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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 01

Goa Tops Access Equality Index 2026 REPORTS & INDICES

The Centre for New Economics Studies at O.P. Jindal Global University released the Access Equality Index 2026, with Goa securing the top position at 0.68, followed by Andhra Pradesh and Sikkim.

- Index: Access Equality Index 2026.
- Rank 1: Goa - score 0.68.
- Rank 2: Andhra Pradesh - 0.66.
- Rank 3: Sikkim - 0.63.
- States assessed: 28.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Rank 1: Goa - score 0.68; Rank 2: Andhra Pradesh - 0.66.

NITI Aayog Releases Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes REPORTS & INDICES

NITI Aayog, with IIM Ahmedabad as knowledge partner, released the report “Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes”, evaluating all 14 sectors covered under India’s Production Linked Incentive programme.

- Report: Impact Assessment of PLI Schemes.
- Prepared by: NITI Aayog with IIM Ahmedabad.
- Sectors assessed: 14.
- Investment attracted: about ₹2.4 lakh crore.
- Production and sales: about ₹22.66 lakh crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Investment attracted: about ₹2.4 lakh crore; NITI Aayog was established in 2015.

KVS Launches Three Flagship Digital Initiatives POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Education inaugurated three digital platforms for Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan — AI-integrated Vidya Samiksha Kendra, KVS-Samvaad Parent Connect and KVS Alumni Connect Portal. The Samiksha AI Bot identifies gaps and suggests interventions.

- Organisation: Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan.
- Platforms launched: 3.
- AI platform: Vidya Samiksha Kendra.
- Parent platform: KVS-Samvaad.
- Policy alignment: NEP 2020 and Digital India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan; Platforms launched: 3.

National Medicinal Plant Initiative Launched in Tribal Hotspots POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and CSIR-NBRI launched a national medicinal-plant conservation and livelihood programme in Koraput, Odisha. The project will document 200-300 medicinal plant species.

- Implementation area: 16 tribal hotspots.
- Coverage: 13 States and Union Territories.
- Duration: 3 years.
- Partner: CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute.
- Launch location: Koraput, Odisha.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Duration: 3 years; Launch location: Koraput, Odisha.

PPVFRA Marks 22nd Foundation Day and Silver Jubilee of PPV&FR Act POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Authority observed its 22nd Foundation Day, while the PPV&FR Act, 2001 completed 25 years. Authority: PPVFRA. Its scope also includes Parent ministry: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

- Authority: PPVFRA.
- Act: Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Act, 2001.
- Authority established: 2005.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Parent ministry: Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Authority: PPVFRA; Act: Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers’ Rights Act, 2001.

WHO Global TB Report 2026: India Records 38% Decline in TB Mortality REPORTS & INDICES

The World Health Organization released its Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, reporting that India achieved a 38% decline in TB mortality between 2015 and 2025. Report: WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026.

- Report: WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026.
- India TB mortality decline: 38%.
- India treatment success rate: 94%.
- Global TB cases in 2025: about 10.6 million.
- Global TB deaths: about 1.13 million.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Report: WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026; India TB mortality decline: 38%.

MeitY Launches Consent Manager Registration Portal under DPDP Act POLITY & GOVERNANCE

MeitY launched the online registration portal for Consent Managers under the Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023. The framework aims to provide interoperable consent-management systems.

- Law: Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023.
- Registration framework effective: 13 November 2026.
- Portal launched: 14 November 2026.
- Minimum company net worth: ₹2 crore.
- Regulator: Data Protection Board of India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Law: Digital Personal Data Protection Act, 2023; Portal launched: 14 November 2026.

National Health Accounts 2023-24: Government Health Expenditure Rises to ₹4.14 Lakh Crore REPORTS & INDICES

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare released the National Health Accounts Estimates 2023-24, showing Government Health Expenditure at around ₹4.14 lakh crore. The Union Government contributed around 32%.

- Government Health Expenditure: ₹4.14 lakh crore.
- Total Health Expenditure: ₹9,52,122 crore.
- GHE as share of GDP: 1.43%.
- THE as share of GDP: 3.29%.
- Out-of-Pocket Expenditure share: 42.7%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Government Health Expenditure: ₹4.14 lakh crore; Total Health Expenditure: ₹9,52,122 crore.

ASSOCHAM Ranks India First in Economic Resilience for 2026-30 REPORTS & INDICES

ASSOCHAM released its report India's Economic Edge in the Top Ten Economies, ranking India 1st among 10 major economies for economic resilience during 2026-30. The assessment used IMF World Economic Outlook data.

- India's score: 71/100.
- Rank 2: China - 66 points.
- Joint Rank 3: Japan and Russia - 60 points each.
- Economies assessed: 10.
- It evaluated ten macroeconomic indicators.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Rank 1: India; Rank 2: China - 66 points.

DoSJE and DGDE Sign MoU for Senior Citizen Welfare in Cantonment Boards GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment and Directorate General Defence Estates signed an MoU to extend Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana initiatives across Cantonment Boards.

- Scheme: Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana.
- Partners: DoSJE and DGDE.
- Focus: senior citizen welfare.
- Coverage: Cantonment Boards across India.
- Senior Citizen Home capacity: 25 or 50 beds.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: Atal Vayo Abhyudaya Yojana; NITI Aayog was established in 2015.

Centre of Excellence for Genome Editing in Horticultural Crops Inaugurated POLITY & GOVERNANCE

ICAR Director General Dr M. L. Jat inaugurated a Centre of Excellence for Genome Editing and Farmers' Advanced Training Centre at ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru. The centre aims to develop trait-specific and climate-resilient horticultural varieties.

- Institution: ICAR-IIHR.
- Location: Bengaluru.
- Facility: Genome Editing CoE.
- Includes: BSL-II laboratory.
- Focus crops include tomato, chilli, papaya, grapes and pomegranate.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Bengaluru; The Constitution of India came into force on 26 January 1950.

Portal Launched for PM Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026 POLITY & GOVERNANCE

DARPG launched the official portal for the Prime Minister's Awards for Excellence in Public Administration 2026. The assessment period runs from 1 April 2024 to 30 November 2026.

- Total awards: 16.
- Main categories: 3.
- Aspirational Blocks covered: 513.
- Districts covered: 331.
- Financial incentive per award: ₹20 lakh.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Total awards: 16; Financial incentive per award: ₹20 lakh.

PM Modi Launches 246 Tribal Development Projects Worth ₹3,000 Crore GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for 246 tribal-development projects worth around ₹3,000 crore during the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026 programme. Total projects: 246.

- Total projects: 246.
- Project value: around ₹3,000 crore.
- Programme location: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra.
- Occasion: Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas 2026.
- Projects inaugurated: 173.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Programme location: Gadchiroli, Maharashtra; NITI Aayog was established in 2015.

Ministry of Culture Launches AI-Powered 'Sanskriti' Heritage Platform POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Culture launched Sanskriti, an AI-powered conversational and semantic-search platform for accessing authentic information on India's cultural heritage. The platform uses NLP, embeddings, knowledge graphs and Retrieval-Augmented Generation.

- Platform: Sanskriti.
- Ministry: Ministry of Culture.
- Digital portals integrated: around 65.
- Indian languages supported: 22.
- Language technology: BHASHINI.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ministry: Ministry of Culture; The Constitution of India came into force on 26 January 1950.

Maitri Setu Yatra 2027 Flagged Off from Colombo POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Maitri Setu Yatra 2027, the first international cycling expedition by India's NCC, was flagged off from Colombo, Sri Lanka. The team includes 14 Indian and 10 Sri Lankan NCC personnel.

- Expedition: Maitri Setu Yatra 2027.
- Duration: 75 days.
- Distance: about 3,500 km.
- Route: Colombo to New Delhi.
- About 500 km will be covered in Sri Lanka.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Expedition: Maitri Setu Yatra 2027; Duration: 75 days.

NITI Aayog Launches Karmayogi Sankalpa on iGOT Platform POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan launched Karmayogi Sankalpa on the iGOT Karmayogi platform on 17 November 2026 during a national workshop organised by **NITI Aayog** in New Delhi.

- Workshop series: Leadership as a Mission.
- Target: 25,000 commitments from civil servants.
- Deadline: 25 December 2026.
- Platform: iGOT Karmayogi.
- Mission Karmayogi is formally the National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian Constitution effective – 26 January 1950; adopted – 26 November 1949.

Culture Ministry Launches AI Semantic Search Platform for 65 Portals POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Culture launched an AI-powered Semantic Search and Knowledge Discovery Platform on 16 November 2026, integrating 65 digital portals into a unified heritage knowledge interface.

- Integrated portals: 65.
- Technologies: Natural Language Processing and Retrieval-Augmented Generation.
- Language layer: Bhashini.
- Language coverage: All 22 Scheduled Languages.
- Included repositories: Gyanbharatam, Abhilekh Patal and Mera Gaon Meri Dharohar.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian Constitution effective – 26 January 1950; adopted – 26 November 1949.

QS Sustainability Rankings 2027: IIT Delhi India's Top Performer REPORTS & INDICES

IIT Delhi emerged as the only Indian institution among the world's top 200 in the QS World University Rankings: Sustainability 2027, securing the 194th position.

- Top university: Lund University, Sweden.
- IIT Delhi global rank: 194.
- IIT Delhi score: 86.5.
- Indian institutions included: 99.
- India had 42 institutions within the global top 1,000.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IIT Delhi global rank: 194; NITI Aayog was established in 2015.

Commerce Ministry Amends Niryat Disha Guidelines POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Department of Commerce amended guidelines for four interventions under the Niryat Disha sub-scheme on 17 November 2026 to improve market access, certification and logistics support for exporters.

- Parent programme: Export Promotion Mission.
- Mission outlay: ₹25,060 crore.
- Implementation period: FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31.
- Sub-schemes: Niryat Protsahan and Niryat Disha.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Implementation period: FY 2025-26 to FY 2030-31; Sub-schemes: Niryat Protsahan and Niryat Disha.

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2. BANKING & FINANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 02

RBI Issues New Domestic Money Transfer Directions BANKING & FINANCE

The **Reserve Bank of India** issued the RBI (Domestic Money Transfer) Directions, 2026, consolidating rules governing domestic remittance services. The directions consolidate and standardise domestic-transfer instructions.

- Regulator: RBI.
- Walk-in cash-to-account transfer: up to ₹50,000.
- Cash pay-out transaction cap: ₹10,000.
- Monthly beneficiary ceiling: ₹25,000.
- Transfer channel includes NEFT.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: RBI; Cash pay-out transaction cap: ₹10,000.

NPCI Launches UPI Vyapaar Saksham Scheme BANKING & FINANCE

NPCI announced the UPI Vyapaar Saksham Scheme to expand UPI acceptance infrastructure among small merchants. A portion of Merchant Discount Rate collections will fund the scheme.

- Scheme: UPI Vyapaar Saksham.
- Target: small merchants.
- Turnover ceiling: ₹40 lakh.
- Target areas: Tier-III to Tier-VI cities, Northeast, J&K and Ladakh.
- Proposed duration: 3 years.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: UPI Vyapaar Saksham; Proposed duration: 3 years.

RBI Mandates Six-Hour Cyber Incident Reporting for Non-Bank PSOs BANKING & FINANCE

RBI issued cyber-resilience and digital-payment-security directions requiring non-bank Payment System Operators to report specified cyber incidents within six hours. A 12-hour cooling period applies after registered mobile-number or email changes.

- Reporting deadline: 6 hours.
- Applicable entities: non-bank Payment System Operators.
- Reporting authorities: RBI and CERT-In.
- Disaster recovery drills: at least every 6 months.
- Audit-log retention: minimum 5 years.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Reporting deadline: 6 hours; Applicable entities: non-bank Payment System Operators.

Paytm Gets RBI In-Principle Approval to Revive Digital Wallet Business BANKING & FINANCE

Paytm Payments Services Limited received in-principle approval from the **Reserve Bank of India** to issue and operate Prepaid Payment Instruments, including digital wallets. The audit report must be submitted to RBI within 6 months.

- Entity: Paytm Payments Services Ltd.
- Parent: One 97 Communications.
- Regulator: RBI.
- Approval: In-principle PPI authorisation.
- Law: Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: RBI; Law: Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

SEBI Gives Arihant Capital In-Principle Approval for Mutual Fund Business BANKING & FINANCE

SEBI granted in-principle approval to Arihant Capital Markets Limited to sponsor a mutual fund and establish an Asset Management Company and Trustee Company. The company must establish an AMC and Trustee Company.

- Company: Arihant Capital Markets Limited.
- Regulator: SEBI.
- Approval: Mutual fund sponsorship.
- Headquarters: Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- SEBI's net-worth, governance and operational requirements must be met.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: SEBI; Headquarters: Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Commodity Trading Recognised as Financial Service under IFSCA Act BANKING & FINANCE

The Government notified commodity trading contracts as financial products and commodity trading as a financial service under the IFSCA Act, 2019. The framework aims to attract international trade currently routed through global hubs.

- Regulator: IFSCA.
- Location: GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- Effective date: 13 November 2026.
- Objective: develop GIFT IFSC as a global commodity-trading hub.
- IFSCA established: 2020.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: IFSCA; Location: GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

SEBI Forms PMAC Sub-Group to Review Capital-Raising Norms BANKING & FINANCE

SEBI constituted a sub-group of its Primary Market Advisory Committee headed by Ashishkumar Chauhan to review key provisions of the ICDR Regulations, 2018. The panel will review IPO and FPO norms.

- Regulator: SEBI.
- Committee: PMAC sub-group.
- Head: Ashishkumar Chauhan.
- Current role: MD & CEO, NSE.
- Regulations under review: ICDR Regulations, 2018.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: SEBI; Committee: PMAC sub-group.

IndusInd Bank Partners with Mastercard for Cross-Border Payments BANKING & FINANCE

IndusInd Bank partnered with Mastercard to facilitate outbound international payments from India through the Mastercard Move global money-movement platform. The arrangement focuses on non-trade current-account remittances.

- Indian partner: IndusInd Bank.
- Technology partner: Mastercard.
- Platform: Mastercard Move.
- Initial markets include the USA, UK, Europe, Canada and Australia.
- IndusInd Bank was established in 1994.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: RBI headquarters – Mumbai; established – 1935.

Public Sector Banks Record Highest-Ever H1 Profit BANKING & FINANCE

India's Public Sector Banks recorded a combined net profit of ₹1,09,540 crore during the first half of FY 2026-27, representing 16.9% year-on-year growth and their highest-ever aggregate H1 profit.

- Period: April-September 2026.
- Combined net profit: ₹1,09,540 crore.
- YoY profit growth: 16.9%.
- Total business: ₹301.6 lakh crore.
- Reporting date: 30 September 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Period: April-September 2026; Reporting date: 30 September 2026.

SBI Funds Management Partners with PNB BANKING & FINANCE

SBI Funds Management Limited partnered with Punjab National Bank to distribute SBI Mutual Fund schemes through PNB's extensive branch and digital network. The partnership is intended to broaden mutual-fund participation.

- Asset manager: SBI Funds Management Limited.
- Banking partner: Punjab National Bank.
- Initial branch coverage: More than 3,200 branches.
- Planned wider coverage: More than 10,300 branches.
- Digital tools include Mitra Portal and InvestEG app.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Asset manager: SBI Funds Management Limited; Banking partner: Punjab National Bank.

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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 03

NALCO and RUSAL to Explore Scandium Recovery from Red Mud ECONOMY

National Aluminium Company Limited signed an MoU with Russia's RUSAL to explore recovery of scandium, a critical mineral, from red mud generated during alumina production.

- Indian partner: NALCO.
- Russian partner: RUSAL.
- Mineral: Scandium.
- Source material: Red mud.
- MoU signed during the 44th ICSOBA Conference in Bengaluru.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: RBI headquarters – Mumbai; established – 1935.

SBI Research Projects Q2 FY27 GDP Growth at 7.8% ECONOMY

SBI Research's Ecowrap report projected India's real GDP growth at 7.8% in Q2 FY 2026-27. The model uses 54 high-frequency indicators. Q2 FY27 GDP forecast: 7.8%.

- Q2 FY27 GDP forecast: 7.8%.
- RBI estimate cited: 7.2%.
- Projected GVA growth: 8-8.2%.
- Nominal GDP forecast: 11-11.5%.
- Report: SBI Ecowrap.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Q2 FY27 GDP forecast: 7.8%; RBI estimate cited: 7.2%.

India's Total Exports Reach USD 568.84 Billion in April-October FY27 ECONOMY

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry estimated India's combined merchandise and services exports at USD 568.84 billion during April-October FY 2026-27. Total exports, April-October FY27: USD 568.84 billion.

- Total exports, April-October FY27: USD 568.84 billion.
- Growth: 16.66% year-on-year.
- October 2026 exports: USD 89.99 billion.
- October YoY growth: 29.90%.
- Merchandise exports, April-October: USD 309.06 billion.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Total exports, April-October FY27: USD 568.84 billion; Growth: 16.66% year-on-year.

WPI Inflation Rises to 12.29% in October 2026 ECONOMY

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry reported that India's annual Wholesale Price Index inflation rose to 12.29% in October 2026. The current series uses 2022-23 as the base year in the supplied source.

- October 2026 WPI inflation: 12.29%.
- September 2026: 11.39%.
- Fuel and Power inflation: 32.84%.
- Manufactured Products inflation: 9.54%.
- WPI Food Index inflation: 8.58%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Manufactured Products inflation: 9.54%; RBI headquarters is in Mumbai.

Horticulture Production Estimated at 3,869.15 Lakh Tonnes in 2025-26 ECONOMY

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released the Third Advance Estimates for horticultural crops for 2025-26, placing total production at 3,869.15 lakh tonnes, an increase of 4.36% over 2024-25.

- Total horticulture production: 3,869.15 lakh tonnes.
- Previous year: 3,707.38 lakh tonnes.
- Estimated area: Around 297.21 lakh hectares.
- Fruit production: 1,230.66 lakh tonnes.
- Vegetable production: 2,272.68 lakh tonnes.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Previous year: 3,707.38 lakh tonnes; RBI headquarters is in Mumbai.

Goldman Sachs Projects India as Fastest-Growing Major Economy in 2027 ECONOMY

Goldman Sachs Research projected global GDP growth of 2.8% in 2027 and forecast India's GDP growth at 7.2%. Report: Global Economic Outlook 2027. Its scope also includes AI investment forecast for 2027: USD 1.8 trillion.

- Report: Global Economic Outlook 2027.
- Global growth forecast: 2.8%.
- India CY27 forecast: 7.2%.
- India CY26 estimate: 7.9%.
- AI investment forecast for 2027: USD 1.8 trillion.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: United Nations headquarters – New York; established – 1945.

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4. SUMMITS, MOUS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 04

First BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting Held in Colombo

SUMMITS & MOUS

The inaugural BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 11 November 2026 to strengthen regional health cooperation. The meeting was preceded by a Senior Officials' Meeting on Health.

- Organisation: BIMSTEC.
- Venue: Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Member countries: 7.
- India represented by: J. P. Nadda.
- Focus: health security and pandemic preparedness.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: BIMSTEC; Venue: Colombo, Sri Lanka.

India and Sri Lanka Launch Innovation Forum

SUMMITS & MOUS

India and Sri Lanka launched the India-Sri Lanka Innovation Forum in Colombo to strengthen startup, technology and investment cooperation. The forum connects entrepreneurs, investors, incubators and companies.

- Forum: India-Sri Lanka Innovation Forum.
- Location: Colombo.
- Launch date: 12 November 2026.
- Focus: startups, investment and technology.
- Nature: business-led collaboration platform.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Colombo; Launch date: 12 November 2026.

India and Egypt Hold 7th Joint Trade Committee Meeting

SUMMITS & MOUS

India and Egypt held the 7th Joint Trade Committee meeting in Egypt, co-chaired by Piyush Goyal and Egypt's Minister of Investment and Foreign Trade. The two countries will mark 80 years of diplomatic relations in 2027.

- Meeting: 7th India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee.
- Bilateral trade FY26: about USD 6.5 billion.
- New trade target: USD 12 billion.
- Indian investment in Egypt: over USD 5 billion.
- Next JTC meeting: New Delhi in 2028.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Meeting: 7th India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee; Bilateral trade FY26: about USD 6.5 billion.

31st CII Partnership Summit 2026 Held in Visakhapatnam

SUMMITS & MOUS

The 31st CII Partnership Summit was held on 12-13 November 2026 in Visakhapatnam under the theme "Navigating the New World Order: Trade | Technology | Trust | Thought Leadership."

- Venue: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Organisers: CII, DPIIT and Government of Andhra Pradesh.
- Industrial nodes showcased: Krishnapatnam, Orvakal and Kopparthy.
- Combined area: 7,223 acres.
- The three industrial nodes represent investment potential of about ₹31,360 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Edition: 31st; Venue: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

India Signs San Francisco Declaration under Pax Silica

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India joined nine other governments in signing the San Francisco Declaration on the Secure Foundations of Enduring Prosperity under the US-led Pax Silica initiative. The framework treats economic security as closely linked to national security.

- Framework: Pax Silica.
- Declaration: San Francisco Declaration.
- Participating governments: 10.
- Indian delegation led by: S. Krishnan, MeitY Secretary.
- Focus: AI and critical-technology supply chains.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: United Nations headquarters – New York; established – 1945.

India and Belarus Hold 12th Inter-Governmental Commission Meeting SUMMITS & MOUS

India and Belarus held the 12th session of their Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation in New Delhi. The Protocol of the 12th IGC Session was signed.

- Session: 12th IGC.
- Venue: New Delhi.
- Indian co-chair: Jitin Prasada.
- Belarusian co-chair: Maxim Ryzhenkov.
- Next session: 2027.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Session: 12th IGC; Venue: New Delhi.

UAE and Senegal to Co-Host UN Water Conference 2026 in Abu Dhabi SUMMITS & MOUS

The United Arab Emirates and Senegal will jointly host the United Nations Water Conference 2026 in Abu Dhabi, bringing governments and stakeholders together to discuss water security and sustainable management.

- Event: United Nations Water Conference 2026.
- Co-hosts: UAE and Senegal.
- Host city: Abu Dhabi.
- Primary focus: Water security and sustainable water management.
- Related SDG: SDG 6 - Clean Water and Sanitation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Co-hosts: UAE and Senegal; Host city: Abu Dhabi.

49th ASEAN Summit Held in Manila INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The 49th ASEAN Summit and related meetings were held in Manila, Philippines, from 15-17 November 2026 under the theme "Navigating Our Future, Together". Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 23rd ASEAN-India Summit and 21st East Asia Summit.

- Host: Philippines.
- Chair: Ferdinand R. Marcos Jr..
- ASEAN-India Summit edition: 23rd.
- East Asia Summit edition: 21st.
- ASEAN unveiled an updated emblem and flag with 11 paddy stalks following Timor-Leste's inclusion.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Host: Philippines; Venue: Manila.

Bangladesh Becomes 33rd Nuclear Power-Generating Nation INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Bangladesh connected Unit 1 of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant to its national grid on a trial basis, becoming the 33rd country in the world to generate nuclear electricity.

- Plant: Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant.
- Location: Ishwardi, Pabna district, Bangladesh.
- Total units: 2.
- Capacity per unit: 1,200 MW.
- Total planned capacity: 2,400 MW.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Plant: Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant; Location: Ishwardi, Pabna district, Bangladesh.

Quad Announces New Maritime Security and AI Initiatives INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Leaders of India, the United States, Australia and Japan met at the Quad Leaders' Summit in Manila on 17 November 2026 and announced initiatives in maritime surveillance, connectivity and trusted AI.

- Grouping: Quadrilateral Security Dialogue.
- Members: India, USA, Japan and Australia.
- Venue: Manila, Philippines.
- Joint maritime exercise planned: 2027.
- Aircraft mentioned: P-8 and P-3C maritime patrol aircraft.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Members: India, USA, Japan and Australia; Venue: Manila, Philippines.

India Re-Elected to ITU Council for 2027-2030 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India was re-elected to the International Telecommunication Union Council for the 2027-2030 term at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Doha. The Department of Telecommunications is India's nodal department for ITU engagement.

- Organisation: ITU.
- Term: 2027-2030.
- India's votes: 151.
- Region: Asia and Australasia.
- Conference venue: Doha, Qatar.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: ITU; Conference venue: Doha, Qatar.

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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 05

8th India-Myanmar Naval Exercise IMNEX-26 Begins DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Indian Navy and Myanmar Navy commenced the 8th edition of IMNEX-26 at Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026. The exercise aims to improve interoperability and maritime cooperation.

- Exercise: IMNEX-26.
- Venue: Visakhapatnam.
- Indian ships: INS Rana and INS Sumedha.
- Myanmar ship: UMS King Sin Phyu Shin.
- It includes professional exchanges and operational coordination.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Edition: 8th; Venue: Visakhapatnam.

IAF Unveils Indigenous AI Applications Developed by UDAAN DEFENCE & SECURITY

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh unveiled indigenous AI applications developed in-house by the Indian Air Force through its UDAAN initiative. The applications automate operational, administrative and aerospace-safety functions.

- Developer: Indian Air Force.
- Technology: Artificial Intelligence.
- Launch event: Air Force Commanders' Conference 2026.
- Deployment: IAF secure network.
- They are part of the IAF's indigenous digital transformation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Developer: Indian Air Force; Technology: Artificial Intelligence.

12th Exercise Mitra Shakti Begins in Sri Lanka DEFENCE & SECURITY

The 12th edition of the India-Sri Lanka Joint Military Exercise Mitra Shakti began at Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka, on 13 November 2026. The exercise focuses on tactical coordination and joint operational planning.

- Exercise: Mitra Shakti 2026.
- Venue: Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.
- Duration: 13-26 November 2026.
- Indian contingent: about 170 personnel.
- Training includes urban patrolling, convoy protection and area ambushes.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Edition: 12th; Venue: Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.

Government Clarifies Defence Manufacturing Licensing Authorities DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry clarified that DPIIT and the Department of Commerce are the competent authorities for issuing industrial licences for defence manufacturing.

- Law: Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.
- Outside SEZs: DPIIT.
- Inside SEZs/EOUs: Department of Commerce.
- Application platform: National Single Window System.
- IDR licence validity: 15 years.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Law: Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951; Outside SEZs: DPIIT.

DHTI Launches Global Leadership Programme for Fiji Defence Officers DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Defence Headquarters Training Institute launched its first Global Leadership Programme in Defence Governance and Public Administration for officers of Fiji's Ministry of Defence. The programme aims to improve institutional capacity within Fiji's defence administration.

- Phase I venue: Suva, Fiji.
- Phase I period: 16-27 November 2026.
- Phase II: New Delhi in the first quarter of 2027.
- Phase II duration: Two weeks.
- DHTI functions under India's Ministry of Defence.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Phase I venue: Suva, Fiji; Phase I period: 16-27 November 2026.

INS Sahyadri Participates in India-Japan JAIMEX 2026 DEFENCE & SECURITY

INS Sahyadri participated in the bilateral Japan-India Maritime Exercise JAIMEX 2026 with the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force from 13-14 November 2026 in waters south of Honshu, Japan.

- Indian platform: INS Sahyadri.
- Japanese platform: JS Ise.
- INS Sahyadri class: Shivalik-class stealth frigate.
- Exercise dates: 13-14 November 2026.
- JIMEX/JAIMEX series began in 2012.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian platform: INS Sahyadri; Japanese platform: JS Ise.

Rafael Unveils SUPER ICE Long-Range Cruise Missile DEFENCE & SECURITY

Israel's Rafael Advanced Defense Systems unveiled the SUPER ICE long-range cruise missile with a 1,000-pound or 454-kg MK83-compatible warhead. The missile is designed for long-range precision strikes.

- Developer: Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, Israel.
- Weapon: SUPER ICE.
- Warhead: 1,000 pounds (454 kg).
- Related missile family: ICE BREAKER and SEA BREAKER.
- Launch platforms: Aircraft, naval vessels and ground systems.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Developer: Rafael Advanced Defense Systems, Israel; Weapon: SUPER ICE.

India Signs ₹1,976.40 Crore Contract to Upgrade Barak Missile System DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth ₹1,976.40 crore with Israel Aerospace Industries on 18 November 2026 to upgrade the Barak Point Defence Missile System deployed on Indian Navy warships.

- Contract value: ₹1,976.40 crore.
- Company: Israel Aerospace Industries.
- System: Barak Point Defence Missile System.
- Service: Indian Navy.
- Contract date: 18 November 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Contract value: ₹1,976.40 crore; Contract date: 18 November 2026.

IAF Conducts Exercise Sahayata Setu 2026 in Jamnagar DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Indian Air Force conducted the multinational HADR exercise Sahayata Setu 2026 from 17-19 November 2026 at Air Force Station Jamnagar, Gujarat. The exercise focused on disaster preparedness and interoperability.

- Location: Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- Dates: 17-19 November 2026.
- Participating countries: Representatives from 24 countries.
- Type: Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief exercise.
- Conducted under: Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Jamnagar, Gujarat; Dates: 17-19 November 2026.

Indian Navy Marks 50 Years of Long-Range Maritime Reconnaissance DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Indian Navy marked the Golden Jubilee of its Long-Range Maritime Reconnaissance operations and the 50th anniversary of INAS 312 'Albatross' on 18 November 2026.

- Squadron: INAS 312.
- Nickname: Albatross.
- Commissioned: 18 November 1976.
- Current base: INS Rajali, Arakkonam, Tamil Nadu.
- Current maritime patrol aircraft: Boeing P-8I.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Squadron: INAS 312; Nickname: Albatross.

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6. SCIENCE, TECH & SPACE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 06

China Conducts Maiden Flight of CE-25A Electric Commercial Aircraft SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China conducted the maiden crewed flight of CE-25A, described in the supplied source as the world’s first 10-tonne-class battery-electric commercial passenger aircraft. The aircraft was jointly developed by COMAC, CATL and Shanghai Jiao Tong University.

- Aircraft: CE-25A.
- Capacity: 19 seats.
- Range: about 400 km.
- Cruising speed: about 300 km/h.
- Test location: Binzhou, Shandong.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Aircraft: CE-25A; Capacity: 19 seats.

DHR-ICMR Holds 3rd Health Research Excellence Summit SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Department of Health Research and ICMR organised the 3rd Health Research Excellence Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, from 16-17 November 2026, marking 115 years of ICMR's service.

- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Dates: 16-17 November 2026.
- Technology transfers crossed: 100.
- Licensing agreements signed: 20.
- Technologies involved: 8 technologies with 9 Indian companies.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; Dates: 16-17 November 2026.

Biocon's Pebrilzo Receives European Commission Approval SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Biocon received European Commission marketing authorisation for Pebrilzo, its biosimilar of pertuzumab used in treating HER2-positive breast cancer. It is described as the first biosimilar approved under EMA's new tailored clinical approach.

- Product: Pebrilzo.
- Reference medicine: Pertuzumab.
- Company: Biocon Limited.
- Dosage form: 420 mg concentrate for infusion.
- Regulator: European Commission following the EMA pathway.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Product: Pebrilzo; Reference medicine: Pertuzumab.

Skyroot and Brazil’s Concert Technologies Sign Space Cooperation MoU SPACE

Indian private space company Skyroot Aerospace signed a two-year MoU with Brazil’s Concert Technologies to explore development of a satellite launch vehicle. The proposed launcher would target payloads above Brazil’s microlauncher segment.

- Indian company: Skyroot Aerospace.
- Brazilian partner: Concert Technologies.
- MoU duration: 2 years.
- Target payload: at least 100 kg to LEO.
- Potential launch centre: Alcântara, Brazil.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: MoU duration: 2 years; Potential launch centre: Alcântara, Brazil.

ISRO Conducts Static Test of Upgraded PSLV Third Stage SPACE

ISRO successfully conducted a ground static test of an upgraded PSLV third-stage solid motor at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The upgraded configuration includes improved nozzle design.

- Launch vehicle: PSLV.
- Stage: PS3 solid motor.
- Test site: SDSC, Sriharikota.
- Focus: reliability and structural margins.
- Mechanical interfaces were strengthened.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Launch vehicle: PSLV; Test site: SDSC, Sriharikota.

ISRO Tests Cryogenic Engine for GSLV-F19 Mission SPACE

ISRO conducted a 200-second flight-acceptance test of a cryogenic engine intended for the GSLV-F19 mission. The cryogenic stage uses liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen. Mission: GSLV-F19.

- Mission: GSLV-F19.
- Payload: NVS-04.
- Test duration: 200 seconds.
- Test location: Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.
- Satellite system: NavIC.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Test duration: 200 seconds; Test location: Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.

Genome Editing and Farmers' Training Centres Inaugurated at ICAR-IIHR SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ICAR Director General Dr M. L. Jat inaugurated a Centre of Excellence for Genome Editing and a Farmers' Advanced Training Centre at ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru. The genome-editing centre focuses on horticultural crops.

- Institution: ICAR-IIHR.
- Location: Bengaluru.
- Facilities: Genome Editing CoE, Farmers' Training Centre and BSL-II laboratory.
- Focus: horticultural biotechnology and farmer training.
- Outreach mechanism: KVKs and ATARIs.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Bengaluru; CSIR was established in 1942.

SpaceX Completes First Mid-Air Recovery of Starship Spacecraft SPACE

SpaceX completed the first-ever mid-air recovery of a Starship upper-stage spacecraft using the launch tower's mechanical "Chopsticks" at Starbase, Texas. The upper stage was caught during vertical descent.

- Spacecraft: Starship Ship 42.
- Company: SpaceX.
- Location: Starbase, Texas.
- Capture system: Chopsticks.
- Full-scale Starship flight number: 15th.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Starbase, Texas; PSLV is the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle.

ICMR-NIMR Golden Jubilee Celebrations Begin in New Delhi SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the year-long Golden Jubilee celebrations of the ICMR-National Institute of Malaria Research in New Delhi on 17 November 2026. The institute is addressing new challenges linked to climate change, urbanisation and vector-borne diseases.

- NIMR established: 1977.
- Headquarters: New Delhi.
- Parent organisation: Indian Council of Medical Research.
- ICMR traces its origin to the Indian Research Fund Association, established in 1911.
- IRFA was renamed ICMR in 1949.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Headquarters: New Delhi; Parent organisation: Indian Council of Medical Research.

IN-SPACe Selects Three Firms for High-Resolution Human Settlement Mapping SPACE

IN-SPACe selected three Indian space companies on 17 November 2026 for high-resolution Indian Human Settlement Layers, providing total seed funding of ₹1.46 crore. The project will create high-resolution Indian Human Settlement Layers using satellite imagery.

- Selected firms: SpacePixxel Technologies, KaleidEO Space Systems and Azista Industries.
- Total seed funding: ₹1.46 crore.
- Proposals received: 26.
- Technical shortlist: 13.
- Pilot cities: Shimla and Bengaluru.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ISRO headquarters – Bengaluru; established – 1969.

Voyager 1 Reaches One Light-Day Distance from Earth SPACE

NASA confirmed that **Voyager 1** reached a distance of one light-day from Earth on 18 November 2026, becoming the first spacecraft to reach this milestone after its 1977 launch.

- Launch date: 5 September 1977.
- Mission agency: NASA.
- Mission management: Jet Propulsion Laboratory.
- Entered interstellar space: 2012.
- Approximate one-way radio-signal time at one light-day: 24 hours.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Launch date: 5 September 1977; Mission agency: NASA.

India Develops First Indigenous H5N1 Bird Flu Vaccine for Chickens SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **ICAR-National Institute of High Security Animal Diseases** in Bhopal developed India's first indigenous inactivated H5N1 bird-flu vaccine for chickens, formally dedicated to the nation on **20 November 2026**.

- Developer: ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal.
- Vaccine type: Inactivated H5N1 vaccine.
- Target strain: H5N1 Clade 2.3.2.1a.
- Disease: Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza.
- Parent organisation: Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Parent organisation: Indian Council of Agricultural Research; CSIR was established in 1942.

IIT Kanpur Launches India's First Financial-Sector AI Cybersecurity Lab SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IIT Kanpur and Bharat1.ai launched AI Kavach on 18 November 2026, described as India's first AI cybersecurity and assurance lab focused specifically on the financial sector.

- Lab: AI Kavach.
- Academic partner: IIT Kanpur's Wadhwani School of AI and Intelligent Systems.
- Industry partner: Bharat1.ai.
- Target sectors: Banking, payments, lending and insurance.
- Annual training target: More than 300 students and professionals.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Lab: AI Kavach; Academic partner: IIT Kanpur's Wadhwani School of AI and Intelligent Systems.

Chandrayaan-3 Data Reveals Three Layers in Lunar Soil SPACE

Analysis of Chandrayaan-3 data revealed three distinct layers with different physical and thermal properties in the lunar soil near Shiv Shakti Point. The upper layer was found to be highly porous, at around 80%.

- Instrument: Chandra's Surface Thermophysical Experiment (ChaSTE).
- Mission component: Vikram lander.
- Top layer depth: 0-3 cm.
- Middle layer: 3-6 cm.
- Bottom layer: 6-10 cm.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ISRO headquarters – Bengaluru; established – 1969.

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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 07

Five New Horned Frog Species Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Indian and American scientists discovered five new species of diminutive horned frogs from the genus Jingophrys in Arunachal Pradesh. The discovery more than doubled known diversity within the genus.

- Location: Arunachal Pradesh.
- Genus: Jingophrys.
- New species discovered: 5.
- Research institutions: University of Delhi and Harvard University.
- Publication: Royal Society Open Science.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Arunachal Pradesh; Genus: Jingophrys.

India and Sweden Launch LeadIT 3.0 at COP31 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India and Sweden launched LeadIT 3.0 on 17 November 2026 during COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye. Brazil joined the initiative, taking membership to 20 countries and 33 companies.

- Full form: Leadership Group for Industry Transition.
- Founding partners: India and Sweden.
- Original launch: 2019 UN Climate Action Summit.
- LeadIT 3.0 period: 2027-2030.
- Main sectors: Steel, cement and heavy-duty transport.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Original launch: 2019 UN Climate Action Summit; LeadIT 3.0 period: 2027-2030.

Air India and Airbus Plan India's First Voluntary Corporate SAF Programme ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Air India and Airbus signed a feasibility-study agreement to develop India's first Voluntary Corporate Sustainable Aviation Fuel Programme during the India Sustainable Aviation Fuel Summit in New Delhi.

- Fuel: Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF).
- Partners: Air India and Airbus.
- Programme type: Voluntary corporate SAF initiative.
- SAF can be blended with conventional aviation fuel up to 50% under the cited framework.
- SAF can reduce lifecycle emissions by up to around 80%, depending on feedstock and production route.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Fuel: Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF); Partners: Air India and Airbus.

Wayanad to Host India's First Mountain Ecology Congress ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Wayanad, Kerala, will host Processual Mountains 2026 from 10-12 December 2026, described as India's first Mountain Ecology Congress. The programme combines academic discussions, local markets, community learning and cultural events.

- Venue: Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University campus, Pookode.
- District: Wayanad, Kerala.
- Dates: 10-12 December 2026.
- Organisers include the Hume Centre for Ecology and Wildlife Biology and KVASU.
- International Mountain Day: 11 December.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Venue: Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University campus, Pookode; Dates: 10-12 December 2026.

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8. APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 08

RBI Approves Pratap Singh as MD & CEO of Fino Payments Bank APPOINTMENTS

RBI approved the appointment of Pratap Singh as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Fino Payments Bank for a three-year term. Bank: Fino Payments Bank.

- Bank: Fino Payments Bank.
- MD & CEO: Pratap Singh.
- Effective from: 27 November 2026 or date of assumption.
- Predecessor arrangement: Interim CEO Ketan Merchant.
- Pratap Singh has over 29 years of banking experience.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Bank: Fino Payments Bank; MD & CEO: Pratap Singh.

Karnataka Bank Appoints Udaya Kumar Hebbar as MD & CEO APPOINTMENTS

Karnataka Bank appointed Udaya Kumar Hebbar as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer on 18 November 2026 for a three-year term. Appointee: Udaya Kumar Hebbar.

- Appointee: Udaya Kumar Hebbar.
- Position: MD & CEO.
- Bank headquarters: Mangaluru, Karnataka.
- Experience: More than 40 years in banking and financial services.
- Hebbar previously worked with Corporation Bank, ICICI Bank and Barclays Bank.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Appointee: Udaya Kumar Hebbar; Position: MD & CEO.

Jay Shah Reappointed ICC Chairman for Second Term APPOINTMENTS

Jay Shah was reappointed unopposed as Chairman of the International Cricket Council for a second two-year term. Organisation: ICC. Its scope also includes Predecessor: Greg Barclay.

- Organisation: ICC.
- Chairman: Jay Shah.
- Second term: 2 years.
- First assumed office: 1 December 2024.
- Predecessor: Greg Barclay.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: ICC; Article 75 covers appointment of the Prime Minister.

Manu Bhaker Elected to ISSF Athletes Committee APPOINTMENTS

Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker was elected to the International Shooting Sport Federation Athletes Committee for the 2026-2030 term. The Athletes Committee represents shooters' interests in ISSF decision-making.

- Term: 2026-2030.
- Discipline: Pistol.
- Committee has elected representatives from Rifle, Pistol and Shotgun.
- Bhaker won two bronze medals at the Paris 2024 Olympics.
- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna: 2024.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Term: 2026-2030; Discipline: Pistol.

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9. AWARDS, HONOURS & BOOKS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 09

India Post Releases Commemorative Stamp Honouring Ram Bux Singh AWARDS & HONOURS

The Department of Posts released a ₹5 commemorative stamp honouring Ram Bux Singh, a pioneer of biogas technology and renewable energy. Person honoured: Ram Bux Singh.

- Person honoured: Ram Bux Singh.
- Lifespan: 1925-2016.
- Stamp denomination: ₹5.
- Field: biogas technology.
- Ministry: Ministry of Communications.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ministry: Ministry of Communications; The Constitution of India came into force on 26 January 1950.

M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize for ‘The End of Everything’ BOOKS & AUTHORS

British author M. John Harrison was awarded the Booker Prize for the novel The End of Everything, according to the supplied source. The supplied source describes Harrison as the oldest Booker Prize winner.

- Winner: M. John Harrison.
- Book: The End of Everything.
- Award: Booker Prize.
- Judging panel chair: Mary Beard.
- Author age cited: 81.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Award: Booker Prize; Author age cited: 81.

Kutch Copper Becomes First Indian Producer with Veramark Assurance AWARDS & HONOURS

Kutch Copper Limited became the first Indian copper producer to receive Veramark Assurance certification, formerly known as Copper Mark. The certification assesses responsible production and supply-chain practices.

- Company: Kutch Copper Limited.
- Parent: Adani Enterprises.
- Certification: Veramark Assurance.
- Former name: Copper Mark.
- Facility: Mundra, Gujarat.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Company: Kutch Copper Limited; Parent: Adani Enterprises.

Infosys Science Foundation Announces Six Infosys Prize 2026 Winners AWARDS & HONOURS

The Infosys Science Foundation announced six winners of the Infosys Prize 2026 for contributions to research and innovation. The awards recognise high-quality research and innovation.

- Award: Infosys Prize 2026.
- Winners: 6 researchers.
- Organisation: Infosys Science Foundation.
- Headquarters: Bengaluru.
- Focus: excellence in scientific and social-science research.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Award: Infosys Prize 2026; Organisation: Infosys Science Foundation.

Collins Dictionary Names ‘Mogging’ Word of the Year 2026 AWARDS & HONOURS

Collins Dictionary named “Mogging” its Word of the Year 2026 following rapid growth in its use on social media. The term refers to visibly outshining another person in appearance, confidence or status.

- Publisher: Collins Dictionary.
- Usage increase cited: 210%.
- Origin: AMOG - Alpha Male of the Group.
- 2025 word: Vibe Coding.
- It gained popularity among Gen Z and Gen Alpha.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Publisher: Collins Dictionary; Usage increase cited: 210%.

NRIDA Selected for U.P. Medal 2025 for Steel-Slag Road Innovation AWARDS & HONOURS

The National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency was selected for the U.P. Medal 2025 by the Indian Roads Congress for sustainable road-construction innovation. The nomination cited PMGSY-III works in Jharkhand.

- Award: U.P. Medal 2025.
- Recipient: NRIDA.
- Innovation: use of steel slag in rural roads.
- Programme: PMGSY.
- Award ceremony: 19 November 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Award: U.P. Medal 2025; Award ceremony: 19 November 2026.

Padma Subrahmanyam Receives Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar AWARDS & HONOURS

Bharatanatyam exponent Dr Padma Subrahmanyam received the Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar at the 31st Sangit Kala Kendra Awards. The award recognises her contribution to Bharatanatyam.

- Award: Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar.
- Recipient: Dr Padma Subrahmanyam.
- Event edition: 31st.
- Organiser: Sangit Kala Kendra.
- Kala Kiran Puraskars were awarded to Rahul Varshney, Saurav Mishra and Gaurav Mishra.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Award: Aditya Vikram Birla Kalashikhar Puraskar; Event edition: 31st.

Usman Khawaja Releases Autobiography ‘Sabr’ BOOKS & AUTHORS

Former Australian cricketer Usman Khawaja released his autobiography Sabr: Finding My Way in Cricket and Life. The book covers his cricket career, cultural identity and personal challenges.

- Book: Sabr: Finding My Way in Cricket and Life.
- Author: Usman Khawaja.
- Publisher: Penguin Books Australia.
- International retirement: January 2026.
- Test debut: January 2011.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Author: Usman Khawaja; The Sahitya Akademi was established in 1954.

Cambridge Dictionary Names 'Human' Word of the Year 2026 AWARDS & HONOURS

Cambridge Dictionary selected "human" as its Word of the Year 2026, reflecting increased emphasis on human creativity, authenticity and connection amid the rapid spread of Artificial Intelligence.

- Word of the Year: human.
- Publisher: Cambridge Dictionary.
- Other shortlisted words included analogue and agent.
- The term has been used in English since around the 15th century.
- Usage grew in phrases such as human-written and human-generated.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Word of the Year: human; The Bharat Ratna is India’s highest civilian award.

'Varuvaaiy' Becomes First Tamil Song Nominated for Grammy Awards AWARDS & HONOURS

Varuvaaiy created history by becoming the first Tamil-language song nominated for the Grammy Awards, receiving a nomination in the Best Global Music Performance category for the 69th Grammy Awards.

- Song: Varuvaaiy.
- Composer and producer: Devan Ekambaram.
- Vocalist: Subhiksha Rangarajan (Susha).
- Category: Best Global Music Performance.
- Ceremony date: 7 February 2027.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ceremony date: 7 February 2027; The Bharat Ratna is India’s highest civilian award.

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10. SPORTS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 10

Government Forms 14-Member Committee for Sustainable Sports Leagues SPORTS

The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports constituted a 14-member committee to develop a professionally managed and financially sustainable sports-league ecosystem in India. The committee will examine operational and financial challenges faced by sports leagues.

- Committee strength: 14 members.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- Policy alignment: Khelo Bharat Niti.
- Long-term vision: Viksit Bharat @2047.
- Priority areas include Olympic, women's, youth and indigenous sports.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Committee strength: 14 members; Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

India Finishes Fifth at World Armwrestling Championships SPORTS

India finished 5th overall among 65 nations at the 2026 World Armwrestling and World Para Armwrestling Championships held in New Delhi. The event marked the first time India hosted the World Championship.

- India rank: 5th.
- Total medals: 59.
- Para athletes contributed 26 medals.
- Russia topped the overall rankings, followed by Kazakhstan and Turkey.
- The 2027 championship is scheduled to be held in Canada.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: India rank: 5th; Total medals: 59.

8th Khelo India Youth Games Logo and Mascot Unveiled SPORTS

The logo and mascot for the 8th Khelo India Youth Games were unveiled ahead of the Telangana edition scheduled from 11 to 22 December 2026.

- Host state: Telangana.
- Dates: 11-22 December 2026.
- Mascot: Neelamani.
- Expected participants: about 8,000.
- The games will be held across six Telangana cities.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Edition: 8th; Host state: Telangana.

India Wins ACC Men's U19 Asia Cup 2026 SPORTS

India defeated Pakistan by one wicket to win the 2026 ACC Men's U19 Asia Cup in Oman. Champion: India. Its scope also includes Player of the Match: Mohit Ulva.

- Champion: India.
- Runner-up: Pakistan.
- Venue: Al Amerat Cricket Ground, Oman.
- India's score: 339/9.
- Player of the Match: Mohit Ulva.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Champion: India; Runner-up: Pakistan.

India Finishes Third at ISSF World Championship 2026 SPORTS

India finished 3rd at the 55th ISSF World Championship Rifle/Pistol/Shotgun in Doha with 13 medals and three LA 2028 Olympic quota places. India rank: 3rd.

- India rank: 3rd.
- Total medals: 13.
- Gold: 2; Silver: 7; Bronze: 4.
- Champion nation: China.
- Venue: Doha, Qatar.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: India rank: 3rd; Venue: Doha, Qatar.

Telangana to Host 8th Khelo India Youth Games SPORTS

The logo and mascot Neelamani were unveiled for the 8th Khelo India Youth Games, to be hosted by Telangana from 11 to 22 December 2026.

- Host: Telangana.
- Mascot: Neelamani.
- Disciplines: 29.
- Expected participants: about 8,000.
- The Games will be held across six cities.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Edition: 8th; Host: Telangana.

India to Host 2029 Champions Trophy and Co-Host 2031 ODI World Cup SPORTS

The ICC Board confirmed India as host of the 2029 ICC Men's Champions Trophy and co-host with Bangladesh of the 2031 ODI World Cup. The Champions Trophy will return to India for the first time since 2006.

- 2029 Champions Trophy host: India.
- Dates: 9-28 October 2029.
- 2031 ODI World Cup: India and Bangladesh.
- 2031 dates: 9 October-23 November.
- ICC headquarters: Dubai.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: 2029 Champions Trophy host: India; Dates: 9-28 October 2029.

MS Dhoni Retires from IPL and Becomes CSK Mentor SPORTS

Former India captain MS Dhoni retired as an IPL player on 17 November 2026 and was appointed Team Mentor of Chennai Super Kings ahead of the 2027 season.

- IPL matches: 278.
- Career runs: 5,439.
- IPL titles as CSK captain: 5.
- Captaincy victories: 136.
- IPL wicketkeeping dismissals: 201.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: International Olympic Committee headquarters – Lausanne; established – 1894.

Juan Mata Announces Retirement from Professional Football SPORTS

Spanish footballer Juan Mata announced his retirement from professional football at the age of 38, ending a career spanning nearly two decades. Country: Spain. Its scope also includes Major international titles: FIFA World Cup 2010 and UEFA Euro 2012.

- Country: Spain.
- Position: Attacking midfielder/winger.
- International caps: 41.
- International goals: 10.
- Major international titles: FIFA World Cup 2010 and UEFA Euro 2012.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Country: Spain; Position: Attacking midfielder/winger.

Lakshya Sen Wins Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 SPORTS

Indian badminton player Lakshya Sen won the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 men's singles title by defeating Japan's Koki Watanabe. It was his second consecutive Super 500 title.

- Winner: Lakshya Sen.
- Tournament: Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026.
- Category: BWF World Tour Super 500.
- Final opponent: Koki Watanabe.
- Final score: 13-21, 21-18, 21-14.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Winner: Lakshya Sen; Tournament: Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026.

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11. STATE AFFAIRS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 11

Khet Bachao Abhiyan Brings New Agricultural Support for Punjab STATE AFFAIRS

Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan participated in the Khet Bachao Abhiyan at Badarpur village in Mohali, Punjab, announcing financial support and measures for agricultural sustainability.

- Location: Badarpur village, Mohali, Punjab.
- PM-RKVY second tranche: ₹254.20 crore.
- Additional projects approved: 7.
- Value of additional projects: ₹98.44 crore.
- Green ammonia trial area: 10,000 hectares.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Badarpur village, Mohali, Punjab; NITI Aayog was established in 2015.

Raniwas Mound in Bihar Declared Site of National Importance STATE AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Culture, through the Archaeological Survey of India, declared Raniwas Mound at Kesariya in East Champaran, Bihar, a site of national importance under the AMASR Act, 1958.

- Site: Raniwas Mound.
- Location: Kesariya, East Champaran, Bihar.
- Law: Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958.
- Nodal agency: Archaeological Survey of India.
- Heritage character: Buddhist archaeological remains.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Site: Raniwas Mound; Location: Kesariya, East Champaran, Bihar.

Panjagutta to Become India’s First AI-Based Police Station STATE AFFAIRS

Panjagutta Police Station in Hyderabad is being developed as India’s first AI-based police station, with a pilot launch planned for December 2026. The proposed system covers FIRs, case diaries and investigation reports.

- Police station: Panjagutta, Hyderabad.
- Milestone: India’s first AI-based police station.
- Pilot launch: December 2026.
- Reception system: Sethu kiosk.
- Languages supported: 10.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Police station: Panjagutta, Hyderabad; Milestone: India’s first AI-based police station.

Patna Municipal Corporation Lists Bihar’s First Municipal Bonds STATE AFFAIRS

Patna Municipal Corporation became the first urban local body in Bihar to list municipal bonds on the National Stock Exchange. The issue had a base size of ₹100 crore.

- Issuer: Patna Municipal Corporation.
- Amount raised: ₹199.99 crore.
- Coupon rate: 9.20%.
- Tenure: 10 years.
- Funds are intended for urban-infrastructure projects at 15 locations.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Issuer: Patna Municipal Corporation; Amount raised: ₹199.99 crore.

PM Modi Inaugurates Development Projects Worth Over ₹15,600 Crore in Karnataka STATE AFFAIRS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Bengaluru, Karnataka, on 13 November 2026 and inaugurated or dedicated development projects worth over ₹15,600 crore. Location: Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka.

- Location: Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka.
- Total project value: over ₹15,600 crore.
- Major sectors: Metro, railways, LPG infrastructure, renewable energy and urban development.
- Major metro project: Bengaluru Metro Pink Line.
- Rail service: Bengaluru-Mangaluru-Madgaon Vande Bharat Express.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka; Total project value: over ₹15,600 crore.

GIFT City Becomes India's First MCR2030 Resilience Hub STATE AFFAIRS

The United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction recognised GIFT City in Gandhinagar as India's first Making Cities Resilient 2030 Resilience Hub. The recognition acknowledges disaster preparedness and urban climate resilience.

- Full form: Gujarat International Finance Tec-City.
- Location: Gandhinagar, Gujarat.
- Programme: Making Cities Resilient 2030 (MCR2030).
- Recognising body: UNDRR.
- GIFT City joined MCR2030 in July 2022.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Full form: Gujarat International Finance Tec-City; Location: Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

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12. IMPORTANT DAYS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 12

World Pneumonia Day 2026 - November 12 IMPORTANT DAYS

World Pneumonia Day was observed on 12 November 2026 under the theme “A New Era of Pneumonia Control.” The day promotes vaccination, early diagnosis and timely treatment.

- Date: 12 November.
- Theme: A New Era of Pneumonia Control.
- First observed: 2009.
- Supported by: WHO, UNICEF and Every Breath Counts Coalition.
- Children under five and older adults are major vulnerable groups.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 12 November; Theme: A New Era of Pneumonia Control.

World Kindness Day 2026 - November 13 IMPORTANT DAYS

World Kindness Day was observed globally on 13 November 2026 to promote compassion, empathy and positive community action. The World Kindness Movement originated from a 1997 conference in Tokyo.

- Date: 13 November.
- 2026 observance: 29th.
- First observed: 1998.
- Promoted by: World Kindness Movement.
- The observance encourages good deeds and stronger social connections.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 13 November; First observed: 1998.

Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2026 - November 15 IMPORTANT DAYS

India observed Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on 15 November 2026 to commemorate the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Bhagwan Birsa Munda. The observance celebrates tribal freedom fighters and cultural heritage.

- Date: 15 November.
- Honours: Bhagwan Birsa Munda.
- Born: 15 November 1875.
- Revered title: Dharti Aaba.
- Associated movement: Ulgulan.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 15 November; India follows the Gregorian calendar.

World Diabetes Day 2026 - November 14 IMPORTANT DAYS

World Diabetes Day was observed globally on 14 November 2026 under the theme “Early Action on Diabetes.” The date marks the birth anniversary of Sir Frederick Banting.

- Date: 14 November.
- Theme: Early Action on Diabetes.
- Established by: IDF and WHO.
- UN-recognised observance since 2006.
- The Blue Circle is the global diabetes-awareness symbol.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 14 November; Theme: Early Action on Diabetes.

Children’s Day 2026 - November 14 IMPORTANT DAYS

India observed Children’s Day on 14 November 2026, marking the 137th birth anniversary of India’s first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru. The day promotes children’s rights, welfare and education.

- Date: 14 November.
- Honours: Jawaharlal Nehru.
- 2026 anniversary: 137th.
- Earlier Indian observance: 20 November.
- Shifted to 14 November after Nehru’s death.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 14 November; India follows the Gregorian calendar.

National Press Day 2026 - November 16 IMPORTANT DAYS

India observed National Press Day on 16 November 2026 to promote press freedom and responsible journalism. The day highlights ethical journalism and public accountability. Date: 16 November.

- Date: 16 November.
- 2026 theme: “Journalism: Populist or Responsible”.
- Associated body: Press Council of India.
- PCI began functioning: 16 November 1966.
- Current statutory framework: Press Council Act, 1978.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 16 November; 2026 theme: “Journalism: Populist or Responsible”.

National Epilepsy Day 2026 Observed on 17 November IMPORTANT DAYS

National Epilepsy Day was observed across India on 17 November 2026 to promote awareness, public education and reduction of stigma associated with epilepsy. The observance aims to reduce misinformation and social stigma.

- Date: 17 November.
- Promoted in India by the Indian Epilepsy Association.
- Observance decision: 1990.
- Awareness colour: Purple.
- International Epilepsy Day 2026 was observed on 9 February 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 17 November; India follows the Gregorian calendar.

World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day 2026 Observed on 17 November IMPORTANT DAYS

The World Health Organization observed World Cervical Cancer Elimination Day on 17 November 2026 under the theme "Together We Can Eliminate Cervical Cancer". The official international day was designated through a World Health Assembly resolution in 2025.

- Date: 17 November.
- Organisation: WHO.
- 2026 theme: Together We Can Eliminate Cervical Cancer.
- WHO's Global Strategy was launched on 17 November 2020.
- HPV vaccination is a major pillar of cervical-cancer prevention.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 17 November; Organisation: WHO.

9th National Naturopathy Day Observed on 18 November IMPORTANT DAYS

India observed the 9th National Naturopathy Day on 18 November 2026 under the theme "Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat". The day promotes natural, drug-free and preventive approaches to health.

- Date: 18 November.
- 2026 edition: 9th.
- Theme: Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat.
- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Ayush.
- National event venue: CRIYN, Nagamangala, Karnataka.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 18 November; 2026 edition: 9th.

World AMR Awareness Week 2026 Observed from 18-24 November IMPORTANT DAYS

The **World Health Organization** observed World Antimicrobial Resistance Awareness Week from **18 to 24 November 2026** with the theme **One Health, one action: Prevent AMR now**, promoting action against drug-resistant infections.

- Observance: 18-24 November.
- Theme: One Health, One Action: Prevent AMR Now.
- Global lead: World Health Organization and partner organisations.
- Indian nodal programme: National Programme on AMR Containment.
- Coordinating institution: National Centre for Disease Control.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Theme: One Health, One Action: Prevent AMR Now; India follows the Gregorian calendar.

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13. WEEKLY REVISION QUIZ (MCQS)

Solve before checking the answer key

Q1. Which state topped the Access Equality Index 2026?

A) Goa
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Sikkim
D) Tamil Nadu

Q2. How many sectors were assessed in NITI Aayog's PLI impact report?

A) 12
B) 14
C) 16
D) 18

Q3. Which organisation issued Domestic Money Transfer Directions, 2026?

A) SEBI
B) NPCI
C) RBI
D) IFSCA

Q4. How many NBFC registrations did RBI cancel in its November 2026 announcement?

A) 29
B) 39
C) 45
D) 49

Q5. Which country hosted the 49th ASEAN Summit in November 2026?
A) Philippines
B) Indonesia
C) Malaysia
D) Thailand

Q6. Which city hosted the first BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting?
A) Kathmandu
B) Colombo
C) Dhaka
D) Bangkok

Q7. Which country partnered India in the 12th Exercise Mitra Shakti?
A) Nepal
B) Bangladesh
C) Sri Lanka
D) Myanmar

Q8. Which ISRO launch-vehicle stage underwent an upgraded solid-motor static test?
A) PS1
B) PS2
C) PS4
D) PS3

Q9. Which institution was associated with the indigenous H5N1 chicken vaccine?
A) ICAR-NIHSAD
B) ICAR-NDRI
C) ICMR-NIV
D) CSIR-CCMB

Q10. Which state is associated with the discovery of five new horned frog species?
A) Assam
B) Arunachal Pradesh
C) Mizoram
D) Meghalaya

Q11. Who won the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 men's singles title?
A) H. S. Prannoy
B) Kidambi Srikanth
C) Lakshya Sen
D) Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

Q12. When is Janjatiya Gaurav Divas observed?
A) 14 November
B) 16 November
C) 17 November
D) 15 November

Q13. What is the theme of World AMR Awareness Week 2026?
A) One Health, one action: Prevent AMR now
B) Preventing AMR together
C) Antibiotics for all
D) Global health, global growth

Q14. What was Cambridge Dictionary's Word of the Year 2026?
A) Mogging
B) Human
C) Vibe
D) Authenticity

Q15. Which government publication reported health expenditure of ₹4.14 lakh crore for 2023–24?
A) Economic Survey 2026
B) National Family Health Survey
C) National Health Accounts
D) Periodic Labour Force Survey

Answers & Explanations Key

Q1. [A] **Exp:** Goa ranked first in the Access Equality Index 2026 with a score of 0.68.

Q2. [B] **Exp:** The PLI impact assessment examined 14 sectors.

Q3. [C] **Exp:** The Reserve Bank of India issued the Domestic Money Transfer Directions, 2026.

Q4. [D] **Exp:** RBI announced cancellation of Certificates of Registration of 49 NBFCs.

Q5. [A] **Exp:** The 49th ASEAN Summit was held in Manila, Philippines.

Q6. [B] **Exp:** The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

Q7. [C] **Exp:** The 12th Exercise Mitra Shakti was held with Sri Lanka.

Q8. [D] **Exp:** ISRO tested the upgraded PSLV third-stage solid motor, known as PS3.

Q9. [A] **Exp:** ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal, developed India's indigenous H5N1 chicken vaccine.

Q10. [B] **Exp:** Five new horned frog species were reported from Arunachal Pradesh.

Q11. [C] **Exp:** Lakshya Sen won the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 title.

Q12. [D] **Exp:** Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is observed annually on 15 November.

Q13. [A] **Exp:** The 2026 theme is One Health, one action: Prevent AMR now.

Q14. [B] **Exp:** Cambridge Dictionary selected Human as its Word of the Year 2026.

Q15. [C] **Exp:** The National Health Accounts 2023–24 estimates put government health expenditure at ₹4.14 lakh crore.

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