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1. NATIONAL & GOVERNANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** Union Jal Shakti Minister **C. R. Paatil** chaired the **20th Empowered Task Force Meeting** on Ganga rejuvenation to review ongoing river conservation, pollution control and restoration measures.
- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The Department of Pharmaceuticals launched a **New Discovery Track** under the Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and **MedTech Scheme** to support early-stage pharmaceutical innovation.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** **The 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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** **The first instalment for three lakh** houses under PMAY-G 2.0 was handed over in **Andhra Pradesh**, alongside the foundation of a pilot project using 3D concrete-printing technology.
- ☐ **GOVERNMENT SCHEMES** The 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 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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **REPORTS & INDICES** The **World Bank** released its **World Development Report 2026**, titled "The Promise of Artificial Intelligence", examining how AI could enhance productivity, economic growth and public-service delivery.

- ☐ **POLITY & GOVERNANCE** The **17th Pension Adalat** at the Indian Institute of Public Administration in New Delhi considered **897 cases** across 24 ministries and departments, helping resolve grievances of central-government pensioners.
- ☐ **REPORTS & INDICES** The **MoSPI** Annual Survey of Industries 2024–25 recorded **9.59% manufacturing GVA growth** and 2.10 crore employed people, while Tamil Nadu led in the number of registered establishments.
- ☐ **REPORTS & INDICES** An official analysis reported that **43% of India's AYUSH services workforce** comprised **women**, demonstrating women's role in delivering traditional healthcare and expanding access to wellness services.



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2. BANKING & FINANCE (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The Reserve Bank of India granted Indiabulls Limited a **Certificate** of Registration as a **Core Investment Company**, bringing it under RBI's regulatory framework for CICs.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The 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.
- ☐ **BANKING & FINANCE** The **Reserve Bank of India** Monetary Policy Committee raised the policy repo rate by **25 basis points** to **5.50%** on 7 October 2026 and shifted its stance to calibrated tightening.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.



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3. ECONOMY & BUSINESS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** **World Bank** raised India's real GDP growth forecast for FY2026–27 from 6.6% to **7.1%**, citing resilient domestic demand, stronger household consumption and continuing economic activity.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **ECONOMY** The **APEDA** facilitated the export of **24 metric tonnes** of frozen food from Sonipat, Haryana, to Canada through Aterna Foods Producer Company, connecting farmer-producer organisations with overseas markets.



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

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

- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal flagged off the **first international cargo voyage** from Bogibee Terminal in Dibrugarh, Assam, to Dhaka, Bangladesh; the methanol consignment was produced by **Assam Petro-Chemicals Limited**.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **SUMMITS & MOUS** **India Mobile Congress 2026** was inaugurated in **New Delhi**, bringing together telecommunications stakeholders to discuss 5G, next-generation connectivity, digital inclusion and applications of artificial intelligence.



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5. DEFENCE & SECURITY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** **The Indian Army's Sapta Shakti Command** conducted Exercise Jai Se Vijay by using a stretch of National Highway-911 in **Rajasthan** as a temporary military landing facility.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** 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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** **Defence Minister Rajnath Singh** launched Fleet Support Ship-1 'Surya' at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam on **6 October** 2026; it is the first of five Fleet Support Ships being indigenously built for the Indian Navy.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** 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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.

- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **DEFENCE & SECURITY** **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited** moved to acquire the remaining stake in **HATSOFF Helicopter Training**, expanding its control of the helicopter simulator-training venture for military and civil aviation personnel.



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

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- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The **Technology Development Board** signed an agreement with BigEndian Semiconductors to support development of an indigenous AI Vision System-on-Chip under the **RDI Fund**.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched the MeitY-IndiaAI Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence, known as the Centre for AI in Keralam (CAIK), in **Thiruvananthapuram**.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** **Researchers at the Indian Institute of Science** developed a computational framework mapping 9,389 elementary reactions to investigate the conversion of carbon dioxide into useful chemicals and fuels.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** **IIT Ropar** 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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY** India-based **Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace** partnered with Portugal's **Keydef** to manufacture autonomous UAV and drone-interceptor systems in Portugal, with an initial investment proposal of EUR 6 million.



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7. ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** **Tigress T138** was translocated from Valmiki Tiger Reserve in Bihar and released into Buxa Tiger Reserve in **West Bengal** under a phased tiger reintroduction programme.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** Captive-bred **Great Indian Bustards** entered the release phase of India's conservation programme at Desert National Park in Jaisalmer, Rajasthan. releases at Ramdevra and Sudasari in **Desert National Park**.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.

- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** Scientists from the **National University of San Marcos** identified *Liolaemus arequipensis*, a previously unrecognised high-altitude lizard from Peru's Arequipa region, reportedly observed near an elevation of 4,818 metres.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** A rare **two-headed wolf snake** was reported in Dahod, Gujarat, illustrating **bicephaly**, a developmental condition in which an animal develops two distinct heads.
- ☐ **ENVIRONMENT & ECOLOGY** Delhi introduced **Project Unmesha**, an **AI-assisted anti-littering initiative** intended to help identify roadside waste and support municipal cleanup activities through technology-enabled monitoring.



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

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- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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)**.
- ☐ **APPOINTMENTS** On 6 October 2026, the government announced the appointment of **Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff, effective **31 October 2026**.
- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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.



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

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- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** **Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel** received the **2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine** for pioneering optogenetics, which uses light-sensitive proteins to study and control cellular activity.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** Canadian poet and essayist **Anne Carson** was awarded the **2026 Nobel Prize in Literature** on 8 October for her distinctive work spanning classical literature, poetry and contemporary writing.
- ☐ **AWARDS & HONOURS** South African lawyer and former United Nations human rights chief **Navi Pillay** received the **2026 Nobel Peace Prize**, announced on 9 October, for her work advancing international law and human rights.



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10. SPORTS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **SPORTS** India finished **fourth at the 20th Asian Games** in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, which ended on 4 October 2026, winning **85 medals**: 21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.

- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **SPORTS** India's **women's golf team**, comprising Aditi Ashok, Pranavi Urs and Diksha Dagar, won the **silver medal** at the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan.



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11. OBITUARIES (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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**.
- ☐ **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**.



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12. STATE AFFAIRS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** The Odisha government launched what it described 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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched a **cashless medical facility** for more than 50,000 Delhi Jal Board pensioners and family members under the **Seva Sankalp Abhiyan**.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** 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**.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** **Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta and** Lieutenant Governor Taranjit Singh Sandhu launched healthcare and welfare initiatives under Seva Sankalp Abhiyan at Thyagraj Stadium, **New Delhi**.
- ☐ **STATE AFFAIRS** Ladakh began **Project Him Sarovar** to experiment with high-altitude saffron cultivation near Leh using **800 kilograms of Iranian corms** planted over approximately 4,000 square metres.



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13. IMPORTANT DAYS (WEEKLY ONE-LINERS)

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- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Habitat Day 2026** was observed on **5 October 2026**, the first Monday of October, under the UN theme **"Adequate Housing for All"** to promote access to safe housing.

- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Teachers' Day** was observed on **5 October 2026**, marking the 60th anniversary of the ILO/UNESCO Recommendation and recognising the profession under the **"Standing with teachers"** theme.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Cotton Day 2026** was observed on **7 October** with the global event in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, under the **"Cotton for Good"** theme, highlighting cotton-dependent livelihoods.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Space Week 2026** was observed from **4 to 10 October 2026** under the **"Rocket Revolution"** theme, highlighting reusable rockets and expanding access to space.
- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Post Day** was observed on **9 October 2026**, the anniversary of the Universal Postal Union's establishment in 1874, under the theme **"One postal network, infinite possibilities"**.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **National Postal Week 2026** is being observed in India from **9 to 15 October**, beginning on World Post Day, to highlight postal services, financial inclusion and modern digital-post initiatives.
- ☐ **IMPORTANT DAYS** **World Smile Day** fell on **2 October 2026**, the first Friday of October, encouraging acts of kindness; the observance was started by smiley-face creator **Harvey Ball** in 1999.



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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?**
 - 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
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- ☐ **Q11. In which country did the second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026) commence?**
 A) Indonesia B) Malaysia
 C) Philippines D) Singapore
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- ☐ **Q12. Which Indian organisation administered NexCAR19 therapy in Kolkata?**
 A) Command Hospital (Eastern Command) B) AIIMS Delhi
 C) Tata Memorial Hospital D) NIMHANS Bengaluru
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- ☐ **Q13. Which date is observed as Indian Air Force Day?**
 A) 7 October B) 8 October
 C) 9 October D) 10 October
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- ☐ **Q14. World Post Day commemorates the foundation of which organisation?**
 A) World Trade Organization B) World Meteorological Organization
 C) UNESCO D) Universal Postal Union
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- ☐ **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
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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: The **second ASEAN-India Maritime Exercise (AIME-2026)** commenced at Subic Bay in the **Philippines**.

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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