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Daily Current Affairs

24 October 2026

Important Days

1. On which date is the Raising Day of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police observed?

भारत-तिब्बत सीमा पुलिस का स्थापना दिवस किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 24 October
- (b) 21 October
- (c) 26 October
- (d) 31 October
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) 24 October

1. The **Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)** observes its Raising Day on **24 October**. The force was established in **1962** and operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
2. Its principal border responsibility covers approximately **3,488 km of the India-China border**, from the Karakoram Pass in Ladakh to Jachep La in Arunachal Pradesh.
3. The force undertakes high-altitude patrols, surveillance, disaster rescue and mountaineering operations. Some border posts lie above 18,000 feet, making specialist training and acclimatisation important.
4. Its motto is Shaurya-Dridhata-Karma Nishtha: valour, steadfastness and devotion to duty. For revision, connect the force with its raising date, parent ministry and Himalayan border duties.

2. World Polio Day is observed annually on which date?

विश्व पोलियो दिवस प्रतिवर्ष किस तारीख को मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 7 April
- (b) 12 November
- (c) 1 December
- (d) 24 October
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) 24 October

1. **World Polio Day** is observed on **24 October** to maintain awareness of polio eradication and the importance of prevention and surveillance.

2. The daily roundup gives the 2026 theme as **Together, We End Polio**. The observance brings attention to international cooperation in the eradication effort.
3. The **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** coordinates international efforts involving governments and partner organisations. Eradication requires sustained attention even where transmission has been interrupted.
4. For examinations, distinguish World Polio Day on 24 October from World Health Day on 7 April. Learn the observance, date and international initiative as a connected set of facts.

3. United Nations Day commemorates which event of 24 October 1945?

संयुक्त राष्ट्र दिवस 24 अक्टूबर 1945 की किस घटना की स्मृति में मनाया जाता है?

- (a) Signing of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- (b) Entry into force of the UN Charter
- (c) First meeting of the Security Council
- (d) Creation of the League of Nations
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) Entry into force of the UN Charter

1. **United Nations Day**, observed on **24 October**, commemorates the **entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945**. The 2026 observance marks 81 years since that event.
2. The United Nations promotes international peace, human rights, humanitarian assistance and sustainable development. Its headquarters is in **New York City**, United States.
3. The organisation has 193 member states and six principal organs. The General Assembly and Security Council are two of these organs, with distinct functions and membership arrangements.
4. India was one of the 51 original founding members. Do not confuse the Charter taking effect on 24 October with its signing at San Francisco on 26 June 1945.

4. Which UN General Assembly resolution established World Development Information Day in 1972?

1972 में संयुक्त राष्ट्र महासभा के किस प्रस्ताव ने विश्व विकास सूचना दिवस की स्थापना की?

- (a) Resolution 2758 (XXVI)
- (b) Resolution 181 (II)
- (c) Resolution 3038 (XXVII)
- (d) Resolution 377 (V)
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) Resolution 3038 (XXVII)

1. The UN General Assembly established **World Development Information Day** through **Resolution 3038 (XXVII) in 1972**. It is observed annually on **24 October**.
2. The date coincides with United Nations Day. It also recalls the adoption of the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade in 1970.
3. The observance highlights public awareness of development challenges and the contribution of information, science and technology. International cooperation is central to its purpose.
4. Information and communications technology can support access to education, services and opportunities. Bridging the digital divide connects this observance with the Sustainable Development Goals.

5. Global Media and Information Literacy Week 2026 is observed during which period?

वैश्विक मीडिया एवं सूचना साक्षरता सप्ताह 2026 किस अवधि में मनाया जाता है?

- (a) 24-31 October
- (b) 1-7 October
- (c) 16-22 September
- (d) 8-14 November
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) 24-31 October

1. **Global Media and Information Literacy Week** is observed from **24 to 31 October 2026**. UN-ESCO and its partners lead activities promoting critical engagement with information.
2. The reported theme is **We All Play a Part - Media and Information Literacy for the People**. Media and information literacy is commonly abbreviated as **MIL**.
3. Activities focus on evaluating sources, identifying misinformation, assessing AI-generated content and participating responsibly in digital spaces. They also address unequal access to information.

4. UN General Assembly Resolution A/RES/75/267, adopted in 2021, recognised the importance of the week. Educators, journalists, policymakers and young people are among the participating groups.

RBI, SEBI & Banking News

6. Where is the RBI data centre scheduled for inauguration on 25 October 2026 located?

25 अक्टूबर 2026 को उद्घाटन के लिए निर्धारित RBI डेटा सेंटर कहाँ स्थित है?

- (a) Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- (b) Navi Mumbai, Maharashtra
- (c) Hyderabad, Telangana
- (d) Jatni, Odisha
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Jatni, Odisha

1. The RBI data centre is located at **Info Valley-II, Jatni, near Bhubaneswar in Odisha**. The report schedules its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for **25 October 2026**.
2. The facility has a reported cost of **Rs 169 crore** and covers 18.55 acres. It strengthens the infrastructure supporting central banking operations.
3. Its objectives include cybersecurity, disaster recovery and business continuity. These capabilities help critical services remain available or recover promptly after operational disruption.
4. The foundation stone was laid on 22 March 2023 by then RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das. Supported functions include currency management, payment and settlement systems, and regulation.

Government Schemes & Policies

7. What is the main objective of Maharashtra's Mission Murghas, launched on 24 October 2026?

24 अक्टूबर 2026 को शुरू महाराष्ट्र के मिशन मुरघास का मुख्य उद्देश्य क्या है?

- (a) Expand urban metro services
- (b) Address drought-related fodder shortages
- (c) Promote deep-sea fishing
- (d) Provide rooftop solar systems to schools
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) Address drought-related fod-

der shortages

1. Maharashtra launched **Mission Murghas** to tackle **drought-related fodder shortages** and protect livestock-dependent livelihoods. The launch followed its Fodder Development Policy of 29 September 2026.
2. The policy targets additional fodder cultivation over **331.42 thousand hectares across five years**. Fodder availability is important for livestock nutrition and continuity of rural income.
3. Measures include seed distribution, fodder banks, grass cultivation and fodder trees. Participation by **women's self-help groups** supports community involvement in implementation.
4. The report mentions a Rs 62-crore fodder seed fund and district initiatives in Nanded, Latur and Pune. Fodder banks store feed for use when seasonal shortages arise.

State News**8. Which department announced statewide child vulnerability mapping in Kerala in October 2026?**

अक्टूबर 2026 में केरल में राज्यव्यापी बाल संवेदनशीलता मानचित्रण की घोषणा किस विभाग ने की?

- (a) Tourism Department
- (b) Industries Department
- (c) Women and Child Development Department
- (d) Public Works Department
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) Women and Child Development Department

1. Kerala's **Women and Child Development Department** announced **statewide child vulnerability mapping** on **23 October 2026**. The aim is early identification and protection of children facing serious risks.
2. The initiative covers malnutrition, disruption of education, neglect and abuse. District officials will coordinate with local self-government bodies, health authorities and the police.
3. **Anganwadi workers, ICDS supervisors and counsellors** will help monitor nutrition, growth and well-being. Individual care plans and follow-up after rehabilitation are part of the approach.
4. The legal framework cited is the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. Mapping identifies needs so that appropriate agencies

can coordinate timely support.

9. Which state ranked first in Mission Karmayogi implementation, according to the 24 October roundup?

24 अक्टूबर के समाचार संकलन के अनुसार मिशन कर्मयोगी के क्रियान्वयन में कौन-सा राज्य पहले स्थान पर रहा?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Gujarat
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) Uttar Pradesh

1. **Uttar Pradesh** ranked first in implementing **Mission Karmayogi**, followed by Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir, according to the supplied roundup.
2. Mission Karmayogi is the **National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building (NPC-SCB)**. It supports competency-based development of government personnel.
3. Uttar Pradesh reported approximately **19.23 lakh registered users on iGOT Karmayogi**. Registration measures platform reach and should not automatically be treated as completion of training.
4. Recognition came at a Northern Regional Workshop involving the state academy and Capacity Building Commission. The Unnati Capability Index and National Curriculum Design Framework were also introduced there.

10. The Tenkasi Forest Division proposed expanding its wildlife ambassadors programme to protect which species?

तेनकासी वन प्रभाग ने किस प्रजाति के संरक्षण हेतु अपने वन्यजीव एम्बेसडर कार्यक्रम के विस्तार का प्रस्ताव रखा?

- (a) Red panda
- (b) Himalayan tahr
- (c) Gangetic dolphin
- (d) Madras hedgehog
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Madras hedgehog

1. The **Tenkasi Forest Division, Tamil Nadu**, proposed including the **Madras hedgehog** in its Golden Jackal Ambassadors programme on **22**

October 2026.

- The species is scientifically called **Paraechinus nudiventris** and is also known as the bare-bellied hedgehog. Its local name is mulleli.
- The programme began in 2025 and uses community participation for conservation. Students, local youth, villagers and Forest Guard Brothers and Sisters support awareness and sighting reports.
- Threats include habitat loss, road accidents, illegal hunting and pesticide exposure. Species identification and reliable community reporting can help forest staff target protection efforts.

National News**11. Four male Great Indian Bustards were released into the wild at which protected area in October 2026?**

अक्टूबर 2026 में चार नर ग्रेट इंडियन बस्टर्ड किस संरक्षित क्षेत्र में छोड़े गए?

- Keoladeo National Park, Rajasthan
- Desert National Park, Rajasthan
- Gir National Park, Gujarat
- Dudhwa National Park, Uttar Pradesh
- None of these

Answer: (b) Desert National Park, Rajasthan

- India released **four male Great Indian Bustards** at **Desert National Park near Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**, according to the October 2026 roundup.
- The birds belonged to a group of ten earmarked for release from breeding centres at **Sam and Ramdevra**. The facilities reportedly housed 96 birds, including 56 bred in captivity.
- The Great Indian Bustard is scientifically known as **Ardeotis nigriceps** and is Critically Endangered. Breeding programmes support recovery but require suitable habitat for released birds.
- The release marks a shift towards rewilding. Long-term success depends on survival monitoring, habitat protection and successful breeding in the wild, rather than the release count alone.

12. Which new feature of the upgraded NMMS app helps prevent attendance impersonation?

उन्नत NMMS ऐप का कौन-सा नया फीचर उपस्थिति दर्ज करने में किसी अन्य की पहचान के उपयोग को रोकने में मदद करता है?

- Automatic loan approval
- Satellite television streaming
- AI-based face verification with liveness detection
- Cryptocurrency settlement
- None of these

Answer: (c) AI-based face verification with liveness detection

- The upgraded **National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS)** app introduces **AI-based face verification and liveness detection**. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched it on **23 October 2026**.
- Other features include **offline attendance recording** and device security checks. Offline recording addresses situations where internet connectivity is unavailable at the worksite.
- The report associates the app with attendance under the VB-G RAM G scheme. Its stated objectives are reducing fraudulent attendance and unauthorised use while protecting workers' wages.
- The supplied coverage reports nearly 46 crore person-days since 1 July 2026 and a 2026-27 allocation of Rs 95,692 crore. IIT Madras and other agencies provide technical support.

International News**13. Ukraine joined which NSPA partnership for defence procurement cooperation in October 2026?**

अक्टूबर 2026 में रक्षा खरीद सहयोग के लिए यूक्रेन NSPA की किस साझेदारी में शामिल हुआ?

- Security Cooperation Support Partnership
- Partnership for Global Infrastructure and Investment
- International Solar Alliance
- Global Biofuels Alliance
- None of these

Answer: (a) Security Cooperation Support Partnership

- Ukraine joined the **Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP)** of the **NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)** on **22 October 2026**.
- The arrangement allows Ukrainian defence companies to compete for procurement contracts and participate in agency tenders. Procurement

through existing contracts may also be available where applicable.

3. An industry outreach event in Kyiv brought together around 150 Ukrainian defence companies. It explained supplier registration and bidding procedures.
4. The partnership creates a framework for procurement cooperation. Participation in this arrangement does not itself grant NATO membership, which is a separate institutional and political process.

14. Which element was designated a critical material by the US Department of Energy on 23 October 2026?

23 अक्टूबर 2026 को अमेरिकी ऊर्जा विभाग ने किस तत्व को महत्वपूर्ण सामग्री घोषित किया?

- (a) Neon
- (b) Argon
- (c) Xenon
- (d) Helium
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Helium

1. The **US Department of Energy** designated **helium** a critical material under the **Energy Act of 2020** on 23 October 2026, according to the roundup.
2. The report describes helium as the twentieth material on the department's list. The designation reflects concerns about supply security and dependence of important industries.
3. Helium is used in semiconductor manufacturing, medical imaging, scientific research and space activities. Limited refining capacity and geopolitical disruption can affect dependable supply.
4. Its **chemical symbol is He and atomic number is 2**. It belongs to the noble gases. Keep the department's critical-material designation distinct from other countries' critical-mineral classifications.

Defence

15. The bilateral naval exercise INDRA 2026 involved India and which country?

द्विपक्षीय नौसैनिक अभ्यास इंद्र 2026 में भारत के साथ कौन-सा देश शामिल था?

- (a) France

- (b) Russia
- (c) Japan
- (d) Australia
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) Russia

1. **INDRA 2026** was conducted by the **Indian Navy and Russian Federation Navy**. The exercise concluded at **Vladivostok, Russia**.
2. **INS Sahyadri** participated and departed the port on 20 October 2026 after the exercise. The activity included harbour and sea phases.
3. Harbour engagements involved expert exchanges, cross-deck visits and cultural interactions. Such activities build understanding among personnel before practical sea operations.
4. Sea drills included coordinated manoeuvres, integrated communications, helicopter operations and medical evacuation. The purpose was stronger interoperability and operational coordination between the two navies.

Sports & Games

16. How many medals did India win at the Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games, according to the roundup?

समाचार संकलन के अनुसार आइची-नागोया 2026 एशियाई पैरा खेलों में भारत ने कितने पदक जीते?

- (a) 108
- (b) 101
- (c) 114
- (d) 120
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) 114

1. India recorded **114 medals** at the **Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games in Japan**, according to the daily report.
2. The tally comprised **30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze** medals. Adding these categories gives the reported total of 114.
3. The report compares this with an adjusted total of 108 medals at the 2023 Hangzhou edition. It states that 168 Indian para-athletes competed, against 309 in the previous edition.
4. Performances included records in para-athletics and para-shooting and milestones in women's recurve doubles. Distinguish total medals from gold medals when answering numerical tally questions.

17. When are the final cricket qualifying tournaments for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics scheduled?

लॉस एंजिल्स 2028 ओलंपिक के लिए क्रिकेट के अंतिम क्वालीफाइंग टूर्नामेंट कब निर्धारित हैं?

- (a) January-February 2028
- (b) October-November 2027
- (c) April-May 2028
- (d) July-August 2027
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) January-February 2028

1. The **International Cricket Council (ICC)** scheduled the men's and women's Olympic cricket qualifiers for **January-February 2028**, according to the supplied report.
2. Each qualifying competition will feature **eight teams**, competing for the final place in the corresponding Olympic event. The Olympic competitions themselves will have **six teams each**.
3. Qualification combines rankings, continental representation, host eligibility and a Caribbean pathway. The report identifies Australia, India, South Africa and Great Britain as four direct women's qualifiers.
4. The United States must meet the stated top-15 ranking condition during the eligibility period for its host place. Hosting does not remove the specified sporting eligibility requirement.

18. Who won the 2026 WBL World Billiards Championship, taking his combined world-title tally to 29?

2026 WBL विश्व बिलियर्ड्स चैंपियनशिप जीतकर संयुक्त विश्व खिताबों की संख्या 29 करने वाले खिलाड़ी कौन हैं?

- (a) Geet Sethi
- (b) Aditya Mehta
- (c) Sourav Kothari
- (d) Pankaj Advani
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Pankaj Advani

1. **Pankaj Advani** won the **2026 WBL World Billiards Championship** on **23 October 2026**, according to the daily roundup.
2. He defeated England's Robert Hall 1,906-1,206 in a five-hour final at Landywood Snooker Club, Great Wyrley, England.
3. The report calls it his **21st world billiards title**

and 29th combined world title in billiards and snooker. It also credits him with a tournament-high break of 587.

4. India's Shruthi Lakshminarayanan retained the women's title for a third consecutive championship. Distinguish Advani's billiards-only count from his combined count across both cue sports.

19. What was Sumit Antil's gold-winning javelin distance at the 2026 Asian Para Games?

2026 एशियाई पैरा खेलों में सुमित अंतिल का स्वर्ण पदक जीतने वाला भाला फेंक कितने मीटर का था?

- (a) 74.82 metres
- (b) 72.46 metres
- (c) 64.48 metres
- (d) 59.03 metres
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) 72.46 metres

1. **Sumit Antil** defended his men's javelin title with **72.46 metres** at the **Aichi-Nagoya 2026 Asian Para Games** on 23 October.
2. The competition combined F42-F44/F61-F64 classifications. Mahendra Gurjar won silver and Sandip Sanjay Sargar bronze, giving India a podium sweep.
3. The report lists 59.03 metres for Gurjar and 64.48 metres for Sargar. In combined para events, classification and applicable scoring rules matter; raw distance alone may not determine the order.
4. Antil is a two-time Paralympic gold medallist. The roundup separately cites **74.82 metres as his F64 world record**, distinct from the winning distance at this event.

20. Which British chess player of Indian origin secured her final International Master norm in October 2026?

भारतीय मूल की किस ब्रिटिश शतरंज खिलाड़ी ने अक्टूबर 2026 में अपना अंतिम इंटरनेशनल मास्टर नॉर्म हासिल किया?

- (a) Judit Polgar
- (b) Koneru Humpy
- (c) Bodhana Sivanandan
- (d) Vaishali Rameshbabu
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) Bodhana Sivanandan

1. **Bodhana Sivanandan**, an **11-year-old British**

player of Indian origin, secured her third International Master norm, according to the 24 October roundup.

2. She achieved the final norm at the **European Club Cup in Budva, Montenegro**, defeating Swedish Woman International Master Viktoria Johansson in the last round.
3. The report describes her as surpassing Judit Polgar's age record. The International Master title involves qualifying performances and a standard rating requirement of at least 2,400.
4. FIDE is the international governing body. International Master is an open title for players of any gender and is distinct from the separate Woman International Master title.

21. Which Indian cricketer announced retirement from all formats on 23 October 2026?

23 अक्टूबर 2026 को किस भारतीय क्रिकेटर ने सभी प्रारूपों से संन्यास की घोषणा की?

- (a) Sabbhineni Meghana
- (b) Smriti Mandhana
- (c) Jemimah Rodrigues
- (d) Deepti Sharma
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) Sabbhineni Meghana

1. **Sabbhineni Meghana**, commonly known as **S Meghana**, announced retirement from all formats on **23 October 2026** at age 30, according to the roundup.
2. Her India career comprised 20 white-ball internationals: **three ODIs and 17 T20Is**. These two formats together account for the stated total.
3. She made her T20I debut against West Indies in November 2016 and ODI debut against New Zealand in February 2022.
4. In the Women's Premier League, she represented Gujarat Giants and Royal Challengers Bengaluru. She was in RCB's 2024 title-winning squad and expressed interest in mentoring emerging women cricketers.

22. Which Indian pair won individual gold medals at the 2026 European Chess Club Cup?

2026 यूरोपीय शतरंज क्लब कप में किन दो भारतीय खिलाड़ियों ने व्यक्तिगत स्वर्ण पदक जीते?

- (a) Arjun Erigaisi and Harika Dronavalli

- (b) Pentala Harikrishna and Vaishali Rameshbabu
- (c) Karthikeyan Murali and Tania Sachdev
- (d) Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy

1. **Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy** won individual gold medals at the **2026 European Chess Club Cup in Montenegro**, according to the report.
2. Sarin represented **Novy Bor Chess Club** and scored five points from six games for gold on Board 2 in the open section.
3. Humpy earned gold on Board 2 in the women's section with 4.5 points from six games. Her club, Cercle d'Echecs de Monte-Carlo, also won the women's team title.
4. Pentala Harikrishna won Board 3 silver, while Karthikeyan Murali claimed Board 2 bronze. Individual board medals and the overall club title are separate achievements.

Awards & Honours

23. Who was selected as the first recipient of the Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award?

भारत रत्न डॉ. भूपेन हजारिका राष्ट्रीय पुरस्कार के प्रथम प्राप्तकर्ता के रूप में किसे चुना गया?

- (a) Asha Bhosle
- (b) Usha Mangeshkar
- (c) Shreya Ghoshal
- (d) Kavita Krishnamurthy
- (e) None of these

Answer: (b) Usha Mangeshkar

1. The Assam Cabinet selected veteran singer **Usha Mangeshkar** as the first recipient of the **Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award** on **23 October 2026**.
2. The award recognises contributions to music, arts and cinema. It carries **Rs 10 lakh and a citation** and is to be conferred once every three years.
3. The first presentation is scheduled for 29 November 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. Selection and the actual presentation ceremony are different stages.
4. The same Cabinet decisions raised the Mahapurush Srimanta Sankardev Award amount from Rs 10 lakh to Rs 15 lakh. Do not interchange the prize amounts of the two awards.

24. Who received the 2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports?

2026 का प्रिंसेस ऑफ अस्तुरियस खेल पुरस्कार किसे मिला?

- (a) Cristiano Ronaldo
- (b) Novak Djokovic
- (c) Lionel Messi
- (d) Rafael Nadal
- (e) None of these

Answer: (c) Lionel Messi

1. Argentine footballer **Lionel Messi** received the **2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports** in **Oviedo, Spain**, on 23 October 2026, according to the roundup.
2. The report describes him as the first footballer to receive this distinction individually. The jury recognised achievements, sportsmanship, teamwork and charitable contributions.
3. His listed achievements include the 2022 FIFA World Cup, four UEFA Champions League titles and eight Ballon d'Or awards.
4. His social initiatives include the Leo Messi Foundation and service as a UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador since 2010. Remember the recipient, award category and country associated with the ceremony.

25. Which Indian physicist received the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal for work in string theory?

स्ट्रिंग थ्योरी में कार्य के लिए किस भारतीय भौतिक विज्ञानी को 2026 ऑस्कर क्लाइन पदक मिला?

- (a) Ashoke Sen
- (b) C N R Rao
- (c) Venkatraman Ramakrishnan
- (d) Gagandeep Kang
- (e) None of these

Answer: (a) Ashoke Sen

1. **Ashoke Sen** received the **2026 Oskar Klein Medal** for pioneering contributions to **string theory**, becoming the first Indian physicist to receive it according to the report.
2. His research includes S-duality, black-hole entropy and string field theory. These belong to theoretical physics rather than experimental chemistry or clinical medicine.
3. He is an **ICTS-Infosys Madhava Chair Professor** at the International Centre for Theoretical Sci-

ences, Bengaluru. He delivered the Oskar Klein Memorial Lecture at Stockholm University on 22 October 2026.

4. His other honours include the Padma Bhushan, Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize and Breakthrough Prize in Fundamental Physics. Link each award with the correct scientist and discipline.

Agreements & MoUs

26. Which bank signed an MoU with C-DAC to develop a Quantum Ecosystem for Financial Innovation?

वित्तीय नवाचार के लिए क्वांटम इकोसिस्टम विकसित करने हेतु किस बैंक ने सी-डैक के साथ समझौता ज्ञापन किया?

- (a) State Bank of India
- (b) Bank of Baroda
- (c) Canara Bank
- (d) Bank of India
- (e) None of these

Answer: (d) Bank of India

1. **Bank of India and C-DAC** signed an MoU on **22 October 2026** to explore quantum technologies and emerging digital solutions for banking.
2. C-DAC stands for the **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing**. The partnership seeks a **Quantum Ecosystem for Financial Innovation** through research and practical assessment.
3. Activities include pilot projects, demonstrations and capacity building. Focus areas cover quantum-safe cryptography, artificial intelligence, blockchain and cybersecurity.
4. Proposed applications will be tested in secure environments to assess feasibility. The collaboration aims to strengthen indigenous capability and banking resilience against future quantum-computing threats.