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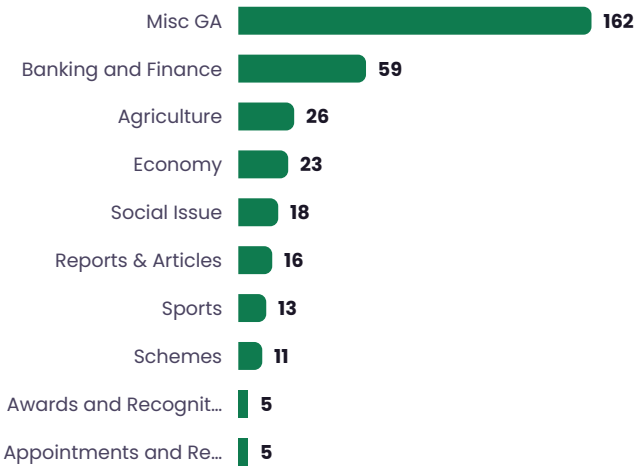
THE MONTH IN NUMBERS

November 2026 at a glance

11 daily compilations, 358 items across 16 topics — Misc GA weighed the most. Read the charts first: they tell you where this month's questions will come from.

11	358	16	39
daily compilations	items covered	topics	data tables

Items by topic



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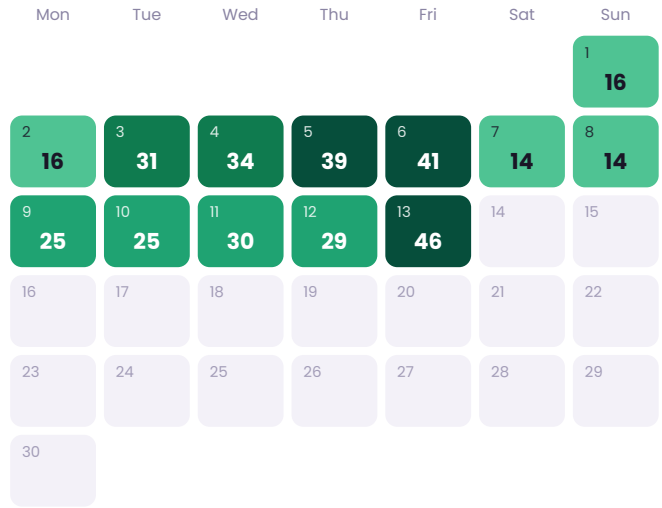

Darker = a heavier day. Two-day posts are split across their days.

Where the items sat

NABARD-specific 43 (12%) · RBI-specific 39 (11%) · Common to both 276 (77%)

Most mentioned this month

How many items each name appeared in. Know these cold.

New Delhi 21	Indian Navy 17	United States 12	RBI 12	SEBI 10	Youth Olympic Games 8	
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FIGURES THE PAPER LOVES

November 2026 by the numbers

The month's biggest figures with the line they came from. Say each one with its scheme or report before you turn the page.

₹75,021 crore

PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched in February 2024, with an outlay of ₹75,021 crore

Railways Wins PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award 2026 · 7 & 8 November 2026

₹20,050 crore

PMMSY — Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, launched 2020, with an outlay of ₹20,050 crore

Soreng Becomes India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster · 10 November 2026

₹5 lakh

Launched in March 2025 and operational from 1 April 2025, MUHCS provides eligible families with cashless healthcare c…

ADB Releases USD 21.6 Million First Tranche for Mizoram Healthcare Scheme · 11 November 2026

₹2,814 crore

On 4 November 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing with a…

Cabinet Approves ₹2,814 Crore Critical Mineral Processing Scheme · 5 November 2026

₹14,500 crore

Approval: The Union Cabinet approved a ₹14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme in November 2026 for developi…

Cabinet Approves ₹14,500 Crore VGF Scheme for Grid-Scale Energy Storage · 6 November 2026

38%

According to the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, India recorded a 38% reduction in TB mortality since 2015, comp…

India Records 38% Decline in TB Mortality Since 2015: WHO · 13 November 2026

85%

Since 4 August 2024, the force registered 8,206 FIRs and achieved conviction rates of 85% overall and 93% under the N…

Chandigarh Police Receives President's Colour · 3 November 2026

₹7,000 crore

The Centre has extended Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II until March 2028. This means about ₹7,000 crore can …

Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II Extended to 2028 · 5 November 2026

₹5,000 crore

CGFMU extended to March 2031, with a corpus of ₹5,000 crore

Micro Credit Guarantee Scheme Extended to 2031 · 12 November 2026

₹62,370.02 crore

The estimated budget requirement is ₹62,370.02 crore, covering 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027.

Union Cabinet Approves NBS Rates for Rabi 2026–27 on P&K Fertilisers · 13 November 2026

READ IT THE WAY TOPPERS DO

How to use this book

This sheet is for the last lap: every item is cut down to the names, numbers and tables the paper actually asks. Work topic by topic, then close the book and take the test at the end of each topic.

1
Read a topic
Cards first, in order. Mark every number and every proper noun as you go.

2
Cover and recall
Cover the bullets with your hand and recite the item from its title alone.

3
Take the test
Fill the blanks at the end of the topic from memory, then check the answers.

4
Come back
Tick the tracker below. Revisit weak topics on day 3 and day 7.

Your revision tracker

Tick as you go. Day 3 and day 7 recalls are what move a fact from short-term to exam-day memory.

TOPIC	READ	RECALL +3	RECALL +7	TEST	NOTES
Misc GA (162)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Banking and Finance (59)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Agriculture (26)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Economy (23)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Social Issue (18)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Reports & Articles (16)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
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Schemes (11)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Awards and Recognitions (5)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Appointments and Resignations (5)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
PIB (5)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Science, Environment, Sports and Important Days (5)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Important Days (4)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
Obituaries (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
International Relations and Places (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐	
General (2)	☐	☐	☐	☐	

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New Protein Discovered in the Plant Defence Alarm System

1 & 2 November 2026

- Earlier, Glutamate Receptor-Like Channels (GLRs) were considered important in transmitting such signals. The new study identifies CNGC13 as another protein involved in this process.
- Scientists at the National Institute of Plant Genome Research (NIPGR), New Delhi, discovered a protein called CNGC13, which helps plants transmit warning signals when insects attack their leaves.
- CNGC13 is mainly found in the xylem and phloem, the plant tissues that transport water and food. It allows calcium to enter cells as the alarm signal moves through the plant.

Decent Work in India

1 & 2 November 2026

- India's unemployment rate declined from 6.1% in 2017–18 to 3.2% in 2023–24, while female workforce participation also increased.
- The study used Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data for 2017–18 and 2023–24 to develop a multidimensional Decent Work Index (DWI).
- The index considered three dimensions: employment status, employment opportunity and social security, across agriculture, manufacturing, construction, wholesale and retail, and transport.

State of the Cryosphere 2026

4 November 2026

- State of the Cryosphere 2026: The Cost of Overshoot
- India's GLOF Deaths: India recorded 6,119 deaths in 62 Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) between 1835 and 2025, mainly due to ice avalanches and monsoon rainfall.
- Permafrost Carbon: Permafrost covers around 14 million sq. km and stores nearly 1,700 billion tonnes of carbon. Thawing releases carbon dioxide and methane.
- Glacier Loss: At 3°C warming, most mid-latitude glaciers below 6,000 metres could disappear, along with two-thirds of Hindu Kush Himalayan ice.

Saffron Cultivation in Ladakh

4 November 2026

- Ladakh was declared India's first fully organic Union Territory in 2026
- The National Saffron Mission was launched in 2010
- Needs 1,50,000 to 1,75,000 flowers for one kilogram
- Iran produces about 90 per cent of the world's saffron

First International Maize Conference 2026

4 November 2026

- India's first non-GMO high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid was released in 2025
- India is 4th in maize area and among the top 5-6 producers, with 3.3 to 4 per cent of world output
- The 1st International Maize Conference (IMC 2026) began at Hyderabad.
- A global meeting of scientists, policymakers, universities and agri-business leaders

Sikkim Launches North District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union

4 November 2026

- Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh digitally launched the North District Cooperative Milk Producers' Union Ltd. (NDMU) under White Revolution 2.0.
- It is expected to support farmers' livelihoods and strengthen cooperative milk production in the region.

Saltwater Crocodile Deaths at Bhitarkanika

5 November 2026

- IUCN: Least Concern; CITES Appendix I (for the Indian population); Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972
- Five saltwater crocodiles died within 27 days in and around Bhitarkanika National Park, in Odisha's Kendrapara district. This takes unnatural crocodile deaths to 22 over six years and 44 over fourteen years. The concern is illegal fishing in the area.
- On the delta formed by the Brahmani, Baitarani, Dhamra and Pathsala rivers
- It borders the Bay of Bengal

India's Farm Exports: Fish and Buffalo Meat Now Lead

5 November 2026

- During April–September 2026, India's agricultural exports reached $27.1 billion, registering 4.7% growth. Marine exports stood at $4.5 billion, while buffalo meat exports reached $3.4 billion.
- Livestock and fisheries now contribute around 40% of agricultural GDP, compared with 30% a decade ago. India is the world's second-largest fish producer and second-largest aquaculture producer.
- APEDA promotes agricultural exports, while MPEDA promotes marine product exports. India has also become a net cotton importer, with imports of $1.9 billion against exports of $560.7 million in 2025–26.

Malabar Tree Toad: Karnataka's State Amphibian

6 November 2026

- Karnataka is the first Indian state to declare a state amphibian
- Found only in the Western Ghats, at 250 to over 1,000 metres
- Size 3.5 to 3.8 cm; breeds March to June
- The Western Ghats is one of the world's biodiversity hotspots and a UNESCO World Heritage Site

1st International Maize Conference 2026 Held in Hyderabad

6 November 2026

- Event: The first International Maize Conference was held from 2–4 November 2026 at Hyderabad, Telangana.
- 5F Framework: The traditional 4F framework (Food, Feed, Fodder and Fuel) was expanded to 5F by adding Farmers, placing farmers at the centre of agricultural research and development.
- Theme: "Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World" (M4FS).
- Production: India's maize production has reached approximately 55 million tonnes, with a target of 75 million tonnes over the next decade.

Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for 92 GWh Grid-Scale Energy Storage Systems

7 & 8 November 2026

- The Union Cabinet approved a ₹14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding (VGF) Scheme for developing 92 GWh of grid-scale energy storage capacity.
- The scheme will be implemented from FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.
- Aim: To manage the intermittent supply of renewable energy, stabilise the electricity grid, promote round-the-clock green power and reduce import dependence.

Soreng Becomes India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster

10 November 2026

- PMMSY — Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, launched 2020, with an outlay of ₹20,050 crore
- Sikkim became India's first fully organic state in 2016, and won the FAO Future Policy Gold Award in 2018
- Fish production reached about 198 lakh tonnes in 2024-25
- Ladakh became India's first fully organic Union Territory in 2026

Global Carbon Budget 2026

10 November 2026

- UNEP's Emissions Gap Report 2026 said 1.5°C without overshoot is no longer possible
- Global fossil fuel emissions: Expected to reach 38.2 billion tonnes ($GtCO_2$) in 2026, compared with 38.4 billion tonnes in 2025, a decline of 0.4%.
- India's emissions: Expected to increase by 4.4% in 2026, higher than its average annual growth of 3.5% over the previous decade.
- Atmospheric CO_2 concentration: Expected to reach 427.7 parts per million (ppm) in 2026, around 54% above pre-industrial levels.

Government Plans to Expand Chana Cultivation on Rainfed Land

10 November 2026

- Pulses imports hit a record $5.5 billion and 72.6 lakh tonnes in 2024-25
- Related: the Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses (2025-26 to 2030-31), which targets tur, urad and masur
- About 2.38 million hectares of rainfed land in watershed areas has been roughly estimated
- About 75 per cent of India's pulse area is rainfed

India, Sri Lanka, Maldives and Bangladesh Launch BOB-NOR for Climate-Resilient Fisheries

10 November 2026

- Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries (BOB-NOR) is a regional research network launched by India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives.

WMO: 2026 Set to Be One of the Four Warmest Years on Record

10 November 2026

- According to the World Meteorological Organization (WMO), 2026 is likely to be among the four warmest years ever recorded.
- The period 2023–2026 is expected to include the four warmest years on record.
- The report was released on the opening day of COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye.
- The WMO's State of the Climate report highlighted record-high sea levels and ocean heat, along with declining freshwater storage.

SEBI Introduces Mutual Fund Settlement Netting Framework and Revises Derivative Limits

10 November 2026

- Securities market exposure has been introduced as an additional eligibility criterion: ₹5 crore for individuals, HUFs, family trusts and sole proprietorships, and ₹20 crore for other trusts and

body corporates.
- The limit for outstanding positions in rupee-linked currency derivatives without underlying exposure has been reduced from USD 100 million to USD 5 million for domestic investors and FPIs.
- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) will allow mutual fund schemes to net fund obligations arising from outright purchase and sale transactions in the cash market, effective 1 April 2027.
- SEBI has eased accredited investor rules by allowing fund managers to certify eligibility. Accreditation will remain valid for three years.

MobiKwik's Subsidiary Receives RBI Approval to Operate as an NBFC

10 November 2026

- The approval was granted under Section 45-IA of the RBI Act, 1934.
- The company plans to disburse loans worth ₹5,000 crore over the next 3–4 years, using an asset-light co-lending model.
- The approval allows MFSPL to provide loans directly instead of acting only as a Lending Service Provider for other lenders.

SBI's US Subsidiary Opens Its First Branch Outside California

10 November 2026

- It is the subsidiary's first physical expansion outside California and takes its total US locations to eight.
- State Bank of India (California) opened a new branch in Frisco, North Dallas, Texas, USA.

Muhurat Trading

10 November 2026

- The BSE formally introduced the organised exchange session in 1957, while the NSE adopted it in 1992.
- The practice is linked to Chopda Pujan, the traditional worship of new account books by business communities on Diwali.

Fertiliser Subsidy Rises Far Above Budget Estimate

12 November 2026

- The Union Cabinet approved ₹62,370.02 crore in fertiliser subsidy for the Rabi 2026–27 season, which is ₹24,417.73 crore higher than the previous Rabi season's allocation.
- The subsidy for Kharif 2026 was ₹41,533.81 crore, taking the combined Rabi and Kharif subsidy to over ₹1 lakh crore.
- The government had budgeted ₹1.71 lakh crore for total fertiliser subsidy in FY 2026–27. Actual spending may rise considerably above this estimate.
- The sharp increase is due to high global prices of urea, phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilisers, along with rising prices of natural gas used in fertiliser production.

Gender Gap in Farm Work Widens in 14 of 20 States

13 November 2026

- Rajasthan has the highest share of rural women in agriculture, at 90.2 per cent
- Lowest: Kerala 25.9 per cent and Punjab 39.5 per cent

Group	A year earlier	July-September 2026
Women	74.2 per cent	74.5 per cent
Men	49.2 per cent	47.2 per cent

Punjab Inaugurates 1,000 More Village Sports Grounds

13 November 2026

- Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Singh Mann inaugurated 1,000 additional village sports grounds, known as Pendu Khed Maidan, on 11 November 2026.

Union Cabinet Approves NBS Rates for Rabi 2026–27 on P&K Fertilisers

13 November 2026

- The Union Cabinet approved Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for Phosphatic and Potassic (P&K) fertilisers for the Rabi 2026–27 season.
- The estimated budget requirement is ₹62,370.02 crore, covering 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027.
- This is an increase of ₹24,417.73 crore over the ₹37,952.29 crore allocated for Rabi 2025–26.
- Under the NBS system, subsidies on non-urea fertilisers are based on their nutrient content.

TEST YOURSELF · AGRICULTURE

Fill the blank from memory, then check. Answers are at the foot of the box.

1. _____ said 1.5°C without overshoot is no longer possible

2. _____ — Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, launched 2020, with an outlay of ₹20,050 crore

3. The estimated budget requirement is _____, covering 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027.

4. _____: India recorded 6,119 deaths in 62 Glacial Lake Outburst Floods (GLOFs) between 1835 and 2025, mainly due to ice avalanches and monsoon rainfall.

5. _____ was declared India's first fully organic Union Territory in 2026

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BANKING AND FINANCE · 58

CBIC Notifies Key GST Changes under Finance Act, 2026

1 & 2 November 2026

- In October 2026, the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC) notified key Goods and Services Tax (GST) amendments under the Finance Act, 2026, effective from 1 November 2026.
- Provisional Refunds: Amended Section 54(6) extends provisional refunds to eligible claims under the inverted duty structure. Businesses can receive 90% of eligible refunds within seven days, subject to conditions.
- Export Refunds: Amended Section 54(14) removes the minimum ₹1,000 refund restriction for tax paid on goods exported out of India, benefiting small exporters.
- Post-Supply Discounts: Amended Section 15(3)(b) allows post-supply discounts to be excluded from the value of supply if the supplier issues a credit note and the recipient reverses the corresponding Input Tax Credit (ITC). Prior agreement and strict invoice-wise linkage are no longer required.

Government Constitutes High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat

1 & 2 November 2026

- In October 2026, the Ministry of Finance constituted a High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, chaired by Suresh N. Patel, former Central Vigilance Commissioner.
- Its objective is to make the banking system globally competitive, financially inclusive and resilient in line with the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047.
- Members include Shirish Chandra Murmu, RBI Deputy Governor; Padmaja Chunduru, former MD and CEO of Indian Bank; and N. S. Vishwanathan, former RBI Deputy Governor. The Joint Secretary (Banking), Department of Financial Services, will serve as Member Secretary.
- The committee will function for six months and review India's banking sector to recommend structural, institutional, regulatory and legislative reforms.

Upstox Receives SEBI Approval to Operate as Online Bond Platform Provider

1 & 2 November 2026

- Investments in corporate bonds on the platform start from ₹1,000, with indicative returns ranging from 8% to 16%.
- In October 2026, Upstox Securities Private Limited received approval from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to operate as an Online Bond Platform Provider (OBPP).
- The approval allows Upstox to offer corporate bonds directly to investors through its platform, without relying on third-party partnerships.

108 Stupas in Bhutan with India-Linked Buddha Relics

1 & 2 November 2026

- Bhutan will build 108 stupas at the same time
- Gelephu is about 240 km from the capital Thimphu. It touches Assam's Chirang district
- Relic: A small sacred remain of the Buddha or a holy person
- Mala: A prayer string with 108 beads

The NVS-03 Satellite

1 & 2 November 2026

- Weight 2,250 kg; mission life 12 years
- It also covers an area up to 1,500 km beyond India's borders
- NVS-03 launched on 30 October 2026 by GSLV-F18 from Sriharikota
- India started this project after the 1999 Kargil war, when it was refused GPS data

Glacial Lake Outburst Floods

1 & 2 November 2026

- Major Indian GLOF events: Chorabari Lake, Kedarnath (2013) and South Lhonak Lake, Sikkim (October 2023), which destroyed the Teesta-III dam at Chungthang
- The lake is held back by unstable natural barriers — moraines (loose rock and sediment), ice, or bedrock
- GLOF at Shintaphu Lake, northwestern Bhutan; affected the Mo Chhu and Sankosh rivers

Sports Values in Every Classroom Initiative

1 & 2 November 2026

- A joint educational initiative by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Ministry of Education and UNESCO
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Ministry of Education and UNESCO signed an MoU to introduce the Sports Values in Every Classroom Toolkit.

SEBI Extends KYC Review Periodicity for Eligible FPIs

3 November 2026

- In October 2026, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) extended the Know Your Customer (KYC) review period for eligible Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) from 3 years to 8 years.

- The annual KYC review period for specified FPIs has also been extended from 1 year to 2 years. The revised rules will come into effect from 1 December 2026.
- Category I FPIs: Eligible FPIs from non-high-risk jurisdictions will undergo KYC review every 8 years. Certain FPIs from high-risk jurisdictions will continue with a 2-year review.
- Category II FPIs: Regulated FPIs from non-high-risk jurisdictions will have an 8-year review period, while other specified FPIs will undergo review every 2 years.

SEBI Allows REITs and InvITs to Raise Foreign Capital through Depository Receipts

3 November 2026

- On 2 November 2026, SEBI permitted Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) to raise foreign capital through the depository receipt route.
- The move is aimed at providing additional channels for raising funds from international investors.

COP31

3 November 2026

- UNEP's Emissions Gap Report 2026 said 1.5 degrees without overshoot is no longer possible
- India's targets: 45 per cent cut in emission intensity by 2030 over 2005, 50 per cent non-fossil power by 2030, net zero by 2070
- The world will cross the 1.5 degree mark within ten years
- The 2015 Paris Agreement aimed to keep global warming below 1.5 to 2 degrees above pre-industrial levels

India's First Private Fusion Reactor: PRANIK and PRAGYA

3 November 2026

- Pranos Fusion, a company based in Bengaluru, will finish the design of PRANIK by 2027. PRANIK will be India's first fusion reactor built by a private company. The company has already built PRAGYA, a small test machine called a tokamak.
- Blueprint to be ready by 2027
- Build small, low-cost fusion reactors in India
- It will heat deuterium and tritium gas to over 100 million degrees Celsius

Fission	Fusion
Splits a big atom like uranium	**Joins** two small atoms
Used in today's nuclear plants	Still being developed
Leaves **dangerous waste** for thousands of years	Leaves **much less waste**
Can **melt down** if cooling fails	**Cannot melt down**

Digi Yatra

3 November 2026

- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has started Digi Yatra trials for international passengers. The trials are running at seven major Indian airports.

RBI Eases Export-Import Reporting Rules for Resident Individuals

4 November 2026

- The revised rules introduce a ₹10 lakh threshold for certain service-related transactions. The amendments came into force retrospectively from 1 October 2026.
- On 2 November 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) amended its Foreign Exchange Management regulations relating to the export and import of goods and services.
- The amendments were notified through the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) (Second Amendment) Regulations, 2026.

SEBI Issues Framework for Depository Receipts of REITs and InvITs at GIFT City

4 November 2026

- In November 2026, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a framework allowing Real Estate Investment Trusts (REITs) and Infrastructure Investment Trusts (InvITs) to issue Depository Receipts (DRs) backed by their units.
- A fresh issue of DRs will require prior approval from unitholders, with at least 75% of votes cast in favour.
- These DRs can be listed on permitted exchanges at Gujarat International Finance Tec-City (GIFT City).
- SEBI also reduced the Offer for Sale (OFS) cooling-off period for illiquid private listed InvITs from 12 weeks to 8 weeks.

Fibe Launches UPI Payments after NPCI Approval

4 November 2026

- The service is available to users even if they are not borrowers of Fibe. The company was established in 2015 and is headquartered in Pune, Maharashtra.
- Users can make payments through bank accounts, use RuPay credit cards and link eligible credit lines to UPI.

Razorpay Receives Final Payment Service Provider Licence from IFSCA

4 November 2026

- In November 2026, Razorpay Payments Private Limited received the final Payment Service Provider (PSP) licence from the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) to operate from

RBI Forms New Committee on Financial Markets

5 November 2026

- It will have seven external members and will meet at least once every three months.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has established the Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets (TCCFM).
- The committee will be headed by the Deputy Governor in charge of the Financial Markets Regulation Department, currently Rohit Jain.

SEBI Eases KYC Rules for Overseas Investors

5 November 2026

- The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has relaxed Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) and foreign nationals.
- Eligible investors residing in Financial Action Task Force (FATF)-compliant countries can now complete their KYC process online from abroad.
- Earlier, digital KYC required investors to be physically present in India, creating difficulties for overseas investors.
- The change will make it easier for overseas investors to access Indian financial markets without waiting for a visit to India.

SEBI Signs MoU with Digital India BHASHINI Division

5 November 2026

- On 3 November 2026, SEBI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD) to expand investor education and financial services in regional Indian languages.
- BHASHINI operates under the Digital India Corporation (DIC), Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).

Equitas Small Finance Bank Appoints Balaji Nuthalapadi as Interim CEO

5 November 2026

- He is the bank's Whole-Time Director and Executive Director and has more than 28 years of banking experience.
- In November 2026, Equitas Small Finance Bank appointed Balaji Nuthalapadi as its Interim Chief Executive Officer (CEO), subject to RBI approval.
- The appointment followed the resignation of Managing Director and CEO P. N. Vasudevan on 29 October 2026.
- Balaji Nuthalapadi began his banking career with Citibank in Chennai in 1997 and joined Equitas in March 2025.

Razorpay Gets Approval to Launch Banking Services

5 November 2026

- The company had received in-principle approval in April 2026.
- Razorpay was founded in 2014 and is headquartered in Bengaluru, Karnataka.
- Its banking integrations with RBL Bank and ICICI Bank are already live on the network.

SEBI Partners with BHASHINI for Regional-Language Services

4 November 2026

- On 3 November 2026, SEBI signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Digital India BHASHINI Division (DIBD).
- The partnership aims to expand financial information and regulatory services in regional Indian languages.

Women in Business and Management Report: ILO

4 November 2026

- Women in India earn about 28 per cent less per hour than men
- An ILO report says less than 12 per cent of manager jobs in India are held by women. India ranks 32nd out of 34 countries in the Asia-Pacific region. Only Pakistan and Bangladesh rank lower. The report is called "Women in Business and Management: Scaling Success".
- This is the fourth-widest gap among the 23 Asia-Pacific economies studied

Item	Figure
Women in manager jobs in India	**Less than 12 per cent**
India's rank	**32nd out of 34** economies
Below India	**Pakistan** and **Bangladesh**

India Third in Hurun Gazelle Index

4 November 2026

- India has moved past the UK to reach third place in the 2026 ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Gazelle Index. India now has 51 gazelle companies, four more than last year.
- Started in 2000 or later
- Worth between $500 million and $1 billion
- Likely to become a unicorn within three years

Rank	Country	Gazelles
1	**United States**	**302**
2	**China**	**278**
3	**India**	**51**

CCI Approves Kotak Mahindra Bank's Acquisition of Deutsche Bank's Indian Businesses

5 November 2026

- On 3 November 2026, the Competition Commission of India (CCI) approved Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited's proposed acquisition of Deutsche Bank's retail banking, private banking and wealth management businesses in India.

RBI Proposes New Priority Sector Lending Limits

6 November 2026

- Loans to individuals up to ₹25 lakh, including for vocational courses
- The RBI has released draft rules on Priority Sector Lending (PSL). A key proposal: loans for agricultural infrastructure will have a limit of ₹100 crore per borrower from the whole banking system.
- The RBI requires banks to lend a fixed share of their credit to certain sectors
- These are sectors that find it hard to get loans on their own

Type of loan	Limit
Crop loans, medium and long-term farm loans, pre- and post-harvest loans	**₹4 crore** per borrowing entity
Agricultural infrastructure	**₹100 crore** per borrower, from the entire banking system

RBI Tightens Cybersecurity Rules for Non-Bank Payment System Operators

6 November 2026

- Audit Requirements: Annual cybersecurity audit reports must be submitted within two months of the financial year ending. For firms following April–March, the deadline is 1 June.
- New Rules: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued consolidated cybersecurity directions for all non-bank Payment System Operators (PSOs), addressing risks from artificial intelligence and other cyber threats.
- Software Security: PSOs must obtain source code for critical applications purchased from external vendors. If unavailable, they must establish an escrow arrangement and obtain developer certification.
- ATM Security: White-label ATM operators must secure shared ATM switches, restrict external remote connections and provide RBI inspection access. The rules also cover third-party service providers and payment gateways.

RBI Constitutes Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets

6 November 2026

- Committee: The RBI constituted the Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets (TCCFM) in November 2026.
- Chairperson: Deputy Governor Rohit Jain will head the committee, which will include seven external members.
- Coverage: It will discuss policy and operational matters related to money markets, government securities, foreign exchange and derivatives markets.
- Meeting Frequency: The committee will meet at least once every three months to strengthen engagement between the RBI and financial market participants.

RBI Eases Reporting Requirements for Small Service Exporters and Importers

6 November 2026

- Reporting: Non-individual exporters receive similar treatment for service export receipts up to ₹10 lakh. Authorised Dealer (AD) banks must enter service import details into the Import Data Processing and Monitoring System (IDPMS) within five working days.
- Amendment: The RBI amended the Foreign Exchange Management (Export and Import of Goods and Services) Regulations, 2026.
- Effective Date: The changes apply retrospectively from 1 October 2026.
- Service Exporters: Resident individuals exporting services will be considered to have submitted the Export Declaration Form (EDF) once they provide the required payment information to their authorised dealer bank.

SEBI Forms Working Group to Improve Market Access for Startups

6 November 2026

- Committee: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) formed an 18-member Working Group to review the regulatory framework of the Innovators Growth Platform (IGP).
- KYC Relaxation: SEBI also relaxed digital Know Your Customer (KYC) requirements for eligible NRIs, OCIs and foreign nationals, allowing overseas onboarding without visiting India. The changes take effect from 3 December 2026.
- Chairpersons: Srini Srinivasan of the Indian Venture and Alternate Capital Association (IVCA) and Prashanth Prakash of Accel Partners will co-chair the group.

NPCI Launches Fourth Wholly Owned Subsidiary – NTSL

6 November 2026

- Launch: The National Payments Corporation of India

(NPCI) launched NPCI Tech Solutions Limited (NTSL) in November 2026.
- Leadership: Vishal Kanvaty, Chief Technology Officer of NPCI, was appointed Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer.

SEBI Relaxes KYC Rules for Overseas Investors

6 November 2026

- Deadline: Intermediaries must upload completed KYC records to KYC Registration Agencies (KRAs) within three working days. The revised framework is effective from 3 December 2026.
- Decision: SEBI relaxed digital KYC requirements for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs), Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) and eligible foreign nationals.
- Online Onboarding: Eligible investors can complete KYC procedures digitally from abroad without visiting India.
- Documents: Investors must submit passport copies and, where applicable, OCI cards. Digital specimen signatures are permitted, subject to verification through Video-based In-Person Verification (VIPV).

US Midterm Elections

6 November 2026

- The 2026 US midterm elections brought a big political change. The Democratic Party won a majority in the House of Representatives and took control of the Senate.

Body	What is contested
House of Representatives	**All 435 seats**, for **two-year** terms
Senate	About **one-third** of the 100 seats — usually **33 to 35** — for **six-year** terms

SBI Opens New Branch in Texas, USA

7 & 8 November 2026

- It is the first physical expansion of SBI's California-based subsidiary beyond California.
- The expansion aims to strengthen India's international banking presence and improve financial services for customers in the United States.
- State Bank of India (SBI) opened a new branch in Texas, expanding its banking presence in the United States.

Railways Wins PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award 2026

7 & 8 November 2026

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched in February 2024, with an outlay of ₹75,021 crore
- The Ministry of Railways won the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award 2026. It stood first among all Central ministries for putting solar panels on its buildings.
- It aims to cover 1 crore households and gives up to 300 units of free electricity a month
- Indian Railways aims to become a net zero carbon emitter by 2030

NDC-TIA Phase II

7 & 8 November 2026

Phase	Period
Phase I	Launched **November 2019**
Phase II	**November 2024 to September 2028**

Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) (Amendment) Order, 2026

7 & 8 November 2026

- Under the Foreigners Act, 1946 and the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920
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- The Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) (Amendment) Order, 2026. It changes the 2025 order and sets new rules for travel between India, Nepal and Bhutan.
- It amends the Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) Order, 2025

Rajatarangini, Mahabharata and Arthashastra in UNESCO Register

7 & 8 November 2026

- It includes the Bhagavad Gita, which has 700 verses and appears in the Bhishma Parva
- Started by UNESCO in 1992
- R. Shamasastry rediscovered it in 1905 and published it in 1909
- UNESCO was founded in 1945, headquartered at Paris

PFRDA Revises Naming of NPS Schemes and Display of Pension Fund Options

9 November 2026

- The revised rules will come into effect from 1 December 2026.
- The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) revised the naming and display rules for National Pension System (NPS) schemes on Point of Presence (PoP) platforms.
- The new scheme name will contain three elements: pension fund abbreviation, common identifier NPS, and a unique scheme name.

Agnipath 2.0

9 November 2026

- Launched: 14 June 2022.

- Objective: To recruit young personnel into the Indian Army, Navy and Air Force and maintain a younger age profile in the Armed Forces.
- Seva Nidhi: Agniveers completing four years receive a one-time package of approximately ₹11.71 lakh, including interest, under the original arrangement.
- On 4 November 2026, the Union Cabinet approved major changes to the Agnipath Scheme on the recommendations of the three Armed Forces.

Particulars	Earlier Provision (2022)	Revised Provision (2026)
Service period	4 years	Up to 6 years for Agniveers opting for the second engagement
First-stage regular recruitment	25% selected after 4 years	No change; 25% will continue to be selected on merit
Remaining 75%	Had to leave after 4 years	Offered an additional 2 years of service
Second opportunity for regular recruitment	No such provision	Opportunity after 6 years, subject to selection criteria
Monthly salary during extension	Not applicable	₹43,500 in the 5th year and ₹47,500 in the 6th year
Seva Nidhi	Original package	Enhanced package after the additional engagement
Seniority benefits	No additional provision	Seniority benefits under the revised arrangement

Teghaza 001: An Ancient Mars Meteorite

9 November 2026

- India's Mars mission was Mangalyaan, launched 2013. India became the first country to succeed on its first attempt
- A NASA-funded study in the journal Science confirmed that a meteorite named Teghaza 001 came from Mars. It is over 4.1 billion years old. It was found in the Sahara Desert in 2022.
- It formed from cooling magma in the Martian crust, over 4.1 billion years ago
- It fell in Teghaza, Mali, in the Sahara, and was found in 2022

Global Innovation Index 2026

9 November 2026

- First published in 2007. This is the 19th edition
- It also maps the world's top 100 science and technology clusters
- WIPO released the Global Innovation Index 2026. It ranks 139 economies by how well they innovate. India ranks 38th.
- 38th overall

Group	Pillars
Innovation Input (5)	Institutions, Human Capital and Research, Infrastructure, Market Sophistication, Business Sophistication
Innovation Output (2)	Knowledge and Technology Outputs, Creative Outputs

Anthrax Outbreak at Virunga National Park

9 November 2026

- A UNESCO World Heritage Site since 1979
- It borders Uganda and Rwanda

Micro Credit Guarantee Scheme Extended to 2031

12 November 2026

- Launched in January 2016
- CGFMU extended to March 2031, with a corpus of ₹5,000 crore
- As of September 2026: over 60.36 crore loans worth ₹43.34 lakh crore under PMMY
- Mudra loan categories: Shishu up to ₹50,000, Kishore ₹50,000 to ₹5 lakh, Tarun ₹5 lakh to ₹10 lakh, and Tarun Plus ₹10 lakh to ₹20 lakh, added in 2024

RBI Issues Cybersecurity Directions for Non-Bank Payment System Operators

12 November 2026

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued Master Directions on Cyber Resilience and Digital Payment Security Controls for non-bank Payment System Operators (PSOs) on 5 November 2026.
- The directions apply immediately to large and medium non-bank PSOs, while small PSOs have until 1 April 2028 to comply.
- PSOs must report unusual incidents, including cyberattacks, major system failures, internal fraud and settlement delays, to the RBI and CERT-In within six hours of detection.

RBI Consolidates Domestic Money Transfer Rules

12 November 2026

- A walk-in customer can send up to ₹50,000 per transaction through NEFT at a bank branch.
- Through business correspondents, ATMs and other approved channels, the cash-in limit is ₹5,000 per transaction, with a monthly limit of ₹25,000 per sender.
- The existing transaction limits remain unchanged, while safeguards for cash-based money transfers have been formalised.

Particulars	Limit

Per transaction	₹10,000
Per month, per beneficiary	₹25,000

IRDAI Constitutes Working Groups for Risk-Based Capital Framework

12 November 2026

- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) constituted two working groups to develop a Risk-Based Capital (RBC) framework aligned with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind-AS).

Patna Municipal Corporation Raises ₹199.99 Crore Through Municipal Bonds

12 November 2026

- It mobilised approximately ₹199.99 crore through a bond issue on 30 October 2026 using the NSE Electronic Bidding Platform.
- The bonds carry an annual interest rate of 9.20% and have a tenure of 10 years.
- The Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) became the first urban local body in Bihar to raise funds through municipal bonds.
- The funds will support 18 development projects across 15 locations in Patna, including vending zones, parking facilities, marriage halls and commercial infrastructure.

Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum Approved

12 November 2026

- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved a ₹3,230 crore project to build the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum in the North and South Block buildings in New Delhi.
- The National Museum, New Delhi was set up in 1949
- ASI was founded in 1861 by Alexander Cunningham, under the Ministry of Culture
- International Museum Day: 18 May — the same date the museum was announced

Item	Detail
Cost	**₹3,230 crore**
Location	**North and South Block**, New Delhi
Built-up area	About **1,78,509 square metres**
Period	**2026-27 to 2030-31**, in phases

UNESCO Global Education Monitoring Report 2026

12 November 2026

- Women's enrolment increased from 1.57 crore (2014–15) to 2.24 crore (2023–24), a rise of 42.2%.
- India has reduced over 65% of its original gender gap in upper secondary completion since 2000.
- Out-of-school numbers rose to 273 million in 2024, the seventh straight rise; 13 million more in conflict areas are not counted
- Enrolment since 2000: pre-primary +45, primary and secondary +30, tertiary +161 per cent

Area	Upper Secondary GPI
India overall	0.89
Rural India	0.59
Urban India	1.00 (Parity)

Booker Prize 2026

12 November 2026

- British author M. John Harrison won the Booker Prize 2026 for his novel "The End of Everything". It is the first time a work mixing science fiction and satire has won the prize.
- Salman Rushdie also won the Booker of Bookers (1993) and the Best of the Booker (2008).
- Who Won in 2026?
- A leading literary award

Item	Detail
Author	**M. John Harrison**, aged **81**, British
Book	**"The End of Everything"**
Judging panel chaired by	Historian **Mary Beard**

Mizoram and SBI Sign MoU for Digital Revenue Collection

13 November 2026

- Own Source Revenue (OSR) refers to income collected by a local government body from its own sources, rather than grants received from higher levels of government.

NCDEX Launches India's First Steel Scrap Futures Contract

13 November 2026

- The National Commodity and Derivatives Exchange (NCDEX) launched India's first Price Reporting Agency-based steel scrap futures contract in partnership with BigMint Technologies on 11 November 2026.
- The contract is based on Heavy Melting Scrap (HMS) 80:20, comprising 80% HMS Grade 1 and 20% HMS Grade 2.
- Its trading unit is 10 metric tonnes, with a maximum order size of 500 metric tonnes. Settlement will be cash-based, without physical delivery.
- BigMint will act as the Price Reporting Agency, providing daily spot price assessments under International Organization of Securities Commissions (IOSCO) standards.

Till March 2031

13 November 2026

- The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU) under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) until 31 March 2031.
- The fund has a corpus of ₹5,000 crore and is expected to support loans worth ₹12.6 lakh crore.
- It provides guarantee coverage for eligible PMMY loans of up to ₹20 lakh, reducing the risk faced by lending institutions.
- CGFMU was launched in January 2016 and is managed by the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited (NCGTC).

OECD Report: Indians Among Largest Group of New Citizens

13 November 2026

- OECD was founded in 1961, headquartered at Paris; it has 38 members. India is not a member but is a Key Partner
- OECD countries gave citizenship to nearly 87 lakh people between 2020 and 2024. Indians made up about 10 per cent of them.
- Each of those accounted for about 5.9 lakh citizenships over the five years
- But Chinese numbers fell by about 12 per cent, to 3.4 lakh

Period	New citizens in OECD countries	Indian share
2015-2019	About **65 lakh**	**10 per cent**
2020-2024	Nearly **87 lakh**	About **10 per cent**

Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027

13 November 2026

- First published: 2005.
- Index: Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027.
- The index evaluates countries and the European Union using 14 indicators across four categories.
- Total indicators: 14.

Category	Weightage
Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions	**40%**
Renewable Energy	**20%**
Energy Use	**20%**
Climate Policy	**20%**

Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025–26

13 November 2026

- Launched: 2016, initially covering 73 cities.
- Assessment: 43 indicators across 10 domains, supported by digital and GPS-based verification and citizen feedback.
- Conducted under Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban (SBM-U) by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).
- 2025–26 Edition: 10th edition, covering 4,751 cities.

Award Category	Top Three Winners
Super Swachh League	1. Navi Mumbai 2. Surat 3. Vijayawada
Swachh Shehar (Million Plus)	1. Visakhapatnam 2. Jabalpur 3. Lucknow
Swachh Shehar Jodi	1. Ahmedabad–Sanand 2. Indore–Depalpur 3. Tirupati–Kuppam
Clean Himalayan Cities	1. Rudrapur 2. Jammu 3. Shopian
Swachh River Front Towns	1. Rewa 2. Bilaspur 3. Varanasi
Swachh Coastal Towns	1. Puri 2. Alappuzha 3. Ratnagiri

Stand-Up India Scheme

13 November 2026

- The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme until 31 March 2031, targeting at least 2.5 lakh additional beneficiaries.
- Launched: 5 April 2016.
- Launched: 5 April 2016.
- Eligible Beneficiaries: Women and SC/ST entrepreneurs above 18 years of age.

Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU)

13 November 2026

- Launched: January 2016.
- Launched: January 2016.
- The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU) for five years, up to 31 March 2031, with a new ₹5,000 crore corpus.
- PMMY loans up to ₹20 lakh, including Tarun Plus.

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Fill the blank from memory, then check. Answers are at the foot of the box.

1. _____ said 1.5 degrees without overshoot is no longer possible

2. Under the _____ and the Passport (Entry into India) Act, 1920

3. _____ was launched in February 2024, with an outlay of ₹75,021 crore

4. India's Mars mission was _____, launched 2013. India became the first country to succeed on its first attempt

5. First published in _____. This is the 19th edition

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EPFO Celebrates 74th Foundation Day

1 & 2 November 2026

- The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) celebrated its 74th Foundation Day in New Delhi in November 2026.
- EPFO was established in 1952 and has developed into one of India's major social security institutions.

Vizhinjam Port Receives Its First Import Container

1 & 2 November 2026

- Vizhinjam International Seaport in Kerala received its first import container on 31 October 2026, marking the beginning of direct import operations.

Vultr Launches 20-MW AI Supercluster in Chennai

3 November 2026

- On 2 November 2026, U.S.-based cloud infrastructure company Vultr launched a 20-megawatt (MW) Artificial Intelligence (AI) supercluster in Chennai.
- The facility is powered by AMD Instinct MI355X Graphics Processing Units (GPUs).

Ministry of Civil Aviation Notifies Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026

4 November 2026

- In October 2026, the Ministry of Civil Aviation notified the Bharatiya Vayuyan Niyam, 2026, replacing the Aircraft Rules, 1937.
- The new rules will come into effect on 1 January 2027.
- They have been framed under the Bharatiya Vayuyan Adhiniyam, 2024, to modernise India's civil aviation regulatory framework.
- The rules cover aircraft registration, airworthiness certification, maintenance, flight operations, personnel licensing, airline tariffs and airport operations.

NITI Aayog and TEXMiN Sign Joint Statement of Intent

5 November 2026

- In November 2026, NITI Aayog and TEXMiN (Technology Innovation in Exploration & Mining Foundation) signed a Joint Statement of Intent (SoI) to strengthen India's critical and strategic minerals sector.
- The partnership focuses on four areas: collaborative research and technology development, technical and strategic studies, policy and institutional support, and capacity building.

Bihar Introduces Comprehensive Silt Management Policy, 2026

5 November 2026

- The Bihar Water Sources Restoration and Silt Management Policy, 2026 was notified on 17 September 2026.
- Bihar became the first Indian state to introduce a comprehensive state-level silt management policy.
- It aims to restore rivers and water bodies through scientific desilting, improve water-carrying capacity and strengthen flood management.

Nadi Sanjivani Initiative

5 November 2026

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and the Government of Bihar signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote scientific desilting.
- Bihar's Road Construction Department (RCD) will coordinate the policy with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- A State-level Coordination Committee will support implementation.

India Plans World's Highest Railway Station at Tanglang La

5 November 2026

- India plans to construct a railway station at approximately 5,256 metres near Tanglang La Pass.
- The proposed station will be part of the 489-km Bilaspur–Manali–Leh broad-gauge railway line.

NITI Aayog and TEXMiN Sign Joint Statement of Intent

6 November 2026

- Objective: The partnership aims to promote indigenous technologies, research and innovation in India's critical minerals ecosystem.

Bihar Introduces Comprehensive Silt Management Policy 2026

6 November 2026

- Objectives: The policy aims to restore rivers and water bodies, improve water-carrying capacity and strengthen flood management through scientific desilting.
- Policy: Bihar introduced the Bihar Water Sources Restoration and Silt Management Policy, 2026, notified on 17 September 2026.
- First State: Bihar became the first Indian state to introduce a comprehensive state-level silt

Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS)

7 & 8 November 2026

- The government approved 12 new applications under the ₹40,000 crore Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme.
- The approved projects are expected to generate production worth ₹39,045 crore and create 7,127 direct jobs.
- With these approvals, the total number of proposed electronics component manufacturing units has increased to 118.

Nadi Sanjivani Initiative Promotes Silt Reuse in Highway Construction

6 November 2026

- Agreement: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) and the Government of Bihar signed an MoU to promote scientific desilting and reuse of river silt.
- Coordination: Bihar's Road Construction Department (RCD) will coordinate with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI).
- Monitoring: A State-level Coordination Committee will support implementation and coordination.

India Plans World's Highest Railway Station Near Tanglang La

6 November 2026

- Location: India plans to construct a railway station near Tanglang La Pass, at approximately 5,256 metres above sea level.
- Project: The station will be part of the proposed 489-km Bilaspur–Manali–Leh broad-gauge railway line.

IICA Signs MoU with IAMC to Strengthen Alternative Dispute Resolution

6 November 2026

- Agreement: The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) signed an MoU with the International Arbitration and Mediation Centre (IAMC), Hyderabad, on 4 November 2026.
- Objective: The partnership aims to strengthen India's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) ecosystem and improve Ease of Doing Business.
- Capacity Building: It will develop training programmes for arbitrators, mediators and dispute-resolution professionals.
- MSME Support: The partnership will promote mediation in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector and support research and policy development.

Odisha Signs MoU with J-PAL South Asia for Evidence-Based Policymaking

6 November 2026

- Objective: The partnership will support evidence-based policymaking and Odisha Vision 2036 and 2047.
- Monitoring: A Chief Secretary-led Steering Committee will review projects every six months. The partnership also supports the Barnali gender-equity curriculum, taught in around 23,000 government schools.

Centre Orders Weekly Disclosure of Rice and Paddy Stocks

7 & 8 November 2026

- The order was issued on 6 November 2026 amid rising rice prices due to weak and uneven monsoon rainfall.
- The Central Government ordered traders, retailers, wholesalers, processors and millers to declare their rice and paddy stocks every week.
- Aim: To monitor stock levels, prevent hoarding and control unusual price increases in the domestic market.

Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo (BRES) 2026

9 November 2026

- The first Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 was held from 2–5 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, under the theme "Invest. Innovate. Inspire."
- The summit witnessed 10 MoUs and framework agreements and the launch of the IEA report India RE Market Report 2026: Analysis and Forecast to 2030.
- It was organised by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) in partnership with the International Solar Alliance (ISA), with IREDA and SECI as organising partners.
- India secured investment commitments worth nearly USD 400 billion across the renewable energy sector.

NITI Aayog and GIZ Agreement for Road Freight Decarbonisation

9 November 2026

- NITI Aayog and Germany's GIZ GmbH signed an Implementation Agreement on 3 November 2026 under the Nationally Determined Contribution–Transport Initiative for Asia Phase II (NDC-TIA II).
- It is supported by Germany's International Climate Initiative (IKI), with partners including WRI India, ICCT India and Agora Energiewende.

Adani Ports to Acquire Netherlands-Based Evos for USD 2.88 Billion

10 November 2026

- Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited (APSEZ) announced an agreement to acquire a 100% stake in Evos B.V., a Netherlands-based liquid storage and terminal operator.
- The deal has an enterprise value of EUR 2.56 billion (approximately USD 2.88 billion).
- Evos operates eight port-based terminals across the Netherlands, Germany, Belgium, Spain and Malta, adding 6.3 million cubic metres of storage capacity.
- The acquisition will expand APSEZ's network to 28 ports and terminals across 10 countries and strengthen its presence in Europe.

India Raises Fertiliser Subsidy by 64%, Exceeding Budget Estimates

12 November 2026

- The government has approved a fertiliser subsidy of ₹70,870.02 crore is about 64% higher than the previous Rabi season's allocation of ₹37,952 crore.
- Total fertiliser subsidy expenditure for FY 2026–27 may reach ₹3 lakh crore or more, compared with the budget estimate of ₹1.71 lakh crore.
- The Centre's higher fertiliser subsidy allocation reflects rising international prices of fertilisers and natural gas.
- Higher subsidy spending may put pressure on the government's fiscal deficit, but it helps protect farmers from rising input costs.

Doimukh to Host First Business-to-Consumer Expo

13 November 2026

- The first Doimukh Entrepreneurs Meet 2026, a Business-to-Consumer (B2C) Expo, will be held on 12 and 13 November 2026.
- The expo aims to connect local entrepreneurs directly with consumers and provide a platform to promote local products and businesses.

Retail Inflation Rises to 6.09% in October 2026

13 November 2026

- India's retail inflation increased to 6.09% in October, compared with 5.54% in September 2026.
- It crossed the RBI's upper tolerance limit of 6% for the first time since the new CPI series was introduced in January 2026.
- The RBI's inflation target is 4%, with a tolerance band of 2% on either side, making the acceptable range 2%–6%.

Moody's Raises India's FY27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7%

13 November 2026

- Moody's Ratings raised India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 to 7%, from its earlier estimate of 6.5%.
- Global economic growth is projected to slow from 2.8% in 2025 to 2.6% in 2026 and remain at that level in 2027.
- The report also highlighted risks such as persistent inflation, possible monsoon-related disruptions and tight monetary conditions.
- Strong private consumption, investment, manufacturing and services activity are among the major growth drivers.

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Indian Navy's ₹80,000-Crore Next-Generation Destroyer Programme

1 & 2 November 2026

- The government has given in-principle approval to the Indian Navy's next-generation destroyer programme, Project 18A, with an estimated cost of around ₹80,000 crore.
- The ships will be designed by the Navy's Warship Design Bureau and are expected to have nearly 75% indigenous content. Both Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and private companies can participate.
- The programme involves building advanced stealth guided-missile destroyers equipped with modern weapons, sensors and technologies.
- Delivery is expected to begin five to ten years after the signing of contracts.

PM Modi Inaugurates ESTIC 2026

1 & 2 November 2026

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the second edition of the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC 2026) at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The event was held from 27 to 29 October 2026 under the theme "Creative Minds, Catalyzing Science, Empowering Technologies."
- It was organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Ministry of Science and Technology, in partnership with CSIR-National Institute for Interdisciplinary Science and Technology.
- The conclave covered 12 thematic areas, including Artificial Intelligence, biotechnology, quantum communication, agricultural technology, advanced materials, healthcare, energy, climate science and ocean research.

VISV-2026 Inaugurated in New Delhi

1 & 2 November 2026

- Union Minister of State for Defence Sanjay Seth inaugurated VISV-2026 (Vision, Innovation, Synergy, Values) at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.
- The Centre for Joint Warfare Studies is a tri-service defence think tank established on 27 August 2007.
- The event was organised by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in partnership with the Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS).
- Its theme was "Showcasing Defence Capabilities, Strengthening Global Partnerships." It aimed to promote indigenous defence technologies, self-reliance and international cooperation.

National Social Security Boards Constituted for Unorganised and Gig Workers

1 & 2 November 2026

- In October 2026, the Ministry of Labour and Employment notified the constitution of two National Social Security Boards under the Code on Social Security, 2020.
- The two boards are for unorganised workers and gig and platform workers. Their purpose is to strengthen social security planning and welfare monitoring.
- Both boards have a three-year tenure and are chaired by Union Labour Minister Mansukh Mandaviya, with Labour Secretary Dr. Chandra Bhushan Kumar as Vice-Chairperson.

India Hosts BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise

1 & 2 November 2026

- It was announced as an initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Thailand.
- The exercise is scheduled to continue until 3 November 2026.

Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal Takes Charge as Eastern Air Command Chief

1 & 2 November 2026

- He was commissioned into the flying branch of the Indian Air Force as a fighter pilot on 14 June 1989.
- Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal assumed charge as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command.

India Celebrates National Unity Day 2026

1 & 2 November 2026

- In 2026, India celebrated his 151st birth anniversary at the Statue of Unity in Ekta Nagar, Gujarat.
- The day was first observed in 2014, following its declaration by the Government of India.
- National Unity Day, also known as Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, is observed every year on 31 October to mark the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
- Sardar Patel, popularly known as the Iron Man of India, played a major role in integrating more than 560 princely states into the Indian Union.

Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: Important Facts

1 & 2 November 2026

- Born on 31 October 1875 in Nadiad, Gujarat.
- India's first Deputy Prime Minister and Home Minister.

Indian Navy Rescues Hijacked Iranian Fishing Vessel Azini

3 November 2026

- On 2 November 2026, the Indian Navy rescued all 20 crew members of the Iranian fishing vessel Azini in the Arabian Sea.
- The rescue was carried out through a coordinated 48-hour operation.

Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha: Important Facts

1 & 2 November 2026

- 30 October 2026 marked the 117th birth anniversary of Dr. Homi Jehangir Bhabha, popularly known as the Father of India's Nuclear Programme.
- He completed his doctoral research in 1935 under physicist Ralph H. Fowler at the Cavendish Laboratory, University of Cambridge.
- He was born on 30 October 1909 in Bombay, now Mumbai.

Mekedatu Project: Land Identified for Forest Clearance

1 & 2 November 2026

- Karnataka Chief Minister D. K. Shivakumar stated that around 2,500 acres of alternative land, including forest land, had been identified to facilitate the Mekedatu balancing reservoir project.
- It aims to store around 66 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water and support drinking water supply to Bengaluru and neighbouring areas.
- The project is also expected to generate 400 megawatts (MW) of electricity and benefit irrigation in parts of the Cauvery basin.

India Hosts CGIAR Science and Partnership Week 2027

1 & 2 November 2026

- India will host the CGIAR Science and Partnership Week in New Delhi from 12 to 17 April 2027.
- The event will be held at Yashobhoomi and will bring together researchers and partners.
- It aims to promote science, innovation and partnerships to address challenges related to food, land and water systems.

Defence Ministry Signs ₹53,866.50-Crore Deal for Eight Next Generation Corvettes

3 November 2026

- The Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth ₹53,866.50 crore with Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) and Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) for the construction of eight Next Generation Corvettes (NGCs).
- GRSE will construct five corvettes, while GSL will construct the remaining three.
- This is the first time that warships designed by the Indian Navy will be constructed by Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs).
- The corvettes will have advanced missiles, weapons and sensors to support operations in air, surface and underwater domains.

Manipur Launches BRICS Sustainable Lifestyle Week 2026

3 November 2026

- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh launched the BRICS Sustainable Lifestyle Week 2026 on 1 November 2026 in Imphal.
- The programme will run from 1 to 7 November 2026 and is organised by the Government of Manipur.

Chandigarh Police Receives President's Colour

3 November 2026

- Since 4 August 2024, the force registered 8,206 FIRs and achieved conviction rates of 85% overall and 93% under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.
- Chandigarh Police has more than 6,000 personnel across different wings, including the Crime Wing, Traffic Police, Security Wing and Operations Cell.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to Chandigarh Police during its 60th Raising Day and Diamond Jubilee celebrations in November 2026.
- The Centre provided 2,152 additional AI-enabled surveillance cameras, taking the total to around 4,282 cameras. The Minister also flagged off 141 new vehicles.

Valley of Flowers National Park Records 35,261 Visitors

3 November 2026

- Uttarakhand's Valley of Flowers National Park recorded a record 35,261 visitors during its five-month open season before closing for winter.
- Situated at an average altitude of around 3,600 metres, it is known for its alpine flowers, glacial valleys and biodiversity.
- It was declared a National Park in 1982 and inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2005 as an extension of Nanda Devi National Park. It is part of the Nanda Devi Biosphere Reserve.

Aditya-L1 Detects Asymmetric Expansion of Solar Eruption

3 November 2026

- The study was published in The Astrophysical Journal Letters on 3 November 2026.

- Aditya-L1 is India's first space-based solar observatory, designed to study the Sun and its activities.
- Scientists from the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru, reported the asymmetric expansion of a solar eruption using observations from India's Aditya-L1 mission.

IceCube Detects Ultra-High-Energy Cosmic Neutrinos

3 November 2026

- On 2 November 2026, scientists reported the detection of cosmic neutrinos with energies around 10 billion times higher than typical solar neutrinos.

Bundibugyo Ebola Virus Outbreak

3 November 2026

- It belongs to the genus Orthoebolavirus and the family Filoviridae. The reported average case fatality rate for Ebola is around 50%, although it varies by species and outbreak response.
- The supplied news report describes an outbreak of the Bundibugyo strain of Ebola originating in the Democratic Republic of Congo's eastern Ituri province.

Cyclone Murasu

3 November 2026

- Murasu is reported as the first tropical cyclone to receive a Tamil name since the North Indian Ocean cyclone-naming system began in September 2004.
- The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal intensified into Severe Cyclonic Storm Murasu, with reported sustained wind speeds of 100–110 kmph.
- According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), a Severe Cyclonic Storm has sustained wind speeds of 48–63 knots (89–117 kmph).

India Hosts BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise

3 November 2026

- The initiative was announced during the 6th BIMSTEC Summit in Thailand.

India Tops Medal Tally at Tammer Boxing Tournament 2026

3 November 2026

- The Indian contingent consisted of 14 boxers.
- India topped the medal tally at the 46th International Tammer Boxing Tournament, held in Tampere, Finland, from 30 October to 1 November 2026.

Cheetah CCB-4 Enters Rajasthan

3 November 2026

- Cheetah CCB-4, from Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh, entered the Baran forest area of Rajasthan.

IndiaAI Mission Unveils EKA-1 and Dhīr Foundation Models

4 November 2026

- On 3 November 2026, the IndiaAI Mission, under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), unveiled three indigenous foundation models in New Delhi.
- The models include EKA-1 and Dhīr.

IAF Introduces ScrollControl Child Digital Safety Programme

4 November 2026

- A total of 261 teachers from 42 schools have been certified as Cyber Crime Intervention Officers.
- It focuses on cyber safety, cybercrime prevention and digital awareness through trained teachers.

Union Minister Inaugurates 183rd Seismological Observatory in Kishtwar

4 November 2026

- Four additional Doppler Weather Radars are also planned for Doda, Kishtwar, Anantnag and Baramulla in 2027.
- Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's 183rd Seismological Observatory in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir, in November 2026.
- The Ministry of Earth Sciences plans to establish 100 additional observatories nationwide. The expansion aims to improve earthquake detection from magnitude 3 to magnitude 2.5 and above.

Project 18A: Indian Navy's Next Generation Destroyers

4 November 2026

- The estimated project cost is around ₹80,000 crore.
- The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by the Defence Minister, accorded in-principle approval to Project 18A, the Indian Navy's Next Generation Destroyer programme.
- The destroyers will be large, stealth guided-missile warships designed by the Navy's in-house Warship Design Bureau (WDB).
- They are expected to have advanced weapons and sensors for land-attack, integrated air defence and anti-submarine warfare.

Bhutan Builds 108 Stupas under Project 108

4 November 2026

- Around 40,000 volunteers, monks and artisans reportedly constructed the 108 stupas within nine

hours along an 11.7-km corridor.
- Bhutan consecrated 108 Jangchub Chortens, or stupas of enlightenment, at Gelephu Mindfulness City on 1 November 2026.
- Stupa No. 76 was dedicated to the Prime Minister of India in recognition of India's support and India–Bhutan relations.

India Participates in 20th ADMM and 13th ADMM-Plus

4 November 2026

- The 20th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting (ADMM) and the 13th ADMM-Plus were held on 28 and 29 October 2026, respectively, in Cebu, the Philippines.
- ASEAN defence ministers issued a Joint Statement on Youth, Peace and Security, marking 50 years of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia.
- The meetings were held under the ASEAN 2026 theme "Navigating Our Future, Together" and chaired by Philippine Defence Secretary Gilberto C. Teodoro Jr.
- India and Malaysia co-chaired the ADMM-Plus Experts' Working Group on Counter-Terrorism for the 2024–2027 cycle.

Cabinet Extends Agniveer Service Period by Two Years

5 November 2026

- Under the original arrangement, 75% of Agniveers were required to leave service after completing four years.
- The Agnipath programme was introduced in 2022 for recruitment into the Indian Armed Forces.
- The Union Cabinet approved an extension of the Agniveer service period from four years to six years.
- The reported change will allow the armed forces to retain personnel for a longer period and provides a change to the original short-term recruitment arrangement.

Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026

5 November 2026

- The opening ceremony of the 5th edition of Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 was held at the Maritime Warfare Centre (MWC), Visakhapatnam.

Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory

5 November 2026

- NASA's 1.5-tonne Neil Gehrels Swift Observatory is undergoing an uncontrolled re-entry into Earth's atmosphere after completing more than 22 years of operations.
- It was launched on 20 November 2004 aboard a Delta II rocket under NASA's MIDEX programme.
- It was renamed in January 2018 in honour of scientist Dr. Neil Gehrels.
- It is a multi-wavelength space telescope designed to detect Gamma-Ray Bursts (GRBs) and study black holes and other high-energy cosmic events.

UNGA Draft Resolution on Regional Conventional Arms Control

5 November 2026

- India and Israel voted against a draft resolution sponsored by Pakistan and Belarus in the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) First Committee.
- The UNGA First Committee is responsible for matters related to disarmament and international security.

Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Introduces VAYU Vision

5 November 2026

- In November 2026, Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, the 29th Chief of the Air Staff, introduced the VAYU Vision for the Indian Air Force (IAF).

DRDO Successfully Tests Pralay Quasi-Ballistic Missile

5 November 2026

- On 3 November 2026, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully test-fired the Pralay surface-to-surface quasi-ballistic missile from Chandipur, Odisha.
- The missile was launched from Launch Complex-3 and engaged two simulated targets approximately 500 km away.
- It has an operational range of 150–500 km, a speed of around Mach 5 and can carry payloads weighing 350–1,000 kg.

Pakistan Successfully Tests Fa'az Air-to-Air Missile

5 November 2026

- On 3 November 2026, Pakistan successfully conducted the first flight test of its indigenously developed Fa'az air-to-air missile.
- The missile was launched from a JF-17 Thunder multirole fighter aircraft.

World Tsunami Awareness Day 2026 – 5 November

5 November 2026

- The first observance took place on 5 November 2016. The year 2026 marks its 11th observance.
- The day was established through UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/203, adopted on 22 December 2015, following an initiative led by Japan.
- 2026 Theme: "Be Tsunami Ready: Resilience Starts

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5 November 2026

- World Tsunami Awareness Day (WTAD) is observed every year on 5 November by the United Nations (UN), through the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

Kazakhstan Releases Second Amur Tiger into the Wild

5 November 2026

- Kazakhstan released a male Amur tiger named Amur into the Ile-Balkhash State Nature Reserve on 31 October 2026.

TRAI Launches Network Anubhav Platform

5 November 2026

- The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched the Network Anubhav Platform in New Delhi on 4 November 2026.

4th Conference of Mining Ministers

5 November 2026

- The Ministry of Mines is organising the 4th Conference of Mining Ministers in Goa on 5–6 November 2026.
- Mining Ministers from different States and senior Central and State Government officials are participating.

Hockey Star M. M. Somaya's Olympic Gold Medal Stolen in Bengaluru

5 November 2026

- Burglars broke into the Bengaluru residence of former Indian hockey player M. M. Somaya and stole his 1980 Moscow Olympics gold medal, other international medals, jewellery and cash.
- The incident took place in the early hours of 28 October 2026 at New Thippasandra, Bengaluru.
- M. M. Somaya is a three-time Olympian (1980, 1984 and 1988) and received the Arjuna Award in 1985. He captained India's hockey team at the 1988 Seoul Olympics.

Rajkumari Lanchenbi Chanu Wins Bronze in Wushu at Youth Olympics

5 November 2026

- Rajkumari Lanchenbi Chanu became the first Indian to win a wushu medal at the Youth Olympic Games.
- She scored 18.039 points to finish third.
- Egypt's Sondos Sonbol won gold with 18.660 points, while Venezuela's Valeria Frannerys Dudamel won silver with 18.199 points.

Become World No. 1

5 November 2026

- Indian table tennis players P. B. Abhinandh and Divyanshi Bhowmick became World No. 1 in the under-19 mixed doubles category.

Tanvi Patri Becomes First Indian Woman to Reach Youth Olympics Badminton Final

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- Tanvi Patri, a 15-year-old badminton player from Odisha, became the first Indian woman to reach the badminton final at the Youth Olympic Games.
- She is among India's emerging young badminton players.

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- Indian boxers topped the medal standings at the 46th International Tammer Boxing Tournament, held in Tampere, Finland, from 30 October to 1 November 2026.
- Established in 1977, the annual tournament is organised by the Tampere Boxing Association in Finland.
- Gold medal winners included Aarti Dhariyal (54 kg), Ankushita Boro (65 kg), Arundhati Chaudhary (70 kg) and Pawan Bartwal (55 kg).
- India won 14 medals: 4 gold, 2 silver and 8 bronze.

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- He achieved the milestone during the Asian Champions Trophy Punjab 2026 semifinal against South Korea.
- Harmanpreet Singh is known for his penalty-corner conversion skills and goal-scoring ability.

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5 November 2026

- Former Australian Formula One champion Alan Jones died on 5 November 2026 at the age of 80.

INS Sahyadri Reaches Japan for MALABAR 2026

6 November 2026

- Arrival: India's indigenous stealth frigate INS Sahyadri arrived at Yokosuka Naval Base, Japan, to participate in the multilateral naval exercise MALABAR 2026.

- Welcome: The Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet warship received a welcome from the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF).
- Objective: The exercise aims to improve operational coordination, interoperability and professional knowledge through harbour and sea phases.

IndiaAI Mission Releases Indigenous Foundation Models

6 November 2026

- Models: The IndiaAI Mission released three indigenous AI foundation models: EKA-1, Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B.
- Developers: The models were developed by Soket Labs Technology and Research Private Limited and ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations under the IndiaAI Innovation Centre.
- EKA-1: It is a 26.3-billion-parameter model trained on 7.5 trillion tokens, supporting all 22 Scheduled Indian Languages and English.
- Dhīr Models: Dhīr 2B and Dhīr 5B are open-source models supporting English and 10 Indian languages. They can operate offline and on devices, supporting privacy and secure deployment.

TRAI Launches Network Anubhav Platform

6 November 2026

- Launch: The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) launched the Network Anubhav Platform on 4 November 2026.
- Purpose: It is a geospatial dashboard that helps consumers, telecom operators and TRAI assess network performance using location-specific data.

Bahamas Joins International Solar Alliance as 116th Member

6 November 2026

- Membership: The Commonwealth of The Bahamas joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as its 116th member on 4 November 2026.
- Formal Accession: The Bahamas submitted its Instrument of Accession during the 9th Session of the ISA Assembly in New Delhi.
- Objective: ISA promotes solar energy deployment through knowledge-sharing, technical assistance, cooperation and investment facilitation.
- Importance: Membership enables the Bahamas to participate in ISA programmes and explore solar-energy cooperation, particularly relevant for Small Island Developing States (SIDS).

Scientists Discover New Catfish Species in Manipur

6 November 2026

- Habitat: It lives in cold freshwater, around 12–14°C, in fast-flowing streams with rocks and boulders.
- Discovery: Researchers from Dhanamanjuri University, Imphal, identified a new freshwater catfish species named Exostoma nasibarbatum.

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- Establishment: It was declared through UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/70/203, adopted on 22 December 2015.
- 2026 Theme: "Be Tsunami Ready: Resilience Starts With You."
- Observance: World Tsunami Awareness Day is observed every year on 5 November by the United Nations through the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

International Day Against Violence and Bullying at School 2026 – 5 November

6 November 2026

- The day was proclaimed through UNESCO General Conference Resolution 40 C/Resolution 19 in November 2019. The first observance was held in 2020.
- 2026 Date: The day was observed on 5 November 2026.
- Observance: UNESCO observes the International Day against Violence and Bullying at School, Including Cyberbullying, on the first Thursday of November.

International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict – 6 November

6 November 2026

- First Observance: The first observance took place on 6 November 2002.
- Establishment: The UN General Assembly adopted Resolution A/RES/56/4 on 5 November 2001.
- Observance: The United Nations observes this day every year on 6 November to highlight the environmental damage caused by war and armed conflict.
- Objective: The day promotes protection of natural resources, ecosystems and the environment during armed conflicts.

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- Objective: The development aims to reduce dependence on imported missiles and strengthen domestic defence manufacturing.

Former Australian Formula One Champion Alan Jones Dies at 80

6 November 2026

- Achievement: He won the 1980 F1 World Drivers' Championship with Williams Racing.
- Death: Former Australian Formula One (F1) champion Alan Stanley Jones died in Australia in November 2026 at the age of 80.
- Recognition: He was appointed Member of the Order of the British Empire (MBE) in 1980 and inducted into the Sport Australia Hall of Fame in 1985.
- Career: He secured 12 Grand Prix victories and made 116 F1 race starts.

Former SPG Commando and Himachal Pradesh MLA Nand Lal Dies at 72

6 November 2026

- Death: Former Special Protection Group (SPG) commando and four-time Himachal Pradesh MLA Nand Lal died in Shimla on 3 November 2026 at the age of 72.
- Security Career: He joined the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) in 1980 and the SPG in 1985, serving until 1997.
- Political Career: He represented Rampur Assembly constituency in 2007, 2012, 2017 and 2022.
- Positions: He served as Chief Parliamentary Secretary from 2013 to 2017 and chaired the Seventh Himachal Pradesh State Finance Commission from 2024.

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Karnataka Declares Malabar Tree Toad as

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6 November 2026

- Declaration: Karnataka became the first Indian state to officially declare a state amphibian, the Malabar Tree Toad (Malenadina Mara Gantikappe).

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7 & 8 November 2026

- India's indigenous Guided Missile Stealth Frigate INS Sahyadri reached Yokosuka Naval Base in Japan to participate in the multilateral naval exercise MALABAR 2026.

Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 2026

7 & 8 November 2026

- The Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare is organising the 5th Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign across India.
- The campaign will continue until 30 November 2026.
- It aims to make it easier for pensioners, particularly elderly and physically challenged beneficiaries, to submit their annual life certificates digitally through Jeevan Pramaan.

2nd National SDRF CBRN Competition 2026

7 & 8 November 2026

- The 2nd National SDRF CBRN Competition 2026 concluded at the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) ground in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh.

Bahamas Becomes 116th Member of International Solar Alliance

7 & 8 November 2026

- The ISA is an international initiative launched by India and France at the 2015 Paris Climate Conference.
- The Bahamas joined the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as its 116th member.
- Aim: To promote solar energy, increase international cooperation and support affordable solar-energy deployment.

Cosmoserve Space's Base 1 Facility Inaugurated in Hyderabad

7 & 8 November 2026

- The initiative supports India's vision of achieving Debris-Free Space by 2030 and reducing the risk of orbital congestion and Kessler Syndrome.
- Union Minister virtually inaugurated Base 1, a private space debris removal facility developed by Cosmoserve Space in Hyderabad.

Martyrs' Memorial of the First War of Independence, 1857

7 & 8 November 2026

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the Martyrs' Memorial dedicated to the First War of Independence of 1857 in Ambala, Haryana.
- The memorial was constructed at a cost of ₹594 crore across 22 acres.
- It includes 22 interactive exhibition galleries, an open-air theatre with a capacity of 2,500 people and a light-and-sound show.
- It uses modern technologies such as virtual reality, holography and projection mapping to showcase the contribution of freedom fighters.

IAF's IL-76MD Creates World Record at Nyoma Airfield

7 & 8 November 2026

- The Indian Air Force's IL-76MD heavy-lift transport aircraft successfully landed at Nyoma Airfield in Ladakh.
- The airfield is located at an altitude of 13,629 feet.
- This was reported as the highest-altitude landing ever achieved by an IL-76MD aircraft anywhere in the world.

Culture Ministry Signs MoU with Google Arts & Culture

7 & 8 November 2026

- The Ministry of Culture signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Google Arts & Culture to promote India's cultural heritage through digital technology.
- The partnership aims to make India's art, history and cultural heritage more accessible to people.

Mohammed Shami Retires from Test Cricket

7 & 8 November 2026

- Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami announced his retirement from Test cricket on 6 November 2026.

Lt Gen Sushil Chander Mahant Takes Charge as Army DGIT

7 & 8 November 2026

- Lieutenant General Sushil Chander Mahant assumed charge as the Indian Army's Director General of Integrated Training (DGIT) on 1 November 2026.
- He will oversee integrated training-related activities in the Indian Army.

Supreme Court Appoints Former CJI Bhushan R. Gavai to Review Tamil Nadu Forest Claims

7 & 8 November 2026

- The Supreme Court appointed former Chief Justice of India Bhushan R. Gavai to head a committee examining forest-rights orders in Tamil Nadu.
- The committee will scrutinise decisions relating to forest-rights claims.

India and European Union Conclude Horizon Europe Association Talks

7 & 8 November 2026

- India and the European Union concluded negotiations on India's association with Horizon Europe on 7 November 2026.
- The programme has a total budget of €93.5 billion.

Kerala's Mangrove Cover Expands Over the Past Decade

7 & 8 November 2026

- Mangroves help protect coastal areas from erosion, storm surges and flooding while supporting marine biodiversity.

Abdul El-Sayed: First Muslim US Senator

9 November 2026

- Abdul El-Sayed, an American physician and Democratic politician of Egyptian descent, reportedly won Michigan's Senate race in the 2026 US midterm elections.
- He became the first Muslim elected to the United States Senate, according to the supplied report.
- His victory attracted attention in India because his wife's ancestors have a connection with Bhatkal, Karnataka.

Amini: Fifth Indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft

9 November 2026

- It has a shallow draught of 2.7 metres, making it suitable for operations in coastal and shallow waters.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata, delivered Amini, the fifth of eight indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW SWCs), to the Indian Navy.
- The vessel is approximately 77.6 metres long, has a displacement of around 900 tonnes and can reach a maximum speed of 25 knots.

India and Kazakhstan Sign Extradition Treaty

9 November 2026

- India and Kazakhstan signed an Extradition Treaty in November 2026 to strengthen cooperation against international crime and terrorism.
- The Union Cabinet had approved the signing and ratification of the treaty on 26 August 2026.
- The agreement complements existing bilateral arrangements on mutual legal assistance in criminal matters and the transfer of sentenced persons.

Ministry of Culture and Google Arts & Culture Partnership

9 November 2026

- The Ministry of Culture signed an MoU with Google Arts & Culture on 5 November 2026 to digitally preserve and showcase India's cultural heritage.
- The partnership will cover historical monuments, archaeological sites, museum collections, manuscripts and traditional art forms.
- The partnership will also support the Gyan Bharatam initiative and digital documentation of the upcoming Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum.

CSIR–DAKSHIN Partnership for Global South Cooperation

9 November 2026

- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and DAKSHIN – Global South Centre of Excellence signed a Letter of Association on 3 November 2026.
- The partnership aims to promote joint research, technology transfer, skill development and knowledge-sharing among Global South countries.

Martyrs' Memorial of the First War of Independence, 1857

9 November 2026

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the memorial in Ambala Cantonment, Haryana, built at a cost of ₹594 crore across 22 acres.
- It commemorates the heroes and revolutionaries of the Revolt of 1857.
- The memorial contains 22 interactive galleries, an open-air theatre with a capacity of 2,500 people and a light-and-sound show.

Muthuswami Dikshitar: ₹250 Commemorative Coin

9 November 2026

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released a ₹250 commemorative coin on 3 November 2026 to mark the 250th birth anniversary of Carnatic music composer Muthuswami Dikshitar.
- The 35-gram coin has a diameter of 44 mm and contains 50% silver, 40% copper, 5% nickel and 5% zinc.
- He composed approximately 450–500 Sanskrit compositions, mainly dedicated to Hindu deities and temples.

November

9 November 2026

- India observed the 138th birth anniversary of Sir Chandrasekhara Venkata Raman on 7 November 2026.
- He became the first Indian Director of the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, serving from 1933 to 1937.
- He received the 1930 Nobel Prize in Physics for discovering the Raman Effect, which explains the scattering of light by molecules.
- He was born on 7 November 1888 in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu.

Modernist Artist Arpita Singh Passes Away at 89

10 November 2026

- She received the Padma Bhushan in 2011 for her contribution to art.
- She was also awarded the Lalit Kala Akademi Fellowship in 2014.
- Renowned Indian modernist artist Arpita Singh passed away in New Delhi at the age of 89 due to age-related health problems.

Nyoma Airbase: IAF's IL-76MD Makes High-Altitude Landing

10 November 2026

- An Indian Air Force IL-76MD heavy-lift transport aircraft made a record high-altitude landing at the Mudh-Nyoma airbase in eastern Ladakh.
- The airbase is located at approximately 13,700 feet in Leh district, south of the Indus River.
- It is around 46 km from the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Rahat Mitra Exercise 2026

10 November 2026

- Rahat Mitra Exercise 2026 involved coordinated disaster-management activities by the Indian Army and Indian Navy.

MHA Relaxes Passport and Visa Rules for Certain Foreign Nationals

10 November 2026

- In November 2026, the Ministry of Home Affairs notified the Immigration and Foreigners (Exemption) (Amendment) Order, 2026.
- Some Pakistani nationals who entered India on or before 31 December 2009 for permanent settlement may be exempt from passport renewal requirements, subject to specified conditions.

India Signs MoU with German Firms to Establish First Solar Technology CoE

10 November 2026

- IB Solar signed an MoU with German technology companies Centrotherm International AG, RENA Technologies GmbH and ISC Konstanz to establish India's first Centre of Excellence (CoE) for Solar Technology.
- The proposed centre will be located in the Yamuna Expressway Industrial Development Authority (YEIDA) region, Uttar Pradesh.

Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2026

10 November 2026

- Its theme was Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth. Representatives from the 56 member countries participated.
- Leaders discussed trade, investment, climate resilience and digital transformation. The meeting also highlighted an investment pipeline worth over USD 52 billion across 28 developing countries.
- CHOGM 2026 was held from 1–4 November 2026 in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda.

India Announces USD 500 Million Line of Credit to Guyana

10 November 2026

- On the sidelines of CHOGM 2026, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met Guyana's President Irfaan Ali.
- India announced a USD 500 million Line of Credit (LoC) for road, healthcare and defence projects in Guyana.

Pedro Alliana Becomes Paraguay's President

10 November 2026

- Pedro Alliana, former Vice-President of Paraguay, was sworn in as the country's President on 6 November 2026, according to the supplied report.
- Alliana will complete the existing presidential term, which runs until 15 August 2028.

Shivani Gupta Elected to UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10 November 2026

- She is a 2018-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer and serves as First Secretary at India's Permanent Mission to the UN.
- Indian diplomat Shivani Gupta was elected unopposed to the UN Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions (ACABQ) for the 2027–2029 term.

- The ACABQ has 21 members who review UN budgets, administrative matters and resource proposals.
- She was nominated through the UN General Assembly's Fifth Committee for a seat allocated to the Asia-Pacific region.

Justice Rajesh Bindal Appointed Chairperson of NCLAT

10 November 2026

- NCLAT was constituted on 1 June 2016 under Section 410 of the Companies Act, 2013, to hear appeals involving company law, insolvency and competition matters.
- The Central Government appointed former Supreme Court judge Justice Rajesh Bindal as Chairperson of the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) on 5 November 2026.
- He will serve a five-year term from 2026 to 2031, succeeding Justice Ashok Bhushan.
- He previously served as Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court and was elevated to the Supreme Court on 13 February 2023.

MATSYA-6000 Completes Unmanned Trials under Deep Ocean Mission

10 November 2026

- India successfully completed unmanned trials of the MATSYA-6000 human submersible under the Samudrayaan Project of the Deep Ocean Mission.
- The submersible is being developed by the National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT), Chennai, under the Ministry of Earth Sciences.

Anuj Shrivatri Becomes India's 100th Chess Grandmaster

10 November 2026

- He achieved the milestone 38 years after Viswanathan Anand, India's first Grandmaster, earned the title in 1988.
- He achieved the milestone after winning the 7th ASEAN+ Individual Open Chess Championship, held from 3–8 November 2026 in the Philippines.
- Anuj Shrivatri, a 22-year-old chess player from Madhya Pradesh, became India's 100th Grandmaster (GM).
- He became the first Grandmaster from Madhya Pradesh.

Mohammed Shami Announces Retirement from Test Cricket

10 November 2026

- Indian fast bowler Mohammed Shami announced his retirement from Test cricket in November 2026, ending a 13-year Test career, according to the supplied report.
- He received the Arjuna Award in January 2024 and will continue playing white-ball cricket.
- He played 64 Test matches and took 229 wickets, with a bowling average of 27.71.
- His Test career included six five-wicket hauls, with best bowling figures of 6/56.

International Day of Radiology 2026 – 8 November

10 November 2026

- The first European Day of Radiology was organised on 10 February 2011. The global observance was later established by the European Society of Radiology, Radiological Society of North America and American College of Radiology.
- The 2026 observance marked its 15th edition, highlighting early disease detection, better diagnosis and improved treatment outcomes.
- The International Day of Radiology (IDoR) is observed every year on 8 November to recognise the role of radiology in healthcare.
- The date marks the discovery of X-rays by Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen in 1895.

France Honours Dr. Devi Shetty with National Order of Merit

11 November 2026

- Established on 3 December 1963 by French President Charles de Gaulle, the National Order of Merit is France's second-highest national order after the Legion of Honour. It has five grades: Knight, Officer, Commander, Grand Officer and Grand Cross.
- The award recognised his support to the French community in Bengaluru during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Uttarakhand Police Receives President's Colour

11 November 2026

- The ceremony coincided with the 25th anniversary of Uttarakhand's formation on 9 November 2000.
- The President's Colour is the highest ceremonial honour awarded to military and police units for distinguished service, discipline, valour and dedication. The Indian Navy was the first Indian armed force to receive it, on 27 May 1951.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah conferred the President's Colour (Rashtrapati Ka Nishan) on Uttarakhand Police in November 2026.
- Uttarakhand became the 16th state police force in India to receive this honour.

Filipino Engineer Aldrei Ong Wins 2026 James Dyson Global Sustainability Award

11 November 2026

- Filipino structural engineer Aldrei Ong won the 2026

developing Sentinel, a low-cost sensor that detects hidden damage in concrete structures after earthquakes.
- The competition received 2,294 entries from 28 countries and regions. The invention aims to improve building safety after earthquakes.

PV Sindhu Elected IOA Athletes' Commission Chairperson

11 November 2026

- The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) elected badminton player PV Sindhu as Chairperson of its Athletes' Commission for the 2026–2030 term on 6 November 2026.
- The commission has 10 elected members, comprising five male and five female athletes, serving a four-year term.
- Mirabai Chanu and Sajan Prakash were elected to represent female and male athletes, respectively, in the IOA General Assembly and will exercise voting rights in the IOA elections scheduled for 5 December 2026.
- Hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh was elected Vice-Chairperson.

India and France Launch Critical Technologies Dialogue

11 November 2026

- India and France held the third India-France Strategic Space Dialogue and the first India-France Economic Security and Critical Technologies Dialogue in Paris on 10 November 2026.
- The new dialogue will focus on supply-chain security, critical technologies, cybersecurity and protection of strategic supplies.
- The meetings were co-chaired by India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri and France's senior foreign ministry official Martin Briens.

Dhinidhi Desinghu Wins Two Swimming Bronzes at Youth Olympics

11 November 2026

- Indian swimmer Dhinidhi Desinghu won two bronze medals at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games held in Dakar, Senegal.
- She won her second bronze in the women's 200m freestyle on 6 November 2026.
- She won bronze in the women's 100m freestyle in 56.27 seconds, setting a new Indian national record.
- She became the first Indian swimmer to win a Youth Olympics medal and the first Indian athlete to win two individual medals at one edition of the Games.

GCC Approves Advanced Military Command Headquarters in Kuwait

11 November 2026

- The six members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) approved the establishment of an advanced headquarters for their Unified Military Command in Kuwait on 10 November 2026.
- The decision was announced after the 23rd meeting of the GCC Joint Defence Council in Manama, Bahrain.
- Appropriate military forces will be deployed at the new headquarters. Their number and composition have not yet been announced.

PJ.2.1 SARS-CoV-2 Lineage Detected Across Countries

11 November 2026

- PJ.2.1, a new lineage of SARS-CoV-2, was first identified in Ontario, Canada, on 2 May 2026. It has since been detected in several countries.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) warned on 31 October 2026 about its increasing risk of global spread.
- As of 10 November, there was insufficient evidence to confirm that PJ.2.1 causes more severe illness or higher hospitalisation and death rates. Its detection in India had not been confirmed.

Google Launches TPU 8tx and TPU 8i Max

11 November 2026

- TPU 8i Max is designed for workloads involving large documents, codebases and long AI conversations. It combines two TPU 8i chips in one package.
- Google launched two new eighth-generation Tensor Processing Units (TPUs) on 9 November 2026 to support advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) workloads.
- TPU 8tx is designed for confidential AI computing. It uses hardware-level security to protect sensitive data and AI model information while processing.
- The launch expands Google's AI chip range and strengthens its effort to provide alternatives to processors used in AI data centres. Constellation Research

Abhishek Awasthi Elected Greater Bendigo Mayor

11 November 2026

- Abhishek Awasthi, a person of Indian origin, was elected Mayor of the City of Greater Bendigo in Victoria, Australia, for the 2026–27 term.
- Awasthi is 43 years old and originally hails from Mandi, Himachal Pradesh. City of Greater Bendigo
- He is the first person of Indian origin to hold this position.
- He was elected unanimously by the city councillors,

with Andrea Metcalf elected Deputy Mayor.

Oxford Returns Remains of 39 Naga People to India

11 November 2026

- The Pitt Rivers Museum of the University of Oxford returned the ancestral remains of 39 Naga people to representatives of the Naga community on 9 November 2026.
- The remains, mainly skulls, had been taken during British colonial rule between 1910 and 1940.

New Scorpion Species Discovered in Similipal Tiger Reserve

11 November 2026

- It was found in rocky habitats within tropical moist deciduous forests at around 1,000 metres above sea level. It is the fourth species of the genus Liocheles recorded in India and the first in Odisha.
- Researchers discovered a new scorpion species named Liocheles similipalensis in the Similipal Tiger Reserve, Mayurbhanj district, Odisha.
- The scorpion measures 44–53 mm and has a glossy bluish-black body.

World Science Day for Peace and Development 2026 – 10 November

11 November 2026

- UNESCO proclaimed the day in 2001, and it was first observed on 10 November 2002.
- The 2026 theme was "Common Ground Through Science Diplomacy", highlighting how scientific cooperation can build trust and address shared global challenges.
- The observance takes place during the International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development (2024–2033). The International Week of Science and Peace is observed from 9–15 November.
- World Science Day for Peace and Development is observed annually on 10 November under the auspices of UNESCO.

National Entrepreneurship Day 2026 – 9 November

11 November 2026

- National Entrepreneurship Day is observed on 9 November to mark the establishment of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) on the same date in 2014.
- India is the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, with more than 2.62 lakh DPIIT-recognised startups as of November 2026, according to the supplied report.
- More than 55,200 startups were recognised during FY 2025–26, while startups had generated over 25 lakh direct jobs up to October 2026.
- The day recognises entrepreneurship as an important driver of employment, innovation and economic growth.

Defence Ministry Signs ₹498.58 Crore Contract for INS Betwa Refit

12 November 2026

- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹498.58 crore contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the refit and re-powering of the Indian Navy's guided-missile frigate INS Betwa.

CRPF Plans to Induct Kamikaze Drones for Counter-Terror Operations

12 November 2026

- They can be used against hostile positions, bunkers, radar installations and moving targets while reducing risks to security personnel.

19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention to Be Held in Kolkata

12 November 2026

- The 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention will be held in Kolkata from 7 to 9 January 2027.
- Pravasi Bharatiya Divas is observed annually on 9 January to commemorate Mahatma Gandhi's return to India from South Africa in 1915.
- The convention's website was jointly launched by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari.

India Signs Haj-2027 Agreement with Saudi Arabia

12 November 2026

- Union Minister Kiren Rijiju visited Saudi Arabia from 6 to 9 November 2026 and signed the Bilateral Haj Agreement 2027 in Jeddah.
- India's Haj pilgrimage quota has been fixed at 1,75,025, unchanged since 2025.
- Rijiju also attended the 6th Hajj Conference and Exhibition in Jeddah and held discussions with Saudi Arabia's Minister of Hajj and Umrah, Dr. Tawfiq bin Fawzan Al-Rabiah.

India Simplifies Its Visa Rules

12 November 2026

- The Ministry of Home Affairs simplified India's visa system by reducing the number of visa categories from 13 to 9.
- Visa application forms have been shortened by up to 70%, making the application process easier.
- A new Production Investment Business Visa has been introduced for foreign specialists, engineers and

technical staff working in areas such as machinery installation, maintenance, quality checks, training and technology transfer.

Visa	Purpose
V-1 Visitor Visa	Business meetings, medical consultations, wellness retreats, short courses and short medical treatment
V-2 Visitor Visa	Activities covered under V-1, plus mountaineering
M-1 Medical Visa	Treatment under conventional medicine
M-3 Medical Visa	Treatment under AYUSH systems

British Author M. John Harrison Wins 2026 Booker Prize

12 November 2026

- He received prize money of GBP 50,000 and a trophy at the award ceremony held in London on 9 November 2026.
- British author M. John Harrison won the 2026 Booker Prize for his novel The End of Everything.
- At the age of 81, he became the oldest author to win the Booker Prize.

Lionel Messi Wins Consecutive MLS Golden Boot Awards

12 November 2026

- He scored 26 goals for Inter Miami during the 2026 regular season, finishing as the league's top scorer.
- Messi had previously won the MLS Golden Boot in 2025 with 29 goals.
- Argentine footballer Lionel Messi became the first player in Major League Soccer (MLS) history to win the Golden Boot in consecutive seasons.
- He also provided 17 assists in 31 appearances, recording 43 goal contributions.

ISRO Tests Cryogenic Engine for GSLV-F19 Mission

12 November 2026

- The GSLV-F19 mission, planned for 2027, will launch NVS-04, the fourth satellite in the second-generation NavIC series.
- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully conducted a 200-second flight acceptance test of the cryogenic engine for its upcoming GSLV-F19 mission.

China Launches CERES-2 Y3 Rocket with Four Satellites

12 November 2026

- China successfully launched the CERES-2 Y3 rocket on 7 November 2026 from the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.
- The rocket deployed four satellites into a planned 535-km Sun-Synchronous Orbit (SSO).
- The satellites were Guanlan, Yunyao-1 28, Zhongbei Daxue-1 and Juntian-1 06A.

India Finishes Fifth at World Armwrestling and Para Armwrestling Championships 2026

12 November 2026

- India hosted the World Championships for the first time, with more than 1,700 athletes from 65 countries participating.
- India secured fifth place at the 47th World Armwrestling and 28th World Para Armwrestling Championships held in New Delhi from 29 October to 6 November 2026.
- India won 59 medals: 9 gold, 19 silver and 31 bronze.
- Russia finished first, followed by Kazakhstan and Türkiye.

Pandit Manilal Nag Passes Away at 87

12 November 2026

- He received the Padma Shri in 2020 and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2001.
- Renowned Indian classical sitar maestro Pandit Manilal Nag passed away on 9 November 2026 in Kolkata, West Bengal, at the age of 87.
- He began learning sitar from his father, Sangeetacharya Gokul Nag, and made his concert debut in 1954.

Sonia Gandhi Releases Memoir 'Belonging: A Journey of Love'

12 November 2026

- Congress Parliamentary Party Chairperson Sonia Gandhi released her memoir Belonging: A Journey of Love on 10 November 2026.
- It discusses her personal life, family experiences and major political events, including the Emergency, Operation Blue Star, the Babri Masjid demolition and the 2002 Gujarat riots.
- The memoir also explains her decision to decline the Prime Minister's post in 2004 in favour of Manmohan Singh.
- The 544-page book is published in India by HarperCollins India.

World Urbanism Day 2026 – 8 November

12 November 2026

- The observance was initiated in 1949 by Professor Carlos María della Paolera of the University of Buenos Aires, Argentina.
- World Urbanism Day (WUD), also known as World Town Planning Day, was observed on 8 November 2026.

- The 2026 theme was "Great Communities Are Built on Planning!"

World Immunization Day 2026 – 10 November

12 November 2026

- The first World Immunization Day was observed on 10 November 2012.
- The observance supports the WHO's Immunization Agenda 2030 (IA2030), which aims to ensure access to vaccines for people of all age groups.
- The WHO launched the Expanded Programme on Immunization (EPI) in 1974 to expand access to life-saving vaccines, particularly for children.
- World Immunization Day is observed annually on 10 November to promote awareness about vaccination and its role in preventing diseases.

Niraj Kumar Wins Bronze and Olympic Quota at ISSF World Championships

12 November 2026

- He scored 346.5 points in the final and also secured a quota place for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games.
- Indian shooter Niraj Kumar won bronze in the men's 50m rifle three-position event at the ISSF World Championships in Doha.
- Niraj topped the qualification round with 591 points.

Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum Approved in New Delhi

13 November 2026

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

Noida Metro Aqua Line Extension Approved

13 November 2026

- The Union Cabinet approved an ₹2,390 crore extension of the Noida Metro Aqua Line.
- The proposed extension will cover 8.449 km, from Noida Sector 51 to Greater Noida Sector 4, with five elevated stations.
- The project will expand the combined metro network to 71.878 km and provide an interchange at Noida Sector 61 with the Delhi Metro Blue Line.

Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 Held in New Delhi

13 November 2026

- The Indian Navy and the National Maritime Foundation organised the eighth Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD-2026) from 3 to 5 November 2026.
- The theme was "Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific". More than 40 experts from 20 countries participated.

INS Betwa to Undergo ₹498.58 Crore Refit and Re-powering

13 November 2026

- The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹498.58 crore contract with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the refit and re-powering of INS Betwa.
- INS Betwa is an indigenously built guided-missile frigate commissioned on 7 July 2004.

India–Sri Lanka Healthcare Cooperation Strengthened

13 November 2026

- India signed an MoU with Sri Lanka to provide 100 fully equipped ambulances under a grant of SLR 1,725.73 million (approximately USD 5.28 million).
- India also announced up to SLR 225 million for 50 medical kiosks or Health ATMs.

Three Maharashtra Beaches Receive Blue Flag Certification

13 November 2026

- Three Maharashtra beaches received the International Blue Flag certification for the 2026–27 season:
- This is the first time beaches in Maharashtra have received this recognition.

Bahram Vakil Appointed Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation

13 November 2026

- Bahram N. Vakil became Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation Limited on 12 November 2026, succeeding Noel N. Tata.
- Vakil is a co-founder of the law firm AZB & Partners and specialises in corporate restructuring, insolvency and project finance.

Indian Scientists Discover New Deep-Sea Shark Species

13 November 2026

- The specimens were collected as accidental bycatch from deep-sea shrimp trawlers near Sakthikulangara Fishing Harbour in Kollam, Kerala.
- The shark can grow up to 3 metres and lives at depths of around 350–450 metres.

Sunil Chhetri Joins FIFA Player Impact

Programme

13 November 2026

- The programme was launched in 2025 with 14 female footballers and expanded in 2026 to include 13 participants, comprising 12 women and one man.
- Former Indian football captain Sunil Chhetri became the first male participant in the second edition of the FIFA Player Impact Programme.
- It is a nine-month initiative that helps footballers use their influence to promote social change.

Nobel Laureate William Nordhaus Passes Away

13 November 2026

- American economist William Dawbney Nordhaus, a 2018 Nobel laureate in Economic Sciences, passed away at the age of 85 on 30 October 2026.
- He jointly received the 2018 Nobel Prize with Paul M. Romer for integrating climate change into long-term macroeconomic analysis.

World Quality Week 2026: 9–13 November

13 November 2026

- World Quality Day was observed on 12 November, the second Thursday of November.
- The 2026 observance took place from 9 to 13 November.
- 2026 theme: “Quality: Powering Performance”.

National Education Day: 11 November

13 November 2026

- The first National Education Day was observed on 11 November 2008.
- The Ministry of Human Resource Development, now the Ministry of Education, declared the day in 2008.
- National Education Day is observed every year on 11 November to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister.

Public Service Broadcasting Day: 12 November

13 November 2026

- It commemorates Mahatma Gandhi's first and only live radio broadcast through All India Radio in 1947.
- The day was formally declared Public Service Broadcasting Day in 2001.
- Public Service Broadcasting Day, also known as Jan Prasaran Divas, is observed on 12 November every year.

New Border Infrastructure Approved in Arunachal Pradesh

13 November 2026

- Phase I: 27 roads covering 608 km, approved in 2005.
- Phase II: 32 roads covering 683 km, approved in 2020.
- Phase III: 26 roads in Arunachal Pradesh, cleared by the Cabinet Committee on Security.
- The approved structures include 15 pedestrian suspension bridges and 18 log bridges in Upper Subansiri and Kurung Kumey districts.

CAG to Launch Its Own AI Model for Auditors

13 November 2026

- The Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) is developing an AI-based large language model called LLM 2.0.
- It will be trained on around 65,000 internal inspection reports, along with auditing standards and guidelines.
- It will help auditors search and understand internal audit information through ordinary-language questions.

Exercise Sea Vigil-26

13 November 2026

- It was conceptualised in 2018, and its first edition was conducted in January 2019.
- The Indian Navy is coordinating the fifth edition of Exercise Sea Vigil-26, a nationwide coastal defence exercise.
- Sea Vigil is conducted every two years and acts as an operational precursor to the Indian Navy's TROPEX exercise.

India and Oman Hold 15th Naseem Al Bahr Naval Exercise

13 November 2026

- The Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman conducted the 15th edition of the bilateral naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr in Oman.
- The exercise aims to improve coordination, operational understanding and maritime cooperation between the two navies.
- The supplied report mentions conflicting dates for the exercise, so its exact schedule should be verified before using it as a factual exam point.

India and Myanmar Begin IMNEX-26 Naval Exercise

13 November 2026

- The eighth edition of the India-Myanmar Naval Exercise (IMNEX-26) began in Visakhapatnam on 10 November 2026.
- The exercise is scheduled to conclude on 14 November 2026.

Hyderabad's Panjagutta to Become India's First AI Police Station

13 November 2026

- A pilot project is scheduled to begin in the first week of December 2026.
- Panjagutta Police Station in Hyderabad, Telangana, is set to become India's first Artificial Intelligence-powered police station.

SS United States Sunk to Become World's Largest Artificial Reef

13 November 2026

- The SS United States, a 990-foot-long former passenger ocean liner, was deliberately sunk off Florida's Gulf Coast on 11 November 2026.
- It now rests at a depth of around 180 feet.

Niraj Kumar Wins Bronze and Secures Olympic Quota

13 November 2026

- His performance secured India's first rifle quota place for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games, according to the supplied report.
- [illegible] Kumar won bronze in the men's 50m rifle three-position event at the ISSF World Championships in Doha, Qatar, on 11 November 2026.
- He scored 346.5 points in the final and had topped the qualification round with 591 points.

Meghalaya Celebrates 50th Wangala Festival

13 November 2026

- Meghalaya is celebrating the 50th Hundred Drums Wangala Festival from 11 to 14 November 2026.

Scott Colom Wins Mississippi Senate Race

13 November 2026

- Democrat Scott Colom defeated Republican incumbent Cindy Hyde-Smith in the Mississippi US Senate race on 11 November 2026.
- He is set to become the first Black US Senator from Mississippi since the Reconstruction era.

Sunita Williams Leads New York Veterans Day Parade

13 November 2026

- Indian-American astronaut and retired US Navy Captain Sunita Williams served as the Grand Marshal of New York City's 107th Veterans Day Parade on 11 November 2026.
- More than 20,000 participants took part in the event, according to the supplied report.
- Veterans Day is observed annually in the United States on 11 November.

Rahmat Shah Enters ICC Test Batting Top 10

13 November 2026

- Afghanistan batter Rahmat Shah became the first player from Afghanistan to enter the top 10 in any category of the ICC Men's Test rankings.
- He achieved the milestone on 11 November 2026.
- The achievement reflects the growing presence of Afghan cricketers in international Test cricket.

50th Wangala Festival and Garo Culture

13 November 2026

- The 2026 event marks its 50th edition.

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Fill the blank from memory, then check. Answers are at the foot of the box.

1. The Ministry of Defence signed a _____ with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the refit and re-powering of INS Betwa.

2. It commemorates Mahatma Gandhi's first and only live radio broadcast through All India Radio in _____.

3. The project has an estimated cost of _____.

4. The Union Cabinet approved an _____ extension of the Noida Metro Aqua Line.

5. National Education Day is observed every year on _____ to mark the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister.

Answers 1 ₹498.58 crore contract · 2 1947 · 3 ₹3,230 crore · 4 ₹2,390 crore · 5 11 November

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS · 5

Prasar Bharati Engineer Wins ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026

1 & 2 November 2026

- Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh, an engineer from Prasar Bharati, won the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union (ABU) Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026.
- His innovations include DDPlayout, indigenous automated playout software used by multiple Doordarshan Kendras, and DDSlowMo, a cost-effective slow-motion replay system used in national-level sporting events.
- The award recognised his contributions to broadcast technology and innovation.
- The award was received on his behalf by Mihir Kumar Jha, Under Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Methil Radhakrishnan Wins Kerala's Ezhuthachan Award

1 & 2 November 2026

- Writer Methil Radhakrishnan was selected for the 34th Ezhuthachan Award, Kerala's highest literary honour.
- The announcement was made by Kerala's Cultural Affairs Minister P. C. Vishnunadh.
- The award recognises his contribution to literature.

Chandigarh Police Receives President's Colour

3 November 2026

- The President's Colour was presented to Chandigarh Police by Union Home Minister Amit Shah during its 60th Raising Day celebrations.

Coal Ministry Presents Star Rating Awards for FY 2024–25

4 November 2026

- The Ministry of Coal organised the Annual Star Rating Awards Ceremony in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, on 2 November 2026.
- A total of 50 coal and lignite mines received Five-Star Ratings for Financial Year 2024–25.
- Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) and National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC) secured the first prize in the opencast category.
- Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) secured the first prize in the underground category.

Purba Bardhaman Innovator Wins International Award for Blood-Clotting Technology

4 November 2026

- Sabir Hossain, an innovator from Badulia village in West Bengal's Purba Bardhaman district, received the top prize in an international award for his blood-clotting technology on 4 November 2026.
- The supplied report identifies him as an innovator in the healthcare field.
- Further details about the technology and the award are not included in the supplied material.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS · 5

IREDA Appoints Jatin Kumar Nayak as CMD

1 & 2 November 2026

- On 30 October 2026, the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Limited (IREDA) appointed Jatin Kumar Nayak as its Chairman and Managing Director (CMD).
- His appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet through an order issued by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.

Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia Appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff

1 & 2 November 2026

- Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia was appointed as the next Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS) of the Indian Air Force, effective 1 November 2026.
- He succeeds Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit, who became the 29th Chief of the Air Staff on 31 October 2026.
- Walia was commissioned into the Indian Air Force's fighter stream on 11 June 1988 and is an alumnus of the National Defence Academy.
- He has flown MiG-21, MiG-23, MiG-27, Jaguar and Su-30MKI aircraft and received the Vayu Sena Medal (2008) and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal (2018).

Iliana Iotova Becomes Bulgaria's First Democratically Elected Female President

3 November 2026

- She and her Vice-Presidential candidate Kiril Valchev secured 57.58% of the votes.
- They defeated former caretaker Prime Minister Andrey Gyurov and his running mate Georgi Kandev, who received 39.47% of the votes.
- Former Bulgarian Vice President Iliana Iotova won the presidential runoff election held on 1 November 2026.
- She became Bulgaria's first democratically elected female President.

Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir Assumes Charge as 55th Director General of GSI

3 November 2026

- He succeeded Varsha Ashok Agalwe, the 54th Director General and the first woman to hold the post.
- Ganvir has more than 32 years of experience in geological investigations, mineral exploration and engineering geology.
- Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir assumed charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in November 2026.

Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal Takes Charge of Eastern Air Command

3 November 2026

- On 1 November 2026, Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal assumed charge as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Indian Air Force's Eastern Air Command.
- Commissioned into the IAF's Flying Branch in June 1989, Deswal has over 3,200 flying hours and has served in several operational and command positions.
- He succeeded Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, who was appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff.

IMPORTANT DAYS · 4

World Vegan Day 2026 – 1 November

1 & 2 November 2026

- The day was established in 1994 by Louise Wallis, then Chair of The Vegan Society, to mark the organisation's 50th anniversary.
- The first World Vegan Day was observed on 1 November 1994.
- The term "vegan" was coined by Donald Watson in November 1944. It was formed from the first three and last two letters of the word "vegetarian".
- World Vegan Day is observed every year on 1 November to promote veganism, animal welfare and the benefits of a vegan lifestyle.

National Unity Day 2026 – 31 October

1 & 2 November 2026

- The 2026 observance marked his 151st birth anniversary.
- The first National Unity Day was observed in 2014.
- National Unity Day commemorates the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists – 2 November

3 November 2026

- The first observance was held on 2 November 2014.
- The 2026 theme is "Threats Evolve. Impunity Endures."
- The UN General Assembly declared the day through Resolution A/RES/68/163 in December 2013.
- Observed annually on 2 November to promote journalist safety, accountability and freedom of expression.

International Day for Biosphere Reserves – 3 November

4 November 2026

- The first observance took place on 3 November 2022.
- UNESCO observes 3 November every year as the International Day for Biosphere Reserves to promote biodiversity conservation and sustainable development.
- The day was proclaimed through UNESCO General Conference Resolution 41 C/37 in 2021.
- According to the supplied material, the World Network of Biosphere Reserves had 797 sites across 145 countries in 2026.

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International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists 2026 – 2 November

3 November 2026

- The observance was inspired by the assassination of French journalists Ghislaine Dupont and Claude Verlon in Mali on 2 November 2013. The UN General Assembly adopted Resolution A/RES/68/163 on 18 December 2013. The first observance took place in 2014.
- The 2026 theme is "Threats Evolve. Impunity Endures."
- The United Nations observes 2 November every year as the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists.

Fast-Track Special Courts Scheme Extended to 2031

5 November 2026

- POCSO Act, 2012 is gender-neutral and covers anyone below 18 years
- The Union Cabinet has extended the scheme for Fast-Track Special Courts (FTSCs) by five more years — from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031. These courts handle rape cases and cases under the POCSO Act.
- FTSC scheme extended from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031
- The Nirbhaya Fund was created in 2013, after the December 2012 Delhi case. It is managed by the Ministry of Finance, with the Ministry of Women and Child Development as the nodal body

VISTAR: Scheme to Rebuild India's Statistical System

5 November 2026

- The Union Cabinet approved a ₹4,371 crore scheme called VISTAR. It will overhaul how India collects and uses official data, at both the Centre and state level. The full name is Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics and Research.
- Outlay: ₹4,371 crore
- Period: 2026-27 to 2030-31
- It covers the statistical system at both Central and state level

Component	What it covers
1	**Statistical operations** and strengthening the overall system
2	**Support for statistical strengthening**
3	An **Economic Census**

Viability Gap Funding Scheme

5 November 2026

- The Union Cabinet approved a ₹14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding scheme for large-scale energy storage. It will run from 2026-27 to 2030-31.
- This is 170 per cent of all the grid-scale storage India has today
- It will help India reach its target of 411 GWh by 2031-32
- 92 GWh of new storage capacity

Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II Extended to 2028

5 November 2026

- The Centre has extended Swachh Bharat Mission (Grameen) Phase-II until March 2028. This means about ₹7,000 crore can be set aside for it in the 2027-28 Budget.

Item	Detail
Launched	**2 October 2014**
Launched by	Prime Minister **Narendra Modi**
Nodal ministry	**Ministry of Jal Shakti**
Implementing department	**Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS)**
Type	**Centrally Sponsored Scheme**

QS Asia University Rankings 2027

5 November 2026

- QS released the World University Rankings: Asia 2027. 71 per cent of Indian universities that were ranked earlier have slipped this time. This happened even though India does well in research output and PhD education.

Rank	University
1	**University of Hong Kong**
2	**Peking University**
3	**Tsinghua University**

ScrollControl Programme for Child Digital Safety

5 November 2026

- On 2 November 2026, the Indian Air Force Educational and Cultural Society partnered with the Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) Foundation.
- The partnership will implement the ScrollControl Programme, a Child Digital Safety Programme.
- It will be introduced across 42 Air Force Schools in India.

Scheme for Women and Children

6 November 2026

- Legal Background: The scheme was launched on 2 October 2019, following the Criminal Law (Amendment) Act, 2018 and the Supreme Court's directions.
- Funding: The five-year continuation has a total outlay of ₹3,788.04 crore, supporting faster justice and improved access to justice for women and children.
- Expansion: The number of functional courts will increase from 779 to 850, including exclusive POCSO courts.

ScrollControl Programme Promotes Child Digital Safety

6 November 2026

- Partnership: The Indian Air Force Educational and Cultural Society partnered with the Information Sharing and Analysis Center (ISAC) Foundation on 2 November 2026.
- Objective: It aims to promote digital safety awareness and help schoolchildren understand online risks.
- Programme: The partnership will implement the ScrollControl Programme, a Child Digital Safety Programme.
- Coverage: The programme will be introduced across 42 Air Force Schools in India.

REACH Wins Kochon Prize 2026

7 & 8 November 2026

- REACH, a non-profit organisation working on tuberculosis in India, has won the Kochon Prize 2026.It is the first civil society non-profit from India to receive this award.
- India aims to end TB by 2025, five years ahead of the SDG 3.3 target of 2030
- India has the world's highest TB burden, about 26 per cent of global cases
- In partnership with the Stop TB Partnership

Organisation	Country
REACH	India
Centre for Health Solutions	Kenya
Marshall Islands TB Control Program	Marshall Islands

High Court Judge Vacancies Decline to 26%, but Case Pendency Remains High

7 & 8 November 2026

- Vacancies in High Court judges have declined to 26%, the lowest level in a decade.
- Despite the improvement, approximately 64 lakh cases remain pending in High Courts.
- The sanctioned strength of High Court judges increased from 906 in 2014 to 1,122.
- The Allahabad High Court, the country's largest High Court, had 56 vacancies against its sanctioned strength of 160 judges as of 1 November 2026.

Siddis of India

9 November 2026

- Khushbu Rajakbhai Darjada, a 15-year-old Siddi judoka from Gujarat, became the first Siddi athlete and only the second Indian to win a Youth Olympics medal in judo, securing silver in the girls' 63-kg category at Dakar, Senegal.
- The Siddis are an Indian community whose ancestors came from Africa, mainly through migration and trade routes across the Indian Ocean.

Ministry of Minority Affairs Reviews PM VIKAS Scheme through 'Samavesh Se VIKAS'

10 November 2026

- The Ministry of Minority Affairs (MoMA) organised Samavesh Se VIKAS – Implementation Review and Stakeholder Dialogue in New Delhi in November 2026.
- MoUs included skill training for 2,400 candidates through Pithampur Auto Cluster, 6,300 candidates through the Centre of Excellence in Maritime & Shipbuilding, and 900 candidates through the Institute of Entrepreneurship Development.
- A separate MoU with the Central University of Kashmir will provide willow craft training to 120 candidates in Ganderbal district.
- The event reviewed the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Virasat Ka Samvardhan (PM VIKAS) Scheme.

Across India, 70% of Monitoring Stations Reported Severe PM2.5 Levels

12 November 2026

- An analysis of data from the Central Pollution Control Board's (CPCB) monitoring network found that nearly 70% of the stations recorded peak PM2.5 levels of 250 micrograms per cubic metre or above during Deepavali.
- CPCB explained that particulate matter analysers were calibrated up to 1,000 micrograms per cubic metre. Values beyond this range may be rejected by automated data validation systems, appearing as data gaps.
- The analysis covered 634 Continuous Ambient Air Quality Monitoring Stations (CAAQMS) across India. However, only 571 stations were live and reporting during the festival.
- Some stations stopped reporting PM2.5 readings even before the levels approached 1,000 micrograms per cubic metre in the preceding hour.

India Records 38% Decline in TB Mortality Since 2015: WHO

13 November 2026

- According to the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026, India recorded a 38% reduction in TB mortality since 2015, compared with a global reduction of 35%.
- The TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan has brought more than 25 crore people within the scope of screening, according to the supplied report.
- India reported a 94% treatment success rate among patients with drug-susceptible tuberculosis.
- The 2025 population-level TB prevalence survey covered 50 representative districts. India has previously conducted two national TB surveys: 1955–58 and 2020–21.

Indians Lead OECD Countries in Acquiring Citizenship

13 November 2026

- Around 9.25 lakh Indians acquired citizenship of OECD member countries between 2020 and 2024, according to the OECD's International Migration Outlook 2026.
- This was a 41% increase compared with the approximately 6.5 lakh Indians who acquired OECD citizenship during 2015–2019.

MY Bharat Organises Nationwide Activities under Nasha Mukt Yuva Campaign

13 November 2026

- Mera Yuva Bharat (MY Bharat), under the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, organised nationwide activities during the eighth week of its 100-week Nasha Mukt Yuva for Viksit Bharat campaign.
- It organised 435 Deepotsav programmes and 568 activities, involving 1,10,101 participants.
- Neighbourhood Youth Parliaments held 85 programmes and 298 activities, engaging 9,526 participants in discussions and awareness activities on substance abuse.
- Diwali Sneh Milan celebrations were organised across 153 institutions, recording 1,07,494 participations to promote drug-free celebrations.

First BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting Held in Colombo

13 November 2026

- The first BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting was held on 11 November 2026 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. India was represented by Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda.
- BIMSTEC adopted a Joint Ministerial Statement and a Plan of Action on Public Health for 2026–2030.
- India will host the first BIMSTEC Centre of Excellence in Traditional Medicine at the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA).

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SPORTS · 13

Dhinidhi Desinghu Wins Historic Youth Olympics Swimming Bronze

3 November 2026

- Dhinidhi Desinghu, a 16-year-old swimmer from Bengaluru, won bronze in the women's 100-metre freestyle at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal.
- She became the first Indian swimmer to win a global medal in the sport, according to the supplied report.
- She clocked 56.27 seconds in the final, setting a new national record and improving her previous record of 56.57 seconds.

India Wins Men's and Women's Titles at Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026

3 November 2026

- India won both the men's and women's titles at the inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026, held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, from 23 to 31 October.
- The men's team defeated Sri Lanka 54–20 in the final, while the women's team defeated Uganda 35–15.

India Wins Four Medals at Senior World Wrestling Championships 2026

3 November 2026

- Manisha Bhanwala became the first Indian woman to win gold at the Senior World Wrestling Championships and the second Indian wrestler overall to win a world title after Sushil Kumar in 2010.
- India finished with four medals—one gold, two silver and one bronze—at the Senior World Wrestling Championships held in Astana, Kazakhstan, from 24 October to 1 November 2026.
- All four medals were won by India's women's freestyle wrestlers.
- The United States topped the medal tally with 15 medals, followed by Iran with 15 and Russia with 14.

Rahul Dravid and Saina Nehwal Nominated to 2030 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee

3 November 2026

- Former Indian cricket captain Rahul Dravid and Olympic medallist Saina Nehwal were nominated as athlete representatives to the proposed Organising Committee for the 2030 Commonwealth Games.
- India is planning to include 15–17 sporting disciplines, compared with 10 disciplines at the 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games.

Prema Rawat Sets Women's T20 Fastest-Fifty Record

3 November 2026

- Prema Rawat set a record for the fastest half-century in women's T20 cricket on 2 November 2026.
- She scored 50 not out from just 14 balls for Uttarakhand.
- This was reported as a new record in women's T20 cricket.

Glenn Maxwell Retires from International Cricket

3 November 2026

- Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell announced his retirement from international cricket on 2 November 2026.
- The report also states that he is retiring from international cricket at the age of 38.

Dhinidhi Desinghu Wins Youth Olympics Swimming Bronze

4 November 2026

- Indian swimmer Dhinidhi Desinghu won bronze in the women's 100-metre freestyle at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal.
- She clocked 56.27 seconds, setting a new national record.
- Croatia's Ana Bobanovic won gold in 55.89 seconds, while New Zealand's Alyssa Lawson won silver in 56.13 seconds.
- The result made Dhinidhi the first Indian swimmer to win a medal at the Youth Olympic Games, according to the supplied reports.

Khushbu Rajakbhai Wins Judo Silver at Youth Olympics

4 November 2026

- The medal added to India's achievements at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games.
- Indian judoka Khushbu Rajakbhai won silver in the women's 63-kg category at the Youth Olympic Games in Dakar.

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Lakshya Sen and P. V. Sindhu Win HYLO Open 2026 Titles

4 November 2026

- Indian shuttlers Lakshya Sen and P. V. Sindhu won the men's and women's singles titles, respectively, at the HYLO Open 2026 in Saarbrücken, Germany.
- Sindhu defeated Denmark's Line Højmark Kjærsfeldt 21–12, 21–14 in the women's final.
- Lakshya Sen defeated Indonesia's Jonatan Christie 21–17, 21–10 in the men's final.
- Sindhu became the first Indian woman to win the HYLO Open women's singles title, while Sen became the first Indian to win the men's singles title twice.

Max Verstappen Wins Mexico City Grand Prix 2026

4 November 2026

- Dutch driver Max Verstappen of Red Bull Racing won the 2026 Mexico City Grand Prix on 1 November 2026.
- The supplied report also claims that Antonelli clinched his maiden Formula One World Drivers' Championship at 20 years and 68 days. This championship claim should be independently verified before using it as a confirmed fact.

Glenn Maxwell Retires from International Cricket

4 November 2026

- He will continue playing franchise T20 cricket for the Melbourne Stars in the Big Bash League, according to the supplied report.
- Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell announced his retirement from international cricket in November 2026 after a 14-year career.
- He won the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup in 2015 and 2023 and the ICC Men's T20 World Cup in 2021.
- He represented Australia in 149 One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and 130 Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is).

OBITUARIES · 2

Veteran Dogri Writer and Filmmaker Ved Rahi Passes Away

3 November 2026

- He received the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1983 for his Dogri short-story collection Aale and the Sahitya Akademi Fellowship in 2024.
- Born on 22 May 1933 in Jammu, he made important contributions to Dogri literature through stories, novels and poetry.
- He also wrote scripts and dialogues for around 25 Hindi films and directed films such as Kali Ghata and Veer Savarkar (2001).
- Veteran Dogri writer, screenwriter and filmmaker Ved Rahi passed away at the age of 93 in Thane, Maharashtra.

Dr Ashok Kumar Mahapatra Passes Away at 74

4 November 2026

- He received the C. V. Raman Award for Scientific Excellence in 2022.
- Eminent neurosurgeon and Padma Shri awardee Dr Ashok Kumar Mahapatra passed away in New Delhi at the age of 74 in November 2026.
- He received the Padma Shri in 2025 for his contributions to medicine.
- He served as Director of AIIMS Bhubaneswar from 2012 to 2016 and Director of SGPGIMS, Lucknow, from 2006 to 2009.

SCHEMES · 11

Grievance Redressal Rules Notified under VB-G RAM G

4 November 2026

- The Ministry of Rural Development notified the Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026, under the Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin), or VB-G RAM G.
- They prescribe a 15-day deadline for resolving scheme-related grievances.

SUVIKALP – Mine Repurposing Tool

5 November 2026

- The Coal Controller Organisation (CCO), under the Ministry of Coal, developed SUVIKALP, an indigenous digital decision-support platform.

Cabinet Approves ₹2,814 Crore Critical Mineral Processing Scheme

5 November 2026

- On 4 November 2026, the Union Cabinet approved the Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing with an allocation of ₹2,814 crore.
- The scheme will run for five years, starting from Financial Year 2026–27.

Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge Completes 25 Years

5 November 2026

- CSIR-NIScPR organised the international conference CDTK-2026 to mark 25 years of the Indian Journal of Traditional Knowledge (IJTK).
- It was launched in 2002 by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), under NISCAIR, now known as CSIR-NIScPR.
- It is a diamond open-access journal, meaning readers can access its articles free of cost and authors do not have to pay publication charges.

Cabinet Approves ₹14,500 Crore VGF Scheme for Grid-Scale Energy Storage

6 November 2026

- Approval: The Union Cabinet approved a ₹14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme in November 2026 for developing grid-scale Energy Storage Systems (ESS).
- Duration: The scheme will run for five years, from Financial Year 2026–27 to FY2030–31.
- Investment: The estimated investment is ₹97,600 crore. The scheme will support India's target of 411 GWh grid-scale storage capacity by FY2032.
- Target Capacity: It aims to develop 92 GWh of additional storage capacity, comprising 60 GWh of Pumped Storage Projects (PSPs), 30 GWh of Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) and 2 GWh through alternative technologies.

Cabinet Approves ₹2,814 Crore Critical Mineral Processing Scheme

6 November 2026

- Approval: The Union Cabinet approved a ₹2,814 crore Capital Expenditure (Capex) Support Scheme to promote domestic processing of critical minerals.
- Duration: The scheme will operate for five years, from FY2026–27 to FY2030–31.
- Financial Support: The Government will provide a 30% capital subsidy on investment required to establish four critical mineral processing units.
- Key Minerals: The scheme focuses on minerals such as Lithium and Nickel, which are important for batteries, clean energy and strategic industries.

Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan

9 November 2026

- Launched in November 2026 by Dr. Virendra Kumar, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY).
- The campaign follows the 5C Model: Connect, Converse, Co-create, Contribute and Continue.
- It also launched Vayo SAATHI (Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion), a volunteer initiative for citizens aged 18 years and above to support senior citizens.

MANAGE Hyderabad Named Centre of Excellence in Skills

9 November 2026

- Established in 1987, MANAGE is an autonomous institution under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) recognised the National Institute of Agricultural Extension Management (MANAGE), Hyderabad, as a Centre of Excellence in Skills (CoE-Skills) for the agriculture sector.
- The certificate was presented on 2 November 2026 by Debashree Mukherjee, Secretary, MSDE, at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi.
- MANAGE works in training, consultancy, research and policy support related to agricultural extension. Agricultural extension means transferring scientific knowledge, new technologies and improved farming practices from researchers to farmers.

PMEGP Subsidy of ₹1,000 Crore Released for 11,333 Micro Enterprises

12 November 2026

- Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi released ₹1,000 crore as Margin Money subsidy under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) in October 2026.
- PMEGP is a credit-linked subsidy scheme launched in August 2008 to generate employment through new micro-enterprises in the non-farm sector in rural and urban areas.
- Applicants must be above 18 years of age.
- At least Class VIII qualification is required for projects costing above ₹10 lakh in manufacturing and ₹5 lakh in the business/service sector.

The PLI Scheme for Promoting Domestic Manufacturing of Medical Devices

12 November 2026

- Launched in FY 2020–21, the scheme aims to reduce imports, strengthen domestic manufacturing and promote the Make in India initiative.
- The scheme's tenure has been extended up to FY 2035–36.
- The Government of India invited fresh applications under the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Promoting Domestic Manufacturing of Medical Devices (PLI-MD).

Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025–26

13 November 2026

- Swachh Survekshan is the annual cleanliness assessment conducted by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- The 2025–26 edition marked the 10th year of the survey.
- The survey is an important tool for monitoring the progress of the Swachh Bharat Mission–Urban.

PIB · 5

MoPR Signs MoU with CESL to Promote Electric Vehicle Infrastructure in Panchayats

4 November 2026

- The proposed infrastructure will support two-wheelers, three-wheelers, four-wheelers and medium and heavy-duty vehicles.
- The Ministry of Panchayati Raj (MoPR) signed an MoU with Convergence Energy Services Limited (CESL) to develop electric vehicle charging and battery-swapping facilities on Panchayat-owned land.
- CESL is a wholly owned subsidiary of Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL), under the Ministry of Power.

Cabinet Approves Continuation of Fast Track Special Courts Scheme till March 2031

6 November 2026

- Financial Outlay: The scheme has a total allocation of ₹3,788.04 crore.
- Approval: The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme (CSS) for Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs), including exclusive POCSO Courts, from 1 April 2026 to 31 March 2031.
- Funding: The Centre will contribute ₹2,353.15 crore through the Nirbhaya Fund, while States and Union Territories will contribute ₹1,434.89 crore.
- Expansion: The number of functional FTSCs will increase from 779 to 850, depending on case pendency across States and Union Territories.

Cabinet Approves Changes in Agniveer Engagement

6 November 2026

- Approval: The Union Cabinet approved an additional two-year engagement for the remaining 75% of Agniveers.
- Existing Arrangement: The existing provision of 25% merit-based enrolment after four years will be retained.
- Objective: The change aims to provide a longer engagement period for eligible Agniveers while retaining the existing selection-based enrolment arrangement.
- Extended Service: These Agniveers may be considered for regular enrolment after six years, subject to willingness and selection criteria.

Delhi's First Recreational Yamuna River Cruise Service Inaugurated

12 November 2026

- Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated Delhi's first recreational cruise service on the Yamuna River on 10 November 2026 at Sonia Vihar.
- The Yamuna River is designated as National Waterway-110 (NW-110) under the National Waterways Act, 2016.
- The service operates a 30-seater electric-powered vessel on the Sonia Vihar–Jagatpur stretch, covering around 6 km on a round trip.
- The project is led by the Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, in coordination with Delhi government agencies.

Mizoram and SBI Sign MoU for Digital Revenue Collection by Village Councils

13 November 2026

- The Government of Mizoram and the State Bank of India (SBI) signed an MoU to enable Village Councils to collect their Own Source Revenue (OSR) through digital payments.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND PLACES · 2

Okhla Bird Sanctuary

4 November 2026

- A rare White Stork (Ciconia ciconia) was spotted at Okhla Bird Sanctuary on 1 November 2026.

Florida Governor's Race

4 November 2026

- Republican U.S. Representative Byron Donalds won Florida's governor's race on 3 November 2026, defeating Democratic nominee David Jolly.
- According to the supplied report, he will become Florida's first Black governor.

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India Science and Technology (S&T) Scoreboard

7 & 8 November 2026

- It covers all 36 States and Union Territories and tracks research performance from FY 2021–22 to FY 2024–25.
- It covers 11 priority research areas, including Artificial Intelligence, Semiconductors, Clean Energy, Critical Minerals, Biotechnology and Space Technologies.
- It assesses research publications, patents and innovation across three sectors: Academia, Government R&D Laboratories and Industry.

Marine Heatwaves (MHWs)

9 November 2026

- Sea surface temperatures were reported to be up to 1°C above normal.
- A marine heatwave is a period of unusually high sea surface temperatures that lasts for at least five consecutive days, exceeding the 90th percentile of the regional historical temperature range.

Goa Tops Access (In)Equality Index

11 November 2026

- The Access (In)Equality Index (AEI), 2021 ranked Goa first among Indian States and Union Territories.
- The index was published by the Centre for New Economics Studies (CNES) at O. P. Jindal Global University.
- Goa scored 0.67, the highest score in the index, and ranked second in access to secondary education.
- It considers affordability, geographical availability and quality of services, while examining differences based on gender, caste and rural–urban location.

IRDAI Forms Two Working Groups to Develop Risk-Based Capital Framework

11 November 2026

- Under the existing factor-based solvency system, insurers maintain capital according to fixed requirements. Under RBC, capital requirements will depend on the actual risks faced by an insurer.
- Insurers taking higher risks will need to maintain more capital, while those taking lower risks may require less. The proposed framework will use an economic balance sheet, based on current market values.
- The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has formed two working groups to develop a Risk-Based Capital (RBC) framework aligned with Indian Accounting Standards (Ind AS).

Indian Overseas Bank Launches IOB Digital Rupee App with Programmable CBDC Facility

11 November 2026

- The Digital Rupee (e₹) is a digital form of currency issued by the RBI and recognised as legal tender. Its retail pilot began on 1 December 2022.
- Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) launched its IOB Digital Rupee mobile application to enable customers to make transactions using India's Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC).
- The app supports Peer-to-Peer (P2P) and Peer-to-Merchant (P2M) transactions, along with UPI interoperability.
- Its Programmable CBDC (PCBDC) facility allows government funds to be disbursed for specific purposes, supporting Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and targeted financial assistance.

ICICI Life Insurance Launches EzyGrow ULIP

11 November 2026

- The plan offers 2X and 3X Waiver of Premium benefits, under which the insurer funds twice or thrice the remaining premiums upon the death of the life assured, subject to policy conditions.
- It combines market-linked investments with life insurance protection and offers family income benefits and maturity boosters.

WHO Report on Adolescent Physical Inactivity 2026

11 November 2026

- The WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity (2018-2030) aims to cut inactivity by 15 per cent
- Only 14 per cent were active on all seven days
- Gender gap: 28 per cent of girls had no active day, against 22 per cent of boys
- Daily activity: 11 per cent of girls, 17 per cent of boys

National Air Quality Index

11 November 2026

- Delhi's air quality fell sharply after Diwali firecrackers. Several stations recorded "severe" pollution. The official AQI was 370, while some private apps showed readings near 1,000.

Item	Detail
Launched	**17 September 2014**, in New Delhi
Under	**Swachh Bharat Abhiyan**
Ministry	**MoEFCC**
Prepared by	**Central Pollution Control Board**, with **IIT Kanpur** and an expert committee

Exercise Naseem Al Bahr

11 November 2026

- 15th edition

Unemployment Rate among Urban Youth Rises to 18.9% in Q2 FY 2026–27

11 November 2026

- According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) quarterly bulletin released by the National Statistics Office (NSO), the unemployment rate among urban youth aged 15–29 years increased to 18.9% in July–September 2026.
- This was a six-quarter high, compared with 18.2% in the previous quarter.
- The unemployment rate among urban young women rose to 26.1%, while the rate among urban young men increased to 16.5% under the Current Weekly Status (CWS) approach.
- However, the overall youth unemployment rate (rural and urban combined) declined from 15.9% to 15.3%, mainly due to a fall in rural youth unemployment from 14.7% to 13.6%.

ADB Releases USD 21.6 Million First Tranche for Mizoram Healthcare Scheme

11 November 2026

- Launched in March 2025 and operational from 1 April 2025, MUHCS provides eligible families with cashless healthcare coverage of up to ₹5 lakh annually at government and empanelled private hospitals.
- The amount was transferred to the Union Ministry of Finance on 29 October 2026 after Mizoram achieved two Disbursement-Linked Indicators (DLIs). The state received ₹205.49 crore on 5 November 2026.
- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) released the first tranche of USD 21.6 million under its USD 108 million results-based loan to strengthen the Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme (MUHCS).
- Of the amount received, ₹184.93 crore (90%) is a grant, while ₹20.54 crore (10%) is a loan. The money will be deposited in the state's Healthcare Corpus Fund.

National Legal Services Day 2026 – 9 November

11 November 2026

- The observance was proposed by Justice A.S. Anand, then Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA), during its first annual meet in 1998.
- It marks the commencement of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, which came into force on 9 November 1995.
- National Legal Services Day (NLSD) is observed every year on 9 November to promote legal awareness and equal access to justice, particularly for weaker and disadvantaged sections.
- The Act provides free and competent legal services to eligible people who cannot afford legal representation.

The 1.5°C Overshoot Narrative at COP31

11 November 2026

- The 1.5°C overshoot refers to a situation in which global temperatures temporarily rise above the 1.5°C limit set under the Paris Agreement.
- Some climate models suggest that temperatures could later return below 1.5°C by 2100 through large-scale Carbon Dioxide Removal (CDR).
- CDR refers to removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and storing it through methods such as direct air capture and ecosystem-based carbon storage.

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Fill the blank from memory, then check. Answers are at the foot of the box.

1. The WHO Global Action Plan on Physical Activity (2018-2030) aims to cut inactivity by _____

2. Delhi's air quality fell sharply after _____. Several stations recorded "severe" pollution. The official AQI was 370, while some private apps showed readings near 1,000.

3. The first-ever India-Myanmar tri-services disaster relief exercise, called _____, concluded in Chennai.

4. _____ arrived at Muscat, Oman, for the 15th edition of Exercise Naseem Al Bahr. It will be followed by a Coordinated Patrol between the two navies.

Answers 1 15 per cent · 2 Diwali firecrackers · 3 RAHAT MITRA · 4 INS Surat

SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENT, SPORTS AND IMPORTANT DAYS · 5

The Tokamak

9 November 2026

- It aims to reproduce the nuclear fusion process that powers the Sun and other stars.
- It was developed in the Soviet Union in the early 1950s by physicists Igor Tamm and Andrei Sakharov. Commercial electricity generation through tokamak-based fusion has not yet been achieved.

Earth Captures a Temporary Mini-Moon: Asteroid 2026 QQ8

9 November 2026

- It was first observed by Hungarian astronomer Krisztián Sárneczky on 20 August 2026.
- Asteroid 2026 QQ8, approximately one metre in diameter, was captured temporarily by Earth's gravity in April 2026.
- It is expected to remain temporarily bound to Earth until December 2026, after which it will continue orbiting the Sun.

New Flowering Plant Species Discovered in Northeast India

9 November 2026

- Researchers discovered a new flowering plant species named Disporum kamakhasiense in Assam and Meghalaya.
- It grows in semi-evergreen forest habitats at elevations of 200–1,100 metres and was reported in the botanical journal Novon.

Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026

9 November 2026

- India defeated Japan 4–1 in the final of the 9th Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026, held from 27 October to 5 November in Punjab.
- India secured its record-extending sixth title and completed a hat-trick of consecutive championships (2023, 2024 and 2026).
- Harmanpreet Singh was named Player of the Tournament and top scorer with 10 goals, while Krishan Bahadur Pathak received the Goalkeeper of the Tournament award.

National Cancer Awareness Day – 7 November

9 November 2026

- It was introduced in 2014 by former Union Health Minister Dr. Harsh Vardhan.
- The date coincides with the birth anniversary of Marie Curie, born on 7 November 1867.
- Marie Curie received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1903 and the Nobel Prize in Chemistry in 1911 for her pioneering work on radioactivity.
- India observes National Cancer Awareness Day every year on 7 November to promote cancer prevention, early detection and timely treatment.

GENERAL · 2

India Re-elected as President of International Solar Alliance for Third Consecutive Term

11 November 2026

- The election took place during the ISA's 9th Session, held alongside the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 in New Delhi.
- India committed ₹225 crore (USD 25 million) to expand affordable solar energy access. ISA initiatives include the USD 200 million Africa Solar Facility and USD 300 million Nigeria Distributed Renewable Energy Fund.
- India was re-elected as President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for the 2026–2028 term, while France was re-elected as Co-President.
- ISA aims to support the global deployment of one million solar pumps, promote solar projects in island countries and develop up to 500 MW of solar capacity in Small Island Developing States by 2030.

Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary Records Tiger Movement from Dechuan-Lakhanpur Corridor

11 November 2026

- Debrigarh was notified as a wildlife sanctuary in 1985 under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. It is also an Eco-Sensitive Zone.
- The sanctuary covers 346.91 sq. km and is located in Bargarh district, western Odisha, near Sambalpur.
- A Royal Bengal Tiger entered Odisha's Debrigarh Wildlife Sanctuary through the Dechuan-Lakhanpur corridor. This is the second such tiger movement into the sanctuary in five years.

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