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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The government approved a **₹1,789.52 crore** Intelligent Traffic Management System project for Delhi Police along with the **Green Energy Corridor Phase-III** (GEC-III) scheme.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet approved a **₹10,000 crore** commitment to establish the **SME Growth Fund** on **6 October 2026**, providing growth-stage equity to viable small and medium enterprises and supporting future industrial champions.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE On **6 October 2026**, the Union Cabinet approved an **Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority** as a specialised institutional mechanism to improve multimodal infrastructure planning, appraisal, monitoring and impact assessment across transport sectors.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** reportedly approved a proposal on **9 October 2026** to rename Noida International Airport as Narendra Modi International Airport.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Chief Justice of India Surya Kant reportedly constituted a Standing **Committee on Judicial Well-being** on **11 October 2026**, chaired by Justice K. V.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Union **Cabinet** approved a **78-day Productivity Linked Bonus for** approximately 11.40 lakh eligible non-gazetted railway employees for the 2025-26 performance year.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet extended the National Social Assistance Programme **for five years** on **14 October 2026**, renaming it Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana and approving **₹53,428 crore** through FY2030-31.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Union Cabinet** approved the **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme** on 28 October 2026 with a **₹10,000 crore** outlay to expand domestic container-making capacity towards 7.5 lakh TEUs.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Union Cabinet** approved **Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana** on 28 October 2026 with an outlay of **₹7,395.55 crore** for strengthening grassroots governance during FY2026–27 to FY2030–31.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES Five heritage properties linked to India were added to the **UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List** in September **2026** and included during October 2026, marking potential candidates for future nomination.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **Ministry** of Statistics and Programme Implementation released a trial sub-sectoral **Index of Services Production for July 2026**, adding experimental data on India's services economy to the official statistical landscape.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Unique Identification Authority of India unveiled **five initiatives** at an Aadhaar Samvaad event in Kolkata on **29 September 2026**, marking an Aadhaar anniversary and developments in digital identity services.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **government** extended the Remission of Duties and Taxes on Exported Products (RoDTEP) Scheme until 31 **December 2026**; beneficiaries: Eligible Indian exporters.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched implementation guidelines for **National Coastal Mission 2.0** to strengthen conservation and sustainable management of **India**'s coastal and marine ecosystems.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The National Stock Exchange received a No Objection Certificate from **SEBI** to introduce futures contracts based on a **Corporate Bond Index**.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES **Digital Bharat Nidhi** signed an agreement with Maharashtra, MDIL, BSNL and MahaIT for implementing the **Amended BharatNet Programme** under the State-led model.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Department** of Pharmaceuticals launched a **New Discovery Track** under the Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech Scheme to support early-stage pharmaceutical innovation.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The first instalment for three lakh houses under PMAY-G **2.0** was handed over **in Andhra Pradesh**, alongside the foundation of a pilot project using 3D concrete-printing technology.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Pradhan Mantri Skilling and **Employability Transformation** through Upgraded ITIs initiative completed one year on **4 October 2026**; scheme: PM-SETU.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Department of Telecommunications** reported that the **Sanchar Saathi portal**, launched in May 2023, had crossed 30 crore visits while offering citizen services addressing mobile-device security and telecom misuse.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **Ministry** of Home Affairs, in consultation with the Ladakh administration, standardised the names of 28 places and geographical features on the official **Survey of India** map.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The PM Electric Drive Revolution in **Innovative Vehicle Enhancement** (**PM E-DRIVE**) Scheme completed two years since its notification on 29 September 2024; as of June 2026, around 26.59 lakh electric vehicles had been sold under the scheme.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES MoSPI released the Strategy for **Environmental Economic Accounts** in India **2026**-2030 to strengthen the integration of environmental information with national economic statistics.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Department** of **School Education** and Literacy organised nationwide screening under the PRASHAST initiative to help identify children who may require disability-related educational support.

- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The women represent 43% of the overall **AYUSH services workforce**, with representation exceeding 50% in several organised segments; **ministry**: Ministry of AYUSH.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana** completed one year on **11 October 2026**, with an October review programme highlighting the scheme's coordinated support for priority agricultural districts across India.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **PM GatiShakti National Master Plan** completed five years on **13 October 2026**, highlighting the use of integrated geospatial information to coordinate road, railway, port, aviation and logistics infrastructure across ministries and states.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **government** notified or proposed stricter CAFE fuel-efficiency requirements for passenger vehicles in the September–**October** reporting period, seeking lower emissions and improved average fuel performance across manufacturer fleets.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES Union Minister Pralhad Joshi unveiled the **BIS Silver Refinery Scheme** along with new Indian Standards and digital-standardisation initiatives during World Standards Day 2026 celebrations in New Delhi.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES India ranked 100th among 122 countries in the **Global Hunger Index 2026**, with a reported score of 24.1, highlighting continuing challenges relating to hunger and nutrition.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES India ranked 84th in the October **2026 Henley Passport Index**, with access to 55 destinations; rank 1: Singapore.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched **IIT Kanpur**'s Greater Than Us fundraising campaign targeting **USD 1 billion** by March 2029.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **World Bank** released the **World Development Report 2026, The Promise of Artificial Intelligence**, at a New Delhi event involving the IndiaAI Mission and Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **UDAN regional connectivity scheme** completed ten years on **21 October 2026**, marking a decade of efforts to make regional flying more accessible and bring unserved and underserved airports onto India's civil-aviation network.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES **Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj** Singh Chouhan launched the **upgraded Agri Welfare Portal** to provide farmers with single-window digital access to major schemes, financial assistance and agriculture-related information.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Department of Financial Services launched a nationwide financial-**inclusion saturation campaign** from 21 October to **31 December 2026**, covering about 2.70 lakh Gram Panchayats and urban local bodies through bank-led enrolment and awareness camps.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES UNESCO released the **2026** Global Education Monitoring **Gender Report** titled "Gender equity in access to education", examining global progress and continuing inequalities in access to education.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES Union Minister J.P. Nadda inaugurated the **14th India Chem 2026 and** launched the BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme in Mumbai on **22 October 2026**.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The National Statistical Office proposed changes to the **Periodic Labour Force Survey** from January 2027 **to improve** information on platform work and unpaid domestic and care work, strengthening the evidence base for labour-market analysis.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry** of Rural Development launched an upgraded **NMMS 2.0 mobile** application in October 2026 to improve digital attendance recording and monitoring of workers under the government's rural employment framework.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Kerala Government** authorised the **Kerala Civil Aviation Development Cooperative Society** to establish a proposed cooperative-sector airline, aimed at expanding access to regional air connectivity.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES The **Ministry** of Statistics and Programme Implementation proposed modifications to the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises for 2027-28, including aligning the reference period with the **financial year and** gathering additional gender-disaggregated information.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry** of Road Transport and Highways amended vehicle rules in October 2026 to allow fuel containing up to 100% ethanol in **compatible flex-fuel vehicles**, supporting cleaner-fuel options without treating E100 as suitable for ordinary petrol-only cars.
- [ ] REPORTS & INDICES India's position in the **World Justice Project Rule of Law Index** 2026 was 88th among 143 countries, with a score of 0.48.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ayushman Vay Vandana Yojana** completed two years of implementation; the scheme provides healthcare coverage to eligible senior citizens aged **70** years and above, irrespective of economic status.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet approved a three-percentage-point increase in **Dearness Allowance** and Dearness Relief on **28 October 2026**, raising the rate from 60% to 63% of basic pay or pension with effect from **1 July 2026**.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Cabinet approved the **Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme** on **28 October 2026**, providing **₹1,856.67 crore** for FY2026-27 to FY2033-34 to develop domestic manufacturing, certification and exports.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry** of Textiles announced changes to the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Textiles, including an extension to FY 2033-34 for applicants approved under **Round 4** and a reduction in the turnover threshold under Part 2.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES Union Minister of State Prataprao Jadhav launched the fourth edition of the **Tobacco-Free Youth Campaign** (TFYC 4.0) on **28 October 2026** at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Medical Sciences and Dr Ram Manohar Lohia Hospital in New Delhi, in October 2026.

- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Union Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises released **₹1,000 crore** in **Margin Money subsidy** under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) on **28 October 2026** in New Delhi.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The Employees' State Insurance Corporation extended the **New Amnesty Scheme 2025** through **31 December 2026**, allowing eligible pending disputes under the Employees' State Insurance framework to be addressed on the scheme's existing terms.
- [ ] GOVERNMENT SCHEMES The **Ministry of Textiles** announced changes for the fourth application round of the PLI Scheme for Textiles, including a revised threshold and an application window beginning **1 November 2026** to encourage manufacturing investment.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Air Ayodhya, promoted by **Megamax Aviation Private Limited**, received an initial No Objection Certificate from the **Ministry** of Civil Aviation to pursue operations under the UDAN regional-connectivity framework, in the September–October reporting period.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Home Affairs presented the **PRAHAAR counter-terrorism framework and** an extradition information portal during the September–October source period, addressing inter-agency cooperation against terrorism and international fugitives.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Union Public Service **Commission** (UPSC) marked **100 years of** its institutional journey, highlighting its long-standing role in recruitment to India's higher civil services.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development **Authority** (APEDA) facilitated the export of one tonne of makhana from Purnea, Bihar, **to Greece**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Mines opened **two offshore mineral blocks in** the Andaman Sea for auction under the Composite Licence framework.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Kolkata was announced as the host city for the 5th edition of **India Energy Week**, scheduled for January **2027**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched PRAGATI-**50** to develop 50 cities across 24 States as role-model cities for sanitation under **Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban** 2.0.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Registration of Births and Deaths** (Amendment) Act, 2026 came into force on **1 October 2026**, strengthening procedures for delayed registration under the Registration of Births and Deaths Act, 1969.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Union Public Service **Commission** marked a century of its institutional journey in October **2026**, highlighting the development of merit-based recruitment and examinations for central civil services in India.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention** is scheduled to be held in Kolkata, **West Bengal**, from 7 to 9 January 2027.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Power notified **Corporate Average Fuel Economy-III** norms for passenger vehicles for the five-year period from April 2027 to March 2032.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and **Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** laid the foundation for a major **horticulture hub** and the Indian School of Agriculture at Madanapalle.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE ICAR and the **Food Corporation** of **India** signed an MoU to develop safer alternatives to conventional chemical fumigation for stored wheat and rice.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Jawahar Dweep Marine Oil Terminal in Mumbai was **declared India's first plastic-free oil terminal** during **Swachhata Abhiyan** 2026; location: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE NITI Aayog, the **Government** of West Bengal and UNDP organised a **National Workshop on SDG Budgeting** in Kolkata; participants: Representatives from 32 States and UTs.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE **The National Rural Infrastructure** Development Agency **and IIM Kolkata** signed an MoU for a four-year longitudinal assessment of rural roads constructed under PMGSY-IV and PM-JANMAN.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The government extended the **RoDTEP and RoSCTL** export-support schemes until **31 December 2026** amid continuing global trade and logistics disruptions.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE APEDA facilitated the export of a 24 metric tonne frozen-food consignment from Sonipat, Haryana, **to Canada** through a **Farmer Producer Organisation**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Road Transport and Highways organised **Chintan Shivir 2026** to discuss policies and strategies for developing future-ready highway infrastructure.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the **first international cargo voyage** from **Bogibeel Terminal** in Dibrugarh, Assam, to Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Department** of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education approved **five Centres of Excellence** for the study of Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan reconstituted the **24 Departmentally Related Standing Committees** (DRSCs) for the **2026-27** term.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Arunachal Pradesh is scheduled to host the **14th International Tourism Mart** (ITM) in Tawang from 27 October to **1 November 2026**.

- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Rural Development notified 375 permissible works under the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), or **VB-G RAM G** Act, 2025, compared with 266 works under the earlier framework.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil chaired the **20th Empowered Task Force Meeting on Ganga Rejuvenation**; **ministry**: Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Environment, Forest and Climate Change granted **environmental and** Coastal Regulation Zone clearances for the proposed Shree Jagannath International Airport at Sipasarubali, Puri, Odisha.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** launched JOSH — **Joint Squad** for Health teams to strengthen community participation in tuberculosis awareness and elimination efforts.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Information and Broadcasting reconstituted the **Press Council of India** by nominating 13 journalist representatives under the Press Council Act, 1978.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Minister of State **Pabitra Margherita** inaugurated **silkworm seed infrastructure** at Jorhat in Assam in October 2026 to strengthen the local sericulture sector and access to quality silkworm seed.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Road Transport and **Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari** approved **₹993.64 crore** for improving the Rangpo-Ranipool section of National Highway 10 in Sikkim.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry of Defence** approved a revised Standard Operating Procedure on **7 October 2026** for using proof ranges, field firing ranges and testing facilities for indigenous defence projects.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises released a backgrounder on the **National SC-ST Hub** on **8 October 2026**, highlighting support for Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE A parliamentary standing committee presented its **382nd Report on** reforms and strengthening of the National Testing Agency on **9 October 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Prime Minister** Narendra Modi interacted with India's team participating in the 48th WorldSkills Competition on **9 October 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The University Grants Commission issued a Letter of Intent to the **University of Colorado Denver** on **7 October 2026** for establishing a degree-granting campus in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Central Armed Police Forces** (General Administration) Act, 2026 came into effect on **8 October 2026**, creating a statutory framework for selected service and administrative conditions.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita inaugurated a Grainage Building and Cold Storage facility at the **Central Silk Board**'s Silkworm Seed Production Centre in Rowriah, Jorhat, on **8 October 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Unique Identification **Authority** of India reportedly implemented a revised Standard Operating Procedure on **18 September 2026** for handling minor and major name changes in Aadhaar records.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Government** of India reportedly approved the **DRISHTI Project** to accelerate property surveys and ownership documentation in Delhi's unauthorised colonies under PM-UDAY.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched redeveloped websites of the **Department** of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Science and Technology on **9 October 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Prime Minister Narendra Modi reportedly inaugurated, dedicated and laid foundation stones for infrastructure **projects worth** more than **₹13,000 crore** during a visit to Chennai on **11 October 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Shareholders' Agreements were signed under PM-SETU to upgrade nine government **Industrial Training Institutes** in Gujarat and Andhra Pradesh with an approved investment of **₹440 crore**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor** was inaugurated at the Rudraksh Convention Centre in Varanasi on **8 October 2026** to commemorate the former Japanese Prime Minister's contribution to India-Japan relations.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Odisha Governor Hari Babu Kambhampati inaugurated a **STEM laboratory** and aeromodelling training centre at **Kosala School** in Bargarh district.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE A draft steel-**sector** roadmap outlined long-term capacity, demand and decarbonisation targets for **2047**; crude steelmaking capacity target: 604 million tonnes.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Minister **Jyotiraditya M. Scindia** inaugurated the **third International Bharat 6G Symposium** in October 2026, alongside India Mobile Congress, to discuss next-generation telecommunications, innovation and advanced connectivity.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched a **Digital Brand Identity Manual-compliant** website of the **Department** of Animal Husbandry and Dairying to strengthen digital governance and public access to departmental information.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Lakshadweep was declared a **100% literate Union Territory** under ULLAS after eligible identified learners successfully cleared the Foundational Literacy and Numeracy Assessment Test.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** signed an agreement with **ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India** and the governments of Andhra Pradesh and Gujarat for upgrading 9 Government ITIs under the PM-SETU scheme.

- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Research, Development and Innovation Fund (RDIF) announced its **first cohort of 19 Second Level Fund Managers** with a combined government funding commitment of **₹7,131 crore**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The India Meteorological **Department** launched the **Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services** Decision Support System, a WebGIS-based platform designed to improve cyclone forecasting, impact interpretation and disaster preparedness.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for September **2026** reported an improvement in **urban female Labour Force Participation** Rate, reaching its highest level since October 2025.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Government** approved **India's accession to** the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA), enabling greater participation in international high-seas fisheries governance and authorised fishing opportunities in the Southern Indian Ocean.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Union **Government** constituted a four-member committee headed by former NITI Aayog member **Ramesh Chand** to examine sugarcane farmers' demands and the ex-mill Minimum Selling Price of sugar.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE India and the United Kingdom strengthened scientific cooperation at the 8th India-UK **Science and Innovation Council** Meeting in New Delhi and inaugurated a genomics Centre of Excellence involving BRIC-CDFD and Oxford Nanopore Technologies.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Tribal Affairs and Karmayogi Bharat signed an MoU to develop and operate a **Tribal Affairs Capacity Building Platform** on the iGOT Karmayogi framework for Adi Karmayogi Volunteers and grassroots functionaries.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE On **15 October 2026**, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated and dedicated **five development projects worth** approximately **₹3,350 crore** in Ladakh, covering aviation, strategic roads, hydropower, transmission infrastructure, water conservation and cultural heritage.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry of Cooperation** introduced the **Multi-State Co-operative Societies** (Auditor's Report) Order, 2026 to strengthen transparency, accountability and financial discipline in Multi-State Cooperative Societies.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Road Transport and Highways proposed a phased rollout of Bharat Stage VII **emission standards** for new cars and SUVs from 1 April 2029.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE NITI Aayog's **Frontier Tech Hub** released a framework to help states assess data-centre investments, infrastructure readiness and sustainability; india data-centre capacity in 2020: About 375 MW.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **National Statistical Office** reported an overall **Labour Force Participation Rate** of 55.5% and unemployment rate of 5.0% for September 2026.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Chief Justice of **India Surya Kant** inaugurated the newly established Ladakh Bench of the **High Court** of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh at Melongthang, Leh.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The National Steering Committee (NSC) under the PM-SETU scheme approved five Strategic Investment Plans worth **₹1,194.92 crore for** upgrading Industrial Training **Institute** clusters in Maharashtra, Odisha and Jammu & Kashmir.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment reported that 18,093 villages had been **declared Adarsh Grams** as of **8 September 2026** under the Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY).
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Ministry of Home Affairs approved restructuring of the Central Industrial Security Force from **1 November 2026**, replacing much of its territorial supervision model with specialised, **sector-specific functional commands** for strategic and critical infrastructure.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Health and Family Welfare approved operationalisation of **Ladakh's first Government Medical College** at Stipuk Pharka, Leh from the 2027-28 academic year.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **National SARAS Mela** was organised in Vijayawada, **Andhra Pradesh**, marking the first time the national-level marketplace was held outside Delhi-NCR.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Registration opened for the 5th edition of **Kashi Tamil Sangamam**, scheduled from 28 November to **12 December 2026**; the initiative seeks to strengthen historical, spiritual, literary and cultural connections between Tamil Nadu and Kashi.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the nationwide **Khet Bachao Abhiyan - Rabi 2026** in Karnal, Haryana, on **22 October 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE President Droupadi Murmu released a **₹200** commemorative coin at Lok Bhavan, Raipur, to mark the 200th birth anniversary of Mata Sahib **Hasi Devi Ji**, the fifth spiritual head of Shadani Darbar.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Government notified the Telecommunications (**Regulatory Sandbox**) Rules, 2026 on **22 October 2026** to establish controlled environments for testing innovative telecom technologies, products and services under prescribed regulatory safeguards.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Ministry** of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) issued a draft notification proposing that Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS) become mandatory **for new** M1-category car models from 1 October 2030.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE NLC **India** Limited signed MoUs with IPICOL for proposed investments worth approximately **₹37,000 crore** in Odisha covering thermal power, mineral processing and coal gasification.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The 14th edition of **India Chem 2026** was held at the Bombay Exhibition Centre in Mumbai from 22 to **24 October 2026** under the theme "Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub".

- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE India held the **61st meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology** in **New Delhi** from **26 to 28 October 2026**, the first time the country hosted this international meeting.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Cabinet Secretary Dr T. V. Somanathan chaired a meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) on **26 October 2026** to review preparedness for a possible cyclone over the **Bay of Bengal**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Chinmaya Amrit Mahotsav Global Sammelan** held from 23 to **25 October 2026** at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi to mark 75 years of the Chinmaya Mission.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE President Droupadi Murmu gave assent to the **Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority** (FNTA) Bill **2026**, which seeks to establish a decentralised governance arrangement for six eastern districts of Nagaland.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **Department** for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) reported that the number of recognised startups in India crossed 2,50,000, reflecting the expansion of the country's startup ecosystem across more than 770 districts.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will organise **Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada** across India from 1 to **15 November 2026**, concluding on the birth anniversary of tribal freedom fighter Birsa Munda.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The National Human Rights **Commission** (NHRC) announced an advisory focusing **on women's safety** at workplaces and in public spaces and identified eight priority areas for action.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Department of Social Justice and Empowerment reported that **1.87 lakh** candidates received training under the PM-DAKSH Yojana, while 96,162 candidates secured placements.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE MoRTH introduced a concessional annual **local pass for** eligible non-commercial vehicle owners living within 20 km of a National Highway fee plaza; the rules are scheduled to take effect from **1 November 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Ministry of Education and UNESCO exchanged a memorandum of understanding at the **Clean Sport** Conclave organised by the National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) India on **28 October 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE The **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** released revised maximum retail prices for 543 anti-cancer medicine brands in October, with a stated effective date of 9 November 2026.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Approximately **₹19,000 crore** was scheduled for release under the **24th instalment** of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) as part of the Prime Minister's Gujarat programme on **30 October 2026**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Reports the inauguration of a **Tea Auction Centre** at Gorkhabasti in Agartala, Tripura; chief **Minister Dr Manik Saha** highlighted the importance of the tea industry to the state's economy.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE UPSC Chairman Dr Ajay Kumar presented the **Commission**'s **76th Annual Report** to President Droupadi Murmu; institution: Union Public Service Commission.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Government e Marketplace (GeM) and Laghu Udyog Bharati organised **GeM Samvad 2026** on **28 October 2026** to discuss measures improving public procurement access for Micro and Small Enterprises (MSEs).
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE 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**.
- [ ] POLITY & GOVERNANCE Prime Minister Narendra Modi chaired the 54th **PRAGATI meeting** on **28 October 2026** to review delayed infrastructure and public-welfare projects across states and Union Territories, reinforcing digital monitoring and intergovernmental coordination for implementation.

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2. BANKING & FINANCE (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank** of India granted Indiabulls Limited a Certificate of Registration as a **Core Investment Company**, bringing it under RBI's regulatory framework for CICs.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank of India** announced **Account Aggregator interoperability measures** in October 2026 to improve consent-based financial-data sharing across eligible non-banking financial company account aggregators.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank** of India's Monetary Policy Committee increased the policy **repo rate** by 25 basis points to 5.50%.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Reserve Bank of India removed **Paytm Payments Bank** Limited from the Second Schedule to the RBI Act, 1934, on **7 October 2026**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Reserve Bank of India reportedly introduced a special foreign-exchange window from **12 October 2026** for three public-sector **oil marketing companies**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The RBI reportedly increased the **minimum daily** Cash Reserve Ratio maintenance requirement from 90% to 99%, effective from the reporting fortnight beginning **16 October 2026**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank** of India introduced a **special dollar**-supply window for IOCL, HPCL and BPCL and tightened rules governing foreign-exchange derivative transactions.

- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Supreme Court** of India directed Indian Railways to extend travel-insurance protection to tickets bought at railway reservation counters from **27 October 2026**, bringing offline passengers within the insurance framework available to eligible online ticket buyers.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank of India** approved amalgamation of Emirates NBD Bank's Indian branches with RBL Bank, effective **1 December 2026**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank** of India rejected all bids received in a **Treasury Bill auction** after investors sought yields above levels acceptable to the issuer.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Reserve Bank** of India issued revised prudential directions in October 2026 addressing the **bank leverage ratio** under the Basel III framework, strengthening consistency in the measurement and disclosure of bank exposure.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India **Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute** at Jatni near Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on **25 October 2026**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Bank of India** introduced user-level programmable central bank digital currency with automatic issuance, enabling eligible digital-rupee users to specify recurring transfers and usage conditions within India's retail **CBDC** ecosystem.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Securities and **Exchange Board** of India approved a Portfolio Managers Route for Investing in Mutual Fund Units, called PRIM, along with a framework for **independent fund managers** to expand regulated asset-management arrangements.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **ICICI Lombard General Insurance** launched VIBE, a digital-first health insurance product designed for adults aged **18**-35 years; variants: 6.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Jio Financial Services and **Allianz Europe** jointly invested **₹640.10 crore** in their 50:50 joint venture, Jio Allianz General Insurance Limited.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Pramerica Life Insurance launched **Poorna Rakshak**, a non-linked, non-participating individual savings life insurance plan offering five benefit variants; variants: **5**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Department of Economic Affairs retained the **interest rates** on government small savings schemes for 1 October–**31 December 2026**, maintaining continuity for savers across post-office deposits and other notified instruments.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Bank of Baroda became the second public-sector **bank to sponsor a pension fund** under the **National Pension System** ecosystem, extending public-sector participation in India's regulated pension-fund management industry.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **17th Pension Adalat** was organised at the Indian **Institute** of Public Administration in New Delhi for on-the-spot redressal of Central Government pension grievances.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE NABKISAN listed a **social bond** focused on water, sanitation and hygiene on the **National Stock Exchange** in October 2026, providing a capital-market funding channel for activities with social-development outcomes.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development **Authority** announced a target to add **3 crore new** National Pension System subscribers over two years.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **Bharat Forge Limited** signed a long-term **contract with Pratt & Whitney Canada** for supplying mission-critical aerospace engine components; sector: Aerospace manufacturing.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Securities and Exchange Board of India launched the “Samajh **Se Investing** Simple” investor-awareness campaign under Project Jagrook at Panjab **University**, Chandigarh.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Anup Bagchi is scheduled to assume charge as **HDFC Bank CEO** on **27 October 2026**, with a reported remuneration package of **₹35.9 crore**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Ministry** of Statistics and Programme Implementation released provisional Consumer Price Index data for **September 2026** using a revised base year of 2024 = 100.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Tata Power partnered with **Norway-based Ocean Sun** to introduce membrane-based floating solar technology in India; agreement date: **7 October 2026**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The National **Institute** of Securities Markets announced basic and advanced cybersecurity certification programmes for professionals in the **GIFT IFSC** ecosystem.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE National Land Monetization Corporation conducted its **first end-to-end e-auction** involving RINL land associated with **Visakhapatnam Steel Plant**; plots sold: 150.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE UNCTAD's Trade and **Development Report** 2026 projected India as the fastest-growing large economy; **india's 2026 growth** forecast: 7.3%.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Adani Enterprises Limited and **US-based Jabil Inc**. signed a non-binding agreement to establish a **50**:50 joint venture for manufacturing artificial-intelligence and data-centre equipment in India.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Federal Bank launched the **Verto premium savings account** on **14 October 2026**, targeting young professionals, salaried executives and entrepreneurs.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Karnataka **Bank** launched **Trade Konnect**, a digital platform enabling customers to submit import, export and outward cross-border remittance requests online.

- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal launched two specialised **credit-risk insurance products** under the Shipbuilding Development Scheme during the 21st Maritime State Development **Council** meeting in Mumbai.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE NSE International Exchange (**NSE IX**) and the **London Stock Exchange** signed an MoU to explore cross-border listings, trading connectivity and development of new financial products between India and the United Kingdom.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE ReNew secured a **USD 100 million** debt facility from Dutch development bank FMO to finance renewable-energy projects under construction in **India**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) notified a **Common Advertisement Code** (CAC) allowing regulated intermediaries to use celebrities for entity-level branding while restricting endorsement of individual financial products and services.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE HSBC **India** announced a **₹200 crore**, four-year philanthropic programme covering 2026-2030 to strengthen financial literacy, digital safety and livelihood resilience across India.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE India's banking-system deposits reached approximately **₹284** trillion, equivalent to **about USD 2.99 trillion**, during the second half of September 2026.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Karnataka **Bank** Limited launched **Nava Dhamaka 2026** in Bengaluru, introducing nine banking solutions across investments, digital payments, customer engagement and lending.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **NTPC Limited** signed a cooperation agreement with Africa50 to identify and develop commercially viable **power projects** and explore cross-border electricity trading across Africa.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **ICICI Life Insurance** introduced a refreshed brand identity with the tagline "Har Kal Aasaan", positioning the insurer around accessible protection, savings and financial-planning services.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE LIC launched **New Jeevan Dhara-II**, Health Shield and New Cancer Cover on **19 October 2026**; jeevan Dhara-II: Plan 892.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Pakistan was named incoming chair of the Boards of Governors of the **IMF and World Bank** Group for **2027**.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Asian Development Bank and the Government of Japan signed financing agreements on **16 October 2026** to support a renewable-powered **green ammonia** plant being developed in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **Canara HSBC Life Insurance** launched the **Global Wealth Plan**, a US-dollar-denominated, unit-linked, non-participating life insurance-cum-savings product through GIFT City in Gujarat for Non-Resident Indians.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE 1 **Finance Private Limited** received in-principle approval from **SEBI** to establish an Asset Management Company under the MF Lite framework, potentially making it the first AMC under the specialised framework.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development **Authority** launched **NPS Central** in October 2026 as a unified digital interface for registration, investments and account services under the National Pension System.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Securities and **Exchange Board** of India revised the **Closing Auction Session framework** and settlement-price methodology for cash-market securities and derivatives.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **World Bank** Group launched its **first comprehensive digital strategy** at the Global AI and Digital Summit 2026 in Seoul to expand connectivity, digital employment and artificial-intelligence readiness in developing economies.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **AU Small Finance Bank** partnered with **Paytm** to introduce the Paytm AU SFB Credit Card on the RuPay network, with benefits intended for retail customers and families.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE **Bank** of Baroda launched the festive campaign "bob **Ke Sang Tyohaar Ki** Umang - Shubh bhi, Labh bhi", offering benefits across retail loans, MSME financing, savings products and card spending.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** chaired the **30th Financial Stability and Development Council meeting** in New Delhi on 23 October 2026 to consider financial-sector stability and regulatory coordination.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE BSE Limited and MMTC-PAMP agreed to expand the **Electronic Gold Receipts market** in October **2026**, seeking to connect physical gold holdings with regulated exchange-traded electronic receipts.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Indian **Institute** of Corporate Affairs signed a **five-year MoU** with the Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies in India to strengthen its Post Graduate Insolvency Programme.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Centre for Development of **Advanced Computing** (C-DAC) **and Bank of India** signed an MoU to explore quantum technologies, AI, blockchain and cybersecurity applications for banking and financial services.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange introduced the **NDEX and FINNDEX equity benchmarks** on **22 October 2026**, signalling a move towards equity-index products alongside its established commodity-market activities.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE L&T **Technology Services** signed a five-year agreement with Nokia to establish a dedicated **Offshore Development Centre** in India for engineering, R&D and technology operations.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The **Department** of Commerce extended the RELIEF (Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation) initiative under the Export Promotion Mission until 31 **March 2027**.

- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Securities and Exchange Board of India (**SEBI**) introduced a real-time framework allowing clients to use the value of securities delivered through **Early Pay-in** (EPI) towards margin requirements for subsequent cash-market positions.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Tata Communications announced an investment of **USD 450 million** to build an AI-ready fibre network connecting major data centres across **India** over the next three to five years.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE PB Money received a Securities and **Exchange Board** of India licence to operate as an **Online Bond Platform** Provider (OBPP).
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE SBI Life Insurance launched a waiver-of-premium rider in **October 2026** to support continuation of eligible insurance cover when specified illness or disability events prevent policyholders from making regular premium payments.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued directions on **22 October 2026** to provide **margin relief** in eligible cases where a client completes the Early Pay-In (EPI) of securities.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE Air India and **SBI Card**, in partnership with Visa, announced plans for a **co-branded credit card** for members of Air India's Maharaja Club loyalty programme.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE India Post and **UTI Asset Management Company** agreed in late October **2026** to expand doorstep Know Your Customer verification for mutual fund investors, particularly in remote and underserved areas.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE On **28 October 2026**, SEBI and the **Bank of England** signed a memorandum of understanding on regulatory cooperation and information exchange regarding clearing corporations and central counterparties.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE 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.
- [ ] BANKING & FINANCE YES BANK launched the YES vibez savings product in **October 2026** for younger account holders, combining ordinary banking services with app-based features, rewards and lifestyle-linked benefits.

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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] ECONOMY Jawaharlal Nehru Port **Authority** reached a financing arrangement with the **International Finance Corporation** for port shore-power infrastructure, using a sustainability-linked blue-financing approach for maritime infrastructure.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Ministry** of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises and MoSPI signed an MoU to institutionalise data sharing for strengthening India's **Statistical Business Register** (SBR).
- [ ] ECONOMY **BEML Limited** launched the indigenous **BH60-EV 60-tonne electric dump truck** at its Mysuru complex to support cleaner heavy-equipment operations and greater domestic manufacturing capability.
- [ ] ECONOMY On **30 September 2026**, the **CCEA** approved Rabi MSPs for 2027–28, including ₹2,610 per quintal for wheat and ₹7,390 for lentils; the announcement was featured in October coverage.
- [ ] ECONOMY The Competition **Commission** of India approved **BNP Paribas Cardif**'s proposed acquisition of a 26% stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance from Warburg Pincus.
- [ ] ECONOMY The Ministry of Finance revised export duties **on diesel and** Aviation Turbine Fuel with effect from **1 October 2026**, while retaining the levy on petrol exports.
- [ ] ECONOMY Tata Projects Limited and Canada's **MDS Aero Support Corporation** signed an MoU to develop advanced **aero-engine testing infrastructure** in India.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Adani Group** announced an investment commitment of **₹6** trillion in Maharashtra across energy, aviation, data centres and urban infrastructure.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Ministry of Finance** projected India's real GDP growth at **7.3**% for the July-September quarter of FY2026-27; q1 FY27 growth: 7.8%.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Ministry** of Statistics and **Programme Implementation** released the Annual Survey of Industries 2024-25, reporting strong growth in manufacturing Gross Value Added and employment.
- [ ] ECONOMY Adani Power and Bhutan's **Druk Green Power Corporation** agreed to cooperate on a proposed 770 MW hydropower project in October 2026, illustrating cross-border participation in the development of renewable electricity infrastructure.
- [ ] ECONOMY The National Statistical Office released findings from **India's first National Household Travel Survey** in October **2026** to build evidence about commuting patterns, travel behaviour and household transport expenditure for public planning.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **World Bank** raised its forecast for **India's FY2026–27 GDP growth** to **7.1%** in its October 2026 India Development Update, citing resilient domestic demand and exports.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **57th GST Council Meeting** was reportedly held in New Delhi on **8 October 2026** under the chairpersonship of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

- [ ] ECONOMY The Department of Pharmaceuticals reportedly approved a 30% **trade margin cap on non-scheduled anti-cancer** drugs on **8 October 2026** to reduce patients' medicine expenses.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **57th GST Council Meeting** was held in **New Delhi** under the chairpersonship of Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, with recommendations relating to registration, refunds, returns, adjudication and decriminalisation.
- [ ] ECONOMY The International Monetary Fund projected **7.0**% growth for **India** in its October 2026 Asia-Pacific outlook, citing continued strength in private consumption and services despite global trade and energy-price risks.
- [ ] ECONOMY **Indian Railways** reported 135.35 million tonnes of freight loading in September 2026, noting year-on-year growth in goods traffic and the continued importance of rail freight to domestic logistics.
- [ ] ECONOMY Business Monitor International (BMI), a unit of Fitch Solutions, raised India's **GDP growth forecast** for FY **2026-27** to 7.5% from 6.8%, citing stronger economic momentum and investment.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Government** announced that Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu will be permanent members of a new **Standing Committee** under the GST framework to strengthen administration and expand the taxpayer base.
- [ ] ECONOMY The government approved strategic restructuring of **IDBI Bank** in October 2026, including sale of a 60.72% stake to a Fairfax-linked Canadian company for consideration of approximately **₹52,878.08 crore**.
- [ ] ECONOMY India's **net direct-tax collections** were reported at **₹13.38 lakh crore** by mid-October 2026, representing growth of approximately 13.2% over the comparable previous-year period.
- [ ] ECONOMY The World Trade Organization revised its forecast for **global merchandise trade growth** in **2026** to 3.9% in an October update, reflecting a stronger near-term outlook than the earlier 1.9% estimate.
- [ ] ECONOMY India exported an **organic Palmyra jaggery powder consignment** from **Tamil Nadu to Bulgaria**, with the October source recording a quantity of 1.755 tonnes of the agricultural product.
- [ ] ECONOMY Union Minister Piyush Goyal launched the **National Strategic Trade Command Centre** at **Vanijya Bhawan** to strengthen data-driven monitoring of India's trade ecosystem.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Ministry** of Commerce and Industry reported an increase of 7.9% in the Index of **Eight Core Industries** for September 2026, providing an early indicator of growth across major industrial infrastructure sectors.
- [ ] ECONOMY The Central Board of Direct Taxes introduced **Form 173A for** reporting specified income-tax exemption claims relating to interest and capital gains from **government** securities.
- [ ] ECONOMY **India Post** reported **₹8,212.7 crore** in revenue during April–September 2026, an increase of approximately 24% year on year, across postal and related services.
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Department** for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade reported total foreign direct investment **inflows of USD 94.53 billion** for FY2025-26 in an October 2026 update on overseas investment.
- [ ] ECONOMY , citing an **All India Radio** report, says the **United States and Japan** agreed to jointly produce advanced medium-range air-to-air missiles in Japan under an initiative named “Operation Supercharge”.
- [ ] ECONOMY The Con**federation** of All India Traders and Nasscom signed an October 2026 agreement to provide **traders and MSMEs** with practical training in artificial intelligence, cybersecurity and digital marketing.
- [ ] ECONOMY As of **29 October 2026**, Indian companies had signed 23 **green hydrogen-equivalent offtake** contracts covering 5,55,610 metric tonnes per annum (MTPA).
- [ ] ECONOMY The **Ministry** of Finance's October 2026 Monthly Economic Review projected **India's GDP growth** at 7.35% for the second quarter of FY2026-27, covering July to September 2026.

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

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- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan delivered the inaugural address at the **5th Kautilya Economic Conclave** in New Delhi on **3 October 2026**.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman **Harivansh** led an Indian parliamentary delegation to the **153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly** at Arusha in Tanzania, representing India in international legislative cooperation.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS India and **Switzerland** signed agreements covering transportation technology, mobility systems, infrastructure and scientific research during **Swiss President Guy Parmelin**'s visit to India.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS India and Japan advanced implementation of the **Joint Crediting Mechanism** in October **2026** to cooperate on greenhouse-gas emissions reductions through eligible projects and accounting approaches linked to international climate commitments.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS India participated in the **Pre-COP31 meeting in Fiji**, emphasising the implementation of the **Paris Agreement** and climate-finance commitments; indian representative: Bhupender Yadav.

- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised a two-day **National Conclave on** Constitutional Rights and Legal Provisions for Tribal Communities in New Delhi on 6-**7 October 2026**.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal attended the **G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting** held in Milwaukee, United States, from 30 September to **1 October 2026**.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The 15th AITIGA **Joint Committee Meeting** took place at the ASEAN Secretariat in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 6 to **9 October 2026** to review and modernise trade arrangements between India and ASEAN.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Union **Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman** visited Singapore for high-level engagements with **government** leaders and business representatives; focus: Economic engagement and investment cooperation.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS **Indian Railways** handled a reported 135.35 million tonnes of freight in **September 2026**, reflecting year-on-year growth in railway goods traffic and freight-transport demand.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The National Statistics Office under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation signed an MoU with **Pahle India Foundation** on **8 October 2026** to strengthen research and cooperation in official statistics.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Department of Commerce reportedly established an **FTA Utilisation Cell** on **7 October 2026** to improve awareness and use of India's Free Trade Agreements among businesses.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS **The Trojan Project** was unveiled during the **c0c0n 2026 cybersecurity conference** in Kochi, Kerala; c0c0n brings together cybersecurity researchers, professionals and other stakeholders.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar visited Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia from 6 to **10 October 2026**; **ministry**: Ministry of External Affairs.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Department of Posts **and Blue Dart** Express signed a partnership agreement on **9 October 2026** to strengthen parcel delivery and e-commerce logistics.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Swiss President Guy Parmelin visited India from **5** to **7 October 2026** to strengthen cooperation in trade, investment, research and technology.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **Technology Development Board** signed an agreement with Peptris Technologies for **₹86 crore** in support of an AI-driven pharmaceutical research project.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS India hosted the inaugural **BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting** in New Delhi on **13 October 2026**, focusing on cooperation against transnational crime, terrorism and other regional security challenges among Bay of Bengal countries.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Union Minister of **State Shripad Yesso Naik** represented India at the **20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting** held in Manila, Philippines.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with **Peptris Technologies** to provide **₹86 crore** in financial support for the VIGOR project aimed at accelerating AI-assisted drug discovery and development.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Central **Government** notified amendments to the India-Mauritius Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement, introducing a **Principal Purpose Test** (PPT) to curb treaty abuse and tax avoidance.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **India-New Zealand** Free Trade Agreement came into effect on **20 October 2026**; agreement signed: **27 April 2026**.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **World Health Summit 2026** was held in Berlin, Germany, from 11 to **13 October 2026** under the theme “From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health.”.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference** was held in **Cape Town**, South Africa under the theme "Strengthening International Law and Parliamentary Democracy in a Changing World Order: Commonwealth Leadership".
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The 25th Meeting of the **Council of Heads of Government** of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan, from 19-**20 October 2026**.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying and the Madhya Pradesh government organised the Fisheries Investors & **Exporters Conclave 2026** in Bhopal on **23 October 2026**.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS A **tripartite MoU** was signed between NSTFDC, NSIC and **SAIL-Rourkela Steel Plant** to strengthen skill development, entrepreneurship and livelihood opportunities for Scheduled Tribe youth in Odisha.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS **IIIT-Bangalore** and Poland's **AGH University of Krakow** signed an MoU to strengthen academic and research cooperation in artificial intelligence, quantum technologies and other emerging fields.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS India and Uzbekistan held the 10th meeting of their **Joint Working Group** on Counter-Terrorism in New Delhi on **22 October 2026**.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS India's **National Academy** of Agricultural Sciences (NAAS) and the US-based **Council** for Agricultural Science and Technology (CAST) signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding during the Norman E.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Ukraine joined the NATO Support and Procurement Agency's **Security Cooperation Support Partnership** on **24 October 2026**, giving eligible Ukrainian defence firms access to NSPA procurement opportunities.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Government of Odisha organised the **19th Urban Mobility India Conference and** the second National Urban Conclave from 23 to **25 October 2026** in Bhubaneswar.

- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and **Pralhad Joshi** inaugurated the **7th Agrivoltaics World Conference** (AWC 2026) at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi, marking the first time the conference was hosted in India and the Global South.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS Prime Minister Narendra Modi met **Prince Alois** of Liechtenstein in New Delhi on **27 October 2026** to discuss expansion of bilateral cooperation.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum** concluded in New Delhi on **27 October 2026** with the adoption of the New Delhi Joint Declaration on parliamentary cooperation and international governance.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **Ministry** of Culture and France's Bibliothèque nationale de France entered an agreement under the **Gyan Bharatam Mission** in October 2026 to improve documentation, digitisation and study of manuscripts.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS India and **Sri Lanka** launched the SAMHiTA palm-leaf **manuscript digitisation** initiative at Gangaramaya Temple, Colombo, in October 2026 to support preservation and study of historic written cultural material.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS The **12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum** was held in New Delhi from 26 to **27 October 2026** under the theme “Fostering Parliaments for People-Centric Development”.
- [ ] SUMMITS & MOUS India and **Mexico** signed the Terms of Reference for negotiations on a proposed **Preferential Trade Agreement**; the initiative is intended to strengthen bilateral trade, investment and cooperation across key economic sectors.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India participated in the **G20 Trade Ministers**' Meeting held in Milwaukee, **United States**, at the September–October transition, discussing international commercial cooperation and the policy outlook for global trade.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The HSBC Global Entrepreneurial Wealth Report 2026 reported strong interest **among Indian entrepreneurs** in overseas residency and widespread adoption of **Artificial Intelligence**.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Five **Indian** nationals aboard a Kuwait-flagged tanker were rescued after the vessel was struck by a projectile in the **Strait of Hormuz**.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and Canada began the **fifth round of** negotiations for their proposed **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement**; abbreviation: CEPA.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Reviewed major developments associated with **the 81st United Nations** General Assembly and its September 2026 high-level meetings in New York.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and **Ghana** exchanged two memoranda of understanding during bilateral ministerial engagement in October **2026**, seeking to strengthen cooperation and institutional links between the countries.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and Switzerland signed five agreements during talks between **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** and **Swiss President Guy Parmelin** in New Delhi.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS **External Affairs Minister** S. Jaishankar visited Accra, Ghana, on **7 October 2026**, where cooperation agreements were signed to strengthen research and education.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India joined 14 other economies in a ministerial **statement on 7 October 2026** addressing structural excess capacity and market distortions in global manufacturing.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS US President Donald Trump presented national **science and technology** honours to six prominent technology leaders at a White House event on **9 October 2026**.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India handed over **₹290 crore** to Bhutan to support development projects under **Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan**, which covers the period 2024-2029.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Indian Navy guided-missile stealth frigate INS Tarkash participated **in IBSAMAR IX** 2026, the trilateral maritime exercise of India, Brazil and South Africa, conducted from 12-**22 October 2026** at Simon's Town, South Africa.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The Ministry of External Affairs operationalised India's **resident mission in** San José, Costa Rica, effective **10 October 2026**, expanding India's direct diplomatic representation and engagement in Central America.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Indian and Canadian businesses signed a group of **commercial agreements** and memoranda of understanding during October **2026** engagement, seeking to expand investment, industrial links and bilateral economic cooperation.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and Myanmar signed **five Quick Impact Project MoUs** under the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation framework; total value: **USD 247,502.47.**
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India approved rollover of a **₹3,000 crore currency swap** facility for Maldives under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework; institutions: **RBI** and Maldives Monetary Authority.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and Myanmar signed five Memorandums of Understanding for **Quick Impact Projects** under the Mekong-Ganga Cooperation (MGC) initiative on **15 October 2026** in Naypyitaw.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The India–New **Zealand Free Trade Agreement** was reported to have entered into force on **20 October 2026**, with cooperation on electronic exchange of origin information intended to facilitate trade documentation and market access.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Three Indian sites were added to the **UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List**: the **Karst-mud-volcano Complex** of Baratang, the Andaman Subduction Volcanoes, and the Sirpur Cultural and Archaeological Landscape.

- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and **New Zealand** signed a Memorandum of Cooperation for the electronic exchange of origin data for goods traded under the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement, which came into force on **20 October 2026**.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The Fund for Responding to **Loss and Damage** (FRLD) provisionally allocated **USD 20 million** to Nepal on **22 October 2026**, making it the first country reported to receive financial assistance through the global climate-loss mechanism.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk visited India from **21** to **23 October 2026** for talks on strengthening the India-Poland strategic partnership and expanding cooperation in technology, investment, economic ties and regional affairs.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The 153rd Assembly of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union** (IPU) was held in Arusha, Tanzania, from 5 to **9 October 2026**, where Australia's Milton Dick was elected the 32nd IPU President.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India delivered its **national statement at CBD COP17 in** Yerevan, Armenia, in October 2026, emphasising biodiversity protection and international cooperation under the Convention on **Biological Diversity**.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and **Sri Lanka** expanded cultural cooperation through the SAMHiTA Palm-Leaf Manuscript Digitisation Project at Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo **to digitise 100** ancient manuscripts.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS India and Mexico signed terms of reference to begin negotiations on a proposed **Preferential Trade Agreement** in October **2026**, establishing a negotiating framework for closer bilateral trade and investment relations.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein visited India in late October **2026** and met **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** to discuss investment, innovation and commercial cooperation between India and the European microstate.
- [ ] INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS The **United Nations** Secretary-General's 2026 report on **Women, Peace and Security** stated that at least 25 women and girls were killed daily in armed conflicts worldwide during 2025.

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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **DRDO and CSIR-Central Glass** and Ceramic Research Institute planned an indigenous lightweight bulletproof-glass development project during the transition into October 2026, aimed at improving armoured-vehicle protection.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY India and the **Republic of Korea** held their 10th Joint Committee Meeting on Defence Industries and Logistics Cooperation in New Delhi on **29 September 2026**, reviewing defence manufacturing and logistics cooperation.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Navy** plans a record **induction of 18 warships**, reflecting accelerated fleet expansion and modernisation aimed at strengthening India's maritime capabilities and operational readiness.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Army**'s Sapta Shakti Command conducted **Exercise Jai Se Vijay** by using a stretch of National Highway-911 in Rajasthan as a temporary military landing facility.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Several digital financial-management initiatives were launched during the 279th **Annual Day** of the **Defence Accounts Department** at DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The 2nd **ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise** commenced at **Subic Bay** in the Philippines under the theme "Anchored in Trust, United at Sea".
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Zuppa Geo Navigation Technologies signed an MoU with the **Tamil Nadu Unmanned Aerial Vehicle** Corporation to establish indigenous drone-training laboratories and a structured UAV pilot-training programme for Agniveers and **defence personnel**.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** signed a share-transfer agreement to acquire the **remaining stake in HATSOFF Helicopter Training** Private Limited; acquirer: HAL.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY India's indigenous **Akash air defence** missile system has been exported to **Turkmenistan** and Tajikistan, expanding its overseas footprint after Armenia.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched **Fleet Support Ship**-1 'Surya' at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam on **6 October 2026**; it is the first of five Fleet Support Ships being indigenously built for the Indian Navy.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Indian and **United Arab Emirates** personnel participated in **Mountain Guardian 2026** training at Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, during October, enhancing interoperability and familiarisation with mountain-warfare procedures.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Ministry** of Defence signed a contract of approximately **₹661.50 crore** for BrahMos-related requirements in October 2026, supporting procurement and domestic defence-industrial activity.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **DRDO** conducted a **high-altitude parachute trial** near Nyoma, Ladakh during October 2026, evaluating equipment designed for deploying personnel in demanding high-elevation environments.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Defence Research and Development Organisation reported a **high-altitude platform** trial reaching approximately 21 km during October 2026, advancing long-endurance aerial systems for surveillance and other possible applications.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY **DRDO** conducted the maiden live-jump trial of the **Advanced High-Altitude Parachute** (AHAP) at Nyoma, Ladakh; developer: ADRDE, Agra.

- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Kochi-based EyeROV delivered two TROUT military-grade Remotely Operated Vehicle systems to the **Indian Navy** on **7 October 2026**; company: EyeROV, Kochi, Kerala.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Coast Guard** conducted the 12th **National Maritime Search** and Rescue Exercise, SAREX-2026, off Odisha in October to improve coordination for rescue operations, disaster response and safety at sea.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY A joint Indian and **Argentine Army** mountaineering expedition successfully scaled Mt **Abi Gamin** and Mt Kamet in the Himalayas.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Hical Technologies and **Safran Aerosystems** signed an MoU on **7 October 2026** to explore a joint venture for manufacturing complex equipment for the Rafale fighter aircraft programme in India.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Air Force** hosted Exercise Tarang Shakti-2026 at Air Force Station Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from 26 September to **12 October 2026**.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Indian Navy ship **INS Trishul** reportedly arrived in Plymouth, United Kingdom, for the bilateral naval **exercise KONKAN 2026**; countries: India and United Kingdom.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers launched Shreyas, Yard 3040, the third of four **Next-Generation Offshore Patrol** Vessels being constructed for the **Indian Navy**.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY IIT Ropar awarded its first batch of **MTech Defence Technology degrees** to 59 officers of the Armoured Corps Centre and School on **9 October 2026**.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies and **Indian Air Force** organised a seminar on **9 October 2026** alongside Exercise Tarang Shakti-26.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Indian Army reportedly launched the **Bharat Rice initiative** on **12 October 2026** to strengthen food supplies for personnel, including those deployed in remote regions.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Goa Shipyard Limited reportedly commissioned ICGS Ajit, Yard 1277, in Mumbai on **9 October 2026**; service: **Indian Coast Guard**.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY INS Trishul arrived at Plymouth, **United Kingdom**, on **11 October 2026** to participate in the bilateral naval exercise KONKAN-26.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Army** launched **Bharat Rice for** military supply depots and signed an agreement with the Food Corporation of India to strengthen logistics preparedness.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Navy and** the **United Kingdom**'s Royal Navy conducted KONKAN-26 near Plymouth in October 2026 to strengthen maritime cooperation and interoperability through bilateral naval training and operational exchange.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Navy** commissioned **INS Mangrol (P82)**, the third Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, at Mumbai in October 2026 as part of its indigenous naval development programme.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Navy** announced the planned commissioning of **INS Samarthak**, an indigenously built Multi-Purpose Vessel, at Karwar; shipbuilder: Larsen & Toubro.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY A **machine**-learning-enabled filtration technology using zinc oxide nanoparticles and biodegradable polylactic-acid nanofibres was reported for treating dye-contaminated wastewater; abbreviation: **PLA**.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY India participated in the **first ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum** on **14 October 2026**, with discussions centred on Indo-Pacific security, strategic cooperation and regional stability.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Coast Guard** inducted an indigenous **Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III** in Maharashtra, strengthening maritime surveillance, search-and-rescue and coastal-security capabilities.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Indian Navy announced the handover of **command of Combined Task Force 154** on **14 October 2026**. CTF 154 focuses primarily on maritime-security training and capacity building.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the **Indian Army**'s **revised Land Warfare Doctrine** during the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi in October 2026, outlining guidance for adapting operations to modern and emerging battlefield challenges.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY On **14 October 2026**, the Defence Research and Development Organisation tested its **Quantum Key Distribution** platform on the live network of the Proof & Experimental Establishment at Chandipur, Odisha.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited delivered 450 Nagastra-1R indigenous **loitering munitions to** the **Indian Army**, strengthening precision-strike capability and domestic defence manufacturing.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY On **15 October 2026**, the Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth approximately **₹4,106 crore** for the GSAT-7C communication satellite for the Indian Air Force and Varunastra Heavy Weight Torpedoes for the Indian Navy.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Assam Regiment won a gold medal **at Exercise Cambrian Patrol** 2026 in Wales; venue: Wales, **United Kingdom**.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Army** inducted **450 Nagastra-1 loitering munitions** supplied by Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited; endurance: 60 minutes.

- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan commissioned **INS Samarthak**, described as the Indian Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel, at Karwar; builder: Larsen & Toubro.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) developed indigenous armour panels that are **20% lighter** than conventional systems while retaining certified protection against 30 mm armour-piercing ammunition.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Ministry of Defence signed a reported **₹770 crore** contract with Bharat Electronics Limited in October 2026 for improved low-level lightweight radars, supporting the Indian Army's ground-based air-surveillance capability.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Defence Research and **Development Organisation**, through the Defence Electronics Research Laboratory in Hyderabad, initiated development of portable **Electronic Intelligence** (ELINT) modules for identifying enemy radar signals and supporting counter-drone operations.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The fifth AUSTRAHIND exercise brought Indian and **Australian Army** personnel together at Thiruvananthapuram in October **2026** to improve tactical coordination, joint operational skills and mutual understanding between the two armies.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The 33rd edition of the **Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise** (SIMBEX-2026) commenced at Visakhapatnam and is being conducted from 21-26 October 2026.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY DRDO's **Armament Research** and Development Establishment shortlisted SSS Defence and Kalyani Group as Development-cum-Production Partners for an **indigenous 20 mm aviation gun** and turret system.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The India–Russia **naval exercise INDRA-2026** took place near Vladivostok, Russia, with **INS Sahyadri** participating in training intended to strengthen maritime coordination between the two countries.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited delivered the indigenous **Nagastra 2 anti-tank loitering munition** system to the Indian Army for precision strikes against armoured targets.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Indian Navy will host the **Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026** at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi, from 3 to 5 November 2026.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Ministry of Home Affairs and the Indian Army launched a joint programme **to train 600 Civil Defence Master Trainers** from 12 States and Union Territories during the first phase.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Telangana will **host Raksha Expo 2026** from 7 to 9 December 2026, described as the first defence and aerospace exhibition organised by an Indian state government.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved Acceptance of Necessity for defence capital-**acquisition proposals worth** approximately ₹2.12 lakh crore on 26 October 2026.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** will lead the Indian delegation at the 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) in Cebu, Philippines, on 28-29 October 2026.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the revised **Land Warfare Doctrine** during the **Army Commanders**' Conference in New Delhi in October 2026.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Defence Acquisition Council approved Acceptance of Necessity for capital-acquisition proposals of approximately **₹2.12 lakh crore** in October 2026 to advance equipment modernisation across India's armed forces.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff signed a **five-year AI** cooperation MoU with Indian technology company Sarvam on 27 October 2026 to explore indigenous artificial-intelligence applications for the armed forces.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY **Goa Shipyard Limited** launched **Srishti**, the fourth Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel for the Indian Navy, as part of its domestic naval shipbuilding programme.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY IIT Mandi launched the **Science on Wheels initiative** in Himachal Pradesh on 17 October 2026 to provide practical science education to school students, particularly in rural areas.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The 11th India–Indonesia **Garuda Shakti** special-forces exercise commenced at Banyuwangi, Indonesia on 27 October 2026, focusing on interoperability and jungle-oriented special-operations training; the development is part of the ongoing modernisation and operational cooperation of India's defence services.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The **Indian Naval Academy** developed a twin-autonomous unmanned aerial vehicle system for long-range maritime search-and-rescue operations on 27 October 2026.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY The Cabinet Committee on Security approved construction of **eight Next-Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy** in October 2026, strengthening plans for indigenous maritime combat capabilities through two public-sector shipyards.
- [ ] DEFENCE & SECURITY Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth inaugurated VISV-2026 on 30 October 2026 at the Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi; the event was organised by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).
- [ ] 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 The Indian Navy's stealth frigate **INS Sahyadri** arrived at Busan Naval Harbour in the Republic of Korea on 26 October 2026 for an India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise.

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

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- [ ] SPACE ISRO completed crew-module and service-**module separation** testing reported in October **2026**, supporting preparations for uncrewed test flights and eventual human spaceflight under India's Gaganyaan programme.
- [ ] SPACE The Indian Space Research Organisation scheduled a **GSLV Mk II** mission for the **NVS-03 navigation satellite** in October 2026, intended to strengthen the NavIC regional satellite-navigation constellation.
- [ ] SPACE Scientists at the Raman Research **Institute** studied unusual accretion structures **around Centaurus X-3**, a high-mass X-ray pulsar, in research highlighted during October 2026.
- [ ] 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.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Indian researchers reported a milestone of more than 1,000 km in **quantum-secure communication** during October 2026 coverage, highlighting advances in methods intended to detect eavesdropping and strengthen the security of sensitive data transmission.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Tata Communications established a Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics Centre of Excellence at SASTRA Deemed **University** in Thanjavur on **30 September 2026**, expanding industry–academic cooperation on digital security skills.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Indian **Institute** of Creative Technologies signed five strategic MoUs during FICCI FRAMES 2026 in Mumbai **to strengthen** creative technology and the AVGC-XR ecosystem.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Space-technology start-up **SatLEO Labs** developed the **TAPAS-1 thermal-imaging payload** for satellite-based land-surface temperature observation, supporting potential climate, agricultural and urban-monitoring applications.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Digital India BHASHINI Division and the Office of the Comptroller and **Auditor General** launched **CAG-BHASHINI Anuvaad** for AI-enabled translation of official audit documents.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Indian defence startup **Flying Wedge Defence** & Aerospace partnered with **Portugal's Keydef** to manufacture autonomous UAV systems in Portugal.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SpaceX launched **130 payloads** aboard a Falcon 9 rocket under the Transporter-18 rideshare mission, including a **Google Project Suncatcher** experiment.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Uranium Corporation of **India Limited** marked its **Diamond Jubilee Year** at Jaduguda, Jharkhand, highlighting six decades of indigenous uranium mining and processing.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The **Technology Development Board** signed an agreement with **BigEndian Semiconductors** to support development of an indigenous AI Vision System-on-Chip under the RDI Fund.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar demonstrated India's **first 5.56-km free-space Quantum Key Distribution link** in Gujarat; trial dates: 27-**28 September 2026**.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY DRDO's **Kaveri Dry Engine**, developed by the Gas Turbine Research Establishment, successfully completed high-altitude evaluations **and flight trials in Russia** for the Ghatak unmanned combat aircraft programme.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The **Ministry** of Electronics and Information Technology launched the MeitY-IndiaAI Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence, known as the **Centre for AI in Keralam** (CAIK), in Thiruvananthapuram.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with BigEndian Semiconductors to provide **₹130 crore** under the Research Development and Innovation Fund **for Project VeerAI**.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science developed a computational framework mapping 9,389 elementary reactions to investigate the conversion of **carbon dioxide** into useful chemicals and fuels.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IIT Ropar introduced an agricultural-learning application called AVNI during **October 2026** to help users identify crops and gain information about produce through AI-based recognition and educational features.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY **Command Hospital** (**Eastern Command**), Kolkata, administered NexCAR19, an indigenously developed CAR-T cell therapy, to a soldier with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 10th India Mobile Congress **at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi**, on **8 October 2026**; organisers: Department of Telecommunications and Cellular Operators Association of India.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Indian **Institute** of Science, Bengaluru, reportedly secured the leading position among Indian institutions in the **Stanford-Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List** 2026.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Directorate General of Civil Aviation granted a **Type Certificate to** the KOAIR-10L drone developed by Chennai-based Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited on **9 October 2026**.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The **Ministry** of Electronics and Information Technology awarded a **₹3.63**-crore contract to CoRover.ai to develop a reusable AI assistant platform for government services.

- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 10th **India Mobile Congress** at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi on **8 October 2026**, bringing the telecommunications sector together to examine networks, digital innovation and emerging applications.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IIT Kharagpur launched the **NDLI-FERMI AI Tutor** and a free online preparation platform for GATE and JAM aspirants on **14 October 2026**.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda laid the foundation stone for the ICMR's first High Altitude **Medicine and Public Health Research Centre** at Keylong, **Himachal Pradesh**.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NCISM Chairperson Prof. **Maneesha Kothekar** launched **CCRAS SPARK 5.0 and** CCRAS Ayurshodh 2026 to strengthen research and innovation in Ayurveda.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY NIPER Raebareli and **AstraZeneca India** signed an MoU to strengthen India's clinical-research capacity under the Biopharma SHAKTI initiative; long-term target: 1,000 clinical trial sites.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Samsung Semiconductor India Research and the Indian **Institute** of Science inaugurated a **quantum research** laboratory in Bengaluru during October 2026 to support work in quantum computing and related emerging technologies.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY **Skyroot Aerospace** signed a two-launch agreement with US company **Reflect Orbital** using the proposed Vikram-1 and Vikram-1U launch vehicles for future commercial space services.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated KAUMARACON-2026, the 3rd **International Conference** on Kaumarabhritya, at the All India **Institute** of Ayurveda in New Delhi.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The ICAR-Central Potato Research **Institute** highlighted Kufri Jamunia, a **purple potato** variety rich in Vitamin C, anthocyanins, carotenoids, zinc and iron, developed to support nutritional security and address hidden hunger.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) launched the **Martian Moons** eXploration (MMX) mission aboard an H3 rocket to collect material from Phobos; if successful, it will become the world's first **mission to return samples from** a Martian moon.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The **Ministry** of **Earth Sciences** and the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research signed an MoU recognising all 10 MoES research institutes as AcSIR Associated Research Institutes.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Digital India BHASHINI Division and Indian **Institute** of Science, Bengaluru developed AI-based **Text-to-Speech models for Sourashtra**, a digitally underrepresented Indo-Aryan language spoken predominantly in Tamil Nadu.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY **NASA**'s Perseverance rover set a new extraterrestrial driving-distance record after travelling 45.22 km on Mars, surpassing the previous record associated with NASA's Opportunity rover.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY C-DOT signed an MoU with IIT (BHU), Varanasi to establish an additional **Centre of Excellence** for advanced telecommunications and quantum-related research during October **2026**.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The **China Zorrilla** attracted attention as one of the world's largest battery-electric ferries, designed for passenger and vehicle transportation between **Uruguay** and Argentina.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY **Microsoft** researchers developed an **AI-based** diagnostic approach that sequentially determines which questions and tests should be used before updating its medical hypothesis, similar to a step-by-step clinical workflow.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The National Institute of Food Technology Entrepreneurship and Management, Kundli (NIFTEM-K) organised the AI × Food **Tech Hackathon 'Hack the Fork'** on 24-**25 October 2026** to develop AI-based solutions for the alternative-protein sector.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY IIT Kharagpur announced a proposed **School of Physical** Artificial Intelligence in October **2026**, linking robotics and embodied computing with engineering research, education and real-world intelligent systems.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Technology Development Board agreed to provide research and innovation support for **Manastu Space** in October 2026 to develop indigenous **green propulsion** technologies for spacecraft.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY Union Minister **Jitendra Singh** inaugurated the **Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory** at IITM in New Delhi to support scientific measurement and analysis of atmospheric pollutants and aerosols.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY The Central Board of **Secondary Education** opened an **Experience Centre** at its integrated complex in Dwarka, New Delhi, in late October 2026 to introduce interactive displays and learning experiences.
- [ ] SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY HCLTech opened **semiconductor development centres in** Bengaluru and Hubballi in October **2026**, expanding engineering support for Japan's Rapidus and the broader advanced-chip manufacturing ecosystem.

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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The Gujarat **government** reorganised the **Porbandar Forest Division** to strengthen management of Asiatic lions around the Barda landscape in the September–October source coverage.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY India issued its **first PRAMAAN** certificates under the **Indian Forest** and Wood Certification Scheme, reflecting efforts to encourage traceable, sustainable forest-product sourcing during the period covered by the October daily posts.

- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY A **WHO**–UNICEF report on drinking water, sanitation and hygiene in schools for **2015**–2025 highlighted continuing access gaps for Indian children, underscoring the significance of school hygiene infrastructure.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Tigress T138 was translocated from **Valmiki Tiger Reserve** in Bihar and released into **Buxa Tiger Reserve** in West Bengal under a phased tiger reintroduction programme.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Captive-bred **Great Indian Bustards** entered the release phase of India's conservation programme at **Desert National Park** in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY India reiterated its support for whale and cetacean conservation at the 70th **International Whaling Commission** meeting during October **2026**, stressing protection of marine mammals and sustainable ocean management.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Ladakh launched a large-scale experiment to cultivate saffron using premium Iranian corms under **Project Him Sarovar**; saffron corms: **800** kg.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Scientists associated with the Natural History Museum of San Marcos **University** discovered a new cryptic **lizard species** named Liolaemus arequipensis in southern Peru.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY India highlighted its progress in forest cover, restoration and climate action at the 28th Session of the **FAO Committee** on Forestry (**COFO 28**) held in Rome, Italy.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The **October** report reported a cheetah population of **60 at Kuno** National Park, drawing attention to the progress and continuing monitoring requirements of India's cheetah reintroduction programme.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The National Highways **Authority** of India released a document titled **Wildlife Mitigation Measures** & Structures to encourage safer highway development near wildlife habitats.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Philip Morris India partnered with civic-technology company Litterati for a 12-month anti-littering initiative **in Delhi** under **Project Unmesha**; duration: 12 months.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY A **rare two-headed**, non-venomous wolf snake hatchling was reported from **Dhanpur** taluka, Dahod district, Gujarat; species: Wolf snake, genus Lycodon.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY **Nameri Tiger Reserve** in **Assam** received CA|TS Approved status, recognising tiger conservation management practices in the protected area of Sonitpur district.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Ladakh Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena reportedly flagged off India's first high-altitude wildlife safari focused on **snow leopard** trails on **8 October 2026**.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY **Nameri Tiger Reserve** in Assam reportedly received **Conservation Assured Tiger Standards** accreditation for its conservation-management practices; accreditation: CA|TS Approved.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Notes the birth of **Royal Bengal tiger cubs** at **Sipahijala Wildlife Sanctuary** in Tripura; wildlife breeding and veterinary management are important in conservation programmes.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY WWF and conservation partners released the **Living Planet Report 2026** in October, drawing attention to trends in monitored vertebrate wildlife populations and the importance of restoring ecosystems.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the eighth edition of **Windergy India 2026** in Chennai on 8 October; dates: 7-**9 October 2026**.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY WWF and the **Zoological Society** of London released the **Living Planet Report 2026**: The Science of Hope; average decline in monitored wildlife population sizes: 73%.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY A recent study highlighted the return and presence of Asiatic lions in Gujarat's **Barda Wildlife Sanctuary after** nearly **144** years, strengthening efforts to expand the species' habitat beyond the Gir landscape.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The Centre proposed the introduction of **Bharat Stage VII** (BS-VII) **emission standards** for passenger cars from 1 April 2029, with tighter norms covering exhaust as well as non-exhaust pollution.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The October report reported the addition of **Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel** to India's internationally important wetland network, taking the country's Ramsar-site tally to **103**.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The **National Biodiversity Authority** disbursed **₹1.19 crore** under the Access and Benefit Sharing mechanism; recipients: 29 State Biodiversity Boards and 1 UT Biodiversity Council.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Researchers from the **Zoological Survey** of India and Malabar Christian College identified **three new centipede species** in Kerala and Karnataka, increasing the number of known Indian species of the genus Rhysida to 23.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY WWF-India EIACP launched a **Green Diwali Campaign** from 20 October to **8 November 2026** to promote environmentally responsible celebrations in line with Mission LiFE.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY **Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve** in Maharashtra launched a pilot sensor-based system on **22 October 2026** to automate water-level management at wildlife waterholes.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The **Tuticorin International Container Terminal** at V.O. Chidambaranar Port was designated a Green Terminal on **22 October 2026** after achieving 100% electrification of operational equipment.

- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The **UN Environment Programme** released its **Emissions Gap Report 2026, The Point of Return**, describing a pathway requiring global emissions reductions of 18% by 2030 and 45% by 2035 from 2025 levels.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Scientists discovered Erhaia dijiang, an **eyeless freshwater** cave snail belonging to the family Erhaiidae, in a high-altitude cave in **Yunnan Province**, China.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Researchers reported two newly identified flowering-**plant species**, Ophiorrhiza shidiensis and Ophiorrhiza pemae, from **Arunachal Pradesh** during October 2026, adding to knowledge of the region's plant diversity.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY An October **2026** coral-**reef assessment** covered s warned of mounting threats from warming seas and other pressures on shallow-water coral ecosystems, underscoring the need for marine conservation.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Reports the discovery of a **flowering plant** named Osbeckia assamensis in **Manas National Park**, Assam; the discovery is attributed to researchers Namita Nath and Barnali Das and was reported in the journal Phytotaxa.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY The Maharashtra State Board for Wildlife, chaired by **Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis**, approved proposals concerning Kolamarka **Conservation Reserve**, the expanded Tansa Wildlife Sanctuary area, and 14 proposed conservation reserves across seven districts.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Union Minister C. R. Paatil launched the Punah Bharan mobile application on **28 October 2026** to support scientific **groundwater recharge planning** and sustainable groundwater management.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Researchers from the **Botanical Survey** of India and Madras Christian College reportedly discovered two flowering **plant species**, Ophiorrhiza shidiensis and Ophiorrhiza pemae, in the Vijoynagar region of Changlang district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- [ ] ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY Researchers from the **Thackeray Wildlife Foundation** reported Dicharax tilariensis, a **microscopic land**-snail species from the Tilari landscape in Maharashtra, highlighting the ecological importance of small and understudied invertebrates.

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

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- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Three **High Court** Chief Justices were elevated to the Supreme Court on **5 October 2026**, taking the Court's working strength to 37 judges, including the Chief Justice of India.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The **RBI** approved the appointment of Anup Kumar Saha as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer **of Kotak Mahindra Bank**.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The Central **Government** approved the appointment of Lavanya R Mundayur as Chairman-cum-Managing Director **of New India Assurance** Company Limited.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Mahesh Muralidhar Pai assumed charge as Managing Director and **CEO of South Indian Bank** from **1 October 2026** following RBI approval.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Narendra Bhooshan, an **Indian Administrative Service** officer, assumed charge as Secretary in the **Ministry** of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in October 2026 as part of senior Union administrative appointments.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Anup Bagchi was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer **of HDFC Bank** for three years following **RBI** approval.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Indian jurist **Bimal Patel** assumed office as a judge of the **International Tribunal** for the Law of the Sea in October 2026, representing India's participation in international maritime-law adjudication.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Lieutenant General **Akhilesh Kumar** assumed command as General Officer Commanding of the Mathura-based 1 Corps of the **Indian Army**.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS LIC's appointment of five independent directors, including former **Federal Bank MD** and **CEO Shyam Srinivasan**, is important for insurance-sector and corporate-governance examinations.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Life Insurance Corporation of India approved the appointment of **five independent directors** on **7 October 2026** for four-year terms.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS President Droupadi Murmu issued orders on **12 October 2026** appointing or transferring **Governors for six states**; the appointments take effect from the dates on which the respective Governors assume office.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Achyuta Samanta was unanimously elected the **first President of** the Indian UniSport **Federation** at its inaugural Annual General Meeting in New Delhi.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS President Droupadi Murmu accepted Dr. L. Murugan's resignation from the Union Council of Ministers on **15 October 2026 under Article 75(2)** of the Constitution.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS T. M. Balakrishnan Nair, Director of INCOIS, was **elected chair of** IOCINDIO, **UNESCO**'s Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission sub-commission for the Indian Ocean, during an October 2026 meeting.

- [ ] APPOINTMENTS **Sudha Yadav** took oath as **Governor of Karnataka** on 16 October 2026, succeeding Thaawarchand Gehlot in the constitutional office.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The **Ministry** of External Affairs announced Sudhakar Dalela as **India's next Ambassador to Nepal** during October 2026, marking a diplomatic appointment in a key neighbouring country.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The **government** appointed Subhas Chandra Lal Das as **part-time chairperson of** the Financial Services Institutions Bureau in October 2026, strengthening leadership of the body involved in recommending appointments to major public financial institutions.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit was designated the **next Chief of the Air Staff** in October 2026, with effect from **31 October 2026**, to succeed Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Anca-Maria Verma was appointed **Ambassador-at-Large for India** of the Inter-**Governmental** Institution for the Use of Micro-Algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition for a five-year term.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Sunil Kumar as the **next chairman of** Oil and Natural Gas Corporation in October 2026, with the appointment intended to take effect on or after **7 December 2026**.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The **Ministry** of Home Affairs appointed Dr Sajjan Singh Yadav as the next **Chief Secretary of Jammu** and Kashmir in October 2026, to head the Union Territory's senior civil-service administration.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS The **Federation** of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry named Vijay Sankar **President-Elect for 2026-27** in October, indicating a planned succession in the leadership of the national industry association.
- [ ] APPOINTMENTS Appointments and transfers involving governors of several Indian states were reported in October 2026, including **Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar** taking office as **Governor of Tamil Nadu**.

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

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- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The Times Higher Education **World University Rankings** 2027 placed the University of Oxford first globally, while **IISc Bengaluru** was the highest-ranked Indian institution.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Indian cricketer **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** was included in **TIME100 Next 2026**, an international list of emerging figures recognised for their achievements and influence in different fields.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The Gujarat **government** announced the **Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award** for pilot Captain Smit Machchhar for an act of bravery during an in-flight emergency.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Karl Deisseroth, **Peter Hegemann** and Georg Nagel were named winners of the **2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** for discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and the development of optogenetics in neuroscience.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS **Francis Halzen** received the **2026 Nobel Prize in Physics** for contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Dr **Sandeep Marwah** received an international honour in Milan, Italy, recognising his reported **13** world records in media and entertainment.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The three s report that **Henri Boris Kagan** of France and **Kenso Soai** of Japan won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for discoveries involving nonlinear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The Mahesh Kakde, professor at IISc Bengaluru, won the **2026 Ramanujan Prize for** Young Mathematicians from Developing Countries; institution: Indian **Institute** of Science, Bengaluru.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Indian mathematician Mahesh Kakde of the Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru, was awarded the **2026 Ramanujan Prize** for Young Mathematicians from Developing Countries on **8 October 2026**.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced on **9 October 2026** that South African jurist Navanethem “Navi” Pillay had won the **Nobel Peace Prize** for her efforts to promote peace and international law.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The Swedish Academy reportedly announced Canadian poet, essayist and classical scholar **Anne Carson** as the winner of the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature on **8 October 2026**.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Identifies Navanethem “Navi” Pillay, a **South African** jurist of Indian Tamil origin, as the winner of the **2026 Nobel Peace Prize** for her contributions to international criminal justice and human rights.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Israeli President Isaac Herzog reportedly announced on **9 October 2026** that **Indian pilot Smit Machchhar** would receive the Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism for his actions during a serious in-flight emergency.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The NFDC-**National Film Archive** of India in Pune acquired three historic Tamil film prints featuring legendary actor Sivaji Ganesan on **8 October 2026**.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS **Robert E. Hall** and **Michael Woodford** were named recipients of the 2026 Nobel Memorial Prize in Economic Sciences for their contributions to the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation.

- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Former Indian cricket captain **Sunil Gavaskar** released the book **Sanjay Jagdale**: Rag-Rag Mein Cricket in Indore, Madhya Pradesh; authors: Kiran Waikar and Sunil Dudhale.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Ed that **Israeli President Isaac Herzog** announced a **civilian bravery honour** for Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar; proposed honour: Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the 2026 **Sveriges Riksbank Prize** in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel to **Robert E.**
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS UNICEF India named cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** a Celebrity Advocate to promote opportunities, health and empowerment for adolescent girls; announcement: October **2026**.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS France announced the Knight of the **National Order** of the **Legion of Honour** distinction for Bharti Enterprises Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Mizoram farmer **Mari ZT Lalrithangi** was recognised by the Food and **Agriculture Organization** under its “100 Women Heroes in Agrifood Systems and Rural Development” initiative.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Indian social worker and SEWA leader **Reema Nanavaty** received a **Hillary Rodham Clinton Award** in Washington during October 2026 for work associated with women's economic empowerment and livelihoods.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS State **Bank of India** received the **World's Best Consumer Bank 2026** recognition from Global Finance, in October 2026, highlighting the bank's customer-facing services and market position.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Veteran folk artist **Devadas Chimakode** was selected for the **Karnataka Janapada Academy**'s annual honorary award for 2026 for his contribution to Karnataka's folk traditions.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Andhra Pradesh student **Lingampalli Himaja** entered the **global Top 20** of the James Dyson Award 2026 for Rudhra, a voice-enabled Braille printer designed to help visually impaired users create documents independently.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Indian student **Ameena Nazreen A. S.** received a **Global Youth Institute award** at the 2026 Norman E. Borlaug International Dialogue in Des Moines, Iowa, for research on food security.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Indian theoretical physicist **Ashoke Sen** received the **2026 Oskar Klein Medal** in recognition of his work on string theory and fundamental theoretical physics.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Argentine footballer **Lionel Messi** received the **2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports** during an October ceremony in Oviedo, Spain, recognising his contribution to international football.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The Assam **government** selected singer Usha Mangeshkar as the inaugural recipient of the Bharat Ratna Dr **Bhupen Hazarika National Award**, recognising artistic contribution and the cultural legacy of the late musician.
- [ ] BOOKS & AUTHORS An **English translation of The Story** of Vande Mataram was unveiled in New Delhi during October 2026, renewing attention to the history and cultural significance of India's national song.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Harry Kane won the **2026** Men's Ballon d'Or **and Alexia Putellas** won the Women's Ballon d'Or at the 70th edition of the awards ceremony in London.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Maharashtra **government** initiative Shabari Naturals was recognised with the G-Mark **Global Design Award for** packaging inspired by traditional tribal art forms.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS Indian photographer **Sitaram Raul** won the Behaviour: Invertebrates category at the **Wildlife Photographer of the Year** 2026 competition for a photograph titled Shifting Sand.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) received the Best **Passenger Service** and Satisfaction award for the Delhi-Meerut Namo Bharat corridor and the Best Exhibitor award at the 19th Urban Mobility India Conference and Expo, held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on **28 October 2026**.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS The **Department** for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, announced the sixth edition of the **National Startup Awards** under the Startup India initiative.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS 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 UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan conferred the **First Class Order of Zayed II** on flydubai pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and crew members on **28 October 2026**.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS India won four gold medals **and one silver at** the 19th **International Olympiad** on Astronomy and Astrophysics held in Hanoi, Vietnam.
- [ ] AWARDS & HONOURS India won **four gold** and one silver medal at the 19th **International Olympiad** on Astronomy and Astrophysics 2026, in October 2026, highlighting achievement in scientific problem-solving.

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10. SPORTS (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] SPORTS Indian archer **Ganesh Mani Ratnam Thirumuru** won bronze in the Men's **Compound Individual** event at the Asian Games; sport: Archery.
- [ ] SPORTS India won a **bronze medal in the men's 4×400-metre relay** at the **2026 Asian Games** in Japan, contributing to the country's final medal tally.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian boxer **Lovlina Borgohain** won gold in the women's 75 kg category at the 2026 **Asian Games**; final opponent: Bao Ziyi of China.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian sailors **Prince Noble and Manu Francis** won silver in the Men's Skiff event at the 2026 **Asian Games**.
- [ ] SPORTS The **20th Asian Games** concluded in **Japan**, with India finishing fourth in the medal standings; host: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian wrestler **Antim Panghal** won silver in the women's 53 kg freestyle event at the **Asian Games**; sport: Wrestling.
- [ ] SPORTS India defeated Pakistan 4-3 in the **men's hockey** semifinal at the **Asian Games** to qualify for the final; match: India vs Pakistan.
- [ ] SPORTS India's **women's golf team** secured a silver medal in the **Asian Games** team event; competition: Asian Games 2026.
- [ ] SPORTS Kumkum Mohod became the first **Indian** woman to win an individual recurve archery gold medal at the **Asian Games**.
- [ ] SPORTS South African batter **Lhuan-dre Pretorius** scored an unbeaten **188** from 79 balls for the Titans against the Knights in Bloemfontein.
- [ ] SPORTS India finished **fourth at the 2026 Asian Games** in Aichi–Nagoya, Japan, held from 19 September to 4 October, winning 85 medals comprising 21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze.
- [ ] SPORTS The **Indian women's hockey team** won gold at the 2026 **Asian Games**, ending a decades-long wait for the title and marking a major result in the country's international women's hockey programme.
- [ ] SPORTS India finished **fourth at** the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, with 85 medals ; the Games flag was handed over to Doha, host of the 2030 edition.
- [ ] SPORTS India won **six wrestling medals** at the **2026 Asian Games** in Japan, consisting of two gold, two silver and two bronze medals across its wrestling events.
- [ ] SPORTS India continued discussions relating to a possible **2036** Olympic and **Paralympic Games** bid centred on Ahmedabad during October 2026, while the hosting rights remained undecided during October 2026.
- [ ] SPORTS The Indian Olympic Association and the **Korean Sport and Olympic Committee** signed an MoU during the **Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games** to strengthen sports cooperation.
- [ ] SPORTS The BCCI appointed **Smriti Mandhana** as full-time captain of the **Indian women's cricket** team across formats, succeeding Harmanpreet Kaur.
- [ ] SPORTS Former Indian trap shooter **Rajeshwari Kumari** was elected to the Olympic **Council** of Asia Athletes Commission for the 2026-2030 term.
- [ ] SPORTS Para-badminton player **Pramod Bhagat and** para-table tennis player **Bhavina Patel** were named India's flag bearers for the fifth Asian Para Games.
- [ ] SPORTS Aakash Raj reportedly won the **men's 400-metre gold** medal at the **National Open Athletics Championships**; the 400-metre event covers one complete lap of a standard outdoor athletics track.
- [ ] SPORTS Anushka Yadav reportedly won gold in the hammer throw at the **National Open Athletics Championships** 2026 with a throw of 66.53 metres .
- [ ] SPORTS Manikanta Hoblidhar reportedly won the men's **100**-metre sprint at the 65th **National Open Athletics Championships** in 10.25 seconds; medal: Gold.
- [ ] SPORTS **Prasar Bharati** and **In-Dot Sports** announced the Kisan Cricket League on 8 October 2026 to identify cricket and cultural talent from rural and semi-urban India.
- [ ] SPORTS The **BRICS Theatre Festival 2026** began at the National School of Drama in New Delhi on **12 October 2026** under India's BRICS Presidency.
- [ ] SPORTS India hosted the **BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports** Demonstration Games 2026 at Ahmedabad on **12 October 2026**; location: Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- [ ] SPORTS Keya Kumar Badugu won the women's title at the IGU Bio-Gen Rotary **Southern India Golf Championship** in Bengaluru on **9 October 2026**.
- [ ] SPORTS Red Bull driver Max Verstappen reportedly won the 2026 Formula One **Singapore Grand Prix** at Marina Bay Street Circuit on **11 October 2026**.
- [ ] SPORTS Defence Minister Rajnath Singh felicitated **Services athletes** on **12 October 2026** for their reported performance at the Asian Games in Japan.

- [ ] SPORTS Indian cueist **Aditya Mehta** won the men's snooker gold at the **Commonwealth Cue Sports** Championships 2026 in Ahmedabad; final: Defeated Dhvaj Haria 3-0.
- [ ] SPORTS Putul Sonowal of Assam won bronze in men's singles at the **2026 World Bowls Champion of Champions** in Australia.
- [ ] SPORTS The **Ministry** of Youth Affairs and Sports constituted a seven-member committee to examine the **Hockey India League**'s governance and financial challenges.
- [ ] SPORTS **Udhayveer Sidhu** won gold in the men's 10m air pistol event at the **ISSF World Cup** in Cairo, Egypt.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian cricketers **Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma** were named the ICC men's and women's Players of the Month for September **2026**, respectively, in announcements covered during October.
- [ ] SPORTS The National Sports Development Fund, Sports **Authority** of India and Indian Oil Corporation Limited signed an MoU involving a **₹40 crore** investment over two years to strengthen India's boxing ecosystem.
- [ ] SPORTS The International Olympic Committee confirmed that India is among the parties in dialogue to host the **2036** Summer **Olympic and Paralympic Games**, with India's proposed bid centred on Ahmedabad.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian women's cricket batter **Punam Raut** announced her retirement from all forms of international cricket, concluding an international career spanning **2009**-2021.
- [ ] SPORTS South Korean badminton player **An Se Young** won the **Denmark Open** 2026 and claimed her 47th career title; country: South Korea.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian para-athletes recorded multiple major performances at the **Asian Para Games 2026** in **Aichi-Nagoya**, Japan, including gold medals and new competition records in shooting, athletics and archery.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian para-athlete **Deepthi Jeevanji** won the women's 400 m T20 gold medal at the 2026 **Asian Para Games**, reportedly setting a Games record of 56.36 seconds.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian para-athlete **Praveen Kumar** won the men's high-jump gold at the 2026 **Asian Para Games** in Japan, establishing a Games record in the event reported by the daily current-affairs source.
- [ ] SPORTS Sachin Khilari retained the men's **Shot Put F46** gold medal at the **Asian Para Games** 2026 as India completed a clean sweep of all three podium places.
- [ ] SPORTS The International Cricket **Council** announced that Bangladesh and Nepal will jointly host the 3rd ICC **U19 Women's T20 World Cup** from 21 January to 6 February 2027.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian athletes recorded multiple major performances at the **Asian Para Games**, including gold medals for **Suvarna Raj**, Sheetal Devi and Sachin Khilari, while Swati Chaudhary earned a historic W1 archery medal.
- [ ] SPORTS Anjanaben Bumbadiya won the **women's 400m T47 gold** at the **Asian Para Games** in 59.97 seconds, while compatriot Jayanti Behera took silver.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian para-athlete **Dharmaraj Solairaj** defended his **Asian Para Games** long-jump title with a 7.15 m performance in the combined T44/T62/T64 final.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian para-sprinter **Dilip Mahadu Gavit** won his second gold medal at the **Asian Para Games** 2026 by taking the men's 400m T47 title in 48.27 seconds.
- [ ] SPORTS India crossed the 100-medal milestone at the **Asian Para Games 2026** in Aichi-Nagoya, with major gold-medal and record performances from athletes including **Mona Agarwal**, Sandeep, Haney and Shailesh Kumar.
- [ ] SPORTS The International Weightlifting **Federation** awarded the **2029 Senior World Weightlifting Championships** to Ahmedabad, Gujarat, marking the first time India will host the senior world championship.
- [ ] SPORTS British chess prodigy of Indian origin **Bodhana Sivanandan** became the **youngest female International Master** in chess history at the age of approximately 11 years and 7 months.
- [ ] SPORTS India finished **fourth at the 2026 Asian Para Games** in Aichi–Nagoya, Japan, winning 114 medals consisting of 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian chess grandmasters **Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy** won individual gold-medal distinctions at the **European Chess Club Cup** 2026 in Montenegro, during October 2026.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian shuttler P. V. Sindhu finished runner-up in women's singles at the 2026 **French Open**, losing the final to **South Korea**'s An Se-young in October and adding another major international badminton podium finish.
- [ ] SPORTS Indian player **Yuki Bhambri** and American partner Ryan Seggerman won the men's doubles title at the **Almaty Open 2026** in Kazakhstan, a notable international result in India's tennis doubles programme.
- [ ] SPORTS India defeated **New Zealand** by six wickets in the third T20 International at Wellington on **27 October 2026**, taking a 3-0 lead in the five-match series.
- [ ] SPORTS England footballer Bukayo Saka received the Socrates Award during the **Ballon d'Or ceremony** on **28 October 2026** for humanitarian contributions.

- [ ] SPORTS The Indian Olympic Association announced a 17-athlete Indian contingent for the Dakar 2026 Summer **Youth Olympic Games**, scheduled from 31 October to **13 November 2026**.
- [ ] SPORTS The **World Boxing U19 Championships 2026** were held in Budva, Montenegro, from 16 to **27 October 2026**; India finished joint seventh with Ukraine, winning four medals.
- [ ] SPORTS The Los Angeles 2028 **Organising Committee** unveiled **"Stars Align" as** the official slogan for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games.
- [ ] SPORTS 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.
- [ ] 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**.

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11. OBITUARIES (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] OBITUARIES Indian metallurgist and materials scientist **Palle Rama Rao** died in **October 2026**, following a career noted for contributions to advanced materials research and scientific institutions.
- [ ] OBITUARIES Oscar-winning American **actress Eva Marie Saint** passed away at the age of **102**; oscar-winning film: On the Waterfront (1954).
- [ ] OBITUARIES Renowned Kathak dancer **Roshan Kumari**, associated with the Jaipur gharana, died in October 2026, marking the loss of an important exponent of the **North Indian** classical dance tradition.
- [ ] OBITUARIES Renowned Carnatic percussionist and **Padma Shri** awardee **Guruvayur Dorai** reportedly passed away in Chennai at the age of 91.
- [ ] OBITUARIES Pioneering computer scientist **Margaret Hamilton** passed away on **30 September 2026** at the age of 90; field: Computer science and software engineering.
- [ ] OBITUARIES Indian **filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao** died during the October **2026** reporting period, in October 2026, after a career known for experimentation and films across multiple Indian languages.
- [ ] OBITUARIES Reports the death of **Indian para-athlete** and javelin thrower **Neeraj Yadav** at the age of 42 in New Delhi in October 2026.

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12. STATE AFFAIRS (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the **PRAGATI Robotics and AI Park** in Greater Noida on **27 October 2026** to support innovation, technology entrepreneurship and domestic capabilities in automation and artificial intelligence.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The Delhi **Government** approved the **One Zone, One Operator** project to streamline management of sewerage infrastructure through zone-wise operators.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The Karnataka **government** notified a Textile and **Apparel Policy** for 2026–31, aiming to stimulate investment, jobs and competitiveness across garment-making and related textile activities.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The Odisha **government** launched a **dedicated MICE incentive portal** during the 2026 Odisha Travel Bazaar to promote business events, conference tourism and related investment.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched a **cashless medical facility for** more than 50,000 Delhi Jal Board pensioners and family members under the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and **Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu** launched healthcare and welfare initiatives **under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan** at Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The West Bengal **Cabinet** approved the **Bhagini Nivedita Scheme** to provide financial assistance to unmarried women pursuing higher education.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Kerala launched the **WOMN Scheme** on **11 October 2026** at the Thampanoor KSRTC bus terminal to provide affordable sanitary napkins and hygienic disposal facilities at public transport locations.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Ambaji Mohanthal, a traditional sweet associated with **Ambaji Temple** in Gujarat, received a Geographical Indication tag during October **2026**, highlighting the importance of regional culinary heritage.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma launched **four digital financial**-management initiatives in Aizawl in October 2026, designed to strengthen budget transparency, treasury processing and transfer of **government** benefits.

- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Ladakh notified **100 constituencies** across 8 Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Councils under the LAHDC (Amendment) Regulation, 2026, significantly expanding representation compared with the earlier structure.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The Goa government unveiled artificial-intelligence initiatives at the **Goa AI Tech Conclave** on 22–23 October 2026, including policy proposals and work towards a Konkani language model.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The October report reported that Ladakh was **declared India's first** fully organic **Union Territory**, recognising efforts to promote chemical-free agriculture adapted to high-altitude conditions.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The Punjab government introduced **SANGAT Mental Health Clubs** across 40 colleges in October 2026 to support student well-being, awareness and prevention of substance misuse in educational institutions.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The **Tamil Nadu** government launched the Thuli campaign on 21 October 2026 to raise public awareness of rainwater-harvesting systems, their maintenance and their role in groundwater conservation.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS The October report said **Bihar Museum** in Patna was recognised in a **2026** international museum ranking, drawing attention to collections on Bihar's art and history.
- [ ] STATE AFFAIRS Sikkim hosted **its first Himalayan Yak Festival** in Gnathang Valley on 28 October 2026, highlighting the cultural and livelihood importance of yaks and the need for high-altitude conservation.

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13. IMPORTANT DAYS (MONTHLY ONE-LINERS)

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- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS The United Nations' **International Translation Day** was observed on 30 September 2026 to recognise the contribution of translators and language professionals.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Heart Day** was observed on **29** September to increase awareness of cardiovascular diseases and their prevention; 2026 theme/message: "Don't Miss a Beat".
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Rabies Day was observed on 28 September 2026 to promote awareness about rabies prevention and elimination; 2026 theme: "**Stronger Together**".
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Rivers Day was observed on 27 September 2026 to raise awareness about river conservation and sustainable management; observed: **Fourth Sunday** of September.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS International Coffee Day was observed globally on **1 October** to recognise coffee farmers, workers and communities and promote a sustainable coffee sector.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS International Day of **Older Persons** was observed on 1 October 2026 to highlight older people's rights, health and inclusion; population ageing also increases the need for accessible services, social protection and age-friendly communities.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Vegetarian Day** was observed on **1** October to promote awareness of the ethical, environmental and health aspects of vegetarian lifestyles.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS India observed the 72nd **National Wildlife Week** from 2 to 8 October 2026 to promote wildlife conservation and habitat protection.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Animal Day was observed on 4 October 2026 to promote animal welfare and protection; 2026 Theme: "See the **World Through Their Eyes**".
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Habitat Day 2026** was observed on the first Monday of October to highlight the importance of adequate housing and sustainable human settlements.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Cerebral Palsy Day** was observed on 6 October 2026 to increase understanding of cerebral palsy and disability inclusion; awareness activities emphasised accessibility, independent living, early support and community participation for affected people and their families.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Habitat Day** was observed on 5 October 2026 to highlight the importance of safe and adequate shelter; observed on the first Monday of October, the day focuses on housing access, sustainable settlements and urban living conditions.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Teachers Day was observed on **5 October** 2026 to recognise the role and professional status of teachers; the 2026 commemoration marked 60 years of the ILO–UNESCO Recommendation on the Status of Teachers.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS Breast Cancer Awareness Month was observed on **1**–31 October 2026 to promote early detection and awareness of breast cancer; the month-long campaign supports access to screening, timely diagnosis, evidence-based treatment and information about warning signs.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Space Week 2026** was observed from 4 to 10 October to promote public awareness of space science and technology.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS India observed the 94th **Indian Air Force Day** on 8 October 2026, commemorating the establishment of the Indian Air Force in 1932.

- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS Breast Cancer Awareness Month is observed from **1** to 31 **October** to promote awareness, early detection and access to appropriate care.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Cotton Day** was **observed on 7 October** 2026 to recognise cotton's importance to farmers, the textile industry and international trade.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Post Day was **observed on 9 October** 2026 to commemorate the establishment of the **Universal Postal Union** and recognise the contribution of postal networks to communication and trade.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS India is observing **National Postal Week** 2026 **from 9 to 15 October** to highlight the contribution of postal services to communication, financial inclusion and citizen services.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS The **World Day Against the Death Penalty** was observed on **10 October 2026** to encourage discussion of capital punishment and human rights.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Egg Day 2026** was observed on the second Friday of October to promote awareness of the nutritional benefits of eggs.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Migratory Bird Day** was observed on **10 October 2026** to highlight the conservation of migratory bird species; the October observance emphasised protection of flyways, wetlands and other habitats used during long-distance seasonal movement.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS International Day of the **Girl Child** was observed on **11 October 2026** to advance girls rights, education and empowerment. UN campaigns emphasised the importance of equal opportunities, safety and participation by girls in family, school and public life.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Arthritis Day** was observed on **12 October 2026** to raise awareness about arthritis and other rheumatic and musculoskeletal diseases, including early diagnosis and appropriate management.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS International Day for **Disaster Risk Reduction** was observed on **13 October 2026** to promote action to reduce disaster losses and strengthen resilience; the official 2026 theme was Resilience Starts at Home, calling attention to safer housing and household preparedness.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Standards Day** was **observed on 14 October** 2026, highlighting the contribution of standards to quality, safety, technological compatibility and international trade.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS Gandhi Jayanti and **International Non-Violence Day** was observed on **2 October 2026** to commemorate the birth of Mahatma Gandhi and promote non-violence; the national and UN observances connect Gandhi's philosophy with peaceful methods of social and political change.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **Global Handwashing Day** was observed worldwide on **15 October 2026** to promote handwashing with soap as an effective and affordable method of preventing infectious diseases.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS International Day of **Rural Women** was observed on **15 October 2026** to recognise rural women's contributions to agriculture and communities; the observance drew attention to fair access to resources, education, finance and decision-making in rural development.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS National Unity Day was observed on **31 October 2026** to commemorate **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel**; the Indian observance celebrates national integration and the role Patel played in the political unification of princely states after Independence.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS United Nations Day was observed on **24 October 2026** to mark the establishment of the **United Nations**; the observance focuses on international cooperation, peace, human rights and sustainable development under the organisation's founding Charter.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Mental Health Day** was observed on **10 October 2026** with the **WHO** campaign theme "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change", promoting participation in mental-health decisions.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **World Food Day** was observed on **16 October 2026** to raise awareness of hunger, nutrition and food security; the 2026 campaign linked innovation and more sustainable agrifood systems with the challenge of feeding growing populations.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Students Day was observed on **15 October 2026** to honour the birth anniversary of A P J **Abdul Kalam**; in India, the annual remembrance also celebrates learning, scientific curiosity and the contributions students can make to national development.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS **International Day** for the Eradication of Poverty was observed on **17 October 2026** to focus global attention on poverty and deprivation; the observance promotes policies that improve access to decent work, social protection, education and public services for vulnerable communities.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Menopause Day was observed on **18 October 2026**; theme: **Chronic Pain At Midlife**.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Osteoporosis Day is observed annually on **20** October to promote awareness about osteoporosis prevention, diagnosis and treatment; the 2026 campaign theme is "Build, Protect, **Strengthen Your Bones** for Life.".
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS National Solidarity Day was observed on **20 October 2026** to remember the soldiers **who** sacrificed their lives during the 1962 Sino-Indian War.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS National **Police Commemoration Day** was observed on **21 October 2026** to honour Indian police personnel who died in service; the annual observance recalls the courage of police forces and sacrifices made in protecting public safety and national security.
- [ ] IMPORTANT DAYS World Iodine Deficiency Day, also called **Global Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention** Day, was observed on **21 October 2026** to raise awareness about iodine deficiency and adequate dietary iodine intake.

- IMPORTANT DAYS **International Day of Non-Violence** was observed on **2 October 2026**, the birthday of **Mahatma Gandhi**, following its designation by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007.
- IMPORTANT DAYS The 14th **International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week** was observed from 18-**24 October 2026** under the campaign theme "From Detection to Prevention".
- IMPORTANT DAYS **International Snow Leopard Day** was observed on **23 October 2026** to promote conservation of the snow leopard; the day raises awareness of the species' mountain habitat, threats from poaching and conflict, and the need for regional cooperation.
- IMPORTANT DAYS The 65th **Raising Day** of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police was observed on **24 October 2026**, commemorating the force's establishment in 1962.
- IMPORTANT DAYS Indian Army **Infantry Day** was observed on **27 October 2026** to honour the contribution of the Indian Army infantry; the observance remembers the arrival of Indian troops in Srinagar in 1947 and commemorates infantry service and sacrifices.
- IMPORTANT DAYS The **United Nations** is observing Disarmament Week from **24 to 30** October 2026 to promote awareness of disarmament and its role in international peace and security.
- IMPORTANT DAYS World Day for Audiovisual Heritage was observed on **27 October 2026** to recognise the importance of preserving audiovisual records; the **UNESCO**-linked observance stresses safeguarding historical film, sound and broadcast material for education and future generations.
- IMPORTANT DAYS **World Menopause Day** was observed on **18 October 2026**, with a focus on chronic pain at midlife and greater awareness of health and well-being during menopause.
- IMPORTANT DAYS **International Day** of Care and Support was observed on **29 October 2026** to recognise care work and caregivers; the UN observance highlighted equitable, sustainable care arrangements and the importance of both paid and unpaid care in societies and economies.
- IMPORTANT DAYS Sanjay Singhal, Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB), was assigned additional charge as Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border **Police** (ITBP) with effect from **31 October 2026**.
- IMPORTANT DAYS The Central Vigilance Commission is observing **Vigilance Awareness Week** from 26 October to **1 November 2026**, under the theme “Probity for Prosperity”.
- IMPORTANT DAYS **World Stroke Day** was observed on **29 October 2026** to promote stroke-prevention awareness and timely treatment, with the 2026 campaign message **“Every M1nute Counts”**.
- IMPORTANT DAYS **World Cities Day** was observed on **31 October 2026**, with its global event in **Fuzhou, China** under the theme “Regenerating the City: Adequate Housing for All”.
- IMPORTANT DAYS **World Savings Day** was observed on **31 October 2026** to promote savings and household financial planning; the day focuses on financial security, responsible money management and the contribution of saving institutions to economic participation.

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14. MONTHLY REVISION QUIZ (MCQS)

Solve before checking the answer key

Q1. The Rabi MSP for wheat for the 2027–28 marketing season was fixed at how much per quintal?

A) ₹2,585 B) ₹2,610
C) ₹2,740 D) ₹2,660

Q2. What was the approved outlay of the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme in October 2026?

A) ₹8,000 crore B) ₹12,000 crore
C) ₹10,000 crore D) ₹15,000 crore

Q3. Which Union ministry is the nodal ministry for Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana?

A) Ministry of Panchayati Raj B) Ministry of Rural Development
C) Ministry of Finance D) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Q4. What was the World Bank’s FY2026–27 GDP growth forecast for India in October 2026?

A) 6.1% B) 6.8%
C) 7.5% D) 7.1%

Q5. How many Ramsar sites did India have after Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel were added?

A) 101 B) 103
C) 105 D) 107

Q6. Which organisation published the 2026 Emissions Gap Report, The Point of Return?

A) World Meteorological Organization B) International Energy Agency
C) United Nations Environment Programme D) Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change

Q7. The Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme was approved with what outlay?
A) ₹1,856.67 crore B) ₹1,500 crore
C) ₹2,856.67 crore D) ₹3,000 crore

Q8. Which country hosted the 2026 Asian Games?
A) China B) South Korea
C) Qatar D) Japan

Q9. How many medals did India win at the 2026 Asian Games?
A) 85 B) 114
C) 91 D) 105

Q10. What was India's final medal tally at the 2026 Asian Para Games?
A) 108 B) 114
C) 85 D) 120

Q11. Who won the 2026 Men's Ballon d'Or award?
A) Kylian Mbappé B) Lamine Yamal
C) Harry Kane D) Erling Haaland

Q12. Who won the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize?
A) Greta Thunberg B) Narges Mohammadi
C) Ellen Johnson Sirleaf D) Navanethem Pillay

Q13. The 30th Financial Stability and Development Council meeting was chaired by whom?
A) Nirmala Sitharaman B) Shaktikanta Das
C) Sanjay Malhotra D) Piyush Goyal

Q14. Which city hosted the 2026 World Cities Day global observance?
A) Shanghai B) Fuzhou
C) Beijing D) Hangzhou

Q15. On which date is United Nations Day observed annually?
A) 21 October B) 22 October
C) 24 October D) 31 October

Q16. What was the WHO campaign theme for World Mental Health Day 2026?
A) Mind Matters: All Together B) Mental Health in the Workplace
C) Community Care for All D) Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change

Q17. Which commission was founded in 1926 and celebrated its centenary in 2026?
A) Union Public Service Commission B) Election Commission of India
C) Finance Commission D) National Human Rights Commission

Q18. Which of the following is the implementing agency of PMEGP at the national level?
A) NITI Aayog B) KVIC
C) NABARD D) SEBI

Q19. What does SIOFA stand for?
A) South India Offshore Fisheries Act B) Sustainable Indian Ocean Fisheries Authority
C) Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement D) South International Ocean Fisheries Association

Q20. The first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in October 2026 was hosted in which city?
A) Dhaka B) Kathmandu
C) Colombo D) New Delhi

Q21. Who was appointed as the next Chairman of ONGC in October 2026?
A) Sunil Kumar B) Alka Mittal
C) Arun Kumar Singh D) Ranjit Rath

Q22. Which naval exercise links India and Indonesia's special forces in 2026?
A) AUSTRAHIND B) Garuda Shakti
C) KONKAN D) SIMBEX

Q23. On which date is World Food Day observed annually?
A) 14 October B) 15 October
C) 16 October D) 17 October

Q24. World Students' Day in India is observed on the birth anniversary of whom?

A) S. Radhakrishnan
B) C. V. Raman
C) M. Visvesvaraya
D) A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

Q25. How many Next-Generation Corvettes were approved for the Indian Navy in October 2026?

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

Answers & Explanations Key

Q1. [B] **Exp:** The CCEA fixed the **wheat MSP at ₹2,610 per quintal** for the 2027–28 Rabi marketing season.

Q2. [C] **Exp:** The **Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme** was approved with a total outlay of **₹10,000 crore**.

Q3. [A] **Exp: PM VGSY** is implemented under the **Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.

Q4. [D] **Exp:** The **World Bank** projected **7.1% GDP growth** for India in FY2026–27.

Q5. [B] **Exp:** The designation of Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel increased India's **Ramsar site tally** to 103.

Q6. [C] **Exp:** The **UN Environment Programme** released the **Emissions Gap Report 2026**.

Q7. [A] **Exp:** The **Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme** received an outlay of **₹1,856.67 crore**.

Q8. [D] **Exp:** The **2026 Asian Games** took place in **Aichi–Nagoya, Japan**.

Q9. [A] **Exp:** India finished fourth at the **2026 Asian Games** with 85 medals.

Q10. [B] **Exp:** India earned 114 medals at the **2026 Asian Para Games**.

Q11. [C] **Exp: Harry Kane** won the **2026 Men's Ballon d'Or** award.

Q12. [D] **Exp: Navanethem "Navi" Pillay** was awarded the **2026 Nobel Peace Prize**.

Q13. [A] **Exp:** The **30th FSDC meeting** was chaired by **Nirmala Sitharaman**.

Q14. [B] **Exp:** The **World Cities Day 2026** global observance took place in **Fuzhou, China**.

Q15. [C] **Exp: United Nations Day** is observed on **24 October**, the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter.

Q16. [D] **Exp: World Mental Health Day 2026** promoted the theme "Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change".

Q17. [A] **Exp:** The **Union Public Service Commission** marked a 100-year institutional journey in 2026.

Q18. [B] **Exp:** The **Khadi and Village Industries Commission** is the national implementing agency for **PMEGP**.

Q19. [C] **Exp: SIOFA** stands for the **Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement**.

Q20. [D] **Exp: New Delhi** hosted the first **BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting**.

Q21. [A] **Exp: Sunil Kumar** was appointed as the next Chairman of **ONGC**.

Q22. [B] **Exp: Garuda Shakti 2026** was the 11th bilateral special-forces exercise between **India and Indonesia**.

Q23. [C] **Exp: World Food Day** is observed on **16 October** each year.

Q24. [D] **Exp: World Students' Day** is associated with the birth anniversary of **A. P. J. Abdul Kalam** on 15 October.

Q25. [A] **Exp:** The Cabinet Committee on Security approved **eight Next-Generation Corvettes** for the **Indian Navy**.

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