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Important Days & Their Themes

Q1. Which birthplace of Guru Nanak is now known as Nankana Sahib?
गुरु नानक के किस जन्मस्थान को आज ननकाना साहिब के नाम से जाना जाता है?

(a) Anandpur Sahib
(b) Rai Bhoi di Talwandi
(c) Goindwal Sahib
(d) Paonta Sahib
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Rai Bhoi di Talwandi

1. Guru Nanak Jayanti fell on 24 November in 2026. Also called Gurpurab or Prakash Parv, it is observed on Kartik Purnima, so its Gregorian date varies from year to year.
2. Guru Nanak was born in 1469 at Rai Bhoi di Talwandi in Punjab. The town is now Nankana Sahib in Pakistan. He was the founder of Sikhism and the first of its ten human Gurus.
3. Naam Japna means remembrance of the Divine. Kirat Karni calls for earning an honest living, and Vand Chakna for sharing what one earns. Together they connect spiritual practice with economic and social conduct.
4. The Akhand Path is a continuous reading of the Guru Granth Sahib. Nagar Kirtan takes devotional singing into a public procession.
5. At langar, volunteers prepare and serve a communal meal open to all. Eating together gives practical expression to the principles of equality and selfless service.

Q2. Which battle is most closely associated with the Ahom commander commemorated on Lachit Divas?
लाचित दिवस पर स्मरण किए जाने वाले अहोम सेनापति का नाम किस युद्ध से विशेष रूप से जुड़ा है?

(a) Plassey
(b) Buxar
(c) Talikota
(d) Saraighat
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Saraighat

1. Assam observes Lachit Divas on 24 November, the birth anniversary of Lachit Borphukan. Born in 1622, he served the Ahom kingdom.
2. In 1671, Lachit commanded the Ahom forces at Saraighat near present-day Guwahati. The Mughal expedition was led by Raja Ram Singh I of Amber.
3. The battle took place on the Brahmaputra. Its river setting is an important distinction from other major battles commonly tested in Indian history.
4. The Ahom victory prevented the recapture of Guwahati and is central to Lachit's reputation in Assam. He died in 1672, the year after the battle.
5. The National Defence Academy awards the Lachit Borphukan Gold Medal to its best passing-out cadet. This contemporary honour preserves the link between the historical commander and leadership training.

Q3. Which Sikh Guru, remembered as Hind di Chadar, was martyred in Delhi in 1675?
हिंद दी चादर के नाम से स्मरण किए जाने वाले किस सिख गुरु की शहादत 1675 में दिल्ली में हुई थी?

(a) Guru Tegh Bahadur
(b) Guru Arjan
(c) Guru Angad
(d) Guru Har Rai
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Guru Tegh Bahadur

1. Guru Tegh Bahadur, the ninth Sikh Guru, was executed in Delhi in 1675.

Hind di Chadar, or Shield of India, recalls his defence of freedom of conscience.

2. His martyrdom is associated with the defence of Kashmiri Pandits and the right of people of another faith to practise their religion. Bhai Mati Das, Bhai Sati Das and Bhai Dayala are commemorated alongside him.

3. The 351st anniversary falls in 2026. The government's year-long commemoration of the 350th anniversary ran from 24 November 2025 to 24 November 2026; this explains why both anniversary numbers appear in reports.

4. The central government calendar lists 24 November for the martyrdom day. Punjab's 2026 calendar lists 14 December. Questions about the date should specify the calendar or jurisdiction.

5. Delhi's Gurdwara Sis Ganj Sahib marks the site associated with his martyrdom in Chandni Chowk. His son Guru Gobind Singh succeeded him as the tenth Sikh Guru.

Q4. On which date was the 2026 National Milk Day celebration in Patna scheduled?

पटना में 2026 का राष्ट्रीय दुग्ध दिवस समारोह किस तारीख को निर्धारित था?

(a) 1 June
(b) 24 November
(c) 26 November
(d) 26 December
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 26 November

1. On 24 November the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced that National Milk Day would be celebrated on 26 November at Bapu Sabhagar, Patna.

2. The date marks the birth of Verghese Kurien in 1921. He helped build India's dairy cooperative movement and led Operation Flood through the National Dairy Development Board, established in 1965 at Anand, Gujarat. World Milk Day is a separate observance on 1 June.

3. Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh, who heads the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, was named chief guest. The department that organised the event belongs to this ministry.

4. The programme included the National Gopal Ratna Awards for indigenous-breed conservation and dairy development, and the scheduled release of Basic Animal Husbandry Statistics 2026.

5. A milk processing plant at Bihta, Patna, with capacity of two lakh litres a day, was due to be dedicated. It received support under the Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund.

6. Other scheduled initiatives included milk collection and quality-testing equipment, mineral mixture plants and an effluent treatment plant. These serve different links in the dairy chain, from farm procurement to waste management.

RBI, SEBI & Banking News

Q5. Under RBI's November draft safeguards, what would a customer use to stop electronic banking transactions in an emergency?

आरबीआई के नवंबर के मसौदे में आपात स्थिति में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक बैंकिंग लेनदेन रोकने के लिए ग्राहक को कौन-सी सुविधा प्रस्तावित थी?

(a) Stop Switch

(b) Standing Instruction
(c) Positive Pay
(d) Account Aggregator
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Stop Switch

1. On 23 November the Reserve Bank of India invited comments on draft amendments to its Responsible Business Conduct directions. They build on the June 2026 directions on customer protection in fraudulent electronic banking transactions.
2. The proposed Stop Switch would let customers suspend electronic transactions quickly when fraud is suspected. Other proposed controls let them set transaction limits, beneficiary-specific limits and a combined daily ceiling.
3. Customers could also choose which payment channels to use. The draft envisaged keeping digital channels disabled by default for new customers until enabled, reducing exposure through channels the customer does not use.
4. The proposed Trusted Person Mechanism adds another person to the specified payment-check process. The draft also seeks to broaden what counts as negligence by a bank when assessing responsibility for unauthorised transactions.
5. RBI issued seven separate drafts for commercial, small finance, payments, local area, regional rural, urban cooperative and rural cooperative banks. The payments-bank document is one of that set. Comments were invited through 14 December 2026.
6. The reported proposed dates were 1 January 2027 for the negligence provisions and 1 July 2027 for other safeguards. These were draft dates as of 24 November. RBI began operations in 1935, has its Central Office in Mumbai and was headed by Governor Sanjay Malhotra.

Q6. Which bank remained in Bucket 4 in RBI's 2026 D-SIB list, with an additional CET1 requirement of 0.80% of RWA?
आरबीआई की 2026 की डी-सिब सूची में कौन-सा बैंक बकेट 4 में रहा, जिसके लिए आरडब्ल्यूए का 0.80% अतिरिक्त सीईटी1 आवश्यक था?

(a) ICICI Bank
(b) Axis Bank
(c) State Bank of India
(d) HDFC Bank
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) State Bank of India

1. RBI's 23 November list retained three Domestic Systemically Important Banks on the basis of data at 31 March 2026. A bank's distress can disrupt payments, credit and other institutions through its size and interconnections.
2. State Bank of India remained in Bucket 4 at 0.80%, HDFC Bank in Bucket 2 at 0.40% and ICICI Bank in Bucket 1 at 0.20%. The buckets were unchanged from 2025.
3. The percentages are additional Common Equity Tier 1 capital measured against risk-weighted assets. For ₹1 lakh crore of RWA, a 0.80% surcharge means ₹800 crore of additional CET1. It is a capital cushion, not a levy on deposits.
4. RBI issued the framework on 22 July 2014 and began naming banks in 2015. It added ICICI Bank in 2016 and HDFC Bank in 2017. For a foreign global systemically important bank operating through Indian branches, a separate

proportional rule applies.

5. SBI was constituted on 1 July 1955 and is headquartered in Mumbai. C. S. Setty was Chairman. HDFC Bank was incorporated in 1994 and is also headquartered in Mumbai. Rajiv Kumar was part-time Chairman and Anup Bagchi was MD and CEO.

6. ICICI Bank was incorporated in 1994. Its registered office is in Vadodara and corporate office in Mumbai. Pradeep Kumar Sinha was non-executive Chairman and Sandeep Bakhshi was MD and CEO. The bank and its predecessor development institution, founded in 1955, have different establishment dates.

Economy & Finance

Q7. To what rate did S&P Global Ratings revise India's FY28 real GDP growth forecast in November 2026?

नवंबर 2026 में एसएंडपी ग्लोबल रेटिंग्स ने वित्त वर्ष 2027–28 के लिए भारत की वास्तविक जीडीपी वृद्धि का अनुमान कितने प्रतिशत कर दिया?

(a) 6.5%
(b) 7.0%
(c) 7.2%
(d) 7.5%
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 7.0%

1. S&P Global Ratings cut its FY28 growth projection from 7.2% to 7.0%, a reduction of 20 basis points. FY28 refers to April 2027–March 2028 in India's fiscal calendar.

2. The agency retained 7.0% for FY27 and projected 7.2% for FY29. The November figures are the agency's forecasts for real output, which adjusts for price changes.

3. Exports, government investment and household consumption supported activity in the first half of FY27. Weaker agricultural output and price pressures were among the risks to the outlook.

4. October retail inflation was 6.09%, above the 6% upper bound of the 2–6% tolerance band around the 4% inflation target. A single monthly reading and a full-year average measure different periods.

5. S&P projected average inflation of 5.3% in FY27 and 4.7% in FY28. It expected a further 25-basis-point policy rate increase in December. As of the edition date this was S&P's view; the rate decision belongs to RBI's Monetary Policy Committee.

State News

Q8. Under which constitutional article can Parliament alter the name of an existing state?

संसद किस संवैधानिक अनुच्छेद के अंतर्गत किसी मौजूदा राज्य का नाम बदल सकती है?

(a) Article 1
(b) Article 2
(c) Article 4
(d) Article 3
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Article 3

1. On 23 November the West Bengal Cabinet approved a proposal to use Paschim Banga as the state's English name. Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari announced a resolution for the Assembly on 9 December.

2. The state's official name on 24 November remained West Bengal. Cabinet approval and an Assembly resolution are stages in a political proposal; neither by itself changes the constitutional name.

3. Article 3 empowers Parliament to alter a state's name, area or boundaries by

law. A bill for this purpose needs the President's recommendation for introduction in either House of Parliament.

4. When the proposal affects a state's name, the President refers the bill to its state legislature for its views within a specified period. Parliament considers those views; the state legislature does not have a veto.

5. Article 4 permits consequential changes to the First and Fourth Schedules through such a law. Earlier efforts included Paschim Banga in 2011 and Bangla in 2018.

Q9. Which section of the GI Act is central to the petition challenging the registration of Tangail Saree of Bengal?
तांगाइल साड़ी ऑफ बंगाल के जीआई पंजीकरण को चुनौती देने वाली याचिका जीआई अधिनियम की किस धारा पर आधारित है?

(a) Section 27
(b) Section 8
(c) Section 15
(d) Section 42
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Section 27

1. On 20 November the Madras High Court declined to reject at the threshold a petition challenging India's registration for the Tangail saree of Bengal. Justice P. B. Balaji's order allowed the challenge to be heard.

2. The petition from Tangail, Bangladesh, argues that the name identifies the Bangladeshi district of origin. Indian weavers' representatives sought dismissal of the challenge. The order did not settle the competing claims.

3. India registered the designation in January 2024. Bangladesh also registered a GI for its Tangail saree in 2024. Registration in one jurisdiction does not automatically determine another jurisdiction's register.

4. Section 27 of the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration and Protection) Act, 1999, concerns cancellation, variation and rectification of entries in the register. A GI links goods' origin to a quality, reputation or other characteristic.

5. The Indian Geographical Indications Registry is in Chennai. The next hearing was listed for 7 December 2026. As of this edition the Indian registration had not been cancelled by the November order.

Q10. Kerala's tribal grama panchayat Edamalakkudy, affected by a funding crisis, lies in which district?
वित्तीय संकट से प्रभावित केरल की आदिवासी ग्राम पंचायत एडमलक्कुडी किस जिले में है?

(a) Wayanad
(b) Palakkad
(c) Idukki
(d) Kasaragod
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Idukki

1. Edamalakkudy in Idukki is Kerala's first tribal grama panchayat. Its scattered settlements, known locally as kudis, primarily serve the Muthuvan community.

2. Reports described 26 settlements and around 2,300 residents. The community has six matrilineal clans, known as kootams. A clan grouping and an administrative settlement are different units.

3. Employees reported six months of arrears in pay and honoraria. The office at Societykudy closed and work shifted to Devikulam, making routine services

harder to reach.

4. Annual receipts reported from building tax were about ₹6,000 and those from profession tax about ₹1.10 lakh. Such limited own-source revenue leaves the local body heavily dependent on transfers.

5. The reported monthly General Purpose Fund allocation fell to ₹87,700 from roughly ₹10–12 lakh. The comparison is between monthly grants; the two tax figures are annual receipts.

International News

Q11. How was India's ₹15,000 crore development assistance package for Nepal divided?

नेपाल के लिए भारत के ₹15,000 करोड़ के विकास सहायता पैकेज को किस प्रकार बाँटा गया?

(a) ₹5,000 crore grant and ₹10,000 crore credit
(b) ₹3,500 crore grant and ₹11,500 crore credit
(c) ₹11,500 crore grant and ₹3,500 crore credit
(d) ₹7,500 crore each in grant and credit
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) ₹3,500 crore grant and ₹11,500 crore credit

1. During Nepalese Prime Minister Balendra Shah's 22–23 November state visit, he and Narendra Modi adopted the Joint Vision for Viksit Bharat and Samunnat Nepal. The package was expressed in both countries' currencies.

2. The ₹3,500 crore grant was for post-disaster reconstruction and new infrastructure. It equals NPR 5,600 crore. Grant assistance differs from borrowing because it does not create an ordinary repayment obligation.

3. The ₹11,500 crore line of credit was denominated in Indian rupees and earmarked for energy projects. It equals NPR 18,400 crore. Together the two components equal ₹15,000 crore or NPR 24,000 crore.

4. Hydropower cooperation includes the 669 MW Lower Arun project. Other areas of the bilateral programme include railways, petroleum pipelines and bridges. A credit commitment is distinct from money already disbursed.

5. India offered two additional transit ports: Deendayal Port at Kandla, Gujarat, and Paradip in Odisha. The summit also saw eight memoranda of understanding exchanged. Port access gives landlocked Nepal additional cargo routes.

Appointments

Q12. Who was named to succeed Ravi Mital as Chairperson of the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India?

भारतीय दिवाला और शोधन अक्षमता बोर्ड के अध्यक्ष के रूप में रवि मित्तल के उत्तराधिकारी के तौर पर किसका नाम घोषित हुआ?

(a) Uday Kotak
(b) Madhabi Puri Buch
(c) Tuhin Kanta Pandey
(d) Rahul Madan
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Rahul Madan

1. Corporate Affairs Secretary Pallavi Jain Govil announced Rahul Madan as the incoming IBBI Chairperson at the tenth Foundation Day function of the Indian Institute of Insolvency Professionals of ICAI. The news on 24 November concerned his selection.

2. Madan was Managing Director of IIIPI, an insolvency professional agency promoted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India. A professional agency has a different role from the

national regulator.

3. The Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India was established on 1 October 2016 under the Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016. Based in New Delhi, it regulates insolvency professionals, their agencies and information utilities.

4. IBBI works within the Ministry of Corporate Affairs portfolio, held by Nirmala Sitharaman. Adjudication of corporate insolvency proceedings belongs to the National Company Law Tribunal.

5. Madan identified cross-border and group insolvency and the Creditor-Initiated Insolvency Resolution Process as priorities. The relevant provisions of the 2026 amendment were awaiting notification at the time of the announcement.

Q13. Whom did NVIDIA's board reinstate as President and CEO on 23 November?
एनवीडिया के बोर्ड ने 23 नवंबर को किसे फिर से अध्यक्ष और सीईओ नियुक्त किया?

(a) Jensen Huang
(b) Harvey C. Jones
(c) Colette Kress
(d) Lisa Su
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Jensen Huang

1. On 23 November 2026, NVIDIA announced that its board had unanimously reinstated co-founder Jensen Huang as President, Chief Executive Officer and a director with immediate effect.

2. The board said it had spoken with Huang and consulted senior US government officials. It concluded that his return to leadership posed no national security risk.

3. Colette Kress resumed her position as Chief Financial Officer. Harvey C. Jones continued to chair the board, separating board leadership from the chief executive's management responsibilities.

4. An independent investigation into reports that Huang had been targeted by a foreign intelligence effort was continuing. The board created a National Security and Export Control Committee to oversee related compliance and security matters.

5. Founded in 1993, NVIDIA is headquartered in Santa Clara, California. The company designs graphics processors and accelerated-computing platforms used in artificial intelligence and other computing applications.

Reports & Rankings

Q14. Which group had an estimated anaemia prevalence of 56% in ICMR's SAMPADA survey?
आईसीएमआर के संपदा सर्वेक्षण में किस समूह में एनीमिया की व्यापकता 56% अनुमानित थी?

(a) Adolescent boys
(b) Children aged 12–59 months
(c) Women of reproductive age
(d) Adolescent girls
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Women of reproductive age

1. ICMR released findings from SAMPADA 2023–2025, the Survey for Assessment of Markers of Population Health, Activity, Diet and Anthropometry. It covered over two lakh people across 183 districts in 35 states and Union Territories.

2. Anaemia prevalence was 56% among women of reproductive age, 46%

among girls aged 10–19 and 42% among children aged 12–59 months. Adolescent boys and men aged 20–59 had estimated prevalence of about 22–23%.

3. The survey measured haemoglobin in venous blood with automated analysers. Differences in sampling and measurement methods matter when comparing these estimates with earlier surveys.

4. Severe anaemia affected fewer than 2% of people in most age groups. This is a proportion of the population examined, distinct from the proportion among anaemic individuals alone.

5. Iron deficiency accounted for about half the burden in key vulnerable groups. The findings support age-specific action under Anaemia Mukt Bharat and attention to other causes, including inflammation and inherited blood disorders.

6. The Indian Council of Medical Research traces its origins to 1911 and adopted its present name in 1949. Based in New Delhi, it falls under the Department of Health Research, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Rajiv Bahl was Director General.

Science & Technology

Q15. Which pair of space agencies operates the BepiColombo mission to Mercury?
बुध ग्रह के बेपीकोलंबो मिशन का संचालन किन दो अंतरिक्ष एजेंसियों की साझेदारी में होता है?

(a) NASA and ESA
(b) ESA and JAXA
(c) ISRO and NASA
(d) JAXA and ISRO
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) ESA and JAXA

1. BepiColombo entered Mercury orbit on 21 November after an eight-year journey. The joint mission of the European Space Agency and Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency launched in October 2018.

2. A software glitch shortened the orbit-insertion burn. ESA confirmed that Mercury had captured the spacecraft and it remained safe while teams assessed the orbit and subsequent manoeuvres.

3. ESA's Mercury Planetary Orbiter studies the surface, composition and internal structure of the planet. One question concerns the origin of unusual shallow depressions called hollows.

4. Japan's Mio, the Mercury Magnetospheric Orbiter, studies the magnetic field and its interaction with the solar wind. Together the orbiters provide complementary measurements of the planet and its surroundings.

5. Another science target is possible water ice in permanently shadowed polar craters. Although Mercury is close to the Sun, sunlight does not reach the floors of some of these craters.

6. The mission is named after Italian scientist Giuseppe “Bepi” Colombo. ESA is headquartered in Paris. JAXA, formed in 2003, is headquartered in Chofu, Japan.

Q16. Which facility inaugurated at CMC Vellore measures whole-body energy expenditure through respiratory gas exchange?
सीएमसी वेल्लोर में उद्घाटित कौन-सी सुविधा श्वसन गैसों के आदान-प्रदान से पूरे शरीर का ऊर्जा व्यय मापती है?

(a) Positron emission scanner
(b) Genomics sequencer
(c) Hyperbaric chamber

(d) Human metabolic chamber
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Human metabolic chamber

1. Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava inaugurated India's first dedicated human metabolic chamber facility at Christian Medical College, Vellore, Tamil Nadu, on 23 November.
2. CMC and the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research jointly established the facility. TIFR was founded in 1945 in Mumbai and is supported by the Department of Atomic Energy.
3. The room-sized indirect calorimeter measures how much oxygen a person consumes and how much carbon dioxide they produce. Researchers use these gas exchanges to estimate energy expenditure over time.
4. Because volunteers can spend extended periods in the chamber, researchers can study how diet, sleep and physical activity relate to energy use over a day, rather than relying on one brief measurement.
5. The chamber complements TIFR's national analytical facility for nutrition and metabolism. Combining whole-body measurements with biochemical findings can build India-specific evidence on nutrition, obesity and diabetes.

Defence

Q17. Which Indian company reported a successful trial of the JWALA MK-1 counter-drone system?

किस भारतीय कंपनी ने ज्वाला एमके-1 काउंटर-ड्रोन प्रणाली के सफल परीक्षण की सूचना दी?

(a) IG Defence
(b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
(c) Bharat Earth Movers Limited
(d) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) IG Defence

1. On 23 November IG Defence reported a successful test of JWALA MK-1 at the Pokhran test range in Rajasthan. The announcement concerns a private-sector development programme.
2. JWALA MK-1 was described as an indigenous counter-drone micro-missile system. Its intended role is protection against hostile unmanned aircraft.
3. CUAS stands for Counter-Unmanned Aircraft System. It is a broad category that includes equipment for identifying drone activity as well as systems intended to respond to a threat.
4. The company described this project as hard-kill, a classification referring to physical interception. Its public announcement also identified GRID as its mission-management platform.
5. The reported milestone was a development trial. Procurement by a service, formal acceptance and operational induction are separate milestones that the test announcement did not establish.

Q18. Which Pune-based company received a DRDO development contract for optical communication between drones and ground stations?

ड्रोन और ग्राउंड स्टेशन के बीच प्रकाश-आधारित संचार विकसित करने का डीआरडीओ अनुबंध पुणे की किस कंपनी को मिला?

(a) Skyroot Aerospace
(b) Agnikul Cosmos
(c) olee.space
(d) Pixxel
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) olee.space

1. On 23 November olee.space, a Pune-based deep-technology company, announced a contract from the Defence Research and Development Organisation for an indigenous drone communications project.
2. The project concerns free-space optical communication, which carries information on light travelling through the atmosphere rather than along an optical fibre.
3. The planned two-way link connects an airborne terminal with a ground terminal. The contract covers development of both ends of the link in India.
4. The reported development period was 18 months. This is a delivery target for the project, rather than evidence that a finished system had already entered service.
5. DRDO was formed in 1958 and is headquartered in New Delhi. It is the research and development organisation of the Ministry of Defence, headed by Rajnath Singh.

Q19. Which shipbuilder delivered Ashank, Yard 3036, to the Indian Navy on 23 November?

किस पोत निर्माता ने 23 नवंबर को अशंक, यार्ड 3036, भारतीय नौसेना को सौंपा?

(a) Cochin Shipyard Limited
(b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers
(c) Goa Shipyard Limited
(d) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers

1. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers delivered Ashank to the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam. The shipbuilder identified it by the construction number Yard 3036.
2. Ashank belongs to the Arnala class of Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft. The name of the class, the individual vessel name and the yard number are separate identifiers.
3. The craft is intended for shallow coastal waters. Its naval support and surveillance role differs from that of the large ocean-going frigates that GRSE also builds.
4. The Ministry of Defence reported more than 80% indigenous content and construction to Indian Register of Shipping standards. The milestone on 23 November was handover to the Navy.
5. GRSE, based in Kolkata, is a Navratna defence public-sector undertaking. The delivery followed its 5 November handover of Amini, a different vessel, by 18 days.

Sports & Games

Q20. Which four countries were chosen to co-host the expanded 2031 FIFA Women's World Cup?

विस्तारित 2031 फीफा महिला विश्व कप की संयुक्त मेज़बानी किन चार देशों को दी गई?

(a) USA, Canada, Mexico and Brazil
(b) Brazil, Argentina, Uruguay and Chile
(c) England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland
(d) USA, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) USA, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica

1. FIFA's member associations met at a virtual Extraordinary FIFA Congress on 23 November and unanimously appointed the hosts for two editions of the Women's World Cup.

2. The 2031 edition went to the United States, Mexico, Costa Rica and Jamaica. It will be the first Women's World Cup with 48 teams, with 104 matches planned.
3. For 2035, the successful joint bid came from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. These are four distinct FIFA member associations within the United Kingdom.
4. The 2031 bid proposed venues across 20 cities. The 2035 bid proposed 19 venues, including Wembley Stadium in London. A bid venue is distinct from a final fixture allocation.
5. FIFA, the Fédération Internationale de Football Association, was founded in Paris in 1904 and is headquartered in Zurich, Switzerland. Gianni Infantino was President at the time of the vote.

Awards & Honours

Q21. Where was the first Children's Booker Prize winner scheduled to be announced in February 2027?
फरवरी 2027 में पहले चिल्ड्रन्स बुकर पुरस्कार के विजेता की घोषणा किस स्थान पर निर्धारित थी?

(a) Young V&A, London
(b) British Library, London
(c) Bodleian Library, Oxford
(d) Trinity College, Dublin
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Young V&A, London

1. On 24 November the Booker Prize Foundation announced the eight shortlisted books for the inaugural Children's Booker Prize. The competition is for books for readers aged 8–12 published in the UK or Ireland.
2. The Great Eight were chosen from 89 submissions. The shortlist comprised five novels, two graphic novels and an illustrated collection of short stories, making visual storytelling eligible alongside prose fiction.
3. The titles included Tadpole Summer, Séamus Almost Famous, Hometown and The Teller of Tall Tales. The other four were The Rambler's Curse, War, The Night I Borrowed Time and The Worst Thing That Could Possibly Happen.
4. Writer Frank Cottrell-Boyce chaired the judging panel. Shortlisting was the November milestone. The winner was scheduled to be announced on 2 February 2027 at the Young V&A in London.
5. The winner's award is £50,000, and each shortlisted author receives £2,500. The children's award has its own eligibility rules and shortlist, separate from the adult Booker Prize.