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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 01

☐ Cabinet Extends NSAP for Five Years with ₹53,428 Crore Outlay GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Union Cabinet** extended the National Social Assistance Programme, renamed **Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana**, for 2026–27 to 2030–31 with an outlay of **₹53,428 crore**, revising disability-pension eligibility.

- The programme gives effect to the social-assistance principle contained in Article 41 of the Constitution.
- The Department of Rural Development is the nodal administrative department.
- Benchmark-disability eligibility was revised from 80% to 40%.
- Old-age, widow, disability and family-benefit sub-schemes received new names.
- Coverage: Approximately 3.20 crore beneficiaries across all States and UTs.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Period: FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31; Total outlay: ₹53,428 crore.

☐ Supreme Court Directs Insurance Cover for Counter Railway Tickets POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **Supreme Court** directed Indian Railways to extend travel-insurance protection to **railway reservation-counter tickets** from **27 October 2026**, bringing eligible offline passengers within the insurance framework.

- It is particularly relevant for passengers who do not use digital ticketing platforms.
- The precise premium and operational procedure for counter tickets will depend on Railway implementation instructions.
- The direction seeks to remove the insurance-access difference between online and counter bookings.
- Existing online insurance premium cited in reports: ₹0.45 per passenger.
- Implementation date: 27 October 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Implementation date: 27 October 2026; Authority: Supreme Court of India.

☐ Five States Get Permanent Representation in New GST Standing Committee POLITY & GOVERNANCE

A new **GST Standing Committee** will include **Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat and Tamil Nadu** as permanent members, according to the government announcement, to improve tax administration and coordination.

- GSTN-based return filing, disclosures and invoice matching are expected to strengthen compliance.
- Business-to-Consumer e-invoicing is among the measures being considered for wider adoption.
- The committee will use technology and data analytics to expand the taxpayer base.
- GST is a destination-based indirect tax on the supply of goods and services.
- Rotating positions: 7, changing every two years.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Total committee representation: 12 states; Permanent members: 5.

☐ PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana Completes One Year GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana completed one year on **11 October 2026**; the agriculture scheme targets **100 districts** by coordinating 36 central schemes across 11 ministries and departments.

- District implementation is overseen by a committee headed by the District Collector or District Magistrate.
- Gaya, Nagaur and Umari were recognised for performance during the anniversary programme.
- The programme targets districts facing low agricultural productivity, low cropping intensity and limited agricultural credit.
- State-level monitoring is led by the Chief Secretary.
- It brings together 36 central schemes across 11 ministries and departments.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY); Launch date: 11 October 2025.

☐ PM-SETU Agreements Signed for Surat and Visakhapatnam ITI Clusters GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship** signed agreements with ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India under **PM-SETU** to modernise nine government ITIs in Surat and Visakhapatnam clusters with **₹440 crore** funding.

- The Directorate General of Training is an important implementing stakeholder.
- Upgraded ITIs can improve access to practical training and employment opportunities.
- Training programmes will be aligned with contemporary industrial skill requirements.
- The initiative strengthens cooperation between government institutions and industry.
- PM-SETU aims to modernise vocational training infrastructure.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs; Clusters: Surat, Gujarat and Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

❑ PM GatiShakti National Master Plan Completes Five Years GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

PM GatiShakti National Master Plan completed **five years on 13 October 2026**, supporting GIS-based integrated infrastructure planning across ministries, states and transport networks under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade.

- It supports multimodal connectivity involving roads, railways, ports, airports and logistics infrastructure.
- It is intended to reduce planning gaps and improve coordination between infrastructure sectors.
- The platform integrates infrastructure and geographical data from different government agencies.
- Launch date: 13 October 2021.
- Related ministry: Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Scheme: PM GatiShakti National Master Plan; Launch date: 13 October 2021.

❑ Supreme Court Constitutes Committee on Judicial Well-Being POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Chief Justice of India **Surya Kant** constituted a Standing Committee on Judicial Well-being, chaired by **Justice K. V. Viswanathan**, on 11 October 2026 to examine occupational stress and welfare of judicial officers.

- Its work is linked to concerns about workload, staffing and infrastructure.
- International Day for Judicial Well-being is observed on 25 July.
- Members include specialists in psychology, medicine and legal administration.
- The committee aims to identify challenges affecting the well-being of judicial officers.
- Date: 11 October 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Committee: Standing Committee on Judicial Well-being; Chairperson: Justice K. V. Viswanathan.

❑ Government Approves ₹65-Crore DRISHTI Project for Delhi Property Rights GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Union Government approved the **DRISHTI project** with an estimated **₹65 crore** allocation for GIS-based property surveys and ownership documentation in Delhi's unauthorised colonies under PM-UDAY.

- The Urban Development Fund of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs provides the central share.
- It covers PM-UDAY cells across Delhi's 13 districts.
- GIS-based surveys can improve transparency, reduce documentation delays and support property-rights verification.
- The project uses Geographic Information System mapping for property surveys.
- Delhi's Revenue Department is responsible for implementing the project.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Project: Delhi Revenue and Imaging Survey, Spatial Technology Initiative; Short name: DRISHTI.

❑ MoPSW Launches Two Credit-Risk Insurance Products for Shipbuilding POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways** launched **two shipbuilding credit-risk insurance products** at the Maritime State Development Council meeting in Mumbai, supporting domestic shipbuilding and export financing.

- The Government will subsidise premiums and provide support to insurers for eligible claims.
- The initiative seeks to improve the financial resilience of Indian shipyards.
- It supports the broader goal of expanding India's indigenous maritime-manufacturing capacity.
- The products address payment and credit risks in export and domestic shipbuilding projects.
- BCSPS developer: New India Assurance Company Limited.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Export product: Shipbuilding Project Credit Risk Insurance Policy (SbPCP); SbPCP developer: ECGC Limited.

❑ Lakshadweep Becomes 100% Literate UT under ULLAS GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Lakshadweep was declared a **100% literate Union Territory** under the ULLAS adult-literacy programme, which promotes foundational learning and lifelong education among identified non-literate adults; Mizoram had earlier been declared India's first fully literate state under ULLAS in 2025.

- The programme is aligned with the National Education Policy 2020.
- Target group: Adults aged 15 years and above who missed formal schooling.
- ULLAS is also known as the New India Literacy Programme.
- It focuses on foundational literacy, numeracy and lifelong learning.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Programme: ULLAS - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram; ULLAS: Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society.

❑ RDIF Announces First Cohort of 19 Second Level Fund Managers GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Research, Development and Innovation Fund** announced its first cohort of **19 second-level fund managers**, comprising 14 Alternative Investment Funds and five Fund of Research Organisations to support research-led enterprises.

- RDIF aims to provide long-term capital for high-risk and high-impact research and innovation.
- The initiative supports India's broader research, innovation and technological self-reliance goals.
- The cohort was approved by the Empowered Group of Secretaries.
- The selected intermediaries are expected to channel funds towards technology enterprises and research organisations.
- Funding commitment: ₹7,131 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Total SLFMs: 19; Alternative Investment Funds: 14.

❑ DAHD Launches DBIM-Compliant Website POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying** launched a new **Digital Brand Identity Manual-compliant website** with multilingual access, designed to make departmental services and public information easier to use.

- The platform supports the government's citizen-centric digital service-delivery approach.
- Features include advanced search, multilingual support and persona-led navigation.
- The website provides information on livestock health, dairy development and animal-husbandry schemes.
- Framework: Digital Brand Identity Manual (DBIM) Version 3.0.
- DBIM introduced by: Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Department: Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD); Framework: Digital Brand Identity Manual (DBIM) Version 3.0.

❑ ICMR's First High-Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research Centre Planned at Keylong GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Union Health Minister **J. P. Nadda** laid the foundation stone of the **first ICMR High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research Centre** at Keylong, Himachal Pradesh.

- Telemedicine, drones and digital-health tools are expected to support remote healthcare delivery.
- The centre will study disease patterns in Himalayan populations and defence personnel.
- Research will include acclimatisation, altitude-related illness, maternal and newborn health, nutrition and NCDs.
- The project creates a specialised research base for health challenges unique to high-altitude regions.
- Research partners include AFMS and AIIMS Bilaspur.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Keylong, Himachal Pradesh; Organisation: Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR).

❑ Urban Female Labour Force Participation Rises in September PLFS REPORTS & INDICES

The **National Statistics Office** reported an increase in **urban female labour-force participation** in the September 2026 Periodic Labour Force Survey, an important indicator of employment and workforce trends.

- Female LFPR is closely watched as an indicator of women's participation in economic activity.
- PLFS is one of India's principal sources of employment and unemployment statistics.
- Urban and rural labour-market indicators are important for economic-policy and social-sector analysis.
- LFPR measures persons working or seeking/available for work as a share of the relevant population.
- Ministry: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Survey: Periodic Labour Force Survey; Conducted by: National Statistical Office.

❑ Indian Railways Reports 6.14% Freight Growth REPORTS & INDICES

Indian Railways reported a **6.14% year-on-year increase** in September 2026 freight loading to approximately **135.35 million tonnes**, compared with 127.52 million tonnes a year earlier.

- Domestic container loading increased by 10%.
- Freight loading is an important indicator of transport demand and goods movement in the economy.
- Foodgrain freight grew by 25%.
- Clinker freight grew by 20%.
- April-September cumulative growth: 4.1%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: September 2026 freight: 135.35 million tonnes; September 2025 freight: 127.52 million tonnes.

❑ Draft National Steel Policy Vision 2047 Targets 604 MT Capacity POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The government circulated a **draft National Steel Policy Vision 2047** proposing **604 million tonnes** of steel-making capacity, alongside plans for demand growth, technology upgrades and reduced industrial emissions.

- The 604 MT figure is a proposed future capacity target, not current production.
- Decarbonisation measures include hydrogen-based steelmaking and increased scrap utilisation.
- The draft proposes greater domestic steelmaking capacity and reduced dependence on imported coking coal.
- Emission intensity target: 1.54 tonnes of CO₂ per tonne of crude steel.
- Per-capita consumption target: 302 kg.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Crude steelmaking capacity target: 604 million tonnes; Finished steel demand target: 505 MT.

❑ Sports Ministry Forms Committee to Revive Hockey India League POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports** formed a **seven-member committee** to examine the Hockey India League's governance, financial sustainability and measures needed to revive the competition.

- Concerns about the Women's Hockey India League are also relevant to the review.
- Members include representatives of the Sports Ministry, Hockey India and participating franchises.
- The committee will examine the league's financial structure, governance and long-term sustainability.
- League's first season: 2013.
- Purpose: Hockey India League revival.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: League's first season: 2013; Committee size: Seven members.

❑ Boeing Sukanya STEM Laboratory Opened in Odisha GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

A **Boeing Sukanya STEM laboratory** and aeromodelling training centre opened at Kosala School in **Odisha's Bargarh district** to improve pupils' access to science, technology and aviation-related learning.

- Its wider objective is to encourage girls' participation in aviation and emerging technologies.
- The facility supports practical learning in robotics, electronics, AI, aeromodelling and aerospace concepts.
- Expected beneficiaries: More than 2,000 students annually.
- Programme launched: 2024.
- Partner: Learning Links Foundation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Programme: Boeing Sukanya; Location: Bargarh, Odisha.

❑ University of Colorado Denver Receives UGC Letter of Intent for Hyderabad Campus GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **University Grants Commission** issued a **Letter of Intent** on 7 October 2026 for the University of Colorado Denver's proposed degree-granting campus in **Hyderabad**, with an expected 2027 intake.

- The university was established in 1973 and is governed by the University of Colorado Board of Regents.
- The UGC is a statutory body established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.
- A Letter of Intent is a regulatory milestone; it should not be confused with the campus already being operational.
- It is also reported as the first foreign university campus planned for Telangana.
- Proposed academic areas include business, computing, engineering and analytics.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The university was established in 1973 and is governed by the University of Colorado Board of Regents; The UGC is a statutory body established under the University Grants Commission Act, 1956.

❑ MoSPI and Pahle India Foundation Sign MoU to Strengthen Official Statistics POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **National Statistics Office** under MoSPI signed an **MoU with Pahle India Foundation** on 8 October 2026 for collaborative research, data analysis and capacity building in official statistics.

- MoSPI was formed in 1999 and is also the nodal ministry for the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme.
- Improved official statistics can support evidence-based policymaking, economic planning and public programme evaluation.
- Activities will be aligned with MoSPI's statistical priorities.
- Pahle India Foundation is a policy think tank headquartered in New Delhi.
- The agreement creates a framework for collaborative research and knowledge sharing.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Pahle India Foundation is a policy think tank headquartered in New Delhi; MoSPI was formed in 1999 and is also the nodal ministry for the Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme.

□ Parliamentary Committee Submits 382nd Report on NTA Reforms POLITY & GOVERNANCE

A **Parliamentary Standing Committee** submitted its **382nd Report** on National Testing Agency reforms on 9 October 2026, proposing stronger examination security, specialist staffing, computer-based infrastructure and grievance redressal.

- Examine the feasibility of conducting NEET-UG through computer-based testing, subject to adequate infrastructure and accessibility.
- Develop large, regularly updated question banks.
- Increase the recruitment and retention of specialist personnel.
- Improve communication with candidates and grievance-handling systems.
- Improve examination security and institutional accountability.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Report: 382nd Report; Subject: Reforms and Strengthening of the National Testing Agency.

□ National SC-ST Hub Highlights Inclusive Entrepreneurship GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Ministry of MSME** highlighted the **National SC-ST Hub** on 8 October 2026, an initiative helping Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs access public procurement, training and markets.

- It seeks to improve business capabilities and market participation.
- Capacity-building activities can help entrepreneurs understand procurement requirements and develop competitive enterprises.
- The scheme is relevant to inclusive economic development and MSME policy.
- The initiative supports SC/ST-owned enterprises in accessing public procurement opportunities.
- Focus: Public procurement, capacity building and market access.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Initiative: National SC-ST Hub; Ministry: Ministry of MSME.

□ Prime Minister Interacts with India's WorldSkills Team POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** reportedly interacted with India's **WorldSkills team** on **9 October 2026**, highlighting vocational education, practical technical skills and India's participation in international skills competitions.

- The event highlights the importance of employability, skills training and internationally competitive talent.
- Participants demonstrate practical abilities across specialised occupational categories.
- WorldSkills competitions provide an international platform for technical and vocational excellence.
- Edition reported: 48th.
- Interaction date: 9 October 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: WorldSkills Competition; Edition reported: 48th.

□ WWF Living Planet Report 2026 Highlights Global Wildlife Decline REPORTS & INDICES

The **WWF** and Zoological Society of London highlighted a **73% average decline** in monitored vertebrate wildlife populations between 1970 and 2022 in the reported **Living Planet Report 2026**.

- The Living Planet Index measures trends in monitored vertebrate populations; a 73% average decline does not mean 73% of all wild animals have disappeared.
- These figures may refer to different census years and should not be treated as a single simultaneous wildlife census.
- Latin America and the Caribbean: 95% decline.
- Major pressures include habitat loss, agricultural expansion, overexploitation and climate change.
- Asia-Pacific: 49% decline.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Report: Living Planet Report 2026; Organisations: WWF and Zoological Society of London.

□ 57th GST Council Meeting Recommends Compliance and Process Reforms POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **57th GST Council meeting**, chaired by Nirmala Sitharaman in New Delhi on **8 October 2026**, recommended reforms covering GST registration, refunds, adjudication and tax administration under **Article 279A**.

- The preceding 56th meeting had focused on GST rate rationalisation.
- Clarifications were discussed for the GST treatment of specified goods and services.
- The meeting considered measures to simplify tax compliance and improve trade facilitation.
- Decriminalisation-related recommendations were also reported.
- Constitutional amendment: 101st Amendment Act, 2016.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Constitutional article: Article 279A; Constitutional amendment: 101st Amendment Act, 2016.

❑ Central Armed Police Forces General Administration Act, 2026 Comes into Force POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Act, 2026** was reported as effective from **8 October 2026**, addressing service administration and IPS-deputation requirements; provisions require verification against the enacted text.

- Major forces discussed under the wider CAPF framework include CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB.
- Additional Director General posts: At least 67% IPS deputation quota.
- Service provisions for Group A General Duty officers are placed within a statutory framework.
- Rajya Sabha passage reported: 1 April 2026.
- Presidential assent reported: 9 April 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Law: Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Act, 2026; Major forces discussed under the wider CAPF framework include CRPF, BSF, CISF, ITBP and SSB.

❑ Government Approves Trade Margin Cap on Non-Scheduled Anti-Cancer Medicines GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Department of Pharmaceuticals** reportedly approved a **30% trade-margin cap** for non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines, with the **National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority** overseeing medicine-price regulation; the NPPA administers drug-pricing regulation under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

- An expert committee under the Directorate General of Health Services is expected to identify covered medicines.
- It refers to a February 2019 intervention covering 42 non-scheduled anti-cancer medicines.
- Manufacturers are expected to maintain supply and production availability.
- The policy aims to reduce excessive margins in the medicine distribution chain.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: An expert committee under the Directorate General of Health Services is expected to identify covered medicines; The NPPA administers drug-pricing regulation under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 2013.

❑ UIDAI Revises SOP for Aadhaar Name Updates POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **UIDAI** reportedly revised its **Aadhaar name-update procedure** on **18 September 2026**, differentiating minor spelling corrections from major identity changes under the Aadhaar framework; UIDAI was established as a statutory authority under the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

- Names containing designations, ranks, awards or aliases are subject to restrictions.
- Marriage, divorce and gender-related name changes have separate documentation provisions.
- Correction of data-entry errors follows a distinct procedure.
- Minor corrections may include spelling changes, abbreviation expansion, name sequence adjustments and surname modifications.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Law: Aadhaar Act, 2016; UIDAI was established as a statutory authority under the Aadhaar Act, 2016.

❑ Commerce Ministry Establishes FTA Utilisation Cell GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **Department of Commerce** established an **FTA Utilisation Cell** in October 2026 to help exporters understand tariff preferences, rules of origin and documentation under India's free-trade agreements.

- The cell will conduct awareness activities at national, state and district levels.
- It will develop market-specific action plans with industry bodies.
- The India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement is an important trade arrangement.
- EFTA members are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
- FTA utilisation depends on exporters understanding preferential tariffs, rules of origin and customs documentation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Department: Department of Commerce; Ministry: Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

❑ IISc Bengaluru Reportedly Leads India's Stanford-Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List REPORTS & INDICES

The **Stanford-Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List 2026** was reported to show **IISc Bengaluru** leading Indian institutions in included researchers, based on citation-related research indicators.

- Career-long and single-year research impact can be evaluated separately.
- A ranking based on researchers' inclusion is different from an overall university ranking.
- The database identifies researchers using bibliometric measures.
- Indicators may include citations and measures of research influence.
- Area: Scientific research impact.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: List: Stanford-Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List 2026; Indian institution reported at the top: IISc Bengaluru.

❑ Multilingual Science Ministry Websites Launched in 22 Languages POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The **Ministry of Science and Technology** launched redesigned multilingual websites on 9 October 2026 using **BHASHINI**, making public science information available in **22 languages**; the portals use a content delivery network for improved loading and availability.

- Security measures include SSL/TLS encryption and relevant CERT-In guidelines.
- Accessibility features include screen-reader compatibility and adjustable text size.
- The initiative supports digital inclusion in scientific information.
- The websites provide information on research grants, fellowships and government schemes.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Launch date: 9 October 2026; Ministry: Ministry of Science and Technology.



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2. BANKING & FINANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 02

❑ RBI Opens Special Dollar Window for Three Oil Marketing Companies BANKING & FINANCE

The **Reserve Bank of India** opened a **special US-dollar window** for Indian Oil, Hindustan Petroleum and Bharat Petroleum and tightened selected foreign-exchange derivative rules in October 2026.

- RBI was established on 1 April 1935 under the RBI Act, 1934.
- India imports substantial quantities of crude oil, typically invoiced internationally in US dollars.
- Large dollar purchases by oil marketing companies can influence demand in the foreign-exchange market.
- The facility does not eliminate exchange-rate or crude-oil-price risks.
- Such measures can affect liquidity conditions in the foreign-exchange market.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: RBI was established on 1 April 1935 under the RBI Act, 1934; Regulator: Reserve Bank of India.

❑ RBI Raises Minimum Daily CRR Maintenance Requirement to 99% BANKING & FINANCE

The **RBI** raised the minimum daily maintenance requirement for banks' Cash Reserve Ratio balances from **90% to 99%** for the reporting fortnight beginning **16 October 2026**.

- CRR is the portion of a bank's Net Demand and Time Liabilities maintained as cash balance with the RBI.
- Variable Rate Reverse Repo auctions and Open Market Operations are important RBI liquidity-management instruments.
- A change in the daily maintenance requirement is not necessarily a change in the headline CRR percentage itself.
- The revised daily maintenance rule reduces banks' flexibility to temporarily maintain lower balances.
- Revised requirement: 99%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: RBI; Earlier daily maintenance requirement: 90%.

❑ LIC Announces Three New Insurance Plans BANKING & FINANCE

The **Life Insurance Corporation of India** announced **three new insurance plans** targeting retirement income, health protection and cancer-related financial risks, with availability scheduled from 19 October 2026.

- New Cancer Cover provides fixed financial benefits on diagnosis of specified stages of cancer.
- New Jeevan Dhara-II is designed as a deferred annuity plan for retirement income.
- All three were reported as non-participating, non-linked individual products.
- Health Shield provides fixed-benefit protection against specified health risks.
- New Jeevan Dhara-II: Plan 892.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: New Jeevan Dhara-II: Plan 892; Health Shield: Plan 907.

❑ Karnataka Bank Launches Trade Konnect Platform BANKING & FINANCE

Karnataka Bank launched **Trade Konnect**, a digital platform allowing customers to submit import, export and outward-remittance service requests online, with the aim of simplifying international trade transactions.

- It targets businesses involved in international trade and individuals making foreign remittances.
- The platform enables covered forex requests without physical branch visits.
- The launch forms part of Karnataka Bank's wider digital-transformation strategy.
- Technology partner: Kyzer Software (India) Private Limited.
- Services: Import, export and outward remittances.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Platform: Trade Konnect; Bank: Karnataka Bank.

❑ Federal Bank Launches Verto Premium Savings Account BANKING & FINANCE

Federal Bank launched the **Verto premium savings account** on 14 October 2026, targeting young professionals, executives and entrepreneurs with bundled banking and lifestyle benefits; special privileges are also offered for eligible family members.

- The account offers spending insights and information related to wealth-creation opportunities.
- Benefits include airport-lounge access and concessions on selected banking services.
- Debit-card cashback: up to 5% on specified categories.
- Insurance cover: up to ₹35 lakh.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Federal Bank headquarters: Aluva, Kerala; Product: Verto Premium Savings Account.

❑ NISM Introduces Cybersecurity Certifications for GIFT IFSC BANKING & FINANCE

The **National Institute of Securities Markets** announced **basic and advanced cybersecurity certifications** for professionals in the Gujarat International Finance Tec-City International Financial Services Centre ecosystem.

- NISM was established by SEBI in 2006.
- The basic course covers cyber threats, security architecture and emerging risks.
- The advanced course addresses governance, incident response and regulatory compliance.
- Basic launch scheduled: 18 November 2026.
- Advanced launch scheduled: 30 December 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NISM was established by SEBI in 2006; Basic course: NISM-IFSCA-02A.

❑ SEBI Notifies Common Advertisement Code for Market Intermediaries BANKING & FINANCE

The **Securities and Exchange Board of India** notified a **Common Advertisement Code** permitting celebrity-led corporate branding by regulated market intermediaries while restricting endorsements of specific investment products and services.

- Celebrity advertisements require prior approval from the relevant supervisory body or SEBI.
- Celebrity-endorsement costs cannot be charged to clients or mutual-fund schemes.
- The code covers brokers, investment advisers, research analysts, portfolio managers and other regulated entities.
- Applicable advertisements must carry prescribed disclaimers.
- IPO issue-size revision relaxation extended to 31 March 2027.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Regulator: SEBI; Framework: Common Advertisement Code.

❑ ReNew Secures USD 100 Million FMO Financing for Renewable Energy BANKING & FINANCE

Renewable-energy company **ReNew** secured a **USD 100 million** debt facility from the Netherlands-based development bank FMO to finance renewable-energy projects under construction in India; the 2X Challenge links investment flows with women's economic participation and empowerment.

- The transaction expands access to long-tenure international capital for India's clean-energy sector.
- The financing is rupee-denominated under the Voluntary Retention Route.
- Tenure — 10 years.
- Financing qualifies under the 2X Challenge.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Financing qualifies under the 2X Challenge; The financing is rupee-denominated under the Voluntary Retention Route.

❑ NSE IX and London Stock Exchange Sign MoU on Cross-Border Market Connectivity BANKING & FINANCE

NSE International Exchange and the **London Stock Exchange** signed an MoU to explore cross-border listings, trading connectivity and new exchange-traded products between India and the United Kingdom.

- The exchanges will explore joint indices and market-data distribution.
- The agreement is intended to deepen India-UK capital-market connectivity.
- The proposed cooperation includes dual and cross-listings.
- Index collaboration may involve FTSE Russell-linked products.
- Areas: Cross-listing, trading connectivity, ETFs and derivatives.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian exchange: NSE International Exchange; Partner: London Stock Exchange.

❑ RBI Removes Paytm Payments Bank from Second Schedule BANKING & FINANCE

The **Reserve Bank of India** reportedly removed **Paytm Payments Bank** from the Second Schedule to the **RBI Act, 1934** on 7 October 2026; licence and scheduled-bank status are distinct.

- Payments banks operate under a restricted banking model and cannot undertake conventional lending activities.
- It also refers to restrictions on new customer onboarding and deposits.
- For banking examinations, distinguish between a bank's licence, its operational restrictions and its scheduled-bank status; these are different regulatory concepts.
- The Second Schedule lists scheduled banks under the RBI Act.
- Reported removal date: 7 October 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Law: Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934; The Second Schedule lists scheduled banks under the RBI Act.

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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 03

❑ Cabinet Approves 78-Day Productivity Linked Bonus for Railway Employees ECONOMY

The **Union Cabinet** approved a **78-day productivity-linked bonus** worth **₹2,009.61 crore** for about 11.40 lakh eligible non-gazetted railway employees, with a maximum individual payment of ₹17,951.

- Beneficiaries include track maintainers, loco pilots, train managers, station masters and other eligible Group C personnel.
- Indian Railways functions under the Ministry of Railways.
- The Productivity Linked Bonus is intended to recognise employee contribution to railway operational performance.
- Bonus equivalent: 78 days' wages.
- Total expenditure: ₹2,009.61 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian Railways functions under the Ministry of Railways; Total expenditure: ₹2,009.61 crore.

❑ September 2026 Retail Inflation Reported at 5.54% ECONOMY

The **Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** reported **5.54% retail inflation** for September 2026, with rural inflation at 6.08% and food inflation at 7.74%.

- Changing a price index's base year updates the reference period and may reflect changes in consumption patterns.
- CPI measures changes in the prices consumers pay for a representative basket of goods and services.
- CPI is an important indicator for monetary policy and household purchasing power.
- Base year reported: 2024 = 100.
- Urban inflation: 4.88%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Index: Consumer Price Index; Base year reported: 2024 = 100.

❑ IMF Raises India's FY27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7% ECONOMY

The **International Monetary Fund** raised its forecast for India's FY2026–27 real GDP growth to **7%** in the October 2026 World Economic Outlook, according to the weekly compilation.

- The 60-basis-point upward revision was attributed to stronger domestic demand and services activity.
- FY27 refers to India's financial year 2026-27, whereas calendar-year projections cover January-December.
- India FY27 inflation projection: 5.0%.
- Previous FY27 forecast: 6.4%.
- India FY27 forecast: 7.0%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Report: World Economic Outlook, October 2026; India FY27 forecast: 7.0%.

❑ Fitch's BMI Raises India's FY27 GDP Growth Forecast to 7.5% ECONOMY

BMI, a unit of Fitch Solutions, raised India's FY2026–27 economic growth forecast to **7.5%** from 6.8%, citing resilient economic activity and investment momentum.

- BMI also highlighted downside risks including oil-price pressures and weather-related disruptions.
- Investment in artificial-intelligence-related infrastructure was identified as another growth driver.
- Strong industrial expansion and economic momentum supported the upward revision.
- India Q1 FY27 GDP growth reported: 7.8%.
- Previous estimate: 6.8%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: FY27 revised forecast: 7.5%; Previous estimate: 6.8%.

❑ Adani Enterprises and Jabil Plan 50:50 AI Hardware Joint Venture ECONOMY

Adani Enterprises and US-based Jabil signed a non-binding agreement to explore a **50:50 joint venture** for manufacturing AI and data-centre hardware in India; the proposal supports domestic production of infrastructure required for large-scale data centres.

- The proposed venture will manufacture and assemble AI racks, servers, storage and networking equipment.
- Other equipment includes power-distribution systems, liquid-cooling equipment and transformers.
- Target markets: Domestic and international customers.
- Proposed ownership: 50:50.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Partners: Adani Enterprises and Jabil Inc; Proposed ownership: 50:50.

❑ World Bank Raises India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 7.1% ECONOMY

The **World Bank** raised its India FY2026–27 GDP growth projection to **7.1%** from 6.6% in an October report, citing resilient domestic consumption and economic activity.

- The World Bank was established in 1944 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C.
- A basis point equals one-hundredth of a percentage point; 60 basis points equals 0.60 percentage points.
- The World Bank's South Asia projection was revised upward by 60 basis points.
- GDP growth forecasts are projections and should not be confused with final realised growth rates.
- Upward revision: 0.5 percentage points.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The World Bank was established in 1944 and is headquartered in Washington, D.C; Institution: World Bank.

❑ UNCTAD Projects India's 2026 Growth at 7.3% ECONOMY

The **United Nations Conference on Trade and Development** projected **7.3% Indian growth in 2026**, as reported in the October international trade and development update.

- Exam distinction: IMF's 7% estimate relates to FY27; UNCTAD's 7.3% projection relates to calendar year 2026. These are not identical reporting periods.
- It highlights semiconductors, AI-related equipment and critical minerals as important sectors.
- Developing economies: 4.0%.
- Global growth forecast: 2.6%.
- Asia's projected contribution to global growth: 59%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Report: Trade and Development Report 2026; India's 2026 growth forecast: 7.3%.

❑ NLMC Conducts First End-to-End E-Auction ECONOMY

The **National Land Monetisation Corporation** conducted its **first end-to-end e-auction** of RINL land parcels in October 2026, selling **150 plots for ₹366.33 crore** in successful bids on day one.

- NLMC operates under the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance.
- Land monetisation seeks to unlock economic value from surplus or underutilised public-sector assets.
- Electronic auctions aim to improve transparency and competition.
- Reserve price: ₹312.48 crore.
- Next auction phase: 30 October 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NLMC operates under the Department of Public Enterprises, Ministry of Finance; Organisation: National Land Monetization Corporation.



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

Section 04

❑ India Hosts First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi SUMMITS & MOUS

India hosted the **first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting** in New Delhi on **13 October 2026** under Amit Shah's chairmanship; participants adopted the Delhi Declaration on regional security cooperation.

- Established in 1997, BIMSTEC has its Secretariat in Dhaka, Bangladesh.
- Priority areas included drug trafficking, human trafficking, cybercrime, terrorism financing and disaster preparedness.
- The proposed Jamnagar centre is intended to improve regional disaster coordination and response.
- BIMSTEC connects South Asia and Southeast Asia through seven member countries.
- Participating countries: 7.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Established in 1997, BIMSTEC has its Secretariat in Dhaka, Bangladesh; Meeting: First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting.

❑ External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar Visits Three African Countries INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar** concluded visits to **Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia** on 10 October 2026, discussing bilateral development, education, investment and research cooperation.

- India announced plans for another Jaipur Artificial Limb Fitment camp in Ethiopia.
- In Ghana, the two sides reviewed cooperation in agriculture, pharmaceuticals, defence and technology.
- The visit reflects India's growing engagement with African countries through development partnerships.
- Two MoUs were formalised in agriculture and zoological research.
- In Ethiopia, the minister visited scientific and historical institutions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Minister: S. Jaishankar; Ministry: Ministry of External Affairs.

❑ India Provides ₹290 Crore for Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India transferred **₹290 crore** to **Bhutan** to support projects under Bhutan's 13th Five-Year Plan for **2024–2029**, reinforcing bilateral development cooperation; renewable-energy systems and electric public transport are also among the supported initiatives.

- India has supported Bhutan's planned development since its first Five-Year Plan in 1961.
- Projects include highway bridges, school upgrades and health facilities.
- The support covers education, digital-skilling, transport, healthcare and infrastructure projects.
- Indian assistance: ₹290 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian assistance: ₹290 crore; Partner country: Bhutan.

❑ India Participates in 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting SUMMITS & MOUS

India participated in the **20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting** in **Manila, Philippines**, highlighting clean-energy development, regional power connectivity and energy security; India and Singapore were reported to be exploring a proposed 2,000 MW cross-border power interconnection.

- India committed to training 400 professionals in areas related to grid connectivity and regional energy cooperation.
- Energy security and regional transmission cooperation were key discussion areas.
- India highlighted clean energy, regional grid connectivity and multilateral power trade.
- Indian representative: Shripad Yesso Naik.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Meeting: 20th EAS Energy Ministers' Meeting; Venue: Manila, Philippines.

❑ First ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum Held SUMMITS & MOUS

The **first ASEAN–India Defence Think Tank Forum** was held on **14 October 2026**, discussing Indo-Pacific security, strategic partnerships and collaboration among regional defence researchers.

- ASEAN was established through the Bangkok Declaration.
- ASEAN established: 8 August 1967.
- The forum provides a strategic-dialogue platform between India and ASEAN member states.
- The ASEAN Secretariat is located in Jakarta, Indonesia.
- Discussions focus on regional security challenges and defence-related exchanges.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ASEAN established: 8 August 1967; ASEAN was established through the Bangkok Declaration.

❑ INS Tarkash Participates in IBSAMAR IX in South Africa INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

The Indian Navy's **INS Tarkash** joined **IBSAMAR IX**, a trilateral maritime exercise involving India, Brazil and South Africa, at Simon's Town, South Africa, during 12–22 October 2026.

- Brazil deployed BNS Barroso, while South Africa fielded surface ships and submarine SAS Manthatisi.
- Theme: "Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain."
- The exercise seeks to improve interoperability and maritime cooperation among the three navies.
- IBSAMAR is an important defence dimension of the IBSA trilateral partnership.
- Exercise series began: 2008.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: IBSAMAR IX; Participants: India, Brazil and South Africa.

❑ BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Games Held in Ahmedabad SUMMITS & MOUS

India hosted the **2026 BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Games** in **Ahmedabad** on 12 October, promoting exchanges through traditional sporting activities among participating countries; the event was a demonstration platform rather than a conventional medal competition.

- Indian sports showcased included Mallakhamb, Yogasana and Kalaripayattu.
- China presented traditional disciplines such as Wushu.
- The programme aimed to strengthen cultural and sporting exchanges among BRICS participants.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games; Date: 12 October 2026.

❑ **BRICS Theatre Festival 2026 Begins in New Delhi** SUMMITS & MOUS

The **BRICS Theatre Festival 2026** opened at the National School of Drama in New Delhi on **12 October**, bringing together performances and cultural exchanges from participating nations.

- Cultural cooperation is an important non-economic dimension of international relations.
- It encourages people-to-people connections and cultural exchange.
- The festival showcases classical, traditional and contemporary theatre.
- Theme: Shared Stories, Shared Futures.
- Organiser: Ministry of Culture.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Festival: BRICS Theatre Festival 2026; Dates: 12-14 October 2026.

❑ **15th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement Joint Committee Meeting Held in Jakarta** SUMMITS & MOUS

The **15th ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement Joint Committee** met at **Jakarta, Indonesia**, from 6 to 9 October 2026 to advance negotiations on modernising trade rules and market access.

- India's trade engagement with ASEAN is significant for supply chains, manufacturing and regional economic integration.
- Subcommittees were asked to accelerate work and establish time-bound deliverables.
- ASEAN is a regional organisation centred on Southeast Asian cooperation.
- The committee reviewed pending negotiating chapters and trade-policy issues.
- Next meeting: January 2027, India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Agreement: ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement; Abbreviation: AITIGA.

❑ **India and Ghana Sign MoUs in Agriculture and Zoology** SUMMITS & MOUS

During External Affairs Minister **S. Jaishankar's** Ghana visit on 7 October 2026, India signed research MoUs linking **ICAR** with Ghana's CSIR-Crops Research Institute and ZSI with the University of Ghana.

- The Zoological Survey of India was established on 1 July 1916 and is headquartered in Kolkata.
- The Indian Council of Agricultural Research was established on 16 July 1929 and is headquartered in New Delhi.
- The visit formed part of a three-nation African tour including Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Ethiopia.
- The zoology MoU covers academic cooperation, scientific research and capacity building.
- Discussions also addressed investment, pharmaceuticals, defence and technology.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Zoological Survey of India was established on 1 July 1916 and is headquartered in Kolkata; The Indian Council of Agricultural Research was established on 16 July 1929 and is headquartered in New Delhi.

❑ **India and Canada Hold NSA-Level Security Dialogue** INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Indian National Security Adviser **Ajit Doval** and Canadian counterpart David Morrison held **security discussions in New Delhi** during 5–7 October 2026 on organised crime, cybercrime, extremism and law-enforcement cooperation.

- The participants reviewed the security work plan concluded in February 2026.
- Other subjects included cybercrime, extortion, drug trafficking and human trafficking.
- The dialogue considered extradition cooperation and information sharing.
- Discussions addressed terrorism, violent extremism and transnational organised crime.
- Dates: 5-7 October 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Countries: India and Canada; Dates: 5-7 October 2026.

❑ **India Joins 15-Economy Statement on Global Excess Manufacturing Capacity** INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India joined a **15-economy ministerial statement** on 7 October 2026 concerning excess manufacturing capacity and non-market practices, discussed in the context of OECD trade cooperation.

- The OECD was established in 1961 and is headquartered in Paris.
- Such conditions can affect global prices, investment decisions and trade competitiveness.
- Structural excess capacity occurs when industrial production capability persistently exceeds demand.
- The statement calls for examining market-distorting policies and sector-specific challenges.
- Context: OECD Trade Committee discussions and the earlier G20 trade meeting in Milwaukee.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The OECD was established in 1961 and is headquartered in Paris; Participating economies: 15.

❑ Indian Delegation Participates in 153rd IPU Assembly SUMMITS & MOUS

A parliamentary delegation led by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman **Harivansh** was reported to have participated in the **153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly** in Arusha, Tanzania, discussing democratic governance and international parliamentary cooperation.

- Its assemblies address democratic governance, international dialogue and global challenges.
- The IPU promotes cooperation among national parliaments.
- Indian delegation leader: Harivansh.
- Venue reported: Arusha, Tanzania.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Organisation: Inter-Parliamentary Union; Assembly reported: 153rd.

❑ Hical Technologies and Safran Aerosystems Sign Rafale Manufacturing MoU SUMMITS & MOUS

Indian firm **Hical Technologies** and France's Safran Aerosystems signed an **MoU on 7 October 2026** to explore making complex fuel-system components for **Rafale aircraft** near Bengaluru.

- An MoU to explore a joint venture should not be confused with a completed operational manufacturing facility.
- It aligns with Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat objectives.
- The proposed venture covers complex fluid and fuel systems and related assemblies.
- The Rafale is a twin-engine multirole combat aircraft manufactured by Dassault Aviation.
- The initiative supports India's aerospace manufacturing ecosystem.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian company: Hical Technologies; Foreign partner: Safran Aerosystems, France.

❑ Swiss President Guy Parmelin Visits India INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Swiss President **Guy Parmelin** visited India during **5–7 October 2026** for talks on research and investment, including the **India–EFTA Prosperity Summit**; it marked the first anniversary of the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement entering into force.

- The visit reviewed India-Switzerland cooperation in science, mobility and investment.
- India and Switzerland discussed research collaboration and people-to-people exchanges.
- EFTA members are Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland.
- India and Switzerland unveiled an Indo-Swiss Research Flagship initiative.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Visiting leader: Guy Parmelin; Country: Switzerland.

❑ India Post and Blue Dart Sign Parcel Delivery Partnership SUMMITS & MOUS

India Post and **Blue Dart Express** signed a **parcel-delivery partnership** on 9 October 2026 to expand rural delivery, tracking, last-mile services and e-commerce logistics; India Post's extensive network can help private logistics partners reach smaller towns and villages.

- Real-time shipment tracking will improve customer visibility.
- OTP-based delivery authentication will improve parcel verification.
- Postal network: More than 1.64 lakh post offices.
- The partnership aims to expand parcel access in rural and underserved regions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Agreement date: 9 October 2026; Partners: India Post and Blue Dart.

❑ Tata Power Partners with Norway's Ocean Sun for Floating Solar Project SUMMITS & MOUS

Tata Power and Norway's Ocean Sun agreed on 7 October 2026 to pilot a **300-kWp floating solar project** using membrane-based photovoltaic technology at Mulshi reservoir, Maharashtra.

- India's floating solar potential is reported as more than 102 GWp.
- Floating solar installations can use water surfaces without requiring equivalent land area.
- It will assess power generation, reliability, costs and operational performance.
- Project suitability depends on local environmental, technical and operational conditions.
- The pilot uses solar panels mounted on a floating membrane.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Partners: Tata Power and Ocean Sun; Country partner: Norway.

❑ Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Visits Singapore INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Union Finance Minister **Nirmala Sitharaman** visited **Singapore** for high-level engagements with government leaders and business representatives, discussing **economic relations and investment cooperation** between the two countries.

- India and Singapore cooperate in trade, investment, financial services and technology.
- High-level economic discussions can support investment flows and business partnerships.
- Participants: Singaporean leadership and business representatives.
- Focus: Economic engagement and investment cooperation.
- Country visited: Singapore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian minister: Nirmala Sitharaman; Country visited: Singapore.


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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 05

☐ **INS Mangrol Commissioned into Indian Navy** DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Navy** commissioned **INS Mangrol (P82)**, its third Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft, at **Mumbai on 12 October 2026**; Cochin Shipyard built the vessel.

- The commissioning ceremony was presided over by Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan, according to AffairsCloud.
- It is named after Mangrol, a coastal town in Gujarat.
- The vessel is designed for shallow-water anti-submarine operations, underwater surveillance and coastal security.
- Indigenous content: More than 80%.
- Position in series: Third of eight.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ship: INS Mangrol (P82); Class: Mahe-class ASW-SWC.

☐ **GRSE Launches Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel Shreyas** DEFENCE & SECURITY

Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers launched **Shreyas**, Yard 3040, a Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel being built for the Indian Navy, at Kolkata on **10 October 2026**.

- Launching a vessel means placing it into water; it does not necessarily mean the ship has been commissioned into operational service.
- They help monitor suspicious activities and protect maritime interests.
- GRSE is a major Indian public-sector shipbuilding company.
- Offshore patrol vessels support surveillance and patrolling of maritime zones.
- Launch date: 10 October 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Vessel: Shreyas; Yard number: 3040.

☐ **INS Sahyadri Participates in India-Russia Exercise INDRA-2026** DEFENCE & SECURITY

INS Sahyadri, a Shivalik-class stealth frigate, arrived at Vladivostok on 10 October for **INDRA-2026**, the India–Russia naval exercise scheduled for 13–18 October 2026.

- The deployment is associated with India's MAHASAGAR maritime cooperation vision.
- INS Sahyadri was commissioned on 21 July 2012.
- Activities aim to improve maritime interoperability and operational coordination.
- The ship was built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.
- INDRA began as an India-Russia naval exercise in 2003.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: INDRA-2026; Participating countries: India and Russia.

☐ **INS Trishul Joins India-UK Exercise KONKAN-26** DEFENCE & SECURITY

INS Trishul, a Talwar-class frigate, arrived at **Plymouth, United Kingdom**, on 11 October 2026 for KONKAN-26, a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and Royal Navy.

- Activities include air-defence drills, seamanship and anti-submarine warfare.
- Sea-phase activities test coordination during complex maritime operations.
- Harbour-phase events support professional exchanges and familiarisation.
- The exercise is linked to the India-UK strategic partnership.
- The exercise strengthens cooperation between the Indian Navy and Royal Navy.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: KONKAN-26; Countries: India and United Kingdom.

☐ **Indian Air Force Conducts Multinational Exercise Tarang Shakti-2026 in Jodhpur** DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Air Force** concluded **Tarang Shakti-2026** at Jodhpur on 12 October, a multinational air exercise under the theme **"Power in Partnership"** to improve operational interoperability.

- The Indian Air Force was established on 8 October 1932.
- Interoperability means the ability of different armed forces to coordinate and operate effectively together.
- Operational activities include air combat, air defence, reconnaissance and airlift operations.
- Joint exercises allow air forces to exchange tactics and operational experience.
- The exercise aims to improve interoperability among participating air forces.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Indian Air Force was established on 8 October 1932; Exercise: Tarang Shakti-2026.

□ Indian Army Launches Bharat Rice Initiative for Defence Personnel DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Army** launched a **Bharat Rice food-supply initiative** with the Food Corporation of India to strengthen rice distribution to service personnel, including those in Ladakh and Northeast India.

- FCI was established under the Food Corporations Act, 1964.
- An MoU with FCI supports use of warehousing and material-handling resources.
- Efficient food logistics are essential for operational readiness in remote deployments.
- The initiative aims to provide reliable supplies of quality rice.
- It provides for direct delivery to Army Supply Depots.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: FCI was established under the Food Corporations Act, 1964; Initiative: Bharat Rice.

□ Indian Navy Commissions Indigenous Multi-Purpose Warship INS Samarthak DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Navy** commissioned **INS Samarthak** at Karwar, Karnataka, on **16 October 2026**, bringing an indigenously built Multi-Purpose Vessel into service as a maritime trials, surveillance and autonomous-systems support platform.

- The warship was constructed by Larsen & Toubro under the Make in India initiative.
- INS Samarthak is the first of four planned multi-purpose vessels for the Indian Navy.
- Its roles include maritime patrol, equipment trials, drone support and humanitarian assistance.
- The vessel can support autonomous systems and serve as a platform for testing new technologies.
- Its motto is Vijayartham Ekanishthata, meaning Victory is Our Sole Aim.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Commissioning location – Naval Base Karwar, Karnataka; shipbuilder – Larsen & Toubro; vessel type – Multi-Purpose Vessel.

□ Indian Navy Hands Over Command of Combined Task Force 154 DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Navy** handed over command of **Combined Task Force 154** on 14 October 2026; the multinational formation focuses on maritime-security training and capacity building.

- CTF 154 strengthens cooperation and professional capabilities among participating maritime forces.
- Indian Navy Day is observed annually on 4 December.
- Its mandate differs from task forces primarily focused on direct maritime interception operations.
- Focus: Capacity building and professional development.
- Framework: Combined Maritime Forces.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Task force: Combined Task Force 154 (CTF 154); Framework: Combined Maritime Forces.

□ Indian Coast Guard Inducts Indigenous ALH Mk-III Helicopter DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Coast Guard** inducted an indigenous **Advanced Light Helicopter Mk-III** in Maharashtra to strengthen maritime surveillance, coastal security and search-and-rescue operations; the ALH family represents an important component of India's indigenous rotary-wing capability.

- Its induction strengthens operational reach along India's western coast.
- The helicopter supports coastal-security and maritime-response missions.
- Platform — ALH Mk-III.
- Operator: Indian Coast Guard.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Platform: ALH Mk-III; Operator: Indian Coast Guard.

□ Solar Defence Delivers 450 Nagastra-1R Loitering Munitions to Indian Army DEFENCE & SECURITY

Solar Defence and Aerospace delivered **450 Nagastra-1R loitering munitions** to the Indian Army under an indigenous procurement programme, adding portable precision-strike unmanned systems to the Army's capabilities.

- Loitering munitions can remain airborne while searching for a target before executing a strike.
- It carries a high-explosive fragmentation warhead.
- Nagastra-1R combines surveillance and precision-strike functions.
- The Indian Army order was placed under the Emergency Procurement process.
- Reported endurance: Up to 60 minutes.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Indian Army order was placed under the Emergency Procurement process; System: Nagastra-1R.

❑ DRDO Tests Quantum Key Distribution on Live Military Network DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Defence Research and Development Organisation** tested **Quantum Key Distribution** on a live military network at the Proof and Experimental Establishment, Chandipur, Odisha, on **14 October 2026**.

- The system protects telemetry and observations generated during weapon trials.
- QKD uses quantum properties to establish secure cryptographic keys.
- Attempts to intercept quantum signals can create detectable disturbances.
- The technology strengthens India's work on quantum-secured defence communications.
- Production partner: Taqbit Labs, Bengaluru.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Technology: Quantum Key Distribution (QKD); Test site: PXE, Chandipur, Odisha.

❑ Ministry of Defence Revises SOP for Indigenous Defence Testing Facilities DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Ministry of Defence** revised its **defence testing facilities SOP** on 7 October 2026, waiving eligible iDEX, TDF and Make project testing charges and reserving **three days quarterly** at proof ranges.

- iDEX, or Innovations for Defence Excellence, was launched in April 2018 to promote defence and aerospace innovation.
- The reforms are intended to lower development costs and improve ease of doing business for domestic defence firms.
- A conciliation agreement clause replaces the earlier arbitration provision for dispute resolution.
- Access procedures cover DRDO facilities, government quality-assurance organisations and testing infrastructure of the three armed services.
- Proof and testing charges are waived for qualifying developmental projects.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ministry: Ministry of Defence; Approval date: 7 October 2026.

❑ Indian Air Force and CAPSS Organise Tarang Shakti Seminar DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Air Force** and Centre for Aerospace Power and Strategic Studies held a **Tarang Shakti seminar** on 9 October 2026 in New Delhi on air power in modern warfare.

- Participants included military leaders, academics, industry representatives and partner air forces.
- Multinational exercises improve interoperability and professional understanding.
- Topics included air-power strategy and international military cooperation.
- The seminar discussed the changing character of modern warfare.
- Organisers: CAPSS and IAF.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Exercise: Tarang Shakti-26; Seminar date: 9 October 2026.

❑ IIT Ropar Awards First MTech Defence Technology Degrees DEFENCE & SECURITY

IIT Ropar awarded its first **MTech in Defence Technology degrees** to **59 officers** of the Armoured Corps Centre and School on 9 October 2026; IIT Ropar was established in 2008 and is located in Punjab.

- The programme is tailored to the technological requirements of the Indian Army.
- It supports greater collaboration between technical institutes and the armed forces.
- Research areas include armoured vehicles, advanced materials and armament systems.
- Location: Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IIT Ropar was established in 2008 and is located in Punjab; Institution: IIT Ropar.

❑ Indian Coast Guard Ship ICGS Ajit Commissioned DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Coast Guard** commissioned **ICGS Ajit**, reportedly built by Goa Shipyard Limited, in Mumbai on **9 October 2026**, to strengthen maritime patrol capabilities; the Coast Guard was formally established under the Coast Guard Act, 1978.

- Its motto is Vayam Rakshamah, meaning We Protect.
- The vessel supports India's maritime-security infrastructure.
- The Indian Coast Guard operates under the Ministry of Defence.
- Goa Shipyard Limited is headquartered at Vasco da Gama, Goa.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Goa Shipyard Limited is headquartered at Vasco da Gama, Goa; The Indian Coast Guard operates under the Ministry of Defence.



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6. SCIENCE, TECH & SPACE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 06

☐ **TDB and Peptris Technologies Sign Agreement for AI-Driven Drug Development** SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **Technology Development Board** agreed to support **Peptris Technologies'** **VIGOR project** with **₹86 crore** for artificial intelligence-assisted pharmaceutical research and drug discovery; TDB is a statutory body established under the Technology Development Board Act, 1995.

- The project seeks to take candidates through pre-clinical development and validation stages.
- The funding is aimed at advancing four experimental drug candidates.
- The agreement forms part of India's Research, Development and Innovation funding ecosystem.
- Total project cost: ₹172 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: TDB is a statutory body established under the Technology Development Board Act, 1995; Financial support: ₹86 crore.

☐ **IIT Kharagpur Launches NDLI-FERMI AI Tutor** SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IIT Kharagpur launched the **NDLI-FERMI AI Tutor** on 14 October 2026 to provide guided digital study support, including free preparation resources for GATE and JAM examinations.

- The initiative particularly aims to support learners from rural and economically disadvantaged backgrounds.
- The AI tutor includes a Scan & Ask feature for science and mathematics subjects.
- The system is designed to provide guided hints and contextual explanations.
- The exam-preparation platform provides free structured learning material for GATE and JAM.
- IIT Kharagpur established: 1951.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IIT Kharagpur established: 1951; Institution: IIT Kharagpur.

☐ **IBM and MeitY Startup Hub Sign Deep-Tech Startup Support Agreement** SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IBM and the **MeitY Startup Hub** signed an agreement to support deep-technology startups working in enterprise artificial intelligence, hybrid cloud and quantum computing; the partners named in the announcement were IBM and the MeitY Startup Hub.

- The collaboration focuses on enterprise artificial intelligence, hybrid cloud services and quantum computing.
- Deep-technology startups typically develop products based on substantial scientific or engineering advances.
- Key development — IBM and the MeitY Startup Hub signed an agreement to support deep-technology startups working in enterprise artificial intelligence, hybrid cloud.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: MeitY is the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology; IBM is historically associated with computing and enterprise technology.

☐ **KAUMARACON 2026 Highlights Child Health and Ayurveda Research** SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **All India Institute of Ayurveda** organised **KAUMARACON 2026**, an international conference on Ayurvedic paediatrics, in New Delhi on 15 October 2026 to discuss child health and research.

- The event was identified as KAUMARACON 2026 and concerned Ayurveda-based paediatric research.
- The All India Institute of Ayurveda organised the conference.
- Ayurvedic paediatric medicine is traditionally described by the term Kaumarabhritya.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: AIIA is the All India Institute of Ayurveda; Kaumarabhritya is a branch of Ayurveda concerned with child health.

☐ **India Mobile Congress 2026 Held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi** SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated the **10th India Mobile Congress** at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, on 8 October 2026, highlighting 5G, 6G, artificial intelligence and digital connectivity.

- Srishti — Building the Future.
- Organisers: Department of Telecommunications and Cellular Operators Association of India.
- Event: India Mobile Congress 2026.
- Venue: Yashobhoomi, New Delhi.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: India Mobile Congress 2026; Edition: 10th.

☐ **Third International Bharat 6G Symposium Held in New Delhi** SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium** was held at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi, during **7–9 October 2026**, with five new MoUs and nine working-group white papers reported.

- MoUs were exchanged with GSMA, one6G Association, GTI Alliance, 6G Industry Forum and VoICE.
- 6G refers to the next generation of mobile communication technology beyond 5G.
- The Bharat 6G Alliance brings together industry, academia and research institutions.
- A joint progress report reviewed implementation of principles from the New Delhi Declaration.
- Other themes included AI-native networks, sustainability and Wi-Fi-cellular convergence.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium; Dates: 7-9 October 2026.

❑ The Trojan Project Unveiled at c0c0n 2026 Cybersecurity Conference SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **Trojan Project** was reportedly unveiled at the **c0c0n 2026 cybersecurity conference** in Kochi, Kerala; its specific technical objectives and developer were not identified in the announcement.

- The term Trojan commonly refers to malicious software disguised as legitimate software, although this does not establish the function of the named project.
- c0c0n brings together cybersecurity researchers, professionals and other stakeholders.
- Conference discussions focus on digital threats, cybercrime and defensive technologies.
- Venue — Kochi, Kerala.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Conference: c0c0n 2026; Venue: Kochi, Kerala.

❑ MeitY Selects CoRover for Unified Agentic AI Platform SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **Ministry of Electronics and IT** selected **CoRover.ai** under a reported ₹3.63-crore contract to build a reusable **agentic AI assistant** for DigiLocker and other public services.

- The platform will support the model of “ask, do and escalate”.
- It is designed to answer citizen queries and assist with government-service tasks.
- Complex cases can be escalated to human support.
- The project includes safeguards against prompt injection and other misuse.
- CoRover is associated with the BharatGPT conversational AI platform.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ministry: MeitY; Implementing division: National e-Governance Division.

❑ DGCA Grants Type Certificate to KOAIR-10L Agricultural Drone SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **Directorate General of Civil Aviation** granted a reported **type certificate** to the **KOAIR-10L agricultural drone**, supporting authorised agricultural unmanned-aerial operations; its Type Certificate was issued under the Drone Rules, 2021.

- The Digital Sky platform is associated with India's drone regulatory framework.
- Drone technology can support precision agriculture and targeted application of agricultural inputs.
- DGCA operates under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.
- The drone is a hexacopter designed for agricultural spraying.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Its Type Certificate was issued under the Drone Rules, 2021; DGCA operates under the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

❑ September 2026 Reported as Second-Warmest September Globally SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **Copernicus Climate Change Service** reported that **September 2026** was the **second-warmest September** globally in its long-running historical temperature-monitoring record, reflecting elevated global temperatures; Copernicus Climate Change Service uses the ERA5 dataset for climate monitoring.

- The Paris Agreement aims to hold global warming well below 2°C and pursue efforts to limit it to 1.5°C.
- Above 1991-2020 average: 0.82°C.
- Above pre-industrial level: 1.63°C.
- Compared with September 2023 record: 0.11°C cooler.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Global average surface air temperature: 16.27°C; Above 1991-2020 average: 0.82°C.

❑ New Zinc-Oxide Nanoparticle Technology for Wastewater Treatment SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

A research report highlighted **zinc-oxide nanoparticles** and biodegradable polylactic-acid nanofibres in **wastewater treatment**, alongside machine-learning approaches to remove industrial dye contaminants and develop more sustainable filtration materials.

- Nanofibre filtration materials offer high surface area for interaction with contaminants.
- The technology combines materials science with computational optimisation.
- The use of biodegradable materials is relevant to sustainable wastewater treatment.
- Fibre material: Polylactic acid.
- Application: Industrial dye-pollutant treatment.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Nanomaterial: Zinc oxide nanoparticles; Fibre material: Polylactic acid.

❑ IMD Launches Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services DSS SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The **India Meteorological Department** dedicated a **Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System** on **12 October 2026**, using WebGIS maps to support cyclone forecasting and public preparedness.

- IMD established: 1875.
- The platform helps convert meteorological forecasts into operationally useful disaster-response information.
- It displays rainfall warnings and storm-surge forecasts through interactive maps.
- The DSS integrates cyclone tracks, intensity forecasts and wind-distribution information.
- Catchment-level rainfall information is intended to improve flood preparedness.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IMD established: 1875; Platform type: Interactive WebGIS Decision Support System.

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Section 07

☐ **Asiatic Lions Return to Barda Wildlife Sanctuary After About 144 Years** ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The presence of **Asiatic lions** in **Barda Wildlife Sanctuary, Gujarat**, highlighted in an October 2026 study, marks an expansion of lion habitat beyond the Gir landscape after roughly 144 years.

- Prey availability, habitat management and long-term monitoring remain crucial for conservation.
- The development has significance for India's Asiatic-lion conservation strategy.
- Habitat expansion can reduce ecological concentration in a single landscape.
- Barda provides an additional potential habitat outside the core Gir landscape.
- Scientific name: *Panthera leo persica*.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Sanctuary: Barda Wildlife Sanctuary; State: Gujarat.

☐ **Centre Proposes BS-VII Emission Standards from April 2029** ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The Union Government proposed **Bharat Stage VII emission norms** for passenger cars from **1 April 2029**, covering stricter exhaust limits and pollution from brakes and tyres; the rules remain proposals.

- The norms are currently a proposal and should not be confused with standards already in force.
- Battery durability and real-world emissions monitoring are among the proposed requirements.
- Brake and tyre particulate emissions are included.
- The proposed framework expands regulation beyond conventional tailpipe emissions.
- Further implementation stages are proposed for 2032 and 2035.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Proposed first phase: 1 April 2029; Standard: Bharat Stage VII.

☐ **Nameri Tiger Reserve Receives CA|TS Approved Status** ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Nameri Tiger Reserve in Assam received **Conservation Assured Tiger Standards (CA|TS) Approved status**, recognising protected-area management, tiger habitat monitoring and conservation effectiveness, as reported in the October news compilation.

- Nameri is an important protected area in Assam's biodiversity-rich northeastern landscape.
- The framework supports improved management standards across tiger landscapes.
- CA|TS provides a framework for evaluating tiger conservation areas.
- It considers habitat protection, monitoring, governance and conservation effectiveness.
- Full form: Conservation Assured Tiger Standards.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Tiger reserve: Nameri; State: Assam.

☐ **India Launches High-Altitude Snow Leopard Safari in Ladakh** ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The **Ladakh administration** reportedly launched a **high-altitude snow leopard wildlife safari** on 8 October 2026, with community participation near Hemis and Changthang conservation landscapes; responsible wildlife tourism requires avoiding disturbance to animals and fragile mountain ecosystems.

- The snow leopard is classified as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List.
- Hemis National Park is located in Ladakh and is internationally known for snow leopard habitat.
- Local livelihoods may benefit from regulated wildlife tourism.
- Routes cover landscapes associated with Hemis National Park, Changthang and Karakoram Wildlife Sanctuary.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Ladakh; Launch date: 8 October 2026.

☐ **Royal Bengal Tiger Cubs Born at Tripura's Sipahijala Wildlife Sanctuary** ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Sipahijala Wildlife Sanctuary in **Tripura** reported the birth of Royal Bengal tiger cubs in an October update; the public report did not specify their number.

- Healthy habitat, appropriate nutrition and monitoring support the survival of young animals.
- Wildlife breeding and veterinary management are important in conservation programmes.
- Development: Birth of tiger cubs.
- Species: Royal Bengal tiger.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Sanctuary: Sipahijala Wildlife Sanctuary; State: Tripura.

☐ **Kulsi Hydropower Project in Assam-Meghalaya Border Region Draws Attention** ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The **Kulsi Hydropower Project** in the **Assam–Meghalaya border region** featured in October current affairs over its proposed hydroelectric development and ecological effects; project approval and capacity were not provided.

- Key issues: Energy generation and environmental impact.
- Sector: Hydroelectric power.
- States: Assam and Meghalaya.
- Projects may affect river flows, aquatic biodiversity and local livelihoods.
- Hydropower converts the energy of flowing or stored water into electricity.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Project: Kulsi Hydropower Project; States: Assam and Meghalaya.

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8. APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 08

☐ **President Appoints Governors for Six States** APPOINTMENTS

President Droupadi Murmu announced **six gubernatorial appointments and transfers** on **12 October 2026**, including Sudha Yadav for Karnataka and Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar for Tamil Nadu.

- A Governor is appointed by the President under Article 155 of the Constitution.
- Om Prakash Mathur was transferred from Sikkim to Kerala.
- New appointments were made for Odisha, Karnataka, Uttarakhand and Sikkim.
- States covered — 6.
- Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar was transferred from Kerala to Tamil Nadu.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: States covered: 6; Kerala: Om Prakash Mathur.

☐ **Achyuta Samanta Elected First President of Indian UniSport Federation** APPOINTMENTS

Achyuta Samanta was elected the **first President of the Indian UniSport Federation** at its inaugural meeting in New Delhi, supporting university-level sports development and athlete participation.

- He has served as a Member of Parliament.
- University sports programmes support talent development and competitive opportunities for students.
- The federation aims to provide a common platform for university sports.
- Achyuta Samanta founded KIIT and KISS in Odisha.
- Organisation: Indian UniSport Federation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Achyuta Samanta founded KIIT and KISS in Odisha; Organisation: Indian UniSport Federation.

☐ **Smriti Mandhana Named UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate** APPOINTMENTS

Indian cricketer **Smriti Mandhana** was named a **UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate**, supporting public-awareness programmes concerning children and young people, according to the October current affairs reports.

- The announcement was associated with the International Day of the Girl Child.
- UNICEF began operations in India in 1949.
- The organisation supports children's rights, health, education and protection.
- Focus: Adolescent girls' rights and opportunities.
- Appointee: Smriti Mandhana.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Appointee: Smriti Mandhana; Organisation: UNICEF India.

☐ **LIC Appoints Five Independent Directors** APPOINTMENTS

The **Life Insurance Corporation of India** approved **five independent directors** for four-year terms in October 2026, including former bank heads Shyam Srinivasan and David Paul Rasquinha.

- Relevant legislation: LIC Act, 1956.
- Independent directors contribute external expertise and oversight to board governance. LIC was established on 1 September 1956 and is headquartered in Mumbai.
- Effective date: 7 October 2026.
- Tenure — Four years.
- Organisation: Life Insurance Corporation of India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Relevant legislation: LIC Act, 1956; Organisation: Life Insurance Corporation of India.

❑ Anup Bagchi Reportedly Set to Become HDFC Bank CEO APPOINTMENTS

Anup Bagchi was reported as the incoming **Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Bank** from 27 October 2026; the appointment and compensation require confirmation against regulatory disclosures.

- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Reported remuneration: ₹35.9 crore.
- Scheduled date: 27 October 2026.
- Reported predecessor: Sashidhar Jagdishan.
- Proposed one-time stock-linked incentive: ₹7.35 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra; Bank: HDFC Bank.



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9. AWARDS, HONOURS & BOOKS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 09

❑ Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026 Awarded to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford AWARDS & HONOURS

Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford received the **2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences** on 12 October for research explaining how microeconomic decisions shape macroeconomic stability and economic policy.

- The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel was established in 1968 and first awarded in 1969.
- Monetary policy influences interest rates, credit conditions and aggregate demand.
- Microeconomic foundations help explain economy-wide outcomes using the decisions of individual economic agents.
- Macroeconomic stabilisation policies seek to manage inflation, unemployment and economic instability.
- The research explores how household and business decisions influence economic fluctuations.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel was established in 1968 and first awarded in 1969; Award: Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026.

❑ Sunil Bharti Mittal Named Knight of France's Legion of Honour AWARDS & HONOURS

Telecommunications entrepreneur **Sunil Bharti Mittal** was named a **Knight of France's Legion of Honour**, recognising his contribution to international business cooperation and ties between India and France.

- He received the Padma Bhushan in 2007 and an honorary KBE in 2024.
- Mittal is the Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises.
- The Legion of Honour is France's highest national order of merit.
- Award: Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour.
- Recognition: India-France economic relations and telecommunications.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Recipient: Sunil Bharti Mittal; Award: Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour.

❑ Ambaji Mohanthal of Gujarat Reportedly Receives GI Tag AWARDS & HONOURS

The traditional Gujarat sweet **Ambaji Mohanthal** holds a registered Geographical Indication with certificate number **835**, issued on **1 October 2026** by India's GI Registry; A GI identifies goods whose qualities, reputation or characteristics are linked to a particular geographical origin.

- GI registration helps protect the identity of region-specific products.
- GI protection can support local producers and traditional knowledge.
- Related law: Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999.
- India's GI Registry is located in Chennai.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Related law: Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999; Product: Ambaji Mohanthal.

❑ Sunil Gavaskar Releases Book on Sanjay Jagdale BOOKS & AUTHORS

Former India captain **Sunil Gavaskar** released **Sanjay Jagdale: Rag-Rag Mein Cricket** in Indore; the biography was authored by Kiran Waikar and Sunil Dudhale and profiles the veteran cricket administrator.

- The BCCI was established in 1928.
- He served in various roles within the BCCI, including as a selector and secretary.
- The book describes Jagdale's contributions as a cricketer, selector and administrator.
- He represented Madhya Pradesh in domestic cricket.
- Release location: Indore, Madhya Pradesh.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The BCCI was established in 1928; Book: Sanjay Jagdale: Rag-Rag Mein Cricket.

❑ Navi Pillay Wins Nobel Peace Prize 2026 AWARDS & HONOURS

South African jurist **Navanethem "Navi" Pillay** received the **2026 Nobel Peace Prize**, announced by the Norwegian Nobel Committee on **9 October**, for contributions to peace and international law.

- She served as United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights from 2008 to 2014.
- The award recognises her longstanding efforts to strengthen international law, accountability and the protection of human rights.
- Her career includes work in international criminal justice and human rights.
- Born: 1941, Durban, South Africa.
- Pillay is a South African jurist of Indian Tamil origin.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Award: Nobel Peace Prize 2026; Winner: Navanethem "Navi" Pillay.

❑ IISc Professor Mahesh Kakde Wins 2026 Ramanujan Prize AWARDS & HONOURS

Indian Institute of Science mathematician **Mahesh Kakde** was selected for the **2026 Ramanujan Prize** for work in algebraic number theory; the international prize carries **USD 10,000**.

- He completed a PhD in pure mathematics at the University of Cambridge in 2008.
- Previous honours include the Infosys Prize in Mathematical Sciences, the Whitehead Prize and the Vigyan Yuva Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award.
- His research addresses important questions associated with the Gross-Stark and Brumer-Stark conjectures.
- Prize established: 2005.
- The Ramanujan Prize honours the mathematical legacy of Srinivasa Ramanujan.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Prize established: 2005; Winner: Mahesh Kakde.

❑ Canadian Writer Anne Carson Named 2026 Nobel Literature Laureate AWARDS & HONOURS

Canadian poet and classicist **Anne Carson** won the **2026 Nobel Prize in Literature**, announced by the Swedish Academy on **8 October 2026**; Jon Fosse of Norway received the award in 2023.

- Rabindranath Tagore became the first Asian Nobel Literature laureate in 1913.
- Han Kang of South Korea received the 2024 Nobel Prize in Literature.
- The Nobel Prize in Literature is awarded by the Swedish Academy in Stockholm.
- First Literature Nobel laureate: Sully Prudhomme, 1901.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Award: Nobel Prize in Literature 2026; Laureate reported: Anne Carson.

❑ Israel Announces Civilian Heroism Award for Indian Pilot Smit Machchhar AWARDS & HONOURS

Indian pilot **Smit Machchhar** was reported as selected for Israel's **Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism** after a flight incident; the source's aviation-security account requires independent confirmation.

- It states that the aircraft carried 174 people.
- The flight subsequently made an emergency landing in Saudi Arabia.
- The award is described as recognising exceptional civilian courage.
- Announcement date: 9 October 2026.
- Emergency landing location reported: Tabuk, Saudi Arabia.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Recipient reported: Captain Smit Machchhar; Award: Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism.

❑ Six Technology Leaders Receive US Science and Technology Medals AWARDS & HONOURS

The US government reportedly honoured technology leaders including **Elon Musk, Sergey Brin, Jensen Huang and Lisa Su** with **National Medal of Science** recognition at an October White House event.

- Michael Dell was recognised for contributions to personal computing.
- Satya Nadella was recognised for leadership in cloud computing.
- Elon Musk was recognised for work associated with space technology and intelligent systems.
- The US National Medal of Science and National Medal of Technology and Innovation are separate award categories.
- Sergey Brin was recognised for contributions to information retrieval.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: Science: A New Golden Age Summit; Venue: White House, United States.

❑ National Film Archive Acquires Three Sivaji Ganesan Film Prints AWARDS & HONOURS

The **National Film Archive of India** acquired **three 35-mm prints** of Sivaji Ganesan films on 8 October 2026, including **Thillana Mohanambal** and **Thiruvilayadal**; NFAI was established in 1964 and later integrated into the National Film Development Corporation.

- Sivaji Ganesan received the Dadasaheb Phalke Award in 1996.
- The prints support preservation, digitisation and technical study of historic cinema.
- Director: A. P. Nagarajan.
- Location: Pune, Maharashtra.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NFAI was established in 1964 and later integrated into the National Film Development Corporation; Institution: National Film Archive of India.



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10. SPORTS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 10

❑ Max Verstappen Wins 2026 Singapore Grand Prix SPORTS

Max Verstappen won the **2026 Singapore Formula One Grand Prix** at the Marina Bay Street Circuit on **11 October**, ahead of Charles Leclerc and Kimi Antonelli.

- It reports his 73rd career Grand Prix win.
- Lando Norris and Oscar Piastri finished fourth and fifth respectively.
- Singapore hosts a major Formula One night race on a street circuit.
- Race distance: 62 laps.
- Charles Leclerc finished second and Andrea Kimi Antonelli third.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: Singapore Grand Prix 2026; Date: 11 October 2026.

❑ Manikanta Hoblidhar Wins 100-Metre Gold at National Open Athletics Championships SPORTS

Manikanta Hoblidhar won the men's 100-metre sprint at the **65th National Open Athletics Championships** with a time of **10.25 seconds**, according to the event report.

- Performance depends on reaction time, acceleration, maximum speed and technique.
- The 100-metre sprint is a short-distance track event.
- National Open Athletics Championships provide a competitive platform for Indian athletes.
- Athlete: Manikanta Hoblidhar.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Athlete: Manikanta Hoblidhar; Event: Men's 100-metre sprint.

❑ Anushka Yadav Wins Hammer Throw Gold with 66.53 Metres SPORTS

Anushka Yadav won **women's hammer-throw gold** at the 2026 National Open Athletics Championships with a reported best distance of **66.53 metres**; the athlete rotates before releasing a metal ball attached to a wire and handle.

- Technique, rotational speed, strength and balance influence throwing distance.
- Hammer throw is a track-and-field throwing event.
- Performance: 66.53 metres.
- Athlete: Anushka Yadav.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Athlete: Anushka Yadav; Event: Hammer throw.

❑ Aakash Raj Wins Men's 400-Metre Gold SPORTS

Aakash Raj claimed **men's 400-metre gold** at the National Open Athletics Championships 2026, competing in the one-lap track sprint event; it combines sprint speed with speed endurance.

- The 400-metre event covers one complete lap of a standard outdoor athletics track.
- Athlete — Aakash Raj.
- Key development — Aakash Raj claimed men's 400-metre gold at the National Open Athletics Championships 2026, competing in the one-lap track sprint event.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Athlete: Aakash Raj; Event: Men's 400-metre race.

❑ Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma Named ICC Players of the Month SPORTS

Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma were named the **ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month**, respectively, for September 2026, recognising their international cricket performances.

- The ICC Player of the Month awards were introduced in 2021.
- Both monthly awards went to Indian players.
- The awards recognise standout international cricket performances during the relevant month.
- ICC headquarters: Dubai, UAE.
- Award period: September 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ICC headquarters: Dubai, UAE; Men's winner: Shubman Gill.

❑ Putul Sonowal Wins India's First Medal at World Bowls Champion of Champions SPORTS

Putul Sonowal won a **bronze medal** at the World Bowls Champion of Champions competition, becoming the first Indian medal winner at that event according to the report.

- Lawn bowls is a precision sport in which players roll biased bowls towards a smaller target ball called the jack.
- He lost to Scotland's Iain McLean in the semifinal.
- World Bowls is the international governing body.
- Venue: Barham, Australia.
- Event — Men's Singles.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Player: Putul Sonowal; Medal: Bronze.

❑ Aditya Mehta Wins Commonwealth Cue Sports Gold SPORTS

Aditya Mehta won a **gold medal at the Commonwealth Cue Sports Championships**, adding to India's international success in billiards- and snooker-related disciplines; other Indian gold medallists named by Testbook were Anupama Ramachandran and Rayaan Razmi.

- India's medal tally comprised three gold, five silver and five bronze medals.
- Final: Defeated Dhvaj Haria 3-0.
- The Billiards & Snooker Federation of India governs cue sports nationally.
- India's total medals: 13.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Winner: Aditya Mehta; Event: Men's snooker.

❑ Udhayveer Sidhu Wins ISSF World Cup Gold in Cairo SPORTS

Indian shooter **Udhayveer Sidhu** won **gold at an ISSF World Cup in Cairo**, demonstrating India's strength in international pistol and rifle shooting competitions; the competition was scheduled from 8 to 16 October 2026.

- ISSF stands for International Shooting Sport Federation and is headquartered in Munich, Germany.
- Gold-medal score: 240.6.
- Event: Men's 10m Air Pistol.
- Silver: Christian Reitz, Germany.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ISSF stands for International Shooting Sport Federation and is headquartered in Munich, Germany; Winner: Udhayveer Sidhu.

❑ NSDF, SAI and IOCL Announce ₹40 Crore Boxing Development Partnership SPORTS

The **National Sports Development Fund**, Sports Authority of India and IOCL signed a **₹40 crore** two-year partnership to strengthen boxing training and athlete-development programmes; SAI was established in 1984.

- The partnership also includes academies and capacity building for coaches and officials.
- Funding will support talent identification, coaching, sports science and international exposure.
- The programme targets both emerging and elite boxers.
- IOCL will provide CSR funding while SAI contributes technical expertise.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: SAI was established in 1984; Investment: ₹40 crore.

❑ Pramod Bhagat and Bhavina Patel Named Asian Para Games Flag Bearers SPORTS

Para-badminton player **Pramod Bhagat** and para-table tennis player **Bhavina Patel** were named India's flag-bearers for the **5th Asian Para Games** in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan; India won a record 111 medals, including 29 gold medals, at the previous Asian Para Games in Hangzhou.

- The first Asian Para Games were held in Guangzhou, China, in 2010.
- Dates reported: 18-24 October 2026.
- Governing body for Indian contingent: Paralympic Committee of India.
- Host: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: 5th Asian Para Games; Host: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

❑ **Prasar Bharati and In-Dot Sports Announce Kisan Cricket League** SPORTS

Prasar Bharati and In-Dot Sports announced the **Kisan Cricket League** on 8 October 2026 to identify rural talent through **15-over cricket matches** and cultural activities.

- Prasar Bharati was established in 1997 under the Prasar Bharati Act.
- Matches and player biographies will be available through Prasar Bharati's Waves platform.
- The initiative combines rural cricket talent identification with singing competitions.
- Participating cricketers: 140.
- Planned matches — 45.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Prasar Bharati was established in 1997 under the Prasar Bharati Act; League: Kisan Cricket League.

❑ **Keya Badugu Wins Southern India Golf Championship** SPORTS

Indian golfer **Keya Badugu** won the reported **Southern India Golf Championship**, recording a title in domestic competitive golf during October 2026; Priya Kumari finished third with an aggregate of 220.

- The championship covered 54 holes.
- The Indian Golf Union is a national governing organisation for golf in India.
- Badugu won through a playoff after finishing level with Anaahat Bindra.
- Winning aggregate: 215, one under par.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Winner: Keya Kumar Badugu; Sport: Golf.

❑ **Services Athletes Felicitated for Asian Games 2026 Performance** SPORTS

Defence Minister **Rajnath Singh** felicitated **Services athletes** on **12 October 2026** for their performances at the Asian Games in Japan, recognising athletes from the armed forces.

- The recognition highlighted discipline, teamwork and athletic excellence.
- The Services contingent contributed medals across several sporting disciplines.
- Services participants: 92 athletes in 19 disciplines.
- Services medals reported: 27.
- Event: Asian Games 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: Asian Games 2026; Host country: Japan.



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11. OBITUARIES (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 11

❑ **Mridangam Maestro Guruvayur Dorai Passes Away at 91** OBITUARIES

Renowned **mridangam maestro Guruvayur Dorai**, associated with Carnatic classical music and the Pudukottai percussion tradition, died in Chennai on **10 October 2026** aged 91; his honours included the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award and Kalaimamani.

- He accompanied prominent musicians, including M. S. Subbulakshmi.
- His career extended over several decades.
- He was known for the Pudukottai style of mridangam performance.
- The mridangam is a double-headed percussion instrument central to Carnatic music.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Personality: Guruvayur Dorai; Age: 91 years.

❑ **Kathak Exponent Roshan Kumari Passes Away** OBITUARIES

Roshan Kumari, a Kathak exponent of the **Jaipur Gharana** known for rhythmic footwork and classical dance performances, reportedly died in Mumbai on **5 October 2026**.

- The Sangeet Natak Akademi was established in 1953.
- Her film appearances included Jalsaghar, Parineeta, Mirza Ghalib and Basant Bahar.
- Its major gharanas include Jaipur, Lucknow and Benares.
- She founded Nritya Kala Kendra in Mumbai.
- She was known for rhythmic complexity, energetic footwork and expressive performance.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: She founded Nritya Kala Kendra in Mumbai; The Sangeet Natak Akademi was established in 1953.

❑ Veteran Actor Nana Patekar Dies Aged 75 OBITUARIES

Veteran Indian actor **Nana Patekar**, known for Hindi and Marathi cinema and a **Padma Shri recipient**, died in Goa on **8 October 2026** at the age of 75.

- Nana Patekar was known for his performances in Hindi and Marathi cinema.
- He received the Padma Shri in 2013.
- The reported date of his death was 8 October 2026, at the age of 75.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Nana Patekar received the Padma Shri in 2013; known for Hindi and Marathi cinema.

❑ Metallurgist Palle Rama Rao Passes Away at 89 OBITUARIES

Eminent metallurgist **Palle Rama Rao**, former Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology and recipient of the **Padma Vibhushan**, died in Hyderabad on **3 October 2026** aged 89.

- Palle Rama Rao was a metallurgist and former Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology.
- He was honoured with the Padma Vibhushan in 2011.
- He died in Hyderabad on 3 October 2026 at the reported age of 89.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Palle Rama Rao received the Padma Vibhushan in 2011; he served as Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology.

❑ NASA Apollo Software Pioneer Margaret Hamilton Reportedly Passes Away OBITUARIES

Margaret Hamilton, the pioneering computer scientist who led the MIT team developing software for NASA's **Apollo missions**, died on **30 September 2026** at the age of 90.

- She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016.
- Apollo 11 landed humans on the Moon in July 1969.
- The software's priority-based design helped manage computer overload warnings during the lunar landing.
- Her team developed flight software used in the Apollo programme.
- Hamilton led the Software Engineering Division at MIT's Instrumentation Laboratory.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: She received the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2016; Personality: Margaret Hamilton.

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12. STATE AFFAIRS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 12

❑ Kerala Launches WOMN Scheme for Menstrual Hygiene at Bus Terminals STATE AFFAIRS

The **Kerala government** launched the **WOMN menstrual-hygiene scheme** at Thampanoor KSRTC bus terminal on **11 October 2026**, providing sanitary pads through vending machines for ₹10 per three-pack.

- The programme plans expansion to 93 additional depots and major tourist destinations.
- HLL Lifecare is a public-sector undertaking under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- Each packet will contain three sanitary napkins and cost ₹10.
- The scheme connects women's health, sanitation, public infrastructure and affordable access to menstrual products.
- Vending machines and environmentally conscious disposal facilities will be installed near public toilets.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: HLL Lifecare is a public-sector undertaking under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; Scheme: WOMN — Women on the Move and Menstrual Needs.

❑ PM Modi Launches Development Projects Worth Over ₹13,000 Crore in Tamil Nadu STATE AFFAIRS

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** inaugurated or laid foundations for more than **₹13,000 crore** of projects in Tamil Nadu on 11 October, including Chennai Metro Phase II infrastructure.

- It includes a 3.7-km double-decker structure and advanced signalling designed for driverless operations.
- The metro component is valued at approximately ₹4,900 crore.
- The overall programme seeks to improve mobility, logistics, industrial connectivity and employment opportunities.
- Railway developments included the Karaikal-Peralam line and three rail flyovers around Coimbatore.
- Railway projects worth more than ₹750 crore were inaugurated or dedicated.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: State: Tamil Nadu; Visit date: 11 October 2026.

❑ ₹993.64 Crore Approved for NH-10 Development in Sikkim STATE AFFAIRS

Union Minister **Nitin Gadkari** approved **₹993.64 crore** for improvements to the **Rangpo–Ranipool section of NH-10** in Sikkim, including slope protection, bridges and tunnels for safer Himalayan connectivity.

- NHIDCL was established in 2014 under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- NH-10 connects Siliguri in West Bengal with Gangtok in Sikkim and is an important access route for the state.
- The highway has strategic significance for defence logistics, tourism and agricultural transportation.
- The project will improve the highway into a two-lane corridor.
- The improvements aim to address landslide-prone and sinking sections in Himalayan terrain.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NHIDCL was established in 2014 under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; Highway: National Highway 10.

❑ Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Proposes Renaming Noida International Airport STATE AFFAIRS

The **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet** reportedly proposed renaming **Noida International Airport** at Jewar as Narendra Modi International Airport on 9 October 2026; a proposal is **not a final notified name**.

- Long-term expansion is planned to accommodate up to 70 million passengers annually by 2050.
- The initial passenger-handling capacity is reported as 12 million passengers annually.
- The proposed renaming was linked to 25 years since Narendra Modi first became a head of government.
- The airport is a greenfield aviation project serving the National Capital Region.
- A state cabinet proposal should not automatically be interpreted as the final legally notified airport name.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Airport: Noida International Airport; Proposed name: Narendra Modi International Airport.

❑ Central Silk Board Inaugurates New Infrastructure in Jorhat, Assam STATE AFFAIRS

The **Central Silk Board** opened grainage and cold-storage infrastructure in **Jorhat, Assam**, on 8 October 2026, supporting annual silkworm-seed production of 30 lakh disease-free layings.

- The Central Silk Board is a statutory body established in 1948 and headquartered in Bengaluru.
- India produces five commercial varieties of silk: Mulberry, Eri, Muga, Tropical Tasar and Temperate Tasar.
- The Samarth Scheme supports skill development in the textile sector.
- Mission Senehgori seeks to develop Muga silk as a high-value product.
- Assam is a major producer of Muga and Eri silk.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Central Silk Board is a statutory body established in 1948 and headquartered in Bengaluru; Location: Jorhat, Assam.

❑ Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor Inaugurated in Varanasi STATE AFFAIRS

The **Shinzo Abe Memorial Corridor** was inaugurated at the **Rudraksh Convention Centre in Varanasi** on **8 October 2026**, commemorating the former Japanese Prime Minister's contributions to India–Japan relations.

- India and Japan are expected to mark 75 years of diplomatic relations in 2027.
- He visited Varanasi with PM Narendra Modi in December 2015.
- Shinzo Abe received the Padma Vibhushan in 2021.
- A Yamanashi Desk at Invest UP aims to assist Japanese investors.
- The Rudraksh Convention Centre was constructed with Japanese assistance.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Location: Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh; Venue: Rudraksh Convention Centre.

❑ Windergy India 2026 Held in Chennai STATE AFFAIRS

The **8th Windergy India trade fair** took place at **Chennai Trade Centre** from **7 to 9 October 2026**, bringing together participants from wind-energy manufacturing, renewable-power policy and technology.

- Wind energy is a renewable energy source that converts the kinetic energy of moving air into electricity.
- It highlighted technology development and international collaboration.
- Exhibitors: Approximately 400 from more than 20 countries.
- Wind projects contribute to energy diversification and decarbonisation.
- The event brought together wind-energy manufacturers, policymakers and investors.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Event: Windergy India 2026; Edition: Eighth.



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13. IMPORTANT DAYS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 13

☐ **World Migratory Bird Day 2026 Observed on 10 October** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Migratory Bird Day was marked on **10 October 2026**, the second of its two annual observances, raising awareness of **migratory-bird habitats and conservation**; threats include habitat loss, pollution, climate change and barriers along migration routes.

- Conservation often requires cooperation across international borders.
- Migratory birds travel seasonally between breeding and non-breeding habitats.
- Associated agreements: CMS and AEWA.
- 2026 observances: 9 May and 10 October.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Day: World Migratory Bird Day; 2026 observances: 9 May and 10 October.

☐ **World Mental Health Day 2026 Observed on 10 October** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Mental Health Day 2026 was observed on **10 October** under the WHO theme **"Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"**, calling for participation by people with lived experience.

- World Mental Health Day is observed globally on 10 October.
- The 2026 WHO theme referenced lived experiences and mental-health systems.
- The observance aims to advance mental-health awareness, access and rights.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Mental Health Day falls on 10 October; it is promoted through global health awareness initiatives.

☐ **World Day Against the Death Penalty Observed on 10 October** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Day Against the Death Penalty was observed on **10 October 2026** to encourage discussion of the death penalty, international human rights standards and its implications for justice systems.

- The observance promotes awareness of legal and human-rights debates concerning capital punishment.
- It is supported by several civil-society and international organisations.
- The topic is relevant to legal rights, criminal justice and international human-rights frameworks.
- 2026-27 theme: Stories for Life.
- First observance: 10 October 2003.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Day: World Day Against the Death Penalty; Date: 10 October.

☐ **International Day of the Girl Child 2026 - 11 October** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

International Day of the Girl Child was observed on **11 October 2026** with the reported theme **"End Child Marriage and Invest in Girls' Rights!"**, promoting equal opportunities, protection and empowerment for girls.

- The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed the observance through resolution A/RES/66/170.
- International Day of the Girl Child was first observed in 2012.
- The 2026 campaign focused on ending child marriage and supporting the rights and opportunities of girls.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Observed annually on 11 October; first observed in 2012 under UN General Assembly resolution A/RES/66/170.

☐ **World Arthritis Day 2026 - 12 October** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Arthritis Day was observed on **12 October 2026** to raise awareness of arthritis and other rheumatic and musculoskeletal conditions, encouraging timely diagnosis and better access to care.

- Theme cited by AffairsCloud for 2025-26: "Achieve Your Dreams".
- Associated organisation: Arthritis and Rheumatism International.
- Date — 12 October.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 12 October; Theme cited by AffairsCloud for 2025-26: "Achieve Your Dreams".

☐ **International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was observed on **13 October 2026** under the UN theme **"Resilience Starts at Home"**, emphasising safer housing and household preparedness.

- The United Nations General Assembly designated 13 October as the permanent date in 2009.
- The Sendai Framework succeeded the Hyogo Framework for Action.
- Sendai Framework period: 2015-2030.
- The observance promotes preparedness and disaster-risk awareness.
- Related global framework: Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 13 October; 2026 theme: "Resilience Starts at Home".

☐ **World Standards Day 2026 Observed on 14 October** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Standards Day was observed on **14 October 2026** to recognise technical standards and their contribution to product safety, compatibility, quality and international trade; international standards help products and systems operate consistently across markets.

- ISO stands for International Organization for Standardization.
- IEC stands for International Electrotechnical Commission.
- Standards support quality assurance, safety, interoperability and global trade.
- Telecom standards body highlighted in India: Telecommunication Engineering Centre.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 14 October; Key international organisations: ISO, IEC and ITU.

☐ **International Day of Rural Women 2026 - October 15** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

International Day of Rural Women was observed on **15 October 2026** under the UN theme **"Rural Women Farmers Caring for Mother Nature"**, highlighting women's roles in food security and biodiversity.

- India's agriculture department organised a Mahila Kisan Diwas programme in New Delhi.
- FAO activities also highlighted women farmers, digital agriculture and supportive policies.
- The observance highlights women's contribution to agriculture, food systems and environmental stewardship.
- UNGA designation: Resolution A/RES/62/136.
- Date — 15 October.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: First observed: 15 October 2008; Date: 15 October.

☐ **Global Handwashing Day 2026 - October 15** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

Global Handwashing Day was observed on **15 October 2026** under the multi-year message **"Be a Handwashing Hero"**, promoting handwashing with soap to prevent infectious diseases.

- WHO and UNICEF held a global webinar to mark the 2026 observance.
- It is distinct from WHO's World Hand Hygiene Day, observed on 5 May.
- The day promotes regular handwashing with soap and clean water.
- 2026 theme: "Be a Handwashing Hero".
- Date — 15 October.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Date: 15 October; 2026 theme: "Be a Handwashing Hero".

☐ **World Food Day 2026 Observed on 16 October** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Food Day 2026 was marked on **16 October** with the FAO theme **"Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow."**, linking agricultural innovation with nutrition, food security and sustainable production.

- World Food Day commemorates the establishment of the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- The Food and Agriculture Organization was founded on 16 October 1945.
- The theme cited for 2026 was "Innovate today. Nourish tomorrow."

Exam Pointer: Static GK: FAO was founded on 16 October 1945; World Food Day is observed every 16 October.

☐ **World Anaesthesia Day Marks Historic Discovery** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Anaesthesia Day was observed on **16 October**, commemorating the first public demonstration of ether anaesthesia in 1846 and recognising the contribution of safe anaesthesia to modern surgery.

- World Anaesthesia Day is commemorated on 16 October each year.
- The date recalls the public ether-anaesthesia demonstration of 16 October 1846.
- The original public demonstration took place at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: First public ether-anaesthesia demonstration took place on 16 October 1846; location was Boston, United States.

☐ **World Post Day 2026 Observed on 9 October** **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Post Day was observed on **9 October 2026**, marking the founding of the **Universal Postal Union in 1874**, headquartered in Bern, Switzerland; it became a specialised agency of the United Nations in 1948.

- The Treaty of Bern established the General Postal Union in 1874.
- The organisation was renamed the Universal Postal Union in 1878.
- Postal networks facilitate mail, parcels, financial inclusion and public-service delivery.
- UPU established: 9 October 1874.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: UPU established: 9 October 1874; Headquarters: Bern, Switzerland.

☐ **World Cotton Day 2026 Observed on 7 October** IMPORTANT DAYS

World Cotton Day was observed on **7 October 2026**, highlighting farmers and the textile value chain; the observance was initiated by the **Cotton-4 countries** of West Africa.

- The United Nations General Assembly recognised the observance in 2021.
- The first observance was held in Geneva in 2019.
- Cotton-4 countries are Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali.
- Cotton supports agriculture, textiles, employment and export earnings.
- 2026 theme reported: "Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership".

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Day: World Cotton Day; Date: 7 October.

☐ **Breast Cancer Awareness Month Observed Throughout October** IMPORTANT DAYS

Breast Cancer Awareness Month takes place throughout **October** and is represented by the **pink ribbon**, promoting awareness, timely diagnosis, treatment access and support for patients.

- The pink ribbon became a widely recognised symbol of breast cancer awareness in the early 1990s.
- 2026 theme reported: "Every story is unique, every journey matters."
- The campaign promotes awareness of breast cancer and the value of timely medical evaluation.
- It also highlights support for patients, survivors and families.
- October is often referred to as Pink October.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Observance: Breast Cancer Awareness Month; Period: 1-31 October.

☐ **National Postal Week 2026 Observed from 9 to 15 October** IMPORTANT DAYS

National Postal Week was observed in India from **9 to 15 October 2026**, beginning on World Post Day and highlighting **postal services and financial inclusion**.

- World Post Day commemorates the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874.
- The Universal Postal Union is headquartered in Bern, Switzerland.
- Postal services support letter and parcel delivery.
- India Post also offers savings and other financial services.
- Organisation: Department of Posts.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Universal Postal Union is headquartered in Bern, Switzerland; Observance: National Postal Week.

☐ **World Egg Day 2026 Observed on 9 October** IMPORTANT DAYS

World Egg Day 2026 was observed on **9 October**, the second Friday in October, recognising eggs as a source of **high-quality protein and essential nutrients**.

- The day highlights nutrition, food security and dietary awareness.
- The observance originated through the International Egg Commission.
- Eggs provide protein and several essential nutrients.
- Theme: Protein that Powers and Protects.
- 2026 date — 9 October.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Day: World Egg Day; 2026 date: 9 October.

☐ **Indian Air Force Day 2026 Marks 94th Anniversary** IMPORTANT DAYS

Indian Air Force Day was observed on **8 October 2026**, marking the **94th anniversary** of the establishment of the Indian Air Force on 8 October 1932.

- The Indian Air Force was established on 8 October 1932.
- The 2026 observance marked 94 years since its establishment.
- Air Force Day recognises the service and operational role of the Indian Air Force.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Indian Air Force was established on 8 October 1932; Indian Air Force Day is observed on 8 October.



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14. WEEKLY REVISION QUIZ (MCQS)

Solve before checking the answer key

☐ **Q1. Which amount was approved for the five-year continuation of the National Social Assistance Programme?**

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|------------------|------------------|
| A) ₹44,000 crore | B) ₹53,428 crore |
| C) ₹65,000 crore | D) ₹38,200 crore |

- ☐ **Q2. The first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in October 2026 was held in which city?**
A) New Delhi
B) Dhaka
C) Bangkok
D) Kathmandu
- ☐ **Q3. Which programme completed five years on 13 October 2026?**
A) Digital India
B) PM-SETU
C) PM GatiShakti National Master Plan
D) Ayushman Bharat
- ☐ **Q4. Which three companies received access to the RBI's special dollar window?**
A) ONGC, GAIL and OIL
B) IOCL, HPCL and BPCL
C) NTPC, NHPC and SJVN
D) LIC, SBI and PNB
- ☐ **Q5. To what percentage did RBI raise the minimum daily CRR maintenance requirement?**
A) 85%
B) 90%
C) 95%
D) 99%
- ☐ **Q6. How many days of wages were approved as the railway productivity-linked bonus?**
A) 60 days
B) 75 days
C) 78 days
D) 90 days
- ☐ **Q7. Which institution awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford?**
A) Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences
B) Norwegian Nobel Committee
C) UNESCO
D) International Monetary Fund
- ☐ **Q8. Which country received ₹290 crore from India for its 13th Five-Year Plan?**
A) Nepal
B) Sri Lanka
C) Bangladesh
D) Bhutan
- ☐ **Q9. INS Mangrol, commissioned on 12 October 2026, is primarily which type of vessel?**
A) Guided missile destroyer
B) Aircraft carrier
C) Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft
D) Survey vessel
- ☐ **Q10. The INDRA-2026 naval exercise involved India and which country?**
A) United Kingdom
B) Russia
C) France
D) Australia
- ☐ **Q11. Who was appointed Governor of Karnataka under the 12 October 2026 announcement?**
A) Sudha Yadav
B) Dushyant Gautam
C) Om Prakash Mathur
D) Rajendra Arlekar
- ☐ **Q12. Which two cricketers were named ICC Players of the Month for September 2026?**
A) Virat Kohli and Smriti Mandhana
B) Rohit Sharma and Harmanpreet Kaur
C) Suryakumar Yadav and Jemimah Rodrigues
D) Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma
- ☐ **Q13. World Food Day is observed annually on which date?**
A) 13 October
B) 14 October
C) 16 October
D) 15 October
- ☐ **Q14. What was the 2026 World Mental Health Day theme?**
A) Mental health in a changing world
B) Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change
C) Mental health is a universal human right
D) Make mental health a global priority
- ☐ **Q15. Where was the first ICMR High Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research Centre planned?**
A) Keylong, Himachal Pradesh
B) Leh, Ladakh
C) Gangtok, Sikkim
D) Auli, Uttarakhand

Answers & Explanations Key

Q1. [B] Exp: The **NSAP extension** carries a **₹53,428 crore** outlay for 2026–27 to 2030–31.

Q2. [A] Exp: The first **BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting** took place in **New Delhi** on 13 October.

Q3. [C] Exp: The **PM GatiShakti National Master Plan** completed **five years** on 13 October 2026.

Q4. [B] Exp: The **RBI** special dollar window covered **IOCL, HPCL and BPCL**.

Q5. [D] Exp: The minimum daily CRR maintenance requirement was revised to **99%** from 90%.

Q6. [C] Exp: The **Union Cabinet** approved a productivity-linked bonus equal to **78 days' wages**.

Q7. [A] Exp: The **2026 Economics Nobel** went to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford; the prize is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Q8. [D] Exp: India provided **₹290 crore** to **Bhutan** for its 13th Five-Year Plan.

Q9. [C] Exp: **INS Mangrol** is an **Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft**.

Q10. [B] Exp: **INDRA-2026** is an India–**Russia** naval exercise.

Q11. [A] Exp: **Sudha Yadav** was appointed **Governor of Karnataka** in the announcement.

Q12. [D] Exp: **Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma** won the ICC men's and women's Player of the Month awards for September.

Q13. [C] Exp: **World Food Day** is observed on **16 October**.

Q14. [B] Exp: The WHO theme was **"Lived experiences heard: real voices, real change"**.

Q15. [A] Exp: The **ICMR** high-altitude medicine centre was planned for **Keylong, Himachal Pradesh**.

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