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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 01

☐ Five Centres of Excellence Approved for Classical Languages POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Education approved **five Centres of Excellence** for Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit. The Pali centre will be established at the Central University of Odisha.

- Centres approved: 5.
- Languages: Assamese, Bengali, Marathi, Pali and Prakrit.
- Assamese: Tezpur University.
- Bengali: Visva-Bharati University.
- Marathi: Deccan College, Pune.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Article 351 of the Constitution concerns development of the Hindi language; the Eighth Schedule lists the Constitution's recognised languages.

☐ Chintan Shivir 2026 Focuses on Future-Ready Highway Infrastructure POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways organised **Chintan Shivir 2026** to discuss policies and strategies for developing future-ready highway infrastructure. The programme focused on policy, planning and implementation challenges in highway development.

- Event: Chintan Shivir 2026.
- Organiser: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
- Sector: Highway infrastructure.
- Focus: Future-ready highways.
- The programme focused on policy, planning and implementation challenges in highway development.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The National Highways Authority of India is under the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways; NHAI was established under the NHAI Act, 1988.

☐ 24 Departmentally Related Standing Committees Reconstituted POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajya Sabha Chairman C. P. Radhakrishnan reconstituted the **24 Departmentally Related Standing Committees (DRSCs)** for the 2026-27 term. The Finance and External Affairs committees cited in contain 21 Lok Sabha and 10 Rajya Sabha members each.

- Total DRSCs: 24.
- Term effective from: 26 September 2026.
- Finance Committee Chairperson: Bhartruhari Mahtab.
- External Affairs Committee Chairperson: Shashi Tharoor.
- Defence Committee Chairperson: Radha Mohan Singh.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Parliamentary standing committees scrutinise bills and government expenditure; Parliament consists of the President, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.

☐ Cabinet Approves Integrated Transport & Logistics Authority POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the **Integrated Transport & Logistics Authority (ITLA)** as a Special Purpose Vehicle to strengthen multimodal transport and logistics planning.

- Authority: Integrated Transport & Logistics Authority.
- Abbreviation: ITLA.
- Structure: Special Purpose Vehicle.
- Sector: Transport and logistics.
- Core objective: Multimodal integration.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Multimodal logistics combines two or more transport modes; PM GatiShakti is a national infrastructure-planning initiative launched in 2021.

☐ Press Council of India Reconstituted with 13 Journalist Members POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting reconstituted the **Press Council of India** by nominating 13 journalist representatives under the Press Council Act, 1978. The PCI is a statutory, autonomous and quasi-judicial body.

- Organisation: Press Council of India (PCI).
- Governing law: Press Council Act, 1978.
- Journalist members nominated: 13.
- Editors: 6.
- Other working journalists: 7.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Press Council of India is a statutory body under the Press Council Act, 1978; its chairperson is traditionally a former Supreme Court judge.

❑ Commerce Ministry Establishes FTA Utilisation Cell POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Department of Commerce established a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) Utilisation Cell to help Indian enterprises make better use of preferential trade arrangements. It will coordinate with Export Promotion Councils, industry associations and state governments.

- Institution: FTA Utilisation Cell.
- Ministry: Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- Department: Department of Commerce.
- Announcement: 2nd India-EFTA Prosperity Summit, New Delhi.
- Announced by: Rajesh Agarwal, Commerce Secretary.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: FTA stands for Free Trade Agreement; the Directorate General of Foreign Trade functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

❑ National Conclave on Tribal Constitutional and Legal Rights POLITY & GOVERNANCE

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs organised a two-day **National Conclave on Constitutional Rights and Legal Provisions for Tribal Communities** in New Delhi on 6-7 October 2026.

- Organiser: Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Inaugurated by: Jual Oram.
- Venue: SCOPE Complex, New Delhi.
- Participation: More than 75 delegates from 30 states and Union Territories.
- Relevant constitutional provision: Article 338A, concerning the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Fifth Schedule of the Constitution addresses Scheduled Areas; Sixth Schedule provides autonomous councils in parts of north-east India.

❑ 20th Empowered Task Force Meeting on Ganga Rejuvenation POLITY & GOVERNANCE

Union Jal Shakti Minister C. R. Paatil chaired the **20th Empowered Task Force Meeting** on Ganga Rejuvenation. River conservation is important for biodiversity, public health and livelihoods.

- Meeting: 20th Empowered Task Force Meeting.
- Chairperson: C. R. Paatil.
- Ministry: Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- Focus: Ganga conservation and rejuvenation.
- Ganga rejuvenation involves sewage treatment, pollution reduction and water-quality improvement.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Namami Gange Programme was approved in 2014; National Mission for Clean Ganga is under the Ministry of Jal Shakti.

❑ Commerce Ministry Extends RELIEF Intervention for Exporters GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Ministry of Commerce and Industry extended operational timelines for Component II of the RELIEF intervention to support exporters affected by maritime logistics disruptions in West Asia.

- RELIEF: Resilience & Logistics Intervention for Export Facilitation.
- Risk coverage: 95% through ECGC.
- Parent framework: Export Promotion Mission.
- RELIEF launched: 19 March 2026.
- Energy shipments: Excluded.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Directorate General of Foreign Trade is under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry; India's foreign trade policy is administered through DGFT.

❑ NRIDA and IIM Kolkata to Assess PMGSY-IV and PM-JANMAN Rural Roads GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The National Rural Infrastructure Development Agency and IIM Kolkata signed an MoU for a four-year longitudinal assessment of rural roads constructed under PMGSY-IV and PM-JANMAN.

- Study duration: **4 years**.
- States/UTs covered: 10.
- Districts: 50.
- Roads: 250.
- Households: Around 5,000.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: PMGSY was launched in December 2000; PM-JANMAN was approved in November 2023.

❑ New Discovery Track Launched Under PRIP Scheme GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Department of Pharmaceuticals launched a **New Discovery Track** under the Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech Scheme to support early-stage pharmaceutical innovation.

- Scheme: PRIP.
- Support under new track: Up to **₹50 crore** per project.
- Mandatory co-funding: 25%.
- PRIP launched: 17 August 2023.
- The track targets startups and MSMEs working on novel drug discovery.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: PRIP stands for Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech; the Department of Pharmaceuticals falls under the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilisers.

❑ PM-SETU Completes One Year GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The PM-SETU initiative completed one year of implementation, with the programme focused on modernising Government Industrial Training Institutes through a Hub-and-Spoke model. PM-SETU seeks to improve vocational training quality and employability.

- Full form: Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs.
- ITIs identified: 850.
- Hub ITIs: 172.
- Spoke ITIs: 678.
- PM-SETU seeks to improve vocational training quality and employability.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ITI stands for Industrial Training Institute; the Directorate General of Training functions under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship.

❑ Sanchar Saathi Portal Crosses 30 Crore Visits GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Department of Telecommunications' **Sanchar Saathi** citizen-centric mobile-security portal crossed **30 crore** visits. The portal allows citizens to check mobile connections issued in their names.

- Portal: Sanchar Saathi.
- Launched: May 2023.
- Department: Department of Telecommunications.
- Ministry: Ministry of Communications.
- Visits: More than 30 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Department of Telecommunications is part of the Ministry of Communications; Sanchar Saathi supports citizens in dealing with telecom fraud and lost mobiles.

❑ India's First 3D Concrete-Printed Rural Housing Pilot Launched in Andhra Pradesh GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The first instalment for three lakh houses under PMAY-G 2.0 was handed over in Andhra Pradesh, alongside the foundation of a pilot project using 3D concrete-printing technology.

- PMAY-G houses: 3 lakh.
- Value: **₹3,600 crore**.
- Pilot cost: **₹14 crore**.
- Location: Burripalem, Guntur district.
- 3D concrete printing uses computer-controlled additive manufacturing with cement-based material.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: PMAY-G stands for Pradhan Mantri Awaas Yojana–Gramin; PMAY-G was restructured from Indira Awaas Yojana in 2016.

❑ Cabinet Approves ₹10,000 Crore SME Growth Fund GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Union Cabinet approved the Government of India's **₹10,000 crore** commitment towards establishing the SME Growth Fund (SGF) to provide growth capital to high-potential Small and Medium Enterprises.

- Government commitment: **₹10,000 crore**.
- Fund: SME Growth Fund.
- Structure: Alternative Investment Fund (AIF).
- Budget link: Union Budget 2026-27.
- Focus sectors include manufacturing, services, technology and innovation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: SME stands for Small and Medium Enterprise; the Ministry of MSME administers the MSMED Act, 2006.

❑ Government Expands VB-G RAM G Permissible Works to 375 GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Ministry of Rural Development notified 375 permissible works under the Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Aajeevika Mission (Gramin), or **VB-G RAM G** Act, 2025, compared with 266 works under the earlier framework.

- Ministry: Ministry of Rural Development.
- Earlier permissible works: 266.
- Revised permissible works: 375.
- Increase: 109 works, approximately 41%.
- Planning mechanism: Viksit Gram Panchayat Plans approved by Gram Sabhas.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Rural employment programmes are administered by the Ministry of Rural Development; Gram Panchayats are constitutional local-government bodies under Part IX.

❑ NSO Releases India's First National Household Travel Survey REPORTS & INDICES

The National Statistics Office (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), released key findings of **India's first National Household Travel** Survey (NHTS) in October 2026. The survey examines travel patterns associated with education and employment.

- Survey: National Household Travel Survey (NHTS).
- Released by: National Statistics Office.
- Ministry: MoSPI.
- Students travelling more than **1 km** to educational institutions: 66.4%.
- Workers using two-wheelers for fixed-workplace commuting: 42.6%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NSO is part of the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation; NHTS covers July 2025 to June 2026.

❑ MoSPI Releases Environmental-Economic Accounts Strategy 2026-2030 REPORTS & INDICES

MoSPI released the Strategy for Environmental Economic Accounts in India 2026-2030 to strengthen the integration of environmental information with national economic statistics. SEEA is a United Nations statistical framework connecting environmental assets and flows with economic activity.

- Released by: Social Statistics Division, NSO, MoSPI.
- International framework: System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA).
- Previous strategy period: 2022-2026.
- Priority areas: Approximately 10.
- The strategy covers forests, water, land, soil, minerals, carbon stock, biodiversity and pollination services.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: SEEA stands for System of Environmental-Economic Accounting; it is the UN framework linking environment and economic information.

❑ JOSH Teams Launched for TB Mukht Bharat GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched JOSH — Joint Squad for Health teams to strengthen community participation in tuberculosis awareness and elimination efforts.

- Initiative: JOSH Teams.
- Full form: Joint Squad for Health.
- Launched by: Union Health Minister J. P. Nadda.
- Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- Initial coverage: 55 districts in 11 states.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Tuberculosis is caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis; the National TB Elimination Programme is administered by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

❑ PRASHAST Screening Initiative for Inclusive Education GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The Department of School Education and Literacy organised nationwide screening under the PRASHAST initiative to help identify children who may require disability-related educational support. The initiative helps teachers recognise possible learning or developmental support needs.

- Initiative: PRASHAST.
- Department: Department of School Education and Literacy.
- Ministry: Ministry of Education.
- Focus: Inclusive education and early identification.
- The initiative helps teachers recognise possible learning or developmental support needs.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: PRASHAST is an education-sector screening and sensitisation tool; inclusive education aims to support Children with Special Needs (CwSN).

❑ West Bengal Approves Bhagini Nivedita Scheme GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

The **West Bengal** Cabinet approved the Bhagini Nivedita Scheme to provide financial assistance to unmarried women pursuing higher education. Karmabandhu monthly remuneration increased from ₹5,000 to ₹8,000.

- State: West Bengal.
- Scheme: Bhagini Nivedita Scheme.
- Total assistance: ₹50,000 over three years.
- Year 1: ₹17,000.
- Year 2: ₹17,000.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Kolkata is the capital of West Bengal; a State Cabinet is headed by its Chief Minister.

❑ Kerala Launches WOMN Scheme for Menstrual Hygiene During Travel GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

Kerala launched Women on the Move and Menstrual Needs (WOMN) to improve access to sanitary napkins for women and girls travelling through public transport terminals.

- State: Kerala.
- Scheme: WOMN.
- Launch location: KSRTC terminal, Thampanoor, Thiruvananthapuram.
- Initial coverage: 14 KSRTC terminals.
- Proposed expansion: 93 additional terminals or depots.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Kerala capital – Thiruvananthapuram; the State is located on India's south-western coast.

❑ World Development Report 2026 Focuses on Artificial Intelligence REPORTS & INDICES

The World Bank's **World Development Report 2026**, titled The Promise of Artificial Intelligence, was launched in New Delhi by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. Potential productivity improvements in public services and industry.

- Report: World Development Report 2026.
- Title reported: The Promise of Artificial Intelligence.
- Publisher: World Bank Group.
- Launch location: New Delhi.
- Indian minister named: Ashwini Vaishnaw.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Bank headquarters – Washington, DC; it was established in 1944 at the Bretton Woods conference.

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2. BANKING & FINANCE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 02

❑ Bank of Baroda Becomes Second PSU Bank to Sponsor a Pension Fund BANKING & FINANCE

Bank of Baroda, through BoB Pension Fund Management Company Limited, became the second Public Sector Bank to receive a Certificate of Appointment as Sponsor of a Pension Fund from PFRDA.

- Bank: Bank of Baroda.
- Regulator: PFRDA.
- BoB stake in subsidiary: 80.10%.
- First PSU bank in segment: State Bank of India.
- The certificate was presented during NPS Divas 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: PFRDA is headquartered in New Delhi; it is governed by the PFRDA Act, 2013.

❑ NABKISAN Lists India's First WASH-Focused Social Bond on NSE BANKING & FINANCE

NABKISAN Finance Limited listed **India's first** Social Bond dedicated to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene on the National Stock Exchange. Water.org served as Technical Advisor and Knowledge Partner.

- Issue size: ₹180 crore.
- Coupon: 8.10% per annum.
- Tenure: 5 years.
- Maturity: September 2031.
- Ratings: CRISIL AAA (Stable) and CARE AAA (Stable).

Exam Pointer: Static GK: WASH expands to Water, Sanitation and Hygiene; NSE was recognised as a stock exchange in 1993.

❑ RBI Grants Core Investment Company Registration to Indiabulls Limited BANKING & FINANCE

The Reserve Bank of India granted Indiabulls Limited a Certificate of Registration as a **Core Investment Company**, bringing it under RBI's regulatory framework for CICs.

- Company: Indiabulls Limited.
- Registration: Core Investment Company.
- Regulator: RBI.
- Former name: Yaari Digital Integrated Services Limited.
- Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: A Core Investment Company is a category of NBFC regulated by RBI; RBI headquarters – Mumbai.

❑ PFRDA Targets 3 Crore New NPS Subscribers in Two Years BANKING & FINANCE

The Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority announced a target to add **3 crore** new National Pension System subscribers over two years. PFRDA introduced NPS Swasthya, combining pension savings with a family-floater super top-up health-insurance component.

- New subscriber target: 3 crore.
- Timeline: **2 years**.
- NPS + APY subscribers: More than 10 crore by September 2026.
- AUM: About **₹18 lakh** crore.
- Long-term vision: Pension for All by 2047.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The National Pension System began for new Central government employees on 1 January 2004; PFRDA headquarters – New Delhi.

❑ RBI Repo Rate Reported at 5.50% BANKING & FINANCE

The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee increased the policy **repo rate** by 25 basis points to **5.50%**. The repo rate is the policy rate at which RBI provides short-term liquidity to banks against eligible securities.

- Repo rate: 5.50%.
- Increase: 25 basis points.
- Decision-making body: Monetary Policy Committee.
- RBI Governor: Sanjay Malhotra.
- FY 2026-27 real GDP projection: 7.1%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The MPC has six members; the RBI governor chairs the Monetary Policy Committee.

❑ RBI Announces Account Aggregator Interoperability Measures BANKING & FINANCE

The Reserve Bank of India announced measures to improve interoperability between NBFC-Account Aggregators, aiming to simplify consent-based sharing of financial data. The measures are designed to support secure and portable access to information across participating institutions.

- Regulator: Reserve Bank of India.
- Framework: Account Aggregator ecosystem.
- Proposed measure: Interoperability between NBFC-AAs.
- Implementation target reported: 31 December 2026.
- Customers would be able to access and share financial information through an Account Aggregator of their choice.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Account Aggregator framework operates on consent-based financial-data sharing; NBFC-Account Aggregators are regulated by RBI.

❑ SEBI Launches 'Samajh Se Investing Simple' Campaign BANKING & FINANCE

The Securities and Exchange Board of India launched the "**Samajh Se Investing Simple**" investor-awareness campaign under Project Jagrook at Panjab University, Chandigarh. Participating institutions include NISM, BSE, NSE, MCX, CDSL, NSDL and AMFI.

- Regulator: SEBI.
- Campaign: Samajh Se Investing Simple.
- Project: Jagrook.
- Launch date: 5 October 2026.
- Occasion: 10th World Investor Week.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: SEBI was established in 1988 and became a statutory regulator in 1992; its headquarters is in Mumbai.



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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 03

☐ APEDA Facilitates Bihar Makhana Export to Greece ECONOMY

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of one tonne of makhana from Purnea, Bihar, to Greece. APEDA functions under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.

- Product: Makhana.
- Origin: Purnea, Bihar.
- Destination: Greece.
- Quantity: 1 tonne.
- Facilitating agency: APEDA.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: APEDA was established by an Act of Parliament in 1985; its headquarters is in New Delhi.

☐ BEML Launches India's First Indigenous 60-Ton Electric Dump Truck BH60-EV ECONOMY

BEML Limited launched the BH60-EV, **India's first** indigenously designed and developed 60-ton electric dump truck, at its Mysuru complex. The vehicle uses a Permanent Magnet Synchronous Motor.

- Model: BH60-EV.
- Manufacturer: BEML Limited.
- Battery: 1,000 kWh lithium-ion.
- Payload: 54,500 kg.
- Body capacity: 36.4 cubic metres.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: BEML stands for Bharat Earth Movers Limited (original name); BEML headquarters – Bengaluru.

☐ Ministry of Finance Projects 7.3% GDP Growth in Q2 FY27 ECONOMY

The **Ministry of Finance** projected India's real GDP growth at **7.3%** for the July-September quarter of FY2026-27. Domestic consumption and investment were identified as major growth supports.

- Q2 FY27 projection: 7.3%.
- Q1 FY27 growth: 7.8%.
- Monthly Economic Review.
- Model: Nowcasting model.
- Period: July-September 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: India's financial year runs from 1 April to 31 March; GDP stands for Gross Domestic Product.

☐ Adani Group Announces ₹6 Trillion Investment Commitment in Maharashtra ECONOMY

The **Adani Group** announced an investment commitment of **₹6 trillion** in Maharashtra across energy, aviation, data centres and urban infrastructure. Projects include Navi Mumbai International Airport and airport-linked development.

- Investment commitment: ₹6 trillion.
- State: Maharashtra.
- State economic target: USD 1 trillion by 2030.
- Projects under construction: ₹2.6 trillion.
- Key sectors: Energy, aviation, data centres and urban regeneration.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Maharashtra capital – Mumbai; one trillion rupees equals ₹1 lakh crore.

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

The **World Bank** raised India's growth projection for financial year 2026-27 to **7.1%**, compared with an earlier projection of 6.6%. The revised outlook reflects resilient domestic demand and private consumption.

- Organisation: World Bank.
- FY27 forecast: 7.1%.
- The revised outlook reflects resilient domestic demand and private consumption.
- Industrial activity, services, exports and investment are cited as supporting factors.
- 7.8% GDP growth in the first quarter of FY27.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Bank headquarters – Washington, DC; India's financial year runs from April to March.

❑ **Bharat Forge Signs Aerospace Contract with Pratt & Whitney Canada** ECONOMY

Bharat Forge Limited signed a long-term contract with Pratt & Whitney Canada for supplying mission-critical aerospace engine components. The agreement covers high-precision components for aircraft engines.

- Indian company: Bharat Forge Limited.
- Foreign partner: Pratt & Whitney Canada.
- Sector: Aerospace manufacturing.
- Manufacturing location: Bharat Forge's aerospace facility in India.
- Pratt & Whitney Canada is associated with RTX Corporation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Bharat Forge headquarters – Pune; Pratt & Whitney Canada manufactures aircraft engines.

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

Section 04

❑ **5th Kautilya Economic Conclave Held in New Delhi** SUMMITS & MOUS

Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan delivered the inaugural address at the **5th Kautilya Economic Conclave** in New Delhi on 3 October 2026. GST registrations increased from **6.65 million** in 2017 to 16.5 million in May 2026.

- Edition: 5th.
- Venue: New Delhi.
- Theme: "Resilience in an Age of Flux".
- Inaugural address: Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan.
- Key institution: Institute of Economic Growth.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Kautilya Economic Conclave takes its name from the ancient thinker Kautilya; New Delhi is the national capital of India.

❑ **NITI Aayog Organises National Workshop on SDG Budgeting** SUMMITS & MOUS

NITI Aayog, the Government of West Bengal and UNDP organised a National Workshop on SDG Budgeting in Kolkata. West Bengal mapped its State budget to the SDG goal level and integrated it with its financial-management system.

- Venue: Kolkata.
- Participants: Representatives from **32 States** and UTs.
- Framework: State Support Mission.
- Partners: NITI Aayog, West Bengal and UNDP.
- SDGs: 17 Goals and 169 Targets.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The United Nations adopted 17 Sustainable Development Goals in 2015; the SDG target year is 2030.

❑ **India Reaffirms Whale Conservation Commitment at IWC-70** INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India reiterated its commitment to whale and cetacean conservation at the 70th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission in Hobart, Australia. Resolutions covered cetacean bycatch, vessel strikes and strandings.

- Meeting: IWC-70.
- Venue: Hobart, Australia.
- Dates: 28 September-2 October 2026.
- IWC members: 89 governments.
- India joined IWC: 1981.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The International Whaling Commission was established under the 1946 International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling; its headquarters is in Cambridge, UK.

❑ **Harivansh Leads Indian Delegation to 153rd IPU Assembly** SUMMITS & MOUS

Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh led an Indian Parliamentary Delegation to the 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Arusha, Tanzania. The theme focuses on good governance, inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all.

- Assembly: 153rd IPU Assembly.
- Venue: Arusha, Tanzania.
- Dates: 5-9 October 2026.
- Indian delegation leader: Harivansh.
- IPU headquarters: Geneva, Switzerland.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Inter-Parliamentary Union was founded in 1889; its headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland.

❑ First International Cargo Voyage Flagged Off from Dibrugarh to Dhaka SUMMITS & MOUS

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the **first international cargo voyage** from Bogibeel Terminal in Dibrugarh, Assam, to Dhaka, Bangladesh. The methanol consignment was produced by Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited.

- Starting point: Bogibeel Terminal, Dibrugarh.
- Destination: Pangaon Port, Dhaka.
- Waterway: National Waterway-2.
- River: Brahmaputra.
- Cargo: Methanol.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Brahmaputra is called Jamuna in Bangladesh; Dibrugarh is situated in Assam.

❑ India and Switzerland Sign Agreements During Swiss Presidential Visit SUMMITS & MOUS

India and Switzerland signed agreements covering transportation technology, mobility systems, infrastructure and scientific research during Swiss President Guy Parmelin's visit to India. A Letter of Intent was signed between India's Department of Science and Technology and the Swiss National Science Foundation.

- Countries: India and Switzerland.
- Swiss President: Guy Parmelin.
- Visit: Three-day State visit.
- Key areas: Transport, mobility, infrastructure and science.
- A Letter of Intent was signed between India's Department of Science and Technology and the Swiss National Science Foundation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Switzerland capital – Bern; currency – Swiss franc.

❑ India-Canada Begin Fifth Round of CEPA Negotiations INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India and Canada began the **fifth round of** negotiations for their proposed Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. The proposed agreement seeks to provide a framework for expanding bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

- Countries: India and Canada.
- Agreement: Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.
- Abbreviation: CEPA.
- Negotiation round: 5th.
- The proposed agreement seeks to provide a framework for expanding bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Canada capital – Ottawa; currency – Canadian dollar.

❑ Bimal Patel Assumes Office as Judge of ITLOS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India's **Bimal Patel** assumed office as a judge of the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea in Hamburg, Germany. He succeeded Neeru Chadha, whose term concluded on 30 September 2026.

- Appointee: Bimal Patel.
- Institution: International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea.
- Headquarters: Hamburg, Germany.
- Tenure: **9 years**.
- Votes received: 115 of 168 valid ballots.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is based in Hamburg; UNCLOS was adopted in 1982.

❑ India and Japan Operationalise Joint Crediting Mechanism SUMMITS & MOUS

India and Japan launched the Operational Manual for the India-Japan Joint Crediting Mechanism (JCM) to promote low-carbon technologies, climate finance and high-integrity emission reductions. The manual describes the project cycle from Project Idea Note submission to credit issuance and authorisation.

- Framework: Joint Crediting Mechanism.
- Partner countries: India and Japan.
- Paris Agreement provision: Article 6.2.
- Memorandum of Cooperation: 7 August 2025.
- Rules of Implementation adopted: 8 June 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Article 6 of the Paris Agreement provides for voluntary cooperation on mitigation; Japan capital – Tokyo.

❑ **Adani Power and DGPC Sign Pact for 770 MW Bhutan Hydropower Project** SUMMITS & MOUS

Adani Power and Bhutan's state-owned Druk Green Power Corporation signed a Shareholders Agreement to develop the **770 MW** Chamkharchhu-I Hydroelectric Project in Bhutan. Construction is expected to begin in the first half of 2027.

- Capacity: **770 MW**.
- River: Chamkharchhu River.
- Location: Zhemgang District, Bhutan.
- Adani Power equity: 49%.
- The project will follow a Build, Own, Operate and Transfer model.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Bhutan capital – Thimphu; currency – ngultrum.

❑ **India and Ghana Exchange Two MoUs** SUMMITS & MOUS

India and Ghana exchanged two Memoranda of Understanding during External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's visit to Accra, Ghana. The agreements seek to strengthen institutional cooperation in research and education.

- Countries: India and Ghana.
- Number of MoUs: 2.
- Location: Accra, Ghana.
- Indian representative: S. Jaishankar.
- Areas: Scientific research, academics, capacity building and agricultural education.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Ghana capital – Accra; currency – Ghanaian cedi.

❑ **India Participates in Pre-COP31 Meeting in Fiji** INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India participated in the Pre-COP31 meeting in Fiji, emphasising the implementation of the Paris Agreement and climate-finance commitments. Its temperature goals concern limiting warming well below 2°C and pursuing efforts towards 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels.

- Meeting: Pre-COP31.
- Venue: Fiji.
- Indian representative: Bhupender Yadav.
- Agreement discussed: Paris Agreement.
- Key temperature objective: Pursuing efforts to limit warming to 1.5°C.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: COP stands for Conference of the Parties; the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change was adopted in 1992.

❑ **IOA and Korean Sport and Olympic Committee Sign MoU** SUMMITS & MOUS

The Indian Olympic Association and the **Korean Sport and Olympic Committee** signed an MoU during the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games to strengthen sports cooperation. The agreement supports joint training and coaching exchanges.

- Indian organisation: Indian Olympic Association.
- Partner: Korean Sport and Olympic Committee.
- Indian signatory: P. T. Usha.
- Korean signatory: Ryu Seung-min.
- Venue: Korea House, Japan.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IOA stands for Indian Olympic Association; the Korean Sport and Olympic Committee represents the Republic of Korea.

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

India participated in the 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting, highlighting regional energy security and cooperation. Regional energy cooperation can support supply diversification and infrastructure development.

- Meeting: 20th East Asia Summit Energy Ministers' Meeting.
- Forum: East Asia Summit (EAS).
- Participating country: India.
- Focus: Energy cooperation and energy security.
- Regional energy cooperation can support supply diversification and infrastructure development.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: East Asia Summit began in 2005; ASEAN Secretariat is in Jakarta, Indonesia.

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

Hical Technologies signed a Memorandum of Understanding with French company Safran Aerosystems to explore a joint venture for manufacturing aerospace systems in India. The agreement supports the Make in India manufacturing ecosystem.

- Indian company: Hical Technologies.
- Foreign partner: Safran Aerosystems, France.
- Sector: Aerospace and defence manufacturing.
- Proposed manufacturing location: Devanahalli, near Bengaluru.
- Platform: Dassault Rafale aircraft.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Dassault Rafale is a French multi-role combat aircraft; Bengaluru is the capital of Karnataka.



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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 05

□ Indian and ASEAN Navies Participate in AIME-2026 DEFENCE & SECURITY

The 2nd ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise commenced at Subic Bay in the Philippines under the theme "Anchored in Trust, United at Sea". The Harbour Phase includes professional exchanges and operational coordination.

- Exercise: AIME-2026.
- Edition: 2nd.
- Location: Subic Bay, Philippines.
- Indian ships: INS Sahyadri and INS Kulish.
- First AIME: Singapore, 2023.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ASEAN was founded in 1967; its Secretariat is based in Jakarta, Indonesia.

□ Army Aviation Corps Conducts Exercise Jai Se Vijay on NH-911 DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Indian Army's Sapta Shakti Command conducted Exercise Jai Se Vijay by using a stretch of National Highway-911 in Rajasthan as a temporary military landing facility.

- Location: Near Dantour, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.
- Highway: NH-911.
- Command: Sapta Shakti Command.
- Theme: "Mission Ready, Future Ready".
- Aircraft: Rudra, Dhruv and Chetak helicopters.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Indian Army South Western Command headquarters – Jaipur; Army Aviation Corps was formed in 1986.

□ Kaveri Dry Engine Completes High-Altitude and Flight Trials in Russia DEFENCE & SECURITY

DRDO's **Kaveri Dry Engine**, developed by the Gas Turbine Research Establishment, successfully completed high-altitude evaluations and flight trials in Russia for the Ghatak unmanned combat aircraft programme.

- Engine: Kaveri Derivative Engine.
- Developer: DRDO-GTRE.
- Platform: Ghatak UCAV.
- Maximum dry thrust recorded: 48.5 kN.
- Target thrust: 46 kN.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: GTRE means Gas Turbine Research Establishment; it is a DRDO laboratory based in Bengaluru.

□ India's Akash Air Defence System Reaches Turkmenistan and Tajikistan DEFENCE & SECURITY

India's indigenous **Akash air defence** missile system has been exported to Turkmenistan and Tajikistan, expanding its overseas footprint after Armenia. The system is designed to engage UAVs, helicopters and fighter aircraft.

- System: Akash.
- Type: Short-range Surface-to-Air Missile.
- Developer: DRDO.
- Manufacturer: Bharat Dynamics Limited.
- Reported range: 4.5-25 km.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Akash is an Indian surface-to-air missile system; Bharat Dynamics Limited manufactures Akash missiles.

□ India Launches First Indigenous Fleet Support Ship 'Surya' DEFENCE & SECURITY

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched Fleet Support Ship-1 'Surya' at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam on 6 October 2026. It is the first of five Fleet Support Ships being indigenously built for the Indian Navy.

- Ship: FSS-1 Surya.
- Shipyard: Hindustan Shipyard Limited.
- Location: Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- Displacement: 43,500 tonnes.
- Total planned ships: 5.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Hindustan Shipyard Limited is located in Visakhapatnam; a fleet support ship replenishes other vessels at sea.

□ India-UAE Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 Begins in Uttarakhand DEFENCE & SECURITY

The inaugural India-UAE joint military exercise **Mountain Guardian 2026** began at the Foreign Training Node in Chaubatia, Uttarakhand, on 5 October 2026. Both armies are represented by 46 personnel each.

- Dates: 5-18 October 2026.
- Venue: Chaubatia, Uttarakhand.
- Total personnel: 92.
- Indian contingent: Bhairav Battalion.
- UAE contingent: Mountain Infantry Battalion.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Uttarakhand capital – Dehradun; India and the UAE are partners in bilateral defence exercises.

□ Defence Ministry Signs ₹661.50 Crore BrahMos Contract DEFENCE & SECURITY

The Ministry of Defence signed a **₹661.50 crore** contract with BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited for BrahMos Fire Control Systems and launchers for Indian Navy ships.

- Contract value: **₹661.50 crore**.
- Company: BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited.
- User: Indian Navy.
- Minimum indigenous content stated by : 68%.
- The procurement covers fire-control systems and launchers.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: BrahMos is a supersonic cruise missile; BrahMos Aerospace is an India–Russia joint venture.

□ DRDO High-Altitude Platform Reaches 21 km DEFENCE & SECURITY

DRDO successfully conducted a flight trial of an indigenous **High-Altitude Platform** (HAPS), which reached an altitude of **21 km** above mean sea level. Potential uses include long-duration surveillance and strategic applications.

- Developer: ADRDE, Agra.
- Maximum altitude: **21 km**.
- Sustained altitude: around **20 km**.
- Duration: more than 30 minutes.
- Type: Long-endurance stratospheric aerial platform.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: HAPS means High-Altitude Pseudo-Satellite; the stratosphere lies above the troposphere.

□ DRDO Conducts Maiden Live Jump of Advanced High-Altitude Parachute DEFENCE & SECURITY

DRDO conducted the **maiden live jump** of the Advanced High-Altitude Parachute (AHAP) at Nyoma, Ladakh, from an altitude of 16,000 feet. It is designed for mass dropping of paratroopers in high-altitude terrain.

- System: Advanced High-Altitude Parachute.
- Location: Nyoma, Ladakh.
- Developer: ADRDE, Agra.
- Operational range: up to 18,000 feet.
- AHAP is a static-line parachute system.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ADRDE stands for Aerial Delivery Research and Development Establishment; it is a DRDO laboratory in Agra.

Defence Ministry Revises SOP for Testing Facilities DEFENCE & SECURITY

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved a revised Standard Operating Procedure for the use of Ministry of Defence proof ranges, field-firing ranges and test facilities. The revision aims to improve access to defence testing infrastructure.

- Approving authority: Rajnath Singh.
- Document: Revised Standard Operating Procedure.
- Facilities: Proof ranges, field-firing ranges and test facilities.
- Beneficiaries: Indian defence industry and equipment developers.
- The revision aims to improve access to defence testing infrastructure.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Ministry of Defence is headquartered in New Delhi; DRDO was formed in 1958.

EyeROV Delivers Indigenous Military-Grade Underwater ROV to Navy DEFENCE & SECURITY

Kochi-based EyeROV delivered two TROUT military-grade Remotely Operated Vehicle systems to the Indian Navy on 7 October 2026. The system is described by as India's first indigenously built military-grade underwater ROV.

- Company: EyeROV, Kochi, Kerala.
- System: EyeROV TROUT.
- Systems delivered: 2.
- Total systems ordered: 5.
- Contract value reported: ₹47 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ROV stands for Remotely Operated Vehicle; underwater ROVs can support inspection and surveillance.

Indian Coast Guard Conducts 12th SAREX-2026 off Odisha Coast DEFENCE & SECURITY

The **Indian Coast Guard** conducted the 12th National Maritime Search and Rescue Exercise (SAREX-2026) off Paradip, Odisha, on 7-8 October 2026. Assets included 15 Coast Guard ships, two Indian Navy ships, Dornier aircraft, helicopters and Indian Air Force aircraft.

- Exercise: SAREX-2026.
- Edition: 12th.
- Organiser: Indian Coast Guard.
- Location: Paradip coast, Odisha.
- International participation: 32 observers from 30 countries.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: SAREX stands for Search and Rescue Exercise; the Indian Coast Guard was formally established in 1978.



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6. SCIENCE, TECH & SPACE (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 06

IICT Signs Five MoUs to Strengthen India's AVGC-XR Ecosystem SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Indian Institute of Creative Technologies signed five strategic MoUs during FICCI FRAMES 2026 in Mumbai to strengthen creative technology and the AVGC-XR ecosystem. Partners include Motion Picture Association India, C-DIT, ESGF, RioWood and Warm Up Ventures.

- MoUs signed: 5.
- Event: FICCI FRAMES 2026.
- Location: Mumbai.
- Sector: AVGC-XR.
- AVGC-XR: Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: AVGC-XR means Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics and Extended Reality; FICCI stands for Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

ICAR and FCI to Develop Sustainable Fumigation Alternatives SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

ICAR and the Food Corporation of India signed an MoU to develop safer alternatives to conventional chemical fumigation for stored wheat and rice. Trials will be conducted in silos, warehouses and hermetic storage systems.

- Implementing institute: ICAR-CIPHET, Ludhiana.
- Phase-I budget: ₹3.28 crore.
- Phase-I duration: 2 years.
- Target crops: Wheat and rice.
- Trials will be conducted in silos, warehouses and hermetic storage systems.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: ICAR is an autonomous organisation under DARE; the Food Corporation of India was established in 1965.

❑ UCIL Marks Diamond Jubilee Year SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Uranium Corporation of India Limited marked its **Diamond Jubilee Year** at Jaduguda, Jharkhand, highlighting six decades of indigenous uranium mining and processing. The programme included inspection of the Technology Demonstration Pilot Plant.

- Organisation: UCIL.
- Established: 4 October 1967.
- Headquarters: Jaduguda, Jharkhand.
- Administrative department: Department of Atomic Energy.
- Milestone: Diamond Jubilee.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Uranium Corporation of India Limited is headquartered at Jaduguda, Jharkhand; UCIL was incorporated in 1967.

❑ India Demonstrates First 5.56-km Free-Space Quantum Key Distribution Link SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar demonstrated India's **first 5.56-km free-space Quantum Key** Distribution link in Gujarat. A Pointing, Acquisition and Tracking system maintained the free-space optical connection.

- Distance: **5.56 km**.
- Trial dates: 27-28 September 2026.
- Institutions: QNu Labs, BISAG-N and IIT Gandhinagar.
- QBER: Below 5%.
- Secure key rate: 230-260 bits per second.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: QKD stands for Quantum Key Distribution; QKD exploits properties of quantum states to establish shared cryptographic keys.

❑ ₹130 Crore Support Approved for Indigenous VeerAI Vision Chip SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Technology Development Board signed an agreement with BigEndian Semiconductors to support development of an indigenous AI Vision System-on-Chip under the RDI Fund. The project aims to progress from Technology Readiness Level 5 to a fully demonstrated operational stage at TRL-9.

- Project: VeerAI.
- Government support: **₹130 crore**.
- Total project cost: **₹260 crore**.
- Technology: AI Vision System-on-Chip.
- Target: TRL-5 to TRL-9.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: TDB stands for Technology Development Board; it is a statutory body created under the Technology Development Board Act, 1995.

❑ MeitY Launches IndiaAI Centre for AI in Keralam SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched the MeitY-**IndiaAI Centre** of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence, known as the Centre for AI in Keralam (CAIK), in Thiruvananthapuram.

- Centre: Centre for AI in Keralam (CAIK).
- Location: Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- Mission: IndiaAI Mission.
- Implementing Agency: Digital University Kerala.
- First cohort: 15 AI startups.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IndiaAI Mission received Union Cabinet approval in March 2024; MeitY stands for Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology.

❑ IISc Maps 9,389 Reactions for Carbon Dioxide Conversion SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science developed a computational framework mapping 9,389 elementary reactions to investigate the conversion of carbon dioxide into useful chemicals and fuels.

- Institution: Indian Institute of Science, Bengaluru.
- Reactions mapped: 9,389.
- Chemical species analysed: 105.
- Process: Carbon dioxide hydrogenation.
- Catalyst: Copper.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IISc is located in Bengaluru; CO₂ is the chemical formula of carbon dioxide.

☐ IIT Ropar Launches AVNI Agricultural Learning App SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

IIT Ropar launched AVNI - Grow with Nature, a digital learning platform intended to introduce children to plants, crops and agriculture. The application uses AI to identify crops, fruits, vegetables, cereals, millets and spices.

- Institution: IIT Ropar, Punjab.
- Platform: AVNI - Grow with Nature.
- Developer: ANNAM.AI, Centre of Excellence in AI for Digital Agriculture.
- Languages: Hindi and English.
- Target users: Children learning about nature and agriculture.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IIT Ropar is in Punjab; crop advisory tools use agronomic and meteorological information.

☐ NexCAR19 Therapy Administered at Command Hospital Kolkata SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Command Hospital (Eastern Command), Kolkata, administered NexCAR19, an indigenously developed CAR-T cell therapy, to a soldier with B-cell acute lymphoblastic leukaemia. T cells are collected from a patient and modified to recognise a particular cancer-cell marker.

- Therapy: NexCAR19.
- Technology: Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell therapy.
- Hospital: Command Hospital, Eastern Command, Kolkata.
- Development collaborators: IIT Bombay, Tata Memorial Centre and ImmunoACT.
- Target: CD19-expressing cancer cells.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: CAR-T means Chimeric Antigen Receptor T-cell; NexCAR19 is an indigenous Indian CAR-T therapy.



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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 07

☐ Government Opens Two Offshore Mineral Blocks in Andaman Sea for Auction ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The Ministry of Mines opened **two offshore mineral blocks** in the Andaman Sea for auction under the Composite Licence framework. These minerals have strategic importance in advanced manufacturing and clean-energy technologies.

- Blocks: Sewell Rise-01 and West Sewell Ridge-01.
- Location: Andaman Sea.
- Combined area: More than 1,632 sq km.
- Licence: Composite Licence.
- Resources: Polymetallic nodules and crusts.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Exclusive Economic Zone extends up to 200 nautical miles from a coastal baseline; the Andaman Sea lies east of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

☐ Jawahar Dweep Declared India's First Plastic-Free Oil Terminal ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Jawahar Dweep Marine Oil Terminal in Mumbai was **declared India's first plastic-free oil** terminal during Swachhata Abhiyan 2026. The initiative targets elimination of single-use plastic from oil-terminal operations.

- Location: Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- Former name: Butcher Island.
- Authority: Mumbai Port Authority.
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways.
- Declaration date: 2 October 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Jawahar Dweep was formerly called Butcher Island; its marine oil terminal is managed by Mumbai Port Authority.

☐ First Tigress Released in Buxa Tiger Reserve Reintroduction Programme ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Tigress T138 was translocated from Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar and released into Buxa Tiger Reserve in West Bengal under a phased tiger reintroduction programme.

- Tigress: T138.
- reserve: Valmiki Tiger Reserve, Bihar.
- Destination: Buxa Tiger Reserve, West Bengal.
- Project initiated: 2018.
- Supporting institutions: NTCA and WII.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Valmiki Tiger Reserve is in Bihar; Buxa Tiger Reserve was notified in West Bengal in 1983.

❑ Great Indian Bustards Released into Wild in Rajasthan ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

Captive-bred **Great Indian Bustards** entered the release phase of India's conservation programme at Desert National Park in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. releases at Ramdevra and Sudasari in Desert National Park.

- Species: Great Indian Bustard.
- Conservation status: Critically Endangered.
- Location: Desert National Park, Jaisalmer.
- State bird: Rajasthan.
- Nodal scientific agency: Wildlife Institute of India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Great Indian Bustard is classified as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List; Desert National Park is in Rajasthan.

❑ India's Cheetah Population Reaches 60 After Birth of Five Cubs ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India's cheetah population reached 60 after India-born female cheetah KJP21 gave birth to five cubs at Kuno National Park in Madhya Pradesh. The new lineage is significant for the genetic diversity of India's reintroduced cheetah population.

- Location: Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh.
- New cubs: 5.
- Total cheetah population: 60.
- India-born cheetahs: 41.
- Mother: KJP21.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Kuno National Park is in Madhya Pradesh; India's cheetah reintroduction programme began in September 2022.

❑ India Highlights Forest Progress at FAO COFO 28 ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

India presented its forest restoration and conservation progress at the 28th session of the FAO Committee on Forestry in Rome, which ran from 28 September to 2 October 2026. The discussions covered food security, sustainable forestry and ecosystem restoration.

- Venue: Rome, Italy.
- Session: COFO 28.
- Dates: 28 September-2 October 2026.
- India's forest and tree cover cited by : 82.74 million hectares.
- Share of India's geographical area: 25.17%.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: FAO headquarters – Rome, Italy; COFO is the Committee on Forestry.

❑ NHAI Releases Wildlife Mitigation Measures Document ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY

The National Highways Authority of India released a document titled **Wildlife Mitigation Measures & Structures** to encourage safer highway development near wildlife habitats. Transport infrastructure can fragment habitats and increase animal-vehicle collisions.

- Organisation: National Highways Authority of India.
- Document: Wildlife Mitigation Measures & Structures.
- Focus: Wildlife safety along national highways.
- Key interventions: Underpasses, overpasses and wildlife crossings.
- Transport infrastructure can fragment habitats and increase animal-vehicle collisions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: NHAI was constituted under the National Highways Authority of India Act, 1988; Wildlife (Protection) Act was enacted in 1972.



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8. APPOINTMENTS & PERSONS IN NEWS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 08

❑ Lavanya R Mundayur Appointed CMD of New India Assurance APPOINTMENTS

The Central Government approved the appointment of **Lavanya R Mundayur** as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of New India Assurance Company Limited. She has previously worked as General Manager-Technical and Chief Underwriting Officer at New India Assurance.

- Appointee: Lavanya R Mundayur.
- Position: CMD, NIACL.
- Tenure: Until superannuation on 31 May 2029 or further orders.
- Previous major role: CMD, Agriculture Insurance Company of India.
- NIACL headquarters: Mumbai.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The New India Assurance Company was established in 1919; its headquarters is in Mumbai.

❑ Three High Court Chief Justices Appointed as Supreme Court Judges APPOINTMENTS

The Ministry of Law and Justice notified the appointment of **three High Court Chief Justices** as judges of the Supreme Court of India. The appointments were made by the President of India under Article 124(2).

- Justice Sunita Agarwal → Chief Justice of Gujarat High Court.
- Justice Devendra Kumar Upadhyaya → Chief Justice of Delhi High Court.
- Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh → Chief Justice of Telangana High Court.
- Constitutional provision: Article 124(2).
- The appointments were made by the President of India under Article 124(2).

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Article 124 establishes the Supreme Court of India; judges of the Supreme Court are appointed by the President.

❑ Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed 29th Chief of the Air Staff APPOINTMENTS

The government appointed **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff, with stating that he will assume office on 31 October 2026.

- Appointee: Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit.
- Position: Chief of the Air Staff.
- Number: 29th.
- Effective date: 31 October 2026.
- He will take charge in the rank of Air Chief Marshal.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Indian Air Force was established on 8 October 1932; Air Headquarters is in New Delhi.

❑ Rajeshwari Kumari Elected to OCA Athletes Commission APPOINTMENTS

Former Indian trap shooter **Rajeshwari Kumari** was elected to the Olympic Council of Asia Athletes Commission to represent South Asia for the 2026-2030 term. She won women's trap team silver at the Hangzhou Asian Games.

- Organisation: Olympic Council of Asia.
- Body: Athletes Commission.
- Region represented: South Asia.
- Term: 2026-2030.
- She is the second Indian cited by to serve on the Commission after Shiva Keshavan.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: OCA stands for Olympic Council of Asia; OCA headquarters – Kuwait City.

❑ Smriti Mandhana Appointed Indian Women's Cricket Captain APPOINTMENTS

The Board of Control for Cricket in India appointed **Smriti Mandhana** as the full-time white-ball captain of the Indian women's cricket team on 6 October 2026. She succeeds Harmanpreet Kaur and has captained India in ODIs and T20 internationals.

- New captain reported: Smriti Mandhana.
- Predecessor: Harmanpreet Kaur.
- T20I vice-captain: Shafali Verma.
- ODI vice-captain: Deepti Sharma.
- Governing body: Board of Control for Cricket in India.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: BCCI was established in 1928; its headquarters is in Mumbai.



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9. AWARDS, HONOURS & BOOKS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 09

❑ 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine Awarded for Optogenetics AWARDS & HONOURS

Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel were named winners of the **2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** for discoveries concerning light-gated ion channels and the development of optogenetics in neuroscience.

- Winners: Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel.
- Field: Physiology or Medicine.
- Discovery: Light-gated ion channels and optogenetics.
- Prize money: 12 million Swedish kronor, shared equally.
- Awarding institution: Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Alfred Nobel established the Nobel Prizes in his 1895 will; the Medicine Prize is awarded by the Nobel Assembly at Karolinska Institutet.

❑ Francis Halzen Wins the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics AWARDS & HONOURS

Belgian-American physicist **Francis Halzen** received the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physics for pioneering work enabling the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and detection of high-energy cosmic neutrinos.

- Scientist: Francis Halzen.
- Field: Physics.
- Major association: IceCube Neutrino Observatory.
- Location of IceCube: South Pole, Antarctica.
- Awarding body stated by : Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: IceCube Neutrino Observatory is at the South Pole; neutrinos are electrically neutral elementary particles.

❑ Henri B. Kagan and Kensō Soai Named Nobel Chemistry Laureates AWARDS & HONOURS

The 2026 Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to **Henri B. Kagan** of France and **Kensō Soai** of Japan for discoveries involving nonlinear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis.

- Award: Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2026.
- Winners reported: Henri B. Kagan and Kensō Soai.
- Prize amount reported: 12 million Swedish kronor, shared.
- Awarding body: Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences.
- Science Explained.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Nobel Prize in Chemistry is awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences; Alfred Nobel was a Swedish inventor.



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10. SPORTS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 10

❑ Lovlina Borgohain Wins Asian Games Boxing Gold SPORTS

Indian boxer **Lovlina Borgohain** won gold in the women's 75 kg category at the 2026 Asian Games. The victory added another major boxing title to India's Aichi-Nagoya campaign.

- Athlete: Lovlina Borgohain.
- Event: Women's 75 kg boxing.
- Medal: Gold.
- Final opponent: Bao Ziyi of China.
- Final result: 5-0 unanimous decision.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The first Asian Games took place in New Delhi in 1951; women's boxing debuted at the Asian Games in 2010.

❑ 20th Asian Games Concludes in Japan; India Finishes Fourth SPORTS

The **20th Asian Games** concluded in Japan, with India finishing fourth in the medal standings. India completed the Games with 21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze medals.

- Edition: 20th Asian Games.
- Host: Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.
- India's rank: 4th.
- Total Indian medals: 85.
- Gold-Silver-Bronze: 21-27-37.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The first Asian Games were held in New Delhi in 1951; the 20th Asian Games took place at Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

❑ Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Asian Games Gold SPORTS

The **Indian women's hockey team** won the Asian Games gold medal, defeating defending champion China in the final. The victory ended a 44-year wait for India's women's hockey Asian Games gold.

- Medal: Gold.
- Final: India vs China.
- Score reported by : 1-0.
- Previous Indian women's hockey gold: 1982.
- Olympic qualification: Los Angeles 2028.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Women's hockey is governed internationally by the FIH; the 2026 Asian Games host was Japan.

☐ Kumkum Mohod Wins Historic Individual Recurve Gold SPORTS

Kumkum Mohod became the first Indian woman to win an individual recurve archery gold medal at the Asian Games. The final was tied 5-5 before Mohod won the shoot-off 10-8.

- Athlete: Kumkum Mohod.
- Age: 17.
- Event: Women's Individual Recurve.
- Medal: Gold.
- Final opponent: Oh Yejin, South Korea.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Recurve archery is an Olympic discipline; World Archery is headquartered in Lausanne, Switzerland.

☐ Antim Panghal Wins Asian Games Wrestling Silver SPORTS

Indian wrestler **Antim Panghal** won silver in the women's 53 kg freestyle event at the Asian Games. The medal added to India's wrestling tally at the Games.

- Athlete: Antim Panghal.
- Sport: Wrestling.
- Event: Women's 53 kg Freestyle.
- Medal: Silver.
- Competition: Asian Games 2026.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Antim Panghal competes in freestyle wrestling; UWW stands for United World Wrestling.

☐ Indian Women's Golf Team Wins Asian Games Silver SPORTS

India's **women's golf team** secured a silver medal in the Asian Games team event. The result added another medal to India's Asian Games campaign. Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Urs, Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar in connection with the team result.

- Sport: Golf.
- Event: Women's Team.
- Medal: Silver.
- Competition: Asian Games 2026.
- Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Urs, Sharath Urs and Diksha Dagar in connection with the team result.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The International Golf Federation is based in Lausanne; golf returned to the Olympic programme at Rio 2016.



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11. OBITUARIES (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 11

☐ Eminent Metallurgist Palle Rama Rao Passes Away OBITUARIES

Eminent Indian metallurgist and Padma Award recipient Professor **Palle Rama Rao** passed away at the age of 89. He served as Director of the Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory.

- Name: Palle Rama Rao.
- Age: 89.
- Field: Metallurgy and science administration.
- Former position: Vice-Chancellor, University of Hyderabad.
- Other roles: Secretary, Department of Science and Technology; Chairman, Atomic Energy Regulatory Board.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Metallurgy is the study and processing of metals; the Department of Atomic Energy was established in 1954.

☐ Oscar-Winning Actress Eva Marie Saint Passes Away OBITUARIES

Oscar-winning American **actress Eva Marie Saint** passed away at the age of 102. She won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for *On the Waterfront*.

- Name: Eva Marie Saint.
- Age: 102.
- Profession: Actress.
- Oscar-winning film: *On the Waterfront* (1954).
- Other notable film: *North by Northwest* (1959).

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Eva Marie Saint won the 1954 Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress; the award was for *On the Waterfront*.



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12. STATE AFFAIRS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 12

☐ **Karnataka Notifies Textile & Apparel Policy 2026-31** STATE AFFAIRS

The Karnataka government notified the **Textile & Apparel Policy 4.0 (2026-31)**, targeting **₹20,000 crore** in investment and five lakh new jobs. The policy emphasises Kalyana Karnataka and Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

- Investment target: **₹20,000 crore**.
- Employment target: 5 lakh jobs.
- Policy outlay: **₹4,000 crore**.
- Focused taluks: 34.
- Policy period: 2026-31.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Karnataka capital – Bengaluru; textile industry forms part of the manufacturing sector.

☐ **Delhi Approves One Zone, One Operator Sewerage Model** STATE AFFAIRS

The Delhi Government approved the **One Zone, One Operator** project to streamline management of sewerage infrastructure through zone-wise operators. Real-time monitoring will be undertaken through a central command centre.

- Project value: **₹17,969 crore**.
- Number of zones: 6.
- South Delhi water project: **₹6,044 crore**.
- Target for Non-Revenue Water: Below 15%.
- Implementing utility: Delhi Jal Board.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Delhi Jal Board was constituted under the Delhi Water Board Act, 1998; Delhi is a Union Territory with a Legislative Assembly.

☐ **Survey of India Standardises 28 Geographical Features in Ladakh** STATE AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Home Affairs, in consultation with the Ladakh administration, standardised the names of 28 places and geographical features on the official **Survey of India** map.

- Union Territory: Ladakh.
- Total geographical features: 28.
- Official mapping agency: Survey of India.
- Survey of India established: 1767.
- Headquarters: Dehradun, Uttarakhand.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Survey of India was established in 1767; its headquarters is in Dehradun.

☐ **Odisha Launches India's First Dedicated MICE Incentive Portal** STATE AFFAIRS

The Odisha government launched what as **India's first dedicated MICE Incentive** Portal during the 7th Odisha Travel Bazaar 2026 in Bhubaneswar. The portal enables organisers and tourism operators to apply digitally for state incentives.

- MICE: Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions.
- State: Odisha.
- Launch event: 7th Odisha Travel Bazaar 2026.
- Launched by Deputy Chief Minister and Tourism Minister Pravati Parida.
- The portal enables organisers and tourism operators to apply digitally for state incentives.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: MICE stands for Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions; Bhubaneswar is the capital of Odisha.

☐ **Arunachal Pradesh to Host 14th International Tourism Mart** STATE AFFAIRS

Arunachal Pradesh is scheduled to host the 14th International Tourism Mart (ITM) in Tawang from 27 October to 1 November 2026. Tawang is known for its Buddhist monastery, Sela Pass and Monpa cultural heritage.

- Edition: 14th.
- Venue: Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Dates: 27 October-1 November 2026.
- Organisers: Ministry of Tourism and Government of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Expected international representation: Approximately 20 countries.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Arunachal Pradesh capital – Itanagar; India's North Eastern Region has eight States.

❑ Delhi Introduces Cashless Medical Facility for DJB Pensioners STATE AFFAIRS

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched a **cashless medical facility** for more than 50,000 Delhi Jal Board pensioners and family members under the Seva Sankalp Abhiyan.

- Government: Delhi.
- Organisation: Delhi Jal Board.
- Beneficiary coverage: More than 50,000 individuals.
- Programme: Seva Sankalp Abhiyan.
- Service model: Cashless, single-window healthcare access.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Delhi Jal Board was established under the Delhi Water Board Act, 1998; Delhi is a Union Territory.

❑ Environmental and CRZ Clearance for Puri International Airport STATE AFFAIRS

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change granted **environmental and** Coastal Regulation Zone clearances for the proposed Shree Jagannath International Airport at Sipasarubali, Puri, Odisha.

- Project: Shree Jagannath International Airport.
- Location: Sipasarubali, Puri, Odisha.
- Project area: 471.348 hectares.
- Developing agency: Airports Authority of India.
- Earlier estimated project cost: Approximately ₹5,631 crore.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Puri is in Odisha; the Coastal Regulation Zone is governed by notifications under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.

❑ Silkworm Seed Infrastructure Inaugurated in Assam STATE AFFAIRS

Union Minister of State Pabitra Margherita inaugurated silkworm seed infrastructure at Jorhat in Assam during October 2026. The facilities are intended to improve production and availability of quality silkworm seed and strengthen the local sericulture value chain.

- Location: Jorhat, Assam.
- Inaugurated by: Pabitra Margherita.
- Sector: Sericulture.
- Purpose: Strengthening silkworm seed production.
- Sericulture is the rearing of silkworms for silk production.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Assam capital – Dispur; sericulture is the rearing of silkworms for silk.

❑ Delhi Launches Healthcare Measures Under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan STATE AFFAIRS

Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu launched healthcare and welfare initiatives under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan at Thyagraj Stadium, New Delhi.

- Campaign: Seva Sankalp Abhiyan.
- State/UT: Delhi.
- ASHA monthly incentive: Increased from ₹3,000 to ₹6,000.
- ASHA beneficiaries: 6,690.
- Mission ANMOL screening coverage: Expanded from 56 to 63 congenital conditions.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Delhi is administered under Article 239AA of the Constitution; Delhi Jal Board is a statutory water-supply agency.



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13. IMPORTANT DAYS (DETAILED DIGEST)

Section 13

❑ Gandhi Jayanti Observed Across India on 2 October IMPORTANT DAYS

India observed **Gandhi Jayanti** on **2 October 2026**, marking the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi. The national observance commemorates Gandhi's leadership in India's freedom struggle and his philosophy of non-violence, truth and peaceful resistance.

- Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on **2 October 1869** in Porbandar, Gujarat.
- Gandhi Jayanti is one of India's three national holidays.
- The date is also observed by the United Nations as the International Day of Non-Violence.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Mahatma Gandhi was born in Porbandar, Gujarat, in 1869; Dandi March began on 12 March 1930.

❑ International Day of Non-Violence Observed on 2 October **IMPORTANT DAYS**

The **International Day of Non-Violence** was observed on **2 October 2026**, coinciding with Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary. The United Nations established the observance to promote non-violence through education, public awareness and the peaceful resolution of conflicts.

- The United Nations General Assembly designated the day through Resolution 61/271 in 2007.
- The observance promotes the principle of non-violence in public and international life.
- It is observed on the birth anniversary of **Mahatma Gandhi**.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: UNGA Resolution 61/271 adopted on 15 June 2007; Mahatma Gandhi was born on 2 October 1869.

❑ World Habitat Day 2026 - October 5 **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Habitat Day 2026 was observed on the first Monday of October to highlight the importance of adequate housing and sustainable human settlements. The observance draws attention to adequate shelter and sustainable urban development.

- Observed: First Monday of October.
- 2026 Theme: "Adequate Housing for All".
- Indian programme: New Delhi.
- The observance draws attention to adequate shelter and sustainable urban development.
- It highlights the principle that everyone should have access to adequate housing.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Habitat Day falls on the first Monday of October; UN-Habitat is headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya.

❑ World Animal Day 2026 - October 4 **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Animal Day was observed internationally on 4 October 2026, drawing attention to animal welfare, protection and responsible treatment of animals. The observance encourages individuals and organisations to promote the welfare of domestic and wild animals.

- Date: 4 October.
- 2026 Theme: "See the World Through Their Eyes".
- First observance: 1925.
- Founder: Heinrich Zimmermann.
- Coordinator since 2003: Naturewatch Foundation.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Animal Day is observed every year on 4 October; it coincides with the feast day of Saint Francis of Assisi.

❑ National Wildlife Week 2026 - October 2-8 **IMPORTANT DAYS**

India observed National Wildlife Week from 2 to 8 October 2026 to encourage the conservation of wild animals, protected areas and natural habitats. The week also provides an opportunity for education, outreach and public participation in biodiversity protection.

- Dates: 2-8 October.
- Edition: 72nd.
- 2026 Theme: "Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife".
- First National Wildlife Week: 1957.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: Wildlife Week in India is observed from 2 to 8 October; the Wildlife (Protection) Act was enacted in 1972.

❑ World Teachers' Day 2026 - 5 October **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Teachers' Day was observed on 5 October 2026 to recognise the contribution of teachers and mark **60 years** of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.

- Date: 5 October.
- First observed: 1994.
- Key organisations: UNESCO, ILO, UNICEF and Education International.
- 2026 marked the 60th anniversary of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation.
- 2026 Theme.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Teachers' Day falls on 5 October; the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers was adopted in 1966.

❑ World Cerebral Palsy Day 2026 - 6 October **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Cerebral Palsy Day was observed globally on 6 October 2026 to promote awareness, inclusion and accessibility for people living with cerebral palsy. Cerebral palsy affects movement, posture and muscle coordination.

- Date: 6 October.
- Started: 2012.
- Associated organisation: Cerebral Palsy Alliance.
- Cerebral palsy affects movement, posture and muscle coordination.
- 2026 Theme.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Cerebral Palsy Day is observed on 6 October; cerebral palsy is a group of disorders affecting movement and posture.

☐ World Cotton Day 2026 - 7 October **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Cotton Day was observed on 7 October 2026, highlighting the importance of cotton to farmers, textile industries and trade. The Food and Agriculture Organization hosted the global celebration in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, under the theme Cotton for Good.

- Date: 7 October.
- 2026 theme reported: "Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership".
- Original proposing countries: Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad and Mali.
- UN resolution: A/RES/75/318.
- First UN-recognised observance: 2021.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Cotton Day falls on 7 October; the Food and Agriculture Organization of the UN is headquartered in Rome.

☐ World Space Week 2026 - 4 to 10 October **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Space Week 2026 was observed from 4 to 10 October to promote public awareness of space science and technology. The theme highlights reusable rockets, private launch companies, startups and evolving launch technologies.

- Dates: 4-10 October.
- 2026 theme: "Rocket Revolution".
- UN proclamation: Resolution 54/68, adopted in 1999.
- First observance: 2000.
- Relevant UN bodies: COPUOS and UNOOSA.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: World Space Week runs from 4 to 10 October; Sputnik 1 was launched on 4 October 1957.

☐ Indian Air Force Day 2026 - 8 October **IMPORTANT DAYS**

India observed the 94th **Indian Air Force Day** on 8 October 2026, commemorating the establishment of the Indian Air Force in 1932. The Indian Air Force protects India's airspace and supports national defence.

- Date: 8 October.
- Year of establishment: 1932.
- Anniversary: 94th.
- Celebration venue reported: Hindon Air Force Station, Ghaziabad.
- 2026 theme reported by AffairsCloud: "Indian Air Force - Infallible, Impervious and Precise".

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

☐ World Post Day 2026 - 9 October **IMPORTANT DAYS**

World Post Day is observed annually on 9 October to commemorate the establishment of the Universal Postal Union in 1874. World Post Day highlights postal connectivity, financial inclusion and access to communication services.

- Date: 9 October.
- 2026 theme: "World Post Day: One Postal Network, Infinite Possibilities".
- Organisation: Universal Postal Union (UPU).
- UPU founded: 1874, Bern, Switzerland.
- World Post Day name adopted: 1984.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Universal Postal Union was established on 9 October 1874; its headquarters is in Bern, Switzerland.

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

The Department of Posts is observing **National Postal Week 2026** from 9 to 15 October, beginning with World Post Day. mentions N-Gen Post Offices, Jan Sewa Connect Post Offices, the Dak Sewa App and Dak Mitra App among postal modernisation initiatives.

- Dates: 9-15 October 2026.
- Organiser: Department of Posts.
- World Post Day: 9 October.
- Focus: Postal modernisation, financial inclusion and digital services.
- mentions N-Gen Post Offices, Jan Sewa Connect Post Offices, the Dak Sewa App and Dak Mitra App among postal modernisation initiatives.

Exam Pointer: Static GK: The Department of Posts is part of the Ministry of Communications; World Post Day falls on 9 October.



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14. WEEKLY REVISION QUIZ (MCQS)

Solve before checking the answer key

☐ Q1. How much did the Union Cabinet commit to the SME Growth Fund?

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|------------------|------------------|
| A) ₹5,000 crore | B) ₹10,000 crore |
| C) ₹15,000 crore | D) ₹20,000 crore |

- ☐ **Q2. Which online portal crossed 30 crore visits according to the October 2026 current affairs?**
A) DigiLocker
B) UMANG
C) e-Shram
D) Sanchar Saathi
- ☐ **Q3. In which city did the 5th Kautilya Economic Conclave take place in October 2026?**
A) New Delhi
B) Mumbai
C) Hyderabad
D) Bengaluru
- ☐ **Q4. What is the repo rate after the RBI decision reported on 7 October 2026?**
A) 5.00%
B) 5.25%
C) 5.75%
D) 5.50%
- ☐ **Q5. Which body granted Bank of Baroda permission to sponsor a pension fund?**
A) RBI
B) SEBI
C) PFRDA
D) IRDAI
- ☐ **Q6. How many medals did India win at the Aichi-Nagoya Asian Games 2026?**
A) 85
B) 78
C) 91
D) 72
- ☐ **Q7. Which country hosted the 2026 Asian Games?**
A) China
B) Japan
C) South Korea
D) Thailand
- ☐ **Q8. The Nobel Prize in Medicine 2026 recognised work in which scientific technique?**
A) CRISPR editing
B) mRNA vaccines
C) Optogenetics
D) Protein structure prediction
- ☐ **Q9. Who won the Nobel Prize in Physics 2026 for high-energy neutrino research?**
A) Roger Penrose
B) Francis Halzen
C) Kip Thorne
D) Alain Aspect
- ☐ **Q10. At which national park were five cheetah cubs born on 5 October 2026?**
A) Girwa National Park
B) Satpura National Park
C) Ranthambore National Park
D) Kuno National Park
- ☐ **Q11. The International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea is based in which city?**
A) The Hague
B) Geneva
C) Hamburg
D) Vienna
- ☐ **Q12. Which Indian organisation administered NexCAR19 therapy in Kolkata?**
A) Command Hospital (Eastern Command)
B) AIIMS Delhi
C) Tata Memorial Hospital
D) NIMHANS Bengaluru
- ☐ **Q13. Which date is observed as Indian Air Force Day?**
A) 7 October
B) 8 October
C) 9 October
D) 10 October
- ☐ **Q14. World Post Day commemorates the foundation of which organisation?**
A) World Trade Organization
B) World Meteorological Organization
C) UNESCO
D) Universal Postal Union
- ☐ **Q15. Which Indian hockey team won the 2026 Asian Games gold after 44 years?**
A) Men's junior team
B) Men's senior team
C) Women's senior team
D) Women's junior team

Answers & Explanations Key

Q1. [B] Exp: The Cabinet approved a **₹10,000 crore** government commitment to establish the SME Growth Fund.

Q2. [D] Exp: The telecom-safety portal **Sanchar Saathi** crossed 30 crore visits.

Q3. [A] Exp: The fifth edition of the **Kautilya Economic Conclave** was held in New Delhi.

Q4. [D] Exp: The **RBI** raised the policy repo rate by 25 basis points to **5.50%**.

Q5. [C] Exp: The **PFRDA** authorised Bank of Baroda to act as a pension fund sponsor.

Q6. [A] Exp: India finished fourth with **85 medals** at the 2026 Asian Games.

Q7. [B] Exp: The **20th Asian Games** were hosted in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.

Q8. [C] Exp: The prize recognised the development of **optogenetics** using light-sensitive ion channels.

Q9. [B] Exp: **Francis Halzen** was awarded the 2026 Physics Nobel for IceCube-related neutrino science.

Q10. [D] Exp: The cubs were born at **Kuno National Park** in Madhya Pradesh.

Q11. [C] Exp: **ITLOS** is headquartered in Hamburg, Germany.

Q12. [A] Exp: **Command Hospital (Eastern Command)**, Kolkata, administered NexCAR19 CAR-T therapy.

Q13. [B] Exp: **Indian Air Force Day** is observed every year on 8 October.

Q14. [D] Exp: **World Post Day** commemorates the establishment of the Universal Postal Union.

Q15. [C] Exp: The **Indian women's hockey team** won the Asian Games gold after 44 years.

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