support Price is notified for 87 minor forest produce items, and TRIFED buys through state agencies at the fixed rate whatever the market pays.
- Since 2013-14 state governments have procured 2,67,954 metric tonnes of minor forest produce worth Rs 693.98 crore under the scheme.
- The Van Dhan Yojana of 14 April 2018 forms the base of the Kendra model; one Kendra covers 15 self-help groups, roughly 300 collectors, 60 per cent of them tribal.

Scheme	Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)
Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Launched	2021-22
Kendras sanctioned	4,172 (as of March 2026)
Members linked	12.48 lakh tribal members
Functional Kendras	2,911, with sales of about Rs 168 crore as on 31 July 2026
MSP notified for	87 items of Minor Forest Produce
Procuring body	TRIFED, through state implementing agencies

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India-Egypt: Piyush Goyal to Co-Chair 7th Joint Trade Committee

14 November 2026 · International

Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal will visit Egypt on 15-16 November 2026 to co-chair the 7th India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee session in Cairo.

- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal visits Egypt on 15 and 16 November 2026 for trade, investment and industrial cooperation talks.
- The 7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee will be held in Cairo on 15 November 2026, co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh.
- Bilateral merchandise trade in April-September 2026 was USD 5.04 billion, 64 per cent higher than the same period a year earlier.
- In FY 2025-26 India's exports to Egypt were USD 3.87 billion and imports from Egypt USD 2.60 billion, as per DGCIS.
- More than 140 Indian CEOs will join the Joint Business Council Meeting and the India-Egypt Business Forum; Afreximbank meetings are also planned.

Event	7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee (JTC)
Venue and date	Cairo, 15 November 2026
Visit dates	15 and 16 November 2026
Indian co-chair	Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal
Egyptian co-chair	Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh
Trade, April-September 2026	USD 5.04 billion, up 64 per cent year on year
India's exports, FY 2025-26	USD 3.87 billion
India's imports, FY 2025-26	USD 2.60 billion

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National Tribal Literary Festival Ends With 27 Languages

14 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs closed its two-day National Tribal Literary Festival in New Delhi on 13 November 2026, with writing in 27 languages read out.

- The National Tribal Literary Festival, organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, ran for two days at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, and concluded on 13 November 2026.
- Its theme was From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature, and it was held as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations.
- Writing in 27 languages was represented at the festival, of which 23 were tribal languages.
- Living Roots Originals, developed with the Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS), protects the creative rights of tribal musicians and performers.
- Closing sessions covered the Gond Ramayana, the Bhil Mahabharata, Manipur’s Wari Leeba storytelling tradition and the Khamba-Thoibi epic.

Event	National Tribal Literary Festival (two days)
Organiser	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Concluded on	13 November 2026
Theme	From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature
Languages represented	27, of which 23 were tribal languages
Held as part of	Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas celebrations
Initiative highlighted	Living Roots Originals, with the Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS)

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DRI Seizes 10.8 kg Amphetamine Hidden In Postal Parcel

14 November 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 10.8 kg of amphetamine hidden in the walls of a parcel from Europe at the Foreign Post Office, New Delhi.

- The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 10.8 kg of amphetamine at the Foreign Post Office, New Delhi, from a parcel that had arrived from a European country.
- The parcel was declared as Kleren, meaning clothes, and ordinary garments were indeed packed inside the shipping carton.
- Two plastic pouches were concealed in each of the four sides of the carton, making eight packets of a pink powdery substance in all.
- The packets were seized under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985, and an investigation into the wider network is under way.
- The DRI functions under the Ministry of Finance and acted on specific intelligence in this case.

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Finance
Seizure	10.8 kg of amphetamine
Place	Foreign Post Office, New Delhi
Origin of parcel	A European country
Declared contents	Kleren, that is, clothes
Concealment	Two pouches in each of the four sides of the carton; eight packets in all
Law invoked	Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985

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Consent Manager Registration Under DPDP Act Comes Into Effect

14 November 2026 · Science & Technology

The Consent Manager registration framework under the DPDP Act, 2023 took effect, and MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan opened the dpbi.gov.in portal for applicants.

- The Consent Manager registration framework under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023 came into force on 13 November 2026
- MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan launched the online portal dpbi.gov.in, on which companies apply to the Data Protection Board of India for registration
- Only companies incorporated in India, with a net worth of at least ₹2 crore and proven technical, operational and financial capacity, are eligible
- A Consent Manager gives a Data Principal one interoperable platform to grant, review, manage and withdraw consent, and is answerable to that Data Principal
- The law's remaining provisions, on Data Principals' rights, Data Fiduciaries' duties and the Board's inquiry and penalty powers, start on 13 May 2027

Framework	Registration of Consent Managers under the Digital Personal Data Protection (DPDP) Act, 2023
In force from	13 November 2026
Portal	dpbi.gov.in
Launched by	S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)
Registering authority	Data Protection Board of India
Minimum net worth	₹2 crore
Who may apply	Companies incorporated in India with technical, operational and financial capacity
Rules	DPDP Rules, 2025

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Delhi-NCR Air Pollution Review Orders 191 Polluting Units Sealed

14 November 2026 · Environment

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav reviewed Delhi-NCR air pollution action, ordering CPCB to seal 191 non-compliant industries and faster road repair.

- Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav chaired a review of air pollution action by Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan in the NCR
- CPCB was directed to seal 191 polluting industries in non-conforming areas that had not ordered air pollution control devices
- Only 3,221 km of the targeted 5,480 km of NCR roads had been redeveloped; 233 congestion points were identified for immediate action
- 2,298 of 2,345 targeted industries, or 98 per cent, are connected to online continuous emission monitoring, and the remaining 47 have been closed or sealed
- CAQM's PAVAN platform and Delhi's Integrated Command and Control Centre, opened on 5 October 2026, are to drive real-time monitoring

Meeting chaired by	Bhupender Yadav, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
States reviewed	Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan
CAQM Chairperson	Rajesh Verma; Member Secretary Tarun Pithode
Units ordered sealed	191 polluting industries in non-conforming areas (by CPCB)
Road dust progress	3,221 km redeveloped against a target of 5,480 km
Emission monitoring	2,298 of 2,345 industries (98 per cent) on OCEMS; 47 closed or sealed
Emission norm	50 mg per normal cubic metre for particulate matter
Waste processing gap	6,747 tonnes per day in municipal solid waste capacity

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Janakpur Dham-Ayodhya Weekly Train Cleared by Indian Railways

14 November 2026 · International

Indian Railways approved a weekly train joining Janakpur Dham in Nepal with Ayodhya Cantt, a run of about 604 km through Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

- Indian Railways has approved a new weekly train service between Janakpur Dham in Nepal and Ayodhya Cantt. in Uttar Pradesh
- The route covers about 604 kilometres and passes through several towns of Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
- The train originates from Janakpur Dham on Saturday and from Ayodhya Cantt. on Monday
- Commercial halts include Jaynagar, Madhubani, Shisho, Sitamarhi, Raxaul, Narkatiaganj, Gorakhpur, Basti, Mankapur and Ayodhya Dham
- Janakpur Dham is revered as the birthplace of Mata Sita and Ayodhya as the birthplace of Prabhu Shri Ram

Service	Weekly train between Janakpur Dham (Nepal) and Ayodhya Cantt. (India)
Approved by	Indian Railways, announced by the Ministry of Railways
Distance	About 604 kilometres
Frequency	Once a week
Originating days	Saturday from Janakpur Dham; Monday from Ayodhya Cantt.
States on the Indian side	Bihar and Uttar Pradesh
Religious link	Janakpur Dham, birthplace of Mata Sita; Ayodhya, birthplace of Prabhu Shri Ram
Announcement date	14 November 2026

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India Commits 7 Million Euros to Elettra 2.0 Synchrotron, Italy

14 November 2026 · Science & Technology

India will invest over 7 million Euros across five years from 2026-27 as co-partner in Italy's Elettra 2.0 programme, Dr Jitendra Singh announced.

- India will invest more than 7 million Euros over five years from 2026-27 as a co-partner in Italy's Elettra 2.0 programme
- The announcement was made by Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, at Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste
- The existing India-centric XRD2 and Xpress beamlines will be replaced by micro-XRD for macromolecular crystallography and Xpress Superbend for high-pressure diffraction
- India is the second-largest user of Elettra after Italy, with Indian groups sending more than 1,100 experimental proposals against Italy's 54,140 and France's 1,098
- Indian scientists have worked at Elettra since 1998 and about 50 to 60 travel to Trieste every year

Programme	Elettra 2.0, at Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste, Italy
India's commitment	More than 7 million Euros over five years from 2026-27
Announced by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Beamlines being replaced	XRD2 and Xpress
New beamlines	micro-XRD (macromolecular crystallography) and Xpress Superbend (high-pressure diffraction)
India's rank as user	Second-largest user of Elettra after Italy
Proposals submitted	India more than 1,100; Italy 54,140; France 1,098
Indian participation since	1998

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Odisha to Get 5 Lakh PMAY-Gramin Houses, Chouhan Announces

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

At a PMAY-Gramin event in Balangir, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced 5 lakh pucca houses for Odisha and laid an agriculture college foundation.

- Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced an immediate 5 lakh pucca houses for poor families in Odisha at a PMAY-Gramin state-level programme in Balangir
- Odisha has made 29 lakh women Lakhpati Didi, crossing its target of 27 lakh one year ahead of time, helped by the Subhadra Yojana
- Odisha will get about Rs 4,000 crore this year under the Viksit Bharat-G Ram Ji scheme, with Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh a year for every panchayat
- In the fourth phase of the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 1,700 kilometres of roads have been sanctioned for the state
- The foundation stone of a new agriculture college was laid at Balangir, to be developed with the help of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research

Announcement	5 lakh pucca houses for poor families in Odisha under PMAY-Gramin
Place	Balangir, Odisha
Union Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan (Agriculture and Farmers Welfare; Rural Development)
Chief Minister present	Mohan Charan Majhi
Lakhpati Didi	29 lakh women in Odisha, against a target of 27 lakh met a year early
Subhadra Yojana	Ten thousand rupees a year to a woman beneficiary
Viksit Bharat-G Ram Ji	About Rs 4,000 crore for Odisha this year; Rs 25 lakh to Rs 50 lakh a year per panchayat
PMGSY phase four	1,700 kilometres of roads sanctioned

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Health Pavilion Opens at 45th India International Trade Fair

14 November 2026 · National

NITI Aayog Member Dr M. Srinivas opened the Health Ministry pavilion at the 45th IITF 2026 in New Delhi, themed Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat, with 39 stalls.

- The Union Health Ministry's Health Pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 was inaugurated by Dr M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog
- The fair is organised by the India Trade Promotion Organisation at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 14 to 27 November 2026
- The pavilion's theme is Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat, focused on preventive healthcare and youth participation
- It brings together 24 national health programmes and organisations through 39 stalls over 989 square metres on the ground floor of Hall Number 4
- Services on display include Ayushman Arogya Mandirs, Ayushman Bharat-PMJAY, eSanjeevani, Universal Immunisation Programme, TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan and Tele-MANAS

Event	45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026
Organiser	India Trade Promotion Organisation (ITPO)
Venue and dates	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; 14 to 27 November 2026
Health Pavilion theme	Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat
Inaugurated by	Dr M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog
Union Health Secretary	Punya Salila Srivastava
Scale	24 national health programmes, 39 stalls, 989 square metres, ground floor of Hall Number 4
Focus of address	Preventive healthcare and the rising burden of Non-Communicable Diseases

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Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 Regional Meet Ends in Tiruchirappalli

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 ended at Tiruchirappalli, with DDWS Secretary Ashok K. K. Meena stressing community ownership of water.

- The first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 concluded at Tiruchirappalli in Tamil Nadu, hosted by the Government of Tamil Nadu
- Ashok K. K. Meena, Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, led the concluding session and the Jal Arpan Diwas visit to Palamaneri village
- Jal Arpan Diwas marks the formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat, and JJM 2.0 aims at a 24x7 potable water supply from household taps
- Reforms listed include District Technical Units, operation and maintenance policies, digital mapping through Sujalam Bharat and source planning using the Decision Support System
- Five Regional Conferences are planned ahead of a proposed national-level review in February 2027

Event	First Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0
Venue	Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
Ministry	Ministry of Jal Shakti, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation
Secretary, DDWS	Ashok K. K. Meena
Mission Director, NJJM	Kamal Kishore Soan, Additional Secretary
Jal Arpan Diwas	Formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat; celebrated at Palamaneri village
Sites visited	Grand Anicut (Kallanai) on the Cauvery river; collector wells and headworks at Vadugakudi
Goal of JJM 2.0	Regular, reliable and safe service, aiming at 24x7 potable water from household taps

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Nehru Birth Anniversary Marked at Samvidhan Sadan Central Hall

14 November 2026 · Important Days

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla led floral tributes to former Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru at his Samvidhan Sadan portrait on his birth anniversary.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla offered floral tributes at the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on 14 November 2026.
- The portrait was unveiled on 5 May 1966 by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, then the President of India, in a building that was called Parliament House at the time.
- Leader of the Opposition in the Rajya Sabha Shri Mallikarjun Kharge, along with sitting and former Members of Parliament, also placed flowers at the portrait.
- Secretary-General of the Lok Sabha Shri Utpal Kumar Singh and Secretary General of the Rajya Sabha Shri P. C. Mody joined the ceremony.
- Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi paid his own tribute to the former Prime Minister in a message on the platform X that morning.

Occasion	Birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, former Prime Minister
Date of tributes	14 November 2026
Venue	Central Hall, Samvidhan Sadan (earlier Parliament House)
Tributes led by	Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla
Portrait unveiled by	Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, then President of India
Portrait unveiled on	5 May 1966
Rajya Sabha Leader of the Opposition present	Shri Mallikarjun Kharge
Secretary-General, Lok Sabha	Shri Utpal Kumar Singh

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Indian Panorama 2026 Picks 25 Feature Films for 57th IFFI

14 November 2026 · National

Indian Panorama 2026 has chosen 25 feature films and 20 non-feature films for the 57th IFFI in Goa, with Aditya Dhar's ‘Dhurandhar’ as opening feature.

- Indian Panorama 2026 at the 57th IFFI will screen 25 feature films, five of them in the Mainstream Cinema section, and 20 non-feature films
- The feature films were selected from 404 Indian entries and the non-feature films from 358 entries
- ‘Dhurandhar’ (Hindi) by Aditya Dhar is the opening feature film and ‘Becoming’ (Ladakhi) by Leena Yadav the opening non-feature film
- The 12-member feature jury was headed by Madhur Bhandarkar and the six-member non-feature jury by Himanshu Sekhar Khatua
- Indian Panorama was introduced in 1978; the 57th IFFI runs from 20 to 28 November 2026 in Goa

Event	Indian Panorama 2026, flagship Indian section of the 57th International Film Festival of India
Feature films selected	25, including five in the Mainstream Cinema section
Non-feature films selected	20
Entries received	404 feature films and 358 non-feature films
Opening feature film	‘Dhurandhar’ (Hindi), directed by Aditya Dhar
Opening non-feature film	‘Becoming’ (Ladakhi), directed by Leena Yadav
Feature film jury	12 members, headed by Madhur Bhandarkar
Non-feature film jury	Six members, headed by Himanshu Sekhar Khatua

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BRICS Film Showcase at 57th IFFI to Screen 21 Films

14 November 2026 · International

The 57th IFFI in Goa will screen 21 films under its ‘Films from BRICS’ package, with Aditya Dhar's ‘Article 370’ as the Indian entry in the line-up.

- The 57th IFFI will screen 21 films under the ‘Films from BRICS’ showcase, drawn from the member countries of the grouping
- India's entry in the package is ‘Article 370’, directed by Aditya Dhar and set against the 2016 Kashmir unrest
- ‘Article 370’ won three honours at the 72nd National Film Awards: Best Film, Best Actress and Best Music
- The package spans Brazil, Russia, China, South Africa, Iran, Egypt, the UAE, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Cuba, Bolivia, Nigeria and more
- The festival runs from 20 to 28 November 2026 in Goa with over 150 international films from 86 countries

Package	‘Films from BRICS’ at the 57th International Film Festival of India
Films in the showcase	21
Indian entry	‘Article 370’, directed by Aditya Dhar
Awards won by the Indian entry	Three honours at the 72nd National Film Awards: Best Film, Best Actress, Best Music
Themes of the selection	Democracy, freedom, identity, history and contemporary global concerns
Festival dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Venue	Multiple venues across Goa
Festival scale	Over 150 international films from 86 countries

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Venice Award Winner ‘I Matter’ Named Mid-Fest Film at IFFI

14 November 2026 · Awards & Honours

Alina Serban's Venice award winner ‘I Matter’ will have its Indian premiere as the mid-fest film of the 57th IFFI in Goa on 24 November 2026.

- ‘I Matter’ (‘Eu Contez’), written and directed by Alina Serban, will be the mid-fest film of the 57th IFFI in Goa
- The 101-minute drama is a Romania-Germany-Belgium co-production with dialogue in Romanian and Romani
- It premiered in the Venice Spotlight section of the 83rd Venice International Film Festival and won the Armani Beauty Audience Award
- The Indian premiere is scheduled for 4:30 pm on 24 November 2026 at PVR INOX Panjim and PVR INOX Porvorim in Goa
- The film marks the feature-directorial debut of Alina Serban and stars Denisa Farcas as Rebeca

Film	‘I Matter’, original title ‘Eu Contez’
Slot at the festival	Mid-fest film of the 57th International Film Festival of India
Written and directed by	Alina Serban, in her feature-directorial debut
Co-producing countries	Romania, Germany and Belgium
Running time and languages	101 minutes, with dialogue in Romanian and Romani
Award won	Armani Beauty Audience Award at the 83rd Venice International Film Festival
Lead actress	Denisa Farcas, as Rebeca
Indian premiere	4:30 pm on 24 November 2026, PVR INOX Panjim and PVR INOX Porvorim, Goa

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NSS Block-Level Sports Meets Draw 87,481 in Anti-Drug Drive

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

NSS held block-level sports meets in Week 9 of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat campaign, with 992 activities drawing 87,481 participants.

- MY Bharat-NSS held cluster block-level sports meets in Week 9 of the 100-week Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan
- 992 activities were organised and 87,481 student volunteers, youth club members and community members took part
- Reports came from over 130 institutions across 10 Regional Directorates, and 42,190 of the participants were women and girls
- Month 3 of the campaign carries the theme ‘Strong Communities, Healthy Youth’, and each event began with the Nasha Mukt Sankalp pledge
- Kiosks publicised the national de-addiction helpline 14446; the campaign was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 2 August 2026

Campaign	Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan, a 100-week campaign
Organiser	Directorate of MY Bharat-National Service Scheme, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Activity	Cluster of block-level sports meets in Week 9
Month 3 theme	‘Strong Communities, Healthy Youth’
Activities held	992
Participants mobilised	87,481, including 42,190 women and girls
Institutions and directorates	More than 130 institutions across 10 Regional Directorates
De-addiction helpline	14446

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World Diabetes Day Theme ‘Early Action on Diabetes’ Marked in Rome

14 November 2026 · Important Days

World Diabetes Day, on the theme ‘Early Action on Diabetes’, was marked at the Embassy of India in Rome by Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh.

- World Diabetes Day was marked at the Embassy of India in Rome with the Indian diaspora in Italy taking part
- The theme of World Diabetes Day this year is ‘Early Action on Diabetes’
- Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, addressed the event
- The Minister stressed lifestyle modification and control of obesity as the basics of managing Type 2 Diabetes Mellitus
- He cited steps taken since 2014, including the Ministry of Ayush, wellness centres, the International Day of Yoga and Ayushman Bharat

Occasion	World Diabetes Day, observed on 14 November
Theme	‘Early Action on Diabetes’
Venue of the observance	Embassy of India, Rome, Italy
Addressed by	Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Minister's visit to Italy	11 to 15 November 2026
Core message	Prevention, early detection, timely intervention and strict control of blood glucose
Basics of management	Lifestyle modification, healthy diet, physical activity and control of obesity
Indian measures cited	Ministry of Ayush, wellness centres, International Day of Yoga on 21 June, mass screening and Ayushman Bharat

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AVYAY Elderly Care to Reach Cantonment Boards Under New MoU

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A DoSJE-DGDE memorandum will take Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana elderly care schemes to cantonment boards, with day care centres and caregiver training.

- DoSJE will sign an MoU with the Directorate General Defence Estates on 16 November to run senior citizen schemes in cantonment boards
- The schemes come under Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana (AVYAY), the Department's umbrella scheme for senior citizen welfare
- New day care centres, strengthened existing centres, senior citizen homes of 25 or 50 beds and geriatric caregiver training for youth are planned
- India's population aged 60 and above is projected to rise from about 10 crore in 2011 to around 23 crore by 2036
- AVYAY components include the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, Elderline (14567) and the Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

Agreement	MoU between DoSJE and the Directorate General Defence Estates, Ministry of Defence
Signing date and place	Monday, 16 November, in New Delhi
To be witnessed by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh and Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar
Purpose	Running senior citizen welfare schemes under AVYAY in cantonment boards across the country
Facilities planned	New and strengthened day care centres, senior citizen homes of 25 or 50 beds, geriatric caregiver training, awareness camps
Ageing projection cited	Population aged 60 and above to rise from about 10 crore in 2011 to about 23 crore by 2036
Related campaign	Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan on intergenerational bonding, launched 4 November 2026
AVYAY components	Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, senior citizen homes, geriatric caregiver training, Elderline (14567), Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana

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Belgian Navy Chief Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman Visits India

14 November 2026 · Defence

Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman, Commander of the Belgian Navy, made an official visit to India on 14 November 2026 and held talks with the Chief of the Naval Staff.

- Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman, Commander of the Belgian Navy, was on an official visit to India on 14 November 2026
- The visit was aimed at strengthening bilateral maritime cooperation and deepening navy-to-navy engagement between India and Belgium
- He laid a wreath at the National War Memorial and was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour at South Block
- He held talks with Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, on maritime security, operational engagements, training, personnel exchanges and naval technology
- The Ministry of Defence called the visit an important milestone in bilateral navy-to-navy relations

Visitor	Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman, Commander of the Belgian Navy
Date of visit	14 November 2026
Indian officer met	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
Wreath laid at	National War Memorial
Guard of Honour at	South Block
Subjects discussed	Maritime security, operational engagements, training, personnel exchanges and naval technology collaboration
Purpose	Strengthening bilateral maritime cooperation and navy-to-navy engagement
Ministry	Ministry of Defence

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‘Fatherland’ Chosen as Opening Film of 57th IFFI in Goa

14 November 2026 · National

Polish director Paweł Pawlikowski's black-and-white drama ‘Fatherland’ has been selected as the opening film of the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa.

- ‘Fatherland’ (‘Ojczyzna’), directed by Paweł Pawlikowski, is the opening film of the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa
- The 57th IFFI runs from 20 to 28 November 2026 and the screening will be the film's India premiere
- The 82-minute black-and-white drama is set in the summer of 1949 and follows writer Thomas Mann and his daughter Erika
- It is a co-production of Poland, Germany, Italy and France, with Sandra Hüller and Hanns Zischler in the lead roles
- The film won Pawlikowski the Best Director Award at Cannes and also travelled to San Sebastián and Telluride in 2026

Opening film	‘Fatherland’ (‘Ojczyzna’)
Director	Paweł Pawlikowski, Poland
Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa
Festival dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Festival theme	‘Stories Without Borders’
Running time	82 minutes, in black and white
Period of the story	Summer of 1949, at the height of the Cold War
Lead actors	Sandra Hüller and Hanns Zischler

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DRI Seizes 20 kg Meth Tablets From Tipper Truck in Assam

14 November 2026 · National

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 20 kg of methamphetamine tablets from a cavity built into a tipper truck in Assam's Cachar district, one arrested.

- The DRI seized 20 kg of methamphetamine tablets, known as yaba, from a tipper truck in Assam on 12 November 2026
- The operation was conducted jointly with personnel of the 38 Battalion of the Assam Rifles after an intelligence input
- The Tata tipper truck was intercepted near Borkhola in Cachar district, where a cavity was found in the right-side panel
- The cavity held 32 packets: 17 brick-shaped packets of one kilogram each and 15 rectangular packets of 200 grams each
- The drugs and the truck were seized under the NDPS Act, 1985 and the occupant of the truck was arrested

Agency	Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
Partner force	38 Battalion of the Assam Rifles
Seizure	20 kg methamphetamine tablets, commonly called yaba
Date of seizure	12 November 2026
Place	Near Borkhola, Cachar district, Assam
Concealment	Cavity in the upper inner portion of the truck's right-side panel, camouflaged with cement and paint
Packets recovered	32 packets: 17 of one kilogram each and 15 of 200 grams each
Field test	NDPS Field Detection Kit indicated the presence of amphetamine

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CCI Clears Rasmalai Stake Buy in Yatharth Hospital Chain

14 November 2026 · Economy

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services by Rasmalai Limited of Cyprus.

- The Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited by Rasmalai Limited
- The acquirer, Rasmalai Limited, is incorporated in Cyprus and its principal activity is holding investments
- Rasmalai Limited has no activities or presence in India at present and is indirectly controlled by funds managed or advised by Advent International, L.P.
- The target company operates a network of super-specialty hospitals in India offering healthcare services, diagnostics and advanced medical procedures
- The clearance was announced on 14 November 2026 and allows the proposed combination to go ahead

Regulator	Competition Commission of India (CCI)
Decision	Approval of the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited
Acquirer	Rasmalai Limited, incorporated in Cyprus
Acquirer's business	Holding investments; no activities or presence in India at present
Indirect control	Investment funds managed or advised by Advent International, L.P. and its affiliates
Target	Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited
Target's business	Network of super-specialty hospitals in India with diagnostics and advanced medical procedures
Date of approval	14 November 2026

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IICA Consultation Urges Policy Shift From Control to Trust

14 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

A high-level IICA stakeholder consultation in New Delhi on public policy and corporate affairs called for a shift in public policy from control to trust.

- IICA, a think tank under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, held a stakeholder consultation on public policy and corporate affairs at the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
- The theme was ‘Public Policy & Corporate Affairs: Evolving Roles & Professional Development’ and experts called for a shift from control to trust
- IICA Director General and CEO Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh delivered the inaugural theme address
- Deliberations ran in three tracks and drew more than 50 senior representatives from companies, consulting firms, think tanks, academia and civil society
- The meeting backed a multidisciplinary, case-based curriculum with internships in government and ended with a roadmap for IICA

Organiser	Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA)
Parent ministry	Ministry of Corporate Affairs, Government of India
Event	High-level Stakeholder Consultation on ‘Public Policy & Corporate Affairs: Evolving Roles & Professional Development’
Venue	India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
Theme address	Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA
Key message	Public policy must shift from control to trust
Tracks	Three: the function, the evolving role of professionals, and their education and development
Participation	More than 50 senior representatives from industry, consulting, think tanks, academia and civil society

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India's Exports Climb 16.66% to $568.84 Billion in April-October

14 November 2026 · Economy

India's total exports rose 16.66% to US$ 568.84 billion during April-October of FY 2026-27, with merchandise exports up 21.96% and services up 10.93%.

- Total exports touched US$ 568.84 billion in April-October FY 2026-27, a rise of 16.66% over US$ 487.59 billion a year earlier
- Merchandise exports grew 21.96% and services exports 10.93%; non-petroleum exports rose 18.01% to US$ 259.22 billion
- October alone brought US$ 89.99 billion of exports, up 29.90%, with merchandise surging 45.06% to US$ 49.47 billion
- FY 2025-26 closed at US$ 863.1 billion, the fifth straight year of record Indian exports since FY 2021-22
- Among markets, shipments to Singapore grew 107.50%, to Malaysia 106.87% and to Spain 88.38%

Period covered	April-October, FY 2026-27
Total exports	US$ 568.84 billion, up 16.66%
Year-earlier base	US$ 487.59 billion
Merchandise growth	21.96%
Services growth	10.93%
October exports	US$ 89.99 billion, up 29.90%
FY 2025-26 exports	US$ 863.1 billion (fifth record year in a row)
GDP growth, April-June	7.8%

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India Lift Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026 Cricket Title

14 November 2026 · Sports

India's colts won the Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026, a result Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed on 14 November as an outstanding day for Indian cricket.

- India won the Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026, the continent's championship at the under-19 age level in cricket
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi called it an outstanding day for Indian cricket on 14 November 2026
- The Prime Minister said he was immensely proud of the young cricketers for the performance that won the title
- He added that their success would inspire several youngsters, and wished the side well for its coming assignments
- The tournament is restricted to cricketers below the age of nineteen, a rung below senior international cricket

Tournament	Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026
Winner	India
Sport	Cricket
Age category	Men's under-19
Level	Continental championship for Asian teams
Date the win was hailed	14 November 2026

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TULIP Brand Pushed as 130 Artisans Join 45th IITF 2026

14 November 2026 · Government Schemes

The Social Justice Ministry's pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 brought over 130 artisans from 19 states and promoted the TULIP brand.

- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 is in Hall No. 5 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
- More than 130 artisans from 19 states are taking part through three Apex Corporations - NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
- TULIP stands for Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme and is the pavilion's main highlight
- TULIP was launched by Union Minister Dr Virendra Kumar at the Shilp Samagam Mela at Dilli Haat in New Delhi
- Exhibitors come from Scheduled Castes, Backward Classes, Safai Mitras and De-Notified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes

Event	45th India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, ITPO, New Delhi
Pavilion location	Hall No. 5, ground floor
Participation	More than 130 artisans from 19 states
Apex Corporations involved	NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
TULIP full form	Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
TULIP launched by	Dr Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment
TULIP launch venue	Shilp Samagam Mela, Dilli Haat, New Delhi

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15 November 2026

Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum Approved at Rs 3,230 Crore in Delhi

15 November 2026 · National

The Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum, cleared by the CCEA on 11 November 2026 at Rs 3,230 crore, will turn Delhi's North and South Blocks into galleries.

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum on 11 November 2026 at an estimated cost of Rs 3,230 crore, with the Ministry of Culture as the executing body.
- The museum occupies the historic North and South Block Complex in New Delhi, which stayed the seat of government administration until 13 February 2026.
- Display space of more than 1 lakh square metres would put it ahead of the Louvre at 73,000 square metres, the British Museum at 70,000 and the Hermitage at 66,800.
- It is designed for 30,000 visitors a day and 1 crore a year, over a built-up area of about 1,78,509 square metres.
- The Adornment gallery is to open in the North Block late in 2027, with the build running from FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.

Project	Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum
Location	North and South Block Complex, New Delhi
Approved by	Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, on 11 November 2026
Estimated cost	Rs 3,230 crore
Ministry	Ministry of Culture
First announced	18 May 2023, by Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Built-up area	About 1,78,509 square metres
Visitor capacity	30,000 a day and 1 crore a year

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Adi Vaani Now Translates Nine Tribal Languages Using AI

15 November 2026 · Science & Technology

Adi Vaani, the AI language platform of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, now offers text translation in nine tribal languages and has passed 35,000 downloads.

- Adi Vaani, launched on 1 September 2025 by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, was developed by a consortium led by IIT Delhi with BITS Pilani, IIIT Hyderabad and IIIT Nava Raipur.
- As on 15 October 2026 it offered text translation in nine tribal languages, worked on 13 languages in all, and had crossed 35,000 Android downloads with about 6,500 monthly users.
- State Tribal Research Institutes have contributed about 13.9 lakh written sentences and nearly 300 hours of speech data; the target is 1,00,000 sentence pairs per language.
- The Working Group on Tribal Languages, which first met on 15 October 2026 under Secretary Ranjana Chopra, discussed making Adi Vaani the National Tribal Language Repository.
- Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, has been observed on 15 November since the Government of India designated it in 2021.

Platform	Adi Vaani, an AI translation and language platform
Ministry	Ministry of Tribal Affairs
Launched	1 September 2025
Developed by	A national consortium led by IIT Delhi
Text translation	Nine tribal languages as on 15 October 2026
Languages covered in all	13 tribal languages
Downloads	Over 35,000 on Android, about 6,500 monthly users
Community data	About 13.9 lakh sentences and nearly 300 hours of speech from State institutes

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India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee Holds 7th Session in Cairo

15 November 2026 · International

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal co-chaired the 7th India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee in Cairo on 15 November 2026, with bilateral trade near US$6.5 billion.

- The 7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee was held in Cairo on 15 November 2026, co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh.
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal reached Cairo on 14 November 2026 with a delegation of more than 130 business leaders and start-ups.
- India-Egypt bilateral trade stands at about US$6.5 billion, with nearly 70 Indian companies in Egypt holding investments of more than US$5 billion.
- Of the 4,000 soldiers buried or commemorated at the Heliopolis War Cemetery in Cairo, 3,727 are Indian, nearly 2,000 from the First World War and around 1,700 from the Second.
- The visit also covers the Joint Business Council, the India-Egypt Business Forum and meetings with Afreximbank and the Egypt-India Startups Forum.

Event	7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee
Venue and date	Cairo, Egypt, on 15 November 2026
Co-chairs	Piyush Goyal and Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh
Egyptian co-chair's post	Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade of Egypt
Bilateral trade	About US$6.5 billion
Indian companies in Egypt	Nearly 70, with investment above US$5 billion
Business delegation	More than 130 business leaders and start-ups
Heliopolis War Cemetery	3,727 Indian soldiers of the 4,000 buried or commemorated

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Buddha's Sacred Relics Reach Golden Pagoda in Namsai, Arunachal

15 November 2026 · State News

The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha reached the Golden Pagoda at Namsai on 14 November 2026 for the last phase of the Arunachal Pradesh exposition.

- The Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha arrived at Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh on 14 November 2026, beginning the third and final phase of the State exposition at the Golden Pagoda or Kongmu Kham.
- Governor Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retd.) received the Relics at Nalung Helipad and inaugurated the exposition, with Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein present.
- Public darshan at Namsai runs from 14 to 20 November 2026, and the Relics return to the National Museum, New Delhi, on 21 November 2026.
- The exposition began at Tawang Monastery on 31 October 2026 with over 31,000 devotees and continued at Bomdila from 8 to 13 November with over 35,000, taking the total past 66,000.
- Two exhibitions opened at the Golden Pagoda: one by the International Buddhist Confederation on the Piprahwa relics and one curated by the National Museum on Buddhist heritage.

Event	Exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha
Final phase venue	Golden Pagoda (Kongmu Kham), Namsai, Arunachal Pradesh
Arrival at Namsai	14 November 2026
Public darshan	14 to 20 November 2026
Received by	Governor Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retd.), at Nalung Helipad
First phase	Tawang Monastery, from 31 October 2026, over 31,000 devotees
Second phase	Bomdila, West Kameng, 8 to 13 November 2026, over 35,000 devotees
Cumulative footfall	More than 66,000 at Tawang and Bomdila

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Lakhpati Didi Count Reaches 3.76 Crore Against 6 Crore Target

15 November 2026 · Government Schemes

A Rural Development Ministry note of 15 November 2026 puts the Lakhpati Didi tally at 3.76 crore by June 2026, with six crore to be reached by March 2029.

- A Lakhpati Didi is a self-help group member whose household earns at least Rs 1 lakh a year, counted after expenses and expected to last across seasons
- By June 2026, 3.76 crore rural SHG women had crossed the mark and 5.70 crore more were listed as Potential Lakhpati Didis
- The target went from two crore in August 2023 to three crore in February 2024, and to six crore by March 2029 set in February 2026
- An IIM Ahmedabad study of 6,531 respondents in 17 states and union territories found income up 61 percent and savings up 61.7 percent
- DAY-NRLM, begun in June 2011, had 10.13 crore members in 94.40 lakh self-help groups as on 12 November 2026

Initiative	Lakhpati Didi
Ministry	Ministry of Rural Development
Definition	SHG household earning at least Rs 1 lakh a year, after expenses
Achieved	3.76 crore Lakhpati Didis as of June 2026
Potential list	5.70 crore women identified as Potential Lakhpati Didis
Target	Six crore by March 2029, set in February 2026
Parent mission	DAY-NRLM, launched June 2011
SHG network	10.13 crore members in 94.40 lakh SHGs as on 12 November 2026

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Janjatiya Gaurav Divas Marked with Tributes to Birsa Munda

15 November 2026 · Important Days

Tributes were offered to Bhagwan Birsa Munda at Prerna Sthal in the Parliament premises on 15 November 2026, Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, a day observed since 2021.

- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is observed every year on 15 November, the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
- The day has been kept since 2021 to honour the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters
- Tributes were paid at Birsa Munda's statue at Prerna Sthal in the Parliament premises in New Delhi
- The President, the Vice-President, the Prime Minister, the Lok Sabha Speaker and Arjun Ram Meghwal offered floral tributes
- Birsa Munda's clarion call of Ulgulan became a powerful voice in the struggle for freedom and justice

Day	Janjatiya Gaurav Divas
Date	15 November every year
Marks	Birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda
Observed since	2021
Venue of tribute	Prerna Sthal, Parliament premises, New Delhi
President	Droupadi Murmu
Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman	C. P. Radhakrishnan
Lok Sabha Speaker	Om Birla

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India's Space Economy at USD 9 Billion with 440 Start-ups

15 November 2026 · Science & Technology

A backgrounder of 15 November 2026 says India's space economy stood at about USD 9 billion in August 2026 and registered space start-ups had reached about 440.

- India's space economy was about USD 9 billion in August 2026, against about USD 8.4 billion in 2023, which was roughly 2 percent of the world total
- Registered space start-ups rose from one in 2014 to about 440 by August 2026, with investment of USD 618.5 million by 31 March 2026
- The Union Cabinet cleared space-sector reforms on 24 June 2020, creating IN-SPACe as the single-window agency under the Department of Space
- Automatic-route FDI is allowed up to 74 percent in satellite manufacturing and operation, 49 percent in launch vehicles and spaceports and 100 percent in components
- ISRO launched 399 foreign satellites between 2014 and January 2026, against 35 between 1990 and 2014

Single-window agency	IN-SPACe, autonomous body under the Department of Space
Commercial arm	NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), set up March 2019
Reform date	Union Cabinet approval on 24 June 2020
Space economy	About USD 9 billion in August 2026
Start-ups	About 440 in August 2026, up from one in 2014
FDI caps (automatic route)	74 percent satellites, 49 percent launch vehicles, 100 percent components
Technology Adoption Fund	Rs 500 crore outlay, created February 2025
Venture capital fund	Rs 1000 crore under IN-SPACe

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NITI Aayog to Hold Five Workshops on 25 Years of Governance

15 November 2026 · National

NITI Aayog will open a series of five National Workshops on 17 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam to draw lessons from 25 years of Narendra Modi as Head of Government.

- NITI Aayog will launch five National Workshops from 17 November 2026 on twenty-five years of Narendra Modi as Head of Government
- The first workshop, Leadership as Mission, is at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; the others follow in January, April, July and September 2027
- Narendra Modi became Chief Minister of Gujarat on 7 October 2001 and Prime Minister in May 2014, completing twenty-five years on 7 October 2026
- Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan will launch the Karmayogi Sankalpa on the iGOT Karmayogi platform at the close of the first workshop
- About 900 participants are expected, with 250 taking part directly, among them 150 officers of the Union and State governments

Organiser	NITI Aayog
Series	Five National Workshops on twenty-five years as Head of Government
First workshop	Leadership as Mission, 17 November 2026
Venue	Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
CM of Gujarat from	7 October 2001
Prime Minister from	May 2014, now in a third successive term
NITI Aayog CEO	Anurag Jain
NITI Aayog Vice Chairman	Ashok Kumar Lahiri

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NIELIT to Host 3rd NCCDFI 2026 Cyber Security Conference

15 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

NIELIT will hold the 3rd National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence in New Delhi on 16 and 17 November 2026 on a Cyber Secure Bharat theme.

- NCCDFI 2026, the third National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence, is on 16 and 17 November 2026 in New Delhi
- The theme is Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future, and the organiser is NIELIT under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- The first edition was held at Kohima in Nagaland in 2024 and the second at Gauhati University in Guwahati in 2025
- The conference is built around ten tracks, from AI Security and Threat Intelligence to Drone and IoT Forensics, Cyber Law and Cloud Security
- The Cyber Kushti 2026 hackathon drew 1,031 teams with 3,093 participants, of whom 923 teams were shortlisted for the first level

Conference	3rd National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence (NCCDFI 2026)
Dates	16 and 17 November 2026
Venue	Dr Ambedkar International Centre, 15 Janpath, New Delhi
Theme	Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future
Organiser	NIELIT, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
First edition	Kohima, Nagaland, 2024
Second edition	Gauhati University, Guwahati, Assam, 2025
Tracks	Ten, including AI Security, Cyber Law and Cloud Security

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Rajnath Singh Addresses 36th NDE Conference in Hyderabad

15 November 2026 · Defence

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh on 15 November 2026 addressed the 36th conference on non-destructive evaluation in Hyderabad, asking for indigenous inspection technology.

- Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh addressed the 36th Annual Conference on Non-Destructive Evaluation and Enabling Technologies virtually on 15 November 2026
- The three-day conference is organised by the Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing at Hyderabad in Telangana
- More than 2,000 professionals, researchers, industry experts and students are taking part in the event
- The 15th International Symposium on Non-Destructive Testing in Aerospace is being held along with the annual conference
- He named iDEX and the Technology Development Fund as drivers of defence innovation and called INS Vikrant a landmark of self-reliance

Event	36th Annual Conference on Non-Destructive Evaluation and Enabling Technologies
Held with	15th International Symposium on Non-Destructive Testing in Aerospace
Addressed by	Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, through a video link
Date	15 November 2026
Organiser	Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing
Venue	Hyderabad, Telangana
Duration	Three days
Participation	More than 2,000 professionals, researchers, experts and students

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Out-of-Pocket Health Spending Falls to 42.7% in 2023-24

15 November 2026 · Reports & Indices

The National Health Accounts 2023-24, released on 15 November 2026, put out-of-pocket health spending at 42.7 percent of the total, down 21.5 points in a decade.

- Out-of-pocket expenditure fell from 64.2 percent of total health spending in 2013-14 to 42.7 percent in 2023-24, a drop of 21.5 percentage points
- Government health expenditure roughly tripled, from Rs 1,29,778 crore to Rs 4,14,196 crore, over the same decade
- Per capita government health spending rose from Rs 1,042 to Rs 2,959, about 2.8 times, and the government share of total health spending gained 14.9 percentage points
- Government spending on primary healthcare reached about Rs 1.53 lakh crore, while social security spending on health went from 6 percent of the total to 11 percent
- NHA 2023-24 is the eleventh round, prepared by the NHA Technical Secretariat at NHSRC on the System of Health Accounts 2011 framework

Report	National Health Accounts (NHA) Estimates for India 2023-24, the eleventh round
Released by	Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, on 15 November 2026
Compiled by	NHA Technical Secretariat at the National Health Systems Resource Centre (NHSRC)
Framework	System of Health Accounts 2011
Out-of-pocket share	42.7 percent in 2023-24, against 64.2 percent in 2013-14
Fall in OOPE share	21.5 percentage points over the decade
Government health expenditure	Rs 4,14,196 crore in 2023-24, against Rs 1,29,778 crore in 2013-14
Per capita government spending	Rs 2,959, up from Rs 1,042

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Om Birla to Open CWP India Region Meet at Vidhana Soudha

15 November 2026 · Summits & Conferences

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla will inaugurate the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians India Region Conference at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, on 17 November 2026.

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurates the CWP India Region Conference at Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, on 17 November 2026
- The theme is 'Strong Foundations, Stronger Voices: Inclusive Cyberspace and Mentorship Pathways for New Women Legislators'
- Karnataka Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar delivers the keynote address and Daggubati Purandeswari is Chairperson of the CWP India Region
- Two plenary sessions cover safe cyberspace for women and capacity building with mentorship for women legislators, and UN Women India holds a side event on menopause
- The two-day conference closes on 18 November 2026 with the valedictory address of Karnataka Governor Dr Sudha Yadav

Event	Conference of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) India Region
Venue	Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka
Dates	17 and 18 November 2026
Inaugurated by	Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla
Theme	Strong Foundations, Stronger Voices: Inclusive Cyberspace and Mentorship Pathways for New Women Legislators
Keynote address	Karnataka Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar
CWP India Region Chairperson	Daggubati Purandeswari
First plenary	Empowering Women Digitally: Safe Cyberspace, Smart Choices, on 17 November 2026

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IAF's 13 Base Repair Depot Marks Golden Jubilee in Delhi

15 November 2026 · Defence

The Indian Air Force's 13 Base Repair Depot completed fifty years on 15 November 2026 with a seminar on Air Defence 2040 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.

- 13 Base Repair Depot of the Indian Air Force completed fifty years, marked on 15 November 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- The depot was established in 1976 and traces its origin to the Radar and Communication Project Office
- The jubilee seminar was titled 'Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks and Sovereign Sustainment' and was presided over by Air Marshal Yalla Umesh, AOC-in-C, Maintenance Command
- The depot handles repair, overhaul and life cycle support of radar and communication equipment of the air force
- A hydrogen fuel cell was demonstrated successfully to power IAF radars, in partnership with the National Green Hydrogen Mission and NTPC

Unit	13 Base Repair Depot, Indian Air Force
Occasion	Golden jubilee, fifty years of service, marked 15 November 2026
Established	1976
Traces its origin to	Radar and Communication Project Office
Role	Repair, overhaul and life cycle support of radar and communication equipment
Parent command	Maintenance Command, Indian Air Force
Seminar theme	Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks and Sovereign Sustainment
Venue	Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi

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Army Chief Dhiraj Seth Leaves for Czech Republic Visit

15 November 2026 · Defence

Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth left on 15 November 2026 for an official visit to the Czech Republic from 16 to 19 November 2026 on defence ties.

- Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth is on an official visit to the Czech Republic from 16 to 19 November 2026, announced on 15 November 2026
- He will hold talks with Lieutenant General Petr Cepelka, First Deputy Chief of the General Staff and Deputy Chief of Defence, at General Staff Headquarters in Prague
- The programme includes a wreath laying at the General Staff Headquarters and a call on senior officials of the Czech Ministry of Defence
- He will visit the Defence University at Brno and the NATO Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence Centre of Excellence
- Industry engagements cover AMOS, the Inter-governmental Defence Cooperation Agency, the Defence and Security Industry Association and leading Czech manufacturers

Officer	General Dhiraj Seth, Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)
Country visited	Czech Republic
Dates	16 to 19 November 2026
Announced on	15 November 2026, by the Ministry of Defence
Principal interlocutor	Lieutenant General Petr Cepelka, First Deputy Chief of the General Staff and Deputy Chief of Defence
Venue of talks	General Staff Headquarters, Prague
University visit	Defence University, Brno
Specialised centre	NATO Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear Defence Centre of Excellence

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Khelo India Youth Games 2026 Logo and Mascot Neelamani Out

15 November 2026 · Sports

Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy released the logo and mascot Neelamani of the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026.

- The 8th Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Telangana from 11 to 22 December 2026 across six host cities, among them Hyderabad, Khammam and Nizamabad
- About 8,000 athletes and participants are expected, and the edition carries 29 disciplines made up of 27 competitive sports and two demonstration events
- Softball joins the Khelo India Youth Games as a competitive sport for the first time; Sailing and Karra Samu appear as demonstration sports
- The mascot is Neelamani, built around four words: Vibrant, Courageous, Agile and Pride
- The tagline of the edition is Khel Ka Junoon, Telangana Ki Jaan Aur Pehchaan, and the logo draws on eight design elements

Event	8th Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2026
Host state	Telangana
Dates	11 to 22 December 2026
Host cities	Hyderabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Hanumakonda, Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad
Participants expected	About 8,000 athletes and participants
Disciplines	29 in all: 27 competitive and two demonstration
New competitive sport	Softball
Demonstration sports	Sailing and Karra Samu

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India and ICTP Set Up Co-operation Fund at Trieste

15 November 2026 · Science & Technology

India and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics have begun the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund, with a Letter of Intent signed by DST at Trieste.

- India and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) have initiated the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund to institutionalise scientific collaboration and researcher mobility
- A Letter of Intent was signed between the Department of Science and Technology (DST) and ICTP at Trieste, Italy
- The signing took place during the visit of Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
- From the Indian side the Letter of Intent was exchanged by Dr Praveenkumar Somasundaram, Head of International Cooperation in DST
- The minister's official visit to Italy ran from 11 to 15 November 2026; ICTP is a global hub in physics, mathematics and related fields

Fund announced	India-ICTP Co-operation Fund
Agreement signed	Letter of Intent (LoI) between DST and ICTP
Full form of ICTP	International Centre for Theoretical Physics
Location of ICTP	Trieste, Italy
Indian minister on visit	Dr Jitendra Singh, MoS (Independent Charge) for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences
Exchanged by (India)	Dr Praveenkumar Somasundaram, Head of International Cooperation, DST
Dates of Italy visit	11 to 15 November 2026
Aim	Institutionalising scientific collaboration and researcher mobility

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Spain Is Country of Honour at 57th IFFI in Goa

15 November 2026 · International

Spain has been designated Country of Honour at the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa, which will screen four contemporary Spanish films.

- Spain has been designated the Country of Honour at the 57th International Film Festival of India, held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026
- Four contemporary Spanish films will be screened, with premieres at the world, Asian and Indian levels
- Bitter Christmas (Amarga Navidad) by two-time Oscar winner Pedro Almodovar gets its India Premiere after travelling to Cannes, Toronto and San Sebastian
- Looking For Michael by Juana Macias and Trinidad by Laura Alvea and Jose Ortuno both get their World Premiere at the festival
- The Bad Son (El Mal Hijo), the directorial debut of actor Jaime Lorente, gets its Asia Premiere at the festival

Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
Venue	Goa
Dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Country of Honour	Spain
Spanish films screened	Four contemporary films
India Premiere	Bitter Christmas (Amarga Navidad), directed by Pedro Almodovar
World Premieres	Looking For Michael (Juana Macias) and Trinidad (Laura Alvea and Jose Ortuno)
Asia Premiere	The Bad Son (El Mal Hijo), directed by Jaime Lorente

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WAVES Film Bazaar Marks 20th Edition in Goa

15 November 2026 · National

WAVES Film Bazaar, begun by the NFDC in 2007, will hold its 20th edition from 20 to 24 November 2026 at Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon alongside the 57th IFFI.

- WAVES Film Bazaar will hold its 20th edition from 20 to 24 November 2026 at Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon, Goa, alongside the 57th International Film Festival of India
- The market was initiated by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) in 2007 to nurture South Asian storytelling
- Its programmes include the Co-Production Market, the NFDC Screenwriters' Lab, the Work-in-Progress Lab, the Viewing Room, Market Screenings, the Producers' Lab and the Knowledge Series
- Films that came through the bazaar include Ship of Theseus, The Lunchbox, Court, Newton, Manto, Cactus Pears and Little Thomas
- The NFDC has extended financial support to more than 300 films across 21 regional languages

Event	20th edition of WAVES Film Bazaar
Dates	20 to 24 November 2026
Venue	Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon, Goa
Held alongside	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
Started by	National Film Development Corporation (NFDC)
Year started	2007
Original aim	Nurturing South Asian storytelling
Key programmes	Co-Production Market, NFDC Screenwriters' Lab, Work-in-Progress Lab, Viewing Room, Market Screenings, Producers' Lab, Knowledge Series

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IFFI 2026 Puts Malayalam Cinema and Prem Nazir in Focus

15 November 2026 · National

The 57th IFFI in Goa will mark the centenary of Prem Nazir with Thulabharam and screen five Malayalam films, with sessions by Basil Joseph and K. S. Chithra.

- The 57th International Film Festival of India runs in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 under the theme Stories without Borders
- Thulabharam, a film linked to the actor Prem Nazir, will be screened as part of the festival's centenary celebrations of Indian cinema figures
- Malayalam selections include Sarvam Maya in Indian Panorama, Ottanjaavalmaram and Ajayante Maranam: Oru Case Study in New Horizon, the short film Switch Off, and Half under Gala Premieres
- Basil Joseph joins an In Conversation session titled The Epic Genres - Mythologies, Superheroes and New Worlds
- Playback singer K. S. Chithra leads a retrospective session in tribute to Asha Bhosle and S. Janaki

Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
Venue and dates	Goa, 20 to 28 November 2026
Theme	Stories without Borders
Centenary screening	Thulabharam, linked to actor Prem Nazir
Indian Panorama feature	Sarvam Maya, directed by Akhil Sathyan
New Horizon films	Ottanjaavalmaram (Shruthi Sharanyam) and Ajayante Maranam: Oru Case Study (Sreehari Haridas)
Non-feature selection	Switch Off, an 11-minute short by Sandeep Francis
Gala Premieres	Half, directed by Samjad

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Fit India Presents Sundays on Cycle at COP31 in Antalya

15 November 2026 · Environment

India's Fit India Movement showcased its Sundays on Cycle ride at COP31 in Antalya, a free weekly event held without a single break since 22 December 2024.

- Fit India presented its Sundays on Cycle initiative at COP31 in Antalya, in a session at the International Solar Alliance Pavilion on the summit's Children, Youth, Education and Skills Day.
- The free community ride has been held every Sunday since 22 December 2024 and has never missed a week.
- Close to 3.7 million people have ridden at more than 30,000 locations in India, and about 400,000 turned out on World Bicycle Day against a plan for 100,000.
- Fit India asked every country, city and partner to hold at least one community-led active morning within a year; the Turkish Cycling Federation signed up first.
- The 100th edition of the ride falls on 29 November, and an impact report on the first 97 editions was released at COP31.

Initiative	Fit India – Sundays on Cycle
Presented at	COP31, Antalya (31st Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC)
Session venue	International Solar Alliance Pavilion, D 610
Launched on	22 December 2024, by Dr Mansukh Mandaviya
Organised by	Sports Authority of India, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
Participation so far	Close to 3.7 million riders at more than 30,000 locations
World Bicycle Day turnout	About 400,000 against a plan for 100,000 riders
Linked campaign	Mission LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment)

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Russia Is Partner Country at 57th IFFI with Four Films

15 November 2026 · International

Russia is the Partner Country at the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa, where a four-film package will be shown from 20 to 28 November 2026.

- Russia has been named Partner Country of the 57th International Film Festival of India, which runs in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026.
- The theme of the 57th IFFI is Stories Without Borders, and the Partner Country package has four Russian films.
- Bo Bo by Anastasia Kuzina, Sidney Lumet’s Birthday by Raul Geidarov and Cheryomushki by Herbert Rappaport will have their India premieres at the festival.
- New Home by Nikita Grushin, which runs 101 minutes, will have its world premiere at IFFI 2026.
- Sidney Lumet’s Birthday won the Grand Jury Prize at the Vyborg National Film Festival, and Cheryomushki is a Shostakovich-scored satire set in post-war Moscow.

Festival	57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI)
Dates	20 to 28 November 2026
Host state	Goa
Theme	Stories Without Borders
Partner Country	Russia
Films in the package	Four
World premiere	New Home, by Nikita Grushin (101 minutes)
Award winner in the set	Sidney Lumet’s Birthday — Grand Jury Prize, Vyborg National Film Festival

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Amit Shah Launches Bharat Taxi and NHEC Revival in Pune

15 November 2026 · National

Union Cooperation Minister Amit Shah did the Bhoomi Pujan for reviving NHEC at Talegaon Dabhade in Pune, launched Bharat Taxi and opened the CRCS western office.

- Amit Shah performed the Bhoomi Pujan for reviving the NHEC multi-state cooperative society at Talegaon Dabhade in Pune district on 15 November 2026
- The closed NHEC industrial complex covers about 110 acres; Shah expects production to restart there before December 2027
- Bharat Taxi, a cooperative-model taxi service, was launched in Pune; its Sarathis keep their whole earnings and were given share certificates
- The CRCS Western Regional Office at Pune will regulate multi-state cooperative societies in Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu
- NHEC once exported sugar mills to 11 countries; NDDB, Amul, NCDC, IFFCO, NABARD and IPL backed its revival

Occasion	Bhoomi Pujan of the NHEC revival, launch of Bharat Taxi and inauguration of the CRCS Western Regional Office
Who	Amit Shah, Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation
Place	Talegaon Dabhade, Pune district, Maharashtra
NHEC full form	National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited
NHEC land	About 110 acres
Production target	Before December 2027
First board meeting of revived NHEC	9 October 2026
CRCS office jurisdiction	Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu

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Delhi Zoo's 21st Sunday Bird Walk Logs 42 Bird Species

15 November 2026 · Environment

The National Zoological Park, New Delhi held the 21st Sunday Bird Walk on 15 November 2026, logging 42 bird species and adding the Northern Shoveler to its checklist.

- The National Zoological Park, New Delhi held the 21st edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP' on 15 November 2026, from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM
- Participants recorded birds of 42 species and counted more than 600 individual birds in the designated area
- The Northern Shoveler (Spatula clypeata) was added to the zoo's bird checklist for the first time in this edition
- The walk was guided by bird expert Vineet Kumar and drew eight participants, including students and wildlife photographers
- Each walk is limited to 20 to 25 people, with compulsory prior registration through the NZP website or the NZP Saathi app

Event	21st edition of 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP'
Venue	National Zoological Park, New Delhi
Ministry	Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
Date and timing	15 November 2026, 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM
Species recorded	42 bird species
Individual birds	More than 600
New checklist addition	Northern Shoveler (Spatula clypeata)
Expert guide	Vineet Kumar, bird expert

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Akashvani Launches AIR Rising Stars for Artists Under 30

15 November 2026 · National

Akashvani launched the first season of AIR Rising Stars, a chain of 26 concerts from 17 to 30 November 2026 for musicians aged below thirty years.

- Akashvani has launched the first season of AIR Rising Stars, a series of concerts only for musical artists below thirty years of age
- The concerts will be held at 26 locations across the country from 17 to 30 November 2026, one at each participating Akashvani station
- The series is part of the celebrations of ninety years of Akashvani, the radio service of Prasar Bharati
- Cash prizes of Rs 20,000, Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000 go to the three performances with the most YouTube views by 15 January 2027
- Akashvani Sangeet Sammelan, which has completed 67 editions, is meant for Top Grade and A Grade artists, while the new series is only for the young

Initiative	AIR Rising Stars, Season 1
Launched by	Akashvani (All India Radio), under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting
Dates	17 to 30 November 2026
Locations	26 Akashvani stations across India
Eligibility	Young artists below 30 years of age, graded artists first
Occasion	Celebrations of 90 years of Akashvani
Prizes	Rs 20,000, Rs 15,000 and Rs 10,000 for the three most-viewed performances on YouTube by 15 January 2027
Digital platforms	Raagam YouTube channel, NewsOnAir app and Prasar Bharati's WAVES OTT, besides Doordarshan

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EPFO Lounge and ESIC Pavilion Open at IITF 2026 in Delhi

15 November 2026 · Government Schemes

Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya opened the EPFO Lounge and the ESIC Pavilion at IITF 2026 in Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, for visitors till 27 November.

- Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports, opened the EPFO Lounge and the ESIC Pavilion at IITF 2026
- The stalls are at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, in Hall No. 4, and remain open from 14 to 27 November 2026
- Central Provident Fund Commissioner Ramesh Krishnamurthi and ESIC Director General Ashok Kumar Singh were present at the opening
- The EPFO Lounge has counters for Nidhi Aapke Nikat, e-services, the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana, face authentication, pensions and e-Shram
- The ESIC Pavilion gives free blood pressure and blood glucose checks, on-the-spot Aadhaar seeding and QR-code feedback read daily by the Insurance Commissioner

Event	Opening of the EPFO Lounge and ESIC Pavilion at IITF 2026
Inaugurated by	Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment and Youth Affairs and Sports
Venue	Hall No. 4, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
Open to visitors	14 to 27 November 2026
EPFO Lounge	Ground Floor, Stall No. 8A
ESIC Pavilion	First Floor, Stall No. 4F-05-A
Central Provident Fund Commissioner	Shri Ramesh Krishnamurthi
Director General, ESIC	Shri Ashok Kumar Singh

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Practice MCQs

Answers and short explanations follow the questions.

1. Revised maximum retail prices have been reported for how many anti-cancer formulations, which came into effect on 9 November 2026?

(A) 137
(B) 1,364
(C) 121
(D) 679

2. Which authority capped the trade margins on the maximum retail price of 137 anti-cancer drugs?

(A) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation
(B) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India
(C) National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority
(D) Directorate General of Health Services

3. What is the estimated annual saving to consumers from the revised prices of anti-cancer medicines?

(A) Rs 1,364 crore
(B) Rs 2,540.38 crore
(C) Rs 3,540.38 crore
(D) Rs 679 crore

4. In which state is Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, where the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined in November 2026?

(A) Sikkim
(B) Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Himachal Pradesh
(D) Ladakh

5. How were the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha carried from Tawang to Bomdila?

(A) By an Indian Navy ship
(B) By a special train
(C) By an Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter
(D) By an Indian Army convoy from Namsai

6. About how many devotees had darshan of the Sacred Relics at Bomdila on the first day of the exposition?

(A) 400
(B) 4,000
(C) 14,000
(D) 40,000

7. Uttarakhand Statehood Day is observed on which date?

(A) 1 November
(B) 9 November
(C) 15 November
(D) 20 November

8. Which state did the Prime Minister describe as Devbhoomi, blessed with spiritual heritage and extraordinary natural beauty, in his Statehood Day message?

(A) Himachal Pradesh
(B) Sikkim
(C) Uttarakhand
(D) Jharkhand

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9. The revered Char Dham, named in the Prime Minister's Statehood Day message of 2026, lies in which state?

(A) Uttarakhand
(B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Arunachal Pradesh
(D) Uttar Pradesh

10. Which country took part with India in the inaugural tri-services HADR exercise Rahat Mitra?

(A) Bangladesh
(B) Myanmar
(C) Sri Lanka
(D) Thailand

11. Exercise Rahat Mitra, the first India-Myanmar tri-services disaster relief drill, concluded at which city?

(A) Visakhapatnam
(B) Kochi
(C) Chennai
(D) Port Blair

12. The table-top exercise during Rahat Mitra was based on which disaster scenario?

(A) A severe cyclone
(B) A high-magnitude earthquake
(C) A glacial lake outburst flood
(D) A chemical plant leak

13. What is the theme of the 10th edition of Swachh Survekshan, whose awards for 2025-26 are to be conferred on 11 November 2026?

(A) 'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'
(B) 'Waste to Wealth'
(C) 'Sampoorna Swachhata'
(D) 'Garbage Free Cities'

14. Who will confer the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26, and where?

(A) The Prime Minister, at Bharat Mandapam
(B) The President, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) The Vice-President, at Rashtrapati Bhavan
(D) The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, at Nirman Bhawan

15. Under the Swachh Shehar Jodi initiative, how many mentor and mentee cities have been paired?

(A) 43 mentor and 150 mentee cities
(B) 70 mentor and 191 mentee cities
(C) 100 mentor and 200 mentee cities
(D) 33 mentor and 70 mentee cities

16. INS Surat arrived at Muscat in November 2026 to take part in which bilateral maritime exercise?

(A) Varuna
(B) Naseem Al Bahr
(C) Konkan
(D) Al Mohed Al Hindi

17. The visit of INS Surat to Muscat is in line with which vision of the Government of India?

(A) SAGARMALA
(B) MAHASAGAR
(C) Act East Policy
(D) Neighbourhood First

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18. Which edition of the India-Oman naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr began with the arrival of INS Surat at Muscat?

(A) 11th
(B) 13th
(C) 15th
(D) 17th

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

(A) 1 October 2026
(B) 1 January 2027
(C) 1 April 2027
(D) 1 January 2026

20. What is the annual ceiling fixed by TRAI for the charge on a 1 Gbps IP port?

(A) Rs 5.6 lakh
(B) Rs 15 lakh
(C) Rs 42.3 lakh
(D) Rs 2.048 lakh

21. The port charges that TRAI has now amended were first prescribed by a regulation of which year?

(A) 1997
(B) 2001
(C) 2012
(D) 2026

22. How many physical files did the Department of Legal Affairs weed out under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 13,523
(B) 15,679
(C) 20,572
(D) 27,289

23. How much revenue did the Department of Legal Affairs generate through the disposal of scrap during Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 4,71,881
(B) Rs 4.15 lakh
(C) Rs 15,679
(D) Rs 4,889

24. How much office space did the Department of Legal Affairs reclaim under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1,484 square feet
(B) 4,889 square feet
(C) 5,120 square feet
(D) 13,523 square feet

25. In TRAI's drive test on the New Tinsukia to Guwahati railway route, which operator recorded the highest average download speed?

(A) Airtel
(B) BSNL
(C) RJIL
(D) VIL

26. TRAI's Independent Drive Test released in November 2026 covered a railway route of what length?

(A) 315.9 km
(B) 415.9 km
(C) 515.9 km
(D) 615.9 km

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27. Which of the following was NOT among the parameters assessed in TRAI's drive test on the Assam railway route?

(A) Call Setup Success Rate
(B) Drop Call Rate
(C) Spectrum auction price
(D) Download and upload throughput

28. Where is the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 being organised?

(A) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(B) Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi
(C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(D) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi

29. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Culture
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

30. Across how many thematic zones are the stalls of Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 laid out?

(A) Five
(B) Six
(C) Seven
(D) Nine

31. How much office space did the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare free under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 9,553 sq ft
(B) 11,553 sq ft
(C) 13,553 sq ft
(D) 15,553 sq ft

32. How much revenue did the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare generate during Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 12,19,644
(B) Rs 22,19,644
(C) Rs 32,19,644
(D) Rs 42,19,644

33. Against a target of 999 sites for cleanliness activities under Special Campaign 6, how many sites did the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare actually cover?

(A) 879
(B) 999
(C) 1,079
(D) 1,179

34. On which date is National Entrepreneurship Day observed in India?

(A) 9 October
(B) 9 November
(C) 19 November
(D) 9 December

35. How many DPIIT-recognised startups does India have, as stated on National Entrepreneurship Day 2026?

(A) 1.62 lakh
(B) 2.62 lakh
(C) 3.62 lakh
(D) 4.62 lakh

36. Which institution manages the Fund of Funds for Startups under the Startup India Action Plan?

(A) NABARD
(B) SIDBI
(C) Reserve Bank of India
(D) NITI Aayog

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37. How much revenue did Indian Railways generate through scrap disposal during Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 528.49 crore
(B) Rs 600 crore
(C) Rs 628.49 crore
(D) Rs 728.49 crore

38. At how many railway stations was Rail Jan Samvad held simultaneously under Special Campaign 6?

(A) 3,884 stations
(B) 4,884 stations
(C) 5,884 stations
(D) 6,884 stations

39. What was the focus area of Special Campaign 6 in its 2026 edition?

(A) Plastic waste collection
(B) Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste
(C) Water conservation in railway colonies
(D) Digitisation of ticketing

40. How much office space did the Ministry of Power free during Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1,51,757 square feet
(B) 2,51,757 square feet
(C) 3,51,757 square feet
(D) 6,20,121 square feet

41. Under which rules did offices of the Ministry of Power dispose of electronic waste during Special Campaign 6?

(A) E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022
(B) Solid Waste Management Rules, 2016
(C) Plastic Waste Management Rules, 2021
(D) Hazardous Waste Rules, 2008

42. The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare covered how many cleanliness sites under Special Campaign 6 against its target of 999?

(A) 999 sites
(B) 1079 sites
(C) 1179 sites
(D) 1279 sites

43. The River Yamuna has been designated as which National Waterway?

(A) National Waterway-1
(B) National Waterway-10
(C) National Waterway-110
(D) National Waterway-11

44. On which stretch of the Yamuna has Delhi's first recreational river cruise service been developed?

(A) Wazirabad to Okhla
(B) Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur
(C) Kalindi Kunj to Nizamuddin
(D) Palla to Wazirabad

45. Which authority is developing the recreational Yamuna river cruise service in Delhi?

(A) Delhi Development Authority
(B) Inland Waterways Authority of India
(C) Directorate General of Shipping
(D) Cochin Shipyard Limited

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46. How many trainees will pass out in the ninth batch at INS Chilka, the largest batch from the establishment?

(A) Over 1,300
(B) Over 2,300
(C) Over 3,300
(D) Over 4,300

47. Who will be the chief guest and reviewing officer at the INS Chilka passing out parade?

(A) The Chief of Defence Staff
(B) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
(C) Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena
(D) The Director General, Indian Coast Guard

48. Which bilingual magazine will be unveiled at the INS Chilka passing out parade event?

(A) Ankur
(B) Sagar
(C) Prerna
(D) Nausena

49. At how many institutions was the MY Bharat-NSS Diwali Sneh Milan organised?

(A) 103 institutions
(B) 133 institutions
(C) 153 institutions
(D) 183 institutions

50. Diwali Sneh Milan was organised under which campaign of the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports?

(A) Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan
(B) Fit India Movement
(C) Khelo India Yuva Abhiyan
(D) Swachh Bharat Yuva Abhiyan

51. How many participations were recorded in the nationwide Diwali Sneh Milan celebrations?

(A) 41,600
(B) 1,07,494
(C) 24,100
(D) 16,700

52. What is India's pilgrim quota under the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027?

(A) 1,25,000
(B) 1,50,000
(C) 175,025
(D) 2,00,000

53. In which city was the India-Saudi Arabia Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027 signed?

(A) Riyadh
(B) Jeddah
(C) Madinah
(D) New Delhi

54. Which Union Minister led the Indian delegation that signed the Haj-2027 agreement with Saudi Arabia?

(A) The Minister of External Affairs
(B) The Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs
(C) The Minister of Civil Aviation
(D) The Minister of Culture and Tourism

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55. Development works of about what value were inaugurated or had their foundation stone laid by the Union Home Minister in Ahmedabad on 9 November 2026?

(A) Rs 400 crore
(B) Rs 1,400 crore
(C) Rs 2,500 crore
(D) Rs 25,000 crore

56. By which date has the target of a drug-free India been set, as stated by the Union Home Minister at Ahmedabad?

(A) 31 December 2027
(B) 31 December 2028
(C) 31 December 2029
(D) 31 December 2030

57. Which helpline number was publicised for reporting the sale or consumption of drugs in Gujarat?

(A) 1033
(B) 1098
(C) 1930
(D) 14567

58. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a telephone conversation on 9 November 2026 with the President of which country?

(A) Poland
(B) Ukraine
(C) Hungary
(D) Romania

59. Which position did the Prime Minister of India reiterate during his call with the President of Ukraine?

(A) That the conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy
(B) That India would send troops as peacekeepers
(C) That India would impose trade sanctions
(D) That the dispute should be referred to arbitration by a third country

60. Which office does Volodymyr Zelenskyy hold?

(A) Prime Minister of Ukraine
(B) President of Ukraine
(C) Foreign Minister of Ukraine
(D) Speaker of the Ukrainian Parliament

61. What does the abbreviation NAPDDR stand for?

(A) National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction
(B) National Agency for Prevention of Drug Dependence and Rehabilitation
(C) National Awareness Programme on Drug Danger and Recovery
(D) National Alliance for Prohibition of Drugs and De-addiction Research

62. Which Union Ministry runs the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction?

(A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Home Affairs
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports

63. The Drug De-addiction Centre named in the account published on 9 November 2026 is in which state?

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

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64. What does the abbreviation NFSC stand for?

(A) National Fund for Scheduled Castes
(B) National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students
(C) National Foundation for Social Change
(D) National Facility for Science Careers

65. Which Union Ministry administers the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Science and Technology

66. On being upgraded from Junior Research Fellow to Senior Research Fellow in 2024, approximately how much additional government assistance did the beneficiary receive?

(A) Rs 25,000
(B) Rs 50,000
(C) Rs 75,000
(D) Rs 1,00,000

67. Lakshadweep and the Andaman and Nicobar Islands together account for nearly what share of India's Exclusive Economic Zone?

(A) About 15 per cent
(B) About 25 per cent
(C) Nearly 40 per cent
(D) Nearly 60 per cent

68. Which island territory has been notified as a dedicated Seaweed Cluster?

(A) Lakshadweep
(B) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(C) Daman and Diu
(D) Puducherry

69. India's seafood exports in 2025-26 were valued at about how much?

(A) Rs 39,272 crore
(B) Rs 73,890 crore
(C) Rs 1,09,000 crore
(D) Rs 24,000 crore

70. Which village in Nalanda district of Bihar was declared a Mushroom Village by the State Agriculture Department?

(A) Anantpur
(B) Harnaut
(C) Madhopur
(D) Ippatam

71. Anita Devi set up her spawn production laboratory with a subsidy from which mission?

(A) National Horticulture Mission
(B) National Food Security Mission
(C) National Livestock Mission
(D) National Bamboo Mission

72. Under which initiative did Ruthu of Ippatam village receive short-term training in mushroom production?

(A) Skill Training for Rural Youth
(B) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana
(C) Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana
(D) Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana

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73. How many devotees visited the TGL Monastery at Bomdila during the first two days of the exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha?

(A) 9,196
(B) 11,969
(C) 13,114
(D) 21,120

74. At which site in Namsai district will the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha be enshrined for public Darshan from 14 to 20 November 2026?

(A) Golden Pagoda
(B) Lower Gompa
(C) Mahabodhi Temple
(D) Tawang Monastery

75. Which of the following is NOT named as an organiser of the exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha at Bomdila?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) National Museum, New Delhi
(C) International Buddhist Confederation
(D) Ministry of Tourism

76. How many electronic files were closed by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation during Special Campaign 6?

(A) 1,607
(B) 1,522
(C) 1,982
(D) 433

77. Over which period was Special Campaign 6 of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation conducted?

(A) 2 to 31 October 2026
(B) 1 to 30 September 2026
(C) 7 to 31 October 2026
(D) 2 to 31 November 2026

78. How much revenue did MoSPI generate from the disposal of e-waste and scrap during Special Campaign 6?

(A) Rs 3,69,819
(B) Rs 2,69,918
(C) Rs 6,39,189
(D) Rs 9,36,811

79. Who has become India's 100th chess Grandmaster?

(A) D Gukesh
(B) Anuj Shrivatri
(C) R Praggnanandhaa
(D) Arjun Erigaisi

80. With Anuj Shrivatri earning the title, the number of chess Grandmasters in India has reached which figure?

(A) 50
(B) 75
(C) 100
(D) 125

81. In which month of 2026 did India complete a century of chess Grandmasters?

(A) September
(B) October
(C) November
(D) December

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82. UNFCCC COP31, at which India delivered its opening statement, is being held in which city?

(A) Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
(B) Antalya, Turkiye
(C) Dubai, UAE
(D) Canberra, Australia

83. Which Article of the Paris Agreement, highlighted by India at COP31, establishes the obligation of developed countries to provide financial resources to developing countries?

(A) Article 4.2
(B) Article 6.4
(C) Article 9.1
(D) Article 14.1

84. The COP31 Presidency's vision of a 'COP of Implementation', welcomed by India, is guided by which three principles?

(A) Dialogue, Consensus and Action
(B) Mitigation, Adaptation and Finance
(C) Equity, Ambition and Transparency
(D) Trust, Technology and Trade

85. 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav - Ek Diya Sankalp Ka' was organised by which body?

(A) Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan
(B) Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)
(C) National Service Scheme
(D) Sports Authority of India

86. How many participants took part in the 'Nasha Mukt Yuva Deepotsav - Ek Diya Sankalp Ka' leg of the campaign?

(A) 9,526
(B) 55,430
(C) 1,10,101
(D) 2,45,600

87. MY Bharat's Deepotsav and Neighbourhood Youth Parliament activities of 6 and 7 November 2026 formed which week of the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan?

(A) Week 4
(B) Week 6
(C) Week 8
(D) Week 10

88. As per the PLFS Quarterly Bulletin for July-September 2026, what was the Labour Force Participation Rate for persons aged 15 years and above?

(A) 52.7%
(B) 54.6%
(C) 55.5%
(D) 58.1%

89. According to the PLFS bulletin for July-September 2026, the all-India unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above stood at:

(A) 4.3%
(B) 5.1%
(C) 5.4%
(D) 6.8%

90. Which sector's share in rural employment rose to 56.7% during July-September 2026 as per the PLFS bulletin?

(A) Agriculture
(B) Mining and quarrying
(C) Tertiary or services sector
(D) Construction

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

(A) Rs 8,500 crore
(B) Rs 18,000 crore
(C) Rs 37,500 crore
(D) Rs 50,000 crore

92. Which company submitted both the applications received under Round 2 of the coal and lignite gasification scheme?

(A) Coal India Limited
(B) NTPC Limited
(C) NLC India Limited
(D) GAIL India Limited

93. What is the last date for submitting applications under Round 3 of the surface coal and lignite gasification scheme?

(A) 11 December 2026
(B) 31 December 2026
(C) 11 January 2027
(D) 31 March 2027

94. The elephant tusks recovered by the DRI near Guwahati were seized under which law?

(A) The Customs Act alone
(B) The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
(C) The Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980
(D) The Biological Diversity Act, 2002

95. How many e-cigarettes did the DRI seize at Jawaharlal Nehru Port in the consignment mis-declared as Mop Rod?

(A) 6,000
(B) 7,000
(C) 13,000
(D) 3,55,000

96. The DRI arrested a passenger travelling by bus from Delhi to Bhopal with 6.642 kg of amphetamine. Amphetamine is controlled under which Act?

(A) The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940
(B) The NDPS Act, 1985
(C) The Poisons Act, 1919
(D) The Customs Act, 1962

97. The National Land Monetization Corporation (NLMC) functions under the administrative control of which department?

(A) Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance
(B) Department of Land Resources, Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance
(D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs

98. How many government residential flats has NLMC offered for e-auction in Prayagraj?

(A) Five
(B) Nine
(C) Eleven
(D) Fifteen

99. On which date is the NLMC e-auction of the Prayagraj flats scheduled?

(A) 5 November 2026
(B) 20 November 2026
(C) 7 December 2026
(D) 11 December 2026

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100. Probationers of which service called on President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on 10 November 2026?

(A) Indian Administrative Service
(B) Indian Police Service
(C) Indian Forest Service
(D) Indian Foreign Service

101. Which emerging threat did President Droupadi Murmu specifically flag while addressing the IPS probationers?

(A) Deep-fake content
(B) Counterfeit currency
(C) Human trafficking
(D) Illegal mining

102. According to the President's address to the IPS probationers, from where do police officers earn real respect?

(A) From the authority conferred by laws and rules
(B) From seniority in the service
(C) From their performance and value system
(D) From the size of the force they command

103. Special Campaign 6.0, reported by the Department of Sports and the Ministry of Ayush, was conducted during which period?

(A) 2 October to 31 October 2026
(B) 17 September to 2 October 2026
(C) 1 October to 30 November 2026
(D) 2 October to 31 December 2026

104. How many public grievances did the Ministry of Ayush dispose of under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) 120
(B) 285
(C) 368
(D) 1,610

105. Which event did the Department of Sports launch on 2 October 2026 at the start of Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run
(B) Khelo India Youth Games
(C) National Sports Day Run
(D) Swachhata Hi Seva Pledge

106. The Yamuna has been designated as which national waterway?

(A) National Waterway-1
(B) National Waterway-37
(C) National Waterway-110
(D) National Waterway-97

107. How many passengers can the electric vessel on Delhi's Yamuna cruise service carry?

(A) 20
(B) 30
(C) 45
(D) 60

108. Which vessel is recorded in the Limca Book of Records as the world's longest river cruise?

(A) MV Ganga Vilas
(B) MV Lal Bahadur Shastri
(C) MV Ram Prasad Bismil
(D) MV Sagar Samrat

109. Up to which year has the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for medical devices been extended?

(A) 2027-28
(B) 2030-31
(C) 2032-33
(D) 2035-36

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110. What is the approximate outlay available under the fresh round of the medical devices PLI scheme?

(A) Rs 1,200 crore
(B) Rs 2,700 crore
(C) Rs 5,000 crore
(D) Rs 10,000 crore

111. How many target segments does the medical devices PLI scheme have?

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

112. The new AIIMS whose OPD milestone was announced in November 2026 are set up under which scheme?

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

113. How many new AIIMS approved under PMSSY are fully functional?

(A) 12
(B) 15
(C) 18
(D) 22

114. What was the OPD consultation figure at the new AIIMS in 2025-26?

(A) 100.52 lakh
(B) 129.98 lakh
(C) 144.96 lakh
(D) 164.21 lakh

115. What millet area target was proposed for Odisha by 2047 at the Bhubaneswar national event?

(A) 2 lakh hectares
(B) 3.5 lakh hectares
(C) 5 lakh hectares
(D) 8 lakh hectares

116. Which Odisha campaign was described as a potential national model for millet-led agricultural transformation?

(A) Shree Anna Abhiyan
(B) Khet Bachao Abhiyan
(C) Kalia Yojana
(D) Mission Shakti

117. How many finger millet landraces has Odisha documented, as noted at the event?

(A) 63
(B) 118
(C) 163
(D) 212

118. MATSYA-6000, reviewed at the ESSC meeting, is rated to dive to what depth?

(A) 3,000 metres
(B) 4,500 metres
(C) 6,000 metres
(D) 11,000 metres

119. Aboard which submersible did Indian aquanauts complete their deep dives in the Indo-French expedition?

(A) Nautile
(B) Alvin
(C) Shinkai
(D) Jiaolong

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120. How many institutions make up the Earth System Sciences Council whose reports were reviewed?

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

121. BRIC signed a Letter of Intent on biomanufacturing with which United Kingdom body?

(A) Centre for Process Innovation
(B) Wellcome Sanger Institute
(C) Royal Society of Biology
(D) UK Research and Innovation

122. According to the minister, India's bioeconomy has grown to more than what size?

(A) USD 70 billion
(B) USD 120 billion
(C) USD 195 billion
(D) USD 300 billion

123. How much grant did the Wellcome Trust announce for the iBRIC+ PhD immersion programme?

(A) Up to Rs 11.5 crore
(B) Up to Rs 21.7 crore
(C) Up to Rs 45 crore
(D) Up to Rs 100 crore

124. How many candidates feature in the final merit lists of the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026?

(A) 155
(B) 243
(C) 338
(D) 640

125. The 162nd (DE) Course named in the CDS (I) 2026 final result belongs to which academy?

(A) Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala
(B) Air Force Academy, Hyderabad
(C) Indian Military Academy, Dehradun
(D) Officers Training Academy, Chennai

126. How many vacancies were notified by the Government for the Air Force Academy, Hyderabad, in CDS (I) 2026?

(A) 26
(B) 32
(C) 100
(D) 13

127. Which ministry launched the online 'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz'?

(A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) Ministry of Home Affairs

128. When was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched?

(A) 2 October 2019
(B) 15 August 2020
(C) 26 January 2021
(D) 1 April 2018

129. The Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was initially launched in how many vulnerable districts?

(A) 112
(B) 272
(C) 500
(D) 750

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130. The Vayo SAATHI volunteer initiative is a component of which campaign?

(A) Atal Pension Yojana
(B) Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan
(C) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana
(D) Poshan Abhiyaan

131. What is the minimum age for registering as a Vayo SAATHI volunteer?

(A) 15 years
(B) 16 years
(C) 18 years
(D) 21 years

132. The Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan is built on which model?

(A) The 3E model
(B) The 5C model
(C) The 4P model
(D) The 7S model

133. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela held at Dilli Haat?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

134. What were the cumulative sales recorded at Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 between 1 and 9 November 2026?

(A) About Rs 64.52 lakh
(B) About Rs 46.25 lakh
(C) About Rs 64.52 crore
(D) About Rs 13.75 crore

135. Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 is laid out across how many thematic zones?

(A) Five
(B) Six
(C) Seven
(D) Nine

136. Under the Government's Public Procurement Policy, what share of procurement is mandated from SC/ST micro and small enterprises?

(A) 3 per cent
(B) 4 per cent
(C) 20 per cent
(D) 25 per cent

137. Which scheme of the MSME Ministry handholds SC/ST micro and small enterprises for public procurement?

(A) National SC-ST Hub Scheme
(B) Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme
(C) Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises
(D) Udyam Registration

138. How many Central Public Sector Enterprises took part in the MSME Ministry's round table discussion?

(A) 15
(B) 24
(C) 30
(D) 42

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139. India Post ran the Digital Detox 2.0 campaign in collaboration with which airline?

(A) Air India
(B) IndiGo
(C) SpiceJet
(D) Akasa Air

140. Digital Detox 2.0 was conducted on how many flights?

(A) 11
(B) 15
(C) 21
(D) 30

141. The Department of Posts, which ran Digital Detox 2.0, works under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Civil Aviation
(B) Ministry of Communications
(C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(D) Ministry of Culture

142. Where will the third edition of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo be held in February 2027?

(A) Pragati Maidan and Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(C) Bombay Exhibition Centre, Mumbai
(D) India Expo Mart, Greater Noida

143. What is the theme of the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027?

(A) Mobility for All, Mobility for Bharat
(B) Driving Green, Driving Growth
(C) Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow
(D) One Nation, One Mobility

144. How many exhibitors and concurrent shows are expected at the Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2027?

(A) More than 1,750 exhibitors and 11 concurrent shows
(B) More than 900 exhibitors and 6 concurrent shows
(C) More than 2,400 exhibitors and 15 concurrent shows
(D) More than 500 exhibitors and 9 concurrent shows

145. Khet Bachao Abhiyan, the nationwide campaign held from 22 October to 30 November 2026, is a drive of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare
(D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

146. Which institute organised the Khet Bachao Abhiyan programme attended by Shri Ram Nath Thakur in North 24 Parganas, West Bengal?

(A) ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology
(B) ICAR-Central Institute of Fisheries Education
(C) ICAR-National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning
(D) ICAR-Agricultural Technology Application Research Institute

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147. Which of the following did the Union Minister of State ask farmers to rely on while deciding how much fertiliser to apply?

(A) Kisan Credit Card
(B) Soil Health Card
(C) PM-Kisan registration number
(D) Agmark certificate

148. What is the full form of the NAMASTE scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment?

(A) National Mission for Safe Toilets and Sanitation
(B) National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem
(C) National Agency for Municipal Sanitation and Training
(D) National Assistance for Manual Scavengers and Their Employment

149. The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC) provides which combination of support to a research scholar?

(A) Only a monthly fellowship amount
(B) Fellowship, House Rent Allowance and a contingency grant
(C) A one-time research grant and a laptop
(D) Tuition fee waiver and hostel accommodation

150. Under which scheme did a Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra receive tuition fees of 39,800 pounds for a postgraduate course at University College London?

(A) National Overseas Scholarship
(B) Top Class Education Scholarship
(C) Pre-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes
(D) Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas Yojana

151. Under which Act has the draft framework for provisional registration of allied and healthcare professionals been framed?

(A) The National Medical Commission Act, 2019
(B) The Clinical Establishments Act, 2010
(C) The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021
(D) The Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947

152. What is the last date for sending comments, suggestions and objections on the draft provisional registration regulations?

(A) 4 December 2026
(B) 30 November 2026
(C) 11 December 2026
(D) 1 January 2027

153. What will be issued to a professional who is granted provisional registration under the proposed framework?

(A) A Health Professional Service Card
(B) A Provisional Registration Unique Identification Number (PR UID)
(C) A State Allied Council Licence Number
(D) An Allied Health Aadhaar Number

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154. Which organisations joined CSIR in holding the India-Norway Dialogue on Waste to Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sector?

(A) SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway

(B) Innovation Norway and the Norwegian Polar Institute

(C) Equinor and the Norwegian Mapping Authority

(D) The Norwegian Water Resources Directorate alone

155. Under which bilateral framework, agreed during the Prime Minister's visit to Norway in May, was the waste to resource dialogue held?

(A) Blue Economy Compact

(B) Green Strategic Partnership

(C) Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement

(D) Clean Energy Mission Statement

156. Which method was examined at the dialogue for the safe destruction of persistent organic pollutants such as DDT and PCB-contaminated material?

(A) Deep-well injection

(B) Open burning at landfill sites

(C) Cement kiln co-processing

(D) Ocean dumping in sealed drums

157. In how many districts was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched on 15 August 2020?

(A) 272 districts

(B) 372 districts

(C) 112 districts

(D) All districts of the country

158. Which article of the Constitution of India directs the State to work towards prohibiting intoxicating drinks and drugs injurious to health?

(A) Article 44

(B) Article 45

(C) Article 47

(D) Article 51A

159. What is the national toll-free de-addiction helpline number mentioned for the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan?

(A) 1933

(B) 14446

(C) 14416

(D) 1098

160. Which shipyard has been given the contract for the normal refit and re-powering of INS Betwa?

(A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited

(B) Cochin Shipyard Limited

(C) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

(D) Hindustan Shipyard Limited

161. INS Betwa belongs to which class of frigates of the Indian Navy?

(A) Shivalik class

(B) Talwar class

(C) Brahmaputra class

(D) Nilgiri class

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162. What is the main propulsion change planned for INS Betwa during her refit?

(A) Her steam-based propulsion system will be replaced by a diesel-engine-based system

(B) Her diesel engines will be replaced by nuclear propulsion

(C) Her gas turbines will be replaced by a steam-based system

(D) Her diesel engines will be replaced by gas turbines

163. Up to which date has the Stand-Up India Scheme been extended by the Union Cabinet?

(A) 31 March 2029

(B) 31 March 2030

(C) 31 March 2031

(D) 31 March 2032

164. What is the size of the credit guarantee corpus approved for the extended Stand-Up India Scheme?

(A) Rs 2,111 crore

(B) Rs 3,111 crore

(C) Rs 4,111 crore

(D) Rs 5,111 crore

165. Under the Stand-Up India Scheme, a loan is sanctioned above Rs 10 lakh and up to which ceiling?

(A) Rs 25 lakh

(B) Rs 50 lakh

(C) Rs 1 crore

(D) Rs 2 crore

166. What corpus has the Union Cabinet approved for the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units?

(A) Rs 3,000 crore

(B) Rs 4,111 crore

(C) Rs 5,000 crore

(D) Rs 7,500 crore

167. Through which body is the CGFMU guarantee extended to lending institutions?

(A) Small Industries Development Bank of India

(B) National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited

(C) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development

(D) Reserve Bank of India

168. Under CGFMU, the annual guarantee fee for lending institutions has been reduced to what level?

(A) 0.25 per cent

(B) 0.50 per cent

(C) 0.75 per cent

(D) 1.25 per cent

169. What is the tentative budgetary requirement approved for Nutrient Based Subsidy for Rabi 2026-27?

(A) About Rs 37,952.29 crore

(B) About Rs 45,210.50 crore

(C) About Rs 62,370.02 crore

(D) About Rs 74,500.75 crore

170. Since when has the subsidy on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers been governed by the Nutrient Based Subsidy scheme?

(A) 01.04.2008

(B) 01.04.2010

(C) 01.04.2014

(D) 01.04.2016

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171. How many grades of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers does the government make available at subsidised prices?

(A) 18
(B) 21
(C) 28
(D) 35

172. What is the route length of the Aqua Line metro extension approved by the Union Cabinet?

(A) 6.349 km
(B) 8.449 km
(C) 11.878 km
(D) 14.449 km

173. After the new corridor is commissioned, what will be the length of the active metro network in Noida and Greater Noida?

(A) 58.429 km
(B) 63.878 km
(C) 71.878 km
(D) 80.327 km

174. At which station will the extended Aqua Line corridor provide an interchange with the Blue Line?

(A) Noida Sector-51
(B) Noida Sector-61
(C) Noida Sector-73
(D) Greater Noida Sector-04

175. What is the estimated project cost of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum approved by the CCEA?

(A) Rs 1,780 crore
(B) Rs 2,230 crore
(C) Rs 3,230 crore
(D) Rs 5,230 crore

176. The Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum will be developed at which location in New Delhi?

(A) Rashtrapati Bhavan complex
(B) North and South Block complex
(C) Red Fort complex
(D) Pragati Maidan complex

177. What is the theme of the first gallery of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum, expected to open in the later part of 2027?

(A) Languages and Scripts
(B) Mathematics and Astronomy
(C) Adornment
(D) Faith and Spirituality

178. Under which ITC(HS) code has the export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass been prohibited?

(A) 85069000
(B) 85491400
(C) 81069200
(D) 28459000

179. Which of these minerals is NOT listed among those recoverable from Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass?

(A) Cobalt
(B) Nickel
(C) Manganese
(D) Cadmium

180. The export prohibition on black mass complements an incentive scheme of what size under the National Critical Mineral Mission?

(A) Rs 500 crore
(B) Rs 1,000 crore
(C) Rs 1,500 crore
(D) Rs 2,500 crore

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181. At which Egyptian naval base did INS Trishul conclude its port call on 9 November 2026?

(A) Alexandria Naval Base
(B) Safaga Naval Base
(C) Port Said Naval Base
(D) Suez Naval Base

182. The 11th India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee meeting, referred to as the backdrop to this port call, was held in which city?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Cairo
(C) Safaga
(D) Sharm el-Sheikh

183. In which year were India-Egypt bilateral relations elevated to the level of a Strategic Partnership?

(A) 2019
(B) 2021
(C) 2023
(D) 2025

184. Over which period in 2026 was Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and disposal of pending matters conducted?

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

185. How many grievances were disposed of during the dedicated one-day event held under Special Campaign 6.0 by the Ministry of Women and Child Development?

(A) 12,08,313
(B) 5,51,653
(C) 51,090
(D) 576

186. Which of the following was organised by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation on 8 October 2026 under Special Campaign 6.0?

(A) A Swachhata Quiz and pledge
(B) A Safai Mitra Samman ceremony with a health camp
(C) A painting competition on the Swachhata theme
(D) A Shramdaan activity at Kalindi Kunj

187. The Bijwasan Fee Plaza, where the misbehaviour with road users took place, is located on which national highway?

(A) NH-44
(B) NH-248BB
(C) NH-48
(D) NH-9

188. What monetary penalty did NHAI impose on the user fee collection agency at the Bijwasan Fee Plaza?

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

189. The show cause notice issued by NHAI in this case proposes debarment of the agency and its owners and directors for what period?

(A) One month
(B) Three months
(C) Six months
(D) One year

190. The National Overseas Scholarship Scheme is administered by which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Education
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of External Affairs
(D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

191. Under the National Overseas Scholarship, what amount of tuition fees was met for the student's MSc at University College London?

(A) 9,900 pounds
(B) 19,800 pounds
(C) 29,900 pounds
(D) 39,800 pounds

192. Which course was the National Overseas Scholarship holder pursuing at University College London?

(A) MSc in Construction Economics and Management
(B) MSc in Civil Engineering
(C) Master of Business Administration
(D) MSc in Development Economics

193. Who unveiled the portrait of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the Central Hall of the building now called Samvidhan Sadan?

(A) Dr Rajendra Prasad
(B) Dr S. Radhakrishnan
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru
(D) Dr Zakir Husain

194. Maulana Abul Kalam Azad served as independent India's first minister in charge of which portfolio?

(A) Home Affairs
(B) Education
(C) Defence
(D) Finance

195. Who among the following paid tributes at the function as Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha?

(A) Utpal Kumar Singh
(B) Om Birla
(C) P. C. Mody
(D) Kiren Rijiju

196. The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting was held in which city?

(A) Dhaka
(B) Colombo
(C) Bangkok
(D) Kathmandu

197. India announced that it will host the BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine at which institution?

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

198. Which plan of action did the first BIMSTEC Health Ministers Meeting adopt?

(A) Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health (2026-2030)
(B) BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Pandemic Response (2025-2035)
(C) Bay of Bengal Health Charter (2026-2036)
(D) BIMSTEC Digital Health Mission (2027-2032)

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199. Which edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil is being held in November 2026?

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

200. Exercise Sea Vigil was conceptualised in which year, and in response to which event?

(A) 2016, after the Pathankot attack
(B) 2018, after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks
(C) 2008, immediately after the Mumbai attacks
(D) 2020, after the Galwan clash

201. Sea Vigil is described as a build-up to which larger exercise of the Indian Navy?

(A) TROPEX
(B) MILAN
(C) Varuna
(D) Malabar

202. How many Indian villages were without 4G connectivity in 2026, according to the Department of Telecommunications?

(A) 45,180
(B) 24,680
(C) 11,372
(D) 18,291

203. The 4G Saturation Project of the Department of Telecommunications was designed to cover how many previously unconnected villages?

(A) 24,680
(B) 26,000
(C) 45,180
(D) 10,000

204. The 4G Saturation Project reported here is run by which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(B) Ministry of Communications
(C) Ministry of Rural Development
(D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

205. Tamilnad Mercantile Bank, which marked its 105th Foundation Day in November 2026, was originally established under which name?

(A) Nadar Bank Limited
(B) Travancore Mercantile Bank
(C) South Indian Bank Limited
(D) Pandyan Bank Limited

206. Who attended the 105th Foundation Day celebrations of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank at Thoothukudi as chief guest?

(A) The President of India
(B) The Vice President of India
(C) The Union Finance Minister
(D) The Governor of the Reserve Bank of India

207. How many branches does Tamilnad Mercantile Bank operate, as stated at its 105th Foundation Day?

(A) 432 branches in 12 States
(B) 632 branches in 17 States and four Union Territories
(C) 832 branches in 21 States
(D) 532 branches in 15 States and two Union Territories

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208. Under which operation did the Central Bureau of Narcotics dismantle the mephedrone laboratory at Mau?

(A) Operation Vajra 3.0
(B) Operation Sagar Manthan
(C) Operation Trishul
(D) Operation Prahar 2.0

209. The Central Bureau of Narcotics, which carried out this operation, works under which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Finance
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

210. How much mephedrone has the Central Bureau of Narcotics seized during 2026 from the clandestine labs it has busted?

(A) 11.7 kg
(B) 20.9 kg
(C) 130.2 kg
(D) 465.8 kg

211. Under which theme is Bharat Parv 2026 being organised at Ekta Nagar?

(A) Vocal for Local
(B) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
(C) Dekho Apna Desh
(D) Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam

212. Bharat Parv 2026 is being organised by which Union ministry?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Tourism
(C) Ministry of Textiles
(D) Ministry of Education

213. How many States and Union Territories are represented in the Theme Pavilion of Bharat Parv 2026?

(A) 23
(B) 25
(C) 29
(D) 36

214. Who presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi?

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

215. Which city was ranked first among the Clean Cities of the Super Swachh League in Swachh Survekshan 2025-26?

(A) Indore
(B) Surat
(C) Navi Mumbai
(D) Vijayawada

216. How many cities were covered by Swachh Survekshan 2025-26?

(A) 73 cities
(B) 1,700 cities
(C) 4,751 cities
(D) 3,751 cities

217. After the latest rationalisation, how many main visa categories does India have?

(A) 22
(B) 13
(C) 9
(D) 23

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218. Which Indian visa category has been renamed the Visitor Visa?

(A) Business Visa
(B) Tourist Visa
(C) Medical Visa
(D) Miscellaneous Visa

219. Nationals of how many countries can use India's e-Visa facility?

(A) 132 countries
(B) 150 countries
(C) 172 countries
(D) 193 countries

220. Naseem Al Bahr is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?

(A) Qatar
(B) Oman
(C) Egypt
(D) Myanmar

221. Which Indian warship took part in the sea phase of the 15th Naseem Al Bahr exercise?

(A) INS Rana
(B) INS Betwa
(C) INS Surat
(D) INS Sumedha

222. Which of the following was NOT a subject of the Subject Matter Expert Exchanges in the harbour phase of Naseem Al Bahr?

(A) Explosive Ordnance Disposal
(B) Mine Countermeasure Operations
(C) Hydrography
(D) Submarine rescue

223. IMNEX-26 is a naval exercise between India and which country?

(A) Maldives
(B) Myanmar
(C) Malaysia
(D) Mozambique

224. Where is the 8th edition of IMNEX being conducted?

(A) Kochi
(B) Port Blair
(C) Visakhapatnam
(D) Mumbai

225. On board which ship was the opening ceremony of IMNEX-26 held?

(A) INS Sumedha
(B) UMS King Sin Phyu Shin
(C) INS Rana
(D) INS Surat

226. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas is observed on 15 November to mark the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Rani Durgavati
(B) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(C) Ropuiliani
(D) Tilka Manjhi

227. Which portal, developed with ICMR, is India's first platform for tribe-disaggregated health data?

(A) Adi Vaani
(B) National FRA Digital Platform
(C) Jan-HIT Portal
(D) PM-JANMAN Portal

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228. How many projects are to be taken up for tribal communities on Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas this year?

(A) More than 160
(B) More than 228
(C) More than 300
(D) More than 500

229. In which city is the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference PP-26 being held?

(A) Geneva
(B) Doha
(C) Dubai
(D) New Delhi

230. Which Indian initiative, described at PP-26 as a WSIS Prize winner, gives villagers healthcare, farm advice, banking and government certificates?

(A) BharatNet
(B) Bharat 6G Vision
(C) Samriddh Gram Centres
(D) Adi Vaani

231. How many 5G use-case labs did India cite at the ITU PP-26 conference?

(A) 50
(B) 75
(C) 100
(D) 150

232. At which port did Sarbananda Sonowal dedicate a waterfront Port Promenade to the public in November 2026?

(A) Paradip Port
(B) Visakhapatnam Port
(C) Kandla Port
(D) Chennai Port

233. How much cargo did Visakhapatnam Port handle in the 2025-26 financial year?

(A) 71.17 million metric tonnes
(B) 81.17 million metric tonnes
(C) 91.17 million metric tonnes
(D) 101.17 million metric tonnes

234. The upgrade of the sewage treatment plant at Visakhapatnam Port supports which green port initiative of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways?

(A) Harit Sagar
(B) Sagarmala
(C) Harit Tat
(D) Nile Sagar

235. Who delivered the Cavalry Memorial Address at the Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026 in New Delhi?

(A) The Chief of Defence Staff
(B) The Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth
(C) The Director General Mechanised Forces
(D) The Defence Minister

236. Which book was unveiled at the inaugural session of the Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026?

(A) Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace
(B) Cavalry at the Crossroads
(C) Steel Fist: The Indian Armoured Corps
(D) Battlespace 2047

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237. Where was the Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026 held?

(A) Army War College, Mhow
(B) Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
(C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(D) Armoured Corps Centre, Ahmednagar

238. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela held at Dilli Haat, INA, in New Delhi?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Culture

239. What were the cumulative sales reported at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 between 1 and 10 November 2026?

(A) About Rs 37.49 lakh
(B) About Rs 53.94 lakh
(C) About Rs 73.49 lakh
(D) About Rs 93.47 lakh

240. Which platform mentioned alongside the Shilp Samagam Mela links artisans with e-commerce opportunities?

(A) Bharat TULIP
(B) Purple Fest
(C) GeM Sahay
(D) Shilp Setu

241. In which year was the One Nation One Ration Card (ONORC) scheme launched?

(A) 2015
(B) 2017
(C) 2019
(D) 2021

242. In how many States and Union Territories has the ONORC scheme been implemented?

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

243. The Mera Ration mobile application, launched under ONORC, is available in how many languages?

(A) 8
(B) 11
(C) 13
(D) 22

244. Where will the 9th National Naturopathy Day be observed on 18 November 2026?

(A) Nisarg Gram, Pune
(B) Jhajjar, Haryana
(C) Nagamangala, Karnataka
(D) New Delhi

245. What is the theme of National Naturopathy Day 2026?

(A) Yoga for One Earth, One Health
(B) Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat
(C) Naturopathy for Healthy Ageing
(D) Fit India, Fit Future

246. How many research papers did the five research councils under the Ministry of Ayush publish in the financial year 2025-26?

(A) 356
(B) 463
(C) 653
(D) 915

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247. At which monastery did the exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha begin in Arunachal Pradesh?

(A) Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, Bomdila
(B) Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang) Monastery
(C) Golden Pagoda, Namsai
(D) Urgelling Monastery, Tawang

248. Where will the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha be open for public veneration from 14 to 20 November 2026?

(A) Golden Pagoda, Namsai
(B) Lower Gompa, Bomdila
(C) National Museum, New Delhi
(D) Tawang Monastery

249. Which of the following is NOT among the bodies organising the exposition of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) National Museum, New Delhi
(C) Archaeological Survey of India
(D) International Buddhist Confederation

250. What is the theme of the Air Force Commanders' Conference addressed by the Raksha Mantri in November 2026?

(A) Air Power for Atmanirbhar Bharat
(B) The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation
(C) Jointness, Integration and Theatreisation
(D) Year of Technology Absorption

251. In the Indian Air Force, UDAAN stands for which of the following?

(A) Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking
(B) Unmanned Drone Aviation and Air Navigation
(C) Unified Defence Analytics and Aerospace Network
(D) Udan Digital Aviation and Allied Networks

252. Who is the Chief of the Air Staff who attended the inaugural session of the Air Force Commanders' Conference in November 2026?

(A) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(B) Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
(C) Air Marshal Sanjay Seth
(D) Air Chief Marshal Rajesh Kumar Singh

253. How much support has the Technology Development Board agreed to give Astrome Technologies for the AI-ELINT constellation?

(A) Rs 128.11 crore
(B) Rs 64.05 crore
(C) Rs 46.50 crore
(D) Rs 640.5 crore

254. The AI-ELINT satellite constellation supported by TDB will use microsatellites of which class?

(A) The 10 kg class
(B) The 50 kg class
(C) The 500 kg class
(D) The 1,200 kg class

255. Under which fund has TDB extended support to the AI-ELINT project, and in what form?

(A) Research, Development and Innovation Fund, as Optionally Convertible Debt

(B) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund, as an outright grant

(C) Startup India Seed Fund, as equity

(D) Production Linked Incentive scheme, as a subsidy

256. Under the leadership of which academy was the Joint S20 Statement of 2026, endorsed by INSA, released?

(A) The Royal Society

(B) The U.S. National Academy of Sciences

(C) The Chinese Academy of Sciences

(D) The Indian National Science Academy

257. The Joint S20 Statement endorsed by INSA will be presented to the G20 ahead of the G20 Summit to be held at which place?

(A) Johannesburg, South Africa

(B) Miami, Florida

(C) New Delhi, India

(D) Rio de Janeiro, Brazil

258. Which of the following is NOT among the five areas for action identified in the Joint S20 Statement?

(A) Strengthening data collection and understanding of risk

(B) Building local skills and capacity for context-specific solutions

(C) Replacing human expertise with automated decision systems

(D) Advancing international and cross-sector collaboration

259. Which edition of the International Film Festival of India is being held in Goa in November 2026?

(A) The 55th edition

(B) The 56th edition

(C) The 57th edition

(D) The 58th edition

260. WaveX, the accelerator behind the startup pavilion at IFFI, belongs to which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

(B) Ministry of Culture

(C) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

261. In the context of the WaveX Startup Pavilion, what does AVGC-XR stand for?

(A) Audio, Video, Graphics, Cinema and Extended Reality

(B) Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality

(C) Advanced Video Graphics, Computing and Experimental Robotics

(D) Animation, Virtual Games, Cinema and Experience Reality

262. What was India's Consumer Price Index based retail inflation rate for October 2026?

(A) 5.54%

(B) 6.09%

(C) 8.94%

(D) 4.38%

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263. Which base year does the Consumer Price Index series used for the October 2026 release follow?

(A) 2012=100
(B) 2011-12=100
(C) 2024=100
(D) 2020=100

264. Which item showed the highest rate of price rise at the all-India combined level in October 2026?

(A) Garlic
(B) Onion
(C) Ginger
(D) Silver jewellery

265. On which date was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched?

(A) 2 October 2019
(B) 15 August 2020
(C) 15 August 2023
(D) 26 January 2022

266. In how many districts was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan first launched?

(A) 112 districts
(B) 272 districts
(C) 372 districts
(D) 750 districts

267. Under which national plan is the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan run as the flagship awareness initiative?

(A) National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction
(B) National Mental Health Programme
(C) National Health Mission
(D) National Social Assistance Programme

268. What is the theme of the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) Vocal for Local
(B) Vikas aur Virasat
(C) Atmanirbhar Bharat
(D) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat

269. Which organisation holds the India International Trade Fair every year?

(A) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
(B) India Trade Promotion Organisation
(C) Directorate General of Foreign Trade
(D) Export Credit Guarantee Corporation

270. Which four States are the Partner States of the India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) Assam, Delhi, Jharkhand and West Bengal
(B) Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh
(C) Gujarat, Kerala, Odisha and Punjab
(D) Goa, Haryana, Karnataka and Telangana

271. Which AI bot is part of the Vidya Samiksha Kendra launched for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan?

(A) Samvaad
(B) Samiksha
(C) Saksham
(D) Sahayak

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272. Who launched the three flagship digital initiatives of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan?

(A) The Prime Minister
(B) The Union Minister for Education
(C) The President
(D) The Commissioner of KVS

273. Which of the following can a parent do through the KVS-Samvaad platform?

(A) Apply online for Bonafide and CEA certificates and student leave
(B) Transfer a child to another school board
(C) Appoint a teacher to the school
(D) Approve the school's annual budget

274. Which country did Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh visit for the Second Science and Innovation Dialogue?

(A) France
(B) Italy
(C) Germany
(D) Spain

275. Which of these institutions visited by the Indian delegation is located in Trieste, Italy?

(A) Elettra Synchrotron facility
(B) National Physical Laboratory
(C) IKP Knowledge Park
(D) Qmet Tech Foundation

276. World Diabetes Day, marked by an event at the Indian Embassy in Rome during the visit, falls on which date?

(A) 11 November
(B) 12 November
(C) 14 November
(D) 15 November

277. Which ministry runs the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Jal Shakti
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

278. Where did the Prime Minister set out the vision for the nationwide Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari movement?

(A) Surat, Gujarat
(B) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
(C) Jaipur, Rajasthan
(D) Nagpur, Maharashtra

279. Till which date has the citizen feedback window on the JSJB 2.0 portal been extended?

(A) 26 January 2026
(B) 31 May 2026
(C) 30 November 2026
(D) 31 December 2026

280. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit in which city?

(A) Jakarta
(B) Manila
(C) Hanoi
(D) Kuala Lumpur

281. Which country holds the ASEAN Chair for 2026 and is hosting the ASEAN-India Summit and the East Asia Summit?

(A) Philippines
(B) Singapore
(C) Thailand
(D) Indonesia

282. Which edition of the East Asia Summit will the Prime Minister attend on 17 November 2026?

(A) 19th
(B) 20th
(C) 21st
(D) 23rd

283. Who launched the revamped Gallantry Awards portal in New Delhi?

(A) The Defence Secretary
(B) Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth
(C) Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh
(D) The Chief of Defence Staff

284. How many schools took part in the fifth edition of Veer Gatha?

(A) 4,788 schools
(B) 48,000 schools
(C) Over 1.9 lakh schools
(D) About 9 lakh schools

285. Veer Gatha participation from CBSE-affiliated schools abroad covered how many countries?

(A) 12 countries
(B) 18 countries
(C) 25 countries
(D) 91 countries

286. How many bids did the Ministry of Heavy Industries receive for the 10 GWh of ACC manufacturing capacity?

(A) 10
(B) 18
(C) 22
(D) 50

287. What is the budgetary outlay of the PLI scheme under the National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage?

(A) Rs 10,900 crore
(B) Rs 18,100 crore
(C) Rs 24,000 crore
(D) Rs 76,000 crore

288. The 10 GWh capacity offered in this tender has been earmarked for which application?

(A) Electric two-wheeler batteries
(B) Grid-Scale Stationary Storage
(C) Consumer electronics cells
(D) Railway traction batteries

289. The new medicinal plants project of the Ministry of Tribal Affairs covers how many tribal hotspots and in how many States and Union Territories?

(A) 12 hotspots in 10 States and UTs
(B) 16 hotspots in 13 States and UTs
(C) 20 hotspots in 16 States and UTs
(D) 13 hotspots in 16 States and UTs

290. Which research institute is the Ministry of Tribal Affairs working with on this project?

(A) CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow
(B) ICAR-Indian Institute of Horticultural Research
(C) Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata
(D) CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants

291. How many quality planting materials will the project distribute?

(A) 4,000 to 5,000
(B) 14,000 to 15,000
(C) 40,000 to 50,000
(D) 4 lakh to 5 lakh

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292. India's National Genebank, located at ICAR-NBPGR, ranks where in the world by size?

(A) First
(B) Second
(C) Fifth
(D) Tenth

293. Which Foundation Day of the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority was observed with the Plant Genome Saviour Award ceremony?

(A) 12th
(B) 20th
(C) 22nd
(D) 25th

294. Koraput in Odisha was recognised by the Food and Agriculture Organization in which year as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System?

(A) 2001
(B) 2012
(C) 2018
(D) 2022

295. The interaction of the President with meritorious Eklavya Model Residential School students was organised by which body?

(A) National Education Society for Tribal Students
(B) National Council of Educational Research and Training
(C) Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation
(D) National Commission for Scheduled Tribes

296. Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada is observed to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Tantia Bhil
(B) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(C) Rani Gaidinliu
(D) Alluri Sitarama Raju

297. How many meritorious students and alumni took part in the programme at Rashtrapati Bhavan?

(A) 46
(B) 106
(C) 146
(D) 246

298. LeadIT, the Leadership Group for Industry Transition, was launched by India along with which country?

(A) Norway
(B) Sweden
(C) Denmark
(D) Finland

299. Where will the third phase of LeadIT be launched?

(A) At COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye
(B) At the World Economic Forum in Davos
(C) At the UN Climate Action Summit in New York
(D) At a summit in Stockholm

300. How many countries and companies are members of LeadIT?

(A) 13 countries and 19 companies
(B) 19 countries and 33 companies
(C) 33 countries and 19 companies
(D) 19 countries and 13 companies

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301. Which institution was the knowledge partner for the report 'Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes'?

(A) IIM Bangalore
(B) Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad
(C) IIT Delhi
(D) Indian Statistical Institute, Kolkata

302. How many notified sectors does the NITI Aayog assessment of the PLI route cover?

(A) 10
(B) 12
(C) 14
(D) 16

303. Which sector is described in the NITI Aayog report as an early implementation success under the PLI route?

(A) Drones
(B) Speciality steel
(C) Technical textiles
(D) Advanced Chemistry Cell batteries

304. In which city is the 31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 being held?

(A) Amaravati
(B) Visakhapatnam
(C) Hyderabad
(D) Chennai

305. Which three greenfield industrial smart city nodes of Andhra Pradesh were showcased at the NICDC pavilion?

(A) Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy
(B) Krishnapatnam, Amaravati and Tirupati
(C) Orvakal, Kakinada and Nellore
(D) Kopparthy, Anantapur and Guntur

306. BHAVYA, highlighted by the Commerce and Industry Minister at the Summit, stands for which scheme?

(A) Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana
(B) Bharat Avas Vikas Yojana
(C) Bharatiya Vanijya Yojana
(D) Bharat Vidyut Yojana

307. What is the tentative outlay for the Nutrient-Based Subsidy on P and K fertilisers for Rabi 2026-27?

(A) Rs 37,952.29 crore
(B) Rs 45,120.50 crore
(C) Rs 62,370.02 crore
(D) Rs 79,640.75 crore

308. Under the Nutrient-Based Subsidy rates for Rabi 2026-27, what is the subsidy on nitrogen per kilogram?

(A) Rs 66.11
(B) Rs 94.21
(C) Rs 12.38
(D) Rs 10.42

309. Di-Ammonium Phosphate continues to be made available to farmers at which fixed price under the special provisions for Rabi 2026-27?

(A) Rs 1,100 per bag
(B) Rs 1,350 per bag
(C) Rs 1,500 per bag
(D) Rs 2,000 per bag

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310. Where was the second edition of the National Tribal Literary Festival inaugurated?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
(C) Ranchi, Jharkhand
(D) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

311. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, during whose Pakhwada the festival is held, is observed on the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(B) Rani Gaidinliu
(C) Tilka Manjhi
(D) Komaram Bheem

312. At the festival, the endangered Toda language of the Nilgiris was said to have roughly how many speakers?

(A) About 500
(B) About 2,000
(C) About 12,000
(D) About 50,000

313. Where was the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 held?

(A) Chennai
(B) Tiruchirappalli
(C) Bengaluru
(D) Hyderabad

314. What is the approved timeline for completing the remaining works under Jal Jeevan Mission?

(A) December 2026
(B) December 2027
(C) December 2028
(D) March 2030

315. Which institution presented its Low Temperature Thermal Desalination technology, with eight plants in Lakshadweep, at the conference?

(A) National Institute of Ocean Technology
(B) Central Water Commission
(C) National Water Development Agency
(D) Central Ground Water Board

316. How many defence pensioners had submitted Digital Life Certificates under DLC Campaign 5.0 as reported on 12 November 2026?

(A) Over 10.24 lakh
(B) Over 20.48 lakh
(C) Over 30.50 lakh
(D) Over 45 lakh

317. Through which portal is Aadhaar-based face authentication for life certificates carried out?

(A) Jeevan Pramaan
(B) SPARSH
(C) DigiLocker
(D) UMANG

318. How many SPARSH Service Centres have been mobilised to help defence pensioners generate Digital Life Certificates?

(A) 94
(B) 194
(C) 294
(D) 494

319. As per the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, by how much has India's TB mortality fallen since 2015?

(A) 28%
(B) 32%
(C) 38%
(D) 45%

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320. What is India's treatment success rate among patients with drug-susceptible tuberculosis?

(A) 84%
(B) 88%
(C) 91%
(D) 94%

321. How many new TB cases were detected under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan between 7 December 2024 and 8 November 2026?

(A) 25.14 lakh
(B) 38.60 lakh
(C) 48.64 lakh
(D) 56.20 lakh

322. Under the proposed Rent a Cab reforms, the minimum fleet requirement for an operator has been reduced from 50 cabs to how many?

(A) 2
(B) 5
(C) 10
(D) 20

323. What timeline has been proposed for the grant and renewal of a Rent a Cab licence?

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

324. Under which law would drivers provided by a Rent a Cab operator get welfare cover as per the proposed reforms?

(A) Motor Vehicles Act
(B) Code on Social Security, 2020
(C) Industrial Disputes Act
(D) Contract Labour Act

325. Where is the proposed greenfield shipbuilding cluster of Andhra Pradesh, approved in principle under the National Shipbuilding Mission, to be set up?

(A) Machilipatnam
(B) Dugarajapatnam
(C) Ramayapatnam
(D) Gangavaram

326. What is the approximate length of Andhra Pradesh's coastline, as highlighted by the Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways?

(A) 974 km
(B) 1,053 km
(C) 1,240 km
(D) 1,600 km

327. How much cargo did Visakhapatnam Port handle in FY 2025-26?

(A) 74.50 million tonnes
(B) 83.60 million tonnes
(C) 91.17 million tonnes
(D) 104.20 million tonnes

328. Red sanders, seized by the DRI at Chennai Port, is listed in which Schedule of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972?

(A) Schedule I
(B) Schedule II
(C) Schedule III
(D) Schedule IV

329. What was the quantity and value of the red sanders seized by the DRI at Chennai Port?

(A) About 8,000 kg worth Rs 4.50 crore
(B) About 13,000 kg worth Rs 7.72 crore
(C) About 18,000 kg worth Rs 9.20 crore
(D) About 22,000 kg worth Rs 12.40 crore

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330. Which facility did the syndicate misuse to swap the cargo in the container, as per the preliminary investigation?

(A) The self-sealing facility of a manufacturer-exporter
(B) Duty drawback on exports
(C) Bonded warehousing
(D) Transhipment permission

331. Which department of the Ministry of Finance reported its performance in Special Campaign 6 for institutionalising Swachhata and minimising pendency?

(A) Department of Economic Affairs
(B) Department of Investment and Public Asset Management
(C) Department of Financial Services
(D) Department of Expenditure

332. Through which organisation was e-waste scrapped during DIPAM's Special Campaign 6, and for what amount?

(A) MMTC Limited, for Rs 3,01,777
(B) NBCC (India) Limited, for Rs 2,01,777
(C) MSTC Limited, for Rs 2,01,777
(D) MSTC Limited, for Rs 5,20,100

333. What was the period of the implementation phase of Special Campaign 6 in which DIPAM disposed of its identified targets?

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

334. According to the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, by what percentage have tuberculosis deaths in India fallen since 2015?

(A) 28%
(B) 35%
(C) 38%
(D) 46%

335. What is India's treatment success rate among patients with drug-susceptible tuberculosis, as noted in the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026?

(A) 76%
(B) 84%
(C) 88%
(D) 94%

336. How many Panchayats in India were declared tuberculosis-free in 2025?

(A) 17,933
(B) 45,620
(C) 67,933
(D) 82,145

337. What is the theme of the 57th International Film Festival of India, to be held in Goa?

(A) Cinema for All
(B) Stories Without Borders
(C) One World, One Screen
(D) Frames of the Future

338. Which country has been named the Country of Honour at the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) Russia
(B) France
(C) Spain
(D) Singapore

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339. How many films will be screened in the Indian Panorama section of the 57th IFFI, and in how many languages?

(A) 52 films in 13 languages
(B) 62 films in 16 languages
(C) 76 films in 18 languages
(D) 86 films in 22 languages

340. In which city was the Second India-Italy Science and Innovation Dialogue 2026 held?

(A) New Delhi
(B) Rome
(C) Milan
(D) Florence

341. In which year was the first inter-governmental agreement on science and technology between India and Italy signed?

(A) 1968
(B) 1978
(C) 1991
(D) 2003

342. Who is Italy's Minister of University and Research, who co-chaired the Dialogue with Dr Jitendra Singh?

(A) Giorgia Meloni
(B) Antonio Tajani
(C) Anna Maria Bernini
(D) Alina Serban

343. What penalty has the Central Consumer Protection Authority imposed on ANI Technologies, the operator of Ola?

(A) Rs 1 lakh
(B) Rs 5 lakh
(C) Rs 10 lakh
(D) Rs 25 lakh

344. Which dark pattern did the CCPA identify in the pre-ride payment prompts shown on the Ola app?

(A) Basket Sneaking
(B) Confirm Shaming
(C) Bait and Switch
(D) Drip Pricing

345. Under which set of guidelines is a tipping feature permitted only after the journey has been completed?

(A) Motor Vehicles Aggregators Guidelines, 2025
(B) E-Commerce Rules, 2020
(C) Legal Metrology Rules, 2011
(D) Misleading Advertisement Guidelines, 2022

346. Trade Margin Rationalisation has been applied to how many non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs, according to the NPPA direction?

(A) 71
(B) 108
(C) 137
(D) 189

347. Under which department does the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority function?

(A) Department of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Department of Pharmaceuticals
(C) Department of Consumer Affairs
(D) Department of Biotechnology

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348. By which date have State Drug Controllers been asked to submit their Action Taken Reports to the NPPA?

(A) 9 November 2026
(B) 11 November 2026
(C) 16 November 2026
(D) 30 November 2026

349. What was India's non-fossil installed power capacity as on 31 July 2026?

(A) 175 GW
(B) 249 GW
(C) 308 GW
(D) 560 GW

350. What is the total outlay of PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana?

(A) Rs 5,070 crore
(B) Rs 19,744 crore
(C) Rs 35,800 crore
(D) Rs 75,021 crore

351. Where does India rank in the world in installed wind power capacity?

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

352. Development projects of what value were launched by the Prime Minister in Bengaluru on 13 November 2026?

(A) Over Rs 8,400 crore
(B) Over Rs 11,200 crore
(C) Over Rs 15,600 crore
(D) Over Rs 21,000 crore

353. Bengaluru has become the third Indian city whose metro network has crossed 100 kilometres. Which two came first?

(A) Chennai and Kolkata
(B) Delhi-NCR and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region
(C) Hyderabad and Ahmedabad
(D) Kolkata and Hyderabad

354. Which of these was NOT among the energy projects launched in Karnataka on the occasion?

(A) Mangaluru LPG project adding storage capacity
(B) Devangonthi Marketing Terminal
(C) A compressed bio-gas plant in Bengaluru
(D) A nuclear power plant at Kaiga

355. Yogasana has been recognised in India as a competitive sport and given a place in which events?

(A) Khelo India and the National Games
(B) The Commonwealth Games only
(C) The Asian Games and the Olympics
(D) The National School Games only

356. The golden jubilee attended by the Prime Minister in Bengaluru belonged to which institution?

(A) Prashanti Kutiram of S-VYASA
(B) The Yoga Institute, Santacruz
(C) Kaivalyadhama, Lonavla
(D) Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga

357. Which board has been constituted to strengthen the production, quality and export of turmeric?

(A) National Spices Development Board
(B) National Turmeric Board
(C) Herbal Products Export Council
(D) AYUSH Export Promotion Board

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358. Under which law has the Ministry of Home Affairs extended the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation?

(A) The National Security Act
(B) The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act
(C) The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act
(D) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act

359. The Islamic Research Foundation, whose ban was extended in November 2026, is led by whom?

(A) Masood Azhar
(B) Hafiz Saeed
(C) Dr Zakir Naik
(D) Syed Salahuddin

360. Which ministry announced the extension of the ban on the Islamic Research Foundation?

(A) Ministry of Law and Justice
(B) Ministry of Home Affairs
(C) Ministry of External Affairs
(D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

361. Exercise MITRA SHAKTI 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

(A) Bangladesh
(B) Sri Lanka
(C) Maldives
(D) Nepal

362. Where is the 12th edition of Exercise MITRA SHAKTI being conducted?

(A) Army Training School, Maduru Oya
(B) Diyatalawa Military Academy
(C) Foreign Training Node, Aundh
(D) Trincomalee Naval Base

363. The Indian contingent for MITRA SHAKTI 2026 is drawn mainly from a battalion of which regiment?

(A) The Garhwal Rifles
(B) The Rajputana Rifles
(C) The Jat Regiment
(D) The Madras Regiment

364. How many caregivers does the national directory of the SHATAYU portal feature?

(A) 13,075
(B) 21,480
(C) 30,151
(D) 45,900

365. SHATAYU, the geriatric care platform in the news, is an initiative of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(D) Ministry of Rural Development

366. Which of these is NOT one of the four caregiver training categories recognised under SHATAYU?

(A) Geriatric Care Provider
(B) Wellness Therapist (Elderly)
(C) Elderly Care Companion
(D) Community Health Officer

367. How many telecom resources were barred for fifteen days for a first violation, as per the TRAI report for July to September 2026?

(A) 13,777
(B) 1,10,325
(C) 3,725
(D) 2,04,118

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368. What share of the spam complaints in the quarter was received through the TRAI DND App?

(A) 48.6 per cent
(B) 67.2 per cent
(C) 92.9 per cent
(D) 100 per cent

369. The 1601 numbering series introduced by TRAI on 10 August 2026 is meant for which entities?

(A) Promotional calls by telemarketers
(B) Banking, financial services and insurance entities
(C) Utilities and entities in logistics and delivery
(D) Government to citizen communication

370. India's total exports of merchandise and services in October 2026 were estimated at:

(A) US$ 69.27 billion
(B) US$ 89.99 billion
(C) US$ 110.07 billion
(D) US$ 49.47 billion

371. Which group recorded the highest percentage growth in exports in October 2026?

(A) Engineering goods
(B) Electronic goods
(C) Petroleum products
(D) Gems and jewellery

372. Cumulative total exports during April to October of 2026-27 are estimated at:

(A) US$ 487.59 billion
(B) US$ 568.84 billion
(C) US$ 662.19 billion
(D) US$ 309.06 billion

373. What was the theme of the 31st CII Partnership Summit held at Visakhapatnam?

(A) Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust
(B) Trade, Investment and Shared Prosperity
(C) Partnership for a Resilient Global Economy
(D) Technology, Talent and Transformation

374. How many investment projects did the Vice-President say Andhra Pradesh had attracted since June 2024?

(A) 417
(B) 571
(C) 714
(D) 840

375. The vision Swarna Andhra 2047 was described at the summit as aligned with which national vision?

(A) Digital India
(B) Viksit Bharat 2047
(C) Make in India
(D) Skill India Mission

376. Which ministry organises the Shilp Samagam Mela held at Dilli Haat?

(A) Ministry of Textiles
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Culture
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

377. What were the cumulative sales of Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 up to 12 November 2026?

(A) About Rs 48.36 lakh
(B) About Rs 68.36 lakh
(C) About Rs 88.36 lakh
(D) About Rs 1.88 crore

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378. Since which year has the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment been organising Shilp Samagam Melas?

(A) 2018
(B) 2020
(C) 2022
(D) 2024

379. How many strategic sectors are covered by the Production Linked Incentive scheme?

(A) Ten sectors
(B) Twelve sectors
(C) Fourteen sectors
(D) Sixteen sectors

380. As on 30 June 2026, what was the cumulative actual investment under the PLI scheme?

(A) Rs 1,91,049 crore
(B) Rs 2,58,835 crore
(C) Rs 36,754 crore
(D) Rs 21,033 crore

381. According to the backgrounder, what proportion of mobile phones used in India are now manufactured within the country?

(A) 77 per cent
(B) 88.5 per cent
(C) 99.2 per cent
(D) 95.6 per cent

382. Which ministry organised the conference Creative India: Collective Possibilities?

(A) Ministry of Tourism
(B) Ministry of Culture
(C) Ministry of Education
(D) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

383. How many protected monuments were cited as part of the public infrastructure of India's creative economy?

(A) More than 1,800
(B) More than 2,400
(C) More than 3,600
(D) More than 5,200

384. With which organisation has the Ministry of Culture signed a new agreement to take India's heritage to global audiences?

(A) Google Arts and Culture
(B) Serendipity Arts Foundation
(C) Sabhyata Foundation
(D) Godrej Industries Group

385. INS Sahyadri departed which naval base on 12 November 2026 after Exercise Malabar 2026?

(A) Sasebo Naval Base
(B) Yokosuka Naval Base
(C) Pearl Harbor
(D) Darwin Naval Base

386. Which four navies trained together in Exercise Malabar 2026?

(A) India, Japan, the United States and Australia
(B) India, Japan, the United States and France
(C) India, Russia, the United States and Australia
(D) India, Japan, the United Kingdom and Australia

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387. What is the full form of MAHASAGAR, the vision cited in connection with Exercise Malabar 2026?

(A) Maritime Alliance for Harbour Security and Growth Across Regions
(B) Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions
(C) Maritime Assistance and Humanitarian Support for Gulf and Adjoining Regions
(D) Mutual Alliance for Shipping,Aid, Growth and Regional Advancement

388. Which body confers the U.P. Medal for Innovative Technology in Roads, won by NRIDA for the year 2025?

(A) National Highways Authority of India
(B) Indian Roads Congress
(C) Central Road Research Institute
(D) Bureau of Indian Standards

389. The award to NRIDA recognises the innovative use of which material in rural road construction?

(A) Fly ash
(B) Plastic waste
(C) Steel slag
(D) Copper slag

390. How much road length have the Ministry of Rural Development and NRIDA sanctioned using sustainable technologies?

(A) 1,39,901 km
(B) 1,81,923 km
(C) 2,18,923 km
(D) 81,923 km

391. Who chaired the Committee on Knowledge Systems whose report MoSPI has opened for public feedback?

(A) Prof. Ajay Kumar Sood
(B) Dr. R. Balasubramaniam
(C) Shri Ratan P. Watal
(D) Dr. Bibek Debroy

392. By which date can feedback be sent to MoSPI on the Actionable Policy Paper on measuring knowledge in the economy?

(A) 30 November 2026
(B) 12 December 2026
(C) 31 December 2026
(D) 15 January 2027

393. How many interrelated components make up the Knowledge Ecosystem outlined in the paper?

(A) Five
(B) Six
(C) Eight
(D) Ten

394. On which date was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan launched?

(A) 2 October 2019
(B) 15 August 2020
(C) 26 January 2021
(D) 26 October 2026

395. On which platform is the Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz hosted?

(A) MY Bharat portal
(B) DigiLocker
(C) UMANG app
(D) MyGov Saathi

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396. In how many vulnerable districts was the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan initially launched?

(A) 112 districts
(B) 272 districts
(C) 372 districts
(D) 755 districts

397. In which year was the Rural Health Training Centre, Najafgarh, established?

(A) 1927
(B) 1937
(C) 1947
(D) 1957

398. How many patients were attended to in the outpatient department of RHTC Najafgarh between August and October 2026?

(A) 35,985
(B) 49,927
(C) 94,927
(D) 1,94,927

399. RHTC Najafgarh provides primary health care through Urban Primary Health Centres at which three locations?

(A) Najafgarh, Ujwa and Palam
(B) Najafgarh, Dwarka and Palam
(C) Najafgarh, Ujwa and Mehrauli
(D) Najafgarh, Narela and Palam

400. Which article of the Constitution deals with the directive for development of the Hindi language, cited in connection with Official Language conferences?

(A) Article 343
(B) Article 348
(C) Article 351
(D) Article 352

401. Where was the first All India Conference on Official Language of the Department of Telecommunications held?

(A) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(B) Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi
(C) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(D) Sanchar Bhawan, New Delhi

402. Which department is the nodal body that regularly organises All India and regional Official Language conferences?

(A) Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Department of Culture, Ministry of Culture

403. Where was the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026 inaugurated?

(A) Pragati Maidan Hall 7
(B) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(C) Yashobhoomi, Dwarka
(D) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida

404. How many startups are being showcased in the Hall of Inspiration at the 45th IITF?

(A) 300
(B) 450
(C) 600
(D) 750

405. What export figure for October was described as an all time high at the fair?

(A) Nearly 60 billion dollars
(B) Nearly 75 billion dollars
(C) Nearly 90 billion dollars
(D) Nearly 120 billion dollars

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406. Which pair of cities was ranked first under the Swachh Shehar Jodi initiative?

(A) Indore and Depalpur
(B) Ahmedabad and Sanand
(C) Tirupati and Kuppam
(D) Surat and Mandvi

407. How many urban local bodies were assessed in the tenth edition of Swachh Survekshan?

(A) 3,000
(B) 4,751
(C) 5,286
(D) 2,340

408. Under which mission was the Swachh Shehar Jodi mentorship programme launched?

(A) AMRUT 2.0
(B) Smart Cities Mission
(C) Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0
(D) PM Awas Yojana Urban

409. How many awards are given under the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026?

(A) 12
(B) 16
(C) 18
(D) 21

410. How many aspirational blocks are covered by the Aspirational Blocks Programme category of these awards?

(A) 329
(B) 500
(C) 513
(D) 640

411. What cash incentive does each award carry, along with a trophy and a scroll?

(A) Rs 5 lakh
(B) Rs 10 lakh
(C) Rs 20 lakh
(D) Rs 50 lakh

412. The COSMOS Planetarium inaugurated in Mysuru is notable as India's first planetarium of which kind?

(A) First floating planetarium
(B) First LED dome planetarium
(C) First underground planetarium
(D) First solar powered planetarium

413. Which of these astronomers was NOT named by the Prime Minister at the COSMOS Planetarium event?

(A) Varahamihira
(B) Bhaskaracharya
(C) Nilakantha Somayaji
(D) Charaka

414. How many medals did Indian students win at this year's International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics in Vietnam?

(A) Three gold and two silver
(B) Four gold and one silver
(C) Two gold and three bronze
(D) Five gold

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415. What does NAMASTE stand for in the sanitation scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment?

(A) National Mission for Safe Town Ecosystems

(B) National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem

(C) National Agency for Municipal Sanitation and Training

(D) National Assistance for Manual Scavengers and Technical Education

416. In the Puducherry case cited by the Ministry, how did the sanitation worker's monthly income change?

(A) From Rs 6,000 to Rs 9,000

(B) From Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000

(C) From Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000

(D) From Rs 12,000 to Rs 18,000

417. Which of the following was NOT part of the protective kit given to the worker under NAMASTE?

(A) Safety helmet

(B) Safety boots

(C) Oxygen cylinder

(D) Face mask

418. Which ministry runs the National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students?

(A) Ministry of Education

(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

(D) Ministry of Minority Affairs

419. What monthly fellowship amount was received by the scholar under NFSC in the case cited?

(A) Rs 8,000

(B) Rs 12,000

(C) Rs 16,000

(D) Rs 25,000

420. At which university is the NFSC supported scholar now serving as an Assistant Professor?

(A) Utkal University, Bhubaneswar

(B) Sambalpur University

(C) Ravenshaw University, Cuttack

(D) Berhampur University

421. How many Van Dhan Vikas Kendras had been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission as of March 2026?

(A) 2,911

(B) 4,172

(C) 5,000

(D) 12,480

422. Minimum Support Price has been notified for how many items of Minor Forest Produce under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission?

(A) 57 items

(B) 67 items

(C) 87 items

(D) 97 items

423. Which organisation buys Minor Forest Produce at the notified Minimum Support Price under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission?

(A) NABARD

(B) TRIFED

(C) NSTFDC

(D) Food Corporation of India

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424. Which session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee is being held in Cairo in November 2026?

(A) 5th Session
(B) 6th Session
(C) 7th Session
(D) 9th Session

425. India-Egypt bilateral merchandise trade during April to September 2026 stood at what value?

(A) USD 2.60 billion
(B) USD 3.87 billion
(C) USD 5.04 billion
(D) USD 6.40 billion

426. Who will co-chair the 7th India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee session along with Union Minister Piyush Goyal?

(A) Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade
(B) Egypt's Minister of Petroleum
(C) The President of Afreximbank
(D) The Prime Minister of Egypt

427. What was the theme of the National Tribal Literary Festival that concluded in New Delhi?

(A) Tribal Art and Craft of Bharat
(B) From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature
(C) Languages of the Forest
(D) Tribal Pride and National Development

428. How many languages were represented at the National Tribal Literary Festival, and how many of them were tribal languages?

(A) 19 languages, of which 15 were tribal languages
(B) 23 languages, of which 27 were tribal languages
(C) 27 languages, of which 23 were tribal languages
(D) 31 languages, of which 22 were tribal languages

429. The Living Roots Originals initiative, highlighted at the festival, has been developed with which organisation?

(A) Sahitya Akademi
(B) National Book Trust
(C) Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS)
(D) Sangeet Natak Akademi

430. How much amphetamine did the DRI seize from the postal parcel at the Foreign Post Office, New Delhi?

(A) 1.8 kilograms
(B) 8.10 kilograms
(C) 10.8 kilograms
(D) 18 kilograms

431. Under which law were the eight packets of the pink powdery substance seized?

(A) The Customs Act, 1962
(B) The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985
(C) The Indian Post Office Act, 1898
(D) The Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002

432. How was the contraband concealed inside the parcel intercepted by the DRI?

(A) Inside hollowed-out books packed with the garments
(B) In two plastic pouches hidden in each of the four sides of the carton
(C) Stitched into the lining of the clothes in the parcel
(D) In a false bottom under the shipping label

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433. The Consent Manager registration framework that came into effect in November 2026 is part of which law?

(A) The Information Technology Act, 2000
(B) The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023
(C) The Right to Information Act, 2005
(D) The Aadhaar Act, 2016

434. What is the minimum net worth a company must have to be registered as a Consent Manager?

(A) ₹1 crore
(B) ₹2 crore
(C) ₹5 crore
(D) ₹10 crore

435. Which body registers Consent Managers and will publish the list of those registered?

(A) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(B) Data Protection Board of India
(C) Competition Commission of India
(D) National Payments Corporation of India

436. Who chaired the November 2026 review meeting on measures to curb air pollution in Delhi-NCR?

(A) The Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(B) The Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs
(C) The Chief Minister of Delhi
(D) The Chairperson of the Commission for Air Quality Management

437. How many polluting industries in non-conforming areas was the CPCB directed to seal immediately?

(A) 91
(B) 147
(C) 191
(D) 233

438. PAVAN, which brings air quality, emission, weather, satellite and compliance data onto one platform, belongs to which body?

(A) India Meteorological Department
(B) Commission for Air Quality Management
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) Municipal Corporation of Delhi

439. Indian Railways has approved a new weekly train between Ayodhya Cantt. and which place in Nepal?

(A) Pokhara
(B) Janakpur Dham
(C) Birgunj
(D) Biratnagar

440. Approximately what distance will the new Janakpur Dham-Ayodhya Cantt. weekly train cover?

(A) About 418 kilometres
(B) About 604 kilometres
(C) About 812 kilometres
(D) About 1,020 kilometres

441. On which day will the new weekly train originate from Janakpur Dham?

(A) Saturday
(B) Monday
(C) Wednesday
(D) Friday

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442. How much has India committed as a co-partner in Italy's Elettra 2.0 synchrotron programme?

(A) More than 3 million Euros
(B) More than 7 million Euros
(C) More than 12 million Euros
(D) More than 20 million Euros

443. India is the second-largest user of the Elettra synchrotron facility after which country?

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

444. Under Elettra 2.0, which new beamline will handle high-pressure diffraction?

(A) micro-XRD
(B) Xpress Superbend
(C) XRD2
(D) Elettra Macro

445. How many pucca houses were announced for Odisha under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin at the Balangir programme?

(A) 2 lakh
(B) 5 lakh
(C) 8 lakh
(D) 11 lakh

446. How many women has Odisha made Lakhpati Didi, as stated at the Balangir programme?

(A) 21 lakh
(B) 27 lakh
(C) 29 lakh
(D) 35 lakh

447. How much will Odisha receive this year under the Viksit Bharat-G Ram Ji scheme?

(A) About Rs 1,500 crore
(B) About Rs 2,800 crore
(C) About Rs 4,000 crore
(D) About Rs 6,500 crore

448. Who inaugurated the Union Health Ministry's Health Pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) The Union Health Minister
(B) Dr M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog
(C) The Director General of ICMR
(D) The Chief Executive Officer of the National Health Authority

449. What is the theme of the Health Pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) Swasth Bharat, Samarth Bharat
(B) Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat
(C) Sabke Liye Swasthya
(D) Nirogi Bharat, Nav Bharat

450. Which organisation holds the India International Trade Fair at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi?

(A) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry
(B) India Trade Promotion Organisation
(C) National Health Authority
(D) Indian Council of Medical Research

451. Where was the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 held?

(A) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
(B) Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu
(C) Guwahati, Assam
(D) Jaipur, Rajasthan

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452. Under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, what does Jal Arpan Diwas mark?

(A) The sanction of a new rural water supply project

(B) The formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat

(C) The annual testing of groundwater levels in a district

(D) The release of the yearly drinking water quality report

453. Which river carries the historic Grand Anicut, also called Kallanai, visited during the Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 conference?

(A) Godavari

(B) Krishna

(C) Cauvery

(D) Vaigai

454. Who unveiled the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan?

(A) Dr. Rajendra Prasad

(B) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

(C) Dr. Zakir Husain

(D) Shri V. V. Giri

455. In which year was the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru unveiled in the Central Hall of the present Samvidhan Sadan?

(A) 1952

(B) 1960

(C) 1966

(D) 1974

456. Who led the floral tributes at the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on his birth anniversary in 2026?

(A) The President of India

(B) The Vice-President of India

(C) The Speaker of the Lok Sabha

(D) The Chief Justice of India

457. How many feature films have been selected for Indian Panorama 2026 at the 57th IFFI?

(A) 20

(B) 25

(C) 30

(D) 40

458. Which film has been selected as the opening feature film of Indian Panorama 2026?

(A) ‘Kantara A Legend Chapter 1’

(B) ‘Dhurandhar’

(C) ‘Becoming’

(D) ‘Banaras’

459. Who headed the feature film jury of Indian Panorama 2026?

(A) Himanshu Sekhar Khatua

(B) Madhur Bhandarkar

(C) Leena Yadav

(D) Aditya Dhar

460. How many films will be screened in the ‘Films from BRICS’ showcase at the 57th IFFI?

(A) 15

(B) 18

(C) 21

(D) 25

461. Which film is India's entry in the BRICS showcase at the 57th IFFI?

(A) ‘Article 370’

(B) ‘Dhurandhar’

(C) ‘Embers’

(D) ‘Baracoa’

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462. How many honours did 'Article 370' win at the 72nd National Film Awards?

(A) One
(B) Two
(C) Three
(D) Five

463. Which film has been selected as the mid-fest film of the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) 'I Matter'
(B) 'Dhurandhar'
(C) 'Becoming'
(D) 'Article 370'

464. Which award did 'I Matter' win at the 83rd Venice International Film Festival?

(A) Golden Lion
(B) Armani Beauty Audience Award
(C) Silver Bear
(D) Palme d'Or

465. Which countries have co-produced 'I Matter', the mid-fest film at IFFI 2026?

(A) Romania, Germany and Belgium
(B) Romania, France and Italy
(C) Hungary, Germany and Belgium
(D) Romania, Belgium and India

466. How many participants were mobilised in the Week 9 block-level sports meets of the Nasha Mukt Yuva campaign?

(A) 42,190
(B) 87,481
(C) 99,200
(D) 1,30,000

467. Under which umbrella mission does the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan run?

(A) Fit India Movement
(B) Khelo India
(C) Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan
(D) Poshan Abhiyaan

468. Which national helpline was publicised at the health awareness kiosks of these sports meets?

(A) 14446
(B) 14567
(C) 1098
(D) 104

469. What is the theme of World Diabetes Day marked by the Indian Embassy in Rome this year?

(A) Diabetes and Well-being
(B) Early Action on Diabetes
(C) Access to Diabetes Care
(D) Education to Protect Tomorrow

470. Who addressed the World Diabetes Day programme at the Embassy of India in Rome?

(A) The Union Health Minister
(B) Dr Jitendra Singh
(C) The Ambassador of India to Italy
(D) The Union Minister of Ayush

471. Which of these was cited by the Minister as part of India's integrated approach to lifestyle-related disease?

(A) Observance of the International Day of Yoga on 21 June
(B) A ban on all sugar imports
(C) A national diabetes cess
(D) Compulsory sports in all workplaces

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472. Under which umbrella scheme will senior citizen welfare schemes be run in cantonment boards under the new MoU?

(A) Rashtriya Vayoshri Yojana
(B) Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana
(C) Atal Pension Yojana
(D) Ayushman Bharat

473. With which organisation is the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment signing the MoU for elderly care in cantonment areas?

(A) Directorate General Defence Estates
(B) Directorate General of Health Services
(C) National Institute of Social Defence
(D) Indian Red Cross Society

474. According to the Ministry, India's population aged 60 and above is projected to reach about what figure by 2036?

(A) About 10 crore
(B) About 15 crore
(C) About 23 crore
(D) About 30 crore

475. Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman, who was on an official visit to India on 14 November 2026, commands the navy of which country?

(A) The Netherlands
(B) Belgium
(C) Denmark
(D) Norway

476. Which Indian officer held talks with the Commander of the Belgian Navy during his visit?

(A) The Chief of Defence Staff
(B) The Chief of the Air Staff
(C) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff
(D) The Defence Secretary

477. Where was the ceremonial Guard of Honour accorded to the visiting Belgian Navy Commander?

(A) Rashtrapati Bhavan
(B) South Block
(C) India Gate
(D) Vijay Chowk

478. Which film has been selected as the opening film of the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) ‘Fatherland’
(B) ‘Cold War’
(C) ‘Weimar’
(D) ‘Buick’

479. Who directed ‘Fatherland’, the opening film of the 57th IFFI?

(A) Andrzej Wajda
(B) Agnieszka Holland
(C) Paweł Pawlikowski
(D) Krzysztof Zanussi

480. What is the theme of the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) ‘Cinema for All’
(B) ‘Stories Without Borders’
(C) ‘Many Voices, One Screen’
(D) ‘Frames of the Future’

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481. How much methamphetamine did the DRI seize from the tipper truck in Assam?

(A) 10 kg
(B) 20 kg
(C) 32 kg
(D) 50 kg

482. The DRI carried out the Assam seizure jointly with personnel of which force?

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

483. In which district of Assam was the tipper truck carrying the drugs intercepted?

(A) Karimganj
(B) Cachar
(C) Dibrugarh
(D) Kamrup

484. Which regulator approved the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India
(B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) Competition Commission of India
(D) Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India

485. Rasmalai Limited, the acquirer in the deal cleared by the CCI, is incorporated in which country?

(A) Singapore
(B) Mauritius
(C) Cyprus
(D) The Netherlands

486. Investment funds of which group indirectly control Rasmalai Limited?

(A) Advent International, L.P.
(B) Blackstone Group
(C) Temasek Holdings
(D) Brookfield Asset Management

487. The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) functions under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of Corporate Affairs
(C) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
(D) Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises

488. Who delivered the inaugural theme address at the IICA stakeholder consultation?

(A) Niraj Gupta
(B) Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA
(C) Amarjeet Sinha
(D) Richard Rekhy

489. Where was the IICA high-level Stakeholder Consultation on public policy and corporate affairs held?

(A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(B) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(C) India Habitat Centre, New Delhi
(D) IICA campus, Manesar

490. What was the value of India's total exports during April-October of FY 2026-27?

(A) US$ 487.59 billion
(B) US$ 568.84 billion
(C) US$ 479.0 billion
(D) US$ 863.1 billion

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491. By how much did India's merchandise exports grow during April-October of FY 2026-27?

(A) 10.93%
(B) 16.66%
(C) 21.96%
(D) 29.90%

492. Which of these export categories recorded the highest year-on-year growth in April-October of FY 2026-27?

(A) Petroleum products
(B) Electronic goods
(C) Other cereals
(D) Engineering goods

493. Which title did India's young men's cricket team win, as hailed on 14 November 2026?

(A) Men's U-19 World Cup 2026
(B) Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026
(C) Men's Asia Cup 2026
(D) Men's U-23 Asia Cup 2026

494. The Asia Cup title won by India in November 2026 belonged to which age category?

(A) Under-16
(B) Under-19
(C) Under-23
(D) No age limit (senior team)

495. At what level of competition is the Men's U-19 Asia Cup, won by India in 2026, contested?

(A) A global championship open to teams from every continent
(B) A continental championship for Asian teams
(C) A bilateral series between two countries
(D) A domestic league within India

496. What does TULIP stand for in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's initiative for artisans?

(A) Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme
(B) Tribal Upliftment and Livelihood Improvement Plan
(C) Technology Upgradation for Local Industries Programme
(D) Traditional Udyam Livelihood Incentive Package

497. How many artisans are taking part in the Social Justice Ministry's pavilion at the 45th India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) More than 130 artisans from 19 states
(B) More than 190 artisans from 13 states
(C) More than 500 artisans from 28 states
(D) More than 75 artisans from 9 states

498. Which three Apex Corporations of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment brought artisans to IITF 2026?

(A) NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC
(B) NSFDC, NABARD and SIDBI
(C) TRIFED, NBCFDC and KVIC
(D) NSKFDC, NHFDC and NMDFC

499. What is the estimated total cost of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum project?

(A) Rs 1,230 crore
(B) Rs 2,330 crore
(C) Rs 3,230 crore
(D) Rs 4,230 crore

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500. Which body approved the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum project on 11 November 2026?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs
(C) Cabinet Committee on Security
(D) Archaeological Survey of India

501. The museum plans more than one lakh square metres of display space. Which museum, with a display area of 73,000 square metres, is named for comparison?

(A) The British Museum
(B) The Hermitage
(C) The Metropolitan Museum of Art
(D) The Louvre

502. Adi Vaani, the AI-powered translation platform for tribal languages, is an initiative of which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Education
(C) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
(D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

503. Which institution led the national consortium that developed Adi Vaani?

(A) IIT Delhi
(B) BITS Pilani
(C) IIIT Hyderabad
(D) Central Institute of Indian Languages

504. Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, observed on 15 November, marks the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Tantya Bhil
(B) Birsa Munda
(C) Sidhu Murmu
(D) Rani Gaidinliu

505. Which session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee was held in Cairo on 15 November 2026?

(A) 5th Session
(B) 6th Session
(C) 7th Session
(D) 9th Session

506. Of the soldiers buried or commemorated at the Heliopolis War Cemetery in Cairo, how many are Indian?

(A) 1,700
(B) 2,000
(C) 3,727
(D) 4,000

507. Who co-chaired the 7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee from the Egyptian side?

(A) The Prime Minister of Egypt
(B) Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh, Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade
(C) The Governor of the Central Bank of Egypt
(D) The President of Afreximbank

508. At which site in Arunachal Pradesh were the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha enshrined for the third and final phase of the exposition?

(A) Tawang Monastery
(B) Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, Bomdila
(C) Golden Pagoda, Namsai
(D) Parshuram Kund, Lohit

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509. What is the cumulative footfall reported at the Tawang and Bomdila legs of the Sacred Relics exposition?

(A) More than 31,000
(B) More than 35,000
(C) More than 50,000
(D) More than 66,000

510. Who received the Sacred Relics of Buddha at the Nalung Helipad in Namsai and inaugurated the exposition there?

(A) The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh
(B) The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh
(C) The Union Minister of Culture and Tourism
(D) The Director General of the International Buddhist Confederation

511. What is the minimum annual household income for a self-help group member to be counted as a Lakhpati Didi?

(A) Rs 50,000
(B) Rs 1 lakh
(C) Rs 2 lakh
(D) Rs 5 lakh

512. Under which mission is the Lakhpati Didi initiative being implemented?

(A) Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin
(B) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission
(C) Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme
(D) PM Kisan Samman Nidhi

513. By when is the initiative aiming to create six crore Lakhpati Didis?

(A) March 2027
(B) March 2028
(C) March 2029
(D) March 2030

514. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is observed every year on which date?

(A) 9 August
(B) 15 November
(C) 2 October
(D) 26 January

515. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas marks the birth anniversary of which leader?

(A) Bhagwan Birsa Munda
(B) Tilka Manjhi
(C) Rani Durgavati
(D) Alluri Sitarama Raju

516. Which clarion call is associated with Bhagwan Birsa Munda's struggle against British rule?

(A) Ulgulan
(B) Swaraj
(C) Inquilab
(D) Jai Jawan Jai Kisan

517. Which body works as the single-window interface between the government and private entities in India's space sector?

(A) IN-SPACe
(B) NSIL
(C) Indian Space Association
(D) Department of Atomic Energy

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518. On which date did the Union Cabinet approve the reforms opening India's space sector to Non-Government Entities?

(A) 24 June 2020
(B) 21 February 2019
(C) 3 May 2021
(D) 10 September 2022

519. Under the liberalised policy, foreign direct investment through the automatic route in satellite manufacturing and operation is permitted up to what limit?

(A) 26 percent
(B) 49 percent
(C) 74 percent
(D) 100 percent

520. Which body is organising the series of five National Workshops on twenty-five years of leadership as Head of Government?

(A) NITI Aayog
(B) Capacity Building Commission
(C) Department of Personnel and Training
(D) Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration

521. What is the theme of the first National Workshop of the series, held at Bharat Mandapam?

(A) Governance as Delivery
(B) Leadership as Mission
(C) Development as Inclusion
(D) India as a Global Force

522. What will the Cabinet Secretary launch on the iGOT Karmayogi platform at the close of the first workshop?

(A) Karmayogi Sankalpa
(B) Amrit Gyaan Kosh
(C) Mission Karmayogi
(D) Aspirational Districts Programme

523. What is the theme of the third National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence?

(A) Digital India, Secure India
(B) Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future
(C) Safe Internet for All
(D) Cyber Resilience for Viksit Bharat

524. Which institute is organising NCCDFI 2026?

(A) National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology
(B) Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre
(C) Software Technology Parks of India
(D) Standardisation Testing and Quality Certification

525. Where was the first edition of the NCCDFI conference held?

(A) Guwahati, Assam
(B) Kohima, Nagaland
(C) Imphal, Manipur
(D) Hyderabad, Telangana

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526. Which body organised the three-day conference on non-destructive evaluation held at Hyderabad?

(A) Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing

(B) Defence Research and Development Organisation

(C) Bureau of Indian Standards

(D) Council of Scientific and Industrial Research

527. What does non-destructive testing make possible?

(A) Testing of materials only after they are dismantled

(B) Examination of materials and structures without damaging them

(C) Repair of defective components in the field

(D) Measurement of a weapon's firing range

528. Which warship was cited as India's first indigenous aircraft carrier and a milestone of self-reliance?

(A) INS Vikramaditya

(B) INS Vikrant

(C) INS Arihant

(D) INS Kolkata

529. As per the National Health Accounts Estimates for India 2023-24, what is the share of out-of-pocket expenditure in total health expenditure?

(A) 64.2 percent

(B) 48.1 percent

(C) 42.7 percent

(D) 36.5 percent

530. Government health expenditure in 2023-24, as reported in the National Health Accounts, was closest to which figure?

(A) Rs 1,29,778 crore

(B) Rs 2,45,000 crore

(C) Rs 4,14,196 crore

(D) Rs 6,80,500 crore

531. Which body prepares India's National Health Accounts estimates, and under which framework?

(A) NITI Aayog, under the Sustainable Development Goals framework

(B) The NHA Technical Secretariat at NHSRC, under the System of Health Accounts 2011

(C) The National Statistical Office, under the National Accounts Statistics framework

(D) The Indian Council of Medical Research, under the National Health Policy

532. Where is the Conference of Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) India Region being held in November 2026?

(A) Parliament House Annexe, New Delhi

(B) Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

(C) Vidhan Bhavan, Mumbai

(D) Rashtrapati Nilayam, Hyderabad

533. Who is the Chairperson of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians India Region?

(A) Daggubati Purandeswari

(B) Dr Sudha Yadav

(C) Dr Umashree

(D) Harivansh

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534. What is the theme of the CWP India Region Conference at Bengaluru?

(A) Women in Parliament: Fifty Years of Representation

(B) Strong Foundations, Stronger Voices: Inclusive Cyberspace and Mentorship Pathways for New Women Legislators

(C) Digital India, Digital Democracy

(D) Nari Shakti in Legislative Leadership

535. In which year was 13 Base Repair Depot of the Indian Air Force established?

(A) 1965

(B) 1971

(C) 1976

(D) 1984

536. The golden jubilee seminar of 13 Base Repair Depot was held on which theme?

(A) Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks and Sovereign Sustainment

(B) Atmanirbhar Bharat in Aerospace Manufacturing

(C) Vision 2047: Skies of Self-Reliance

(D) Networked Warfare and Quantum Readiness

537. Which clean energy technology was successfully demonstrated for powering Indian Air Force radars?

(A) Solar thermal towers

(B) Hydrogen fuel cells

(C) Small modular nuclear reactors

(D) Compressed biogas generators

538. Chief of the Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth is on an official visit to which country from 16 to 19 November 2026?

(A) Poland

(B) Czech Republic

(C) Slovakia

(D) Hungary

539. In which Czech city is the Defence University that the Army Chief will visit?

(A) Prague

(B) Brno

(C) Ostrava

(D) Plzen

540. Who is Lieutenant General Petr Cepelka, named in the Army Chief's programme in the Czech Republic?

(A) Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic

(B) First Deputy Chief of the General Staff and Deputy Chief of Defence

(C) Commandant of the Defence University, Brno

(D) Director of the NATO CBRN Defence Centre of Excellence

541. Which state will host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games in December 2026?

(A) Madhya Pradesh

(B) Telangana

(C) Tamil Nadu

(D) Haryana

542. What is the name of the mascot of the 8th Khelo India Youth Games?

(A) Tangedu

(B) Veera

(C) Neelamani

(D) Kakatiya

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543. Which sport will be included as a competitive discipline in the Khelo India Youth Games for the first time?

(A) Softball
(B) Sailing
(C) Karra Samu
(D) Mallakhamb

544. The India-ICTP Co-operation Fund has been initiated with a centre located in which country?

(A) Germany
(B) Italy
(C) Switzerland
(D) France

545. Which Indian department signed the Letter of Intent with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics?

(A) Department of Atomic Energy
(B) Department of Space
(C) Department of Science and Technology
(D) Department of Higher Education

546. What is the main stated purpose of the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund?

(A) Building a new particle accelerator in India
(B) Institutionalising scientific collaboration and researcher mobility
(C) Setting up an ICTP campus in New Delhi
(D) Funding school science laboratories

547. Which country has been designated the Country of Honour at the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) Italy
(B) Spain
(C) Australia
(D) Japan

548. The film Bitter Christmas (Amarga Navidad), screened at IFFI 2026, has been directed by whom?

(A) Juana Macias
(B) Jaime Lorente
(C) Pedro Almodovar
(D) Laura Alvea

549. Which Spanish film at IFFI 2026 marks the directorial debut of an actor and gets its Asia Premiere?

(A) The Bad Son (El Mal Hijo)
(B) Trinidad
(C) Looking For Michael
(D) Bitter Christmas

550. WAVES Film Bazaar, holding its 20th edition in 2026, was initiated by which organisation?

(A) Central Board of Film Certification
(B) National Film Development Corporation
(C) Film and Television Institute of India
(D) Prasar Bharati

551. In which year was Film Bazaar, now the WAVES Film Bazaar, started?

(A) 2003
(B) 2005
(C) 2007
(D) 2010

552. Which of the following is the venue of the 20th WAVES Film Bazaar?

(A) Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon
(B) Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Indoor Stadium
(C) Kala Academy, Panaji
(D) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

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553. What is the theme of the 57th International Film Festival of India held in Goa?

(A) Cinema for All
(B) Stories without Borders
(C) One World, One Screen
(D) Frames of India

554. At IFFI 2026, the centenary screening of Thulabharam is associated with which actor?

(A) Prem Nazir
(B) Nivin Pauly
(C) Basil Joseph
(D) Sreehari Haridas

555. Which singer leads the retrospective session at IFFI 2026 in tribute to Asha Bhosle and S. Janaki?

(A) Shreya Ghoshal
(B) K. S. Chithra
(C) Sunidhi Chauhan
(D) Kavita Krishnamurthy

556. At which city's climate summit did the Fit India Movement present its Sundays on Cycle initiative?

(A) Baku
(B) Belem
(C) Antalya
(D) Dubai

557. Since which date has the Fit India Sundays on Cycle ride been held every Sunday without a break?

(A) 2 October 2024
(B) 22 December 2024
(C) 1 January 2025
(D) 15 August 2025

558. Which ministry organises Fit India Sundays on Cycle through the Sports Authority of India?

(A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(B) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Education

559. Which country has been named the Partner Country of the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) Australia
(B) Russia
(C) Brazil
(D) Japan

560. Which film in the Partner Country Russia package will have its world premiere at the 57th IFFI?

(A) Bo Bo
(B) Cheryomushki
(C) New Home
(D) Sidney Lumet's Birthday

561. What is the theme of the 57th International Film Festival of India?

(A) Stories Without Borders
(B) Cinema for All
(C) One World, One Screen
(D) Borderless Dreams

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562. In which district of Maharashtra was the Bhoomi Pujan for the revival of the NHEC multi-state cooperative society performed?

(A) Nashik
(B) Pune
(C) Kolhapur
(D) Solapur

563. What are the drivers associated with the newly launched cooperative taxi service called, and how are their earnings handled?

(A) Sahayaks, who receive a fixed monthly salary
(B) Sarathis, whose entire earnings reach them without commission deduction
(C) Mitras, who pay a quarter of their fare as commission
(D) Sevaks, who are paid per kilometre by the state government

564. The Western Regional Office of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, inaugurated in Pune, will regulate multi-state cooperative societies in which of these?

(A) Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu
(B) Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and Odisha
(C) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana
(D) Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala and Telangana

565. Which bird species was added for the first time to the bird checklist of the National Zoological Park, New Delhi, during its 21st Sunday Bird Walk?

(A) Northern Shoveler
(B) Greater Flamingo
(C) Indian Pitta
(D) Sarus Crane

566. How many bird species were recorded during the 21st 'Sunday Bird Walk @ NZP' at the National Zoological Park?

(A) 24 species
(B) 42 species
(C) 62 species
(D) 84 species

567. Under which Union ministry does the National Zoological Park, New Delhi, function?

(A) Ministry of Culture
(B) Ministry of Tourism
(C) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
(D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare

568. At how many locations is the first season of Akashvani's AIR Rising Stars concert series being held?

(A) 18
(B) 22
(C) 26
(D) 34

569. AIR Rising Stars is open to musical artists of which age group?

(A) Below 25 years of age
(B) Below 30 years of age
(C) Below 35 years of age
(D) Any age, with no limit

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570. AIR Rising Stars has been launched as part of the celebrations marking how many years of Akashvani?

(A) 75 years
(B) 80 years
(C) 90 years
(D) 100 years

571. Who inaugurated the EPFO Lounge and the ESIC Pavilion at the India International Trade Fair 2026?

(A) The Union Finance Minister
(B) Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment
(C) The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry
(D) The Union Home Minister

572. In which hall of Bharat Mandapam are the EPFO Lounge and the ESIC Pavilion set up during IITF 2026?

(A) Hall No. 2
(B) Hall No. 4
(C) Hall No. 7
(D) Hall No. 11

573. Shri Ramesh Krishnamurthi, who attended the opening of the EPFO Lounge at IITF 2026, holds which post?

(A) Director General, ESIC
(B) Central Provident Fund Commissioner
(C) Insurance Commissioner, ESIC
(D) Union Labour Secretary

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Answer key

1.	**B**	**1,364** – As on 8 November 2026, eighty-five pharmaceutical companies had reported revised maximum retail prices for 1,364 anti-cancer formulations, and those prices came into force on 9 November 2026.
2.	**C**	**National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** – The NPPA works under the Department of Pharmaceuticals in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers, and it is the body that capped trade margins on the retail prices of 137 anti-cancer drugs, with the revised rates applying from 9 November 2026.
3.	**C**	**Rs 3,540.38 crore** – That is the yearly saving the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority expects consumers to make once the reduced maximum retail prices of the anti-cancer formulations are in force from 9 November 2026.
4.	**B**	**Arunachal Pradesh** – Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, known locally as the Lower Gompa, stands at Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh, and the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha were enshrined there on 8 November 2026 for public darshan until 13 November 2026.
5.	**C**	**By an Indian Air Force Chinook helicopter** – The relics were flown from Tawang to Bomdila aboard a Chinook of the Indian Air Force, accompanied by Bhikkhu Khemachara, the Deputy Secretary General of the International Buddhist Confederation, and officials of the Ministry of Culture, the National Museum i...
6.	**B**	**4,000** – On 8 November 2026, the opening day of the public exposition at Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery in Bomdila, around four thousand devotees came to have darshan of the Sacred Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha.
7.	**B**	**9 November** – That is the day Uttarakhand marks its Statehood Day, and it was on 9 November 2026 that the Prime Minister extended his heartfelt greetings to all the people of the state on the occasion.
8.	**C**	**Uttarakhand** – In the Statehood Day message of 9 November 2026 the Prime Minister called the state Devbhoomi Uttarakhand and said it is blessed with spiritual heritage and extraordinary natural beauty.
9.	**A**	**Uttarakhand** – The Prime Minister's message on Uttarakhand Statehood Day, 9 November 2026, listed the revered Char Dham among the things that distinguish the state, along with its scenic mountain landscapes, its sacred rivers and its glorious cultural heritage.
10.	**B**	**Myanmar** – Rahat Mitra was the first bilateral tri-services exercise on humanitarian assistance and disaster relief between the defence forces of India and Myanmar, held on 5 and 6 November 2026 and concluded at Chennai.
11.	**C**	**Chennai** – The two-day exercise, held on 5 and 6 November 2026, was conducted at Chennai, and the city hosted every element of it: the table-top exercise on a severe cyclone, the Indian Army's obstacle clearance and bridge laying display, the visit to INS Sukanya, the s...
12.	**A**	**A severe cyclone** – On the opening day the two sides ran a table-top exercise set during a severe cyclone, and used the scenario to talk through coordinated response mechanisms and joint disaster management protocols.
13.	**A**	**'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'** – The correct answer is 'Swachhata Ki Nayi Pehel- Badhayein Haath, Karein Safai Saath'.
14.	**B**	**The President, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi** – President Droupadi Murmu will confer the awards across various categories at a ceremony there on 11 November 2026, in the presence of Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Housing and Urban Affairs and Power, and Tokhan Sahu, Minister of State in the same ministry.
15.	**B**	**70 mentor and 191 mentee cities** – Swachh Shehar Jodi links these cities across 33 States and Union Territories, and the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 will also honour its best performers.

16. **B** — **Naseem Al Bahr** – The Ministry of Defence stated that Indian Naval Ship Surat reached Muscat in Oman on 8 November 2026 to join the 15th edition of this bilateral maritime exercise, which the Indian Navy conducts with the Royal Navy of Oman, and that its name means Sea Breeze.

17. **B** — **MAHASAGAR** – The correct answer is MAHASAGAR, which is expanded as Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

18. **C** — **15th** – The Ministry of Defence stated that INS Surat reached Muscat on 8 November 2026 for the 15th edition of Naseem Al Bahr, held by the Indian Navy with the Royal Navy of Oman, after which the two navies will carry out a Coordinated Patrol.

19. **B** — **1 January 2027** – TRAI released the amendment regulations and stated that they would come into force from that date.

20. **A** — **Rs 5.6 lakh** – The amendment prescribes annual ceilings on IP port charges of Rs 5.6 lakh for a 1 Gbps port and Rs 42.3 lakh for a 10 Gbps port, and allows an interconnection provider and seeker to agree on lower charges or on other capacities computed by the same transpare...

21. **B** — **2001** – The Telecommunication Interconnection (Port Charges) Regulation of that year laid down what an interconnection seeker pays an interconnection provider for terminating interconnection links at its point of interconnection, and it was framed around legacy E1 or...

22. **B** — **15,679** – The Department of Legal Affairs reported that it had reviewed 27,289 physical files under the campaign and had removed 15,679 of them from its records.

23. **A** — **Rs 4,71,881** – By identifying and disposing of obsolete material, including electronic waste and other unserviceable items, the Department earned that amount, putting redundant assets to productive use.

24. **B** — **4,889 square feet** – The Department said this much space was reclaimed by the systematic removal of obsolete records, scrap, redundant furniture and other unserviceable material, and that it can now be used more effectively for official work.

25. **C** — **RJIL** – On this railway stretch in the Assam Licensed Service Area the regulator measured an average download speed of 110.82 Mbps for RJIL, the highest of the four operators tested.

26. **C** — **515.9 km** – The regulator stated that the drive test in the Assam Licensed Service Area covered that length of railway along with 2 hotspot locations, and that it was conducted on 11 September 2026 under the supervision of its regional office at Kolkata.

27. **C** — **Spectrum auction price** – The correct answer is spectrum auction price, which has nothing to do with a drive test.

28. **B** — **Dilli Haat, INA, New Delhi** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment is holding the fifteen-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat in the INA complex of the national capital, and the fair runs until 15 November 2026.

29. **C** — **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – It has been organising Shilp Samagam Melas since 2022 so that artisans from Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes, Safai Karamchari families and persons with disabilities can reach buyers directly.

30. **C** — **Seven** – The fair is arranged in seven themed zones, named कला आँगन, प्रकाश चौक, पूजा पथ, सजावट बाज़ार, घराना, स्वाद चौक and मंच, which between them cover crafts, lamps and lighting, articles of worship, decoration, textiles, food and stage performance.

31. **C** — **13,553 sq ft** – Freeing up space locked by old files, scrap and unused furniture is one of the measured goals of the drive, and the department reported this much floor area released across its own offices and its attached, subordinate and field units.

32.	**C**	**Rs 32,19,644** – The money came from selling off scrap and electronic waste collected while offices were cleared, with trucks flagged off to authorised recyclers rather than the material being dumped.
33.	**D**	**1,179** – The department exceeded the figure fixed for it, covering comfortably more than the target of 999 sites that had been identified for cleanliness work across its offices, attached and subordinate units and field formations.
34.	**B**	**9 November** – The day is tied to the creation of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, which was established on 9 November 2014, and so the anniversary of that ministry is observed each year as National Entrepreneurship Day.
35.	**B**	**2.62 lakh** – Startups recognised by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade numbered fewer than 500 in 2014 and now stand at 2.62 lakh, making India the third largest startup ecosystem in the world.
36.	**B**	**SIDBI** – The Fund of Funds for Startups is a DPIIT initiative under the Startup India Action Plan, is managed by SIDBI, and carries a corpus of 10,000 crore rupees that is routed through SEBI-registered Alternative Investment Funds rather than invested directly in sta...
37.	**C**	**Rs 628.49 crore** – During Special Campaign 6, held from 2 to 31 October 2026, Indian Railways earned this amount from the sale of scrap, which is above the target of 600 crore rupees set for the campaign.
38.	**C**	**5,884 stations** – Rail Jan Samvad was organised as part of Special Campaign 6 to let rail users place their feedback and suggestions before senior railway officials in person.
39.	**B**	**Effective collection, segregation and disposal of e-waste** – Special Campaign 6 placed particular emphasis on handling electronic waste responsibly, and Indian Railways disposed of more than 1.50 lakh units of e-waste under this head, earning 10.43 crore rupees.
40.	**B**	**2,51,757 square feet** – During Special Campaign 6, run from 2 to 31 October 2026, the Ministry of Power completed 342 cleanliness drives at its offices and those of its public sector enterprises, and that work released this much space for use.
41.	**A**	**E-Waste (Management) Rules, 2022** – The theme of this edition of the campaign was the effective collection, segregation and disposal of electronic waste, so the central public sector enterprises and organisations under the Ministry of Power identified the e-waste generated at their establishmen...
42.	**C**	**1179 sites** – The department had identified 999 sites as its target for cleanliness activities under Special Campaign 6 and went past it by covering 1179 sites.
43.	**C**	**National Waterway-110** – The Yamuna received this designation under the National Waterways Act, 2016, and it is on this waterway that Delhi's first recreational river cruise has been developed, along the Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur stretch.
44.	**B**	**Sonia Vihar to Jagatpur** – The cruise service has been developed along this stretch of the river, and the inauguration itself was fixed at Sonia Vihar on 10 November 2026.
45.	**B**	**Inland Waterways Authority of India** – The correct answer is the Inland Waterways Authority of India, which works under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and is leading the project.
46.	**C**	**Over 3,300** – The passing out parade set for 13 November 2026 covers the ninth batch of Indian Navy Agniveers and Indian Coast Guard Naviks, and the strength of this batch makes it the largest ever to complete training at INS Chilka.
47.	**B**	**Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff** – The correct answer is Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff, who will attend as chief guest and reviewing officer of the parade.

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48. **A** **Ankur** – The correct answer is Ankur, the bilingual magazine produced by the trainees, which will be unveiled at the valedictory function presided over by Vice Admiral Sameer Saxena.

49. **C** **153 institutions** – MY Bharat and the National Service Scheme held Diwali Sneh Milan gatherings at this many institutions and recorded 1,07,494 participations in all.

50. **A** **Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan** – The correct answer is the Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat 100 Week Sankalp Abhiyan.

51. **B** **1,07,494** – The correct answer is 1,07,494 participations, recorded across the 153 institutions where the programme was held.

52. **C** **175,025** – When India and Saudi Arabia signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement for Haj-2027 at Jeddah, the country quota allotted to India was confirmed at this figure.

53. **B** **Jeddah** – The agreement for the coming pilgrimage was signed in that city, immediately after the bilateral meeting held at the Jeddah Superdome between the Indian and Saudi ministers in charge of the pilgrimage.

54. **B** **The Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs** – The correct answer is the Minister of Minority Affairs and Parliamentary Affairs, Kiren Rijiju, who paid an official visit to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia and signed the pilgrimage agreement for the next season there.

55. **B** **Rs 1,400 crore** – That is the combined value of the works the Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation dedicated and began in Ahmedabad on this day, in the presence of the Chief Minister of Gujarat.

56. **C** **31 December 2029** – Speaking after the launch of the development works, the Minister said that having set the goal of a Naxal-free India, the government has now fixed the target of a drug-free India by that date.

57. **A** **1033** – The Union Home Minister told the gathering at Ahmedabad that anyone with information about the sale or consumption of drugs may call this number, that the name of the caller will stay confidential and that strict action will follow.

58. **B** **Ukraine** – The Prime Minister spoke on the telephone with Volodymyr Zelenskyy, who holds the office of President of Ukraine.

59. **A** **That the conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy** – The correct answer is that the conflict must be resolved through dialogue and diplomacy.

60. **B** **President of Ukraine** – It was in that capacity that he held the telephone conversation with India's Prime Minister on 9 November 2026 and shared his perspective on the recent developments in the ongoing conflict.

61. **A** **National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction** – It is the plan of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment under which Drug De-addiction Centres receive support, and the centre at Sultanpur in Uttar Pradesh named in this account is one such facility.

62. **C** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The plan belongs to that Ministry, and it was the same Ministry that published this account of a man from Sultanpur district who came out of substance dependence with the help of a Drug De-addiction Centre supported under the plan.

63. **B** **Uttar Pradesh** – The centre is the Drug De-addiction Centre at Sultanpur, a district of that state, and the man whose recovery is described was a resident of the same district.

64. **B** **National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students** – It is a scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment that gives financial and academic support to Scheduled Caste students in higher

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education and research, and the account published by the Ministry describes a scholar from a poor rural household...

65. **C** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which runs this fellowship and which published both the accounts of supported scholars.

66. **B** **Rs 50,000** – The correct answer is Rs 50,000, the approximate additional assistance that came to the fellow in 2024 when he moved up from Junior Research Fellow to Senior Research Fellow.

67. **C** **Nearly 40 per cent** – India's Exclusive Economic Zone covers close to 24 lakh square kilometres, and the two island groups between them hold about 40 per cent of it, which is why the fisheries roadmap treats them as the anchors of the blue economy.

68. **A** **Lakshadweep** – Its clean lagoon systems suit seaweed farming, and the roadmap envisages large-scale cultivation there along with seed banks, hatcheries and training, so that a dependable seaweed value chain can be built for food, nutraceuticals, cosmetics, pharmaceuticals a...

69. **B** **Rs 73,890 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 73,890 crore, the value of India's seafood exports in 2025-26, which places the country among the leading producers of fish and aquaculture products in the world.

70. **A** **Anantpur** – Mushroom growing in that village began with Anita Devi, who took guidance from the Krishi Vigyan Kendra at Harnaut block in 2010 and raised oyster and milky white mushrooms on farm waste.

71. **A** **National Horticulture Mission** – The correct answer is the National Horticulture Mission, which supported Anita Devi with a subsidy of Rs 15 lakh for a spawn production laboratory.

72. **A** **Skill Training for Rural Youth** – The correct answer is Skill Training for Rural Youth, usually shortened to STRY.

73. **B** **11,969** – The Ministry of Culture reported that this many devotees reached the Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery, or Lower Gompa, at Bomdila in Arunachal Pradesh during the opening two days of the exposition of the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha, offering prayers and se...

74. **A** **Golden Pagoda** – After the public exposition at Bomdila ends, the Relics are to be accorded a ceremonial send-off on 14 November 2026 and carried onward to Namsai district, where they will be enshrined at the Golden Pagoda for public viewing from 14 to 20 November 2026.

75. **D** **Ministry of Tourism** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Tourism, which has no role in this exposition as announced.

76. **B** **1,522** – During Special Campaign 6 the Ministry reviewed its electronic records in bulk and closed this many e-files, which the Ministry counted among the gains in records management and administrative efficiency.

77. **A** **2 to 31 October 2026** – The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation held Special Campaign 6 over these dates, with its field offices in the States and Union Territories joining in along with its attached, subordinate and autonomous offices, and with the Secretary of the...

78. **A** **Rs 3,69,819** – The Ministry put this amount down to the disposal of electronic waste and scrap during Special Campaign 6, treating it as a sign that resources lying unused in offices can still be turned to account.

79. **B** **Anuj Shrivatri** – He earned the Grandmaster title and in doing so became the hundredth Indian player to hold it, which is why the moment was described as India hitting a century in chess.

80. **C** **100** – Anuj Shrivatri's Grandmaster title took India's tally to a round hundred, and the achievement was welcomed as a century in chess for the country, a remarkable milestone that points to the depth of talent among Indian players and the way the game has caught on...

81.	C	**November** – The congratulatory message on Anuj Shrivatri becoming India's 100th chess Grandmaster was issued on 10 November 2026, so November is the month in which the country completed its century of Grandmasters.
82.	B	**Antalya, Turkiye** – The 31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change is being hosted there, and India used its opening statement to seek a fair, equitable and ambitious outcome from the session.
83.	C	**Article 9.1** – India told the Conference that public finance from developed countries remains central to driving climate action in developing countries and to strengthening adaptation finance flows, and it underscored the fundamental importance of Article 9.1 of the Paris A...
84.	A	**Dialogue, Consensus and Action** – India welcomed the Presidency's framing of the session as a COP of Implementation and read the three words in order: dialogue builds trust among the parties, consensus ensures that the outcome is collectively owned, and action converts commitments into progre...
85.	B	**Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat)** – The correct answer is Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), which functions under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
86.	C	**1,10,101** – The Deepotsav leg of the drive was the bigger of the two, with 435 programmes and 568 activities, and it accounted for 1,10,101 of the participants.
87.	C	**Week 8** – The two activities were held on 6 and 7 November 2026 as the eighth week of a campaign that is designed to run for 100 weeks, so that work against substance abuse continues as a steady weekly engagement rather than a one-day event.
88.	C	**55.5%** – The bulletin reports that the Labour Force Participation Rate for people aged 15 years and above rose to 55.5% in the quarter July-September 2026, and it was also higher than the 55.1% recorded in the same quarter of 2025.
89.	B	**5.1%** – For persons aged 15 years and above, the overall unemployment rate improved to 5.1% in July-September 2026.
90.	A	**Agriculture** – The share of rural workers engaged in farming climbed to 56.7% in July-September 2026 from 52.9% in April-June 2026, which the bulletin flags as a gain in rural agricultural employment.
91.	C	**Rs 37,500 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved the Scheme for Promotion of Surface Coal and Lignite Gasification Projects on 13 May 2026 with exactly this outlay, and the Ministry of Coal repeated the figure while announcing that Round 2 had ended and Round 3 had begun on 10 Nov...
92.	B	**NTPC Limited** – Round 2 of the scheme closed with two applications, and the Ministry of Coal said both had come from NTPC Limited: one proposal is for making urea and the other for methanol along with dimethyl ether, or DME.
93.	C	**11 January 2027** – The Ministry of Coal launched Round 3 of the scheme with effect from 10 November 2026 and set the closing date for applications at 11 January 2027, giving eligible entities roughly two months to prepare proposals for coal or lignite gasification plants.
94.	B	**The Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** – Two tusks measuring 29 inches and 30 inches, with a combined weight of about 3.7 kg, were recovered from an abandoned bag near Sonapur Toll Gate and seized under that Act before being handed to the Assam State Forest Department.
95.	C	**13,000** – The container declared as Mop Rod was found to conceal 6,000 pieces of the Yuoto Thanos brand and 7,000 pieces of the Yuoto Lens brand, which together make 13,000 e-cigarettes, valued with the cover cargo at more than Rs 4 crore and seized under the Customs A...
96.	B	**The NDPS Act, 1985** – The correct answer is the NDPS Act, 1985, that is the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

97. **A** **Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance** – The correct answer is the Department of Public Enterprises in the Ministry of Finance.

98. **C** **Eleven** – The Request for Proposal covers 11 ready-built government flats spread over three established housing schemes of Prayagraj in Uttar Pradesh, offering a mix of two-bedroom and three-bedroom units.

99. **D** **11 December 2026** – The correct answer is 11 December 2026, when the online auction will run from 11 in the morning to 5 in the evening on a digital auction platform.

100. **B** **Indian Police Service** – The officer trainees who met the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan belonged to the Indian Police Service 78 RR, that is the 2025 batch, and her address to them dealt with policing, public trust, misinformation and cyber crime.

101. **A** **Deep-fake content** – The President said that deep fakes pose new threats to people, and she urged police officers to stay ahead of criminals who use state-of-the-art technologies.

102. **C** **From their performance and value system** – The President told the trainees that although policing laws and rules give officers a high level of authority, the respect people actually give them rests on how they perform and on the values they hold.

103. **A** **2 October to 31 October 2026** – The campaign is run by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances and covered that month, with the goals of responsible governance, simpler administrative processes, scientific management of e-waste and cleanliness in offices.

104. **C** **368** – The Ministry of Ayush settled 368 public grievances during the campaign, along with 64 grievance appeals, 7 references from Members of Parliament and 4 references from the Prime Minister's Office.

105. **A** **Fit India Swachhata Freedom Run** – The Department of Sports opened its campaign work on 2 October 2026 with this run, which brought together daily physical fitness and a healthy lifestyle on one side and cleanliness on the other, in the spirit of a clean India and a healthy India.

106. **C** **National Waterway-110** – The Yamuna carries this number under the National Waterways Act, 2016, and the recreational cruise service opened in Delhi on 10 November 2026 is the first step towards using the river for leisure navigation in the capital.

107. **B** **30** – The cruise runs a single electric vessel with seating for thirty passengers, taking visitors on a round trip of about six kilometres along the Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur reach of the river.

108. **A** **MV Ganga Vilas** – While announcing the Yamuna cruise, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways recalled that this vessel holds the Limca Book of Records entry for the longest river cruise anywhere, having sailed more than 3,200 km across India and Bangladesh while touchin…

109. **D** **2035-36** – While inviting fresh applications on 10 November 2026, the Department of Pharmaceuticals said the medical devices PLI scheme had been carried forward to that year, with an outlay of about Rs 2,700 crore available for the new round and an online portal due to…

110. **B** **Rs 2,700 crore** – That is the amount the Department of Pharmaceuticals said would be used for the new round of the scheme, which has been extended to 2035-36 and is being described as PLI-MD 2.0.

111. **C** **Four** – Applicants may set up plants in any of four target segments: medical consumables, disposables and implants; critical components; high-end devices whose domestic manufacture is still at an early stage; and high-end devices that are at present only assembled in…

112. **B** **Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana** – The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare announced on 10 November 2026 that the new All India Institutes of Medical Sciences created under this scheme had crossed six crore outpatient consultations since 2021-22.

113. **C** **18** – The ministry’s statement of 10 November 2026 says twenty-two new AIIMS have been approved in various phases of the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana, and of these eighteen are fully

functional.

114. **C** — **144.96 lakh** – The year-wise series released by the ministry runs 50.03 lakh in 2021-22, 77.95 lakh in 2022-23, 100.52 lakh in 2023-24, 129.98 lakh in 2024-25 and 144.96 lakh in 2025-26.

115. **C** — **5 lakh hectares** – Addressing the two-day national event at Bhubaneswar on 10 November 2026, the Director General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Dr Mangi Lal Jat, proposed expanding Odisha's millet area from 1.79 lakh hectares at present to five lakh hectares b...

116. **A** — **Shree Anna Abhiyan** – Dr Mangi Lal Jat highlighted the success of this Odisha campaign and said it had the potential to become a national model for transforming agriculture around millets.

117. **C** — **163** – The meeting at Bhubaneswar on 10 November 2026 appreciated Odisha's work in conserving indigenous millet diversity, pointing in particular to the one hundred and sixty-three documented landraces of finger millet in the state.

118. **C** — **6,000 metres** – MATSYA-6000 is India's human submersible under the Deep Ocean Mission and is depth-rated for six thousand metres, as the Ministry of Earth Sciences confirmed at the Earth System Sciences Council meeting of 10 November 2026.

119. **A** — **Nautile** – The briefing to Dr Jitendra Singh said Indian aquanauts dived to 4,025 metres and 5,002 metres during an Indo-French expedition aboard this submersible, which marked a notable advance in India's crewed deep-sea capability.

120. **C** — **Five** – The annual reports and audited accounts for 2025-26 of five constituent institutions were placed before the council: the National Institute of Ocean Technology, the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services, the National Centre for Earth Science S...

121. **A** — **Centre for Process Innovation** – At BRIC's third Foundation Day on 10 November 2026 a Letter of Intent was signed with this British centre to strengthen India-UK collaboration in biomanufacturing and to help build biofoundries, the minister having already named such hubs at Mohali, Hyderabad...

122. **C** — **USD 195 billion** – Speaking at the Foundation Day of the Biotechnology Research and Innovation Council, Dr Jitendra Singh said the bioeconomy had expanded from about ten billion dollars when the government took office to more than this figure.

123. **B** — **Up to Rs 21.7 crore** – The Wellcome Trust announced this grant at BRIC's third Foundation Day for a five-year immersion training programme that will cover more than 250 iBRIC+ PhD scholars.

124. **B** — **243** – The merit lists put out by the Union Public Service Commission for the Combined Defence Services Examination (I), 2026 carry 243 names in all, and that total is itself broken into three groups of 155, 63 and 25 candidates meant for the three training academie...

125. **C** — **Indian Military Academy, Dehradun** – The result states that successful candidates have qualified for admission to the 162nd (DE) Course of the Indian Military Academy at Dehradun.

126. **B** — **32** – The announcement lists the vacancies reported by the Government academy by academy, and the Air Force Academy at Hyderabad accounts for 32 of them, including 3 kept aside for holders of the NCC 'C' certificate of the Air Force Wing under the NCC special entry.

127. **B** — **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The quiz was opened by that ministry under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan, the drug-demand-reduction campaign it runs, and it is the same ministry whose department supports the network of de-addiction centres quoted in the announcement.

128. **B** — **15 August 2020** – The announcement states plainly that the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan was launched on that date and that it has now entered its seventh year, which fits the Independence Day launch in 2020.

129. **B** — **272** – The Abhiyaan was first taken up in 272 districts identified as vulnerable to substance use, and its reach was later expanded so that every district in the country is covered.

130. **B** **Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment describes Vayo SAATHI as an important component of that recently launched national intergenerational bonding campaign, which itself runs under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana.

131. **C** **18 years** – The Ministry has invited citizens aged eighteen years and above to register, and it names students, young professionals and community volunteers as the groups it has in mind.

132. **B** **The 5C model** – The correct answer is the 5C model, standing for Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue.

133. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The fair is its own initiative, meant to open markets for artisans and beneficiaries from the Scheduled Castes, the Other Backward Classes, Safai Karamchari communities and persons with disabilities, and the four corporations whose sales are reported all fall...

134. **A** **About Rs 64.52 lakh** – That is the combined figure reported for the four participating corporations over the window from the first to the ninth of November, and the Ministry presents it as a sign of the market response to products made by beneficiary communities.

135. **C** **Seven** – The fair is organised in seven distinct thematic zones, named Kala Aangan, Prakash Chowk, Pooja Path, Sajawat Bazaar, Gharana, Swad Chowk and Manch, and together they cover crafts, festive lighting, worship articles, decorations, textiles, food and cultural p...

136. **B** **4 per cent** – The round table with Central Public Sector Enterprises was convened precisely to monitor how far they have met the mandated four per cent sourcing from micro and small enterprises owned by Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs.

137. **A** **National SC-ST Hub Scheme** – The Joint Secretary told the round table that the promotion and handholding done under this scheme has steadily raised the share of SC/ST micro and small enterprises in public procurement, and the scheme's field offices are the ones being asked to coordinate...

138. **C** **30** – The announcement states that thirty Central Public Sector Enterprises joined the discussion, and names BHEL, BEL, NTPC, AAI, BEML and Coal India Limited among them.

139. **B** **IndiGo** – The Department of Posts, which works under the Ministry of Communications, organised the in-flight postcard writing activity in collaboration with that airline, and the campaign ran on fifteen of its flights serving eleven destinations.

140. **B** **15** – The campaign was carried out across fifteen flights, and those flights between them served eleven destinations, so the two figures must be kept apart.

141. **B** **Ministry of Communications** – The Department of Posts is one of the departments of that ministry, and the announcement about Digital Detox 2.0 came from it.

142. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi and Yashobhoomi, Dwarka** – The third Bharat Mobility Global Expo is spread over these two Delhi venues from 4 to 9 February 2027, and the split is why the show can carry 11 concurrent shows at once.

143. **C** **Smarter Mobility for a Better Tomorrow** – Under this theme the third edition will put on display India's strengths in manufacturing, engineering, technology, innovation and sustainable mobility, and bring industry, government, startups, technology providers, academia and overseas participants to the...

144. **A** **More than 1,750 exhibitors and 11 concurrent shows** – That is the scale announced for the third edition, along with an expected footfall of more than 10 lakh visitors and an exhibition area of over 2.5 lakh square metres across Bharat Mandapam and Yashobhoomi.

145. **C** **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare** – Khet Bachao Abhiyan is its countrywide drive for the Rabi season, running from 22 October to 30 November 2026, and the Minister who joined the West Bengal programme, Shri Ram Nath Thakur, is a Minister of State in that ministry.

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146. **A** **ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology** – The correct answer is the ICAR-National Institute of Natural Fibre Engineering and Technology, known as ICAR-NINFET, which organised the programme at Subhasnagar in the Swarupnagar Block of North 24 Parganas district.

147. **B** **Soil Health Card** – Speaking at the Khet Bachao Abhiyan programme, the Minister said soil must be treated as a living resource and that farm inputs should be balanced and need-based rather than applied out of habit.

148. **B** **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem** – The scheme is implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and works on the occupational safety, health protection and livelihood security of sanitation workers.

149. **B** **Fellowship, House Rent Allowance and a contingency grant** – These are the three components named in the account the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment released about a Scheduled Caste doctoral scholar from Darjeeling in West Bengal, who has drawn assistance under the scheme since November 2022 amounting to Rs…

150. **A** **National Overseas Scholarship** – The correct answer is the National Overseas Scholarship, abbreviated NOS, a scheme of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment for study outside India.

151. **C** **The National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021** – The correct answer is the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions Act, 2021.

152. **A** **4 December 2026** – Comments, suggestions and objections on the draft have been invited from allied and healthcare professionals, their associations, educational institutions, the State Allied and Healthcare Councils, healthcare institutions, subject experts and the general publ…

153. **B** **A Provisional Registration Unique Identification Number (PR UID)** – The draft envisages an integrated online system that handles the application, the verification of credentials, the assessment of eligibility and the issue of the provisional registration certificate, and every professional granted provisional registration is…

154. **A** **SINTEF and the Research Council of Norway** – The dialogue on waste to resource solutions for the cement and construction sector was put together by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research of India along with SINTEF, a Norwegian research organisation, and the Research Council of Norway.

155. **B** **Green Strategic Partnership** – India and Norway lifted their relationship to a Green Strategic Partnership when the Indian Prime Minister travelled to Norway in May, and circular economy, clean technology and research were placed at its heart.

156. **C** **Cement kiln co-processing** – The technical session on persistent organic pollutants and hazardous waste, led by SINTEF's Chief Scientist Dr. Kare Helge Karstensen with Dr. Ramesh Kumar of CSIR-NEERI, looked at the ability of cement kilns to destroy hazardous organic contaminants under co…

157. **A** **272 districts** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment began the campaign on 15 August 2020 in the districts judged most vulnerable to the use of alcohol, cannabis, opioids and other psychoactive substances.

158. **C** **Article 47** – It directs the State to endeavour to bring about prohibition of the consumption, except for medicinal purposes, of intoxicating drinks and of drugs which are injurious to health, and it is cited as the constitutional foundation of the anti-drug campaign and o…

159. **B** **14446** – The national de-addiction helpline has been running since the first of March 2017, first under a longer number and now as this short code, and it offers tele-counselling at all hours while referring callers to the nearest supported facility.

160. **B** **Cochin Shipyard Limited** – The Ministry of Defence signed the contract for the normal refit and re-powering of the frigate INS Betwa with Cochin Shipyard Limited, and the value of that contract is Rs

498.58 crore, described by the Ministry as approximately Rs 500 crore.

161. **C** **Brahmaputra class** – INS Betwa, the warship going in for a normal refit and re-powering at Cochin Shipyard Limited under a contract worth Rs 498.58 crore, is a Brahmaputra-class frigate of the Indian Navy.

162. **A** **Her steam-based propulsion system will be replaced by a diesel-engine-based system** – The correct answer is that her steam-based propulsion system will give way to a diesel-engine-based system.

163. **C** **31 March 2031** – The Union Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister, approved the continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme for a period of five years ending on that date, so the scheme now has a clear life running to the close of the financial year 2030-31.

164. **C** **Rs 4,111 crore** – Along with the five-year continuation up to 31 March 2031, the Cabinet sanctioned a credit guarantee corpus of exactly this size, and it is the corpus that lets banks lend to first-generation founders without demanding collateral, because the guarantee takes...

165. **C** **Rs 1 crore** – Stand-Up India funds a new greenfield enterprise with either a term loan or a composite loan that joins working capital to the term portion, and the sanctioned amount must be above Rs 10 lakh and may rise to the ceiling of Rs 1 crore, meeting as much as 85 pe...

166. **C** **Rs 5,000 crore** – The Cabinet cleared this corpus while extending the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units up to 31 March 2031, and the Ministry of Finance expects it to support Mudra lending of Rs 12.6 lakh crore over the five years.

167. **B** **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited** – The correct answer is the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited, usually shortened to NCGTC.

168. **C** **0.75 per cent** – The correct answer is 0.75 per cent a year, down from 1 per cent a year earlier.

169. **C** **About Rs 62,370.02 crore** – The Cabinet put this figure on the Nutrient Based Subsidy for the Rabi season of 2026-27 on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, with the rates running from 01.10.2026 to 31.03.2027.

170. **B** **01.04.2010** – From that date the subsidy on phosphatic and potassic fertilizers has been paid under the Nutrient Based Subsidy regime, in which the government fixes a per-kilogram subsidy on each nutrient rather than on each bag, and pays it to manufacturers and importers...

171. **C** **28** – The government supplies this many grades of phosphatic and potassic fertilizers, di-ammonium phosphate among them, to farmers at subsidised prices through fertilizer manufacturers and importers.

172. **B** **8.449 km** – The Cabinet cleared an extension of this length on the Aqua Line of the Noida Metro Rail Project, running from Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04 and carrying 5 elevated stations.

173. **C** **71.878 km** – The decision states that the two cities will together hold that much active metro rail network once the extension starts carrying passengers.

174. **B** **Noida Sector-61** – The decision notes that the extension gives riders direct access to a high-demand corridor, and the point of transfer is the Blue Line interchange at this station.

175. **C** **Rs 3,230 crore** – The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs cleared the museum at this estimated cost, a figure appraised by the Public Investment Board, and the Ministry of Culture concurred with its recommendations.

176. **B** **North and South Block complex** – The museum is being created through adaptive reuse of these historic buildings after government offices move out of them, so that their architectural and heritage character survives while they take on a new role as a public cultural institution.

177. **C** **Adornment** – The inaugural gallery on this theme is expected to open to the public in the North Block in the later part of 2027, after which galleries will be added in a modular way.

178. **B** **85491400** – The notification issued by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade names the item as Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass falling under this code, which covers waste and scrap of primary cells, primary batteries and electric accumulators, along with spent cells an...

179. **D** **Cadmium** – Black mass, the powder obtained from shredding end-of-life lithium-ion batteries and battery manufacturing waste, holds recoverable quantities of lithium, cobalt, nickel and manganese, so options A, B and C are all named in the notification.

180. **C** **Rs 1,500 crore** – The Union Cabinet approved an incentive scheme of this size in September 2025 under the National Critical Mineral Mission, to build capacity for separating and producing critical minerals from secondary sources such as battery waste and electronic waste.

181. **B** **Safaga Naval Base** – The Ministry of Defence stated that INS Trishul finished her call at Safaga in Egypt on 9 November 2026, as one leg of a continuing operational deployment, and then sailed for the next phase of that deployment.

182. **B** **Cairo** – The eleventh sitting of the India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee took place in the Egyptian capital in April 2026, and it supplied an institutional framework for taking forward the defence commitments agreed under the Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Coo...

183. **C** **2023** – According to the Ministry of Defence, the two countries lifted their bilateral relationship to a Strategic Partnership in that year, after signing a Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation in September 2022.

184. **B** **2 to 31 October 2026** – Both the Ministry of Women and Child Development and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation state that the drive to institutionalise Swachhata and clear pending references ran through that window, and that States and Union Territories held a dedicate...

185. **C** **51,090** – That is the number of grievances settled on the dedicated one-day event of 30 October 2026, when field functionaries and the community took part on a large scale.

186. **B** **A Safai Mitra Samman ceremony with a health camp** – The correct answer is the Safai Mitra Samman ceremony with a health camp.

187. **B** **NH-248BB** – The National Highways Authority of India placed the Bijwasan Fee Plaza on that highway when it described the incident of 5 November 2026, in which personnel of the user fee collection agency misbehaved with road users.

188. **C** **Rs 15 lakh** – Along with debarring M/s Riddhi Siddhi Associates from any ongoing or future tender of the authority for one month, NHAI imposed a penalty of that amount on the firm for the misbehaviour of its personnel with road users.

189. **D** **One year** – Considering the gravity of the incident at the Bijwasan Fee Plaza, the authority issued a show cause notice proposing that the agency and also its owners and directors be barred from participating in future NHAI tenders for a year.

190. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – It is this ministry that runs the National Overseas Scholarship and that placed on record how the scheme carried a Scheduled Caste student from Maharashtra to a postgraduate programme at University College London in 2025-26.

191. **D** **39,800 pounds** – That was the tuition component of the comprehensive assistance given under the scheme, which also covered airfare, visa fees, insurance and other admissible academic expenses.

192. **A** **MSc in Construction Economics and Management** – The student had aimed at postgraduate study in that very field at a globally reputed institution, and the scholarship enabled him to take the degree at University College London in the United Kingdom.

193. **A** **Dr Rajendra Prasad** – The correct answer is Dr Rajendra Prasad, who unveiled the portrait on 16 December 1959 while serving as President of India.

194. **B** **Education** – In the tribute offered on his birth anniversary, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad was recalled as a spirited soldier of the freedom struggle, a great educationist and the first Education Minister of independent India, and as a recipient of the Bharat Ratna.

195. **C** **P. C. Mody** – The correct answer is P. C. Mody, who paid his respects in his capacity as Secretary-General of the Rajya Sabha.

196. **B** **Colombo** – The first meeting of the health ministers of the BIMSTEC countries took place in Colombo, the Sri Lankan capital, on 11 November 2026, and Sri Lanka's Minister of Health and Mass Media, Nalinda Jayatissa, chaired the proceedings.

197. **C** **Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda, Jamnagar** – The correct answer is the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar, in Gujarat.

198. **A** **Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health (2026-2030)** – The correct answer is the Revised BIMSTEC Plan of Action on Public Health (2026-2030).

199. **C** **Fifth** – Sea Vigil-26 is the fifth edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise and is being held from 11 to 19 November 2026 with the Indian Navy acting as the lead coordinating agency.

200. **B** **2018, after the 26/11 Mumbai terror attacks** – The exercise was conceived in that year to validate the measures that had been instituted to strengthen maritime security in the aftermath of the attacks on Mumbai, which came by sea.

201. **A** **TROPEX** – The correct answer is TROPEX, the Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise, which the Indian Navy conducts once in two years.

202. **C** **11,372** – The Department of Telecommunications reported that the number of villages without 4G connectivity has come down to this figure in 2026.

203. **A** **24,680** – That was the design target of the 4G Saturation Project, which aims to bring reliable mobile communication to remote and underserved habitations that had no fourth generation signal at all.

204. **B** **Ministry of Communications** – The Department of Telecommunications, which runs the 4G Saturation Project, sits in this ministry, and the announcement on rural connectivity was issued in its name.

205. **A** **Nadar Bank Limited** – The Vice President recalled at the 105th Foundation Day celebrations that the institution now known as Tamilnad Mercantile Bank came into being in 1921 under that name, and praised its growth from a modest beginning into a major banking institution.

206. **B** **The Vice President of India** – The correct answer is the Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan, who graced the 105th Foundation Day celebrations of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank at Thoothukudi and called upon the bank to aspire to rank among India's leading private sector banks.

207. **B** **632 branches in 17 States and four Union Territories** – The correct answer is 632 branches in 17 States and four Union Territories.

208. **A** **Operation Vajra 3.0** – The Central Bureau of Narcotics carried out the action against an interstate synthetic drug network under this operation and busted a clandestine laboratory manufacturing mephedrone in the Tajopur Industrial Area of Mau district in Uttar Pradesh.

209. **B** **Ministry of Finance** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Finance, under which the Central Bureau of Narcotics functions and in whose name this announcement was issued.

210. **C** **130.2 kg** – During 2026 the Central Bureau of Narcotics has busted six clandestine laboratories, and the mephedrone seized across those cases adds up to this figure, along with 1,465.4 kg or litres of precursor

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chemicals and the arrest of 20 suspects.

211. **B** **Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat** – The Ministry of Tourism is holding Bharat Parv 2026 at Ekta Nagar in Gujarat under this unifying theme, in partnership with Gujarat Tourism and with the support of the States and Union Territories, and the festival is designed to foster cultural exchange and...

212. **B** **Ministry of Tourism** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Tourism, which organises Bharat Parv 2026 in partnership with Gujarat Tourism and with the support of the States and Union Territories.

213. **C** **29** – The Theme Pavilion, described as a major attraction of the festival, features participation from that many States and Union Territories along with Incredible India and Central Cottage Industries, and it showcases more than 100 One District One Product items b...

214. **A** **The President of India** – President Droupadi Murmu honoured the cleanest cities of the country at the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26, held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

215. **C** **Navi Mumbai** – In the Super Swachh League the top three Clean Cities were Navi Mumbai of Maharashtra, Surat of Gujarat and Vijayawada of Andhra Pradesh, in that order, so Navi Mumbai heads the list.

216. **C** **4,751 cities** – The survey has widened sharply over a decade: it assessed 73 cities when it began in 2016 and covers 4,751 cities in this round, which is its tenth edition.

217. **C** **9** – On 27 August 2026 the Ministry of Home Affairs reduced the main visa categories from 13 to nine, and the sub-categories from 49 to 23.

218. **B** **Tourist Visa** – The erstwhile Tourist Visa is now called the Visitor Visa, a change made because the category permits a far wider set of purposes than conventional tourism.

219. **C** **172 countries** – The e-Visa is processed through electronic travel authorisation and is presently available to nationals of 172 countries.

220. **B** **Oman** – Naseem Al Bahr, which translates as Sea Breeze, is the bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman, and the edition just completed is the fifteenth.

221. **C** **INS Surat** – The sea phase of the exercise featured joint activity between Indian Naval Ship Surat and the Royal Navy of Oman vessel Al-Mu'azzar, including Visit, Board, Search and Seizure drills and cross-deck operations that gave crews of both navies practice in coordin...

222. **D** **Submarine rescue** – During the harbour phase of the exercise, specialist teams of the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman held Subject Matter Expert Exchanges on three areas of common interest: Explosive Ordnance Disposal, Mine Countermeasure Operations and Hydrography.

223. **B** **Myanmar** – IMNEX stands for the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise, and the edition now in progress is the eighth.

224. **C** **Visakhapatnam** – The eighth edition of the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise is being held at Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026, and the Myanmar Navy ship UMS King Sin Phyu Shin arrived at that port on 10 November 2026 for it.

225. **C** **INS Rana** – The opening ceremony of the exercise was held on board INS Rana on 10 November 2026, marking the formal start of the bilateral engagement.

226. **B** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The Government of India designated 15 November as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in 2021 to mark his birth anniversary and to honour the contribution of tribal heroes to India's freedom struggle.

227. **C** **Jan-HIT Portal** – The correct answer is the Jan-HIT Portal, which stands for Janjatiya Health Intelligence and Technology.

228. **C** **More than 300** – On Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, over 300 projects for tribal communities will be taken up across states, of which 228 are ready for inauguration and 74 are for foundation stone laying.

229. **B** **Doha** – The International Telecommunication Union Plenipotentiary Conference, referred to as PP-26, is being held in Doha, and India was represented there by Union Minister of State for Communications and Rural Development Dr Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani.

230. **C** **Samriddh Gram Centres** – The minister described these centres, which have won the WSIS Prize, as places where villagers can access healthcare, agricultural advice, banking and government certificates.

231. **C** **100** – In his address the minister listed 100 use-case labs for 5G among India's efforts, describing them as building talent for the future alongside affordable AI computing, AI models in Indian languages and quantum research hubs.

232. **B** **Visakhapatnam Port** – The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, dedicated the new waterfront promenade at Visakhapatnam Port in Andhra Pradesh and on the same day laid foundation stones for four fresh works that together come to about Rs 560 crore.

233. **C** **91.17 million metric tonnes** – Sarbananda Sonowal told port employees that Visakhapatnam Port had handled this record quantity of cargo in the 2025-26 financial year, roughly 10 per cent more than the year before, and that it was the port's fourth consecutive year of growth.

234. **A** **Harit Sagar** – The correct answer is Harit Sagar, the green port initiative of the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

235. **B** **The Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth** – The correct answer is the Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth.

236. **A** **Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace** – The correct answer is Armour 2040: Steel, Silicon & The Future Battlespace, written by Lt Gen AB Shivane (Retd).

237. **B** **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi** – The two-day Mechanised Forces Symposium 2026 was held there, with the Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth, delivering the Cavalry Memorial Address in the inaugural session on 11 November 2026.

238. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – It organises the Shilp Samagam Mela, and the 2026 edition at Dilli Haat, INA, in New Delhi reported cumulative sales of about Rs 73.49 lakh in its first ten days, from 1 to 10 November.

239. **C** **About Rs 73.49 lakh** – A senior official in the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment said the four participating national corporations had together recorded sales of this amount between 1 and 10 November 2026 at the Shilp Samagam Mela at Dilli Haat, INA.

240. **A** **Bharat TULIP** – The correct answer is Bharat TULIP, the platform named for connecting artisans with e-commerce opportunities and so widening their market access beyond the fair ground.

241. **C** **2019** – The backgrounder states that the One Nation One Ration Card scheme was begun in 2019 by the Department of Food and Public Distribution as a major reform of the Public Distribution System, giving nationwide portability to ration cards and to the beneficiaries...

242. **D** **36** – The note says ONORC has been put in place across all 36 States and Union Territories, bringing every beneficiary of the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana within its reach.

243. **C** **13** – The backgrounder records that the Mera Ration mobile application, brought out by the Department of Food and Public Distribution as part of the technology-driven reforms under ONORC, is offered in 13 languages.

244. **C** **Nagamangala, Karnataka** – The Ministry of Ayush has said the 9th National Naturopathy Day will be marked on 18 November 2026 at the Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy, which is located

at Nagamangala in Karnataka.

245. **B** **Prakrutik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat** – The Ministry of Ayush has fixed this as the theme of the 9th National Naturopathy Day, to be observed on 18 November 2026 at the Central Research Institute of Yoga and Naturopathy, Nagamangala, Karnataka.

246. **C** **653** – The Ministry of Ayush has stated that the five research councils working under it together published 653 research papers during the financial year 2025-26, and that the Central Council for Research in Yoga and Naturopathy was among those bringing out papers i...

247. **B** **Gaden Namgyal Lhatse (Tawang) Monastery** – The correct answer is the Gaden Namgyal Lhatse Monastery, which is better known as the Tawang Monastery.

248. **A** **Golden Pagoda, Namsai** – After the exposition at Bomdila closes, the relics are to proceed there and will be open for public veneration from 14 to 20 November 2026.

249. **C** **Archaeological Survey of India** – The correct answer is the Archaeological Survey of India, which is not named among the organisers.

250. **B** **The Year of Empowerment: Maximising Efficiency Through Decentralisation** – This is the theme of the two-day Air Force Commanders' Conference held in New Delhi, which the Defence Minister addressed on 12 November 2026.

251. **A** **Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking** – The correct answer is Unit for Digitisation, Automation, Artificial Intelligence and Application Networking.

252. **A** **Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** – The correct answer is Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, the Chief of the Air Staff, who was present at the inaugural session along with the Raksha Mantri.

253. **B** **Rs 64.05 crore** – That is the financial support the Technology Development Board, which works under the Department of Science and Technology, has agreed to give Astrome Technologies Private Limited of Bengaluru from the Research, Development and Innovation Fund, and it is bein...

254. **B** **The 50 kg class** – The project plans microsatellites of this weight class, to be placed in low Earth orbit and added to the group in stages, so that coverage and the frequency of revisits over a chosen area both grow as more satellites go up.

255. **A** **Research, Development and Innovation Fund, as Optionally Convertible Debt** – The correct answer is the Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund, as Optionally Convertible Debt.

256. **B** **The U.S. National Academy of Sciences** – The correct answer is the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, which led the Science20 engagement process in 2026 and under whose leadership the Joint S20 Statement was released on 10 November 2026.

257. **B** **Miami, Florida** – The correct answer is Miami, Florida, where the G20 Summit is scheduled for December 2026, and the Joint S20 Statement is to be placed before the G20 ahead of it.

258. **C** **Replacing human expertise with automated decision systems** – The statement says the opposite: technology should add to human expertise rather than take its place, and advanced tools must come with oversight, local validation, transparency, accountability and clear communication of risk.

259. **C** **The 57th edition** – The International Film Festival of India is being held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026, and the WaveX Startup Pavilion at WAVES Bazaar is organised alongside it, with its own showcase window from 20 to 24 November 2026.

260. **A** **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** – WaveX is its flagship startup accelerator, set up to encourage innovation, entrepreneurship and technological progress across India's media and entertainment sector and the AVGC-XR ecosystem, and it is this ministry that issued the reminder about the closing...

261. **B** **Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality** – These are the allied technology fields named in the ministry's invitation to startups for the WaveX Startup Pavilion at WAVES Bazaar, held along with the film festival in Goa.

262. **B** **6.09%** – The provisional all-India retail inflation rate worked out from the Consumer Price Index for October 2026 was 6.09%, with the rural figure at 6.63% and the urban figure at 5.41%.

263. **C** **2024=100** – The release carrying the October 2026 numbers is titled for the Consumer Price Index on base 2024=100, and every index value and inflation rate in it is compiled on that base.

264. **B** **Onion** – Among the key items listed with the steepest price rise at the all-India combined level for October 2026, onion stood first, which means the kitchen staple was the single biggest contributor to the sting felt by households that month.

265. **B** **15 August 2020** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan on that day as its flagship awareness drive against substance abuse, and the campaign has since grown into a nationwide people's movement.

266. **B** **272 districts** – When the Abhiyaan began it was taken up in 272 districts that had been identified as particularly vulnerable to substance use, so that effort and money went first where the problem was sharpest.

267. **A** **National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction** – The correct answer is the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction, usually shortened to NAPDDR.

268. **B** **Vikas aur Virasat** – The 45th edition of the India International Trade Fair carries this theme, which sets India's development alongside its inherited crafts and culture, and the whole layout of the fair follows from it: start-ups in deep-tech, drones and space sit in the Hall of...

269. **B** **India Trade Promotion Organisation** – The correct answer is the India Trade Promotion Organisation, usually written as ITPO.

270. **B** **Bihar, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh** – These four have been named Partner States of the fair, which gives them the largest presence among the participating States in the halls set aside for States and Union Territories.

271. **B** **Samiksha** – The AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra set up for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan carries an AI bot of that name, which studies the data flowing into the centre, marks out the gaps it finds and suggests what the administration should do about them.

272. **B** **The Union Minister for Education** – The correct answer is the Union Minister for Education, Pralhad Joshi, who opened the three platforms in New Delhi.

273. **A** **Apply online for Bonafide and CEA certificates and student leave** – The correct answer is that a parent can apply online for Bonafide and CEA certificates and student leave.

274. **B** **Italy** – Dr Jitendra Singh, Minister of State with independent charge for Science and Technology and for Earth Sciences, travelled to Italy from 11 to 15 November 2026 and took part in the Second Science and Innovation Dialogue with the Italian Minister of University...

275. **A** **Elettra Synchrotron facility** – The delegation's programme for 13 November took it to Trieste, where it visited Elettra along with the International Centre for Theoretical Physics and the International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, all three of which sit in that city.

276. **C** **14 November** – The minister's programme in Italy included an event to mark World Diabetes Day at the Indian Embassy in Rome on that date, followed by a meeting with members of the Indian community living in Italy.

277. **B** **Ministry of Jal Shakti** – It runs the Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari initiative and it is this ministry that extended the citizen feedback window on the JSJB 2.0 portal to 30 November 2026.

278. **A** **Surat, Gujarat** – The vision for the countrywide water conservation movement was set out by the Prime Minister there on 6 September 2024, with the stated purpose of turning conservation work into a genuine people's movement built on public participation.

279. **C** **30 November 2026** – The Ministry of Jal Shakti extended the time for submitting citizen feedback on the portal up to that date, so that people can keep commenting on the artificial recharge and storage structures built under the initiative.

280. **B** **Manila** – The Prime Minister will travel to Manila, the capital of the Philippines, from 16 to 17 November 2026, on an invitation from Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr., President of the Republic of the Philippines.

281. **A** **Philippines** – The announcement states plainly that the Philippines is hosting the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit as the ASEAN Chair for 2026, and that the meetings fall on 17 November 2026 in Manila.

282. **C** **21st** – On 17 November 2026 the Prime Minister will take part in two meetings in Manila: the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit.

283. **B** **Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth** – The Minister of State for Defence launched the rebuilt Gallantry Awards portal in New Delhi, calling the website a digital tribute to the courage and the supreme sacrifice of the gallantry awardees.

284. **C** **Over 1.9 lakh schools** – The fifth edition of Veer Gatha reached more than 1.92 crore students across over 1.9 lakh schools, a very large jump from where the programme began.

285. **B** **18 countries** – Veer Gatha drew 28,005 students from 91 CBSE-affiliated schools located in 18 countries, which is how the programme stretched beyond India’s borders.

286. **C** **22** – The ministry received twenty-two bids from prospective bidders for the 10 GWh of capacity offered through the global tender on the Central Public Procurement Portal, and it treated that turnout as a sign of strong industry appetite for making cells domestical...

287. **B** **Rs 18,100 crore** – The Union Cabinet cleared the production-linked incentive scheme for the National Programme on Advanced Chemistry Cell Battery Storage in May 2021 with that outlay, the stated purpose being to build 50 GWh of cell manufacturing capacity in India and to pull i...

288. **B** **Grid-Scale Stationary Storage** – The ministry set this block of 10 GWh aside for large stationary battery installations that store electricity for the grid, a need that grows as renewable generation expands, because solar and wind output varies with the weather while consumption does not.

289. **B** **16 hotspots in 13 States and UTs** – The project picks sixteen tribal pockets spread over thirteen States and Union Territories, running from Kargil in Ladakh and Dharchula in Uttarakhand in the north to Wayanad in Kerala and Kodagu in Karnataka in the south, with three of the sites, Kandhamal,...

290. **A** **CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute, Lucknow** – The ministry launched the project in collaboration with that institute, and its Chief Scientist is the principal investigator of the work.

291. **C** **40,000 to 50,000** – Distribution of that quantity of quality planting material is one of the main interventions planned, meant to support conservation, propagation and sustainable cultivation of medicinal plants by tribal communities.

292. **B** **Second** – Speaking at the Foundation Day of the plant varieties authority, the Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister noted that the National Genebank housed at the national bureau of plant genetic resources under the agricultural research council is the second larg...

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293. **C** **22nd** – The authority observed its twenty-second Foundation Day together with the award ceremony that honours farmers and communities who have conserved plant genetic resources.

294. **B** **2012** – Koraput was cited as a case of conservation driven by the community itself, and it carries the Globally Important Agricultural Heritage System tag conferred by the Food and Agriculture Organization in that year.

295. **A** **National Education Society for Tribal Students** – This society, which functions under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, runs the Eklavya Model Residential Schools and organised the programme at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre.

296. **B** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The fortnight is observed every year around his birth anniversary, and this year marks the 151st such anniversary of the tribal icon from the Chhotanagpur region.

297. **C** **146** – That many meritorious students and alumni of the Eklavya Model Residential Schools, drawn from across the country, joined the interaction, and the group included toppers of Class X and Class XII along with students who had won admission to the IITs, the NITs,...

298. **B** **Sweden** – India and Sweden set up the group in 2019 at the United Nations Climate Action Summit in New York, with backing from the World Economic Forum, to help heavy industry cut its carbon emissions.

299. **A** **At COP31 in Antalya, Turkiye** – The Union Environment Minister and the Swedish Ministry of Climate and Enterprise will launch the third phase at the LeadIT Industry Leaders Roundtable held during that climate conference, on 17 November 2026.

300. **B** **19 countries and 33 companies** – The platform has grown to that size since it began, and thirteen of the member companies are Indian, which is why the environment ministry could convene a sizeable domestic gathering of steel, cement and transport firms in New Delhi.

301. **B** **Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad** – The study on the working of the Production Linked Incentive route was prepared by NITI Aayog with IIM Ahmedabad acting as its knowledge partner, and the institute's role was the reason the assessment could draw on firm-level data gathered from the ministries...

302. **C** **14** – The assessment is a sector-wise exercise spread over every sector notified by the Government under the Production Linked Incentive route, and that count is fourteen.

303. **A** **Drones** – Among the sectors with strong industry participation, the report singles out the drones segment as the one that turned incentives into results earliest, alongside notable progress in pharmaceuticals, mobile phone manufacturing under Large Scale Electronics Ma...

304. **B** **Visakhapatnam** – The thirty-first edition of the Summit is a two-day event held in this port city of Andhra Pradesh, with the State government as host and the Confederation of Indian Industry as organiser along with the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

305. **A** **Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy** – These are the three greenfield industrial smart city nodes being developed in Andhra Pradesh by the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation under different industrial corridors, and their progress was explained to the Union Commerce and Industry...

306. **A** **Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana** – BHAVYA was among the initiatives displayed at the pavilion of the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation at the Summit, and the Union Commerce and Industry Minister drew particular attention to it during his visit.

307. **C** **Rs 62,370.02 crore** – This is the tentative outlay approved for the Nutrient-Based Subsidy on phosphatic and potassic fertilisers for the Rabi season of 2026-27, which runs from the first of October to the end of March.

308. **B** **Rs 94.21** – The correct answer is Rs 94.21 per kg, the rate fixed for nitrogen for this Rabi season.

309. **B** **Rs 1,350 per bag** – Beyond the regular nutrient-linked subsidy, the Government has continued a special provision that keeps Di-Ammonium Phosphate at this fixed price for the farmer, and the same support has been extended to Triple Superphosphate, whether imported or made at home…

310. **B** **India Habitat Centre, New Delhi** – The Ministry of Tribal Affairs opened the two-day festival there on the theme of the journey from oral tradition to contemporary tribal literature, as part of the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada.

311. **A** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The Union Cabinet declared the fifteenth of November, his birth anniversary, as Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, so that tribal heritage is celebrated and the contribution of tribal heroes enters the national consciousness; the literary festival is held during the for…

312. **B** **About 2,000** – Speaking in the opening session, K. Vasamalli of the Toda community of the Nilgiris said the language has only that many speakers left, and described her effort to record it through radio recordings, her published work and a dictionary of five thousand seven…

313. **B** **Tiruchirappalli** – The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation held the two-day conference there with the Government of Tamil Nadu, and the Union Jal Shakti Minister chaired the ministerial session.

314. **C** **December 2028** – The correct answer is December 2028, the approved timeline of the Mission within which the remaining works must be finished.

315. **A** **National Institute of Ocean Technology** – Its project director explained the indigenous Low Temperature Thermal Desalination technology, under which eight plants have been set up in Lakshadweep to give islanders safe drinking water with minimal damage to the environment, and also described an Ocean T…

316. **B** **Over 20.48 lakh** – That is the number of defence pensioners who had filed their Digital Life Certificates under the fifth edition of the nationwide campaign, and it is the largest contribution by any department taking part.

317. **A** **Jeevan Pramaan** – Face authentication based on Aadhaar is offered through the Jeevan Pramaan portal and its mobile application, and more than four-fifths of the certificates in this campaign are being generated in that manner, which removes the need for a separate biometric de…

318. **B** **194** – The Defence Accounts Department has mobilised that many SPARSH Service Centres, fully equipped both to generate the certificates and to provide other services of the SPARSH platform.

319. **C** **38%** – The report credits India with a 38% reduction in TB mortality when the position is compared with 2015, and this is the steepest fall the country has recorded.

320. **D** **94%** – For patients with drug-susceptible TB, India completes treatment successfully in 94% of cases, a figure the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 highlights alongside the fall in deaths.

321. **C** **48.64 lakh** – Over that period the campaign identified 48.64 lakh new tuberculosis patients, and 14.97 lakh of them had shown no symptoms, which is the strongest argument for going out and screening rather than waiting for patients to come forward.

322. **B** **5** – The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has proposed bringing the floor for a Rent a Cab fleet down from 50 vehicles to just 5, which is the single change most likely to let small operators enter the business.

323. **D** **60 days** – The proposal fixes a clock of 60 days for deciding the grant or renewal of a licence, so an application cannot be left hanging indefinitely.

324. **B** **Code on Social Security, 2020** – The framework says that a driver supplied by the operator would require police verification, and that the welfare of such drivers falls under this Code.

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325. **B** **Dugarajapatnam** – The shipbuilding cluster proposed there has in-principle approval under the National Shipbuilding Mission, envisages investment of about Rs 30,000 crore and targets an annual capacity of 1.2 million gross tonnes.

326. **B** **1,053 km** – Sarbananda Sonowal cited a coastline of roughly that length along the Bay of Bengal as one of Andhra Pradesh's strategic advantages, together with access to key international shipping routes and proximity to major Asian manufacturing and trading economies.

327. **C** **91.17 million tonnes** – The volume was about 10% higher than the previous year, and the port has kept up continuous growth for four consecutive years since FY 2021-22.

328. **D** **Schedule IV** – Red sanders, whose botanical name is Pterocarpus santalinus, is a protected species listed in Schedule IV of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972, and also in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora, b...

329. **B** **About 13,000 kg worth Rs 7.72 crore** – The detailed examination put the exact weight at 12.87 metric tonnes of high-grade logs, which rounds to roughly 13,000 kg, and the value at approximately Rs 7.72 crore.

330. **A** **The self-sealing facility of a manufacturer-exporter** – The investigation found that the group arranged an export consignment through such an exporter, took the container to a private godown, removed the declared paper laminate rolls and packed red sanders logs in their place before sending it on for export.

331. **B** **Department of Investment and Public Asset Management** – The correct answer is the Department of Investment and Public Asset Management, known by its short name DIPAM.

332. **C** **MSTC Limited, for Rs 2,01,777** – The scrapping of electronic waste was completed through MSTC Limited and realised that amount, and it is the single figure from this campaign most likely to be asked in an examination.

333. **B** **2 October 2026 to 31 October 2026** – The campaign was run in two stages, and this second stage, the implementation phase, was when the department actually disposed of the matters it had listed.

334. **C** **38%** – The report records that India has achieved its highest-ever reduction in tuberculosis mortality, a fall of 38% measured from the year 2015.

335. **D** **94%** – Among patients whose tuberculosis responds to standard medicines, that share now completes treatment successfully, and the health ministry traces the result to faster diagnosis, prompt start of medication, regular follow-up of patients and the wider support o...

336. **C** **67,933** – Village-level ownership has become a defining feature of the national response to tuberculosis, and that many Panchayats earned the TB-free label during the year in question.

337. **B** **Stories Without Borders** – The theme was explained at the curtain raiser by the festival director, who said it is not a slogan for a poster but a question put to every section and every screening, namely whether a selected film connects with audiences in a way they have not experienced...

338. **C** **Spain** – The correct answer is Spain, which brings four films to the festival, among them The Bad Son directed by Jaime Lorente and Bitter Christmas directed by Pedro Almodovar.

339. **C** **76 films in 18 languages** – The Indian Panorama is the section devoted to Indian cinema, and this edition opens it with two very different titles, the Hindi feature Dhurandhar and the Ladakhi non-feature Becoming, a pairing meant to reflect the range of storytelling across the country.

340. **B** **Rome** – The concluding session of the second edition was addressed there by the Indian Minister of State for Science and Technology along with Italy's Minister of University and Research.

341. **B** **1978** – That agreement laid the foundation of scientific cooperation between the two countries and provides for sharing experience in research, development and innovation policy, the exchange of

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scientists and researchers, industrial research, joint research and deve…

342. **C** **Anna Maria Bernini** – The correct answer is Anna Maria Bernini, who holds the portfolio of University and Research in the Italian government and took part both in the bilateral meeting and in the concluding session of the Dialogue.

343. **C** **Rs 10 lakh** – The Authority imposed that penalty on the company for asking riders to make an additional payment before their journey was complete, and it also ordered the platform to discontinue every prompt, message, pre-set amount and interface design that seeks money ov…

344. **B** **Confirm Shaming** – The prompts appeared while a rider was waiting for a driver to accept the booking, and by suggesting that an extra payment would improve the chance of getting a ride they implied that anyone who refused could face a delay or miss the cab altogether.

345. **A** **Motor Vehicles Aggregators Guidelines, 2025** – The correct answer is the Motor Vehicles Aggregators Guidelines, 2025, whose Clause 14.15 provides for a tipping feature only once the ride is over.

346. **C** **137** – The Authority applied the measure to that many non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines through a Gazette Order dated 17 October 2026, and the revised prices took effect on 9 November 2026.

347. **B** **Department of Pharmaceuticals** – The correct answer is the Department of Pharmaceuticals, which sits in the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

348. **C** **16 November 2026** – The controllers have to check that manufacturers, dealers, hospitals and medical institutions are selling at the revised rates, and then report to the Authority by that date.

349. **C** **308 GW** – The correct answer is 308 GW, which on that date made up 55% of the country's total installed power capacity.

350. **D** **Rs 75,021 crore** – The rooftop solar scheme was launched in February 2024 with that outlay and a target of one crore households.

351. **C** **Fourth** – Installed wind capacity in the country had reached 59.20 GW by 29 October 2026, and the sector added 6.05 GW during the financial year 2025-26, its highest annual addition so far.

352. **C** **Over Rs 15,600 crore** – On this day in Bengaluru the Prime Minister inaugurated finished works, dedicated them to the nation, laid foundation stones and flagged off new services whose combined worth was placed above that figure.

353. **B** **Delhi-NCR and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region** – While dedicating the Pink Line, the Prime Minister said the Bengaluru network had reached its century of kilometres, and that the only places in the country to have done so earlier were Delhi and the National Capital Region, and the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

354. **D** **A nuclear power plant at Kaiga** – The correct answer is a nuclear power plant at Kaiga, which formed no part of the day announcements.

355. **A** **Khelo India and the National Games** – At the golden jubilee of Prashanti Kutiram the Prime Minister said rules had been amended so that the gains of yoga reach every citizen, and that Yogasana now carries official recognition in the country as a competitive sport with a dedicated place in those t…

356. **A** **Prashanti Kutiram of S-VYASA** – The correct answer is Prashanti Kutiram of S-VYASA, the Bengaluru campus whose fifty years were being marked.

357. **B** **National Turmeric Board** – Listing the measures taken for traditional medicine, the Prime Minister said global demand for Indian turmeric, used in households for generations, has been rising, and that this body was set up to give new strength to its production, its quality and its expo…

358. **B** **The Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act** – The ministry announcement states that the Islamic Research Foundation continues to be treated as an unlawful association under that law, and that the ban on it has

been extended.

359. **C** **Dr Zakir Naik** – The Ministry of Home Affairs describes him as a fugitive preacher of terror who leads the foundation, and says the organisation under his leadership has taken part in designs against India, including the incitement of communal hatred, the fostering of hostili...

360. **B** **Ministry of Home Affairs** – It is the nodal ministry for internal security in the country, and the decision to keep the Islamic Research Foundation on the list of unlawful associations was announced by it, with the Home Minister Office putting out the message on the day.

361. **B** **Sri Lanka** – MITRA SHAKTI is the annual bilateral military exercise of the Indian and Sri Lankan armies, and the two countries take turns to host it.

362. **A** **Army Training School, Maduru Oya** – The correct answer is the Army Training School at Maduru Oya in Sri Lanka.

363. **B** **The Rajputana Rifles** – The contingent of one hundred and seventy members that left for Sri Lanka is built mainly around a battalion of that regiment, with troops from other arms and services and personnel of the Indian Air Force making up the rest.

364. **C** **30,151** – The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment stated that its geriatric care platform now carries that many caregivers in the national directory, drawn from States and Union Territories across the country.

365. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The platform is run by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment within that ministry, and it was launched in May at a national workshop on building a well functioning care economy.

366. **D** **Community Health Officer** – The correct answer is Community Health Officer, which is not among the categories listed for this platform.

367. **B** **1,10,325** – The quarterly report of the telecom regulator records that this many telecom resources had their outgoing service barred for fifteen days because of a first breach of the rules on unsolicited commercial communication.

368. **C** **92.9 per cent** – The regulator notes that the app accounts for that share of all complaints about unwanted commercial communication received by the access providers.

369. **C** **Utilities and entities in logistics and delivery** – The regulator opened that series in August for the service and transactional calls of such firms, so that consumers can recognise a genuine call about a bill or a delivery.

370. **B** **US$ 89.99 billion** – The trade estimate for October 2026 places total exports of goods and services together at US$ 89.99 billion, which works out to growth of 29.90 percent over the same month a year earlier.

371. **C** **Petroleum products** – Exports of petroleum products grew 140.21 percent during the month, moving from US$ 3.70 billion in October 2025 to US$ 8.89 billion in October 2026, the steepest rise among the groups named as drivers of export growth.

372. **B** **US$ 568.84 billion** – Across the seven months from April to October of 2026-27, exports of goods and services together are estimated at US$ 568.84 billion, a growth of 16.66 percent.

373. **A** **Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust** – The correct answer is Navigating the New World Order - Trade, Technology and Trust.

374. **C** **714** – Addressing the valedictory session, the Vice-President said Andhra Pradesh had drawn 714 investment projects worth more than twenty-two lakh crore rupees since June 2024, and he read this as evidence of strong confidence among investors and of economic moment...

375. **B** **Viksit Bharat 2047** – The Vice-President said Andhra Pradesh's Swarna Andhra 2047 vision was in line with the Prime Minister's vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the two sharing both the target year and the aim of a developed future.

376. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The fair at Dilli Haat, INA, is organised by this ministry, and the four national corporations that take part sit under it, namely NSFDC, NBCFDC, NSKFDC and NDFDC.

377. **C** **About Rs 88.36 lakh** – The precise figure given for cumulative sales up to 12 November 2026 is Rs 88,36,416, which rounds to roughly Rs 88.36 lakh, and it covers the four participating national corporations together.

378. **C** **2022** – The ministry has been holding Shilp Samagam Melas since that year to strengthen earnings for artisans from the communities it serves, and across the series the fairs have reached more than 1,000 artisans from Scheduled Castes, Other Backward Classes and Safai...

379. **C** **Fourteen sectors** – The scheme began in a narrower form, covering mobile manufacturing, certain electronic components, active pharmaceutical ingredients and medical devices, and was then widened until it spanned fourteen strategic sectors, among them pharmaceuticals, textiles an...

380. **B** **Rs 2,58,835 crore** – The correct answer is Rs 2,58,835 crore, roughly Rs 2.58 lakh crore, which is the investment companies had actually put on the ground by the end of June in 2026.

381. **C** **99.2 per cent** – Almost every handset in use in the country is now assembled or manufactured within India, a reversal from the position a decade earlier when the country was a net importer of phones.

382. **B** **Ministry of Culture** – The conference on collaborative models for the creative economy was convened by that ministry at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, and the Union Culture Minister inaugurated it while the Culture Secretary and the Joint Secretary for the creative economy both addr...

383. **C** **More than 3,600** – Addressing the conference, the Joint Secretary for the creative economy described the Ministry's 43 organisations, together with this stock of protected monuments and its museums, archives, Akademis and Zonal Cultural Centres, as the public infrastructure on...

384. **A** **Google Arts and Culture** – The correct answer is Google Arts and Culture, with which a new memorandum of understanding will carry India's heritage to audiences worldwide.

385. **B** **Yokosuka Naval Base** – The Ministry of Defence stated that the Indian Navy's indigenous guided missile stealth frigate sailed out of Yokosuka in Japan on 12 November 2026, once Exercise Malabar had been wound up.

386. **A** **India, Japan, the United States and Australia** – The release on the conclusion of the exercise named exactly these four navies as the participants, both for the harbour phase of professional engagements and for the sea phase of coordinated operations.

387. **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.

388. **B** **Indian Roads Congress** – The announcement said the medal would be handed to NRIDA at the annual function of the body's 85th Annual Session in Hyderabad.

389. **C** **Steel slag** – The nomination highlighted road works in Jharkhand under PMGSY-III where steel slag, a waste left over from steel making, replaced conventional road material.

390. **B** **1,81,923 km** – That is the length of road works sanctioned so far by the Ministry of Rural Development and NRIDA using sustainable technologies.

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391. **C** **Shri Ratan P. Watal** – The correct answer is Shri Ratan P. Watal, a former Member Secretary of the Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, who headed the committee constituted in May 2026.

392. **B** **12 December 2026** – The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation invited feedback and suggestions from all stakeholders and the general public on the Actionable Policy Paper, and set that day as the closing date for the consultation.

393. **C** **Eight** – The Actionable Policy Paper sets out a Knowledge Ecosystem built from eight connected components, which include knowledge capabilities and assets, enabling infrastructure, knowledge creation activities, knowledge products, knowledge-embedded products, knowled...

394. **B** **15 August 2020** – The campaign was launched on that day and has since entered its seventh year, working through preventive education, awareness generation, treatment, rehabilitation and community participation.

395. **A** **MY Bharat portal** – Citizens wishing to take part can reach the quiz there, answer twenty multiple-choice questions inside ten minutes and download a participation certificate after submitting.

396. **B** **272 districts** – The campaign started in that many vulnerable districts and was later widened to cover every district in the country, which is why the reach figures now run into crores of people.

397. **B** **1937** – The centre has a long record of service, teaching and community health care going back to that year, which is why it is treated as one of the older rural health institutions in the Delhi region.

398. **C** **94,927** – The outpatient department of the centre attended to that many patients across ten specialities in the three months under review.

399. **A** **Najafgarh, Ujwa and Palam** – These three Urban Primary Health Centres, with their sub-centres, carry the institution's community health work to the rural and peri-urban population around Najafgarh, covering maternal and child health, immunisation, family welfare and disease control progr...

400. **C** **Article 351** – It casts a duty on the Union to promote the spread of Hindi and to develop it so that it can serve as a medium of expression for the composite culture of the country, and the announcement on the telecom department's conference referred to this provision along...

401. **B** **Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi** – The correct answer is the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre on Janpath in New Delhi, where the department held the conference with the aim of pushing the progressive use of Hindi in official work.

402. **A** **Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs** – The correct answer is the Department of Official Language under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

403. **B** **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi** – The Union Minister of Commerce and Industry opened the 45th India International Trade Fair at Bharat Mandapam, and the same venue is the one the government says it will expand in a fresh phase that nearly doubles the exhibition space on offer.

404. **C** **600** – The Hall of Inspiration was described as a major attraction of this edition, and it puts 600 startups and their innovations before visitors.

405. **C** **Nearly 90 billion dollars** – Speaking at the opening of the fair, the Commerce and Industry Minister said the country had posted its highest ever monthly export total in October, made up of roughly 50 billion dollars of merchandise and about 40 billion dollars of services.

406. **B** **Ahmedabad and Sanand** – The correct answer is Ahmedabad and Sanand, both in Gujarat, which took the first rank among the paired cities.

407. **B** **4,751** – The tenth edition of the survey covered that many urban local bodies, judging each on 176 sub indicators arranged in ten sections.

408. **C** **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0** – The pairing scheme is described as a flagship peer learning programme of that mission and as the first mentorship effort of its kind in urban waste management.

409. **B** **16** – The scheme for this round recognises the contribution of civil servants through sixteen awards spread over three categories, with five awards for the holistic development of districts, five for the Aspirational Blocks Programme and six for innovations by cent…

410. **C** **513** – Districts that contain aspirational blocks take part in this category, and it covers five hundred and thirteen such blocks spread across three hundred and thirty one districts of the country.

411. **C** **Rs 20 lakh** – Besides a trophy and a scroll, the awarded district or organisation receives an incentive of twenty lakh rupees, and that amount has to be put into implementing a project or programme, or into bridging resource gaps in any area of public welfare.

412. **B** **First LED dome planetarium** – The facility opened at Mysuru in Karnataka is described as the first of its kind in the country to use an LED dome, and the Prime Minister said that watching a show inside that dome was a wonderful experience in itself.

413. **D** **Charaka** – The correct answer is Charaka, who was not among the names mentioned on the occasion.

414. **B** **Four gold and one silver** – Five students from India took part in this year's edition of the olympiad, held in Vietnam, and four of them returned with gold medals while the fifth won a silver medal, a result the Prime Minister called a matter of pride for the whole country.

415. **B** **National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem** – The scheme carries that expansion and is run by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment with the aim of making sanitation work safer, more dignified and more secure in income terms.

416. **B** **From Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000** – The correct answer is from Rs 8,000 to Rs 12,000, which works out to a rise of fifty per cent.

417. **C** **Oxygen cylinder** – The correct answer is oxygen cylinder, which was not listed among the items supplied in this case.

418. **B** **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment** – The correct answer is the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, which runs the fellowship and brought out this account of how it works.

419. **C** **Rs 16,000** – Besides this amount, the support carried house rent allowance and contingency assistance, and the three together met academic expenses, the requirements of fieldwork and other costs tied to research.

420. **A** **Utkal University, Bhubaneswar** – The correct answer is Utkal University, Bhubaneswar, where the scholar now works as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Anthropology, teaching, carrying out research and mentoring students.

421. **B** **4,172** – As of March 2026 that many Van Dhan Vikas Kendras had been sanctioned under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission, and 12.48 lakh tribal members have been linked to them.

422. **C** **87 items** – Minimum Support Price stands notified for that many kinds of minor forest produce under the Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission, which is what allows a tribal collector to be paid a pre-fixed rate even when traders in the local market offer less.

423. **B** **TRIFED** – The correct answer is TRIFED, the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India, which is mandated with the marketing and development of tribal products.

424. **C** **7th Session** – The 7th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee is to be held in Cairo on 15 November 2026 and will be co-chaired by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh.

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425. **C** **USD 5.04 billion** – Bilateral merchandise trade between India and Egypt during April to September 2026 reached that level, which is a growth of 64 per cent over the corresponding period of the previous year.

426. **A** **Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade** – The correct answer is Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade, Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh, who will co-chair the session in Cairo on 15 November 2026 with Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal.

427. **B** **From Oral Tradition to Contemporary Tribal Literature** – The Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised the two-day National Tribal Literary Festival at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, and it closed on 13 November 2026 under exactly that theme, which framed every session of the programme.

428. **C** **27 languages, of which 23 were tribal languages** – Summing up the two-day festival at the valedictory session, Dr. K. Srinivasa Rao, a former Secretary of the Sahitya Akademi, counted that many languages in the readings and discussions and noted how many of them were tribal tongues.

429. **C** **Indian Performing Right Society (IPRS)** – At the valedictory session, Smt. Ranjana Chopra, Secretary in the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, described Living Roots Originals as an initiative developed in collaboration with IPRS to recognise and protect the creative rights of tribal musicians and performer...

430. **C** **10.8 kilograms** – Officers of the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence intercepted a parcel that had reached the Foreign Post Office in New Delhi from a European country and recovered that quantity of amphetamine from eight concealed packets built into the packaging.

431. **B** **The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985** – The correct answer is the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985.

432. **B** **In two plastic pouches hidden in each of the four sides of the carton** – The correct answer is that two plastic pouches were hidden in each of the four sides of the carton, which is why the officers ended up with eight packets in all.

433. **B** **The Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023** – The correct answer is the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023, usually shortened to the DPDP Act.

434. **B** **₹2 crore** – A company that wishes to be put on the register of Consent Managers must be incorporated in India and must show adequate technical, operational and financial capacity, and the floor placed on its net worth is ₹2 crore.

435. **B** **Data Protection Board of India** – The correct answer is the Data Protection Board of India, referred to in the framework simply as the Board.

436. **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 took the chair at the review of what Delhi, Haryana, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan have done to cut pollution in the capital region.

437. **C** **191** – These are the units standing in non-conforming areas which, in spite of being told repeatedly, had not even placed an order for air pollution control devices, and the Central Pollution Control Board was directed to seal them at once.

438. **B** **Commission for Air Quality Management** – The correct answer is the Commission for Air Quality Management, usually called CAQM.

439. **B** **Janakpur Dham** – The Ministry of Railways announced that Indian Railways has cleared a weekly passenger service between Janakpur Dham in Nepal and Ayodhya Cantt. in Uttar Pradesh, a run of roughly 604 kilometres through Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

440. **B** **About 604 kilometres** – That is the length of the route the weekly service will cover between Janakpur Dham in Nepal and Ayodhya Cantt. in Uttar Pradesh, passing through a string of towns in Bihar and Uttar Pradesh.

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441. **A** **Saturday** – The service runs once a week, and its originating day from Janakpur Dham is Saturday, while the return leg starts from Ayodhya Cantt. on Monday.

442. **B** **More than 7 million Euros** – India announced this commitment for the redevelopment of research beamlines at Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste under the Elettra 2.0 programme, spread over five years beginning 2026-27, and covering both research infrastructure and human resource capacity.

443. **C** **Italy** – Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste is an Italian facility, so Italy is naturally its largest user, and India stands immediately behind it.

444. **B** **Xpress Superbend** – Under the Elettra 2.0 programme the two India-centric beamlines in service will be decommissioned and replaced by two with enhanced capabilities, and of the pair it is Xpress Superbend that is meant for high-pressure diffraction.

445. **B** **5 lakh** – At the state-level programme of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin held at Balangir in Odisha, the Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Rural Development announced that poor families in the state would immediately be given 5 lakh pucca ho…

446. **C** **29 lakh** – The Union Minister said Odisha had made 29 lakh women Lakhpati Didi, crossing its target a full year before the deadline.

447. **C** **About Rs 4,000 crore** – That is the amount the Union Minister said Odisha would receive this year under the Viksit Bharat-G Ram Ji scheme, from which every panchayat in the state is to get between Rs 25 lakh and Rs 50 lakh a year.

448. **B** **Dr M. Srinivas, Member, NITI Aayog** – He opened the Health Pavilion at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and spoke about the growing burden of Non-Communicable Diseases and the need for preventive healthcare and healthier lifestyle choices.

449. **B** **Yuva Bharat, Swasth Bharat** – The theme was chosen to put the stress on preventive healthcare, on healthy lifestyle habits and on drawing young people into the work of building a healthier and more resilient country.

450. **B** **India Trade Promotion Organisation** – It organises the India International Trade Fair, whose forty-fifth edition is being held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 14 to 27 November 2026, and within which the Union Health Ministry has set up its Health Pavilion.

451. **B** **Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu** – The conference was the first of five Regional Conferences planned under the structured review process of Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0, and it was hosted by the Government of Tamil Nadu, which the Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation thanked…

452. **B** **The formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat** – The correct answer is the formal handover of drinking water infrastructure to the Gram Panchayat.

453. **C** **Cauvery** – The Secretary of the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation began his field visit at the historic Grand Anicut, known locally as Kallanai, which stands on the Cauvery, and then went on to the riverbed collector wells and headworks at Vadugakudi before re…

454. **B** **Dr. S. Radhakrishnan** – The portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru that stands in the Central Hall was unveiled on 5 May 1966 by Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, who held the office of President of India at that time.

455. **C** **1966** – The unveiling of the Nehru portrait in the Central Hall took place on 5 May 1966, and it was done by the then President of India, Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, in the building that was called Parliament House then and is called Samvidhan Sadan now.

456. **C** **The Speaker of the Lok Sabha** – Shri Om Birla, who holds that office, offered floral tributes at the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan on the birth anniversary of the former Prime Minister.

457. **B** **25** – The Indian Panorama package announced for 2026 carries 25 feature films in all: twenty of them belong to the Indian Panorama feature film section itself, and the remaining five make up the separate Mainstream Cinema section that is screened alongside it.

458. **B** **'Dhurandhar'** – The correct answer is 'Dhurandhar', the Hindi film directed by Aditya Dhar, which has been chosen as the opening feature film of Indian Panorama 2026.

459. **B** **Madhur Bhandarkar** – The correct answer is Madhur Bhandarkar, the National Film Award-winning director and producer, who headed the 12-member feature film jury that chose the 25 feature films for Indian Panorama 2026.

460. **C** **21** – The curated BRICS package at the 57th International Film Festival of India carries twenty-one films from the member countries of the grouping, chosen around questions of democracy, freedom, identity, history and contemporary global concerns.

461. **A** **'Article 370'** – The correct answer is 'Article 370', directed by Aditya Dhar, which represents India in the BRICS package.

462. **C** **Three** – The correct answer is three. 'Article 370', the Indian entry in the BRICS showcase at the 57th IFFI, received three honours at the 72nd National Film Awards, in the categories of Best Film, Best Actress and Best Music.

463. **A** **'I Matter'** – The correct answer is 'I Matter', the Romanian-language drama also known by its original title 'Eu Contez', which will have its Indian premiere as the mid-fest film of the festival in Goa.

464. **B** **Armani Beauty Audience Award** – The correct answer is the Armani Beauty Audience Award, which 'I Matter' received after its premiere in the Venice Spotlight section of the 83rd Venice International Film Festival in September 2026.

465. **A** **Romania, Germany and Belgium** – The correct answer is Romania, Germany and Belgium, the three countries behind the co-production.

466. **B** **87,481** – That is the number of student volunteers, youth club members and community spectators mobilised by the 992 activities held in Week 9 of the campaign, as reported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

467. **C** **Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan** – The Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan is a 100-week campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 2 August 2026 under that umbrella, and its aim is to keep young people away from drugs, alcohol, tobacco and other addictive substances.

468. **A** **14446** – Kiosks at the larger clusters in Bhopal, Punjab, Rajasthan and Delhi handed out information, education and communication material on mental health and publicised this number, which fits the anti-drug purpose of the week.

469. **B** **Early Action on Diabetes** – Speaking at the observance, Dr Jitendra Singh said this theme captures the whole spirit of the strategies needed to check the rapid spread of the disease, namely proactive early detection, timely intervention and strict control of blood glucose levels through…

470. **B** **Dr Jitendra Singh** – The correct answer is Dr Jitendra Singh, Union Minister of State with Independent Charge for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, who is a diabetologist and professor as well as a minister.

471. **A** **Observance of the International Day of Yoga on 21 June** – The correct answer is the observance of the International Day of Yoga on 21 June.

472. **B** **Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana** – The correct answer is the Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana, known as AVYAY, which is the umbrella scheme of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment for the welfare of senior citizens.

473. **A** **Directorate General Defence Estates** – The correct answer is the Directorate General Defence Estates, which works under the Ministry of Defence and oversees cantonment boards.

474. **C** **About 23 crore** – The Ministry cited the projection that the number of people aged 60 and above in India will rise from roughly 10 crore at the time of the 2011 census to around 23 crore by 2036, and used that arithmetic to explain why day care centres, senior citizen homes an...

475. **B** **Belgium** – Rear Admiral Tanguy Botman is the Commander of the Belgian Navy, and he came to India on an official visit on 14 November 2026 so that the two countries could strengthen maritime cooperation and bring their navies into closer working contact.

476. **C** **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff** – The discussions between the two navies were led on the Indian side by the Chief of the Naval Staff, and they covered maritime security, operational engagements, training, exchanges of personnel and collaboration in naval technology.

477. **B** **South Block** – The correct answer is South Block, where the visiting commander was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour after he reached India.

478. **A** **'Fatherland'** – The correct answer is 'Fatherland', the Polish-language film also titled 'Ojczyzna', which has been chosen to open the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa and will have its India premiere there.

479. **C** **Paweł Pawlikowski** – The correct answer is Paweł Pawlikowski, the Polish filmmaker who directed 'Fatherland' and won the Best Director Award at Cannes for it.

480. **B** **'Stories Without Borders'** – The correct answer is 'Stories Without Borders', the theme announced for this year's festival.

481. **B** **20 kg** – The cavity built into the right-side panel of the tipper truck held 32 packets of pinkish-orange tablets, and the arithmetic settles the total: 17 brick-shaped packets weighed one kilogram each and 15 rectangular packets weighed 200 grams each, which adds up...

482. **B** **Assam Rifles** – The correct answer is the Assam Rifles, and more precisely the 38 Battalion of that force, whose personnel joined the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence in the intelligence-led operation.

483. **B** **Cachar** – The truck was intercepted near Borkhola in Cachar district of Assam, in the Barak valley, and the drugs were recovered from a fabricated cavity inside the vehicle's side panel.

484. **C** **Competition Commission of India** – The correct answer is the Competition Commission of India, which cleared the acquisition of certain shareholding of Yatharth Hospital & Trauma Care Services Limited by Rasmalai Limited.

485. **C** **Cyprus** – Rasmalai Limited is an entity incorporated there, its principal activity is holding investments, and it has no activities or presence in India at present.

486. **A** **Advent International, L.P.** – The correct answer is Advent International, L.P. The acquirer is indirectly controlled by investment funds that are managed or advised by Advent International and its affiliates, which is how a global private equity platform takes a position in an Indian comp...

487. **B** **Ministry of Corporate Affairs** – IICA is a think tank established under the aegis of that ministry and works to serve the corporate sector through knowledge, governance and transformation, which is why a consultation on the public policy function sits naturally within its mandate.

488. **B** **Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, Director General and CEO, IICA** – The correct answer is Gyaneshwar Kumar Singh, the Director General and Chief Executive Officer of IICA, who gave the inaugural theme address and underlined the need for continuous and meaningful dialogue between the public and private sectors.

489. **C** **India Habitat Centre, New Delhi** – The correct answer is the India Habitat Centre, New Delhi, where IICA convened the high-level consultation on 'Public Policy & Corporate Affairs: Evolving Roles & Professional

Development'.

490. **B** **US$ 568.84 billion** – India's combined goods and services exports for the seven months from April to October of FY 2026-27 were placed at that level, which works out to growth of 16.66% year on year.

491. **C** **21.96%** – The correct answer is 21.96%, the growth recorded by merchandise, that is goods, exports over the seven months from April to October of FY 2026-27.

492. **C** **Other cereals** – The correct answer is other cereals, which grew 109.74% year on year and topped the list of leading export categories for April-October of FY 2026-27.

493. **B** **Men's U-19 Asia Cup 2026** – India's young cricketers won this continental age-group championship, and the Prime Minister marked the result as an outstanding day for Indian cricket, saying he was immensely proud of the team's performance.

494. **B** **Under-19** – The competition India won was the Men's U-19 Asia Cup, and the U-19 in that name means the tournament is open only to cricketers below the age of nineteen.

495. **B** **A continental championship for Asian teams** – The correct answer is that it is a continental championship for Asian teams.

496. **A** **Traditional Artisans' Upliftment Livelihood Programme** – TULIP was launched recently by the Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr Virendra Kumar, at the Shilp Samagam Mela at Dilli Haat in New Delhi, and it is the main highlight of the Ministry's pavilion at the trade fair.

497. **A** **More than 130 artisans from 19 states** – That is the scale of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's participation in this year's trade fair, and the artisans have reached the pavilion through the Ministry's three Apex Corporations, NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC.

498. **A** **NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC** – The correct answer is NSFDC, NBCFDC and NSKFDC, that is the National Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation, the National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation and the National Safai Karamcharis Finance and Development Corporation.

499. **C** **Rs 3,230 crore** – That is the estimated total cost of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum, cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on 11 November 2026.

500. **B** **Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** – It cleared the museum project, with its estimated cost of Rs 3,230 crore, on 11 November 2026.

501. **D** **The Louvre** – The correct answer is the Louvre, whose display area of 73,000 square metres is the largest of the three foreign museums named in the comparison.

502. **C** **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** – Adi Vaani is its artificial-intelligence platform for tribal languages, launched on 1 September 2025 and built by a consortium led by IIT Delhi along with BITS Pilani, IIIT Hyderabad, IIIT Nava Raipur and several State Tribal Research Institutes.

503. **A** **IIT Delhi** – The correct answer is IIT Delhi, which led the national consortium that built Adi Vaani for the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

504. **B** **Birsa Munda** – The correct answer is Birsa Munda, known as Dharti Aaba, whose birth anniversary falls on 15 November.

505. **C** **7th Session** – The India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee met for its seventh session in Cairo on 15 November 2026, co-chaired by Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal and Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade, Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh.

506. **C** **3,727** – The Heliopolis War Cemetery in Cairo holds or commemorates 4,000 soldiers in all, and 3,727 of them are Indian, which is why option D names the total rather than the Indian count.

507. **B** **Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh, Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade** – The correct answer is Dr. Mohamed Farid Saleh, Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade.

508. **C** **Golden Pagoda, Namsai** – The correct answer is the Golden Pagoda at Namsai, known locally as Kongmu Kham and an important centre of Theravada Buddhist practice in eastern Arunachal Pradesh.

509. **D** **More than 66,000** – The exposition at Tawang Monastery, held from 31 October to 7 November 2026, drew over 31,000 devotees, and the one at the Thubchog Gatsel Ling Monastery in Bomdila, from 8 to 13 November 2026, drew over 35,000, so the two together have taken the count past 6...

510. **B** **The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh** – The correct answer is the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt Gen Kaiwalya Trivikram Parnaik (Retd.), who received the Relics at the Nalung Helipad and was Chief Guest at the inauguration at the Golden Pagoda.

511. **B** **Rs 1 lakh** – A Lakhpati Didi is a woman of a rural self-help group whose household earns at least that much in a year, and the test is applied to the family's total earnings rather than to what she alone brings in.

512. **B** **Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission** – The Lakhpati Didi drive was built on top of this mission rather than given a separate structure of its own, because DAY-NRLM already organises women of poor rural households into self-help groups and links them to savings, banks, credit, training and markets.

513. **C** **March 2029** – The goal has been revised more than once.

514. **B** **15 November** – The day is kept on the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda and has been observed every year since 2021 to honour the sacrifices of tribal freedom fighters.

515. **A** **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** – The observance is set on his birth anniversary, and the tribute of the day is paid at his statue at Prerna Sthal in the Parliament premises.

516. **A** **Ulgulan** – In the message issued on Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, the Vice-President and Rajya Sabha Chairman wrote that Birsa Munda was a symbol of courage and of resistance, that he led the tribal community against British rule while championing its rights, dignity and iden...

517. **A** **IN-SPACe** – The correct answer is IN-SPACe, the Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre.

518. **A** **24 June 2020** – On that date the Union Cabinet approved reforms that let Non-Government Entities work across the entire space value chain rather than merely supply components and services, and the same approval established IN-SPACe as an autonomous agency under the Departmen...

519. **C** **74 percent** – The Union Cabinet approved the amended foreign investment rules for the space sector on 21 February 2024 and they took effect on 16 April 2024.

520. **A** **NITI Aayog** – It is launching the series of five National Workshops from 17 November 2026 so that the lessons of twenty-five years of public leadership become part of the country's shared knowledge, and its Chief Executive Officer Anurag Jain and Vice Chairman Ashok Kumar...

521. **B** **Leadership as Mission** – That is the theme of the opening workshop, held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi on 17 November 2026, and it looks at leadership through the specific decisions in which it becomes visible and how those decisions turn into outcomes for citizens.

522. **A** **Karmayogi Sankalpa** – Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan will close the first workshop and launch it on the iGOT Karmayogi platform, and through this Sankalpa civil servants across the country will commit to a specific change in their own leadership practice.

523. **B** **Cyber Secure Bharat: Fortifying India's Digital Future** – This is the theme around which NCCDFI 2026 has been built, and the conference is being held on 16 and 17 November 2026 at the Dr Ambedkar

International Centre in New Delhi by the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, which works under...

524. **A** **National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology** – The correct answer is the National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology, known as NIELIT, which functions under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

525. **B** **Kohima, Nagaland** – The conference began there in 2024 at the Capital Convention Centre, organised by NIELIT Kohima along with the Nagaland Police and the state's Department of Information Technology and Communication, which makes the North East the birthplace of this platform.

526. **A** **Indian Society for Non-Destructive Testing** – It organised the three-day meeting at Hyderabad in Telangana, which was the 36th Annual Conference on Non-Destructive Evaluation and Enabling Technologies, held along with the 15th International Symposium on Non-Destructive Testing in Aerospace, and drew more...

527. **B** **Examination of materials and structures without damaging them** – The Raksha Mantri explained that these technologies let engineers check the integrity of materials, components and structures without causing any harm to them, and he used a medical comparison: just as ultrasound and X-rays allow a doctor to examine the body...

528. **B** **INS Vikrant** – In his address the Raksha Mantri described its commissioning as an important milestone in the journey towards a self-reliant India, citing it alongside achievements in missile development, naval platforms, aerospace engineering, radar systems and space applic...

529. **C** **42.7 percent** – The estimates for 2023-24 place the part of total health spending borne directly by households at 42.7 percent, which is the headline finding of the round.

530. **C** **Rs 4,14,196 crore** – Spending on health by the government reached that level in 2023-24, about three times what it was a decade earlier.

531. **B** **The NHA Technical Secretariat at NHSRC, under the System of Health Accounts 2011** – The correct answer is the NHA Technical Secretariat at NHSRC, under the System of Health Accounts 2011.

532. **B** **Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru** – The conference is being held in the historic seat of the Karnataka legislature in Bengaluru on 17 and 18 November 2026, and the Lok Sabha Speaker inaugurates it there.

533. **A** **Daggubati Purandeswari** – The correct answer is Daggubati Purandeswari, who holds the post of Chairperson of the CWP India Region.

534. **B** **Strong Foundations, Stronger Voices: Inclusive Cyberspace and Mentorship Pathways for New Women Legislators** – The correct answer is 'Strong Foundations, Stronger Voices: Inclusive Cyberspace and Mentorship Pathways for New Women Legislators'.

535. **C** **1976** – The correct answer is 1976, which is why the unit's completion of fifty years of service was marked in November 2026.

536. **A** **Air Defence 2040: Sensors, Networks and Sovereign Sustainment** – The theme names the three strands the seminar took up, the sensors that detect, the networks that link them, and the home-grown ability to keep the whole system running.

537. **B** **Hydrogen fuel cells** – The correct answer is hydrogen fuel cells, demonstrated for powering air force radars in partnership with the National Green Hydrogen Mission and NTPC, and presented at the seminar as a milestone in sustainable radar operations.

538. **B** **Czech Republic** – The Army Chief left for the visit on 15 November 2026 and the programme runs from 16 to 19 November 2026, with the aims of firmer bilateral defence cooperation, closer engagement between the two armies and cooperation in defence technology and industry.

539. **B** **Brno** – The correct answer is Brno, where the Defence University of the Czech Republic is situated and which is on the Army Chief's programme along with the NATO Joint CBRN Defence Centre of Excellence.

540. **B** **First Deputy Chief of the General Staff and Deputy Chief of Defence** – The correct answer is First Deputy Chief of the General Staff and Deputy Chief of Defence, the appointment held by Lieutenant General Petr Cepelka, with whom the Indian Army Chief holds discussions at the General Staff Headquarters in Prague.

541. **B** **Telangana** – The eighth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games is scheduled in Telangana from 11 to 22 December 2026, and the competition will be spread over six cities of the state, namely Hyderabad, Khammam, Karimnagar, Hanumakonda, Mahabubnagar and Nizamabad.

542. **C** **Neelamani** – The mascot released for the eighth Khelo India Youth Games is named Neelamani, and four words have been attached to it: Vibrant, Courageous, Agile and Pride.

543. **A** **Softball** – The eighth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games carries 29 disciplines, of which 27 are competitive sports and two are demonstration events, and Softball has been placed among the competitive disciplines for the first time in the history of the games.

544. **B** **Italy** – The International Centre for Theoretical Physics, with which India has begun the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund, is based at Trieste in Italy, and the Letter of Intent between the Department of Science and Technology and the centre was signed there.

545. **C** **Department of Science and Technology** – The Letter of Intent that gives shape to the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund was signed between this department and the centre, and from the Indian side it was exchanged by Dr Praveenkumar Somasundaram, who heads International Cooperation in the department.

546. **B** **Institutionalising scientific collaboration and researcher mobility** – The fund is meant to give a settled structure to an engagement that has run for years without one, widening the opportunities open to Indian scientists, researchers and students at the centre and strengthening the movement of researchers between the two sides.

547. **B** **Spain** – At the 57th International Film Festival of India, held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026, Spain has been designated the Country of Honour, and in that capacity the festival will screen a curated package of four contemporary Spanish films carrying world, Asia...

548. **C** **Pedro Almodovar** – The correct answer is Pedro Almodovar, a filmmaker who has won two Oscars.

549. **A** **The Bad Son (El Mal Hijo)** – It is the first film directed by the Spanish actor Jaime Lorente and reaches the festival in Goa for its Asia Premiere, having been shown earlier at the San Sebastian International Film Festival.

550. **B** **National Film Development Corporation** – The correct answer is the National Film Development Corporation, usually written as NFDC.

551. **C** **2007** – The National Film Development Corporation started Film Bazaar in that year to support South Asian storytelling, which is why the edition being held from 20 to 24 November 2026 is counted as the twentieth.

552. **A** **Taj Cidade de Goa Horizon** – The 20th edition of WAVES Film Bazaar will be held there from 20 to 24 November 2026, alongside the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa.

553. **B** **Stories without Borders** – The 57th International Film Festival of India is held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 under this theme, and the idea behind it is to bring films, filmmakers and audiences from India and other countries onto one platform, encouraging cultural exchange and t...

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554. **A** **Prem Nazir** – The correct answer is Prem Nazir, the Malayalam actor known as the evergreen romantic hero.

555. **B** **K. S. Chithra** – The correct answer is K. S. Chithra, the playback singer known as the Melody Queen, who leads a retrospective session at the festival paying tribute to the singers Asha Bhosle and S. Janaki.

556. **C** **Antalya** – The session on Sundays on Cycle was held at the International Solar Alliance Pavilion at COP31, the 31st Conference of the Parties to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change, and that summit is taking place at Antalya.

557. **B** **22 December 2024** – The free community ride started on that date and, as officials told the climate summit, it has not lost a single Sunday since.

558. **B** **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** – The ride is organised by the Sports Authority of India, which works under that ministry, and the session at the climate summit was presented by the ministry's own Fit India Movement.

559. **B** **Russia** – The 57th International Film Festival of India, held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2026 under the theme Stories Without Borders, has spotlighted Russia as its Partner Country and will screen a specially chosen package of four Russian films.

560. **C** **New Home** – The correct answer is New Home, directed by Nikita Grushin and running 101 minutes.

561. **A** **Stories Without Borders** – The 57th International Film Festival of India carries that theme, and it is under this theme that Russia has been spotlighted as the festival's Partner Country with a package of four films.

562. **B** **Pune** – The Bhoomi Pujan for rebuilding the National Heavy Engineering Cooperative Limited was performed at Talegaon Dabhade, which lies in Pune district of Maharashtra, and the same programme saw the launch of Bharat Taxi services in the city of Pune and the inaugur...

563. **B** **Sarathis, whose entire earnings reach them without commission deduction** – The correct answer is Sarathis, whose entire earnings reach them without commission deduction.

564. **A** **Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu** – The correct answer is Maharashtra, Gujarat, Goa, Dadra and Nagar Haveli, and Daman and Diu.

565. **A** **Northern Shoveler** – The highlight of the 21st edition of the walk, held on 15 November 2026, was the recording of this duck, whose scientific name is Spatula clypeata, and its addition to the bird checklist of the National Zoological Park for the first time.

566. **B** **42 species** – During the three-hour walk, which ran from 7:30 AM to 10:30 AM on 15 November 2026, participants recorded birds of 42 species in the designated area of the zoo, and counted more than six hundred individual birds in all.

567. **C** **Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change** – The National Zoological Park in New Delhi works under this ministry, which is why its programmes are framed around biodiversity monitoring, wildlife conservation and public environmental awareness, and why the Sunday Bird Walk is presented as an exercise in c...

568. **C** **26** – The first season of AIR Rising Stars is being organised by 26 participating Akashvani stations, which include Delhi, Shimla, Jammu, Dehradun, Lucknow, Varanasi, Rampur, Jaipur, Suratgarh, Jalandhar, Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Sangli, Nagpur, Dharwad, Bengaluru, Mysur...

569. **B** **Below 30 years of age** – AIR Rising Stars is a series of concerts performed exclusively by young artists who have not crossed thirty.

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570.	**C**	**90 years** – The concert series has been taken up as part of the celebrations marking ninety years of Akashvani, and it reflects the broadcaster's continuing work of finding, nurturing and promoting musical talent across generations.
571.	**B**	**Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister for Labour and Employment** – The correct answer is Dr Mansukh Mandaviya, who holds the portfolios of Labour and Employment as well as Youth Affairs and Sports.
572.	**B**	**Hall No. 4** – Both spaces are housed in the same hall of Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi and stay open to the public from 14 to 27 November 2026, through the run of the trade fair.
573.	**B**	**Central Provident Fund Commissioner** – The correct answer is Central Provident Fund Commissioner, the post that heads the Employees Provident Fund Organisation, and it is held by Shri Ramesh Krishnamurthi.

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