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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **United Nations Environment Programme** released its **Emissions Gap Report 2026**, titled "The Point of Return", warning that far deeper emission cuts are required to limit global warming.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** amended vehicle rules to permit **E100 ethanol fuel** for compatible flex-fuel vehicles, supporting cleaner transport fuel options.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** announced that **ASUSE** would align with the April–March financial year and include gender-specific enterprise questions from 2027–28.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE)** inaugurated an **Experience Centre** at its Integrated Complex in Dwarka, New Delhi, on **27 October 2026** to support experiential learning.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **World Justice Project** ranked **India 88th of 143** countries and jurisdictions in its **Rule of Law Index 2026**, which assesses judicial systems, rights and institutional safeguards.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Union Cabinet** approved the **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme** with a **₹10,000 crore outlay** to develop domestic container production and improve India's logistics manufacturing capacity.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry of Textiles** announced an extension of the **Textiles Production Linked Incentive Scheme** to **FY 2033–34** for eligible Round 4 applicants.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry of Education**, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, and **UNESCO** agreed to advance **clean-sport values** through classroom learning at NADA India's Clean Sport Conclave on 28 October 2026.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC)** extended its **New Amnesty Scheme, 2025** deadline by three months to **31 December 2026** for resolving eligible disputes.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana** completed **two years** of implementation, offering eligible senior citizens aged 70 years and above access to health coverage irrespective of economic status.

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Union Cabinet** approved the **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana** with a **₹7,395.55 crore outlay** for FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31 to strengthen Panchayati Raj governance.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry of Education** announced **Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0** for **28 November to 12 December 2026** under the theme "Thirukkural Payilvom – Thirukkural Abhyas Karen".
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry of Defence** inaugurated **GYANDEEP**, a Hindi reference library at Sena Bhawan, New Delhi, as part of its Special Campaign 6 activities.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Department of Fisheries** began developing a **National Plan of Action** for small-scale inland fisheries, with a target of 30 million tonnes of fish production over five years.

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2. BANKING & FINANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank of India** revised its **Basel III leverage-ratio framework**, effective **1 April 2027**, requiring minimum ratios of 4% for D-SIBs and 3.5% for other banks.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **NCDEX** introduced **NDEX** and **FINNDEX** equity benchmarks with base values of 10,000; NDEX tracks 20 equities and FINNDEX covers 15 financial-sector companies.
- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE PB **Money** received a **Securities** and Exchange Board of India licence to operate as an Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP); the company is PB Money, a subsidiary of PB Fintech.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **SEBI** and the **Bank of England** signed a **regulatory cooperation MoU** covering clearing corporations, central counterparties and information sharing on 28 October 2026.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority (NPPA)** published revised maximum retail prices for **543 anti-cancer medicine brands**, with the updated list scheduled to take effect from **9 November 2026**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **Global Finance** selected **State Bank of India** as the World's Best Consumer Bank 2026, recognising its retail banking network and digital services.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **Global Finance** named Spain's **Banco Santander** the World's Best Bank 2026, a separate award from SBI's recognition as the best consumer bank.

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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Union Cabinet** approved a **3-percentage-point increase** in central government Dearness Allowance and Dearness Relief from **60% to 63%**, effective **1 July 2026**.
- [ ] ECONOMY Tripura inaugurated a **Tea Auction Centre** in Gorkhabasti, Agartala, with Chief Minister **Manik Saha** highlighting improved market access for the state's tea growers.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] ECONOMY **India Post** reported **₹8,212.7 crore** revenue in the first half of FY 2026–27, a 24% year-on-year rise, after crossing ₹4,000 crore in two successive quarters.

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

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

- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS **India and Mexico** began discussions towards a **Preferential Trade Agreement**, with both countries signing Terms of Reference to guide the negotiating process.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT)** and **NASSCOM** signed an MoU to provide digital, AI and cybersecurity training for traders and MSMEs.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum** met in New Delhi on 26–27 October 2026 under the theme **"Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development"** and adopted a joint declaration.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Brazilian President **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** was re-elected in the **25 October 2026** runoff with 51.79% of valid votes, defeating Flávio Bolsonaro.

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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Navy** announced the **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026** for **3–5 November 2026** at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi, under a theme of science and technology cooperation.
- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** was scheduled to lead India at the **13th ADMM-Plus** in Cebu, Philippines, on **28–29 October 2026**, advancing ASEAN-led defence cooperation.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Naval Academy** at **Ezhimala, Kerala** developed a twin-autonomous-drone system for long-range maritime search-and-rescue operations, demonstrating indigenous technology for locating people at sea.
- [ ] 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.

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

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY **Microsoft researchers** developed a **sequential diagnostic AI system** using an orchestrator to select patient questions and tests, then update diagnostic hypotheses step by step.

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY A **Mysuru Dasara 2026** drone display created a dancing peacock using 3,473 drones, setting a Guinness World Record for the largest aerial bird formation using multirotors.

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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Researchers documented the flowering plant *Osbeckia assamensis* in Manas National Park, Assam, adding a newly described species to the region's botanical records in the journal **Phytotaxa**.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Union Minister **C. R. Paatil** launched the **Punah Bharan** app on **28 October 2026** to support groundwater recharge planning and geospatial mapping.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The **Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife** approved proposals covering Kolamarka, an expanded **Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary** area and 14 conservation reserves to strengthen ecological protection.

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

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- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet** approved **Sunil Kumar** as the next **ONGC Chairman**, to assume charge on or after **7 December 2026**.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** was appointed the next **Chief of the Air Staff**, succeeding Amar Preet Singh, with the change scheduled for **31 October 2026**.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.

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

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The **National Capital Region Transport Corporation** received **Best Passenger Service and Satisfaction** recognition for the **Delhi–Meerut Namo Bharat** corridor at the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference in Bhubaneswar.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The **DPIIT** announced the **sixth National Startup Awards** under the **Startup India** programme to recognise innovative enterprises and the growing Indian startup ecosystem.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The **Coal Controller Organisation** received the **SKOCH Gold Award 2026** for its SUVIKALP mine-repurposing tool, designed for data-driven planning of sustainable post-mining land use.

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10. SPORTS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SPORTS India finished **fourth** at the **Asian Para Games 2026** in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with a record 114 medals, comprising 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze.
- [ ] 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**.

- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SPORTS The **Los Angeles 2028** Organising Committee unveiled "Stars Align" as the official slogan of the **2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games**.
- [ ] SPORTS At the **Asian Para Games 2026**, Indian shooter **Mona Agarwal** won women's 50 m rifle three positions SH1 gold with a world-record 357.5 points.
- [ ] SPORTS At the **Asian Para Games 2026**, Indian para-athlete **Haney** won javelin F37/38 gold with a 60.49 m world-record throw in Aichi-Nagoya.
- [ ] SPORTS At the **Asian Para Games 2026**, Indian sprinter **Sandeep** won men's 400 m T64 gold in 52.28 seconds, a world-record performance.
- [ ] SPORTS At the **Asian Para Games 2026**, para-athlete **Shailesh Kumar** won the high jump T42/T63 gold with a 1.89 m Games record.
- [ ] SPORTS At the **Asian Para Games 2026**, Indian shuttler **Nitesh Kumar** claimed men's SL3 singles gold, while Naveen Sivakumar won SL4 singles gold.

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11. OBITUARIES (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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.
- [ ] OBITUARIES Celebrated painter and former Rajya Sabha MP **Jogen Chowdhury** died at 87; his works were noted for expressive human figures and contributions to **modern Indian art**.

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12. STATE AFFAIRS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The **Kerala government** permitted the **Kerala Civil Aviation Development Cooperative Society** to develop a cooperative-sector airline, exploring an alternative ownership model for domestic aviation.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** approved the **PRAGATI Robotics and AI Park** in Greater Noida on 27 October 2026 to encourage advanced manufacturing and robotics innovation.

- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The **Nav-Trinjan initiative** in Punjab linked **organic cotton cultivation** with traditional spinning and weaving to support rural livelihoods and sustainable textile crafts.

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13. IMPORTANT DAYS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **International Snow Leopard Day**, observed on **23 October 2026**, raises awareness of snow leopard conservation in Central Asian highlands; the species is classified Vulnerable by the IUCN.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS The **Indo-Tibetan Border Police** observed its **65th Raising Day** on **24 October 2026**, commemorating the force's establishment on **24 October 1962** under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week** was observed from **18 to 24 October 2026** under the theme "From Detection to Prevention", promoting protection against harmful lead exposure.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Stroke Day**, observed on **29 October 2026**, promoted rapid recognition and treatment of stroke symptoms under the awareness theme "Every M1nute Counts".
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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**.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **International Stuttering Awareness Day** was observed on **22 October 2026** under the theme "SHADES OF STUTTERING – What's yours?" to encourage understanding of speech differences.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **National Cybersecurity Awareness Month** was marked during **October 2026** to promote online safety and cyber hygiene, including secure passwords, phishing awareness and responsible internet use.

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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**.

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