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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** (NPPA) revised maximum retail prices for **543 anti-cancer medicine brands**, with the updated prices scheduled to take effect on **9 November 2026** to improve treatment affordability.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 54th PRAGATI meeting on **28 October 2026**, reviewing **infrastructure and welfare projects** exceeding **₹16,000 crore** across 31 States and Union Territories.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE **Government e Marketplace** and **Laghu Udyog Bharati** organised **GeM Samvad** 2026 on 28 October to improve public procurement access for micro and small enterprises and discuss changes in transaction charges.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs** made GST amendments under the **Finance Act**, 2026 effective on **1 November 2026**, including changes to discounts, inverted-duty refunds and export refunds.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Department of Posts released a special souvenir sheet containing two commemorative postage stamps and picture postcards on **breast cancer awareness** at **Dak Bhawan**, **New Delhi**, during International Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Government outlined a **proposed Delhi–Guwahati high-speed rail corridor via Siliguri**, covering approximately **1,500 km** and linking northern India with the Northeast; the project was discussed in late October 2026.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE **The Ministry** of **Rural Development** notified the **VB-G RAM** G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026, requiring enquiries within seven working days and final grievance resolution within 15 days at rural administration levels.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Union Government notified the **Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam**, 2026, replacing the **Aircraft Rules**, 1937 from **1 January 2027** and revising civil aviation safety, licensing and operational procedures.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet approved **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana**, a **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** scheme with an outlay of **₹7,395.55 crore** for FY2026-27 to FY2030-31 to strengthen local self-government.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Employees' State Insurance Corporation** extended its New **Amnesty Scheme** 2025 until **31 December 2026**, giving eligible employers additional time to settle pending disputes under the Employees' State Insurance framework.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry of Textiles** reopened **Round 4** applications for the **Production Linked Incentive Scheme** for Textiles from 1 November to 31 December 2026 to encourage investment in eligible textile products.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry of MSME** released **₹1,000 crore** in margin-**money subsidy** under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme on 28 October 2026, supporting new non-farm micro-enterprises through KVIC and banks.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The Bihar Museum in Patna **ranked ninth** worldwide and first in Asia in the Worth a Journey travel guide's 2026 World's 100 **Best Museums** list, recognising its collections of Bihar's archaeological and cultural heritage.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The UN Secretary-General's 2026 Women, **Peace and Security** report estimated that at least 25 **women and girls** were killed daily in armed conflicts worldwide during 2025, highlighting growing civilian risks.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry of Labour and Employment** constituted National **Social Security Boards for unorganised**, gig and platform workers under the Code on **Social Security**, 2020 to coordinate welfare and coverage initiatives.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **World Bank**'s October 2026 **India Poverty** and Equity Brief estimated that India's **extreme poverty** rate fell from 27.1% in 2011 to 2.6% in 2023.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Employees' Provident Fund Organisation** celebrated its **74th Foundation Day** on 1 November 2026 and announced new services, including automatic settlement of eligible inoperative EPF accounts holding up to **₹1,000.**
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES **The Ministry** of **Youth Affairs** and Sports notified guidelines for the **National Sports Scheme** for Recognition and Welfare (NSSRW), a Central Sector Scheme effective from 1 October 2026.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **QS Asia University Rankings** 2027 placed the University of **Hong Kong** first in Asia, while **IIT Delhi** was India's highest-ranked institution at 66th position.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet approved the **VISTAR scheme** with **₹4,371.10 crore** for FY2026-27 to FY2030-31 to modernise official statistics, including the eighth **Economic Census** and improved data interoperability.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES **The World Health Organization** released a technical report on **4 November 2026** assessing the benefits and costs of six priority interventions linking climate action with public health.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet approved ₹14,**500 crore** in viability gap funding for **92 GWh** of grid-scale energy storage, comprising 60 GWh pumped storage, 30 GWh battery storage and 2 GWh emerging technologies.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet **approved a** ₹2,**814 crore** capital-support scheme for FY2026-27 to FY2030-31, offering assistance for two lithium-processing and two nickel-processing plants to strengthen critical-mineral supply chains.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet extended the **Fast Track Special Courts scheme** to **31 March 2031** with **₹3,788.04 crore**, proposing support for 850 courts handling rape and POCSO cases.

- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES **Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar** launched the **Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan** on 4 November 2026 under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana; the 5Cs are Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue.

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2. BANKING & FINANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Securities and Exchange Board of India** signed an MoU with the **Bank of England** in October 2026 to strengthen oversight and information-sharing concerning Indian clearing corporations and central counterparties.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE India **Post and UTI Mutual Fund** signed an MoU in October 2026 to provide doorstep **Know Your Customer** verification and expand mutual fund access for investors in remote and underserved areas.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Government constituted a six-month **High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat** under former **Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh** N. Patel to recommend reforms for India's banking system.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **Upstox Securities Private Limited** received approval from the **Securities and Exchange Board of India** (SEBI) to operate as an **Online Bond Platform Provider**, allowing the broking company to offer corporate bonds directly to investors.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **YES BANK** launched the YES vibez **savings account** for customers aged 18–30, combining digital banking with debit-card cashback, UPI merchant rewards and other youth-oriented benefits.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **The Reserve Bank of India introduced** relaxations to simplify foreign-exchange reporting requirements for export and import of services, reducing the compliance burden for service exporters.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Securities and Exchange Board of India** (SEBI) issued a framework enabling REITs and InvITs to issue **Depository Receipts** backed by their units and list them on exchanges operating at **GIFT City**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Insurance Regulatory and **Development Authority** of India directed general insurers to implement a new **four-layer motor insurance structure** for private cars and two-wheelers from **15 December 2026**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE On **3 November 2026**, **SEBI** signed an MoU with the **Digital India** BHASHINI Division to expand investor education, regulatory information and SEBI services in regional Indian languages.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank of India** constituted a **Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets**, chaired by **Rohit Jain**, to advise on money, government-securities, foreign-exchange and derivatives markets.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Securities and Exchange Board of India** updated **KYC review** arrangements for eligible foreign portfolio investors and formed a working group on startups, seeking simpler compliance and broader capital-market participation under separate regulatory initiatives.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **The National Payments Corporation** of India launched **NPCI** Tech Solutions Limited, its fourth wholly owned subsidiary, and appointed **Vishal Kanvaty** as MD and CEO; NTSL will focus on AI, blockchain, digital financial infrastructure and GCC services.

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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] ECONOMY Japan's **Sumitomo Mitsui Trust Bank** (SuMiTB) entered into a strategic partnership with India's **One Planet Partners** (OPP), acquiring a minority stake and planning a private equity fund focused on energy transition, mobility and manufacturing.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Ministry of Finance**'s October 2026 **Monthly Economic Review** projected India's **Q2 FY2026-27** GDP growth at 7.35%, using a nowcasting model rather than an official quarterly GDP estimate.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) approved a USD 139.**55 million loan** for the **Puducherry Integrated Urban Livability Improvement** Project (PIULIP), marking ADB's first engagement in the Union Territory of Puducherry.
- [ ] ECONOMY **Gross GST** collections reached ₹2.**31 lakh crore** in October 2026, increasing 22.9% year on year, while net collections were reported at approximately ₹**2.03 lakh** crore.
- [ ] ECONOMY The Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved several **transactions across banking**, food services, renewable energy, power infrastructure, fintech and telecommunications, including **Kotak Mahindra Bank**'s acquisition of **Deutsche Bank**'s Indian retail banking business.
- [ ] ECONOMY India's **HSBC Services Purchasing Managers**' Index increased from 55.2 in September to 55.**8 in October** 2026, reaching its highest level in four months; growth was supported by stronger domestic demand and new business.

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

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- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** and the Ministry of Education partnered with UNESCO on the "**Sports Values** in Every Classroom Toolkit" in October 2026; the initiative aims to integrate values associated with **clean sport** into education.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Confederation of **All India Traders** (CAIT) and Nasscom signed an MoU on **30 October 2026** to launch the "**Tech Connect for Traders and MSMEs** - Accelerating Digital Transformation" programme.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS **Hereditary Prince Alois**, the acting Head of State of Liechtenstein, visited India from 25 to **28 October 2026** at the invitation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit** & Expo 2026 on **2 November 2026** at **Bharat Mandapam**, New Delhi; the four-day summit is being held from 2-5 November 2026.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** signed an MoU with **Convergence Energy Services Limited** (CESL) to establish electric-vehicle charging and battery-swapping **infrastructure on Panchayat**-owned land across India.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The seventeenth Conference of the Parties to the Convention on **Biological Diversity** met in Yerevan, Armenia, from 19 to **30 October 2026** to assess implementation of the Kunming–**Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework**.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS **NITI Aayog and TEXMiN**, the **Technology Innovation** in Exploration & **Mining Foundation**, signed a Joint Statement of Intent to strengthen India's critical and strategic minerals ecosystem through indigenous technology, research and innovation.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India was re-elected as President of the **International Solar Alliance** for a **third consecutive term**, while France was re-elected Co-President; the decision was announced during the ninth session of the ISA.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and Kazakhstan signed an **extradition treaty** on **3 November 2026** to strengthen legal cooperation against cross-border crime and terrorism; the treaty creates a formal mechanism for extraditing persons wanted for criminal prosecution or enforcement of sentences.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The first International **Maize Conference** was held from 2 to **4 November 2026** in Hyderabad under the theme "**Maize Revolution** for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World".
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The Bahamas became the **116th member** of the **International Solar Alliance** during its ninth Assembly in November 2026; the solar-cooperation body is headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Bhutan dedicated Buddhist **Stupa 76** among 108 sacred stupas at **Gelephu Mindfulness City** to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on **1 November 2026**, with Union Minister Kiren Rijiju attending the ceremony.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Indian Institute of **Corporate Affairs** and the **International Arbitration** and Mediation Centre signed an agreement in early November 2026 to strengthen **alternative dispute resolution**, MSME mediation and capacity building.

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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Indian defence technology start-up **IG Defence** signed an MoU with Oman-based **MSA Global** LLC to explore the co-development and localisation of advanced defence systems for Oman and the wider **Gulf Cooperation Council** (GCC) region.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY **Union Minister** of State for **Defence Sanjay Seth** inaugurated VISV-2026 — Vision, Innovation, Synergy, Values at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, under the theme "Showcasing **Defence Capabilities**, Strengthening Global Partnerships".
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The first **BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise** was hosted by India at **Sri Vijaya Puram** from **30 October** to 3 November 2026, with participation from all seven member countries.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Ministry of Defence** signed ₹53,866.**50 crore contracts for eight** Next-**Generation Corvettes** on 2 November 2026; GRSE will build five vessels and Goa Shipyard Limited will build three.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY **Indian Navy** warship **INS Sahyadri** participated in a bilateral **naval exercise** with the Republic of Korea Navy at Busan, South Korea; the exercise concluded on 29 October 2026.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The 20th **ASEAN Defence Ministers**' Meeting and **13th ADMM-Plus** were held on 28 and **29 October 2026** in Cebu, Philippines, under the ASEAN 2026 theme "Navigating Our Future, Together".
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY India and the **United States** conducted the fifth Exercise **Tiger Triumph** in November 2026, a tri-service humanitarian assistance and disaster relief exercise intended to strengthen interoperability and joint response.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY On **3 November 2026**, the **Defence Research** and Development Organisation successfully test-fired the Pralay surface-to-surface **quasi-ballistic missile** from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur, Odisha.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY **Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit**, the 29th Chief of the **Air Staff**, introduced VAYU as the guiding vision for strengthening operational preparedness, self-reliance, innovation and jointness in the **Indian Air Force**.

- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** announced a target of raising India's annual defence production to ₹**3 lakh crore** and defence exports to ₹**50,000 crore** by 2029.

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

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- [ ] SPACE **NASA astronaut Anil Menon** conducted his fourth career spacewalk at the **International Space Station** (ISS) on **29 October 2026**; the activity was described as the 100th US spacewalk at the ISS.
- [ ] SPACE The Indian National Space Promotion and **Authorisation Centre** (IN-SPACe) selected six private space-sector companies for seed funding of up to **₹1 crore** each under its **AI INSPIRED** programme.
- [ ] SPACE **ISRO** launched NVS-03 aboard GSLV-F18 on **30 October 2026** and completed four subsequent orbital manoeuvres by 4 November, placing the next-generation NavIC satellite in geosynchronous orbit.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the 2nd edition of the **Emerging Science**, Technology and **Innovation Conclave**, ESTIC 2026, held from 27 to 29 October 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY **Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh** inaugurated **India's 183rd Seismological Observatory** at Kishtwar, Jammu & Kashmir to strengthen real-time earthquake monitoring and disaster preparedness; the observatory uses advanced digital seismic equipment.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology** launched the Handbook on **Data Empowerment** and Protection Architecture for **AI Training** on 31 October 2026 in Bengaluru.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The IndiaAI Mission under MeitY released three indigenous AI foundation models—EKA-1, **Dhir 2B and Dhir 5B**—developed under the IndiaAI **Innovation Centre** pillar; EKA-1 supports all 22 **Scheduled Indian Languages** and English.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India launched the **Network Anubhav Platform** on **4 November 2026** to improve transparency in network quality and provide location-specific performance information.

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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY As of **29 October 2026**, Indian companies had signed 23 **green hydrogen-equivalent offtake** contracts covering 5,55,610 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA); **ACME Group** was reported to have signed green ammonia and green methanol supply agreements with Japanese companies.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Scientists reported *Dicharax tilariensis*, a newly described **microscopic land snail** from Maharashtra's Tilari region, adding to the documented biodiversity of the northern **Western Ghats**.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY **Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand** Singh launched **BRICS Sustainable Lifestyle Week** 2026 and a cyclothon in Imphal on **3 November 2026**; the campaign promotes environmentally responsible lifestyles.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Researchers from **Dhanamanjuri University** identified a new freshwater **catfish species** named *Exostoma nasibarbatum* in the Bupal stream of Chandel district, Manipur, near the India-Myanmar border.

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

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- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The Federation of **Indian Chambers** of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) appointed **Vijay Sankar**, Chairman of The Sanmar Group, as its **President-Elect for 2026-27** following a decision at its National Executive Committee Meeting.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS On **30 October 2026**, **Jatin Kumar Nayak** was appointed Chairman and **Managing Director** of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA), a Navratna CPSE under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia** was appointed the next **Vice Chief** of the **Air Staff** of the Indian Air Force with effect from 1 November 2026, succeeding Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** assumed charge as India's 29th Chief of **Air Staff** on **31 October 2026** and subsequently outlined the Air Force's VAYU vision.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS On **1 November 2026**, **Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal** assumed charge as **Air Officer Commanding**-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command; Deswal has more than 3,200 flying hours.

- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir** assumed charge as the **55th Director General** of the **Geological Survey** of India on 1 November 2026; Ganvir joined GSI in 1994.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Iliana Iotova** won Bulgaria's presidential runoff on **1 November 2026** with approximately 57.6% of the vote, becoming the country's first woman elected president by popular vote.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Gopal Vittal**, Executive Vice-Chairman of Bharti Airtel, was re-elected Chair of the **GSMA Board** for the 2027-2028 term; Vittal has been associated with the **GSMA Board** for about a decade.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Balaji Nuthalapadi** was appointed **Interim CEO of Equitas** Small Finance Bank, subject to **Reserve Bank of India** approval; Nuthalapadi is a Whole-Time Director at the bank.

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

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- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The United Arab Emirates honoured Indian flydubai pilot **Captain Smit Machchhar** and fellow crew members with the First Class **Order of Zayed II** in October 2026, recognising their response to an in-flight security emergency in September.
- [ ] BOOKS & AUTHORS The New India Foundation announced a five-book shortlist for the 2026 **Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay NIF Book Prize** on **28 October 2026**; the winner is scheduled to be announced at the **Bangalore Literature Festival** on 12 December 2026.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The **Ministry of Culture** added **Jantar Mantar** in Delhi as a **venue for India Biennale** 2026, a planned 108-day festival focused on art, architecture and design beginning on 4 December 2026.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS **Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh**, an engineer from **Prasar Bharati**, won the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union **Broadcast Engineering Excellence** Award 2026 for his contribution to broadcasting technology and innovation.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** presented the prestigious **President's Colour to Chandigarh Police** during its 60th **Raising Day** and Diamond Jubilee celebrations; Amit Shah also flagged off 141 new vehicles for policing and emergency response.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Malayalam writer **Maythil Radhakrishnan** was selected for the 2026 **Ezhuthachan Award** on **1 November 2026**, coinciding with Kerala Piravi celebrations; the award is regarded as Kerala's highest literary honour.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS **The Ministry** of Coal held its **Annual Star Rating Awards Ceremony** at Raipur on **2 November 2026**, recognising 50 coal and lignite mines with Five-Star Ratings for FY 2024-25.

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10. SPORTS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] SPORTS 15-year-old Karnataka all-rounder **Uma Kashvi** became the **youngest player** purchased in Women's Premier League (WPL) auction history on 28 October 2026; Delhi Capitals reportedly signed her for **₹10 lakh**.
- [ ] SPORTS India won the **inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship** 2026 titles in both men's and women's categories at Ahmedabad, where the tournament took place from 23 to **31 October**.
- [ ] SPORTS **Former Indian** cricket captain **Rahul Dravid** and Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal were nominated as athlete representatives to the proposed **Organising Committee** for the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad.
- [ ] SPORTS **Manisha Bhanwala** became the first Indian woman to win senior **World Wrestling Championships** gold, defeating **Abigail Nette** of the United States 8–6 in the 59 kg final at Astana.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian badminton players **PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen** won the women's and men's singles titles respectively at the **HYLO Open** 2026 in Saarbrücken, Germany; these were two singles titles for India at the same international tournament.
- [ ] SPORTS **Italian Mercedes** driver **Andrea Kimi Antonelli** secured the 2026 **Formula One** drivers' championship after finishing third at the Mexico City Grand Prix on 1 November, becoming the youngest champion aged 20.
- [ ] SPORTS India topped the medal standings at the 46th International **Tammer Boxing Tournament** in Tampere, Finland, winning **14 medals**, including four gold, two silver and eight bronze.
- [ ] SPORTS **Ravinder Singh**, **Saurabh Chaudhary** and Amanpreet Singh won the men's 50-metre pistol team gold for India at the 2026 **ISSF World Shooting Championships** in Doha, Qatar.

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11. STATE AFFAIRS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The first **Himalayan Yak Festival** commenced in **Gnathang Valley**, Sikkim, on **28 October 2026**; the state-level event aims to promote yak conservation, high-altitude tourism and sustainable livelihoods for pastoral communities.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Gujarat from 30 to **31 October 2026** and inaugurated or laid foundation stones for infrastructure, agriculture, dairy and social-welfare projects worth more than ₹14,**400 crore**.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The Government of Assam signed an agreement to establish a ₹**600 crore proton beam therapy** facility at **Gauhati Medical College** and Hospital, aiming to expand access to advanced cancer treatment in the public health system.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS **Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh** announced a **Centre of Excellence** for Siri cattle in Sikkim to conserve and improve the indigenous breed using modern reproductive technologies.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for **₹21,800 crore** of **Pune Metro projects** on **3 November 2026**, including Line 3 between Hinjewadi and Shivajinagar and new Phase-II corridors.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Bihar became the first Indian state to adopt a comprehensive silt-management policy through its **Water Sources Restoration** and **Silt Management Policy**, 2026, promoting scientific desilting and sediment reuse.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS On **2 November 2026**, the **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** partnered with the Assam government to establish a **Skill India International Centre** and signed Letters of Intent for two ITI clusters under PM-SETU.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Soreng district in Sikkim became India's first notified **Organic Fisheries Cluster** under **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana**, promoting sustainable fish farming with reduced chemical use.

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12. IMPORTANT DAYS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World **Savings Day**, also called **World Thrift Day**, is observed on **31 October** to encourage saving, household financial security and responsible money management.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Cities Day** was observed on **31 October 2026** in Fuzhou, China, with the theme "Regenerating the City: **Adequate Housing** for All", focusing on inclusive and sustainable urban development.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **National Unity Day**, or **Rashtriya Ekta Diwas**, was observed on 31 October 2026 to mark **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**'s 151st birth anniversary and promote national unity and integration.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World **Vegan Day** is observed every year on **1 November** to promote awareness of vegan lifestyles, animal welfare and plant-based choices, with its first observance taking place in 1994.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS The International **Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists** is observed on **2 November** to demand accountability for attacks on journalists and support press freedom.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS The **UNESCO** International **Day for Biosphere Reserves** is observed every year on **3 November** to promote biodiversity conservation, sustainable livelihoods and the Man and the Biosphere Programme.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World **Tsunami Awareness Day** was observed on **5 November 2026** with the theme "**Be Tsunami Ready**: Resilience Starts With You", promoting early warnings and community preparedness.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **UNESCO** observed the **International Day** against **Violence and Bullying** at School, including Cyberbullying, on 5 November 2026 under the theme "Every learner safe and well: From promise to practice".
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS The International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the **Environment in War** and **Armed Conflict** is observed annually on **6 November** to highlight environmental damage during conflict.

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13. WEEKLY REVISION QUIZ (MCQS)

Solve before checking the answer key

- [ ] **Q1. Which ministry is the nodal ministry for the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana?**
  A) Ministry of Rural Development
  B) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
  C) Ministry of Finance
  D) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- [ ] **Q2. What is the total outlay approved for the VISTAR statistical modernisation scheme?**
  A) ₹4,371.10 crore
  B) ₹2,814 crore
  C) ₹3,788.04 crore
  D) ₹14,500 crore

Q3. Which institution launched the NVS-03 navigation satellite in October 2026?

A) NASA
B) IN-SPACe
C) DRDO
D) ISRO

Q4. How many Next-Generation Corvettes are covered by the November 2026 defence contracts?

A) Six
B) Seven
C) Eight
D) Ten

Q5. Which international grouping held its first Maritime Security Exercise at Sri Vijaya Puram?

A) BIMSTEC
B) ASEAN
C) BRICS
D) SCO

Q6. What was the gross GST collection for October 2026?

A) ₹1.90 lakh crore
B) ₹2.03 lakh crore
C) ₹2.31 lakh crore
D) ₹2.75 lakh crore

Q7. Which country hosted COP17 of the Convention on Biological Diversity in October 2026?

A) Georgia
B) Armenia
C) Azerbaijan
D) Kazakhstan

Q8. Which city is the headquarters of the International Solar Alliance?

A) New Delhi
B) Mumbai
C) Bengaluru
D) Gurugram

Q9. Who became the youngest Formula One World Drivers' Champion in 2026?

A) Andrea Kimi Antonelli
B) Max Verstappen
C) George Russell
D) Charles Leclerc

Q10. Which Indian wrestler won historic 59 kg gold at the 2026 Senior World Championships?

A) Vinesh Phogat
B) Antim Panghal
C) Manisha Bhanwala
D) Sakshi Malik

Q11. Who was elected Bulgaria's first female president by popular vote in November 2026?

A) Mariya Gabriel
B) Iliana Iotova
C) Rosen Zhelyazkov
D) Ekaterina Zaharieva

Q12. What is the date of World Cities Day?

A) 30 October
B) 1 November
C) 2 November
D) 31 October

Q13. Which state hosts India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster at Soreng?

A) Sikkim
B) Assam
C) Manipur
D) Meghalaya

Q14. Which day is observed on 5 November to encourage preparation for tsunami hazards?

A) World Environment Day
B) World Oceans Day
C) World Tsunami Awareness Day
D) International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction

Q15. The ₹2,814 crore capital-support scheme focuses on processing which critical minerals?

A) Copper and zinc
B) Lithium and nickel
C) Iron and manganese
D) Silver and gold

Answers & Explanations Key

Q1. [B] **Exp:** **Ministry of Panchayati Raj** administers the scheme, which carries a **₹7,395.55 crore** outlay.

Q2. [A] **Exp:** The Cabinet approved **VISTAR** with an outlay of **₹4,371.10 crore**.

Q3. [D] **Exp:** **ISRO** launched **NVS-03** aboard GSLV-F18 to augment NavIC.

Q4. [C] **Exp:** The **Indian Navy** will receive **eight** Next-Generation Corvettes under the contracts.

Q5. [A] **Exp:** The inaugural **BIMSTEC** maritime exercise was held from 30 October to 3 November 2026.

Q6. [C] **Exp:** Gross GST collections reached **₹2.31 lakh crore** in October 2026.

Q7. [B] **Exp:** **Armenia** hosted COP17 in Yerevan from 19 to 30 October 2026.

Q8. [D] **Exp:** The **International Solar Alliance** headquarters are in **Gurugram, Haryana**.

Q9. [A] **Exp:** **Kimi Antonelli** sealed the 2026 F1 title aged 20 years and 68 days.

Q10. [C] **Exp:** **Manisha Bhanwala** won the women's 59 kg title, becoming India's first female senior world champion.

Q11. [B] **Exp:** **Iliana Iotova** won Bulgaria's 2026 presidential runoff.

Q12. [D] **Exp:** **World Cities Day** is observed on **31 October** every year.

Q13. [A] **Exp:** The first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster is in **Soreng, Sikkim**.

Q14. [C] **Exp:** **World Tsunami Awareness Day** is observed annually on **5 November**.

Q15. [B] **Exp:** The scheme supports high-purity processing plants for **lithium** and **nickel**.

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