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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 01

Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan Launched for Senior Citizens GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana to promote intergenerational bonding, dignity and social inclusion of senior citizens.

- Campaign: Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan.
- Parent scheme: Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana.
- Framework: 5C Model.
- 5Cs: Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue.
- Volunteer initiative: Vayo SAATHI.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Campaign: Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan.; Parent scheme: Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana.

Nirmala Sitharaman Releases Rs 250 Muthuswami Dikshitar Commemorative Coin POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released a Rs 250 commemorative coin marking the 250th birth anniversary of Carnatic music maestro Muthuswami Dikshitar at IIT-BHU in Varanasi.

- Denomination: Rs 250.
- Honouree: Muthuswami Dikshitar.
- Occasion: 250th birth anniversary.
- Weight: 35 grams.
- Minted at India Government Mint, Mumbai.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Denomination: Rs 250.; Honouree: Muthuswami Dikshitar.

Ministry of Culture Partners with Google Arts & Culture POLITY & GOVERNANCE

On 5 November 2026, the Ministry of Culture signed an MoU with Google Arts & Culture to digitise and globally showcase India's cultural heritage.

- Partners: Ministry of Culture and Google Arts & Culture.
- Date: 5 November 2026.
- Coverage includes ASI monuments, museum collections and manuscripts.
- Major focus: Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum.
- Also supports the Gyan Bharatam manuscript initiative.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Partners: Ministry of Culture and Google Arts & Culture.; Date: 5 November 2026.

MSME Ministry and TRIFED Join Hands for PM Vishwakarma Artisans POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of MSME and TRIFED signed an MoU to expand market access for eligible tribal artisans registered under the PM Vishwakarma Scheme.

- Scheme: PM Vishwakarma.
- Marketing partner: TRIFED.
- Retail network: Tribes India.
- Coverage includes traditional crafts such as carpentry, pottery, metalwork and basketry.
- A proposed Tribes India-PM Vishwakarma Collection will improve visibility.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: PM Vishwakarma.; Marketing partner: TRIFED.

GoI Releases Rs 77.98 Crore for Senior Citizen Welfare Projects under AVYAY POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Government of India released Rs 77.98 crore in Grant-in-Aid to 755 projects under the Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens, a component of the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana, for Q2 of FY 2026-27.

- Scheme: Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY).
- Component: Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens.
- Amount released: Rs 77.98 crore.
- Projects supported: 755.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY).; Component: Integrated Programme for Senior Citizens.

MHA Relaxes Passport and Visa Rules for Certain Foreign Nationals GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) (Amendment) Order, 2026, relaxing passport and visa requirements for specified categories of foreign nationals residing in India.

- Order: Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) (Amendment) Order, 2026.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Coverage includes specified Pakistan nationals, PIOs, Sri Lankan Tamil refugees and eligible Tibetans.
- Separate travel provisions were also revised for India, Nepal and Bhutan.
- Certain Pakistan nationals who entered India on or before 31 December 2009 may receive passport-renewal exemptions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Order: Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) (Amendment) Order, 2026.; Nodal ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs.

Ministry of Minority Affairs Reviews PM VIKAS Implementation POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Minority Affairs organised Samavesh Se VIKAS in New Delhi to review implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan Scheme.

- Scheme: PM VIKAS.
- Event: Samavesh Se VIKAS.
- Venue: Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- Participants: More than 80.
- Focus: skilling, livelihood and heritage-linked development.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: PM VIKAS.; Event: Samavesh Se VIKAS.

Tamil Nadu Constitutes Investment Promotion Commission POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Tamil Nadu government constituted a 20-member Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Commission to streamline investment facilitation and support the state's long-term economic targets.

- Commission: Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Commission.
- Total members: 20.
- Chairperson: Chief Secretary of Tamil Nadu.
- Member-Convener: Industries, Investment Promotion and Commerce Secretary.
- Economic target: USD 1.5 trillion economy by 2036.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Commission: Tamil Nadu Investment Promotion Commission.; Total members: 20.

Delhi Launches First Recreational Yamuna River Cruise Service POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Delhi's first recreational Yamuna River Cruise at Sonia Vihar on 10 November 2026.

- Route: Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch.
- Round-trip distance: 6 km.
- Vessel capacity: 30 passengers.
- Vessel type: Electric.
- Yamuna designation: National Waterway-110.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Route: Sonia Vihar-Jagatpur stretch.; Round-trip distance: 6 km.

PLI Scheme for Medical Devices Extended up to FY 2035-36 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Government of India invited fresh applications for the PLI Scheme for Medical Devices after extending the programme up to FY 2035-36.

- Scheme: PLI for Medical Devices.
- Extended up to: FY 2035-36.
- Available budget: around Rs 2,700 crore.
- Nodal department: Department of Pharmaceuticals.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: PLI for Medical Devices.; Extended up to: FY 2035-36.

WIPO Global Innovation Index 2026: India Ranks 38th REPORTS & INDICES

The World Intellectual Property Organization released the 19th edition of the Global Innovation Index 2026, placing India at 38th with an overall score of 40.1.

- Index: Global Innovation Index 2026.
- India's rank: 38th.
- India's score: 40.1.
- Rank 1: Switzerland.
- Economies evaluated: 139.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Index: Global Innovation Index 2026.; India's rank: 38th.

ADB Releases USD 21.6 Million for Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Asian Development Bank released the first tranche of USD 21.6 million under its USD 108 million results-based loan for strengthening the Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme.

- First tranche: USD 21.6 million.
- Total programme loan: USD 108 million.
- Amount transferred to Mizoram: Rs 205.49 crore.
- Grant component: 90%.
- Loan component: 10%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: First tranche: USD 21.6 million.; Total programme loan: USD 108 million.

Rs 1,000 Crore PMEGP Subsidy Released for 11,333 Micro Enterprises GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Union MSME Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi released Rs 1,000 crore as Margin Money subsidy under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme to support 11,333 new micro enterprises.

- Subsidy released: Rs 1,000 crore.
- Micro enterprises supported: 11,333.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of MSME.
- National implementing agency: KVIC.
- PMEGP is a credit-linked subsidy Central Sector Scheme.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Subsidy released: Rs 1,000 crore.; Micro enterprises supported: 11,333.

Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan Reaches 35.84 Crore People POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment reported that the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan had reached 35.84 crore people as of 10 November 2026.

- Campaign: Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan.
- Launch: 15 August 2020.
- Nationwide expansion: 15 August 2023.
- Total outreach: 35.84 crore.
- Outreach includes 14.33 crore youth and 11.32 crore women.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Campaign: Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan.; Launch: 15 August 2020.

Goa Tops Access Equality Index 2026 REPORTS & INDICES

The Access Equality Index 2026 ranked Goa first among 28 states in access to essential public services.

- Rank 1: Goa - 0.68.
- Rank 2: Andhra Pradesh - 0.66.
- Rank 3: Sikkim - 0.63.
- States assessed: 28.
- Prepared by: Centre for New Economics Studies.

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

Andhra Pradesh Tops Inaugural Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index REPORTS & INDICES

Andhra Pradesh secured the first rank in the inaugural Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index 2026, which evaluated vehicle-registration and ownership processes.

- Rank 1: Andhra Pradesh - 5.91/10.
- Rank 2: Kerala - 5.74.
- Lowest: Uttar Pradesh - 2.47.
- States/UTs assessed: 15.
- Released by IndiaTech.org with Consumer VOICE.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Rank 1: Andhra Pradesh - 5.91/10.; Rank 2: Kerala - 5.74.

Stand-Up India Scheme Extended Until 31 March 2031 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme for another five years until 31 March 2031, with a credit-guarantee corpus of Rs 4,111 crore.

- Scheme: Stand-Up India.
- Extended till: 31 March 2031.
- Credit-guarantee corpus: Rs 4,111 crore.
- Target: additional 2.5 lakh entrepreneurs.
- Implementing department: Department of Financial Services.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: Stand-Up India.; Extended till: 31 March 2031.

CGFMU under PM Mudra Yojana Extended Until March 2031 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Cabinet approved continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units during the 16th Finance Commission cycle with a Rs 5,000 crore corpus.

- Extension: FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- Corpus: Rs 5,000 crore.
- Target loan facilitation: Rs 12.6 lakh crore.
- Managed by: National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited.
- Guarantee support covers PMMY micro-enterprise loans up to Rs 20 lakh.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Extension: FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.; Corpus: Rs 5,000 crore.

Cabinet Approves NBS Rates for Rabi 2026-27 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Union Cabinet approved Nutrient Based Subsidy rates for Phosphatic and Potassic fertilisers for the Rabi 2026-27 season with an estimated requirement of Rs 62,370.02 crore.

- Scheme: Nutrient Based Subsidy.
- Period: 1 October 2026-31 March 2027.
- Estimated subsidy: Rs 62,370.02 crore.
- Grades covered: 28 P&K fertiliser grades.
- Nodal department: Department of Fertilizers.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: Nutrient Based Subsidy.; Period: 1 October 2026-31 March 2027.

CCEA Approves Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum in New Delhi GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved development of the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum at North and South Block in New Delhi at an estimated cost of Rs 3,230 crore.

- Project: Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum.
- Location: North and South Block, New Delhi.
- Estimated cost: Rs 3,230 crore.
- Implementation: FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.
- First gallery theme: Adornment.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Project: Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum.; Location: North and South Block, New Delhi.

Cabinet Clears Noida Aqua Line Metro Extension GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Union Cabinet approved the 8.449-km Aqua Line extension from Noida Sector-51 to Greater Noida Sector-04.

- Length: 8.449 km.
- Elevated stations: 5.
- Estimated cost: around Rs 2,390 crore.
- Interchange: Noida Sector-61 with Delhi Metro Blue Line.
- Expanded Noida-Greater Noida network: 71.878 km.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Length: 8.449 km.; Elevated stations: 5.

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2. BANKING & FINANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 02

PFRDA Revises NPS Scheme Naming and Display Rules BANKING & FINANCE

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority revised the naming format and display requirements for National Pension System schemes, with the new framework taking effect from 1 December 2026.

- Regulator: PFRDA.
- Effective date: 1 December 2026.
- New naming format: Pension Fund abbreviation + NPS + unique scheme name.
- Tier II schemes must carry the suffix Tier II.
- Tier I schemes need no separate tier designation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: PFRDA.; Effective date: 1 December 2026.

SEBI Eases Overseas Digital KYC for NRIs and Foreign Investors BANKING & FINANCE

SEBI relaxed KYC requirements for eligible NRIs, OCIs and foreign nationals, permitting digital onboarding from abroad without requiring physical presence in India from 3 December 2026.

- Effective date: 3 December 2026.
- Eligible groups include NRIs, OCIs and qualifying foreign nationals.
- KYC records can be accessed through KRAs or CKYCRR.
- Video-based In-Person Verification remains part of the framework.
- Digital documents may include DigiLocker and Aadhaar-based e-KYC records.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Effective date: 3 December 2026.; Eligible groups include NRIs, OCIs and qualifying foreign nationals.

SEBI Introduces Mutual Fund Settlement Netting Framework BANKING & FINANCE

SEBI introduced a framework allowing mutual fund schemes to net fund obligations from outright cash-market purchases and sales, alongside changes to accredited-investor norms and currency-derivative limits.

- Net settlement effective from: 1 April 2027.
- Applies to mutual-fund cash-market transactions.
- INR derivatives without underlying exposure limit cut to USD 5 million.
- Earlier limit: USD 100 million.
- Accreditation validity: 3 years.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Net settlement effective from: 1 April 2027.; Applies to mutual-fund cash-market transactions.

MobiKwik Subsidiary Gets RBI Approval to Operate as NBFC BANKING & FINANCE

MobiKwik Financial Services Private Limited received the final Certificate of Registration from the Reserve Bank of India to operate as a Non-Banking Financial Company.

- Company: MobiKwik Financial Services Private Limited.
- Parent: One MobiKwik Systems Limited.
- Legal provision: Section 45-IA of RBI Act, 1934.
- Loan-disbursement target: Rs 5,000 crore over 3-4 years.
- The approval allows MobiKwik to originate loans directly through its subsidiary.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Company: MobiKwik Financial Services Private Limited.; Parent: One MobiKwik Systems Limited.

SBI California Opens First Branch Outside California BANKING & FINANCE

State Bank of India (California) opened a branch in Frisco, Texas, marking its first physical expansion outside California.

- New branch: Frisco, North Dallas, Texas.
- Parent group: State Bank of India.
- Total SBIC Bank locations in USA after expansion: 8.
- Inaugurated by SBI Chairman C. S. Setty.
- Services include deposits, lending and international remittances.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: New branch: Frisco, North Dallas, Texas.; Parent group: State Bank of India.

Indian Overseas Bank Launches IOB Digital Rupee App BANKING & FINANCE

Indian Overseas Bank launched the IOB Digital Rupee mobile application for transactions using India's Central Bank Digital Currency.

- App: IOB Digital Rupee.
- Currency: RBI-issued e₹.
- Transactions: P2P and P2M.
- Supports UPI interoperability.
- Includes Programmable CBDC functionality.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: App: IOB Digital Rupee.; Currency: RBI-issued e₹.

ICICI Life Launches EzyGrow ULIP BANKING & FINANCE

ICICI Life Insurance launched ICICI Life EzyGrow, a Unit-Linked Insurance Plan offering enhanced Waiver of Premium benefits.

- Product: ICICI Life EzyGrow.
- Distribution: Policybazaar.
- WOP benefit options: 2X and 3X.
- ULIP lock-in period in India: 5 years.
- The insurer can fund twice or thrice the future pending premiums on death of the life assured.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Product: ICICI Life EzyGrow.; Distribution: Policybazaar.

RBI Issues Cybersecurity Directions for Non-Bank Payment System Operators BANKING & FINANCE

The Reserve Bank of India issued Master Directions on Cyber Resilience and Digital Payment Security Controls for non-bank Payment System Operators.

- Entities covered: Non-bank PSOs.
- Incident reporting deadline: 6 hours.
- Large and medium PSOs: immediate applicability.
- Small PSOs compliance deadline: 1 April 2028.
- Cyberattacks, major outages, internal fraud and settlement delays must be reported.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Entities covered: Non-bank PSOs.; Incident reporting deadline: 6 hours.

IRDAI Forms Working Groups for Risk-Based Capital Framework BANKING & FINANCE

IRDAI constituted two working groups to develop a Risk-Based Capital framework aligned with Indian Accounting Standards.

- Framework: Risk-Based Capital.
- Life group convener: Jamuna Choudhary.
- Non-life group convener: Parmeshwar Shelke.
- Alignment: Ind-AS.
- Recommendation timeline: 1 month.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Framework: Risk-Based Capital.; Life group convener: Jamuna Choudhary.

Patna Municipal Corporation Lists Municipal Bonds on NSE BANKING & FINANCE

Patna Municipal Corporation became the first civic body in Bihar to raise funds through municipal bonds and list them on NSE.

- Issuer: Patna Municipal Corporation.
- Amount raised: around Rs 199.99 crore.
- Coupon rate: 9.20%.
- Tenure: 10 years.
- Issue mode: Private placement.

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

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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 03

Five States Contribute Over 54% of India's Manufacturing GVA ECONOMY

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released the Annual Survey of Industries for FY 2024-25, showing that Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh together contributed more than 54% of India's manufacturing Gross Value Added.

- Survey: Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25.
- Top five GVA states: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.
- Registered manufacturing GVA growth: 9.59%.
- Persons engaged: increased to about 2.10 crore.
- Registered manufacturing establishments: around 2.67 lakh.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Survey: Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25.; Top five GVA states: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh.

DGTR Recommends Quantitative Restrictions on Soda Ash Imports ECONOMY

The Directorate General of Trade Remedies recommended quantitative safeguards on soda ash imports for two years to protect domestic producers.

- Product: Soda Ash or Sodium Carbonate.
- Recommended safeguard period: 2 years.
- Year 1 quota: 7,54,992 MT.
- Year 2 quota: 7,92,740 MT.
- Import surge cited: 89%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Product: Soda Ash or Sodium Carbonate.; Recommended safeguard period: 2 years.

PLFS Unemployment Rate Declines to 5.1% in July-September 2026 ECONOMY

The National Statistics Office released the quarterly Periodic Labour Force Survey bulletin for July-September 2026, showing the unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above declining to 5.1%.

- Survey: PLFS Quarterly Bulletin.
- Period: July-September 2026.
- Unemployment Rate: 5.1%.
- Previous quarter: 5.4%.
- Worker Population Ratio rose to 52.7%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Survey: PLFS Quarterly Bulletin.; Period: July-September 2026.

India’s Marine Products Exports Reach About Rs 73,890 Crore ECONOMY

India’s marine-products exports during FY 2025-26 were estimated at about Rs 73,890 crore, highlighting the contribution of seafood to foreign trade.

- Financial year: 2025-26.
- Estimated export value: Rs 73,890 crore.
- Major products: shrimp, fish and other marine products.
- Sector: Fisheries and seafood exports.
- Marine exports are an important source of foreign-exchange earnings.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Financial year: 2025-26.; Estimated export value: Rs 73,890 crore.

Moody’s Raises India FY27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7% ECONOMY

Moody’s Ratings raised India’s real GDP growth forecast for FY 2026-27 to 7% from its previous projection of 6.5%.

- Agency: Moody’s Ratings.
- FY27 forecast: 7%.
- Earlier forecast: 6.5%.
- Increase: 0.5 percentage point.
- Report: Global Macro Outlook 2027-28.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Agency: Moody’s Ratings.; FY27 forecast: 7%.

PLFS: India’s Overall LFPR Rises to 55.5% ECONOMY

The July-September 2026 Periodic Labour Force Survey quarterly report placed India’s Labour Force Participation Rate for persons aged 15 years and above at 55.5%.

- Overall LFPR: 55.5%.
- Previous quarter: 54.6%.
- Rural LFPR: 58.1%.
- Urban LFPR: 50.4%.
- Unemployment Rate: 5.1%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Overall LFPR: 55.5%.; Previous quarter: 54.6%.

NCDEX Launches India’s First Steel Scrap Futures Contract ECONOMY

NCDEX, in partnership with BigMint Technologies, launched India’s first Price Reporting Agency-based steel scrap futures contract.

- Price Reporting Agency: BigMint Technologies.
- Underlying grade: HMS 80:20.
- Trading unit: 10 MT.
- Maximum order size: 500 MT.
- The contract is cash-settled rather than physically delivered.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Price Reporting Agency: BigMint Technologies.; Underlying grade: HMS 80:20.

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

Section 04

Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 Held in New Delhi INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The inaugural Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 was held from 2 to 5 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under the theme "Invest. Innovate. Inspire".

- Event: Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026.
- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Dates: 2-5 November 2026.
- Organised by: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy with the International Solar Alliance.
- Organising partners included IREDA and Solar Energy Corporation of India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026.; Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

UNESCO Adds Rajatarangini, Mahabharata and Arthashastra to Asia-Pacific Register INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

UNESCO inscribed Kalhana's Rajatarangini, the Mahabharata and Kautilya's Arthashastra in the Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register during the 11th MOWCAP session in Jakarta, Indonesia.

- Programme: UNESCO Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register.
- Session: 11th MOWCAP session.
- Venue: Jakarta, Indonesia.
- New Indian inscriptions: 3.
- India's total Asia-Pacific Regional Register inscriptions increased to 6.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Programme: UNESCO Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register.; Session: 11th MOWCAP session.

India Announces USD 500 Million Line of Credit for Guyana INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India announced a USD 500 million Line of Credit for Guyana to support infrastructure, health and defence-related development projects.

- Credit line: USD 500 million.
- Recipient: Guyana.
- Capital: Georgetown.
- Currency: Guyanese Dollar.
- Priority areas include infrastructure, health, defence, energy and agriculture.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Credit line: USD 500 million.; Recipient: Guyana.

CHOGM 2026 Held in Antigua and Barbuda INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting 2026 was held from 1 to 4 November 2026 in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, under the theme "Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth".

- Event: CHOGM 2026.
- Venue: St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.
- Dates: 1-4 November 2026.
- Commonwealth members: 56.
- Participation: More than 4,000 delegates.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: CHOGM 2026.; Venue: St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.

India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bangladesh Launch BOB-NOR INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Four Bay of Bengal countries launched the Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries to integrate oceanographic observations, climate information and fisheries data.

- Network: BOB-NOR.
- Countries: India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bangladesh.
- Launch venue: ICAR-CMFRI, Kochi.
- Purpose: climate-resilient fisheries management.
- Complementary initiative: BOBSAN.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Network: BOB-NOR.; Countries: India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bangladesh.

India and EU Conclude Horizon Europe Association Negotiations INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India and the European Union concluded negotiations for India's association with the Horizon Europe research and innovation funding programme.

- Programme: Horizon Europe.
- Total programme budget: EUR 93.5 billion.
- India to participate under the Second Pillar.
- Expected effect: January 2027.
- Focus areas include health, AI, digital technology, space, climate and energy.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Programme: Horizon Europe.; Total programme budget: EUR 93.5 billion.

India Signs Haj-2027 Agreement with Saudi Arabia INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India and Saudi Arabia signed the bilateral Haj Agreement-2027, fixing India’s pilgrim quota at 1,75,025.

- India’s Haj quota: 1,75,025.
- Agreement year: 2027 Haj season.
- Indian minister: Kiren Rijiju.
- Signing venue: Jeddah, Saudi Arabia.
- Quota unchanged from 2025.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: India’s Haj quota: 1,75,025.; Agreement year: 2027 Haj season.

First BIMSTEC Senior Officials’ Meeting on Health Held in Colombo INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The first BIMSTEC Senior Officials’ Meeting on health-related matters was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, to strengthen regional healthcare cooperation.

- Organisation: BIMSTEC.
- Meeting: First Senior Officials’ Meeting on Health.
- Venue: Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Sector: Regional health cooperation.
- Region: Bay of Bengal.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: BIMSTEC.; Meeting: First Senior Officials’ Meeting on Health.

ADB Approves USD 98 Million Loan for Sri Lanka’s Digital Transformation INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Asian Development Bank approved a USD 98 million sovereign loan under Sri Lanka’s Advancing Digital Transformation Project.

- Loan amount: USD 98 million.
- Technical assistance grant: USD 1 million.
- Country: Sri Lanka.
- Project: Advancing Digital Transformation Project.
- Key areas: broadband, cloud, cybersecurity and digital skills.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Loan amount: USD 98 million.; Technical assistance grant: USD 1 million.

South Africa Expands Electronic Travel Authorization to Indians INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

South Africa expanded its Electronic Travel Authorization system to travellers from 53 countries, including India.

- System: Electronic Travel Authorization.
- Countries covered: 53.
- Existing eVisa system to be replaced by ETA.
- Transition deadline: 1 December 2026.
- The new system enables an end-to-end digital visa process.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: System: Electronic Travel Authorization.; Countries covered: 53.

First BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting Held in Sri Lanka INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting was held in Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 11 November 2026, bringing together all seven member countries.

- Organisation: BIMSTEC.
- Venue: Colombo, Sri Lanka.
- Chair: Sri Lankan Health Minister Nalinda Jayatissa.
- India represented by: J. P. Nadda.
- BIMSTEC members: 7.

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

UAE Becomes First Country Outside Europe to Launch Digital ATA Carnet INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The United Arab Emirates launched an electronic ATA Carnet system, becoming the first country outside Europe to implement the paperless customs process.

- System: eATA Carnet.
- Launch date: 9 November 2026.
- Implemented through Dubai Chamber of Commerce and ICC.
- ATA Carnet is commonly called the Passport for Goods.
- The digital system uses QR codes and electronic customs declarations.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: System: eATA Carnet.; Launch date: 9 November 2026.

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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 05

India and Canada Hold Inaugural Defence Dialogue DEFENCE & SECURITY

India and Canada held their first Defence Dialogue in virtual mode to strengthen defence-industrial, military-technical and research cooperation.

- Format: Virtual dialogue.
- India co-chair: Amit Telang, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence.
- Canada co-chair: Scott Millar, Assistant Deputy Minister for Policy.
- Core areas: defence industry, military technology and R&D.
- Dialogue reflects efforts to expand bilateral strategic engagement.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Format: Virtual dialogue.; India co-chair: Amit Telang, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Defence.

Exercise Malabar 2026 Begins in Japan DEFENCE & SECURITY

The 30th edition of Exercise Malabar began on 5 November 2026 in waters south of Japan's Kanto region with participation from India, the United States, Japan and Australia.

- Participants: India, USA, Japan and Australia.
- Indian platform: INS Sahyadri.
- Exercise period: 5-12 November 2026.
- The exercise supports a Free and Open Indo-Pacific.
- It includes Harbour and Sea phases.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Participants: India, USA, Japan and Australia.; Indian platform: INS Sahyadri.

GRSE Delivers Fifth ASW Shallow Water Craft 'Amini' to Indian Navy DEFENCE & SECURITY

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers delivered Amini, the fifth of eight indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts, to the Indian Navy on 5 November 2026.

- Type: Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.
- Series position: 5th of 8.
- Length: around 77.6 metres.
- Maximum speed: around 25 knots.
- Amini marked the 119th warship built by GRSE.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Type: Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.; Series position: 5th of 8.

India-Myanmar Exercise Rahat Mitra Concludes in Chennai DEFENCE & SECURITY

India and Myanmar conducted their inaugural bilateral Tri-Services HADR exercise, Rahat Mitra, from 5 to 6 November 2026 in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- Exercise: Rahat Mitra 2026.
- Participants: India and Myanmar.
- Personnel: More than 300.
- Theme: "Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership."
- The exercise focused on Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: Rahat Mitra 2026.; Participants: India and Myanmar.

IAF SDI and IIT Madras Partner for Secure Airborne Communications DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Indian Air Force's Software Development Institute signed an agreement with IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak Technologies Foundation to develop indigenous secure communication systems for airborne applications.

- Partners: IAF SDI, IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak.
- Focus: secure digital communications.
- Application: airborne systems.
- Goal: indigenous next-generation communication technology.
- Strategic framework: Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Partners: IAF SDI, IIT Madras and IITM Pravartak.; Focus: secure digital communications.

INS Surat Participates in 15th Exercise Naseem Al Bahr DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Indian Navy and Royal Navy of Oman commenced the 15th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr at Muscat from 8 to 11 November 2026.

- Exercise: Naseem Al Bahr[/color>.
- Meaning: Sea Breeze.
- Indian vessel: INS Surat.
- Partner country: Oman.
- The exercise includes harbour and sea phases.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: Naseem Al Bahr[/color>.; Meaning: Sea Breeze.

IAF IL-76MD Sets High-Altitude Landing Record at Nyoma DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Indian Air Force’s IL-76MD Gajraj achieved the highest-altitude landing for its aircraft type at the Mudh-Nyoma Airbase in Ladakh.

- Aircraft: IL-76MD Gajraj.
- Airbase: Mudh-Nyoma, Ladakh.
- Altitude: 13,629 feet.
- Aircraft type: Heavy-lift transport aircraft.
- Payload capacity: around 40-45 tonnes.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Aircraft: IL-76MD Gajraj.; Airbase: Mudh-Nyoma, Ladakh.

Indian Navy Conducts Fifth Sea Vigil Coastal Defence Exercise DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Indian Navy is coordinating the 5th edition of the Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise Sea Vigil-26 from 11 to 19 November 2026.

- Exercise: Sea Vigil-26.
- Duration: 11-19 November 2026.
- Lead agency: Indian Navy.
- Precursor to: TROPEX.
- The CDSRE phase runs from 11-17 November.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: Sea Vigil-26.; Duration: 11-19 November 2026.

8th India-Myanmar Naval Exercise IMNEX-26 Held at Visakhapatnam DEFENCE & SECURITY

India and Myanmar are conducting the 8th edition of their bilateral naval exercise IMNEX-26 at Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026.

- Exercise: IMNEX-26.
- Venue: Visakhapatnam.
- Indian ships: INS Rana and INS Sumedha.
- Myanmar ship: UMS King Sin Phyu Shin.
- The exercise includes harbour and sea phases.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: IMNEX-26.; Venue: Visakhapatnam.

MoD Signs Rs 498.58 Crore Contract for INS Betwa Upgrade DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Ministry of Defence signed a Rs 498.58 crore contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for refit and re-powering of INS Betwa.

- Class: Brahmaputra-class frigate.
- Contract value: Rs 498.58 crore.
- Shipyard: Cochin Shipyard Limited.
- Commissioned: 7 July 2004.
- The legacy steam propulsion system will be replaced with diesel-engine propulsion.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Class: Brahmaputra-class frigate.; Contract value: Rs 498.58 crore.

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6. SCIENCE, TECH & SPACE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 06

Earth Temporarily Captures Mini-Moon 2026 QQ8 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Asteroid 2026 QQ8, approximately 1 metre across, was confirmed as a temporary natural mini-moon captured by Earth's gravity and is expected to remain bound until December 2026.

- Object: 2026 QQ8.
- Approximate diameter: 1 metre.
- Temporarily captured: April 2026.
- First observed by Krisztián Sárneczky in August 2026.
- Closest approach: around 568,000 km from Earth.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Object: 2026 QQ8.; Approximate diameter: 1 metre.

World's Highest Railway Station Proposed on Bilaspur-Manali-Leh Line SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Ministry of Railways finalised the Detailed Project Report for the 489-km Bilaspur-Manali-Leh railway line, which includes a proposed station near Tanglang La at an altitude of 5,256 metres.

- Rail corridor length: 489 km.
- Estimated cost: around Rs 1.31 lakh crore.
- Proposed station altitude: 5,256 metres.
- Current highest station cited: Tanggula in China at 5,068 metres.
- About 270 km of the route is proposed through tunnels.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Rail corridor length: 489 km.; Estimated cost: around Rs 1.31 lakh crore.

Ashwini Vaishnaw Launches Semicon India 2.0 Portal SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Union Electronics and IT Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Semicon India 2.0 Web Application Portal and announced approval of 12 additional projects under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme.

- Programme: Semicon India 2.0.
- Approvals under ECMS: 12 projects.
- Estimated investment: Rs 7,503 crore.
- Strategic pillars operationalised initially: 3 of 6.
- The operational pillars cover machines and materials, semiconductor fabs and ATMP/OSAT.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Programme: Semicon India 2.0.; Approvals under ECMS: 12 projects.

India Completes Unmanned Trials of MATSYA-6000 SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India successfully completed unmanned trials of the MATSYA-6000 Human Submersible under the Deep Ocean Mission, validating key flotation, stability and ballast systems.

- Submersible: MATSYA-6000.
- Mission: Deep Ocean Mission.
- Project: Samudrayaan.
- Developer: National Institute of Ocean Technology.
- Testing location: L&T Shipyard, Kattupalli, Tamil Nadu.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Submersible: MATSYA-6000.; Mission: Deep Ocean Mission.

India and France Hold Third Strategic Space Dialogue SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India and France held the 3rd Strategic Space Dialogue and the inaugural Economic Security and Critical Technologies Dialogue in Paris on 9-10 November 2026.

- India co-chair: Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.
- France co-chair: Martin Briens.
- Dialogue: 3rd India-France Strategic Space Dialogue.
- Also held: inaugural Economic Security and Critical Technologies Dialogue.
- Both sides reviewed government and commercial space cooperation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: India co-chair: Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri.; France co-chair: Martin Briens.

New Scorpion Species Liocheles similipalensis Discovered in Odisha SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Researchers discovered a new scorpion species named Liocheles similipalensis in Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha.

- Species: Liocheles similipalensis.
- Location: Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha.
- Length: around 44-53 mm.
- Habitat elevation: around 1,000 metres.
- Genus species worldwide after discovery: 7.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Species: Liocheles similipalensis.; Location: Similipal Tiger Reserve, Odisha.

ISRO Tests Cryogenic Engine for GSLV-F19 Mission SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ISRO successfully conducted a 200-second flight-acceptance test of the cryogenic engine for the GSLV-F19 mission at Mahendragiri, Tamil Nadu.

- Mission: GSLV-F19.
- Test duration: 200 seconds.
- Location: ISRO Propulsion Complex, Mahendragiri.
- Payload planned: NVS-04.
- Launch year: 2027.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Mission: GSLV-F19.; Test duration: 200 seconds.

Google Launches TPU 8tx and TPU 8i Max AI Chips SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Google expanded its eighth-generation Tensor Processing Unit portfolio with the launch of TPU 8tx and TPU 8i Max.

- Products: TPU 8tx and TPU 8i Max.
- Technology: AI accelerator ASIC.
- Generation: 8th-generation TPU family.
- Portfolio systems in 2026: 4.
- TPU 8tx focuses on confidential computing and regulated workloads.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Products: TPU 8tx and TPU 8i Max.; Technology: AI accelerator ASIC.

Indian Scientists Discover New Deep-Sea Shark Species SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Scientists from ZSI and ICAR-CMFRI identified Echinorhinus roinee, the Indian Bramble Shark, as a distinct Indian Ocean species.

- Species: Echinorhinus roinee.
- Common name: Indian Bramble Shark.
- Sampling site: Sakthikulangara, Kollam, Kerala.
- Habitat depth: about 350-450 metres.
- Maximum size: up to about 3 metres.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Species: Echinorhinus roinee.; Common name: Indian Bramble Shark.

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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 07

New Flowering Plant Disporum kamakhasiense Discovered in Northeast India

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Researchers identified a new perennial flowering plant species named Disporum kamakhasiense in Assam and Meghalaya, highlighting the biodiversity richness of Northeast India.

- Species: Disporum kamakhasiense.
- Family: Colchicaceae.
- Found in Assam and Meghalaya.
- Height: about 120-180 cm.
- Elevation range: around 200-1,100 metres.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Species: Disporum kamakhasiense.; Family: Colchicaceae.

Antarctic Ozone Hole Becomes Seventh Largest in 48 Years

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

NASA and NOAA measurements indicated that the Antarctic ozone hole in 2026 ranked as the 7th largest in 48 years of monitoring.

- Average area: around 25 million sq km.
- Peak size: around 27.1 million sq km.
- Peak date: 18 September 2026.
- Monitoring agencies: NASA and NOAA.
- Full recovery is projected around the 2070s.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Average area: around 25 million sq km.; Peak size: around 27.1 million sq km.

Orange Oakleaf Proposed as Chhattisgarh's First State Butterfly

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board approved a proposal to designate the Orange Oakleaf (Kallima inachus) as the state's first State Butterfly.

- Common name: Orange Oakleaf.
- Scientific name: Kallima inachus.
- Family: Nymphalidae.
- Also called: Dead Leaf Butterfly.
- Wingspan: approximately 85-110 mm.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Common name: Orange Oakleaf.; Scientific name: Kallima inachus.

Organic Fisheries SOP Launched; Soreng Becomes First Organic Fisheries Cluster

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched an SOP for organic fisheries certification in the Northeast, while Soreng district in Sikkim became India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster.

- Cluster: Soreng district, Sikkim.
- Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.
- Projects inaugurated: Rs 3.75 crore.
- Focus: organic production, certification and traceability.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Cluster: Soreng district, Sikkim.; Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana.

India and Norway Hold Waste-to-Resource Dialogue

ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India and Norway held a dialogue on Waste to Resource Solutions in the Cement and Construction Sector in New Delhi under their Green Strategic Partnership.

- Countries: India and Norway.
- Theme: Waste-to-resource construction solutions.
- Indian partner: CSIR.
- Norwegian partners include SINTEF and Research Council of Norway.
- Framework: Green Strategic Partnership.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Countries: India and Norway.; Theme: Waste-to-resource construction solutions.

Three Maharashtra Beaches Receive Blue Flag Certification ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Ladghar, Guhagar and Shrivardhan became the first beaches from Maharashtra to receive International Blue Flag certification for the 2026-27 season.

- Ladghar: Ratnagiri district.
- Guhagar: Ratnagiri district.
- Shrivardhan: Raigad district.
- Awarding organisation: Foundation for Environmental Education.
- Certification validity: one season/year.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ladghar: Ratnagiri district.; Guhagar: Ratnagiri district.

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8. APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 08

Pedro Alliana Sworn In as President of Paraguay APPOINTMENTS

Former Vice-President Pedro Alliana was sworn in as President of Paraguay on 6 November 2026 following the removal of Santiago Peña through impeachment proceedings.

- President: Pedro Alliana.
- Country: Paraguay.
- Party: Colorado Party.
- Term to continue until 15 August 2028.
- Capital: Asunción.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: President: Pedro Alliana.; Country: Paraguay.

Shivani Gupta Elected to UN ACABQ APPOINTMENTS

Indian diplomat Shivani Gupta was elected unopposed to the United Nations Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions for the 2027-2029 term.

- Officer: Shivani Gupta.
- Service: 2018-batch Indian Foreign Service.
- ACABQ membership: 21 members.
- She serves as First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the UN.
- ACABQ reviews UN budgets and administrative-resource proposals.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Officer: Shivani Gupta.; Service: 2018-batch Indian Foreign Service.

Justice Rajesh Bindal Appointed NCLAT Chairperson APPOINTMENTS

The Central Government appointed former Supreme Court judge Justice Rajesh Bindal as Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal for a five-year tenure.

- Chairperson: Justice Rajesh Bindal.
- Body: National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.
- Tenure: 2026-2031.
- NCLAT constituted: 1 June 2016.
- Parent ministry: Ministry of Corporate Affairs.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Chairperson: Justice Rajesh Bindal.; Body: National Company Law Appellate Tribunal.

India Re-Elected as ISA President for Third Consecutive Term APPOINTMENTS

India was re-elected as President of the International Solar Alliance for the 2026-2028 term, marking its third consecutive term, while France was re-elected Co-President.

- Organisation: International Solar Alliance.
- President: India.
- Co-President: France.
- Re-election venue: 9th ISA Session during Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026.
- India's re-election reflects continued leadership in global solar-energy cooperation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: International Solar Alliance.; President: India.

PV Sindhu Elected IOA Athletes' Commission Chairperson APPOINTMENTS

Two-time Olympic medallist PV Sindhu was elected Chairperson of the Indian Olympic Association Athletes' Commission for the 2026-2030 term, with Harmanpreet Singh elected Vice-Chairperson.

- Chairperson: PV Sindhu.
- Vice-Chairperson: Harmanpreet Singh.
- Commission strength: 10 elected members.
- Composition: 5 male and 5 female athletes.
- Mirabai Chanu and Sajan Prakash were elected as athlete representatives to the IOA General Assembly.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Chairperson: PV Sindhu.; Vice-Chairperson: Harmanpreet Singh.

Abhishek Awasthi Becomes First Indian-Origin Mayor of Greater Bendigo APPOINTMENTS

Abhishek Awasthi was elected Mayor of Greater Bendigo, Australia, becoming the first person of Indian origin to hold the post.

- Mayor: Abhishek Awasthi.
- City: Greater Bendigo, Victoria.
- Originally from: Himachal Pradesh.
- Deputy Mayor: Andrea Metcalf.
- Awasthi previously served as the city's first Indian-origin Deputy Mayor.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Mayor: Abhishek Awasthi.; City: Greater Bendigo, Victoria.

Dr Venkata Ramana Akkaraju Takes Charge as IMU Vice Chancellor APPOINTMENTS

Dr Venkata Ramana Akkaraju assumed office as Vice Chancellor of the Indian Maritime University.

- Institution: Indian Maritime University.
- Vice Chancellor: Dr Venkata Ramana Akkaraju.
- Headquarters: Chennai.
- Established: 2008.
- Parent ministry: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Institution: Indian Maritime University.; Vice Chancellor: Dr Venkata Ramana Akkaraju.

Bahram Vakil Appointed Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation APPOINTMENTS

Bahram N. Vakil was appointed Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation Limited with effect from 12 November 2026, succeeding Noel Tata.

- Company: Tata Investment Corporation Limited.
- New Chairman: Bahram N. Vakil.
- Effective date: 12 November 2026.
- Predecessor: Noel N. Tata.
- Headquarters: Mumbai.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Company: Tata Investment Corporation Limited.; New Chairman: Bahram N. Vakil.

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9. AWARDS, HONOURS & BOOKS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 09

Railways Wins PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award AWARDS & HONOURS

The Ministry of Railways received the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award for achieving the highest number of solarised buildings among Central Ministries and Departments.

- Award category: Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries/Departments.
- Railway buildings solarised: 12,495.
- Identified feasible buildings: 15,868.
- Achievement rate: around 79%.
- Commissioned rooftop solar capacity: 351 MW.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Award category: Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries/Departments.; Railway buildings solarised: 12,495.

France Honours Dr Devi Shetty with Knight of National Order of Merit AWARDS & HONOURS

France conferred the Knight of the National Order of Merit on Dr Devi Prasad Shetty for his support to the French community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Awardee: Dr Devi Prasad Shetty.
- Honour: Knight of the National Order of Merit.
- Order established: 1963.
- It is France's second-highest national order of distinction.
- Dr Shetty is the Founder and Chairman of Narayana Health.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Awardee: Dr Devi Prasad Shetty.; Honour: Knight of the National Order of Merit.

Uttarakhand Police Receives President's Colour AWARDS & HONOURS

Union Home Minister Amit Shah conferred the President's Colour on Uttarakhand Police, making it the 16th state police force in India to receive the honour.

- Force: Uttarakhand Police.
- Recognition: President's Colour.
- National position: 16th state police force.
- Ceremony venue: Dehradun.
- Award also known as Rashtrapati Ka Nishan.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Force: Uttarakhand Police.; Recognition: President's Colour.

Aldrei Ong Wins James Dyson Global Sustainability Award AWARDS & HONOURS

Filipino engineer Aldrei Ong won the 2026 James Dyson Global Sustainability Award for Sentinel, a sensor designed to detect hidden earthquake damage in concrete.

- Winner: Aldrei Ong.
- Invention: Sentinel.
- Prize: approximately GBP 30,000.
- Countries and regions represented: 28.
- Sentinel uses self-sensing concrete and changes in electrical resistance to detect cracks.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Winner: Aldrei Ong.; Invention: Sentinel.

M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026 AWARDS & HONOURS

British author M. John Harrison won the Booker Prize 2026 for his novel The End of Everything.

- Winner: M. John Harrison.
- Book: The End of Everything.
- Prize money: GBP 50,000.
- Booker Prize founded: 1969.
- Harrison became the oldest winner cited in the source.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Winner: M. John Harrison.; Book: The End of Everything.

Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 Announced AWARDS & HONOURS

President Droupadi Murmu presented the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Million-plus cities winner: Visakhapatnam.
- Super Swachh League winner: Navi Mumbai.
- Clean River Front Town: Rewa.
- Clean Coastal Town: Puri.
- Edition: 10th Swachh Survekshan.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Million-plus cities winner: Visakhapatnam.; Super Swachh League winner: Navi Mumbai.

Kutch Copper Becomes First Indian Producer to Secure Veramark Assurance AWARDS & HONOURS

Kutch Copper Limited became the first Indian producer to receive Veramark Assurance, formerly known as Copper Mark.

- Company: Kutch Copper Limited.
- Parent: Adani Enterprises.
- Certification: Veramark Assurance.
- Former name: Copper Mark.
- Focus: responsible ESG-compliant metal production.

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

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10. SPORTS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 10

India Wins Record Sixth Men's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey Title SPORTS

India defeated Japan 4-1 in the final of the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 to win a record sixth title and complete a hat-trick of consecutive championships.

- Tournament: Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026.
- Final: India beat Japan 4-1.
- Host cities: Jalandhar and Mohali, Punjab.
- India's total titles: 6.
- India won its third consecutive title after triumphs in 2023, 2024 and 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Tournament: Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026.; Final: India beat Japan 4-1.

Harmanpreet Singh Reaches 250 International Goals SPORTS

Indian men's hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh scored his 250th international goal during India's Asian Champions Trophy semifinal against South Korea.

- Player: Harmanpreet Singh.
- Milestone: 250 international goals.
- Opponent: South Korea.
- Match result: India won 8-1.
- Venue: Mohali, Punjab.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Player: Harmanpreet Singh.; Milestone: 250 international goals.

Anuj Shrivatri Becomes India's 100th Chess Grandmaster SPORTS

Anuj Shrivatri, a 22-year-old International Master from Madhya Pradesh, became India's 100th Chess Grandmaster after winning the 7th ASEAN+ Individual Open Championship in the Philippines.

- Player: Anuj Shrivatri.
- Milestone: India's 100th Grandmaster.
- State: Madhya Pradesh.
- Tournament: 7th ASEAN+ Individual Open Championship.
- Venue: Ozamiz City, Philippines.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Player: Anuj Shrivatri.; Milestone: India's 100th Grandmaster.

Mohammed Shami Retires from Test Cricket SPORTS

Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami announced his retirement from Test cricket after a long career in which he took 229 wickets in 64 Tests.

- Player: Mohammed Shami.
- Bowling average: 27.71.
- Five-wicket hauls: 6.
- Shami made his Test debut against West Indies in Kolkata in 2013.
- He took nine wickets in his debut Test.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Player: Mohammed Shami.; Bowling average: 27.71.

India Wins Five Medals at International Astronomy Olympiad Juniors SPORTS

India won five medals at the 5th International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics for Juniors held in Ubon Ratchathani, Thailand.

- Participants: 104 students from 25 countries.
- Gold medallists were Siddharth Laxmisha and Swara Srujal Patel.
- Aarna Chaplot and Krish Bhaskar won silver.
- Akshara Gulab Ambone won bronze.
- The National Council of Science Museums handled selection and training.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Participants: 104 students from 25 countries.; Gold medallists were Siddharth Laxmisha and Swara Srujal Patel.

Dhinidhi Desinghu Wins Two Youth Olympics Swimming Bronze Medals SPORTS

Indian swimmer Dhinidhi Desinghu won bronze medals in both the women's 100m and 200m freestyle events at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar.

- Athlete: Dhinidhi Desinghu.
- Medals: 2 bronze.
- Events: 100m freestyle and 200m freestyle.
- Venue: Dakar, Senegal.
- She became the first Indian to win a Youth Olympics swimming medal.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Athlete: Dhinidhi Desinghu.; Medals: 2 bronze.

Lando Norris Wins Brazilian Grand Prix 2026 SPORTS

McLaren driver Lando Norris won the 2026 Brazilian Grand Prix at Interlagos, while Mercedes clinched the Formula One Constructors' Championship.

- Race: Brazilian Grand Prix 2026.
- Winner: Lando Norris.
- Runner-up: Max Verstappen.
- Constructors' Champion: Mercedes.
- Norris won by 14.602 seconds over Verstappen.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Race: Brazilian Grand Prix 2026.; Winner: Lando Norris.

India Finishes Fifth at World Armwrestling Championships 2026 SPORTS

India finished 5th at the 47th World Armwrestling and 28th World Para Armwrestling Championships held in New Delhi.

- India's overall rank: 5th.
- Total medals: 59.
- India hosted the championships for the first time.
- More than 1,700 athletes from 65 countries participated.
- India won 26 medals in the para category.

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

Khyoda Talik Wins Gold at Commonwealth Karate Championship SPORTS

Arunachal Pradesh karateka Khyoda Talik won gold in the Male U21 Individual Kata event at the Commonwealth Karate Federation Club Championship in Glasgow.

- Athlete: Khyoda Talik.
- State: Arunachal Pradesh.
- Event: Male U21 Individual Kata.
- Venue: Glasgow, Scotland.
- Talik is an international-level karate athlete.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Athlete: Khyoda Talik.; State: Arunachal Pradesh.

Sunil Chhetri Becomes First Male FIFA Player Impact Programme Participant SPORTS

Indian footballer Sunil Chhetri became the first male participant in the second edition of FIFA's Player Impact Programme.

- Programme: FIFA Player Impact Programme.
- Indian participant: Sunil Chhetri.
- Milestone: First male participant.
- Programme duration: 9 months.
- 2026 cohort: 13 participants.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Programme: FIFA Player Impact Programme.; Indian participant: Sunil Chhetri.

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11. IMPORTANT DAYS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 11

National Cancer Awareness Day 2026 - November 7 IMPORTANT DAYS

India observes National Cancer Awareness Day every year on 7 November to promote cancer prevention, screening, early detection and timely treatment.

- Date: 7 November.
- First observed: 2014.
- Introduced by former Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- 2026 marks the 13th observance.
- Date coincides with Marie Curie's birth anniversary.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 7 November.; First observed: 2014.

138th Birth Anniversary of C. V. Raman Observed IMPORTANT DAYS

India marked the 138th birth anniversary of Nobel laureate Sir C. V. Raman on 7 November 2026.

- Born: 7 November 1888.
- Birthplace: Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.
- Nobel Prize in Physics: 1930.
- Discovery: Raman Effect.
- Raman Effect discovered in 1928.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Born: 7 November 1888.; Birthplace: Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

International Day of Radiology 2026 - November 8 IMPORTANT DAYS

The International Day of Radiology, also known as World Radiography Day, was observed on 8 November 2026 to highlight the role of radiology in diagnosis, treatment and patient care.

- Date: 8 November.
- 2026 edition: 15th.
- Associated scientist: Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen.
- Global organisers include ESR, RSNA and ACR.
- The day celebrates the contribution of medical imaging to healthcare.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 8 November.; 2026 edition: 15th.

National Legal Services Day 2026 - November 9 IMPORTANT DAYS

India observed National Legal Services Day on 9 November 2026 to commemorate the enforcement of the Legal Services Authorities Act and promote access to free legal aid.

- Date: 9 November.
- Legal Services Authorities Act enacted: 1987.
- Act came into force nationwide in 1995.
- Apex body: National Legal Services Authority.
- Constitutional basis includes Article 39A.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 9 November.; Legal Services Authorities Act enacted: 1987.

World Science Day for Peace and Development 2026 - November 10 IMPORTANT DAYS

UNESCO observed the World Science Day for Peace and Development on 10 November 2026, marking its 25th edition.

- Date: 10 November.
- 2026 edition: 25th.
- Theme: "Common Ground Through Science Diplomacy".
- Proclaimed by UNESCO in 2001.
- First observed in 2002.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 10 November.; 2026 edition: 25th.

National Entrepreneurship Day 2026 - November 9 IMPORTANT DAYS

India observed National Entrepreneurship Day on 9 November 2026 to mark the establishment of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

- Date: 9 November.
- MSDE established: 9 November 2014.
- DPIIT-recognised startups: over 2.62 lakh.
- Direct jobs generated: over 25 lakh.
- India described as the world's third-largest startup ecosystem.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 9 November.; MSDE established: 9 November 2014.

National Education Day 2026 - November 11 IMPORTANT DAYS

India observed National Education Day on 11 November 2026 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

- Date: 11 November.
- Honours: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.
- First Education Minister of independent India.
- First observance: 2008.
- Born: 11 November 1888.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 11 November.; Honours: Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

World Immunization Day 2026 - November 10 IMPORTANT DAYS

World Immunization Day was observed on 10 November 2026 to promote vaccination awareness and universal access to vaccines.

- Date: 10 November.
- Associated organisation: WHO.
- First observance: 2012.
- Linked framework: Immunization Agenda 2030.
- World Immunization Week: 24-30 April.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 10 November.; Associated organisation: WHO.

World Quality Week 2026 - November 9-13 IMPORTANT DAYS

World Quality Week 2026 is observed from 9 to 13 November under the theme "Quality: Powering Performance".

- Dates: 9-13 November 2026.
- World Quality Day: 12 November 2026.
- Theme: Quality: Powering Performance.
- Led by: Chartered Quality Institute.
- First World Quality Day: 1989.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Dates: 9-13 November 2026.; World Quality Day: 12 November 2026.

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12. WEEKLY REVISION QUIZ (MCQS)

Solve before checking the answer key

Q1. What was the venue of Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026?

A) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
B) Pragati Maidan, Mumbai
C) Vigyan Bhawan, Jaipur
D) India Expo Mart, Chennai

Q2. Which five states contributed over 54% of India's manufacturing GVA?

A) Kerala, Punjab, Odisha, Bihar and Assam
B) Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh
C) Delhi, Goa, Haryana, Punjab and Telangana
D) West Bengal, Rajasthan, Kerala, Odisha and Bihar

Q3. Which regulator revised NPS scheme naming rules?

A) SEBI
B) RBI
C) PFRDA
D) IRDAI

Q4. Exercise Malabar 2026 was hosted by which country?

A) India
B) Australia
C) United States
D) Japan

Q5. Which organisation maintains the Memory of the World programme?
A) UNESCO
B) WHO
C) WIPO
D) UNDP

Q6. Which Indian naval vessel participated in Malabar 2026?
A) INS Vikrant
B) INS Sahyadri
C) INS Kolkata
D) INS Kavaratti

Q7. Which country received an announced USD 500 million Indian line of credit?
A) Suriname
B) Fiji
C) Guyana
D) Mauritius

Q8. What was the name of the fifth ASW shallow-water craft delivered by GRSE?
A) Arnala
B) Anjadip
C) Androth
D) Amini

Q9. National Cancer Awareness Day in India is observed on which date?
A) 7 November
B) 8 November
C) 9 November
D) 10 November

Q10. Which country hosted CHOGM 2026 according to the daily digest?
A) Samoa
B) Antigua and Barbuda
C) Rwanda
D) United Kingdom

Q11. What is the name of the deep-sea submersible in India's unmanned trials?
A) Samudrayaan-1000
B) Varuna-3000
C) MATSYA-6000
D) Sindhu-500

Q12. World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed on which date?
A) 7 November
B) 8 November
C) 9 November
D) 10 November

Q13. Which institution launched India's first steel scrap futures contract according to the digest?
A) NCDEX
B) NSE
C) BSE
D) MCX

Q14. Which state topped the inaugural Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index?
A) Goa
B) Andhra Pradesh
C) Gujarat
D) Tamil Nadu

Q15. National Education Day commemorates the birth anniversary of whom?
A) Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
B) C. V. Raman
C) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
D) Jawaharlal Nehru

Answers & Explanations Key

Q1. [A] **Exp:** The Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

Q2. [B] **Exp:** Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh together contributed more than 54%.

Q3. [C] **Exp:** PFRDA revised naming and display requirements for NPS schemes.

Q4. [D] **Exp:** Japan hosted the 30th Exercise Malabar in November 2026.

Q5. [A] **Exp:** UNESCO administers the Memory of the World programme.

Q6. [B] **Exp:** INS Sahyadri was the Indian platform listed for Malabar 2026.

Q7. [C] **Exp:** India announced a USD 500 million line of credit for Guyana.

Q8. [D] **Exp:** GRSE delivered Amini, the fifth vessel in its ASW shallow-water craft series.

Q9. [A] **Exp:** National Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 7 November.

Q10. [B] **Exp:** The digest identifies Antigua and Barbuda as host of CHOGM 2026.

Q11. [C] **Exp:** India's deep-sea submersible programme includes MATSYA-6000.

Q12. [D] **Exp:** World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed on 10 November.

Q13. [A] **Exp:** The digest reports the launch of a steel scrap futures contract by NCDEX.

Q14. [B] **Exp:** The inaugural Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index placed Andhra Pradesh first.

Q15. [C] **Exp:** National Education Day marks the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

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