THEJOBSME.COM

ONLINE GOVT JOB & EXAM PREPARATION PORTAL

WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS DETAILED DIGEST • VOLUME 46

WEEKLY CURRENT AFFAIRS DETAILED DIGEST

Detailed current affairs, key facts, static GK links and a 15-question revision quiz for UPSC, SSC, Banking, RRB and State PSC exams. Covers 24 October to 30 October 2026.



🎯 Mock Test Series
Practise with free mock tests for government exams.

⚡ Speed Mini-Quizzes
Quick GK and current affairs quizzes for daily revision.

📢 Vacancy Alerts
Latest job notifications for Central and State government exams.

© 2026 thejobsme.com. All rights reserved. Prepared strictly for educational purposes.

1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 01

30th FSDC Meeting Held in New Delhi

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **30th meeting** of the **Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)** was held in New Delhi on **23 October 2026** under the chairpersonship of Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman**.

- Meeting: 30th FSDC Meeting.
- Date: 23 October 2026.
- Venue: New Delhi.
- FSDC is an apex-level forum for coordination among India's financial-sector regulators.
- It deliberates on financial stability, financial-sector development and inter-regulatory coordination.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: FSDC is chaired by the Union Finance Minister; it coordinates financial-sector regulators.

PLFS to Improve Measurement of Platform and Unpaid Work

REPORTS & INDICES

The **National Statistical Office** proposed changes to the Periodic Labour Force Survey from **January 2027** to improve measurement of digital platform workers and unpaid domestic and care activities.

- Survey: Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS).
- Organisation: National Statistical Office.
- Proposed implementation: January 2027.
- The revised survey aims to capture emerging employment patterns more accurately.
- Platform workers are proposed to receive a separate sampling category.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: PLFS is compiled by the National Statistical Office; employment indicators include LFPR, WPR and unemployment rate.

Telecommunications Regulatory Sandbox Rules 2026 Notified

POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Government of India notified the **Telecommunications (Regulatory Sandbox) Rules, 2026** on **22 October 2026** to enable controlled testing of new telecom technologies, products, services and business models.

- Rules: Telecommunications (Regulatory Sandbox) Rules, 2026.
- Notification date: 22 October 2026.
- Sector: Telecommunications.
- A regulatory sandbox allows limited testing before full commercial deployment.
- Eligible innovations can receive specified regulatory exemptions during approved trials.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Notification date: 22 October 2026; Sector: Telecommunications.

UNEP Releases Emissions Gap Report 2026

REPORTS & INDICES

The **United Nations Environment Programme** released the **17th edition** of the Emissions Gap Report 2026 titled **"The Point of Return"**, warning that temporarily exceeding 1.5°C of warming is becoming unavoidable without much stronger emission reductions.

- Report: Emissions Gap Report 2026.
- Edition: 17th.
- Publisher: UNEP.
- A stringent pathway requires emissions to fall 18% by 2030 from 2025 levels.
- The required reduction rises to 45% by 2035 and 69% by 2040.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: UNEP was founded in 1972; its headquarters is in Nairobi, Kenya.

NMMS 2.0 Mobile App Launched for Rural Employment Attendance

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Union Rural Development Minister **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** launched an upgraded version of the **National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) 2.0** application for digitally recording workers' attendance under the rural employment programme.

- Application: NMMS 2.0.
- Ministry: Ministry of Rural Development.
- Technical support includes IIT Madras.
- The application adds stronger device-level security.
- It incorporates AI-based verification to limit fraudulent attendance.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Application: NMMS 2.0; Ministry: Ministry of Rural Development.

MoRTH Proposes Mandatory AEBS for New Cars from October 2030 POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH)** issued a draft notification proposing that **Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS)** become mandatory for new M1-category car models from **1 October 2030**.

- New M1 car models: Proposed compliance from 1 October 2030.
- Existing models: Proposed compliance from 1 October 2032.
- AEBS standard: AIS-185.
- AEBS detects a potential collision and can automatically apply brakes when necessary.
- The proposed requirement is aimed at reducing collisions and improving road safety.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: New M1 car models: Proposed compliance from 1 October 2030; Existing models: Proposed compliance from 1 October 2032.

President Murmu Gives Assent to Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority Bill 2026 POLITY & GOVERNANCE

President **Droupadi Murmu** gave assent to the **Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) Bill 2026**, which seeks to establish a decentralised governance arrangement for six eastern districts of Nagaland.

- Bill: Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority Bill 2026.
- Passed by Nagaland Assembly: 3 September 2026.
- Districts covered: 6.
- The six districts are Tuensang, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak and Shamator.
- FNTA is proposed to exercise powers over 46 subjects, including education, health, agriculture and rural development.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Nagaland attained statehood on 1 December 1963; its capital is Kohima.

NCMC Reviews Preparedness for Possible Bay of Bengal Cyclone POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Cabinet Secretary **Dr T. V. Somanathan** chaired a meeting of the **National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC)** on **26 October 2026** to review preparedness for a possible cyclone over the Bay of Bengal.

- Committee: National Crisis Management Committee.
- Chairperson: Cabinet Secretary.
- Meeting date: 26 October 2026.
- NCMC is an apex-level mechanism for coordinating responses to major crises and disasters.
- The meeting reviewed preparedness of relevant governments and agencies.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Committee: National Crisis Management Committee; Chairperson: Cabinet Secretary.

RELIEF Export Support Initiative Extended to March 2027 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Department of Commerce extended the **RELIEF initiative**, which supports exporters, until **31 March 2027**. The extension allows eligible exporter support to continue for a longer period.

- Initiative: RELIEF.
- New validity: 31 March 2027.
- Department: Department of Commerce.
- The extension allows eligible exporter support to continue for a longer period.
- The initiative operates within the government's export-promotion framework.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Initiative: RELIEF; New validity: 31 March 2027.

PM-DAKSH Trains 1.87 Lakh Candidates; 96,162 Secure Placements GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Department of Social Justice and Empowerment** reported that **1.87 lakh candidates** received training under the **PM-DAKSH Yojana**, while **96,162 candidates** secured placements. The programme supports disadvantaged communities through market-oriented skills and employability training.

- Scheme: PM-DAKSH.
- Full form: Pradhan Mantri Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi.
- Launched: FY 2020-21.
- The scheme provides skill training to SCs, OBCs, EWS, DNTs and Safai Karamcharis, including waste pickers.
- Placements reported under the programme reached 96,162.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: PM-DAKSH comes under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; DAKSH expands to Dakshata Aur Kushalata Sampanna Hitgrahi.

NHRC Issues Advisory on Women's Safety POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **National Human Rights Commission (NHRC)** announced an advisory focusing on women's safety at workplaces and in public spaces and identified **eight priority areas** for action.

- Institution: National Human Rights Commission.
- Focus: Women's safety.
- Areas covered: Workplaces and public spaces.
- The advisory seeks stronger safety and accountability mechanisms.
- Relevant authorities have been asked to report implementation progress.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Institution: National Human Rights Commission; Focus: Women's safety.

Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada to Be Held from 1-15 November 2026 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Ministry of Tribal Affairs** will organise **Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada** across India from **1 to 15 November 2026**, concluding on the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.

- Programme: Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada.
- Dates: 1-15 November 2026.
- Organiser: Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- The programme celebrates tribal heritage and freedom fighters.
- It also promotes awareness of tribal welfare schemes and entitlements.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Programme: Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada; Dates: 1-15 November 2026.

Centre Permits E100 Ethanol Fuel for Compatible Flex-Fuel Vehicles POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) notified amendments to the Central Motor Vehicles Rules on 26 October 2026, permitting the use of high-ethanol fuel, including E100, in vehicles specifically designed and certified for it.

- Ministry: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).
- Revised weight threshold: Light petrol and diesel vehicle classification limit increased from 3,000 kg to 3,500 kg under the specified testing provisions.
- Potential feedstocks: Sugarcane, maize and biomass.
- Flex-fuel vehicles can operate on different petrol-ethanol blends using compatible engine and fuel-management systems.
- The policy is intended to support alternative fuels and reduce dependence on conventional fossil fuels.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ministry: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH); Fuel compatibility: E85 to E100 for suitably designed and certified vehicles, as described.

Concessional Local Pass for National Highway Fee Plazas POLITY & GOVERNANCE

MoRTH introduced a concessional annual local pass for eligible non-commercial vehicle owners living within 20 km of a National Highway fee plaza. The rules are scheduled to take effect from 1 November 2026.

- Eligibility: Owners of eligible non-commercial vehicles residing within a 20 km radius of a fee plaza.
- Annual fee outside municipal or local town limits: **₹1,500.**
- Annual fee within municipal or local town limits: **₹3,000.**
- The vehicle must have a valid and functional FASTag.
- The pass is non-transferable and applies to a specific fee plaza.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: National highways are administered by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; FASTag uses RFID technology.

ASUSE Survey to Align with Financial Year and Add Gender Data REPORTS & INDICES

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation announced changes for the 2027–28 Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE), including alignment with the financial year and new questions on challenges faced by women entrepreneurs.

- Responsible ministry: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- Survey: Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises.
- New survey cycle: April-March rather than January-December.
- Gender-specific questions will examine constraints faced by female entrepreneurs in the unincorporated sector.
- The survey will track electricity sources and investment in fixed assets over an extended reference period.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Responsible ministry: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI); Survey: Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises.

CBSE Experience Centre Opens in New Delhi POLITY & GOVERNANCE

the inauguration of a CBSE Experience Centre at the CBSE Integrated Complex in Dwarka, New Delhi, on 27 October 2026. The centre is designed to support experiential and interactive learning.

- Institution: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- Location: Dwarka, New Delhi.
- Reported area: 6,000 square feet.
- Interactive displays include educational history, geological timelines and career exploration.
- An Exam Warriors kiosk is associated with promoting approaches to managing examination stress.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Institution: Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE); Location: Dwarka, New Delhi.

World Justice Project Rule of Law Index 2026: India Ranked 88th REPORTS & INDICES

The **World Justice Project** released its 2026 Rule of Law Index, ranking India **88th out of 143** countries and jurisdictions with a score of **0.48**. The index assesses legal institutions, governance safeguards and access to justice.

- Index: World Justice Project Rule of Law Index 2026.
- India's reported rank: 88th out of 143 countries.
- India's reported score: 0.48.
- The index evaluates dimensions of the rule of law across countries.
- India's reported rank moved down from 86th in the 2025 edition to 88th in 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The World Justice Project is based in Washington, DC; its Rule of Law Index uses eight thematic factors.

Union Cabinet Approves Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS) with an outlay of ₹10,000 crore to develop a globally competitive container manufacturing ecosystem in India.

- Scheme: Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme (CMPS).
- Outlay: **₹10,000 crore**.
- Ministry associated with implementation: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- The scheme aims to strengthen domestic container production and reduce dependence on overseas manufacturing.
- The estimated economic output by FY 2039-40 is **₹75,000 crore**.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: A TEU equals one standard 20-foot shipping container; the nodal ministry is the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme Approved GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Union Cabinet** approved the **Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme** on **28 October 2026**, allocating **₹1,856.67 crore** for FY 2026–27 to FY 2033–34 to support domestic manufacturing, investment, quality certification and exports.

- Scheme: Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme.
- Outlay: **₹1,856.67 crore**.
- Implementing ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- The scheme has two broad components: incentives for manufacturing and interventions to develop the wider ecosystem.
- Four integrated Sports Goods Manufacturing Zones, each spanning more than 300 acres, may be developed through convergence with the BHAVYA Scheme and NICDC industrial.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme; Outlay: ₹1,856.67 crore.

Textile PLI Scheme Extended for Round 4 Applicants GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Ministry of Textiles announced changes to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, including an extension to FY 2033-34 for applicants approved under Round 4 and a reduction in the turnover threshold under Part 2.

- Ministry: Ministry of Textiles.
- Scheme: Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Textiles.
- Extended tenure: FY 2033-34 for eligible Round 4 applicants.
- The source gives a minimum investment threshold of **₹50 crore** under Part 2.
- Eligible applicants from Rounds 1, 2 and 3 that have neither claimed nor received incentives may be permitted to migrate to Round 4 after.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ministry: Ministry of Textiles; Scheme: Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Textiles.

Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0 Launched GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Union Minister of State **Prataprao Jadhav** launched **Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0** on **28 October 2026** at Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital, New Delhi, to promote tobacco-free educational institutions and stronger prevention awareness among young people.

- Campaign: Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign 4.0.
- Ministry: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Duration: 60 days.
- The campaign focuses on higher educational institutions, colleges and universities.
- Its six-pronged approach includes information and education, tobacco-free institutions, tobacco-free villages, law enforcement, tobacco-free colleges and universities, and social media engagement.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: COTPA was enacted in 2003; World No Tobacco Day is observed on 31 May.

Clean Sport Values to Be Promoted Through Classroom Learning GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Education and UNESCO exchanged a memorandum of understanding at the Clean Sport Conclave organised by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India on 28 October 2026.

- Partners: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Education and UNESCO.
- Event: NADA India's Clean Sport Conclave.
- Location: New Delhi.
- The initiative aims to promote clean sporting practices, integrity, respect and fairness among schoolchildren.
- Sports-integrated learning will be used to connect classroom education with ethical conduct.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Partners: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Education and UNESCO; Event: NADA India's Clean Sport Conclave.

ESIC Extends New Amnesty Scheme Deadline GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) extended the New Amnesty Scheme, 2025 by three months, until 31 December 2026. The scheme is intended to provide additional time to resolve eligible disputes without lengthy court proceedings.

- Organisation: Employees' State Insurance Corporation.
- Scheme: New Amnesty Scheme, 2025.
- Extension: Three months.
- The scheme is intended to provide additional time to resolve eligible disputes without lengthy court proceedings.
- It concerns outstanding legal matters between employers and the corporation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: Employees' State Insurance Corporation; Scheme: New Amnesty Scheme, 2025.

Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana Completes Two Years GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

the Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana completed two years of implementation. The scheme provides healthcare coverage to eligible senior citizens aged 70 years and above, irrespective of economic status.

- Scheme: Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana.
- Eligible age: 70 years and above.
- Reported hospital admissions supported: More than 23 lakh.
- The programme focuses on eligible older citizens irrespective of their income or socioeconomic background, as described.
- The reported coverage and admission figures should be verified against the latest official government release before publication.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY is implemented through the National Health Authority; the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare is the nodal ministry.

UPSC Presents Its 76th Annual Report POLITY & GOVERNANCE

UPSC Chairman Dr Ajay Kumar presented the Commission's 76th Annual Report to President Droupadi Murmu. The UPSC conducts recruitment examinations and performs functions assigned under the Constitution and relevant laws.

- Institution: Union Public Service Commission.
- Report: 76th Annual Report.
- Chairman named: Dr Ajay Kumar.
- The UPSC conducts recruitment examinations and performs functions assigned under the Constitution and relevant laws.
- Its annual report describes the Commission's activities and functioning.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Institution: Union Public Service Commission; Other items mentioned: A commemorative coin and postage stamp associated with the Commission's centenary year.

PM-KISAN 24th Instalment Released to 9.34 Crore Farmers GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** released the **24th PM-KISAN instalment** on **30 October 2026** from Banaskantha, Gujarat, transferring more than **₹18,690 crore** through Direct Benefit Transfer to over 9.34 crore eligible farmers.

- The 24th instalment reached over **9.34 crore farmers** through Aadhaar-linked accounts.
- The programme transferred more than **₹18,690 crore** under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi.
- PM-KISAN provides eligible landholding farmer families **₹6,000 each year** in three instalments.
- The launch event also dedicated **521 Agriculture Infrastructure Fund units** and 12 Horticulture Clusters.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: PM-KISAN is a Central Sector Scheme introduced in 2019; the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare administers it.

Cabinet Approves Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Union Cabinet** approved the **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana** on **28 October 2026** as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme to strengthen Panchayat capacity, participatory planning and accountable rural local governance.

- Total outlay: **₹7,395.55 crore** for FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.
- Central share is **₹4,869.48 crore**; States contribute ₹2,526.07 crore.
- The scheme covers more than **2.55 lakh Panchayats** and traditional local bodies across India.
- Around **32 lakh elected representatives**, officials and other stakeholders are direct beneficiaries.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 added Part IX; the 11th Schedule lists 29 Panchayat subjects.

Master Static GK with Memory Tricks
Free topic-wise notes, one-liners and quizzes for SSC, Banking, UPSC and Railways exams.
Read Static GK ➔

2. BANKING & FINANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 02

BSE and MMTC-PAMP Partner to Expand Electronic Gold Receipts Market BANKING & FINANCE

BSE Limited and **MMTC-PAMP** signed an agreement to jointly develop India's Electronic Gold Receipts market and facilitate conversion between physical gold and exchange-traded electronic receipts.

- Partners: BSE and MMTC-PAMP.
- Instrument: Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs).
- Regulator: SEBI.
- EG₹allow investors to hold gold electronically in demat accounts.
- The partnership aims to improve liquidity, transparency and investor participation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: SEBI; BSE established: 1875.

RBI Revises Bank Leverage Ratio Framework under Basel III BANKING & FINANCE

The **Reserve Bank of India** issued revised prudential directions aligning India's leverage-ratio framework with the Basel III standard developed by the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision. The revised framework will take effect from **1 April 2027**.

- Effective date: 1 April 2027.
- D-SIB leverage ratio: 4%.
- Other banks: 3.5%.
- The framework aligns with the Basel Committee's 2017 leverage-ratio standard.
- The ratio functions as a non-risk-based backstop to risk-weighted capital rules.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Basel Committee on Banking Supervision is hosted by the BIS in Basel, Switzerland; leverage ratio equals Tier 1 capital divided by total exposure.

C-DAC and Bank of India Partner for Quantum Banking Innovation BANKING & FINANCE

The **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)** and **Bank of India** signed an MoU to explore quantum technologies, AI, blockchain and cybersecurity applications for banking and financial services.

- Partners: C-DAC and Bank of India.
- Core domains: Quantum technologies, AI, blockchain and cybersecurity.
- Proposed framework: Quantum Ecosystem for Financial Innovation.
- Potential applications include fraud detection and credit assessment.
- AI-based document processing and customer support will be explored.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Partners: C-DAC and Bank of India; Core domains: Quantum technologies, AI, blockchain and cybersecurity.

NCDEX Launches NDEX and FINNDEX Equity Benchmarks BANKING & FINANCE

The **National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX)** launched two equity indices, **NDEX** and **FINNDEX**, on **22 October 2026**. NDEX selects large and liquid equities from eligible NSE-listed companies.

- NDEX constituents: 20 equities.
- FINNDEX constituents: 15 financial-sector companies.
- Base value: 10,000.
- NDEX selects large and liquid equities from eligible NSE-listed companies.
- FINNDEX focuses on financial companies while excluding insurance in the reported methodology.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NDEX constituents: 20 equities; FINNDEX constituents: 15 financial-sector companies.

PM Modi Inaugurates RBI Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute in Odisha BANKING & FINANCE

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **Reserve Bank of India Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute** at Jatni near Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on **25 October 2026**.

- Location: Info Valley-II, Jatni, near Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Project cost: **₹169 crore**.
- Land area: 18.55 acres.
- The data centre will support mission-critical payment and settlement systems.
- The training institute will focus on cybersecurity, enterprise technology and capacity building.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: RBI was established in 1935; its central office is in Mumbai.

SEBI Introduces Margin Waiver for Subsequent Trades against Early Pay-in BANKING & FINANCE

The **Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)** introduced a real-time framework allowing clients to use the value of securities delivered through **Early Pay-in (EPI)** towards margin requirements for subsequent cash-market positions.

- Regulator: SEBI.
- Mechanism: Early Pay-in.
- Implementation date: 22 February 2027.
- Clearing Corporations will determine the available EPI value on the trade date.
- The EPI benefit applies where the client has a net sell obligation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: SEBI became a statutory regulator under the SEBI Act, 1992; its headquarters is in Mumbai.

SBI Life Insurance Launches Waiver of Premium Rider BANKING & FINANCE

SBI Life Insurance announced a Waiver of Premium rider on 27 October 2026. The product is intended to support policy continuity when specified critical illnesses or disability-related events occur, subject to the policy terms.

- Company: SBI Life Insurance.
- Product: Waiver of Premium rider.
- Reported coverage includes Accidental Total Permanent Disability (ATPD).
- The rider is designed to waive future premiums when a covered contingency occurs.
- Coverage can differ depending on whether the proposer and the life assured are the same person.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Company: SBI Life Insurance; Product: Waiver of Premium rider.

PB Money Receives SEBI Licence for Online Bond Platform BANKING & FINANCE

PB Money received a Securities and Exchange Board of India licence to operate as an Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP). Company: PB Money, a subsidiary of PB Fintech.

- Company: PB Money, a subsidiary of PB Fintech.
- Regulator: SEBI.
- Business: Online bond investment platform.
- The platform is intended to support the online bond-investment process.
- Bond platforms can make information and transaction facilities more accessible to retail investors.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: SEBI became a statutory regulator under the SEBI Act, 1992; its headquarters is in Mumbai.

SEBI and Bank of England Sign Regulatory Cooperation MoU BANKING & FINANCE

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) and the Bank of England signed a memorandum of understanding on 28 October 2026 to strengthen regulatory cooperation and information sharing concerning SEBI-recognised clearing corporations.

- Indian regulator: Securities and Exchange Board of India.
- UK institution: Bank of England.
- Agreement: Memorandum of Understanding.
- The agreement establishes a framework for cooperation on clearing corporations and central counterparties, subject to applicable laws and regulations.
- Clearing corporations help ensure settlement of market transactions and reduce counterparty risk.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: SEBI became a statutory regulator under the SEBI Act, 1992; its headquarters is in Mumbai.

Air India, SBI Card and Visa Plan Co-Branded Credit Card BANKING & FINANCE

Air India and SBI Card, in partnership with Visa, announced plans for a co-branded credit card for members of Air India's Maharaja Club loyalty programme.

- Partners: Air India, SBI Card and Visa.
- Product: Proposed co-branded credit card.
- Loyalty programme: Maharaja Club.
- Members are expected to earn points through eligible everyday retail spending and travel transactions.
- Points may be earned through participating brands and redeemed for eligible flights and upgrades, subject to programme terms.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Partners: Air India, SBI Card and Visa; Product: Proposed co-branded credit card.

NPPA Issues Revised MRP List for Cancer Drug Brands BANKING & FINANCE

the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA) released a revised Maximum Retail Price list covering 543 brands of anti-cancer medicines, with revised prices scheduled to take effect from 9 November 2026.

- Organisation: National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority.
- Product category: Anti-cancer medicines.
- Number of brands reported: 543.
- MRP means Maximum Retail Price.
- The NPPA is associated with pharmaceutical price regulation in India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority; Product category: Anti-cancer medicines.

Read Daily Current Affairs Every Morning
Exam-focused updates for UPSC, SSC, Banking and Railways, posted every day.
Read Today's Update →

3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 03

NLC India Signs ₹37,000 Crore Investment MoUs in Odisha ECONOMY

NLC India Limited signed MoUs with **IPICOL** for proposed investments worth approximately **₹37,000 crore** in Odisha covering thermal power, mineral processing and coal gasification. The planned projects cover power generation, beach-sand minerals processing and coal gasification.

- Total proposed investment: **₹37,000 crore**.
- Thermal power capacity: 3,200 MW.
- Thermal project investment: About **₹35,000 crore**.
- The thermal project is planned as four 800 MW ultra-supercritical units.
- The mineral-processing facility will deal with minerals such as ilmenite, rutile and zircon.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NLC India is a Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of Coal; its corporate headquarters is Neyveli, Tamil Nadu.

DPIIT-Recognised Startups Cross 2.5 Lakh Mark ECONOMY

The **Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)** reported that the number of recognised startups in India crossed **2,50,000**, reflecting the expansion of the country's startup ecosystem across more than 770 districts.

- DPIIT-recognised startups: 2,50,046.
- Geographical coverage: More than 770 districts.
- Jobs reported: More than 25.42 lakh.
- DPIIT recognition enables eligible startups to access benefits available under applicable government initiatives.
- The figures indicate entrepreneurship expanding beyond major metropolitan centres.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: DPIIT is under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; Startup India was launched on 16 January 2016.

India Records FDI Inflows of USD 94.53 Billion in FY 2025-26 ECONOMY

DPIIT reported that India's foreign direct investment inflows reached a record **USD 94.53 billion** in FY 2025–26, while cumulative inflows during the twelve financial years from 2014-15 to 2025–26 reached USD 843 billion.

- Annual FDI inflow: **USD 94.53 billion**.
- Financial year: 2025–26.
- Cumulative FDI: **USD 843 billion**.
- FDI provides long-term foreign investment in productive assets and businesses.
- It can support technology transfer, capital formation and employment.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Annual FDI inflow: USD 94.53 billion; Financial year: 2025–26.

Tata Communications Announces USD 450 Million AI Super Highway ECONOMY

Tata Communications announced an investment of **USD 450 million** to build an AI-ready fibre network connecting major data centres across India over the next three to five years.

- Investment: **USD 450 million**.
- Network length: Around 10,000 km.
- Implementation period: Three to five years.
- Phase 1 covers Mumbai, Pune, Hyderabad and Chennai.
- Later phases extend toward Visakhapatnam, Bhubaneswar, GIFT City and Jamnagar.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Investment: USD 450 million; Network length: Around 10,000 km.

Central Government Dearness Allowance Increased to 63% ECONOMY

a 3-percentage-point increase in Dearness Allowance (DA) for central government employees and Dearness Relief (DR) for pensioners, taking the rate from 60% to 63%, effective from 1 July 2026.

- Increase: Three percentage points.
- Previous reported rate: 60% of applicable basic pay or pension.
- Revised reported rate: 63%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Increase: Three percentage points; Previous reported rate: 60% of applicable basic pay or pension.

Tea Auction Centre Inaugurated in Agartala ECONOMY

the inauguration of a Tea Auction Centre at Gorkhabasti in Agartala, Tripura. Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha highlighted the importance of the tea industry to the state's economy.

- Facility: Tea Auction Centre.
- Location: Gorkhabasti, Agartala.
- State: Tripura.
- The centre is intended to support the tea industry by facilitating organised auctions and trading.
- Those rankings should be checked against an official or industry source before publication.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Facility: Tea Auction Centre; Location: Gorkhabasti, Agartala.

Government Highlights Higher Rabi MSP for Marketing Season 2027–28 ECONOMY

The **Press Information Bureau** published an overview on **29 October 2026** of the government's revised Minimum Support Prices for Rabi Marketing Season 2027–28, including price support for wheat, barley, gram, lentil, mustard and safflower.

- The government approved the MSP increases on **30 September 2026**; the new information note was published on 29 October.
- Wheat MSP is **₹2,610 per quintal**; gram MSP is ₹5,958 per quintal.
- Lentil MSP is **₹7,390 per quintal**; rapeseed and mustard MSP is ₹6,613 per quintal.
- Safflower received the largest absolute increase, **₹675 per quintal**; its new MSP is ₹7,215 per quintal.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices recommends MSPs; the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs takes the final decision.

Free Study Material for Every Subject
Banking awareness, English, computer awareness, Static GK and current affairs notes, free to read.
Browse Study Material ➔

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

Section 04

Tripartite MoU to Promote Tribal Youth Entrepreneurship in Odisha

SUMMITS & MOUS

A tripartite MoU was signed between **NSTFDC, NSIC and SAIL-Rourkela Steel Plant** to strengthen skill development, entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities for Scheduled Tribe youth in Odisha.

- Location: Rourkela, Odisha.
- Partners: NSTFDC, NSIC and SAIL-Rourkela Steel Plant.
- Focus group: Scheduled Tribe youth.
- The collaboration supports vocational and entrepreneurship training.
- Training areas include welding, tailoring, accounting, bakery production, mushroom cultivation and furniture manufacturing.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Odisha capital – Bhubaneswar; it has a unicameral state legislature.

IICA and Association of ARCs Sign Five-Year MoU

SUMMITS & MOUS

The **Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs** signed a **five-year** MoU with the Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies in India to strengthen its Post Graduate Insolvency Programme.

- Institution: IICA.
- Partner: Association of ARCs in India.
- Tenure: 5 years.
- ARC experts will support industry-oriented teaching and curriculum development.
- Collaboration covers research in stressed assets, insolvency and debt restructuring.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IICA functions under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs; the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code was enacted in 2016.

Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk Concludes Official Visit to India

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Polish Prime Minister **Donald Tusk** undertook an official visit to India from **21 to 23 October 2026**, during which India and Poland reviewed their Strategic Partnership and agreed to expand cooperation in trade, defence, cybersecurity, artificial intelligence and critical technologies.

- Visit period: 21-23 October 2026.
- This was Donald Tusk's second official visit to India as Polish Prime Minister after 2010.
- India-Poland Strategic Partnership was established in 2024.
- India and Poland agreed to work towards doubling bilateral trade, reported at approximately **USD 6 billion**, by 2030.
- Both countries agreed to establish a Defence Industry Dialogue.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Poland capital – Warsaw; currency – złoty; India and Poland established diplomatic relations in 1954.

IIIT-Bangalore and AGH University of Krakow Sign Academic MoU

SUMMITS & MOUS

IIIT-Bangalore and Poland's **AGH University of Krakow** signed an MoU to strengthen academic and research cooperation in artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and other emerging fields.

- Indian institution: IIIT-Bangalore.
- Polish institution: AGH University of Krakow.
- Key research areas: AI and quantum technologies.
- The institutions will undertake collaborative research and academic engagement.
- The agreement enables exchange of academic material and expertise.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian institution: IIIT-Bangalore; Polish institution: AGH University of Krakow.

NAAS and CAST Sign Five-Year Agricultural Cooperation Agreement

SUMMITS & MOUS

India's **National Academy of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS)** and the US-based **Council for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST)** signed a **five-year Memorandum of Understanding** during the Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue.

- Agreement signed: 20 October 2026.
- Duration: Five years.
- Venue: Des Moines, Iowa, USA.
- Focus areas include food and nutrition security, water, AI, digital agriculture, biotechnology and gene editing.
- The institutions will organise joint workshops and webinars.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NAAS was established in 1990; the Borlaug Dialogue is held in Des Moines, Iowa, USA.

Ukraine Joins NATO NSPA Security Cooperation Support Partnership INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Ukraine joined the **NATO Support and Procurement Agency's Security Cooperation Support Partnership** on **24 October 2026**, giving eligible Ukrainian defence firms access to NSPA procurement opportunities.

- Agency: NATO Support and Procurement Agency.
- NSPA headquarters: Capellen, Luxembourg.
- NATO headquarters: Brussels, Belgium.
- Eligible Ukrainian firms can participate in NSPA procurement processes.
- A Ukraine Industry Day involving about 150 companies was held in Kyiv.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NATO was established in 1949; its headquarters is Brussels, Belgium.

PM Modi Inaugurates Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan SUMMITS & MOUS

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan held from **23 to 25 October 2026** at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi to mark **75 years** of the Chinmaya Mission.

- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Duration: 23-25 October 2026.
- Occasion: 75 years of Chinmaya Mission.
- The event marked the culmination of year-long anniversary celebrations.
- Chinmaya Mission promotes teachings based on Vedanta and the Bhagavad Gita.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Occasion: 75 years of Chinmaya Mission; Founder: Swami Chinmayananda.

14th India Chem 2026 Held in Mumbai SUMMITS & MOUS

The **14th edition** of **India Chem 2026** was held at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai from **22 to 24 October 2026** under the theme "Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub".

- Edition: 14th.
- Venue: Bombay Exhibition Centre, NESCO, Mumbai.
- Dates: 22-24 October 2026.
- Union Minister J. P. Nadda inaugurated the event.
- The government targets a chemical industry size of **USD 300 billion** by 2030.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Edition: 14th; Venue: Bombay Exhibition Centre, NESCO, Mumbai.

India Hosts CIML Meeting for the First Time SUMMITS & MOUS

India is hosting the **61st meeting** of the **International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML)** in New Delhi from **26 to 28 October 2026**, marking the first time India has hosted the meeting.

- Meeting: 61st CIML Meeting.
- Dates: 26-28 October 2026.
- Venue: New Delhi.
- Legal metrology deals with measurements governed by legal and regulatory requirements.
- It is particularly important in commercial transactions, consumer protection and industrial standards.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Meeting: 61st CIML Meeting; Dates: 26-28 October 2026.

7th Agrivoltaics World Conference Held in New Delhi SUMMITS & MOUS

Union Ministers **Shivraj Singh Chouhan** and **Pralhad Joshi** inaugurated the **7th Agrivoltaics World Conference (AWC 2026)** at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, marking the first time the conference was hosted in India and the Global South.

- Conference: 7th Agrivoltaics World Conference.
- Dates: 21-23 October 2026.
- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Agrivoltaics combines agricultural production with solar-power generation on the same land.
- The conference was hosted by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Conference: 7th Agrivoltaics World Conference; Dates: 21-23 October 2026.

JobsMe All Govt Exams - 24/7
thejobsme.com

19th Urban Mobility India Conference and 2nd National Urban Conclave Held in Bhubaneswar SUMMITS & MOUS

The **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs** and Government of Odisha organised the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and the second National Urban Conclave from **23 to 25 October 2026** in Bhubaneswar.

- Location: Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- Dates: 23-25 October 2026.
- UMI edition: 19th.
- UMI theme: "Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age".
- The National Urban Conclave focused on "Urban Rising - Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery".

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Bhubaneswar, Odisha; Organising Ministry: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

India Presents National Statement at CBD COP17 in Armenia SUMMITS & MOUS

Union Environment Minister **Bhupender Yadav** delivered India's national statement at the **17th Conference of the Parties (COP17)** to the **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** in Yerevan, Armenia.

- Conference: CBD COP17.
- Venue: Yerevan, Armenia.
- Indian representative: Bhupender Yadav.
- India reiterated its commitment to biodiversity conservation.
- The CBD focuses on conservation, sustainable use and fair sharing of benefits from genetic resources.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Convention on Biological Diversity was opened for signature at Rio in 1992; its Secretariat is in Montreal.

153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly Held in Tanzania SUMMITS & MOUS

The **153rd Assembly** of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** was held in Arusha, Tanzania, from **5 to 9 October 2026**, where Australia's Milton Dick was elected the 32nd IPU President.

- Assembly: 153rd IPU Assembly.
- Venue: Arusha, Tanzania.
- New IPU President: Milton Dick.
- The central theme focused on good governance, inclusion, trust and opportunities for all.
- India's delegation was led by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Assembly: 153rd IPU Assembly; Venue: Arusha, Tanzania.

India-Supported SAMHiTA Project to Digitise 100 Manuscripts in Sri Lanka SUMMITS & MOUS

India and Sri Lanka expanded cultural cooperation through the **SAMHiTA Palm-Leaf Manuscript Digitisation Project** at Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo to digitise **100 ancient manuscripts**. The project aims to preserve South Asian manuscript heritage digitally.

- Project: SAMHiTA.
- Location: Gangaramaya Temple, Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Manuscripts targeted: 100.
- The project aims to preserve South Asian manuscript heritage digitally.
- The manuscripts cover religion, philosophy, language and cultural traditions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Gangaramaya Temple, Colombo, Sri Lanka; Implementing institution: India International Centre.

PM Modi Holds Talks with Liechtenstein's Prince Alois INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** met **Prince Alois of Liechtenstein** in New Delhi on **27 October 2026** to discuss expansion of bilateral cooperation. Talks focused on strengthening economic and technological engagement.

- Meeting date: 27 October 2026.
- Venue: New Delhi.
- Foreign dignitary: Prince Alois of Liechtenstein.
- Talks focused on strengthening economic and technological engagement.
- Innovation and investment were among the areas discussed.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Meeting date: 27 October 2026; Venue: New Delhi.

LTTS and Nokia Sign Five-Year Engineering and R&D Agreement SUMMITS & MOUS

L&T Technology Services signed a **five-year** agreement with **Nokia** to establish a dedicated Offshore Development Centre in India for engineering, R&D and technology operations. LTTS will support Nokia's global R&D teams.

- Partners: LTTS and Nokia.
- Agreement period: Five years.
- Facility: Offshore Development Centre.
- LTTS will support Nokia's global R&D teams.
- Work areas include embedded systems, software development and system integration.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Agreement period: Five years; Location: India.

India-France MoU Supports Indian Manuscript Preservation SUMMITS & MOUS

The **Ministry of Culture** signed an MoU with **Bibliothèque nationale de France** in Paris on **26 October 2026** under the Gyan Bharatam Mission, expanding cooperation on manuscript digitisation, conservation, research and digital access to Indian heritage.

- Indian partner: Ministry of Culture under the Gyan Bharatam Mission.
- French partner: Bibliothèque nationale de France.
- Reported signatories: Vivek Aggarwal and Gilles Pécout.
- Digitisation can help preserve fragile manuscripts and improve access to historical texts.
- Research collaboration can support the study of languages, literature, philosophy and cultural history.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: France capital – Paris; Bibliothèque nationale de France is the national library of France.

India and Mexico Begin Preferential Trade Agreement Negotiations INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India and Mexico formally launched negotiations for a proposed Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) after signing the Terms of Reference (ToR). Agreement under negotiation: Preferential Trade Agreement.

- Countries: India and Mexico.
- Agreement under negotiation: Preferential Trade Agreement.
- Framework document: Terms of Reference.
- The ToR establish the proposed agreement's scope, framework, negotiating methods and roadmap.
- Negotiating areas include market access for goods, rules of origin, customs procedures and trade facilitation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Mexico capital – Mexico City; currency – Mexican peso.

CAIT and NASSCOM Partner to Train Traders in Digital Technology SUMMITS & MOUS

The Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT) and the National Association of Software and Service Companies (NASSCOM) signed an MoU to train traders and MSMEs in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and digital marketing.

- Organisations: CAIT and NASSCOM.
- Initiative: “Tech Connect for Traders and MSMEs - Accelerating Digital Transformation”.
- Skills: Artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and digital marketing.
- The partnership aims to help small businesses adopt technology and adapt to changing consumer behaviour.
- Training may help traders expand operations, reach new markets and improve competitiveness.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisations: CAIT and NASSCOM; Initiative: “Tech Connect for Traders and MSMEs - Accelerating Digital Transformation”.

12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum Concludes in New Delhi SUMMITS & MOUS

The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held in New Delhi from 26 to 27 October 2026 under the theme “Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development”. The forum concluded with a joint declaration.

- Forum: 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum.
- Dates: 26-27 October 2026.
- Venue: New Delhi, India.
- The joint declaration focused on parliamentary cooperation, global governance reforms, counterterrorism and sustainable development.
- India also hosted a BRICS Theatre Festival under the theme “Shared Stories, Shared Futures”.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The original BRIC grouping held its first summit in 2009; South Africa joined the group in 2010.

Never Miss a Govt Job Notification
Latest vacancies with eligibility, last dates and direct apply links.
View Latest Jobs ➔

5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 05

Indian Army Releases New Land Warfare Doctrine

DEFENCE & SECURITY

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** released the Indian Army's new **Land Warfare Doctrine** during the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on **23 October 2026**. The updated doctrine addresses operational readiness and the impact of emerging technologies on combat.

- Document: Land Warfare Doctrine.
- Released by: Rajnath Singh.
- Date: 23 October 2026.
- The doctrine provides strategic guidance for planning and conducting land operations.
- The conference highlighted a 20-30 year strategic outlook.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Indian Army is part of the Ministry of Defence; Infantry Day is commemorated on 27 October.

India-Russia Naval Exercise INDRA-2026 Concludes

DEFENCE & SECURITY

The India-Russia bilateral naval exercise **INDRA-2026** concluded at Vladivostok, Russia, with the Indian Navy represented by **INS Sahyadri**. The exercise strengthens bilateral naval cooperation and interoperability.

- Exercise: INDRA-2026.
- Countries: India and Russia.
- Location: Vladivostok, Russia.
- The exercise strengthens bilateral naval cooperation and interoperability.
- It provides opportunities for coordinated maritime operations and professional exchanges.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: INDRA-2026; Countries: India and Russia.

Nagastra 2 Anti-Tank Loitering Munition Delivered to Indian Army

DEFENCE & SECURITY

Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited delivered the indigenous **Nagastra 2** anti-tank loitering munition system to the Indian Army for precision strikes against armoured targets. The system is intended for precision engagement of armoured targets.

- System: Nagastra 2.
- Developer/manufacturer: Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited.
- Type: Man-portable loitering munition.
- The system is intended for precision engagement of armoured targets.
- Its reported armour penetration is up to 650 mm of Rolled Homogeneous Armour.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Indian Army is part of the Ministry of Defence; Infantry Day is commemorated on 27 October.

MHA and Indian Army to Train 600 Civil Defence Master Trainers

DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Ministry of Home Affairs** and the **Indian Army** launched a joint programme to train **600 Civil Defence Master Trainers** from 12 States and Union Territories during the first phase.

- Total Master Trainers: 600.
- Participating States/UTs: 12.
- Proposed nomination: 50 trainers from each participating region.
- The initiative follows a Master Trainer Model.
- Each trained Master Trainer is expected to subsequently train 100 Civil Defence Volunteers.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Indian Army is part of the Ministry of Defence; Infantry Day is commemorated on 27 October.

India-Uzbekistan Hold 10th Counter-Terrorism Joint Working Group Meeting

DEFENCE & SECURITY

India and Uzbekistan held the **10th meeting** of their Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism in New Delhi on **22 October 2026**. Talks covered terrorist financing, radicalisation and misuse of technology.

- Meeting: 10th India-Uzbekistan JWG on Counter-Terrorism.
- Venue: New Delhi.
- Uzbekistan capital: Tashkent.
- Talks covered terrorist financing, radicalisation and misuse of technology.
- Both countries emphasised intelligence and information sharing.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Uzbekistan capital – Tashkent; currency – Uzbekistani so'm.

Indian Navy to Host Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Navy** will host the **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026** at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, from **3 to 5 November 2026**. Theme: **"Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific"**.

- Dates: 3-5 November 2026.
- Venue: Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- Organiser: Indian Navy.
- Theme: "Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific".
- The event includes five professional thematic sessions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Indian Navy is a branch of the Indian Armed Forces; the naval headquarters is in New Delhi.

DAC Approves Capital Acquisition Proposals Worth ₹2.12 Lakh Crore DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)**, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved Acceptance of Necessity for defence capital-acquisition proposals worth approximately **₹2.12 lakh crore** on **26 October 2026**.

- Total estimated value: **₹2.12 lakh crore**.
- Approval date: 26 October 2026.
- Approving body: Defence Acquisition Council.
- Army proposals include High Mobility Vehicles, self-propelled tracked guns and Very Short-Range Air Defence Systems.
- Approvals also cover counter-UAS platforms, surveillance UAVs and long-range kamikaze-drone systems.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Total estimated value: ₹2.12 lakh crore; Approval date: 26 October 2026.

Rajnath Singh to Attend 13th ADMM-Plus in Philippines DEFENCE & SECURITY

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will lead the Indian delegation at the **13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus)** in Cebu, Philippines, on **28-29 October 2026**. The ASEAN-led gathering provides a platform for regional defence cooperation and Indo-Pacific security dialogue.

- Meeting: 13th ADMM-Plus.
- Dates: 28-29 October 2026.
- Venue: Cebu, Philippines.
- ADMM-Plus brings ASEAN members together with dialogue partners for defence discussions.
- The platform supports cooperation on regional and international security challenges.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Meeting: 13th ADMM-Plus; Dates: 28-29 October 2026.

India and Indonesia Begin 11th Garuda Shakti Exercise DEFENCE & SECURITY

India and Indonesia began the **11th edition** of the joint special-forces exercise **Garuda Shakti** at Banyuwangi, Indonesia, on **27 October 2026**. Garuda Shakti is a bilateral special-forces military exercise.

- Exercise: Garuda Shakti.
- Edition: 11th.
- Countries: India and Indonesia.
- Garuda Shakti is a bilateral special-forces military exercise.
- It focuses on tactical cooperation and operational coordination.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indonesia capital – Jakarta; currency – Indonesian rupiah.

Defence Ministry Signs Five-Year AI MoU with Sarvam DEFENCE & SECURITY

Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding with Indian AI company Sarvam on 27 October 2026 to develop indigenous AI capabilities for India's Armed Forces.

- Organisations: Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff and Sarvam AI.
- Duration: Five years.
- Scope: AI applications for the Army, Navy and Air Force.
- Potential applications include military training, decision support, target acquisition and data fusion.
- The agreement aims to create an umbrella framework for defence AI projects.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisations: Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff and Sarvam AI; Duration: Five years.

Indian Naval Academy Develops Twin-Drone Maritime Search-and-Rescue System DEFENCE & SECURITY

the Indian Naval Academy developed a twin-autonomous unmanned aerial vehicle system for long-range maritime search-and-rescue operations on 27 October 2026. Institution: Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala.

- Institution: Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala.
- System: A quadcopter for detection and a hexacopter for lifebuoy delivery.
- Detection tools described: 2K optical and thermal cameras and the YOLO AI model.
- The quadcopter is intended to locate a person or target using visual and thermal information.
- The hexacopter is designed to deliver a lifebuoy to the identified location using GPS.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Institution: Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala, Kerala; System: A quadcopter for detection and a hexacopter for lifebuoy delivery.

GSL Launches Fourth Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel DEFENCE & SECURITY

Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) launched the fourth Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel, named Srishti, for the Indian Navy. Offshore patrol vessels support maritime surveillance and the protection of national maritime interests.

- Shipyard: Goa Shipyard Limited.
- Vessel: Srishti, identified as Yard 1283.
- Role: Offshore patrol and maritime security.
- Offshore patrol vessels support maritime surveillance and the protection of national maritime interests.
- They can contribute to anti-piracy operations and other patrol missions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Shipyard: Goa Shipyard Limited; Vessel: Srishti, identified as Yard 1283.

United States and Japan Reportedly Agree on Joint Missile Production DEFENCE & SECURITY

The supplied Mahendras-style material, citing an All India Radio report, says the United States and Japan agreed to jointly produce advanced medium-range air-to-air missiles in Japan under an initiative named “Operation Supercharge”.

- Countries: United States and Japan.
- Initiative name reported: Operation Supercharge.
- Project: Joint production of advanced medium-range air-to-air missiles.
- The reported initiative is linked to strengthening defence-industrial cooperation between the two countries.
- Joint production can support supply-chain resilience and defence manufacturing capacity.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Countries: United States and Japan; Initiative name reported: Operation Supercharge.

Find Your Exam, Start Your Prep
SSC, Banking and Railways exam hubs with notifications, syllabus, free quizzes and tests.
Explore Exams ➔

6. SCIENCE, TECH & SPACE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 06

ISRO Successfully Launches NVS-03 Navigation Satellite on 30 October SPACE

The **Indian Space Research Organisation** successfully launched **NVS-03** aboard **GSLV-F18** from Sriharikota at 11:51 pm on **30 October 2026**, placing the next-generation NavIC satellite into its planned geosynchronous transfer orbit.

- The mission was the **20th flight of GSLV** and used the Satish Dhawan Space Centre’s second launch pad.
- NVS-03 is the **third next-generation navigation satellite** intended to sustain India’s regional navigation services.
- The spacecraft carries indigenous and procured atomic clocks and transmits in **L1, L5 and S** bands.
- NavIC coverage includes the Indian landmass and a region extending approximately **1,500 km** beyond its geopolitical boundaries.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NavIC stands for Navigation with Indian Constellation; ISRO headquarters – Bengaluru; GSLV-F18 used a geosynchronous transfer orbit.

Rare Accretion Structure Found Around Centaurus X-3 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Scientists from the **Raman Research Institute** identified a rare accretion-disk and stream structure around the high-mass X-ray pulsar **Centaurus X-3**. The study found evidence for both an accretion disk and an accretion stream.

- Object: Centaurus X-3.
- Type: High-Mass X-ray Binary.
- Distance: About 24,000 light-years.
- The study found evidence for both an accretion disk and an accretion stream.
- This configuration is unusual for high-mass X-ray binaries that commonly accrete through stellar winds.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Type: High-Mass X-ray Binary; Distance: About 24,000 light-years.

C-DOT Establishes Sixth Centre of Excellence at IIT-BHU SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT)** signed an MoU with **IIT (BHU), Varanasi** to establish its sixth Centre of Excellence for advanced telecommunications and quantum technologies.

- Institution: IIT (BHU), Varanasi.
- Centre: 6th C-DOT Centre of Excellence.
- C-DOT functions under the Department of Telecommunications.
- Research will include large-scale MIMO and Integrated Sensing and Communication.
- The centre aims to strengthen indigenous telecom research.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: C-DOT was established in 1984; it works under the Department of Telecommunications.

NIFTEM-K Hosts AI-Food Tech Hackathon 'Hack the Fork' SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli (NIFTEM-K)** organised the AI × Food Tech Hackathon **'Hack the Fork'** on **24-25 October 2026** to develop AI-based solutions for the alternative-protein sector.

- Event: Hack the Fork.
- Dates: 24-25 October 2026.
- Organiser: NIFTEM-K.
- The hackathon focused particularly on challenges facing the alternative-protein industry.
- Students, researchers and technology innovators participated in developing solutions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: Hack the Fork; Dates: 24-25 October 2026.

Microsoft Develops Sequential AI Tool for Medical Diagnosis SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft researchers developed an AI-based diagnostic approach that sequentially determines which questions and tests should be used before updating its medical hypothesis, similar to a step-by-step clinical workflow.

- Developer: Microsoft researchers.
- Study reported: 23 October 2026.
- Evaluation included 300 complex cases.
- The system selects patient-history questions, examinations and tests progressively.
- It updates its hypotheses when new information becomes available.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Developer: Microsoft researchers; Study reported: 23 October 2026.

China Zorrilla Emerges as Major Battery-Electric Ferry SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **China Zorrilla** attracted attention as one of the world's largest battery-electric ferries, designed for passenger and vehicle transportation between Uruguay and Argentina. The ferry is intended for the Colonia-Buenos Aires route.

- Vessel: China Zorrilla.
- Builder: Incat, Tasmania.
- Length: About 130 metres.
- The ferry is intended for the Colonia-Buenos Aires route.
- It can accommodate approximately 225 vehicles.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Vessel: China Zorrilla; Builder: Incat, Tasmania.

World's First Integrated AATAL Facility Inaugurated at IITM New Delhi SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Union Minister **Dr Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the **Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory (AATAL)** at IITM in New Delhi described as the world's first integrated facility of its kind.

- Facility: AATAL.
- Institution: Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology.
- Location: New Delhi.
- AATAL can analyse gases, PM2.5, metals and toxic atmospheric components.
- It is designed to identify sources such as vehicles, industries, biomass burning and construction dust.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Institution: Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology; Location: New Delhi.

IIT Kharagpur Plans India's First Dedicated School of Physical AI SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IIT Kharagpur announced a proposed **₹35 crore** investment to establish a dedicated **School of Physical AI**, designed to link artificial intelligence with robotics, autonomous systems and machines that interact with physical environments.

- Institution: IIT Kharagpur.
- Project: School of Physical AI.
- Proposed investment: **₹35 crore**.
- Physical AI combines artificial intelligence with systems capable of sensing and acting in the real world.
- Applications include robotics, autonomous machines and intelligent physical systems.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Institution: IIT Kharagpur; Record: Proposed first dedicated Physical AI school in India.

TDB-DST Supports Manastu Space's Green Propulsion Technology SPACE

The **Technology Development Board under DST** signed an agreement with **Manastu Space** for **₹116 crore** of research, development and innovation support for indigenous green space-propulsion technology.

- Company: Manastu Space.
- Government institution: Technology Development Board-DST.
- Support amount: **₹116 crore**.
- The support targets research, development and innovation in cleaner propulsion systems.
- Green propulsion seeks alternatives to highly toxic conventional spacecraft propellants.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ISRO was established in 1969; its headquarters is Bengaluru, Karnataka.

HCLTech Opens Semiconductor Development Centres in Karnataka SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

HCLTech opened semiconductor development centres in **Bengaluru and Hubballi**, Karnataka, on **26 October 2026** to support engineering work for Japanese semiconductor company Rapidus and strengthen bilateral cooperation in specialised chip-development capabilities.

- Indian company: HCLTech.
- Japanese partner: Rapidus.
- Locations: Bengaluru and Hubballi, Karnataka.
- Semiconductors are essential components in electronics, communications, computing and automotive systems.
- Design and development centres can support specialised engineering work and cross-border technology cooperation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Karnataka capital – Bengaluru; semiconductors are used to fabricate integrated circuits and electronic components.

IIT Mandi Launches Science on Wheels Initiative SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IIT Mandi launched the Science on Wheels initiative in Himachal Pradesh on 17 October 2026 to provide practical science education to school students, particularly in rural areas.

- Lead institution: Indian Institute of Technology Mandi.
- Partners: Plaksha University and the Igniting Dreams of Young Minds Foundation, as listed.
- Support: Department of Science and Technology.
- Learning themes include space technology, robotics, sustainability and water filtration.
- The programme offers interactive, laboratory-based learning sessions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Lead institution: Indian Institute of Technology Mandi; Partners: Plaksha University and the Igniting Dreams of Young Minds Foundation, as listed.

Practise Free Quizzes, Check Your Score
Topic-wise MCQs with instant scores and explanations. No signup needed to attempt.
Browse Quizzes ➔

7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 07

Tuticorin International Container Terminal Declared Green Terminal ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The **Tuticorin International Container Terminal** at V.O. Chidambaranar Port was designated a Green Terminal on **22 October 2026** after achieving **100% electrification** of operational equipment.

- Port: V.O. Chidambaranar Port.
- Location: Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu.
- Terminal: Tuticorin International Container Terminal.
- All operational equipment at the terminal has been electrified.
- The wider port is pursuing methanol bunkering, green-hydrogen pilots and wind-energy projects.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: A TEU equals one standard 20-foot shipping container; the nodal ministry is the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Nepal Becomes First Reported Beneficiary of Loss and Damage Fund

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The **Fund for Responding to Loss and Damage (FRLD)** provisionally allocated **USD 20 million** to Nepal on 22 October 2026, making it the first country reported to receive financial assistance through the global climate-loss mechanism.

- Country: Nepal.
- Provisional allocation: **USD 20 million**.
- Related disaster: August 2026 glacial-lake outburst flood.
- The allocation is intended to support Nepal's recovery from severe climate-induced flooding.
- Reconstruction needs were estimated at approximately **USD 4.71 billion**.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Nepal capital – Kathmandu; currency – Nepalese rupee.

Two New Ophiorrhiza Plant Species Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Researchers described two flowering plant species, *Ophiorrhiza shidiensis* and *Ophiorrhiza pemae*, in Arunachal Pradesh's Changlang district. The discovery adds to the recorded biodiversity of the Eastern Himalayan region and provides information useful for botanical classification and conservation.

- Species 1: Ophiorrhiza shidiensis.
- Species 2: Ophiorrhiza pemae.
- The two **Rubiaceae** species were reported from the Vijoynagar region of Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Researchers associated with the Botanical Survey of India and Madras Christian College contributed to the reported discoveries.
- The discoveries add to the documented botanical diversity of Northeast India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Rubiaceae is the coffee family; Arunachal Pradesh lies in the biodiversity-rich Eastern Himalayan region.

Ghostly Eyeless Freshwater Snail Discovered in China's Yunnan Province

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Scientists discovered **Erhaia dijiang**, an eyeless freshwater cave snail belonging to the family Erhaiidae, in a high-altitude cave in Yunnan Province, China. The species has lost its eyes and body pigmentation.

- Species: Erhaia dijiang.
- Family: Erhaiidae.
- Location: Yuxi City, Yunnan Province.
- The species has lost its eyes and body pigmentation.
- Only three living adults were reported, creating conservation concerns.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Species: Erhaia dijiang; Family: Erhaiidae.

Ladakh Declared India's First 100% Organic Union Territory

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

On **25 October 2026**, Ladakh was reported to have attained the status of **India's first fully organic Union Territory** under a framework promoting chemical-free agriculture, organic certification and protection of the Himalayan region's fragile natural resources.

- Union Territory: Ladakh.
- Declaration date: 25 October 2026.
- Ladakh became a Union Territory on 31 October 2019.
- The reported framework prohibits procurement, sale and use of synthetic fertilisers.
- The initiative aims to strengthen organic certification and traceability.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ladakh became a Union Territory on 31 October 2019; its two original districts are Leh and Kargil.

IUCN Coral Reef Assessment Highlights Serious Ecosystem Risk

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The **International Union for Conservation of Nature** released its first global coral reef assessment on **22 October 2026**, finding that **96%** of assessed shallow-water coral reef ecosystems face a critically high risk of collapse by 2075.

- Subject: Global assessment of coral reef ecosystems.
- Organisation referenced: International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).
- The assessment covered **127 ecoregions** and 188,362 square kilometres of shallow-water coral reefs worldwide.
- Coral reefs support marine biodiversity and provide habitat for many marine species.
- Reef degradation can affect fisheries, coastal protection and communities dependent on marine ecosystems.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IUCN was founded in 1948 and is headquartered in Gland, Switzerland; the Red List of Ecosystems classifies risks of ecosystem collapse.

JobsMe All Govt Exams - 24/7
thejobsme.com
thejobsme.com

New Flowering Plant Osbeckia assamensis Reported from Assam ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

the discovery of a flowering plant named Osbeckia assamensis in Manas National Park, Assam. The discovery is attributed to researchers Namita Nath and Barnali Das and was reported in the journal Phytotaxa.

- Scientific name: Osbeckia assamensis.
- Location: Manas National Park, Assam.
- Plant family: Melastomataceae.
- Taxonomic discoveries improve understanding of regional plant diversity.
- Scientific descriptions help distinguish newly documented species from closely related plants.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Assam capital – Dispur; Kaziranga National Park is a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

Punah Bharan App Launched for Groundwater Recharge Planning ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Union Minister C. R. Paatil launched the Punah Bharan mobile application on 28 October 2026 to support scientific groundwater recharge planning and sustainable groundwater management.

- Application: Punah Bharan.
- Ministry: Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Developer: Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics (BISAG-N), in collaboration with the National Water Mission.
- The application uses rainfall, groundwater levels, yield, slope and drainage data to identify potential recharge locations.
- It is designed to support planning of artificial recharge structures at village level.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Application: Punah Bharan; Ministry: Ministry of Jal Shakti.

Maharashtra Approves Wildlife Sanctuary and Conservation Reserve Proposals ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife, chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, approved proposals concerning Kolamarka Conservation Reserve, the expanded Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary area, and 14 proposed conservation reserves across seven districts.

- State: Maharashtra.
- Board: Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife.
- Kolamarka location: Gadchiroli district.
- The proposal concerning expanded Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary includes 588.767 hectares of revenue and private land from six villages.
- The source identifies the Forest Owlet, leopards, barking deer and more than 200 bird species among the wildlife associated with the Tansa area.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Maharashtra capital – Mumbai; the state has a bicameral legislature.

Master Static GK with Memory Tricks
Free topic-wise notes, one-liners and quizzes for SSC, Banking, UPSC and Railways exams.
Read Static GK ➔

8. APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 08

Sunil Kumar Appointed Next ONGC Chairman APPOINTMENTS

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved the appointment of **Sunil Kumar** as the next Chairman of **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited**. He is scheduled to assume charge on or after **7 December 2026**.

- Appointee: Sunil Kumar.
- Organisation: ONGC.
- Post: Chairman.
- The approved combined tenure is 3 years.
- Sunil Kumar joined ONGC in 1991.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ONGC was established in 1956; its headquarters is New Delhi.

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed Next Chief of the Air Staff APPOINTMENTS

Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit was appointed the next Chief of the Air Staff and is scheduled to assume office on **31 October 2026**, succeeding Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh.

- Appointee: Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit.
- Post: Chief of the Air Staff.
- Assumption date: 31 October 2026.
- The Chief of the Air Staff heads the Indian Air Force.
- The office is responsible for overall operational preparedness and strategic direction of the service.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Appointee: Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit; Post: Chief of the Air Staff.

Anca-Maria Verma Appointed IIMSAM Ambassador-at-Large for India APPOINTMENTS

Anca-Maria Verma was appointed Ambassador-at-Large for India of the Inter-Governmental Institution for the Use of Micro-Algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition for a **five-year term**. The role focuses on humanitarian and nutrition-related initiatives.

- Appointee: Anca-Maria Verma.
- Organisation: IIMSAM.
- Term: 20 October 2026-19 October 2031.
- The role focuses on humanitarian and nutrition-related initiatives.
- It also includes stakeholder engagement in India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Appointee: Anca-Maria Verma; Organisation: IIMSAM.

Sajjan Singh Yadav Appointed Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir APPOINTMENTS

The Ministry of Home Affairs appointed **Dr Sajjan Singh Yadav**, a 1995-batch AGMUT-cadre IAS officer, as the next Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

- Appointee: Dr Sajjan Singh Yadav.
- IAS batch: 1995.
- Cadre: AGMUT.
- Yadav has held senior roles in central and Union Territory administrations.
- He has worked with POSHAN Abhiyaan and the National Rural Health Mission.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Appointee: Dr Sajjan Singh Yadav; IAS batch: 1995.

Sanjay Singhal Given Additional Charge of DG ITBP APPOINTMENTS

Sanjay Singhal, Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), was assigned additional charge as Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) with effect from 31 October 2026.

- Officer: Sanjay Singhal.
- Additional responsibility: Director General, ITBP.
- Cadre and batch stated: 1993-batch Indian Police Service, Uttar Pradesh cadre.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ITBP was raised on 24 October 1962; it functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Air Marshal Vikram Gaur Appointed Additional Secretary in DMA APPOINTMENTS

Air Marshal **Vikram Gaur** was appointed Additional Secretary in the **Department of Military Affairs**, a senior post concerned with defence administration and integration of the armed forces. The appointment drew attention to the department's expanding inter-service responsibilities.

- Officer: Air Marshal Vikram Gaur.
- Appointment: Additional Secretary, Department of Military Affairs.
- Previous role stated: Joint Secretary (Air and Staff Duties).

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Officer: Air Marshal Vikram Gaur; Appointment: Additional Secretary, Department of Military Affairs.

Never Miss a Govt Job Notification
Latest vacancies with eligibility, last dates and direct apply links.
View Latest Jobs ➔

9. AWARDS, HONOURS & BOOKS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 09

President Releases ₹200 Coin for Mata Hasi Devi Ji Bicentenary AWARDS & HONOURS

President **Droupadi Murmu** released a **₹200 commemorative coin** at Lok Bhavan, Raipur, to mark the **200th birth anniversary** of **Mata Sahib Hasi Devi Ji**, the fifth spiritual head of Shadani Darbar.

- Denomination: **₹200.**
- Occasion: 200th birth anniversary of Mata Hasi Devi Ji.
- Venue: Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
- One side carries an image of Mata Hasi Devi Ji.
- The other side features the Lion Capital of Ashoka and the denomination.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Denomination: ₹200; Occasion: 200th birth anniversary of Mata Hasi Devi Ji.

Ameena Nazreen A S Wins Global Youth Institute Award AWARDS & HONOURS

Indian student **Ameena Nazreen A S** won a Global Youth Institute award during the 2026 Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue in Des Moines, Iowa, for research related to food security.

- Winner: Ameena Nazreen A S.
- Event: Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue.
- Dates: 20-22 October 2026.
- Seven high-school students participated through the NAAS-YUVA selection drive.
- The event was organised by the World Food Prize Foundation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Winner: Ameena Nazreen A S; Event: Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue.

Ashoke Sen Becomes First Indian Physicist to Win Oskar Klein Medal AWARDS & HONOURS

Indian theoretical physicist **Ashoke Sen** received the **2026 Oskar Klein Medal** for pioneering contributions to string theory and theoretical physics, becoming the first Indian physicist to receive the honour.

- Recipient: Ashoke Sen.
- Award: 2026 Oskar Klein Medal.
- Field: Theoretical physics and string theory.
- Sen is associated with the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences, Bengaluru.
- His major research areas include S-duality, string field theory and black-hole entropy.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Recipient: Ashoke Sen; Award: 2026 Oskar Klein Medal.

Lionel Messi Receives 2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports AWARDS & HONOURS

Argentine footballer **Lionel Messi** received the **2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports** at a ceremony in Oviedo, Spain, on **23 October 2026**. He was recognised for his sporting career and social initiatives.

- Recipient: Lionel Messi.
- Award: Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2026.
- Venue: Campoamor Theatre, Oviedo, Spain.
- He was recognised for his sporting career and social initiatives.
- His Leo Messi Foundation supports initiatives in healthcare and education.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Recipient: Lionel Messi; Award: Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2026.

Usha Mangeshkar Named First Bhupen Hazarika National Award Recipient AWARDS & HONOURS

The Assam government announced singer **Usha Mangeshkar** as the first recipient of the newly instituted **Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award**. The award honours nationally or internationally recognised contributions to culture.

- First recipient: Usha Mangeshkar.
- Award ceremony: 29 November 2026.
- Cash prize: **₹10 lakh**.
- The award honours nationally or internationally recognised contributions to culture.
- It was instituted during the birth-centenary celebrations of Bhupen Hazarika.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: First recipient: Usha Mangeshkar; Award ceremony: 29 November 2026.

Harry Kane and Alexia Putellas Win 2026 Ballon d'Or Awards AWARDS & HONOURS

Harry Kane and **Alexia Putellas** won the men's and women's **2026 Ballon d'Or** awards at the 70th ceremony, held at the London Palladium on **26 October 2026**, recognising their achievements in elite football.

- Men's winner: Harry Kane.
- Women's winner: Alexia Putellas.
- Edition: 70th.
- He also received the men's Gerd Müller Trophy.
- Putellas secured her third Women's Ballon d'Or after her 2021 and 2022 victories.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Ballon d'Or began in 1956; the award was initiated by France Football.

Sitaram Raul Wins Wildlife Photographer of the Year Category Award AWARDS & HONOURS

Indian photographer **Sitaram Raul** won the Behaviour: Invertebrates category at the 2026 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition for his photograph **'Shifting Sand'**. The photograph shows an Indian Buthacus scorpion burrowing into desert sand.

- Photographer: Sitaram Raul.
- Photograph: "Shifting Sand".
- Category: Behaviour: Invertebrates.
- The photograph shows an Indian Buthacus scorpion burrowing into desert sand.
- It was captured near Sam village in Rajasthan's Thar Desert.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Photographer: Sitaram Raul; Photograph: "Shifting Sand".

Shabari Naturals Wins Global Design Award for Tribal-Inspired Packaging AWARDS & HONOURS

Maharashtra government initiative **Shabari Naturals** was recognised with the **G-Mark Global Design Award** for packaging inspired by traditional tribal art forms. The packaging features Warli, Gond and Chitrakathi art forms.

- Brand: Shabari Naturals.
- Award: G-Mark / Good Design Award.
- Awarding institution: Japan Institute of Design Promotion.
- The packaging features Warli, Gond and Chitrakathi art forms.
- The initiative promotes tribal products such as wild honey, millets and handmade artefacts.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Brand: Shabari Naturals; Award: G-Mark / Good Design Award.

English Translation of 'The Story of Vande Mataram' Unveiled BOOKS & AUTHORS

Former Governor **Arif Mohammed Khan** unveiled the English translation of **'The Story of Vande Mataram'** at the Constitutional Club of India in New Delhi. The book traces the role of Vande Mataram in India's freedom movement.

- Book: "The Story of Vande Mataram".
- Original author: Ranga Hari.
- English translator: Dr Mercy Jill.
- The book traces the role of Vande Mataram in India's freedom movement.
- It discusses Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay's composition and its inclusion in Anandamath.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Book: "The Story of Vande Mataram"; Original author: Ranga Hari.

NCRTC Wins Passenger Service Award at UMI 2026 AWARDS & HONOURS

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) received the Best Passenger Service and Satisfaction award for the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat corridor and the Best Exhibitor award at the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo, held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 28 October 2026.

- Award-winning corridor: Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat.
- Conference: 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2026.
- Venue: Bhubaneswar, Odisha.
- The corridor recorded reported punctuality of **99.9%** and average daily ridership exceeding 1.1 lakh.
- The corridor supports connections with Metro services, Indian Railways and Interstate Bus Terminals.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Award-winning corridor: Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat; Conference: 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo 2026.

Bukayo Saka Receives Socrates Award at Ballon d'Or Ceremony AWARDS & HONOURS

England footballer **Bukayo Saka** received the **2026 Sócrates Award** at the Ballon d'Or ceremony in London on **26 October 2026** for his contribution to humanitarian and solidarity initiatives beyond football.

- Award: Socrates Award.
- Recipient reported: Bukayo Saka.
- Purpose: Recognition of humanitarian work by a footballer.
- The source associates Saka with medical support for children through the charity Big Shoe.
- It reports support for surgeries for more than 100 children in Nigeria and other parts of Africa.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Ballon d'Or began in 1956; the award was initiated by France Football.

DPIIT Announces Sixth National Startup Awards AWARDS & HONOURS

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, announced the sixth edition of the National Startup Awards under the Startup India initiative.

- Awards: National Startup Awards 6.0.
- Department: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.
- Programme: Startup India.
- The awards recognise innovation, entrepreneurship and contributions to India's startup ecosystem.
- Special categories include Women-Led Startup of the Year, North-East Startup Excellence and Student Innovator/Aspiring Entrepreneur Award.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Awards: National Startup Awards 6.0; Department: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

Free Study Material for Every Subject
Banking awareness, English, computer awareness, Static GK and current affairs notes, free to read.
Browse Study Material ➔

10. SPORTS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 10

Dilip Mahadu Gavit Wins Second Asian Para Games Gold SPORTS

Indian para-sprinter **Dilip Mahadu Gavit** won his second gold medal at the Asian Para Games 2026 by taking the men's 400m T47 title in **48.27 seconds**.

- Athlete: Dilip Mahadu Gavit.
- Event: Men's 400m T47.
- Time: 48.27 seconds.
- The 400m victory gave Gavit his second gold of the Games.
- Bhavikkumar Bharwad won the 400m T47 silver.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Asian Para Games are organised under the Asian Paralympic Committee; the previous 2023 edition was hosted in Hangzhou, China.

Dharmaraj Solairaj Wins Long Jump Gold with Asian Record SPORTS

Indian para-athlete **Dharmaraj Solairaj** defended his Asian Para Games long-jump title with a **7.15 m** performance in the combined T44/T62/T64 final. Solairaj bettered his previous mark of **7.08 m**.

- Athlete: Dharmaraj Solairaj.
- Event: Men's long jump T44/T62/T64.
- Winning jump: 7.15 m.
- Solairaj bettered his previous mark of 7.08 m.
- He recorded a top score of 807 points under the classification-comparison scoring system stated.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Athlete: Dharmaraj Solairaj; Event: Men's long jump T44/T62/T64.

Anjanaben Bumbadiya Wins Women's 400m T47 Gold SPORTS

Anjanaben Bumbadiya won the women's 400m T47 gold at the Asian Para Games in **59.97 seconds**, while compatriot **Jayanti Behera** took silver. Bumbadiya was the only athlete in the field to finish under one minute.

- Gold: Anjanaben Bumbadiya.
- Time: 59.97 seconds.
- Silver: Jayanti Behera.
- Bumbadiya was the only athlete in the field to finish under one minute.
- Tejalben Damor also won silver in the women's 400m T12 event.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Gold: Anjanaben Bumbadiya; Time: 59.97 seconds.

Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy Win European Chess Club Cup Golds SPORTS

Indian Grandmasters **Nihal Sarin** and **Koneru Humpy** won individual gold medals at the European Chess Club Cup 2026 held in Montenegro. Humpy's Cercle d'Echecs de Monte-Carlo won the Women's Team Championship.

- Nihal Sarin: Board 2 individual gold in Open competition.
- Nihal's score: 5/6.
- Koneru Humpy: Board 2 individual gold in women's competition.
- Humpy's Cercle d'Echecs de Monte-Carlo won the Women's Team Championship.
- Nihal's Novy Bor finished second in the Open team event.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: FIDE was founded in 1924; its headquarters is Lausanne, Switzerland.

India Finishes Fourth with Record 114 Medals at Asian Para Games 2026 SPORTS

India completed the **Aichi-Nagoya Asian Para Games 2026** in fourth position with a national-record medal haul of **114 medals**, including 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze.

- Host: Aichi Prefecture and Nagoya, Japan.
- Dates: 18-24 October 2026.
- India's medals: 114.
- This was India's best-ever Asian Para Games medal haul.
- India surpassed its previous record of 108 medals at Hangzhou 2023.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Asian Para Games are organised under the Asian Paralympic Committee; the previous 2023 edition was hosted in Hangzhou, China.

Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Female International Master SPORTS

British chess prodigy of Indian origin **Bodhana Sivanandan** became the youngest female International Master in chess history at the age of approximately **11 years and 7 months**.

- Player: Bodhana Sivanandan.
- Country represented: England.
- Achievement: International Master title.
- Sivanandan completed her required IM norms through performances in France, the Chess Olympiad and European Club Cup.
- She scored 5.5 points from seven games at the European Club Cup.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: FIDE stands for Fédération Internationale des Échecs; the International Master title ranks below Grandmaster.

Ahmedabad to Host 2029 Senior World Weightlifting Championships SPORTS

The **International Weightlifting Federation** awarded the **2029 Senior World Weightlifting Championships** to Ahmedabad, Gujarat, marking the first time India will host the senior world championship.

- Event: 2029 Senior World Weightlifting Championships.
- Host city: Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Awarding body: International Weightlifting Federation.
- The hosting decision was made by the IWF Executive Board.
- Moscow will host the 2030 Senior World Championships.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The International Weightlifting Federation was founded in 1905; its headquarters is Lausanne, Switzerland.

P. V. Sindhu Finishes Runner-up at French Open 2026 SPORTS

India's **P. V. Sindhu** finished runner-up in the women's singles event at the **Yonex French Open 2026** after losing the final to South Korea's An Se-young.

- Tournament: Yonex French Open 2026.
- Dates: 20-25 October 2026.
- Venue: Arena Grand Paris, France.
- An Se-young defeated Sindhu 16-21, 21-11, 21-12 in the final.
- France's Christo Popov won the men's singles title.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Tournament: Yonex French Open 2026; Dates: 20-25 October 2026.

Yuki Bhambri Wins Almaty Open 2026 Doubles Title SPORTS

Indian tennis player **Yuki Bhambri** and American partner **Ryan Seggerman** won the men's doubles title at the Almaty Open 2026 in Kazakhstan. The pair defeated Lucas Miedler and Neil Oberleitner in the final.

- Indian player: Yuki Bhambri.
- Partner: Ryan Seggerman, USA.
- Tournament category: ATP 250.
- The pair defeated Lucas Miedler and Neil Oberleitner in the final.
- Score: 7-6(3), 6-7(1), [10-2].

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian player: Yuki Bhambri; Partner: Ryan Seggerman, USA.

JobsMe All Govt Exams - 24/7
thejobsme.com
thejobsme.com

India Wins Four Medals at World Boxing U19 Championships 2026 SPORTS

India won **four medals**, including one gold, one silver and two bronze, at the **2026 World Boxing U19 Championships** held in Budva, Montenegro, from **16 to 27 October 2026**, finishing joint seventh overall.

- Competition: World Boxing U19 Championships 2026.
- Host city and country: Budva, Montenegro.
- Indian medal tally reported: One gold, one silver and two bronze medals.
- Harshika Tokas won bronze in the women's 65 kg category.
- Prachi Tokas won bronze in the women's 80+ kg category.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Boxing was founded in 2023; Budva is a town in Montenegro, whose capital is Podgorica.

Abhishek Sharma Sets Indian T20 Century Record SPORTS

India defeated New Zealand by six wickets in the third T20 International at Wellington on 27 October 2026, taking a 3-0 lead in the five-match series.

- Player: Abhishek Sharma.
- Reported score: 113 runs from 38 balls.
- Record reported: His 11th T20 century, surpassing Virat Kohli's previous Indian tally of nine.
- Vaibhav Sooryavanshi, described as 15 years old, scored 45 from 19 balls.
- The win gave India a 3-0 lead in the series.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Player: Abhishek Sharma; Reported score: 113 runs from 38 balls.

India Announces Contingent for Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games SPORTS

The **Indian Olympic Association** announced a **17-athlete contingent** across 11 sports for the **Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games** in Senegal, scheduled for **31 October to 13 November 2026**, the first Olympic event hosted in Africa.

- Event: Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games.
- Host city and country: Dakar, Senegal.
- Indian participation: 11 sports disciplines.
- The Youth Olympic Games are an international multi-sport event organised by the International Olympic Committee.
- The competition features **25 sports** in its planned programme.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: Dakar 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games; Host city and country: Dakar, Senegal.

LA28 Announces “Stars Align” as Official Slogan SPORTS

The **Los Angeles 2028 Organising Committee** unveiled **Stars Align** as the official slogan for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The branding links the host city’s identity with the ambition and achievements of participating athletes.

- Event: Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- Official slogan reported: “Stars Align”.
- Olympic Games dates stated: 14-30 July 2028.
- The slogan is intended to represent sporting excellence, dedication and global unity.
- The Olympic motto is “Faster, Higher, Stronger - Together”.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: Los Angeles 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games; Official slogan reported: “Stars Align”.

Find Your Exam, Start Your Prep
SSC, Banking and Railways exam hubs with notifications, syllabus, free quizzes and tests.
Explore Exams ➔

11. OBITUARIES (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 11

Indian Para-Athlete Neeraj Yadav Passes Away OBITUARIES

Indian para-athlete and javelin thrower **Neeraj Yadav** died at the age of **42** in New Delhi in October 2026. His sporting achievements drew attention to Indian participation and success in classified para-athletics events.

- Sport: Para-athletics.
- Speciality: Javelin throw; F55 category mentioned.
- Asian Para Games achievement: Three gold medals.
- He reportedly competed in wheelchair tennis before transitioning to seated para-athletics field events.
- He also won silver medals in shot put and discus at the **2016 Fazza Grand Prix**.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Sport: Para-athletics; Speciality: Javelin throw; F55 category mentioned.

Read Daily Current Affairs Every Morning
Exam-focused updates for UPSC, SSC, Banking and Railways, posted every day.
Read Today's Update ➔

12. STATE AFFAIRS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 12

Fisheries Investors and Exporters Conclave 2026 Held in Bhopal STATE AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and the Madhya Pradesh government organised the **Fisheries Investors & Exporters Conclave 2026** in Bhopal on **23 October 2026**.

- Venue: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- Date: 23 October 2026.
- Stakeholder participation: More than 1,000.
- Madhya Pradesh Fisheries Investment and Export Guidelines, 2026 were launched.
- SOPs on the export potential of inland states were released.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Venue: Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh; Date: 23 October 2026.

Goa Unveils AI Policy at Goa AI Tech Conclave 2026 STATE AFFAIRS

Goa hosted the **Goa AI Tech Conclave 2026** on **22-23 October 2026** and announced initiatives including a Goa AI Policy, AI Hackathon, AI Centre of Excellence and a Konkani Large Language Model.

- Venue: Panaji, Goa.
- Dates: 22-23 October 2026.
- Theme: "AI for People, Planet and Progress".
- The state launched an AI Hackathon for students, innovators and startups.
- The policy focuses on responsible adoption of AI and improved public-service delivery.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Goa attained statehood on 30 May 1987; its capital is Panaji.

Punjab Launches SANGAT Mental Health Clubs in 40 Colleges STATE AFFAIRS

The Punjab government launched **SANGAT Mental Health Clubs** in **40 colleges** to address mental-health concerns and substance abuse under its Yudh Nashean Virudh campaign. Selected students receive Youth Mental Health First Aid certification.

- Colleges: 40.
- Students selected per college: 25.
- Training: 14 hours.
- Selected students receive Youth Mental Health First Aid certification.
- The programme is implemented by Mpower under the COPE framework.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Colleges: 40; Students selected per college: 25.

Tamil Nadu Launches 'Thuli' Rainwater Harvesting Campaign STATE AFFAIRS

Tamil Nadu launched the statewide **'Thuli'** rainwater-harvesting awareness campaign on **21 October 2026** to strengthen maintenance and compliance of rainwater-harvesting structures. The initiative covers urban and rural local bodies.

- Campaign: Thuli.
- Launch date: 21 October 2026.
- Government Order guiding initiative: GO No. 184.
- The initiative covers urban and rural local bodies.
- Government buildings, schools, hospitals and commercial premises are to be inspected.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Tamil Nadu capital – Chennai; Tamil Nadu made rainwater harvesting mandatory for buildings in 2003.

Telangana to Host Raksha Expo 2026 STATE AFFAIRS

The Telangana government announced **Raksha Expo 2026**, scheduled for **7–9 December 2026** at Bharat Future City, Hyderabad. The exhibition aims to showcase defence, aerospace, space technologies and internal-security manufacturing capabilities in the state.

- Dates: 7-9 December 2026.
- Venue: Bharat Future City, Hyderabad.
- Air show: 9 December 2026.
- The expo will showcase Telangana's aerospace and defence-manufacturing ecosystem.
- Hyderabad is an important manufacturing location for global aerospace supply chains.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Telangana was formed on 2 June 2014; its capital is Hyderabad.

India's First Cooperative-Sector Airline Planned in Kerala STATE AFFAIRS

The Kerala government granted permission for the **Kerala Civil Aviation Development Cooperative Society** to develop a proposed cooperative-sector airline. The project aims to explore a new ownership model for aviation services, subject to the required approvals and operational arrangements.

- State: Kerala.
- Model: Cooperative-sector airline.
- Permission reported: 26 October 2026.
- The project is intended to operate alongside existing commercial carriers.
- The Kerala government will reportedly provide a sovereign guarantee for cooperative deposits.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Kerala capital – Thiruvananthapuram; its legislature is unicameral.

UP Cabinet Approves PRAGATI Robotics and AI Park STATE AFFAIRS

The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the PRAGATI Robotics and AI Park in Greater Noida on 27 October 2026. The project is intended to promote robotics, artificial intelligence and indigenous manufacturing.

- Project name: PRAGATI — Robotics and AI Growth Through Technology and Innovation Park.
- Location: Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Total proposed area: 69.52 acres.
- Equity structure described: Greater Noida Authority 26% and the industrial partner 74%.
- The state government is reported to provide an interest-free loan of **₹126.2 crore** for 30 years.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Union Cabinet is chaired by the Prime Minister; Cabinet decisions are part of executive governance under the Constitution.

Practise Free Quizzes, Check Your Score
Topic-wise MCQs with instant scores and explanations. No signup needed to attempt.
Browse Quizzes ➔

13. IMPORTANT DAYS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 13

International Snow Leopard Day 2026 - October 23 IMPORTANT DAYS

International Snow Leopard Day was observed on **23 October 2026** to promote conservation of snow leopards and their high-altitude habitats. The observance originated from the 2013 Global Snow Leopard Conservation Forum in Bishkek.

- Date: 23 October.
- Species: Snow leopard.
- IUCN Red List status: Vulnerable.
- The observance originated from the 2013 Global Snow Leopard Conservation Forum in Bishkek.
- The 12 snow-leopard range countries adopted the Bishkek Declaration.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 23 October; First observance: 2014.

ITBP Raising Day 2026 - October 24 IMPORTANT DAYS

The **65th Raising Day** of the **Indo-Tibetan Border Police** was observed on **24 October 2026**, commemorating the force's establishment in 1962. ITBP was raised to strengthen security along the India-Tibet border.

- Date: 24 October.
- Established: 24 October 1962.
- 2026 observance: 65th Raising Day.
- ITBP was raised to strengthen security along the India-Tibet border.
- It was initially formed with four battalions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ITBP was raised on 24 October 1962; it functions under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week 2026 IMPORTANT DAYS

The **14th International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week** was observed from **18-24 October 2026** under the campaign theme **"From Detection to Prevention"**. The campaign raises awareness of harmful lead exposure, particularly in children.

- Dates: 18-24 October 2026.
- Edition: 14th.
- Theme: "From Detection to Prevention".
- The campaign raises awareness of harmful lead exposure, particularly in children.
- It promotes prevention and accelerated phase-out of lead paint.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Dates: 18-24 October 2026; Edition: 14th.

Infantry Day 2026 - October 27 IMPORTANT DAYS

The Indian Army observes **Infantry Day** annually on **27 October** to commemorate the landing of the first Indian infantry troops at Srinagar airfield in 1947 and honour the contribution of the Infantry to national security.

- Date: 27 October.
- 2026 observance: 80th.
- Historic event: Landing at Srinagar Airfield in 1947.
- The troops were led by Lt Col Dewan Ranjit Rai.
- The deployment helped counter invading tribal forces in Jammu and Kashmir.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Infantry Day recalls the 27 October 1947 airlift to Srinagar; the first unit was 1 Sikh Regiment.

Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 Begins IMPORTANT DAYS

Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 is being observed from **26 October to 1 November** under the theme **"Probity for Prosperity"**. The observance promotes public awareness of vigilance and ethical administration.

- Period: 26 October-1 November 2026.
- Theme: "Probity for Prosperity".
- Focus: Integrity and anti-corruption awareness.
- The observance promotes public awareness of vigilance and ethical administration.
- The 2026 theme connects integrity and probity with sustainable prosperity.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Central Vigilance Commission was established in 1964; it gained statutory status under the CVC Act, 2003.

United Nations Disarmament Week 2026 - October 24 to 30 IMPORTANT DAYS

The United Nations is observing **Disarmament Week** from **24 to 30 October 2026** to promote awareness of disarmament and its role in international peace and security.

- Dates: 24-30 October.
- Origin: UN General Assembly special session on disarmament in 1978.
- Begins on: United Nations Day.
- The observance encourages discussion of arms control and disarmament issues.
- Governments and civil-society organisations are encouraged to promote public understanding.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: UN Disarmament Week begins on 24 October; the UN Office for Disarmament Affairs is based in New York.

World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2026 - October 27 IMPORTANT DAYS

The **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage** was observed on **27 October 2026** to emphasise the importance of preserving audiovisual records for future generations. The observance promotes preservation of films, recordings and other audiovisual heritage.

- Date: 27 October.
- 2026 theme: "Your Window to the World".
- Proclaimed by UNESCO in 2005.
- The observance promotes preservation of films, recordings and other audiovisual heritage.
- The date is linked with the 1980 Recommendation for the Safeguarding and Preservation of Moving Images.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: UNESCO was founded in 1945; its headquarters is Paris, France.

International Day of Care and Support — 29 October IMPORTANT DAYS

International Day of Care and Support was observed on **29 October 2026** to recognise care workers and unpaid carers, and promote sustainable support systems and decent work. The observance was designated by the United Nations General Assembly in 2023.

- Observance date: 29 October.
- UN General Assembly resolution **A/RES/77/317** established the annual observance in 2023.
- Key subject: Care and support systems and decent work.
- The observance highlights the importance of care work and support services in society.
- Care systems affect families, workers and people who need ongoing assistance.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: International Day of Care and Support is observed on 29 October; the UN General Assembly designated the day in 2023.

World Stroke Day — 29 October IMPORTANT DAYS

World Stroke Day, observed on **29 October**, promotes stroke prevention, early recognition of warning signs and timely emergency treatment. The 2026 awareness theme is **Every M1nute Counts**, highlighting the importance of rapid response.

- Observance: World Stroke Day.
- Date: 29 October.
- 2026 theme quoted: “Every M1nute Counts”.
- World Stroke Day highlights prevention, early symptom recognition and timely treatment.
- It states that the World Stroke Organization was formed in October 2006 through the merger of the International Stroke Society and World Stroke Federation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Stroke Day is observed on 29 October; a stroke is caused by interrupted or ruptured blood supply to the brain.

United Nations Day Observed on 24 October IMPORTANT DAYS

United Nations Day was observed on **24 October 2026**, commemorating the entry into force of the **UN Charter** in 1945. It highlights multilateral cooperation and the organisation’s role in peace, human rights and development.

- United Nations Day falls on **24 October** each year.
- The United Nations came into existence on **24 October 1945**.
- The Charter was signed on **26 June 1945** in San Francisco.
- The UN has six principal organs, including the General Assembly and Security Council.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The UN headquarters is in New York; the organisation was founded in 1945.

World Polio Day Observed on 24 October IMPORTANT DAYS

World Polio Day was observed on **24 October 2026** to highlight poliomyelitis prevention, vaccination and the worldwide effort to eradicate the disease. The annual observance coincides with the birth anniversary of vaccine pioneer **Jonas Salk**.

- The day marks the birth anniversary of **Dr Jonas Salk** on 24 October.
- Poliomyelitis is an infectious disease caused by the **poliovirus**.
- The Global Polio Eradication Initiative began in **1988**.
- India was certified **polio-free in 2014** as part of WHO’s South-East Asia Region.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Global Polio Eradication Initiative began in 1988; WHO headquarters – Geneva, Switzerland.

Global Media and Information Literacy Week Begins on 24 October IMPORTANT DAYS

Global Media and Information Literacy Week runs from **24 to 31 October 2026**, promoting critical assessment of media, digital information and online content. The observance is backed by **UNESCO** and recognised by the United Nations General Assembly.

- The annual observance runs from **24 to 31 October**.
- It encourages critical evaluation of information, including misinformation and digital content.
- UNESCO is the lead specialised agency supporting media and information literacy.
- The UN General Assembly recognised the observance in **2021**.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: UNESCO was founded in 1945; its headquarters is in Paris, France.

World Development Information Day Observed on 24 October IMPORTANT DAYS

World Development Information Day was observed on **24 October 2026**, drawing attention to development challenges and the importance of sharing information internationally. The UN observance coincides with United Nations Day to connect awareness with global cooperation.

- The UN General Assembly established the observance in **1972**.
- It is observed each year on **24 October**.
- The observance promotes international cooperation in communicating global development concerns.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: United Nations headquarters – New York; the UN General Assembly comprises all UN Member States.

Master Static GK with Memory Tricks
Free topic-wise notes, one-liners and quizzes for SSC, Banking, UPSC and Railways exams.
Read Static GK ➔

14. WEEKLY REVISION QUIZ (MCQS)

Solve before checking the answer key

Q1. What is the outlay for the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme?

A) ₹5,000 crore
B) ₹10,000 crore
C) ₹15,000 crore
D) ₹20,000 crore

Q2. Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana covers which implementation period?

A) FY 2025–26 to FY 2029–30
B) FY 2027–28 to FY 2031–32
C) FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31
D) FY 2024–25 to FY 2028–29

Q3. What is the minimum leverage ratio for domestic systemically important banks under the revised RBI framework?
A) 4%
B) 3%
C) 5%
D) 3.5%

Q4. The RBI Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute was inaugurated in which state?
A) Assam
B) Tamil Nadu
C) Maharashtra
D) Odisha

Q5. Which city hosted the 61st International Committee of Legal Metrology meeting?
A) Mumbai
B) New Delhi
C) Bengaluru
D) Hyderabad

Q6. At what estimated value did the DAC approve defence capital acquisition proposals in October 2026?
A) ₹1.12 lakh crore
B) ₹1.72 lakh crore
C) ₹2.12 lakh crore
D) ₹3.12 lakh crore

Q7. Which two countries participated in Garuda Shakti 2026?
A) India and Indonesia
B) India and Malaysia
C) India and Thailand
D) India and Japan

Q8. What is the title of UNEP's Emissions Gap Report 2026?
A) Closing the Divide
B) Planet on Edge
C) Global Emissions Outlook
D) The Point of Return

Q9. Which organisation opened its sixth Centre of Excellence at IIT (BHU)?
A) DRDO
B) C-DOT
C) C-DAC
D) ISRO

Q10. Who won the 2026 Men's Ballon d'Or?
A) Kylian Mbappé
B) Lamine Yamal
C) Harry Kane
D) Erling Haaland

Q11. How many medals did India win at the Asian Para Games 2026?
A) 114
B) 102
C) 108
D) 120

Q12. Which city will host the Senior World Weightlifting Championships in 2029?
A) New Delhi
B) Chennai
C) Bhopal
D) Ahmedabad

Q13. When is the International Day of Care and Support observed?
A) 24 October
B) 29 October
C) 27 October
D) 30 October

Q14. Which date is observed as Infantry Day in India?
A) 24 October
B) 26 October
C) 27 October
D) 29 October

Q15. Who was approved as the next Chairman of ONGC in the daily coverage?
A) Sunil Kumar
B) Sajjan Singh Yadav
C) Sanjay Singhal
D) Ashutosh Dixit

Answers & Explanations Key

Q1. [B] **Exp:** The **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme** has a budgetary outlay of **₹10,000 crore**.

Q2. [C] **Exp:** The **PM Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana** is approved for **FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31**.

Q3. [A] **Exp:** Under the revised Basel III framework, the minimum leverage ratio for Indian D-SIBs is **4%**.

Q4. [D] **Exp:** The new **RBI Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute** is at Jatni in **Odisha**.

Q5. [B] **Exp:** The **61st CIML meeting** was hosted in **New Delhi**.

Q6. [C] **Exp:** The **Defence Acquisition Council** accorded Acceptance of Necessity for proposals worth approximately **₹2.12 lakh crore**.

Q7. [A] **Exp: Garuda Shakti 2026** is a joint military exercise between **India and Indonesia**.

Q8. [D] **Exp:** UNEP titled its **Emissions Gap Report 2026 The Point of Return**.

Q9. [B] **Exp: C-DOT** established its sixth Centre of Excellence at **IIT (BHU), Varanasi**.

Q10. [C] **Exp: Harry Kane** was awarded the **2026 Men's Ballon d'Or**.

Q11. [A] **Exp:** India won **114 medals**, comprising 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze, at the Asian Para Games 2026.

Q12. [D] **Exp:** The **2029 Senior World Weightlifting Championships** will be hosted by **Ahmedabad**.

Q13. [B] **Exp:** The **International Day of Care and Support** is observed annually on **29 October**.

Q14. [C] **Exp: Infantry Day** is observed in India every **27 October**.

Q15. [A] **Exp: Sunil Kumar** was approved as the next **Chairman of ONGC**.

Want More Practice? Try Free Quizzes
Practise more topic-wise quizzes with instant scores and explanations on thejobsme.com.
Practise More Quizzes ➔