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Important Days & Their Themes

Q1. World Radiography Day commemorates which discovery made on 8 November 1895? [09 Nov]

विश्व रेडियोग्राफी दिवस 8 नवंबर 1895 को हुई किस खोज की याद में मनाया जाता है?

(a) Radioactivity
(b) X-rays
(c) The electron
(d) Radium
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) X-rays

1. **Wilhelm Conrad Röntgen** discovered **X-rays** on 8 November 1895. World Radiography Day is observed on the anniversary of his discovery.
2. Röntgen received the inaugural **Nobel Prize in Physics** in **1901**. The discovery gave medicine a way to image structures inside the body.
3. The observance recognises radiographers who work in diagnostic imaging and radiotherapy, where image quality and radiation safety are important.
4. **The UK Society of Radiographers** chose **Professionalism in Radiography** as the focus for its 2026 observance.

Q2. Uttarakhand was carved out of which state on 9 November 2000? [09 Nov]

9 नवंबर 2000 को उत्तराखंड का गठन किस राज्य से अलग करके किया गया?

(a) Uttar Pradesh
(b) Himachal Pradesh
(c) Bihar
(d) Madhya Pradesh
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Uttar Pradesh

1. Uttarakhand was formed from **Uttar Pradesh** on **9 November 2000** and completed **26 years** of statehood in 2026.
2. The Uttar Pradesh **Reorganisation Act**, 2000 provided the legal basis for the creation of the state.
3. The new state was initially called **Uttaranchal**. The Uttaranchal (Alteration of Name) Act, 2006 provided for the change to Uttarakhand.
4. The new name took effect on **1 January 2007**. The November observance marks the original statehood date.

Q3. Which constitutional provision directs the State to promote equal justice and provide free legal aid? [09 Nov]

संविधान का कौन-सा अनुच्छेद राज्य को समान न्याय और निःशुल्क विधिक सहायता सुनिश्चित करने का निर्देश देता है?

(a) Article 21A
(b) Article 32
(c) Article 39A
(d) Article 44
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Article 39A

1. **Article 39A** is a Directive Principle concerning equal justice and free legal aid.
2. National Legal Services Day is observed on 9 November. The **Legal Services Authorities Act**, 1987 came into force on **9 November 1995**.
3. The National Legal Services Authority (**NALSA**) coordinates legal services programmes and supports the organisation of **Lok Adalats**.
4. **The Act** identifies eligible groups for legal services, including women, children, members of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, and people in custody.

Q4. Which event does the United States commemorate on World Freedom Day, observed on 9 November? [09 Nov]

अमेरिका में 9 नवंबर को मनाया जाने वाला विश्व स्वतंत्रता दिवस किस घटना की याद दिलाता है?

(a) Formation of NATO
(b) Signing of the Maastricht Treaty
(c) Dissolution of the Soviet Union
(d) Opening of the Berlin Wall
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Opening of the Berlin Wall

1. The **Berlin Wall** opened on **9 November 1989**. The event became a landmark in the end of Cold War divisions in Europe.
2. The wall was erected in **1961** and separated **West Berlin** from surrounding East German territory, including East Berlin.
3. US President **George W. Bush** issued a World Freedom Day proclamation in 2001.
4. The opening of the wall preceded German reunification, which took effect on **3 October 1990**.

Q5. Bandi Chhor Divas marks the release of which Sikh Guru from Gwalior Fort? [09 Nov]

बंदी छोड़ दिवस ग्वालियर किले से किस सिख गुरु की रिहाई की स्मृति में मनाया जाता है?

(a) Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji
(b) Guru Arjan Dev Ji
(c) Guru Har Rai Ji
(d) Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji

1. Bandi Chhor Divas commemorates **Guru Hargobind Sahib Ji**, the sixth Sikh Guru, and his release from **Gwalior Fort**.
2. According to Sikh tradition, he secured the release of **52 princes** held at the fort during **Jahangir**'s reign.
3. The name refers to the liberation of prisoners. Sikh communities mark the occasion with prayers, kirtan and seva.
4. In 2026 the festival fell on **8 November**, alongside Diwali. **Sri Harmandir Sahib** in Amritsar is a prominent centre of observance.

Q6. What was the theme of World Science Day for Peace and Development 2026? [10 Nov]

विश्व शांति और विकास के लिए विज्ञान दिवस 2026 की थीम क्या थी?

(a) Science for a Shared Future
(b) Common ground through science diplomacy
(c) Science for Inclusive Growth
(d) Connecting Science and Communities
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Common ground through science diplomacy

1. UNESCO observes this day on **10 November**. The 2026 theme focused on using **science diplomacy** to build cooperation across borders.
2. The observance grew out of the 1999 World Conference on Science in **Budapest**. UNESCO proclaimed it in 2001 and the first observance followed in **2002**.
3. The **2024–2033 International Decade of Sciences for Sustainable Development** provides a wider framework for science cooperation. On the same date in 2026, WHO scheduled the launch of Together for Science and Health.

Q7. Which Indian programme provides routine immunisation against 12 vaccine-preventable diseases? [10 Nov]

भारत का कौन-सा कार्यक्रम टीके से रोकी जा सकने वाली 12 बीमारियों के विरुद्ध नियमित टीकाकरण उपलब्ध कराता है?

(a) National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme
(b) National AIDS Control Programme
(c) Universal Immunization Programme
(d) Integrated Disease Surveillance Programme
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Universal Immunization Programme

1. The **Universal Immunization Programme** (UIP) is India's routine vaccination programme. Children and **pregnant women** are key beneficiary groups.
2. The schedule includes protection against diseases such as tuberculosis, polio, hepatitis B, measles and rubella. Japanese encephalitis vaccination is targeted to identified **endemic areas**.
3. The **10 November** immunisation observance is separate from **World Immunization Week**. The World Health Organization (WHO) marks that week from 24 **to 30 April**.

Q8. Which Vikram Samvat year began with Bestu Varas in November 2026? [10 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में बेस्टु वरस के साथ कौन-सा विक्रम संवत वर्ष शुरू हुआ?

(a) 2081
(b) 2082
(c) 2084
(d) 2083
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 2083

1. **Bestu Varas**, the Gujarati New Year, began Vikram Samvat **2083** on 10 November 2026.
2. In Gujarat's **Kartikadi** calendar the year begins on Kartik Shukla Pratipada, locally called **Kartak Sud** Ekam. This is the first day of Kartik's bright fortnight.
3. Chopda Pujan is the associated Diwali tradition of worshipping new account books. **Labh Pancham**, when businesses traditionally reopen, fell on **14 November** in 2026.

Q9. Which US president proclaimed World Freedom Day in 2001? [10 Nov]

किस अमेरिकी राष्ट्रपति ने 2001 में विश्व स्वतंत्रता दिवस की घोषणा की थी?

(a) Bill Clinton
(b) George H. W. Bush
(c) Ronald Reagan
(d) George W. Bush
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) George W. Bush

1. World Freedom Day is a United States observance on 9 November. President **George W. Bush** proclaimed it in 2001.
2. The **Berlin Wall** opened on **9 November** 1989 after it had separated East and West Berlin since **1961**. Public protests helped drive the political changes that led to the opening.
3. German reunification followed on **3 October 1990**. **The November** observance marks the opening of the wall, while the October date marks reunification.

Q10. Which festival, observed on Kartik Shukla Pratipada, is also known as Annakut? [10 Nov]

कार्तिक शुक्ल प्रतिपदा को मनाए जाने वाले किस पर्व को अन्नकूट भी कहते हैं?

(a) Dhanteras
(b) Bhai Dooj
(c) Govardhan Puja
(d) Dev Deepawali
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Govardhan Puja

1. **Govardhan Puja** fell on 10 November in 2026. The festival takes place after Diwali on **Kartik Shukla Pratipada**.
2. The tradition recalls Krishna lifting **Govardhan Hill** to shelter the people and cattle of Braj from heavy rain.
3. **Annakut** refers to an offering of assorted foods. Common observances also include Govardhan Parikrama and **Gau Puja**.

Q11. National Education Day on 11 November marks the birth anniversary of which leader? [11 Nov]

11 नवंबर को मनाया जाने वाला राष्ट्रीय शिक्षा दिवस किस नेता की जयंती के उपलक्ष्य में है?

(a) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
(b) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
(c) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
(d) Dr. Zakir Husain
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

1. **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad** served as independent India's first Education Minister from **1947 to 1958**.
2. The then **Ministry of Human Resource Development** instituted National Education Day in **2008**. The date is Azad's birth anniversary.
3. Azad promoted wider access to schooling and technical education. **IIT Kharagpur** was established in 1951, and the **University Grants Commission** was inaugurated in 1953 during his tenure.

Q12. Which organisation broadcast Mahatma Gandhi's message to Partition refugees on 12 November 1947? [12 Nov]

12 नवंबर 1947 को विभाजन से विस्थापित शरणार्थियों के लिए महात्मा गांधी का संदेश किस संस्था ने प्रसारित किया था?

(a) Radio Ceylon
(b) All India Radio
(c) Doordarshan
(d) BBC World Service
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) All India Radio

1. **All India Radio** (AIR) carried Gandhi's address from **Broadcasting House in New Delhi**. His audience included people displaced by Partition who were staying in a camp at Kurukshetra.
2. The date is observed annually as **Public Service Broadcasting Day**, also called **Jan Prasaran Divas**. AIR is also known as Akashvani and operates under Prasar Bharati.
3. The historic studio associated with the broadcast was dedicated as **Bapu Studio** in **2023**.

Q13. What was the theme of World Pneumonia Day 2026? [12 Nov]

विश्व निमोनिया दिवस 2026 की थीम क्या थी?

(a) Every Breath Counts
(b) End Pneumonia Now
(c) A New Era of Pneumonia Control
(d) Health for Every Child
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) A New Era of Pneumonia Control

1. **World Pneumonia Day** falls on **12 November** each year. The first observance took place in 2009 through the **Stop Pneumonia Initiative**.
2. The **2026** theme calls attention to advances in prevention, diagnosis and treatment and to the need to make these advances available to people at greatest risk.

3. India introduced the **Social Awareness and Actions** to Neutralize Pneumonia Successfully (**SAANS**) initiative in November 2019 to address childhood pneumonia.

Q14. What is the theme of the International Diabetes Federation's World Diabetes Day campaign for 2026–27? [14 Nov]

अंतरराष्ट्रीय मधुमेह महासंघ के 2026–27 के विश्व मधुमेह दिवस अभियान की थीम क्या है?

(a) Diabetes and Well-being
(b) Early action on diabetes
(c) Access to Diabetes Care
(d) Education to Protect Tomorrow
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Early action on diabetes

1. **World Diabetes Day** is marked on **14 November**. The 2026–27 campaign promotes timely diagnosis, reducing the risk of type 2 diabetes and tackling stigma.
2. The date is the birth anniversary of **Frederick Banting**, whose work with **Charles Best** helped lead to the discovery of insulin in 1921.
3. **The International Diabetes Federation** (IDF) and **World Health Organization** (WHO) launched the observance in 1991. The United Nations recognised it in 2006.

Q15. Whose 137th birth anniversary was marked on India's Children's Day in 2026? [14 Nov]

भारत में बाल दिवस 2026 पर किसकी 137वीं जयंती मनाई गई?

(a) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel
(b) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
(c) Jawaharlal Nehru
(d) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Jawaharlal Nehru

1. India observes Children's Day on **14 November**, the birthday of its first Prime Minister, **Jawaharlal Nehru**. He was born in 1889 in Allahabad, now Prayagraj, Uttar Pradesh.
2. Nehru was popularly known as **Chacha Nehru**. **The Indian** observance focuses on the welfare, education and development of children.
3. **World Children's Day** falls on **20 November**, the date of adoption of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child in 1959 and the Convention on the Rights of the Child in 1989.

RBI, SEBI & Banking News

Q16. SBIC Bank opened its first US branch outside California in which city? [09 Nov]

SBIC बैंक ने कैलिफोर्निया के बाहर अमेरिका में अपनी पहली शाखा किस शहर में खोली?

(a) Phoenix, Arizona
(b) Frisco, Texas
(c) Seattle, Washington
(d) Miami, Florida
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Frisco, Texas

1. **State Bank of India** (**California**), a wholly owned US subsidiary of State Bank of India, opened the branch in **Frisco** in the Dallas area.
2. SBI Chairman **Challa Sreenivasulu Setty** inaugurated the branch. The opening brought the subsidiary's network to **eight locations**.
3. Its services cover retail deposits, commercial lending and cross-border **remittances**, including services for non-resident Indians.
4. Frisco is the first SBIC Bank branch outside California. The branch count refers to the US subsidiary.

Q17. Under RBI's 2026 Domestic Money Transfer Directions, what is the cash pay-in limit per transaction when a remitter uses a permitted channel such as a Business Correspondent? [12 Nov]

RBI के घरेलू धन अंतरण निर्देश, 2026 के तहत बिज़नेस कॉरेस्पॉन्डेंट जैसे अनुमत माध्यम से नकद जमा की प्रति लेनदेन सीमा कितनी है?

(a) ₹2,000
(b) ₹10,000
(c) ₹25,000
(d) ₹5,000
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) ₹5,000

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) consolidated its Domestic Money Transfer (DMT) rules on 11 November 2026. Cash pay-in is capped at **₹5,000** per transaction and ₹**25,000** per month per remitter.
2. Cash pay-out is capped at ₹**10,000** per transaction and ₹25,000 per month per beneficiary. A branch walk-in customer can send up to ₹50,000 using National Electronic Funds Transfer (NEFT).
3. The directions retain safeguards such as verified mobile numbers, an **Officially Valid Document** (**OVD**) and an **Additional Factor of Authentication** (AFA) for covered pay-in transfers.

Q18. What monetary penalty did the Reserve Bank of India impose on One MobiKwik Systems Limited in November 2026? [14 Nov]

भारतीय रिज़र्व बैंक ने नवंबर 2026 में वन मोबिक्विक सिस्टम्स लिमिटेड पर कितना मौद्रिक दंड लगाया?

(a) ₹5 lakh
(b) ₹7.5 lakh
(c) ₹12 lakh
(d) ₹9 lakh
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) ₹9 lakh

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a **₹9 lakh** penalty in its 6 November 2026 order. The inspection covered June 2025 to March 2026.
2. **The RBI** found transfers beyond prescribed limits to beneficiaries who had not been pre-registered by certain **Prepaid Payment Instrument** (**PPI**) holders.
3. The action also concerned delays in submitting fraud reports to the **Central Payments Fraud Information Registry** (**CPFIR**). The RBI acted under Section 30(1) read with Section 26(6) of the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

Q19. What was India's year-on-year bank credit growth as of 31 October 2026? [14 Nov]

31 अक्टूबर 2026 को भारत में बैंक ऋण की सालाना वृद्धि दर कितनी थी?

(a) 19.54%
(b) 16.86%
(c) 15.00%
(d) 17.52%
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) 19.54%

1. Bank credit grew **19.54%**, remaining above 19% for the fourth consecutive month-end. Aggregate deposits rose **16.86%**, leaving a gap of 2.68 percentage points.
2. Outstanding credit reached ₹**231.82 trillion**, while aggregate deposits stood at ₹**282.51 trillion**. The two figures are outstanding balances.
3. **CareEdge Ratings** projected that credit growth would moderate to 15–**16%** in FY 2026–27. Stronger lending than deposit mobilisation can increase banks' funding requirements.

Economy & Finance

Q20. India's oilmeal exports fell to what volume during April–August of FY 2026–27? [09 Nov]

वित्त वर्ष 2026–27 में अप्रैल से अगस्त के दौरान भारत का खली निर्यात घटकर कितना रह गया?

(a) 8.80 lakh tonnes
(b) 10.82 lakh tonnes
(c) 12.82 lakh tonnes
(d) 17.93 lakh tonnes
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 12.82 lakh tonnes

1. The Solvent Extractors' Association of India reported shipments of **12.82 lakh tonnes**, down **28.51%** from **17.93 lakh tonnes** a year earlier.
2. Soybean meal exports dropped by about **73%** to **2.05 lakh tonnes** amid price competition from Brazil and Argentina.
3. Rapeseed meal shipments, at around **8.8 lakh tonnes**, accounted for the majority of oilmeal exports. China was the largest overall buyer in the period.
4. Oilmeal is the material left after extracting oil from oilseeds. Its protein content makes several types suitable for animal feed.

Q21. What was China's cumulative goods trade surplus in January–October 2026? [10 Nov]

जनवरी से अक्टूबर 2026 के बीच चीन का कुल वस्तु व्यापार अधिशेष कितना था?

(a) $1.04 trillion
(b) $105.3 billion
(c) $1.20 trillion
(d) $1.40 trillion
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) $1.04 trillion

1. China's goods trade surplus for the first ten months of **2026** was about **$1.04 trillion**, taking the annual tally above $1 trillion for a second consecutive year.
2. The October surplus alone was around $105.3 **billion**. China's customs administration reported roughly $412.3 billion in **exports** and $307.1 billion in **imports** for that month.
3. A goods trade surplus measures how much **merchandise** exports exceed merchandise imports. The cumulative figure covers January through October and should be distinguished from the monthly reading.

Q22. What GDP growth rate did Moody's Ratings forecast for India for FY 2026–27 after its November revision? [11 Nov]

नवंबर में संशोधन के बाद मूडीज़ रेटिंग्स ने वित्त वर्ष 2026–27 के लिए भारत की GDP वृद्धि दर कितनी रहने का अनुमान लगाया?

(a) 6.2%
(b) 6.5%
(c) 7.0%
(d) 7.8%
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 7.0%

1. **Moody's Ratings** raised its forecast for India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth in FY 2026–27 from **6.5%** to **7.0%**.
2. The revision reflected resilient household spending and stronger signs of investment. The reported 7.8% growth figure applies to the **April–June** quarter, while 7.0% is the fiscal-year forecast.
3. The outlook highlighted **inflation**, weak monsoon rainfall and tighter monetary conditions as downside risks. Higher energy prices and borrowing costs can weigh on spending and **investment**.

Q23. What was India's year-on-year growth in net direct tax collections as of 10 November 2026? [12 Nov]

10 नवंबर 2026 तक भारत के शुद्ध प्रत्यक्ष कर संग्रह में सालाना वृद्धि कितनी थी?

(a) 11.76%
(b) 14.02%
(c) 17.84%
(d) 25.91%
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) 11.76%

1. Net direct tax receipts reached ₹**14.42 lakh crore**. Gross receipts before refunds were ₹**17.50 lakh crore**, up 14.02%, and refunds amounted to ₹3.08 lakh crore.
2. Net corporate tax collections grew **17.84%** to ₹**6.32 lakh** crore. Non-corporate collections increased 5.30% to ₹7.56 lakh crore.
3. Securities Transaction Tax (STT) receipts rose **51.56%** to ₹**54,077.90** crore. The net collection figure represented about 53.5% of the full-year target of ₹26.97 lakh crore.

Q24. What was India's provisional year-on-year retail inflation for October 2026? [13 Nov]

अक्टूबर 2026 में भारत की अनंतिम सालाना खुदरा मुद्रास्फीति कितनी थी?

(a) 5.54%
(b) 6.09%
(c) 6.63%
(d) 8.94%
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 6.09%

1. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) reported all-India Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation of **6.09%** for October 2026, up from **5.54%** in September. The CPI uses 2024 as its base year.
2. Rural inflation was **6.63%**, while urban inflation was **5.41%**. Food inflation rose from 7.74% in September to 8.94% in October.
3. Onion recorded **116.22%** item-level inflation and garlic **60.74%**. Among states and Union Territories, Puducherry recorded 7.96% and Mizoram 2.85%.

Q25. How large was India's current account deficit in the first half of FY 2026–27? [14 Nov]

वित्त वर्ष 2026–27 की पहली छमाही में भारत का चालू खाता घाटा कितना था?

(a) USD 18.0 billion
(b) USD 32.4 billion
(c) USD 25.8 billion
(d) USD 66.8 billion
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) USD 25.8 billion

1. The current account deficit (CAD) for April–September 2026 was reported at **USD 25.8 billion**, compared with **USD 18 billion** in the same period a year earlier.
2. Merchandise imports of USD 441.4 billion and exports of **USD 265.3 billion** produced a **USD 176.1 billion** goods deficit. Net income was also in deficit by USD 32.4 billion.
3. Services earnings and net transfers, including remittances, helped offset the gap. The reported Balance of Payments surplus of **USD 66.8 billion** reflected a **USD 92.6 billion** surplus on the capital side.

Q26. What level did India's foreign exchange reserves reach in the week ended 6 November 2026? [14 Nov]

6 नवंबर 2026 को समाप्त सप्ताह में भारत का विदेशी मुद्रा भंडार किस स्तर पर पहुँचा?

(a) USD 717.06 billion
(b) USD 719.55 billion
(c) USD 721.05 billion
(d) USD 725.49 billion
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) USD 719.55 billion

1. India's reserves rose by about **USD 2.49 billion** to USD 719.547 billion. Gold reserves provided the largest contribution to the increase, rising by **USD 2.205 billion**.
2. Foreign Currency Assets (FCA) reached **USD 591.350** billion, while gold holdings were valued at **USD 104.796** billion.
3. The reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) was **USD 4.791 billion**. Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), the remaining component, were USD **18.610 billion**.

Government Schemes & Policies

Q27. Which institution released the first tranche of a USD 108 million loan for Mizoram's Universal Healthcare Scheme? [09 Nov]

मिजोरम की सार्वभौमिक स्वास्थ्य सेवा योजना के लिए 108 मिलियन अमेरिकी डॉलर के ऋण की पहली किस्त किस संस्था ने जारी की?

(a) World Bank
(b) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank
(c) New Development Bank
(d) Asian Development Bank
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Asian Development Bank

1. The **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) provided the loan for the Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme. The state received an initial **₹205.49 crore** in November 2026.
2. The payment followed achievement of two **Disbursement Linked Indicators**, which tie release of funds to specified results.
3. The Centre is to bear **90%** of the funding as a grant. Mizoram is responsible for the remaining **10%** on soft-loan terms.
4. The first tranche is to support the Healthcare Corpus Fund. The programme is scheduled to close on **31 March 2030**.

Q28. Which material recovered during battery recycling is covered by India's November 2026 export prohibition under ITC (HS) 85491400? [11 Nov]

भारत के नवंबर 2026 के ITC (HS) 85491400 निर्यात प्रतिबंध में बैटरी पुनर्चक्रण से प्राप्त कौन-सा पदार्थ शामिल है?

(a) Cellulose pulp
(b) Steel mill scale
(c) Silica fume
(d) Lithium-ion battery black mass
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Lithium-ion battery black mass

1. The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (**DGFT**) changed the export status of the specified lithium-ion battery waste and scrap under code **85491400** from Free to Prohibited, with immediate effect until further orders. The notification is dated **10 November 2026** and the government publicised it on **11 November**.
2. **Black mass** is the fine material obtained after battery cells are processed. It can contain lithium, nickel, cobalt, manganese and graphite.
3. Keeping this material available to domestic recyclers supports recovery of **critical minerals** and helps retain more value within the battery supply chain.

Q29. Which Indian island territory hosts the dedicated tuna cluster under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana? [11 Nov]

प्रधानमंत्री मत्स्य संपदा योजना के तहत समर्पित टूना क्लस्टर किस भारतीय द्वीपीय क्षेत्र में है?

(a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(b) Lakshadweep
(c) Puducherry
(d) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands

1. The **Andaman and Nicobar Islands** have a dedicated **tuna cluster** under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY). Lakshadweep was identified as a **seaweed cluster**.
2. Together the two island territories account for nearly **40%** of India's **Exclusive Economic Zone** (EEZ), making their fisheries significant for the blue economy.
3. The programme of work includes vessel modernisation, **cold-chain** facilities and seafood processing. These facilities help reduce losses and improve the value of marine products.

Q30. Up to which date did the Union Cabinet approve continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme? [11 Nov]

केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने स्टैंड-अप इंडिया योजना को किस तारीख तक जारी रखने की मंजूरी दी?

(a) 31 March 2028
(b) 31 March 2029
(c) 31 March 2031
(d) 31 March 2032
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 31 March 2031

1. The Cabinet approved continuation of Stand-Up India until **31 March 2031**, with a target of reaching an additional **2.5 lakh** entrepreneurs.
2. Launched in **April 2016**, the scheme promotes entrepreneurship among women and members of Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST). The decision also provided for a ₹**4,111 crore** credit guarantee corpus.
3. The reported lending band is above **₹10 lakh** and up to ₹1 crore for eligible **greenfield** businesses. A greenfield enterprise is a new venture established from scratch.

Q31. What was the estimated subsidy requirement for phosphatic and potassic fertilisers under the Nutrient Based Subsidy scheme for Rabi 2026–27? [12 Nov]

रबी 2026–27 के लिए पोषक तत्व आधारित सब्सिडी योजना के तहत फॉस्फेट और पोटाश वाले उर्वरकों पर अनुमानित सब्सिडी कितनी थी?

(a) ₹37,952.29 crore
(b) ₹24,417.73 crore
(c) ₹62,370.02 crore
(d) ₹50,000 crore
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) ₹62,370.02 crore

1. The Cabinet approved rates covering 28 grades of phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilisers, including Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), from **1 October 2026** to **31 March 2027**.
2. The estimate was about ₹**24,417.73 crore** above the previous Rabi provision of ₹**37,952.29 crore**, an increase of roughly 64.3%.
3. **The Nutrient Based Subsidy** (**NBS**) system began in April 2010. Its nutrient-linked payments to manufacturers and importers help keep covered fertilisers affordable for farmers.

Q32. Until when did the Union Cabinet approve continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme in November 2026? [12 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में केंद्रीय मंत्रिमंडल ने स्टैंड-अप इंडिया योजना को किस तारीख तक जारी रखने की मंजूरी दी?

(a) 31 March 2029
(b) 31 March 2031
(c) 31 March 2030
(d) 31 March 2032
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 31 March 2031

1. The five-year continuation seeks to reach another **2.5 lakh** women and **Scheduled Caste** or **Scheduled Tribe** entrepreneurs. The approved credit guarantee corpus is ₹**4,111 crore**.
2. Launched in April 2016, the scheme supports greenfield enterprises through institutional loans above ₹**10 lakh** and up to ₹**1 crore**.
3. Eligible sectors include manufacturing, services, trade and activities allied to agriculture. A greenfield enterprise is a new venture for the beneficiary.

Q33. Which organisation manages the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units, whose continuation was approved through March 2031? [12 Nov]

मार्च 2031 तक जारी रखने के लिए मंजूर सूक्ष्म इकाइयों के ऋण गारंटी कोष का प्रबंधन कौन करता है?

(a) Small Industries Development Bank of India
(b) National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development
(c) Reserve Bank of India
(d) National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited

1. The **National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company Limited** (NCGTC) manages the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU). The continued fund has a ₹**5,000 crore** corpus and is expected to facilitate ₹12.6 **lakh crore** in lending over five financial years.
2. The guarantee protects eligible lenders against default on covered credit. Examples include loans under **Pradhan Mantri MUDRA Yojana** (PMMY), **Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana** (PMJDY) overdrafts and covered Self-Help Group (SHG) loans.
3. For applicable loans outside the SHG category, the annual guarantee fee was cut from 1% to **0.75%**.

State News

Q34. Where was the 54th Raising Day of Arunachal Pradesh Police held in November 2026? [09 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में अरुणाचल प्रदेश पुलिस का 54वां स्थापना दिवस कहाँ मनाया गया?

(a) Police Training Centre, Banderdewa
(b) Police Training Centre, Dergaon
(c) Police Training Centre, PTC Jharoda Kalan
(d) Police Training Centre, Phillaur
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Police Training Centre, Banderdewa

1. **The Arunachal Pradesh Police** marked its **54th Raising Day** at its Police Training Centre in **Banderdewa**.
2. The ceremony included tributes to police personnel who died in the line of duty.
3. The force has grown to more than **14,000 personnel**. Its organisation includes **civil police**, armed units and specialised services.
4. Its work covers law and order as well as support for public safety and emergency response across the state.

Q35. In which city were development works worth about ₹1,400 crore unveiled alongside Gujarat's drug-free campaign push? [10 Nov]

गुजरात के नशामुक्त अभियान पर जोर देने के साथ लगभग ₹1,400 करोड़ के विकास कार्य किस शहर में शुरू किए गए?

(a) Surat
(b) Rajkot
(c) Vadodara
(d) Ahmedabad
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Ahmedabad

1. Union Home Minister Amit Shah opened projects and laid foundation stones in **Ahmedabad** on 9 November 2026. About ₹**1,024 crore** of work was linked to the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation.
2. The package included urban infrastructure and rehabilitation. **Ramapir No Tekro** is a slum rehabilitation project designed to serve more than 55,000 people.
3. **The Gujarat** campaign's target was **31 December 2028**, a year ahead of the national target discussed at the event. The two dates refer to the anti-drug campaign, not project completion.

Q36. What is the approved generating capacity of Odisha's Upper Indravati Pumped Storage Project? [10 Nov]

ओडिशा की अपर इंद्रावती पंप्ड स्टोरेज परियोजना की स्वीकृत उत्पादन क्षमता कितनी है?

(a) 450 MW
(b) 600 MW
(c) 800 MW
(d) 1,000 MW
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 600 MW

1. The Odisha Cabinet approved a **600 megawatt** (MW) project at Ranibahal in **Kalahandi** district. The estimated cost is ₹4,708.64 crore and commissioning is targeted for **FY 2030–31**.
2. **Odisha Hydro Power Corporation Limited** (**OHPC**) will implement the project. **Megha Engineering** & Infrastructures Ltd was selected as the engineering, procurement and construction contractor.
3. A pumped storage station uses electricity to move water uphill when power is available. It releases water to generate electricity during periods of higher demand.

Q37. Delhi's Namo Yamuna River Safari was launched on which stretch of the Yamuna? [10 Nov]

दिल्ली की नमो यमुना रिवर सफारी यमुना के किस खंड पर शुरू हुई?

(a) Wazirabad–Okhla
(b) Najafgarh–Dwarka
(c) Sonia Vihar–Jagatpur
(d) Kashmere Gate–Nizamuddin
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Sonia Vihar–Jagatpur

1. The recreational service began on 10 November 2026 between **Sonia Vihar** and **Jagatpur**. Its round trip is roughly 6 km.
2. **The Inland Waterways Authority of India** (**IWAI**) worked with the **Delhi Government**. Electric vessels support the project's river tourism and cleaner transport aims.
3. The Yamuna stretch designated **National Waterway** 110 extends from Jagatpur to Prayagraj. This designation covers a much longer route than the Delhi service.

Q38. In which pair of Kerala districts was a Shigella outbreak reported in November 2026? [11 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में केरल के किन दो जिलों में शिगेला का प्रकोप दर्ज किया गया?

(a) Kannur and Wayanad
(b) Kozhikode and Malappuram
(c) Kottayam and Alappuzha
(d) Idukki and Palakkad
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Kozhikode and Malappuram

1. The reported clusters were in **Kozhikode and Malappuram**, including cases linked to **Vadakara** and **Nilambur**.
2. Shigellosis is caused by Shigella bacteria. Transmission can occur when contaminated food or water is ingested or when contaminated hands carry the bacteria to the mouth.
3. **The Kerala** response included inspection of food outlets, **chlorination** of water supplies and monitoring of cases. These actions addressed routes through which the outbreak could spread.

Q39. Which state's Cabinet approved a draft bill to regulate breeding services for cattle and buffaloes in November 2026? [12 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में किस राज्य के मंत्रिमंडल ने गाय-भैंसों की प्रजनन सेवाओं को विनियमित करने के लिए विधेयक के मसौदे को मंजूरी दी?

(a) Odisha
(b) Assam
(c) Bihar
(d) Chhattisgarh
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Odisha

1. **Odisha**'s Cabinet approved the draft **Odisha Bovine Breeding** (Regulation) Bill, **2026**, on **9 November** under **Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi**.
2. The draft envisages a regulatory authority, registration of breeding service providers and a digital livestock breeding registry. It addresses artificial insemination, semen standards, in vitro fertilisation (**IVF**) and embryo transfer.
3. A proposed genetic improvement fund would support conservation of indigenous breeds and efforts to raise productivity.

Q40. The approved Noida Metro Aqua Line extension will link Noida Sector-51 to which endpoint? [12 Nov]

मंजूर नोएडा मेट्रो एक्वा लाइन विस्तार नोएडा सेक्टर-51 को किस अंतिम स्टेशन से जोड़ेगा?

(a) Greater Noida Sector-2
(b) Noida Sector-61
(c) Greater Noida Sector-4
(d) Noida Sector-137
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Greater Noida Sector-4

1. The Cabinet approved an 8.449-km elevated extension in Uttar Pradesh. The ₹**2,390 crore** project will add five stations between Noida Sector-51 and **Greater Noida Sector-4**.
2. The planned interchange with **Delhi Metro's Blue Line** is at **Noida Sector-61**. This is the interchange station on the extension, while Greater Noida Sector-4 is the endpoint.
3. The estimated construction period is three years. Once the extension is operational, the combined Metro network in **Noida and Greater Noida** is expected to reach **71.878 km**.

Q41. The proposed one-kilometre Eco-Sensitive Zone around Bherjan-Borajan-Padumoni Wildlife Sanctuary is in which state? [12 Nov]

भेरजान-बोराजान-पदुमोनी वन्यजीव अभयारण्य के चारों ओर प्रस्तावित एक किलोमीटर का पर्यावरण-संवेदनशील क्षेत्र किस राज्य में है?

(a) Meghalaya
(b) Assam
(c) Arunachal Pradesh
(d) Nagaland
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Assam

1. **The Ministry of Environment**, **Forest and Climate Change** (MoEFCC) issued a draft notification for an **Eco-Sensitive Zone** (**ESZ**) in **Assam**'s Tinsukia district under the Environment (Protection) Act, **1986**.
2. The draft zone covers 32.01 sq km around three forest patches. The sanctuary itself occupies 7.21 sq km and is known for primates such as the western hoolock gibbon.
3. The draft places activities in prohibited, regulated or permitted categories. The proposal aims to protect habitats while taking local livelihoods into account.

Q42. Which community celebrates Meghalaya's Hundred Drums Wangala Festival? [12 Nov]

मेघालय का हंड्रेड ड्रम्स वांगला महोत्सव किस समुदाय का है?

(a) Khasi
(b) Jaintia
(c) Bodo
(d) Garo
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Garo

1. Wangala is a Garo harvest thanksgiving festival dedicated to **Misi Saljong**, associated with the sun and fertility. The 50th **Hundred Drums Wangala Festival** was scheduled for **11–14 November 2026**.
2. **Garo Heritage Village** at **Chibagre in West Garo Hills** hosted the golden jubilee. **Chief Minister Conrad** K. Sangma inaugurated the celebrations.
3. The programme was themed Rhythm of 1,000 Drums and featured drumming, dancing and an exhibition of handloom and handicraft products.

Q43. What was the length of the Bengaluru Metro Pink Line section inaugurated on 13 November 2026? [13 Nov]

13 नवंबर 2026 को उद्घाटित बेंगलुरु मेट्रो की पिंक लाइन के खंड की लंबाई कितनी थी?

(a) 6.1 km
(b) 13.8 km
(c) 7.5 km
(d) 9.6 km
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 7.5 km

1. The elevated section between Kalena Agrahara and SG Palya covers **7.5 km** and serves six stations. Its addition raised Bengaluru's operational Metro network from **96.1 km** to 103.6 km.
2. Passengers can change to the **Yellow Line** at Jayadeva Hospital. Commercial operations were scheduled to begin on **14 November** with an initial eight-minute interval between trains.
3. The 13.8-km underground section of the **Pink Line** was expected in **2027**. Bengaluru's network was reported to be India's second largest after Delhi by operational length.

Q44. Where does Andhra Pradesh plan to set up its quantum computing manufacturing facility? [13 Nov]

आंध्र प्रदेश अपना क्वांटम कंप्यूटिंग विनिर्माण केंद्र कहाँ स्थापित करने की योजना बना रहा है?

(a) Visakhapatnam
(b) Tirupati
(c) Kurnool
(d) Amaravati
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Amaravati

1. Announced at the 31st **Confederation of Indian Industry** (CII) **Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam**, the project is planned as part of **Amaravati** Quantum Valley.
2. The site is expected to cover 250 acres. The proposed facility will make quantum computers and equipment, with its inauguration scheduled for **3 February 2027**.
3. The state reported proposed investments of ₹**5,84,355 crore** through 73 Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) and 15 government orders. The estimated 1,07,693 jobs depend on the investments materialising.

Q45. Which station links Bengaluru Metro's newly opened elevated Pink Line section with the Yellow Line? [14 Nov]

बेंगलुरु मेट्रो की नई एलिवेटेड पिंक लाइन को येलो लाइन से कौन-सा स्टेशन जोड़ता है?

(a) Kalena Agrahara
(b) SG Palya
(c) Dairy Circle
(d) Jayadeva Hospital
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Jayadeva Hospital

1. **Jayadeva Hospital** provides the interchange. The 7.5-km section from **Kalena Agrahara** to SG Palya has six stations.
2. The section was inaugurated on **13 November**. The initial passenger timetable for **14 November** provided a train every eight minutes.
3. The extension took Bengaluru's operating Metro network from **96.1 km** to **103.6 km**. Work on the remaining 13.8-km underground Pink Line section was expected to continue into 2027.

Q46. Which city hosted the second Tribal Frames Manipur National Tribal Film Festival in November 2026? [14 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में दूसरे ट्राइबल फ्रेम्स मणिपुर राष्ट्रीय जनजातीय फिल्म महोत्सव की मेज़बानी किस शहर ने की?

(a) Imphal
(b) Aizawl
(c) Kohima
(d) Shillong
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Imphal

1. The four-day festival ran from 12 to **15 November** at the Palace Auditorium of the Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS) in **Imphal**.
2. Its programme listed around **28 films** across feature, short and documentary formats. Languages included Tangkhul, Mizo, Paite, Khasi, **Santhali and Bodo**.
3. The festival formed part of **Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada** and received support from the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Manipur** government.

Q47. Stalagmites in Meghalaya's Mawmluh Cave contain evidence marking the start of which geological stage? [14 Nov]

मेघालय की मावम्लुह गुफा की स्टैलेग्माइट संरचनाएँ किस भूवैज्ञानिक चरण की शुरुआत के प्रमाण देती हैं?

(a) Greenlandian Stage
(b) Northgrippian Stage
(c) Meghalayan Stage
(d) Chibanian Stage
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Meghalayan Stage

1. Located near **Sohra in East Khasi Hills**, Mawmluh Cave preserves a record of climatic changes in its mineral deposits. Evidence from about **4,200 years** ago defines the beginning of the **Meghalayan Stage** of the Holocene.
2. **The International Union of Geological Sciences** (**IUGS**) recognised the cave in its first list of 100 geological heritage sites in **2022**.
3. Climate change, limestone extraction and illegal coal mining are reported threats to its geological formations and underground ecosystems.

Q48. Odisha's NIPUN App is primarily intended to help teachers assess which student skills? [14 Nov]

ओडिशा का निपुण ऐप मुख्य रूप से शिक्षकों को विद्यार्थियों के किन कौशलों का आकलन करने में मदद करता है?

(a) Foundational literacy and numeracy
(b) Robotics and 3D printing
(c) Vocational employability
(d) Secondary-level science practicals
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Foundational literacy and numeracy

1. **Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi** launched the Android app to track classroom progress and identify gaps in **Foundational Literacy and Numeracy** (**FLN**) under the NIPUN Odisha Mission.
2. The state also inaugurated robotics laboratories in 807 government schools at a reported cost of ₹**164.33 crore**. The labs are intended for students of Classes VI–X.
3. **NIPUN Bharat**, the national programme launched on **5 July 2021**, operates under Samagra Shiksha. NIPUN Odisha is the corresponding state implementation initiative.

National News

Q49. Which three Indian works were inscribed on UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register in November 2026? [09 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में भारत की किन तीन कृतियों की पांडुलिपियाँ यूनेस्को के मेमोरी ऑफ द वर्ल्ड एशिया-पैसिफिक क्षेत्रीय रजिस्टर में शामिल हुईं?

(a) Ramayana, Charaka Samhita and Meghaduta
(b) Mahabharata, Rajatarangini and Arthashastra
(c) Rig Veda, Natyashastra and Panchatantra
(d) Mahabharata, Sangam poetry and Ashtadhyayi
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Mahabharata, Rajatarangini and Arthashastra

1. UNESCO announced the inscription of manuscripts of the **Mahabharata**, Kalhana's **Rajatarangini** and Kautilya's **Arthashastra** in Jakarta on 5 November 2026.
2. The decision came at the 11th General Meeting of the Memory of the World Committee for Asia and the Pacific (**MOWCAP**).
3. The three works represent epic literature, historical writing on Kashmir and classical statecraft. **The Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts** helped prepare the nominations.

4. UNESCO launched Memory of the World in **1992** to support preservation and access to documentary heritage. The inscriptions belong to the Asia-Pacific regional register.

Q50. How many startups had DPIIT recognised in India by October 2026, according to the reported milestone? [10 Nov]

रिपोर्ट किए गए आँकड़े के अनुसार अक्टूबर 2026 तक DPIIT ने भारत में कितने स्टार्टअप को मान्यता दी थी?

(a) Over 2.62 lakh
(b) About 1.07 lakh
(c) About 55,200
(d) Over 25 lakh
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Over 2.62 lakh

1. The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (**DPIIT**) had recognised more than **2.62 lakh** startups by October 2026. India ranked as the world's **third-largest** startup ecosystem in the reported update.
2. More than **25 lakh** jobs were attributed to recognised startups. Over **55,200** startups gained recognition during FY 2025–26 alone.
3. **Startup India** began in January 2016. Its support includes the Fund of Funds for Startups, a credit guarantee scheme and seed funding.

Q51. In which district is the Raniwas Mound, declared a monument of national importance in November 2026? [11 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में राष्ट्रीय महत्व का स्मारक घोषित रानीवास टीला किस जिले में है?

(a) Nalanda
(b) Gaya
(c) Vaishali
(d) East Champaran
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) East Champaran

1. Raniwas Mound lies at **Kesariya** in **East Champaran**, Bihar, near the Kesariya Stupa. The mound is associated with an ancient Buddhist site.
2. The central declaration on **4 November 2026** was made under the **Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act**, 1958. A preliminary notification had been issued in June.
3. The protected site covers about **1.63 acres**. **Alexander Cunningham**, the first Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI), visited it in 1861.

Q52. Which site will house the Yuge Yugeen Bharat Museum approved by the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs? [12 Nov]

आर्थिक मामलों की मंत्रिमंडलीय समिति से मंजूर युगे युगीन भारत संग्रहालय किस परिसर में बनेगा?

(a) North and South Block Complex, New Delhi
(b) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(c) Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi
(d) Victoria Memorial, Kolkata
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) North and South Block Complex, New Delhi

1. **The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs** (CCEA) approved the ₹**3,230 crore** project under the **Ministry of Culture**. The plan adapts New Delhi's historic North and South Blocks into a museum.
2. Implementation is planned from **FY 2026–27** through FY **2030–31**. The site covers approximately 1,78,509 square metres and will present subjects ranging from astronomy and mathematics to languages and trade.
3. The project envisages an Adornment gallery opening in late **2027** and targets around one crore visitors annually.

Q53. How many main visa categories does India's rationalised visa framework retain? [12 Nov]

भारत के संशोधित वीज़ा ढाँचे में मुख्य वीज़ा श्रेणियों की संख्या कितनी है?

(a) 7
(b) 8
(c) 9
(d) 13
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 9

1. **The Ministry of Home Affairs** (MHA) reduced main visa categories from 13 to nine and subcategories from 49 to 23. The revised framework was introduced on **27 August 2026**.
2. **The Tourist Visa** was renamed the **Visitor Visa**. The changes also reorganised visas for purposes such as medical treatment, study and business.
3. The application was simplified by reducing form fields by about 65–**70%**. The revised processing system was expected to become operational by the end of **2026**.

Q54. Which new Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan platform gives parents access to student records and school services? [13 Nov]

केंद्रीय विद्यालय संगठन का कौन-सा नया मंच अभिभावकों को छात्र रिकॉर्ड और स्कूल सेवाओं तक पहुँच देता है?

(a) KVS-Samvaad
(b) Vidya Samiksha Kendra
(c) KVS Alumni Connect
(d) DIKSHA
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) KVS-Samvaad

1. Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan (KVS) launched three initiatives on **12 November 2026**. **KVS-Samvaad** is the parent-facing app and web portal.
2. **Vidya Samiksha Kendra** uses the **Samiksha AI Bot** to track attendance, learning indicators and infrastructure. The Alumni Connect Portal brings former students into mentorship and career guidance.
3. **The KVS Information Technology Services Cell** developed the initiatives to support the **National Education Policy** (NEP) 2020 and Digital India.

Q55. Which group lists all three Maharashtra beaches awarded Blue Flag certification for the 2026–27 season? [13 Nov]

2026–27 सीज़न के लिए ब्लू फ्लैग प्रमाणन पाने वाले महाराष्ट्र के तीनों समुद्र तट किस समूह में हैं?

(a) Tarkarli, Ganpatipule and Alibaug
(b) Juhu, Aksa and Versova
(c) Ladghar, Guhagar and Shrivardhan
(d) Diveagar, Harihareshwar and Murud
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Ladghar, Guhagar and Shrivardhan

1. **Ladghar and Guhagar** are in Ratnagiri district, while Shrivardhan is in Raigad. The award marked Maharashtra's first entry on the **Blue Flag** list.
2. India recorded 22 certified beaches for the season, including 13 renewals and nine new entries. The season was scheduled to begin on **15 November 2026**.
3. **The Denmark-based Foundation for Environmental Education** (**FEE**) awards the eco-label. Its 33 criteria cover water quality, environmental education, environmental management and safety and services.

Q56. Which country was named the Guest Country for the 57th International Film Festival of India in Goa? [14 Nov]

गोवा में होने वाले 57वें भारतीय अंतरराष्ट्रीय फिल्म महोत्सव के लिए किस देश को अतिथि देश चुना गया?

(a) France
(b) Poland
(c) Japan
(d) Spain
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Spain

1. The 57th International Film Festival of India (**IFFI**) was scheduled in Goa from 20 to **28 November 2026** under the theme Stories Without Borders.
2. **Spain**'s participation was linked to the Spain–India Dual Year 2026. Ashutosh Gowariker was appointed festival director, and **159 films** from **86 countries** were selected.
3. **Paweł Pawlikowski's Fatherland** was selected as the opening film. Dhurandhar was chosen to open the Indian Panorama section. IFFI began in 1952 and moved to Goa in 2004.

Q57. What is the storage capacity of India's largest underground LPG cavern dedicated at Mangaluru in November 2026? [14 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में मंगलुरु में राष्ट्र को समर्पित भारत की सबसे बड़ी भूमिगत एलपीजी गुफा की भंडारण क्षमता कितनी है?

(a) 60,000 metric tonnes
(b) 80,000 metric tonnes
(c) 100,000 metric tonnes
(d) 120,000 metric tonnes
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 80,000 metric tonnes

1. The liquefied petroleum gas (**LPG**) cavern in Mangaluru was developed by **Megha Engineering** & **Infrastructures Ltd**. (MEIL) for Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL).
2. Built at a reported cost exceeding ₹**850 crore**, the facility sits about 120 metres underground. A 9.4-km pipeline connects it to **New Mangalore Port**.
3. It is India's second underground LPG cavern after Visakhapatnam. **Its LPG** storage serves a different purpose from the Strategic Petroleum Reserve, which holds crude oil.

International News

Q58. Who took office as President of Paraguay after Santiago Peña's removal in November 2026? [09 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में सैंटियागो पेना को पद से हटाए जाने के बाद पराग्वे के राष्ट्रपति कौन बने?

(a) Mario Abdo Benítez
(b) Horacio Cartes
(c) Pedro Alliana
(d) Efraín Alegre
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Pedro Alliana

1. **Pedro Alliana** took office after Paraguay's Senate removed **Santiago Peña** through impeachment in November 2026.
2. Alliana had served as vice president and was due to complete the **2023–2028** term, which ends on **15 August 2028**.
3. Both political figures came from the **Colorado Party**. Alliana had also served in the Chamber of Deputies and governed Ñeembucú.
4. The political crisis followed the collapse of **Ueno Bank**, a digital lender whose failure disrupted access to customer deposits.

Q59. Which United Nations mission ended its operations in Western Sahara after its mandate was not renewed in 2026? [09 Nov]

2026 में कार्यादेश का नवीनीकरण न होने के बाद पश्चिमी सहारा में संयुक्त राष्ट्र के किस मिशन ने अपना संचालन समाप्त किया?

(a) UNIFIL
(b) UNDOF
(c) UNMISS
(d) MINURSO
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) MINURSO

1. The United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara (**MINURSO**) ceased operations on 1 November 2026 following non-renewal of its mandate.
2. The UN Security Council established the mission in **1991** through **Resolution 690**. Its responsibilities included ceasefire monitoring and support for a referendum on self-determination.
3. **The Council** considered competing proposals on the mandate as the October **2026** deadline approached.
4. Morocco supports autonomy under its sovereignty. The **Polisario Front** seeks independence. The UN Personal Envoy continues the political process.

Q60. At least 30 hippopotamuses were reported killed by anthrax in which national park? [09 Nov]

एंथ्रेक्स से कम-से-कम 30 दरियाई घोड़ों की मौत किस राष्ट्रीय उद्यान में दर्ज की गई?

(a) Virunga National Park
(b) Serengeti National Park
(c) Queen Elizabeth National Park
(d) Akagera National Park
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Virunga National Park

1. The outbreak affected hippopotamuses in **Virunga National Park** in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo**. At least 30 deaths had been reported by early November 2026.
2. Virunga was founded in **1925** and is Africa's oldest **national park**. It became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in **1979**.
3. Laboratory analysis identified anthrax, which is caused by the bacterium **Bacillus anthracis**. Its spores can persist in the environment.
4. Park and health authorities monitored affected areas and arranged safe handling of carcasses as part of the outbreak response.

Q61. Which United Nations Human Rights Council process did the United States decline to attend in November 2026? [10 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में अमेरिका ने संयुक्त राष्ट्र मानवाधिकार परिषद की किस प्रक्रिया में भाग लेने से इनकार किया?

(a) Universal Periodic Review
(b) Human Rights Treaty Ratification
(c) International Criminal Review
(d) Special Procedures Mandate Renewal
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Universal Periodic Review

1. The United States did not send a delegation to the **Universal Periodic Review** (UPR) scheduled for 10 **November 2026**.
2. The UPR reviews the human rights record of each UN member state about once every **four and a half years**. It incorporates information from governments, UN bodies and other stakeholders.
3. The UN Human Rights Council (UNHRC) was established in 2006. The General Assembly elects its **47 members**, and the Council meets in **Geneva**.

Q62. Which US lawmaker led the reintroduction of the bill proposing federal holiday status for Diwali? [10 Nov]

दीपावली को संघीय अवकाश का दर्जा देने वाला विधेयक दोबारा पेश करने का नेतृत्व किस अमेरिकी सांसद ने किया?

(a) Ro Khanna
(b) Ami Bera
(c) Raja Krishnamoorthi
(d) Grace Meng
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Grace Meng

1. Congresswoman **Grace Meng** led the reintroduction of the **Diwali Day Act** in the US **House of** Representatives.
2. The bill proposes making Diwali a **federal holiday**. The introduction of a bill represents a legislative proposal, with approval still required for it to take effect.
3. Supporters included lawmakers of South Asian heritage as well as other **representatives**. Meng has also proposed a federal holiday for **Lunar New** Year.

Q63. Which country became the first outside Europe to introduce the electronic ATA Carnet in November 2026? [11 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में इलेक्ट्रॉनिक ATA कार्नेट अपनाने वाला यूरोप के बाहर पहला देश कौन-सा बना?

(a) United Arab Emirates
(b) Japan
(c) Singapore
(d) Australia
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) United Arab Emirates

1. The **United Arab Emirates** (UAE) introduced the electronic ATA Carnet on 9 November 2026.
2. An **ATA Carnet** simplifies **temporary admission** of goods such as exhibition items, commercial samples and professional equipment. The electronic system supports digital declarations and QR-code verification.
3. **The International Chamber of Commerce** (ICC) and World Customs Organization (**WCO**) collaborated on digitisation. The reported target for the global transition is **1 January 2028**.

Q64. India held a November 2026 dialogue on turning industrial and construction waste into useful resources with which country? [11 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में औद्योगिक और निर्माण कचरे को उपयोगी संसाधनों में बदलने पर भारत ने किस देश के साथ संवाद किया?

(a) Denmark
(b) Norway
(c) Finland
(d) Sweden
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Norway

1. India and **Norway** held the dialogue in New Delhi on 10 November 2026. The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (**CSIR**), **SINTEF** and the Research Council of Norway organised it.
2. Participants discussed ways to use by-products and waste such as fly ash, **steel slag**, red mud, plastics and construction debris.
3. Cement kiln co-processing was explored for suitable wastes. The talks contribute to research cooperation under the India–Norway Green **Strategic Partnership**.

Q65. Which country placed its first order for Indian-made electronic train propulsion systems in November 2026? [13 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में भारत में बने इलेक्ट्रॉनिक रेल प्रणोदन तंत्रों के लिए पहला ऑर्डर किस देश ने दिया?

(a) South Korea
(b) Japan
(c) France
(d) Australia
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Japan

1. **Japan**'s order is for Indian-made train propulsion equipment. Traction motors, converters and inverters are key components that help regulate a train's motion and braking.
2. **Alstom's Maneja** facility in Vadodara has exported more than 5,000 propulsion systems. **Its Savli** plant has supplied more than 3,800 bogies to international markets.
3. **Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw** set **2029–30** as the target for exporting complete **Vande Bharat** trainsets.

Q66. Which Microsoft service recorded nearly 130,000 problem reports on Downdetector during the 12 November 2026 outage? [13 Nov]

12 नवंबर 2026 की सेवा बाधा के दौरान डाउनडिटेक्टर पर Microsoft की किस सेवा के लिए करीब 1,30,000 शिकायतें दर्ज हुईं?

(a) OneDrive
(b) PowerPoint
(c) Microsoft Teams
(d) Outlook
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Outlook

1. The **reported** **disruption** affected users across **74 countries**. **Outlook**, Teams and several other Microsoft 365 services were affected.
2. Microsoft attributed the incident to server failures and problems with automated health checks. It reported no evidence of a cyberattack.
3. Restoration efforts included redistributing traffic, restarting servers and changing configurations. Recovery work was continuing on **13 November**.

Appointments

Q67. Who assumed charge as the Indian Army's Director General of Integrated Training on 1 November 2026? [09 Nov]

1 नवंबर 2026 को भारतीय सेना के एकीकृत प्रशिक्षण महानिदेशक का पदभार किसने संभाला?

(a) Lt Gen Rajiv Ghai
(b) Lt Gen Sushil Chander Mahant
(c) Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth
(d) Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Lt Gen Sushil Chander Mahant

1. Lieutenant General **Sushil** **Chander** **Mahant** assumed charge as Director General of Integrated Training (**DGIT**) at Army Headquarters in New Delhi.
2. He trained at the **National Defence Academy and Indian Military Academy** and was commissioned in **December 1991**.
3. His previous assignments included commanding the **11 Field Ordnance Depot** and serving as Major General Ordnance Services.
4. He became the first alumnus of Sainik School **Sujanpur Tira** to attain the rank of Lieutenant General.

Q68. Who succeeded Noel N. Tata as Chairman of Tata Investment Corporation Limited in November 2026? [12 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में टाटा इन्वेस्टमेंट कॉरपोरेशन लिमिटेड के अध्यक्ष के रूप में नोएल एन. टाटा का स्थान किसने लिया?

(a) Abizer Shabbir Diwanji
(b) Bahram Vakil
(c) N. Chandrasekaran
(d) Saurabh Agrawal
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Bahram Vakil

1. Noel N. Tata retired from the board and chairmanship on **11 November** at the prescribed retirement age of 70. He took the **Chairman Emeritus** role from **12 November**.
2. His successor, **Bahram Vakil**, co-founded AZB & Partners and had served as vice chairman of Tata Investment Corporation since March 2026.
3. The board also approved **Abizer Shabbir Diwanji's** appointment as an independent director for five years, subject to shareholder approval. The company is a **Reserve Bank of India-registered Non-Banking Financial Company** (NBFC).

Q69. Who became chair of NVIDIA's board following the November 2026 leadership transition? [13 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 के नेतृत्व परिवर्तन के बाद NVIDIA के निदेशक मंडल के अध्यक्ष कौन बने?

(a) Harvey C. Jones
(b) Colette M. Kress
(c) Mark Stevens
(d) Tench Coxe
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Harvey C. Jones

1. NVIDIA **announced** on **12 November** that **Jensen Huang** had stepped down as president, chief executive officer and a board member. **Harvey C. Jones** was appointed chair of the board.
2. Jones has held senior leadership roles at Synopsys. **NVIDIA**'s board said it would consider both internal and external candidates for the permanent chief executive role.
3. The company said operations and product plans would continue during the leadership transition.

Q70. Who took over as interim Chief Executive Officer of NVIDIA in November 2026? [13 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में NVIDIA की अंतरिम मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी कौन बनीं?

(a) Lisa Su
(b) Amy Hood
(c) Colette M. Kress
(d) Gina Raimondo
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Colette M. Kress

1. **Colette M. Kress** became interim **Chief Executive Officer** (CEO) while retaining her Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) roles.
2. Kress joined NVIDIA in 2013. She previously held finance roles at **Texas Instruments**, **Microsoft and Cisco**, including CFO of Microsoft's Server and Tools division.
3. She studied finance at the **University of Arizona** and earned a **Master of Business Administration** (MBA) from Southern Methodist University.

Q71. Whose appointment did the RBI approve as Managing Director and CEO of Fino Payments Bank for a three-year term? [14 Nov]

फिनो पेमेंट्स बैंक के प्रबंध निदेशक और सीईओ के तीन वर्षीय कार्यकाल के लिए RBI ने किसकी नियुक्ति को मंज़ूरी दी?

(a) Pratap Singh
(b) Ketan Merchant
(c) Rishi Gupta
(d) Sanjiv Chadha
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Pratap Singh

1. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) approved **Pratap Singh**'s appointment as Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). It was scheduled to take effect on **27 November 2026**, subject to shareholder approval.
2. Singh has over **29 years** of banking experience, including roles with **ICICI Bank in India and the United Kingdom** and with State Bank of India in the United Kingdom.
3. **Chief Financial Officer** (CFO) **Ketan Merchant** was serving as interim CEO during the transition. Singh's background includes retail banking, digital transformation and operations.

Reports & Rankings

Q72. What rank did India hold in WIPO's Global Innovation Index 2026? [09 Nov]

विश्व बौद्धिक संपदा संगठन के वैश्विक नवाचार सूचकांक 2026 में भारत का स्थान क्या था?

(a) 35th
(b) 37th
(c) 38th
(d) 41st
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 38th

1. **The World Intellectual Property Organization** (**WIPO**) ranked India 38th among **139 economies** in the 2026 Global Innovation Index.
2. India retained the previous edition's overall position and led the lower-middle-income group and the **Central and Southern Asia** region.
3. India ranked 25th for innovation outputs and 49th for innovation inputs. The two sub-indices distinguish results from the conditions that support innovation.
4. **Switzerland** led the global ranking, followed by **Sweden and the United States**.

Q73. Which state ranked first in the inaugural Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index 2026? [11 Nov]

पहले ईज़ ऑफ व्हीकल ओनरशिप इंडेक्स 2026 में कौन-सा राज्य पहले स्थान पर रहा?

(a) Kerala
(b) Tamil Nadu
(c) Andhra Pradesh
(d) Uttar Pradesh
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Andhra Pradesh

1. **Andhra Pradesh** led the Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index (EVOI) at 5.91 out of 10. **Kerala** followed at 5.74, and Tamil Nadu and Delhi shared third place at 4.58.
2. IndiaTech.org and **Consumer VOICE** released the index. Its 15 states and **Union Territories** accounted for over **85%** of the organised used-vehicle market covered by the study.
3. The assessment considered six parameters, including digital infrastructure, efficiency of processes, transparency and **affordability**.

Q74. What was the overall unemployment rate in the July–September 2026 PLFS Quarterly Bulletin for people aged 15 years and above? [11 Nov]

जुलाई–सितंबर 2026 के PLFS तिमाही बुलेटिन में 15 वर्ष और उससे अधिक आयु के लोगों की कुल बेरोज़गारी दर कितनी थी?

(a) 4.3%
(b) 5.4%
(c) 5.7%
(d) 5.1%
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 5.1%

1. The Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) reported **5.1%** unemployment for July–September 2026, down from **5.4%** in the previous quarter. The reported rural rate was 4.3%.
2. The Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR) was **55.5%** and the Worker Population Ratio (WPR) was **52.7%**. LFPR measures participation in the labour force, while WPR measures the employed share of the population.
3. **The National Statistical Office** (NSO), under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (**MoSPI**), conducts the survey.

Q75. Which Indian beach ranked first in Asia and sixth globally in the Global Beach Index 2026? [11 Nov]

ग्लोबल बीच इंडेक्स 2026 में एशिया में पहले और दुनिया में छठे स्थान पर कौन-सा भारतीय समुद्र तट रहा?

(a) Palolem Beach
(b) Radhanagar Beach
(c) Varkala Beach
(d) Om Beach
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Palolem Beach

1. **Palolem Beach** in **Canacona**, **South Goa**, ranked first in Asia and **sixth** worldwide in the Beach.com index.
2. The index compared **226** ocean beaches using 18 standardised measures. Its inputs reportedly included expert recommendations, satellite observations and visitor reviews.
3. Palolem is known for its crescent-shaped bay and palm-lined shore. It was the only Asian beach among the index's **top 25**.

Q76. Which state topped the 2026 Access Equality Index for 28 Indian states? [11 Nov]

28 भारतीय राज्यों के 2026 एक्सेस इक्वैलिटी इंडेक्स में किस राज्य ने पहला स्थान प्राप्त किया?

(a) Andhra Pradesh
(b) Goa
(c) Sikkim
(d) Kerala
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Goa

1. Goa scored 0.68 in the **Access Equality Index** (**AEI**), ahead of **Andhra Pradesh** at 0.66 and Sikkim at 0.63.
2. The Centre for New Economics Studies (**CNES**) at O.P. Jindal Global University developed the index using **60 indicators**.
3. The five dimensions cover basic infrastructure, healthcare, education, socio-economic security and **legal services**. Andhra Pradesh ranked first on the socio-economic security dimension.

Q77. What decline in tuberculosis mortality did India record between 2015 and 2025? [13 Nov]

2015 से 2025 के बीच भारत में तपेदिक से होने वाली मृत्यु में कितनी गिरावट दर्ज की गई?

(a) 35%
(b) 38%
(c) 28%
(d) 18%
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 38%

1. India's estimated tuberculosis (**TB**) mortality rate fell from roughly 28 to 18 per lakh population over the period. The reported decline was **38%**, compared with **35%** globally. The published rates are rounded.
2. India recorded a **94%** treatment success rate among patients with drug-susceptible TB. The National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (**NTEP**) supported screening, rapid diagnosis and follow-up.
3. **The TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan** expanded community screening to find people who had not yet been diagnosed, including people without obvious symptoms. Nutrition support also formed part of the response.

Q78. What was India's position in the Climate Change Performance Index 2027? [13 Nov]

जलवायु परिवर्तन प्रदर्शन सूचकांक 2027 में भारत का स्थान क्या था?

(a) 23rd
(b) 25th
(c) 31st
(d) 28th
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 28th

1. India scored 60.85 and received an overall Medium rating. It had been ranked 23rd in the previous edition.
2. **The Climate Change Performance Index** (**CCPI**) assesses emissions, renewable energy, energy use and climate policy. It covers **64 countries** and the **European Union** and is produced by Germanwatch, **NewClimate Institute and Climate Action Network International**.
3. The first three positions were unassigned in the **2027** edition. Denmark was the highest-ranked country in fourth place.

Summits & Conferences

Q79. Which city was announced as the host of the 23rd ASEAN–India Summit and the 21st East Asia Summit in November 2026? [13 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में 23वें आसियान–भारत शिखर सम्मेलन और 21वें पूर्वी एशिया शिखर सम्मेलन के लिए किस शहर को मेज़बान घोषित किया गया था?

(a) Manila
(b) Jakarta
(c) Kuala Lumpur
(d) Hanoi
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Manila

1. The announced schedule placed the meetings in **Manila**, Philippines, on **16–17 November 2026**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi was scheduled to attend.
2. 2026 is the ASEAN–**India Year of Maritime Cooperation**. ASEAN stands for the **Association of Southeast Asian Nations**, and the two meetings provide forums for regional cooperation and wider policy discussions.
3. India–ASEAN trade was reported at **USD 128.38 billion** in 2025–26, equivalent to about **10.55%** of India's total global trade.

Q80. Which department organised its first All India Conference on Official Language in November 2026? [14 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में अपना पहला अखिल भारतीय राजभाषा सम्मेलन किस विभाग ने आयोजित किया?

(a) Department of Official Language
(b) Department of Posts
(c) Department of Telecommunications
(d) Department of Administrative Reforms
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Department of Telecommunications

1. The **Department of Telecommunications** (DoT), under the **Ministry of Communications**, held the conference at the Dr. **Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi** on **13 November**.
2. The sessions covered use of Hindi in administration and resources for implementing Rajbhasha policies. The event took place under the guidance of **Manish Sinha**, Member (Finance) at DoT.
3. Article 343 addresses the official language of the Union. Article 351 directs the Union to promote the spread and development of Hindi.

Science & Technology

Q81. Which Canadian province first reported identification of the SARS-CoV-2 variant PJ.2.1 in May 2026? [11 Nov]

मई 2026 में SARS-CoV-2 के PJ.2.1 वैरिएंट की पहचान सबसे पहले कनाडा के किस प्रांत में दर्ज हुई?

(a) Quebec
(b) Alberta
(c) Ontario
(d) British Columbia
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Ontario

1. **PJ.2.1** was first identified in **Ontario**, Canada, on 2 May 2026. The reported lineage descends from **MC.10.1.7** within the JN.1 branch.
2. A laboratory study reported increased cell entry through the **ACE2** receptor compared with **LP**.8.1. ACE2 stands for angiotensin-converting enzyme 2.
3. A laboratory cell-entry result alone cannot establish greater transmission or more severe disease in people. Those questions require population and **clinical evidence**.

Q82. How much funding did the Technology Development Board agree to provide for Astrome Technologies' AI-enabled electronic intelligence satellite project? [13 Nov]

एस्ट्रोम टेक्नोलॉजीज़ की एआई-सक्षम इलेक्ट्रॉनिक इंटेलिजेंस उपग्रह परियोजना के लिए प्रौद्योगिकी विकास बोर्ड ने कितनी राशि देने पर सहमति जताई?

(a) ₹50 crore
(b) ₹128.11 crore
(c) ₹64.05 crore
(d) ₹42.80 crore
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) ₹64.05 crore

1. The Technology Development Board (TDB) agreed to provide **₹64.05 crore** for a project estimated to cost ₹**128.11 crore** in total.
2. The proposal uses interconnected microsatellites of about 50 kg each in Low Earth Orbit (**LEO**). Electronic Intelligence (**ELINT**) payloads, cross-links between satellites and artificial intelligence (AI) processing on the ground are planned.
3. **The Research**, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund-supported financing is structured as optionally convertible debt. The project aims to advance from Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 to **TRL 9**.

Q83. Which stage of the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle underwent a successful ground static test on 12 November 2026? [13 Nov]

12 नवंबर 2026 को ध्रुवीय उपग्रह प्रक्षेपण यान के किस चरण का भू-स्थैतिक परीक्षण सफल रहा?

(a) First stage (PS1)
(b) Third stage (PS3)
(c) Second stage (PS2)
(d) Fourth stage (PS4)
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Third stage (PS3)

1. **The Indian Space Research Organisation** (ISRO) tested the modified solid-fuel third stage at the **Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota**, **Andhra Pradesh**.
2. The modifications addressed nozzle design, interfaces and sealing. **ISRO** also revised some material specifications and quality checks.
3. Work on the configuration followed third-stage anomalies during PSLV-C61/**EOS-09 in May** 2025 and PSLV-C62/**EOS-N1 in January** 2026. The test results are meant to inform further validation.

Obituaries

Q84. Which Indian modernist painter passed away in New Delhi on 9 November 2026 at the age of 89? [09 Nov]

9 नवंबर 2026 को 89 वर्ष की आयु में नई दिल्ली में किस भारतीय आधुनिकतावादी चित्रकार का निधन हुआ?

(a) Anjolie Ela Menon
(b) Nalini Malani
(c) Nilima Sheikh
(d) Arpita Singh
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Arpita Singh

1. **Arpita Singh** was an Indian modernist painter born in **Baranagar** in 1937. She studied fine arts at **Delhi Polytechnic**.
2. Early in her career she worked with the **Weavers' Service Centre** as a textile designer. Textile motifs and Indian visual traditions informed her later work.
3. Her paintings often centred women and everyday domestic scenes while engaging with social conflict and displacement.
4. She received the **Padma Bhushan** in 2011 and the **Lalit Kala Akademi** Fellowship in 2014.

Q85. Pandit Manilal Nag was a leading exponent of which gharana? [10 Nov]

पंडित मणिलाल नाग किस घराने के प्रमुख प्रतिनिधि थे?

(a) Gwalior gharana
(b) Bishnupur gharana
(c) Patiala gharana
(d) Kirana gharana
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Bishnupur gharana

1. Manilal Nag was a sitar maestro associated with the **Bishnupur gharana** of **Bankura**, West Bengal. He died in Kolkata on 9 November 2026 at the age of 87.
2. His father, **Gokul Nag**, trained him, and he made his concert debut in **1954**.
3. Nag received the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2001 and the **Padma Shri** in 2020. The Bishnupur tradition is noted for its dhrupad roots and the patronage of the **Malla rulers**.

Defence

Q86. India held the 15th edition of its bilateral naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr with which country? [10 Nov]

भारत ने द्विपक्षीय नौसैनिक अभ्यास नसीम अल बहर का 15वाँ संस्करण किस देश के साथ आयोजित किया?

(a) United Arab Emirates
(b) Bahrain
(c) Oman
(d) Qatar
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Oman

1. **Naseem Al Bahr** is the bilateral naval exercise between **India and Oman**. Its **15th edition** took place off Oman in November 2026.
2. The exercise has harbour and sea phases. India's **INS Surat** reached Muscat for activities covering professional exchanges and manoeuvres at sea.
3. The exercise dates to **1993** and supports maritime cooperation and operational coordination between the **Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman**.

Q87. Where did the Indian Air Force's IL-76MD land at a reported elevation of 13,629 feet in November 2026? [11 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में भारतीय वायुसेना का IL-76MD विमान 13,629 फीट की रिपोर्ट की गई ऊँचाई पर कहाँ उतरा?

(a) Chushul
(b) Daulat Beg Oldie
(c) Thoise
(d) Nyoma Airbase
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Nyoma Airbase

1. The Indian Air Force (IAF) landed its IL-76MD at **Nyoma Airbase** in eastern **Ladakh** on 7 November 2026.
2. The reported elevation was **13,629 feet**. Nyoma is close to the **Line of Actual Control** (LAC) and was upgraded from an Advanced Landing Ground.
3. The Russian-origin IL-76MD, called **Gajraj** in IAF service, is a four-engine transport aircraft used for **strategic airlift**.

Q88. India held the eighth IMNEX naval exercise in November 2026 with which country? [12 Nov]

भारत ने नवंबर 2026 में आठवाँ IMNEX नौसैनिक अभ्यास किस देश के साथ आयोजित किया?

(a) Thailand
(b) Indonesia
(c) Oman
(d) Myanmar
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Myanmar

1. The eighth India–**Myanmar** Naval Exercise (**IMNEX-26**) was scheduled at Visakhapatnam from 10 to **14 November**. Its opening ceremony was held aboard INS Rana.
2. India deployed the guided-missile destroyer **INS Rana** and the offshore patrol vessel **INS Sumedha**. Myanmar participated with **UMS King Sin Phyu Shin**.
3. Professional exchanges and ship visits formed part of the harbour engagement. At sea, the navies practised tactical manoeuvres and coordinated maritime operations.

Q89. Which country partners India in the bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr? [12 Nov]

द्विपक्षीय समुद्री अभ्यास नसीम अल बहर में भारत का साझेदार देश कौन है?

(a) Oman
(b) United Arab Emirates
(c) Qatar
(d) Bahrain
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Oman

1. **The Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman** conducted the 15th edition of **Naseem Al Bahr**, whose name translates as Sea Breeze.
2. Harbour exchanges covered hydrography, mine countermeasures and explosive ordnance disposal. At sea, the navies practised Visit, Board, **Search and Seizure** (**VBSS**) and cross-deck operations.
3. **India's INS Surat and Oman's Al-Mu'azzar** participated in the sea phase. **INS Surat** is a Project 15B Visakhapatnam-class guided-missile destroyer.

Q90. Which edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil was scheduled for 11–19 November 2026? [12 Nov]

11–19 नवंबर 2026 के लिए निर्धारित अखिल भारतीय तटीय रक्षा अभ्यास सी विजिल का कौन-सा संस्करण था?

(a) Third
(b) Fourth
(c) Fifth
(d) Sixth
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Fifth

1. **The Indian Navy** coordinated the **fifth** edition across India's coastline and Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), working with the Coast Guard, Coastal Security Police, Customs and other stakeholders.
2. The Coastal Defence and Security Readiness Evaluation was scheduled for **11–17 November**, followed by a sea phase on **18–19 November**. Fishing communities and coastal states and Union Territories also took part.
3. **Sea Vigil** was conceived in 2018 to test coastal security measures introduced after the 2008 Mumbai attacks. It serves as a precursor to the Theatre Level Readiness Operational Exercise (**TROPEX**).

Q91. Which shipbuilder was awarded the ₹498.58 crore contract to refit and repower INS Betwa? [13 Nov]

आईएनएस बेतवा की मरम्मत और प्रणोदन प्रणाली बदलने का ₹498.58 करोड़ का अनुबंध किस पोत निर्माता को मिला?

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

Answer: (d) Cochin Shipyard Limited

1. **The Ministry of Defence** signed the contract with **Cochin Shipyard Limited** on **11 November 2026**. **INS Betwa** (F39) is a Brahmaputra-class guided-missile frigate.
2. The refit will replace steam propulsion with diesel engines and upgrade the weapons suite. More than 50 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) are expected to be involved.
3. **Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers** was the original builder. The frigate was commissioned on **7 July 2004**.

Q92. Who launched the revamped Gallantry Awards Portal on 12 November 2026? [13 Nov]

12 नवंबर 2026 को नए स्वरूप वाले वीरता पुरस्कार पोर्टल का शुभारंभ किसने किया?

(a) Sanjay Seth
(b) Rajnath Singh
(c) Amit Shah
(d) Ajay Bhatt
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Sanjay Seth

1. Minister of State for Defence **Sanjay Seth** launched the revamped **Ministry of Defence** portal in New Delhi. It brings together records of gallantry awardees, military operations and wars since Independence.
2. The portal features memorials, museums, Warpedia and an online tribute facility. It also has a dedicated area for **Veer Gatha**.
3. **The Ministries of Defence and Education** launched Veer Gatha in 2021. Its fifth edition recorded **1.92 crore** students from around **1.90 lakh** schools.

Q93. India scheduled the sixth edition of Harimau Shakti for November 2026 with which country? [14 Nov]

भारत ने हरिमाऊ शक्ति का छठा संस्करण नवंबर 2026 में किस देश के साथ निर्धारित किया?

(a) Thailand
(b) Malaysia
(c) Indonesia
(d) Singapore
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Malaysia

1. **Harimau Shakti** is an army exercise between India and **Malaysia**. The sixth edition was scheduled for **18–30 November 2026**.
2. Its training agenda focuses on jungle warfare, counter-insurgency and tactical coordination. The previous edition took place at **Mahajan Field Firing Range**, Rajasthan, in December **2025**.
3. The exercise began in **Kuala Lumpur in October** 2012. India and Malaysia signed a defence cooperation Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in 1993.

Q94. What propulsion change is planned for INS Betwa under its November 2026 refit contract? [14 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 के अनुबंध के तहत आईएनएस बेतवा की प्रणोदन प्रणाली में क्या बदलाव किया जाएगा?

(a) Diesel to nuclear propulsion
(b) Diesel to steam propulsion
(c) Gas turbines to steam propulsion
(d) Steam to diesel propulsion
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Steam to diesel propulsion

1. **The Ministry of Defence** signed the ₹**498.58 crore** contract with **Cochin Shipyard Limited** on **11 November 2026**. It covers both the refit and repowering of INS Betwa (F39).
2. The steam-based setup will be replaced by diesel-engine propulsion. The contract also includes a modernised weapons suite.
3. **INS Betwa** is a Brahmaputra-class guided-missile frigate commissioned on **7 July 2004**. The project is expected to involve more than 50 micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).

Q95. Which Southeast Asian country signed a BrahMos agreement, as reported by BrahMos Aerospace in November 2026? [14 Nov]

ब्रह्मोस एयरोस्पेस की नवंबर 2026 की जानकारी के अनुसार, किस दक्षिण-पूर्व एशियाई देश ने ब्रह्मोस समझौते पर हस्ताक्षर किए?

(a) Vietnam
(b) Thailand
(c) Cambodia
(d) Singapore
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Vietnam

1. According to **BrahMos Aerospace** chief Jaiteerth R. Joshi, supplies had been made to the Philippines and an agreement had been signed with **Vietnam**. Additional export discussions remained subject to government approval.
2. **BrahMos** is a joint development of **India's Defence Research and Development Organisation** (**DRDO**) and **Russia's NPO Mashinostroyenia**.
3. The cruise missile travels at roughly Mach 2.8. Variants can be launched from land, ships, submarines and aircraft.

Sports & Games

Q96. Which Indian athlete won silver in the women's 75 kg beach wrestling event at Dakar 2026? [09 Nov]

डकार 2026 में महिला 75 किग्रा बीच कुश्ती स्पर्धा में भारत के लिए रजत पदक किसने जीता?

(a) Taniya
(b) Shourya Ambure
(c) Tanvi Patri
(d) Nikhat Zareen
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Taniya

1. **Taniya** won silver in the women's **75 kg** beach wrestling event at the **Dakar Youth Olympic Games** in Senegal.
2. China's **Zhao Min** won the final at Saly Beach West. Taniya had won her four earlier bouts.
3. **United World Wrestling** reported that beach wrestling debuted at an Olympic event at Dakar **2026**.
4. The result made Taniya India's first Youth Olympic medallist in beach wrestling.

Q97. Who became India's 100th chess Grandmaster after winning the 2026 ASEAN Plus Individual Open? [09 Nov]

2026 आसियान प्लस इंडिविजुअल ओपन जीतकर भारत के 100वें शतरंज ग्रैंडमास्टर कौन बने?

(a) Pranesh M
(b) Anuj Shrivatri
(c) Aditya Mittal
(d) Leon Mendonca
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Anuj Shrivatri

1. **Anuj Shrivatri** became India's 100th Grandmaster after winning the seventh ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship in the Philippines.
2. He scored **seven points** in nine rounds despite losing his opening game. Vietnamese player **Nguyen Duc Hoa** placed second with 6.5 points.
3. Shrivatri became the first Grandmaster from **Madhya Pradesh**. He earned the International Master title in 2020.
4. **Viswanathan Anand** became India's first Grandmaster in **1988**, providing a historical comparison for the milestone.

Q98. Who beat Ben Shelton to win the 2026 Paris Masters men's singles title? [09 Nov]

बेन शेल्टन को हराकर 2026 पेरिस मास्टर्स का पुरुष एकल खिताब किसने जीता?

(a) Jannik Sinner
(b) Alexander Zverev
(c) Carlos Alcaraz
(d) Novak Djokovic
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Carlos Alcaraz

1. **Carlos Alcaraz** defeated **Ben Shelton** 7-6(5), 7-5 on 8 November 2026.
2. It was the Spaniard's **first title** at the Paris Masters and his ninth ATP Masters 1000 singles title.
3. Alcaraz became the first Spaniard to win the tournament since **David Ferrer** in **2012**.
4. The **ATP Masters 1000** circuit is a tier of the men's tour. The Paris Masters is held indoors toward the end of the season.

Q99. In which event did Shourya Ambure win bronze at the 2026 Youth Olympic Games? [09 Nov]

2026 युवा ओलंपिक खेलों में शौर्या अंबुरे ने किस स्पर्धा में कांस्य पदक जीता?

(a) Women's 200 m
(b) Women's 400 m hurdles
(c) Women's long jump
(d) Women's 100 m hurdles
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Women's 100 m hurdles

1. **Shourya Ambure** won the **women's 100 m hurdles** bronze in Dakar, Senegal, on 8 November 2026.
2. She recorded a personal best of **13.59 seconds** in the final after running 13.77 seconds in the semi-final.
3. **Zhang Keyi** of China won gold in 13.17 seconds. **Anna Peeters** of France took silver, finishing 0.02 seconds ahead of Ambure.
4. The result made Ambure the first Indian woman to win a track medal at the **Youth Olympic Games**.

Q100. Which driver won the 2026 São Paulo Grand Prix at Interlagos? [09 Nov]

इंटरलागोस में आयोजित 2026 साओ पाउलो ग्रां प्री किस चालक ने जीती?

(a) Lando Norris
(b) Max Verstappen
(c) George Russell
(d) Isack Hadjar
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Lando Norris

1. McLaren driver **Lando Norris** won the São Paulo Grand Prix at **Interlagos** on 8 November 2026.
2. **Max Verstappen** finished second and **Isack Hadjar** completed the podium. Norris earned his third victory of the season.
3. Mercedes secured its **ninth** Formula One Constructors' Championship at the same event, with George Russell and Kimi Antonelli placing fourth and fifth.
4. Lewis Hamilton made his **400th** Formula One start, the second driver to reach the milestone after Fernando Alonso.

Q101. Which Zimbabwe batter scored an unbeaten 206 against Afghanistan in the November 2026 Sharjah Test? [10 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 के शारजाह टेस्ट में अफगानिस्तान के खिलाफ किस जिम्बाब्वे बल्लेबाज ने नाबाद 206 रन बनाए?

(a) Sean Williams
(b) Craig Ervine
(c) Sikandar Raza
(d) Wessly Madhevere
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Craig Ervine

1. **Craig Ervine** scored **206 not out** from 279 balls against Afghanistan in **Sharjah** on 9 November 2026.
2. At **41 years** and 82 days he was reported as the third-oldest player to make a Test double-century. **Eric Rowan** and Jack Hobbs were older at the time of their double-centuries.
3. Ervine and **Wessly Madhevere** added an unbeaten 208 for the sixth wicket. Madhevere remained unbeaten on 100.

Q102. Who received the most votes in the Indian Olympic Association's women's Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit election in November 2026? [11 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में भारतीय ओलंपिक संघ के महिला स्पोर्ट्सपर्सन्स ऑफ आउटस्टैंडिंग मेरिट चुनाव में सबसे अधिक वोट किसे मिले?

(a) Anju Bobby George
(b) Rani Rampal
(c) Saina Nehwal
(d) P. T. Usha
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Anju Bobby George

1. **Anju Bobby George** led with **53 votes**. Rani Rampal, Dola Banerjee and Saina Nehwal also won places among the four women elected.
2. P. T. Usha received 40 votes and missed a seat in the **Sportspersons of Outstanding Merit** (**SOM**) group. Four male SOM representatives were elected unopposed.
3. The eight representatives join the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) **General Assembly**. The SOM election and the scheduled **5 December** presidential election are separate contests.

Q103. Who was elected chairperson of the Indian Olympic Association Athletes' Commission for 2026–2030? [11 Nov]

2026–2030 के लिए भारतीय ओलंपिक संघ के एथलीट आयोग की अध्यक्ष कौन चुनी गईं?

(a) Mirabai Chanu
(b) P. V. Sindhu
(c) Harmanpreet Singh
(d) Rani Rampal
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) P. V. Sindhu

1. Badminton player **P. V. Sindhu** was elected chairperson unopposed for the 2026–2030 term. Hockey captain **Harmanpreet Singh** was elected vice-chairperson.
2. **Mirabai Chanu** and **Sajan Prakash** were elected as the female and male athlete representatives to the IOA General Assembly.
3. **The Athletes' Commission** brings athletes' views into the **Indian Olympic Association** (IOA). The commission chair and vice-chair are distinct from the General Assembly athlete representatives.

Q104. How many medals did India win at the 2026 World Armwrestling Championships in New Delhi? [11 Nov]

नई दिल्ली में आयोजित 2026 विश्व आर्मरेसलिंग चैंपियनशिप में भारत ने कितने पदक जीते?

(a) 48
(b) 53
(c) 59
(d) 65
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 59

1. India finished fifth overall among 65 participating nations and won 59 medals. The tally comprised nine gold, **19 silver** and **31 bronze** medals.
2. **The New Delhi** event combined the 47th **World Armwrestling Championship** with the 28th World Para Armwrestling Championship.
3. **Jincymol Sebastian** won on both arms in her category. Russia led the standings, ahead of **Kazakhstan and Türkiye**.

Q105. Which two Indian boxers won gold at the Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games? [13 Nov]

डकार 2026 युवा ओलंपिक खेलों में किन दो भारतीय मुक्केबाज़ों ने स्वर्ण पदक जीते?

(a) Jaismine Lamboria and Sachin Siwach
(b) Nikhat Zareen and Amit Panghal
(c) Gunjan and Ambekar Meetei Lairenlakpam
(d) Preeti Pawar and Nishant Dev
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Gunjan and Ambekar Meetei Lairenlakpam

1. Gunjan beat **Algeria's Bouthaina Bensalah** 5–0 in the women's 48 kg final. **Ambekar Meetei Lairenlakpam** defeated **Ireland's Kristian Jubani** 3–2 in the men's 50 kg final.
2. The wins were India's first **Youth Olympic** boxing gold medals. Both members of the Indian boxing contingent finished with gold.
3. The **2026 Youth Olympic Games** took place in Dakar, Senegal. The two wins brought India's reported tally to two gold, three silver and five bronze medals.

Q106. Where was Harmanpreet Kaur's life-sized wax statue unveiled on 13 November 2026? [13 Nov]

13 नवंबर 2026 को हरमनप्रीत कौर की आदमकद मोम प्रतिमा का अनावरण कहाँ किया गया?

(a) Madame Tussauds, Delhi
(b) Jaipur Wax Museum at Nahargarh Fort
(c) City Palace Museum, Udaipur
(d) Albert Hall Museum, Jaipur
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Jaipur Wax Museum at Nahargarh Fort

1. The **Jaipur Wax Museum at Nahargarh Fort** unveiled the statue in recognition of **Harmanpreet Kaur's** leadership in India's first International Cricket Council (ICC) Women's Cricket World Cup title run.
2. In the title match on **2 November 2025**, India defeated **South Africa** by **52 runs** at Navi Mumbai. Harmanpreet captained the side in the final.
3. She stepped down as India captain across formats on **6 October 2026** and continued as a player.

Q107. Who was named the ICC Men's Player of the Month for October 2026? [14 Nov]

अक्टूबर 2026 के लिए आईसीसी पुरुष प्लेयर ऑफ द मंथ किसे चुना गया?

(a) Kagiso Rabada
(b) Aiden Markram
(c) Marco Jansen
(d) Pat Cummins
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Marco Jansen

1. South African all-rounder **Marco Jansen** won his first International Cricket Council (ICC) monthly award. He made **198 runs** and took **13 wickets** in the three-Test series against Australia.
2. **South Africa** recovered from a 1–0 deficit to win 2–1. At Gqeberha, Jansen scored **85 runs** and took six wickets in the second Test, including a spell of 5/33.
3. His series performances also helped him reach the top of the **ICC Test** bowling and all-rounder rankings.

Q108. Which Indian all-rounder received the ICC Women's Player of the Month award for October 2026? [14 Nov]

अक्टूबर 2026 का आईसीसी महिला प्लेयर ऑफ द मंथ पुरस्कार किस भारतीय ऑलराउंडर को मिला?

(a) Smriti Mandhana
(b) Deepti Sharma
(c) Jemimah Rodrigues
(d) Harmanpreet Kaur
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Deepti Sharma

1. **Deepti Sharma** won her second **International Cricket Council** (ICC) monthly award. Her first was in December 2023.
2. She scored **155 runs** and took seven wickets in six international matches during Zimbabwe's tour of India. In the second **One Day International** (ODI), she scored 106 not out and took three wickets.
3. India won that ODI by **121 runs**. **The ICC** introduced its Player of the Month awards in January 2021.

Q109. How old was Vaibhav Sooryavanshi when he set the men's T20 captaincy age record in November 2026? [14 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में पुरुष टी20 क्रिकेट में सबसे कम उम्र की कप्तानी का रिकॉर्ड बनाते समय वैभव सूर्यवंशी की उम्र कितनी थी?

(a) 16 years and 232 days
(b) 17 years and 311 days
(c) 15 years and 311 days
(d) 15 years and 232 days
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 15 years and 232 days

1. **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** captained Bihar against Saurashtra at **Holkar Stadium**, Indore, on **14 November** in the 2026–27 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.
2. At **15 years and 232 days**, he surpassed Croatia's Zach Vukusic, who had led his country in August 2025 at **17 years** and 311 days.
3. Bihar appointed Sooryavanshi for its first two matches, with **Suraj Kashyap** as vice-captain.

Awards & Honours

Q110. Which French decoration was conferred on Indian cardiac surgeon Devi Prasad Shetty in November 2026? [09 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में भारतीय हृदय शल्य चिकित्सक देवी प्रसाद शेट्टी को फ्रांस का कौन-सा सम्मान दिया गया?

(a) Legion of Honour
(b) Knight of the National Order of Merit
(c) Order of Arts and Letters
(d) Order of Agricultural Merit
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Knight of the National Order of Merit

1. France awarded **Devi Prasad Shetty** the rank of Knight in the National Order of Merit. He founded Narayana Health.
2. **Marc Lamy**, the French Consul General in Bengaluru, presented the decoration on **5 November 2026**.

3. The award recognised support to the French consulate and community during the **COVID**-19 pandemic, including help with medical care and vaccination.
4. President Charles de Gaulle created the **National Order of Merit** in December **1963**. It ranks after the Legion of Honour among France's national orders.

Q111. Which edition of Swachh Survekshan was recognised at the November 2026 awards ceremony? [09 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 के पुरस्कार समारोह में स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण के किस संस्करण के लिए पुरस्कार दिए गए?

(a) Eighth
(b) Ninth
(c) Tenth
(d) Eleventh
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Tenth

1. The 2025–26 awards covered the **tenth** edition of Swachh Survekshan. President Droupadi Murmu conferred the awards at **Vigyan Bhawan** in New Delhi on **11 November 2026**.
2. The survey evaluates urban sanitation and waste management under the **Swachh** Bharat Mission-Urban.
3. The assessment covered **4,751 urban local bodies** using 176 sub-indicators in ten sections.
4. The ceremony also recognised work under **Swachh Shehar Jodi**, which pairs cities for peer learning on sanitation.

Q112. Who won the 2026 Booker Prize for The End of Everything? [10 Nov]

द एंड ऑफ एवरीथिंग के लिए 2026 का बुकर पुरस्कार किसने जीता?

(a) David Szalay
(b) Percival Everett
(c) Paul Lynch
(d) M. John Harrison
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) M. John Harrison

1. **M. John Harrison** won the 2026 Booker Prize for **The End of Everything**. The winner was announced on 9 November 2026.
2. At 81, Harrison became the oldest author to win the prize. His novel, published by **Serpent's Tail**, is set on the Kent coast after a catastrophe.
3. **The Booker Prize** awards **£50,000** to the winner. The 2026 judging panel was chaired by **Mary Beard**.

Q113. What was India's medal tally at the fifth International Olympiad on Astronomy and Astrophysics for Juniors in 2026? [10 Nov]

2026 में जूनियर्स के पाँचवें अंतरराष्ट्रीय खगोल विज्ञान और खगोल भौतिकी ओलंपियाड में भारत ने कितने पदक जीते?

(a) Two gold, two silver and one bronze
(b) Three gold and two silver
(c) One gold, two silver and two bronze
(d) Two gold and three bronze
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Two gold, two silver and one bronze

1. India secured **five medals** at the junior olympiad in **Ubon Ratchathani**, Thailand. The competition ran from 1 to 8 November 2026.
2. **Siddharth Laxmisha** and **Swara Srujal Patel** won gold. Aarna Chaplot and Krish Bhaskar won silver, while Akshara Gulab Ambone won bronze.
3. **The National Council of Science Museums** (**NCSM**) facilitated India's participation. The competition tested theory, observation and practical astronomy.

Q114. Which city topped the million-plus population category in Swachh Survekshan 2025–26? [12 Nov]

स्वच्छ सर्वेक्षण 2025–26 की दस लाख से अधिक आबादी वाली श्रेणी में कौन-सा शहर शीर्ष पर रहा?

(a) Vijayawada
(b) Visakhapatnam
(c) Navi Mumbai
(d) Surat
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Visakhapatnam

1. **President Droupadi Murmu** presented the tenth **Swachh Survekshan** awards at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) exercise covered 4,751 cities and received feedback from **2.70 crore** citizens.
2. **Visakhapatnam** topped the million-plus population category. **Navi Mumbai**, **Surat and Vijayawada** were among the cities recognised in the Super Swachh League.
3. The assessment used 43 indicators spanning urban sanitation, waste services, citizen participation and the welfare of sanitation workers.

Q115. Who won the Infosys Prize 2026 in Economics? [12 Nov]

अर्थशास्त्र में 2026 का इन्फोसिस पुरस्कार किसे मिला?

(a) Gautam Bhatia
(b) Swarun Kumar
(c) Riddhipratim Basu
(d) Karthik Sastry
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) Karthik Sastry

1. **The Infosys Science Foundation** recognised **Karthik Sastry** for research on climate change, technological innovation and fluctuations in economic activity.
2. **Swarun Kumar** won in **Engineering and Computer Science**, Gautam Bhatia in Humanities and Social Sciences, Isha Jain in Life Sciences, Riddhipratim Basu in Mathematical Sciences and Manoj Kumar Joshi in Physical Sciences.
3. The prize, instituted in **2009**, comprises a gold medal, a citation and **US**$100,000 or its equivalent. Since 2024 its eligibility has focused on researchers under 40.

Q116. How many sportspersons received the Arjuna Award at the National Sports Awards 2025 ceremony held in November 2026? [13 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में आयोजित राष्ट्रीय खेल पुरस्कार 2025 समारोह में कितने खिलाड़ियों को अर्जुन पुरस्कार मिला?

(a) 11
(b) 15
(c) 19
(d) 17
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 17

1. President Droupadi Murmu presented the awards on **13 November** at Rashtrapati Bhavan. Seventeen athletes from 11 disciplines received the regular **Arjuna Award**.
2. The recipients included decathlete **Tejaswin Shankar** and chess players Divya Deshmukh and Vidit Gujrathi. Former footballer I. Arumainayagam received the lifetime Arjuna Award.
3. Five coaches received **Dronacharya Awards**. **The Army Paralympic Node**, Pune, received the **Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar**. The award list had no Khel Ratna recipient for 2025.

Q117. Which aerospace scientist was selected for the Indian Institute of Science Distinguished Alumnus Award 2026? [13 Nov]

भारतीय विज्ञान संस्थान के विशिष्ट पूर्व छात्र पुरस्कार 2026 के लिए किस एयरोस्पेस वैज्ञानिक का चयन हुआ?

(a) Maruthi R. Akella
(b) K. Sivan
(c) S. Somanath
(d) G. Satheesh Reddy
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Maruthi R. Akella

1. **Maruthi R. Akella** studied at the **Indian Institute of Science** (IISc), Bengaluru, and earned his doctorate at Texas A&M University. His research specialises in aerospace guidance and control.
2. His group helped develop an onboard guidance algorithm for **Intuitive Machines' IM-1** lander, Odysseus. The mission achieved the first successful **United States** lunar landing since **1972**.
3. Minor planet 5376 was named Maruthiakella in his honour in **2024**.

Q118. Which group from Karnataka received the Plant Genome Saviour Community Award in November 2026? [14 Nov]

नवंबर 2026 में कर्नाटक के किस समूह को प्लांट जीनोम सेवियर कम्युनिटी अवॉर्ड मिला?

(a) Bibi Fathima Self-Help Group
(b) Sanjeevini Farmers' Collective
(c) Kaveri Seed Conservators
(d) Sahyadri Organic Growers
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Bibi Fathima Self-Help Group

1. The women-led **Bibi Fathima Self-Help Group** (SHG) from Theertha village was honoured for conserving indigenous seeds and traditional crops. The Community Award carries ₹**10 lakh**, a citation and a memento.
2. **Farmer Eshwaragouda Patil** was recognised for helping revive proso millet (Baragu) and browntop millet (Korale). The awards were presented in New Delhi on **12 November**.
3. **The Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority** (**PPVFRA**) operates under the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and was established under the 2001 Act of the same name.

Books & Authors

Q119. Who wrote the memoir Belonging: A Journey of Love, scheduled for publication on 10 November 2026? [10 Nov]

10 नवंबर 2026 को प्रकाशित होने के लिए निर्धारित संस्मरण बिलॉन्गिंग: अ जर्नी ऑफ लव किसने लिखा?

(a) Indra Nooyi
(b) Priyanka Gandhi Vadra
(c) Sonia Gandhi
(d) Arundhati Roy
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Sonia Gandhi

1. **Belonging: A Journey of Love** is a memoir by **Sonia Gandhi**. **HarperCollins India** is the Indian publisher.
2. The account follows her early years in Italy and her life in India. It includes her meeting with Rajiv Gandhi in **Cambridge** and their marriage.
3. The book also traces events that shaped her public life. Sonia Gandhi joined the **Indian National Congress** in 1997 and became its president in **1998**.

Q120. Which cricketer wrote the autobiography Sabr: Finding My Way in Cricket and Life? [14 Nov]

सब्र: फाइंडिंग माई वे इन क्रिकेट एंड लाइफ आत्मकथा किस क्रिकेटर ने लिखी?

(a) David Warner
(b) Pat Cummins
(c) Usman Khawaja
(d) Steve Smith
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Usman Khawaja

1. **Australian Test** cricketer **Usman Khawaja**'s memoir was published by **Penguin Books Australia in November 2026**. Its title uses the Arabic word sabr, which conveys patience and perseverance.
2. The book traces his childhood, his experience of Australian cricket, career setbacks and his return to the Test side in **2022**.
3. It discusses identity and discrimination as well as his personal account of the **2018** ball-tampering episode.