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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Protection** of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority marked its 22nd Foundation Day, while the **PPV&FR Act, 2001** completed 25 years, highlighting legal protection for plant breeders and farmers.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **World Health Organization**'s Global Tuberculosis Report 2026 reported a **38%** decline in India's tuberculosis mortality between 2015 and 2025, measuring progress towards national TB-control objectives.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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%.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

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2. BANKING & FINANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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%.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** estimated India's total merchandise and services exports at **USD 568.84 billion** during April–October FY 2026–27, reflecting the combined export performance of goods and services.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry** reported annual Wholesale Price Index inflation of **12.29%** in October 2026, a key measure of wholesale-level price changes.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] ECONOMY **Goldman Sachs Research** projected global GDP growth of **2.8%** in 2027 and forecast India's GDP growth at 7.2% in its Global Economic Outlook 2027.

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4. SUMMITS, MOUS & INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The 31st CII Partnership Summit took place in **Visakhapatnam** on **12–13 November 2026** under the theme "Navigating the New World Order: Trade | Technology | Trust | Thought Leadership".
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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**.

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6. SCIENCE, TECH & SPACE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY China conducted a maiden crewed flight of the CE-25A battery-electric commercial passenger aircraft, reported in the daily source as a **10**-tonne-class aircraft developed with COMAC, CATL and **Shanghai Jiao Tong University.**
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SPACE **ISRO** successfully conducted a ground static test of an upgraded **PSLV** PS3 third-stage solid motor at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. The upgraded configuration includes improved nozzle design.
- [ ] SPACE **ISRO** conducted a 200-second flight-acceptance test of a cryogenic engine for its **GSLV-F19** mission, using liquid hydrogen and liquid oxygen as propellants for the cryogenic stage.
- [ ] 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.

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

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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

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8. APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The **Reserve Bank of India** approved Pratap Singh's appointment as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of **Fino Payments Bank** for a three-year term, effective from the specified appointment date.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Karnataka Bank** appointed Udaya Kumar Hebbar as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer on **18 November 2026** for a three-year term, following its interim leadership arrangements.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Jay Shah** was reappointed unopposed as Chairman of the **International Cricket Council** for a second two-year term, continuing his leadership of the global cricket governing body.
- [ ] 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.

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9. AWARDS, HONOURS & BOOKS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The **Department of Posts** released a **₹5** commemorative stamp in honour of Ram Bux Singh, recognising his contributions to biogas technology and renewable energy in India.
- [ ] BOOKS & AUTHORS British author **M. John Harrison** received the **Booker Prize 2026** for the novel The End of Everything, a literary distinction recognising fiction written in English.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.**
- [ ] 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.

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10. SPORTS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SPORTS India defeated Pakistan by one wicket to win the 2026 **ACC Men’s Under-19 Asia Cup** in Oman, with **Mohit Ulva** named Player of the Match.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SPORTS Spanish footballer **Juan Mata** announced retirement from professional football at age 38; he was part of Spain’s 2010 **FIFA World Cup** and 2012 UEFA European Championship winning squads.
- [ ] 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.

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11. STATE AFFAIRS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated or dedicated development projects worth more than **₹15,600 crore** in Bengaluru and other parts of Karnataka during his visit on 13 November 2026.
- [ ] 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.

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12. IMPORTANT DAYS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

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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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