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22 Oct Fisheries Investors & Exporters Conclave in Bhopal on 23 October; inland fisheries gave nearly three-fourths of India's fish in 2024-25 PIB 2326360

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23 Oct Finance Minister chairs 30th FSDC meeting; Council takes note of the Financial Sector Cyber Security Strategy PIB 2327596

23 Oct SMFCL, India's first maritime NBFC, has disbursed ₹5,107 crore and targets ₹60,205 crore by FY2031 PIB 2327664

23 Oct DRI's Operation Deep Manifest seizes about 25,000 kg of Pakistan-origin watermelon seeds routed through Dubai PIB 2327627

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24 Oct Satna–Devendranagar (53 km) and Rewa–Churhat (65 km) rail sections of the Lalitpur–Singrauli project opened in Madhya Pradesh PIB 2328070

25 Oct PM inaugurates RBI's new Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute in Bhubaneswar PIB 2328250

25 Oct 139th 'Mann Ki Baat' marks 12 years of the programme; PM highlights rising Khadi sales PIB 2328288

26 Oct RELIEF export support under the Export Promotion Mission extended till 31 March 2027 PIB 2328402

26 Oct ASUSE to align with the financial year: ASUSE 2027-28 proposed to run from April 2027 to March 2028 PIB 2328476

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26 Oct Railway Minister and West Bengal Chief Minister flag off the Jaipur (Khatipura)-Tatanagar-Santragachi Express PIB 2328643

27 Oct DPIIT: 2,50,046 startups recognised; guarantee cover per borrower under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups now Rs 20 crore (doubled from Rs 10 crore) PIB 2328842

27 Oct TRAI data for September 2026: 1367.93 million telephone subscribers; overall tele-density (with M2M connections) 95.52% PIB 2328945

27 Oct DPIIT launches the 6th edition of the National Startup Awards (NSA 6.0) with 20 sectoral and 3 special categories; applications open from 27 October to 20 November 2026 PIB 2329132

28 Oct Cabinet approves the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme with a budgetary outlay of Rs 10,000 crore up to FY 2039-40 PIB 2329476

28 Oct Cabinet approves the Khelo India Sports Goods Manufacturing Scheme with an outlay of Rs 1,856.67 crore for 2026 to 2033-34 PIB 2329481

28 Oct Quick Estimates: India's Index of Industrial Production grows 6.7% in September 2026 (base 2022-23=100), with manufacturing up 7.6% and electricity and gas supply up 11.2% PIB 2329475

28 Oct Rs 1,000 crore margin money subsidy released under PMEGP to support 11,333 new micro enterprises PIB 2329819

29 Oct MoSPI releases the Sub-Sectoral Trial Index of Services Production (ISP) for August 2026 for 19 sub-sectors, with base year 2024-25 PIB 2330036

29 Oct Amit Shah chairs 93rd meeting of NCDC's General Council; NCDC records net profit of ₹1,475 crore, loan recovery rate of 99.84 per cent and zero net NPA in FY 2025-26 PIB 2330122

30 Oct Government constitutes the High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, with former Central Vigilance Commissioner Suresh N. Patel as Chairman PIB 2330598

30 Oct Monthly accounts up to September 2026: Government of India's receipts at ₹18,35,422 crore (50.3% of BE 2026-27), total expenditure at ₹25,49,835 crore (47.7% of BE) PIB 2330455

30 Oct UPI acceptance enabled for online bookings at 'At the Top, Burj Khalifa' and Resorts World Sentosa under NPCI International's partnerships PIB 2330558

31 Oct Union Government releases ₹1,09,019 crore of tax devolution to States as an additional instalment, in view of the upcoming festive season PIB 2330997

31 Oct Government extends the customs duty exemption on cotton imports by two months, up to 31 December 2026 PIB 2330823

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9 Oct NHRC to Celebrate 33rd Foundation Day on 12 October 2026; Chief Justice of India to be Chief Guest PIB 2321285

11 Oct RRBs Notify 3,548 Graduate-Level NTPC Posts Under CEN 06/2026; Apply by 6 November PIB 2321873

11 Oct PM Launches Projects Worth Over ₹13,000 Crore in Chennai, Opens New Chennai Metro Stretch PIB 2321985

12 Oct PM GatiShakti at Five: GIS-Based Master Plan Now Spans 58 Central Ministries and All 36 States/UTs PIB 2322164

12 Oct PM-SETU: AM/NS India to Upgrade Nine Government ITIs in Surat and Visakhapatnam Under ₹440 Crore Plan PIB 2322170

12 Oct Rural Development Ministry Signs MoU with National Academy of RUDSETI; RSETIs to Train 6.35 Lakh Rural Youth This Year PIB 2322563

12 Oct National SARAS Mela Moves Outside Delhi-NCR for the First Time: Vijayawada to Host It from 13 to 31 October PIB 2322458

12 Oct Six Governors Appointed: Arlekar Shifted to Tamil Nadu, O.P. Mathur to Keralam PIB 2322578

12 Oct NHRC Turns 33: CJI Surya Kant Calls the Commission a Guiding Light, Right to Water in Focus PIB 2322423

14 Oct Cabinet Renames NSAP as 'Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana', Extends It to 2030-31, Eases Disability Pension Criteria PIB 2323264

15 Oct PM inaugurates five development projects worth about Rs 3,350 crore in Ladakh PIB 2323795

15 Oct NHAI introduces independent design checks for major bridges and critical national highway structures PIB 2323906

16 Oct PM-SETU committee approves Rs 1,194.92 crore for five ITI clusters in Maharashtra, Odisha and J&K PIB 2324330

18 Oct NCRTC marks Namo Bharat Diwas: over 4.5 crore journeys in three years on the 82-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut corridor PIB 2324914

19 Oct CCPA acts against online sale of explosives: 3,940 sellers and listings removed from 7 platforms, Rs 10 lakh penalties on Dial4Trade and ExportersIndia PIB 2325128

20 Oct UDAN completes ten years: 687 routes, 95 aerodromes, 1.72 crore passengers; next phase to 2035-36 with Rs 28,840 crore outlay PIB 2325359

21 Oct Police Commemoration Day: Amit Shah pays tribute at the National Police Memorial, sets 31 December 2029 target for a drug-free India PIB 2325853

22 Oct Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026 at Ekta Nagar on 31 October: Vande Mataram theme, NSD play based on Anandamath PIB 2326165

23 Oct 19th Urban Mobility India Conference opens in Bhubaneswar on the theme 'Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age' PIB 2327551

24 Oct Viksit Bharat-G RAM G, in force since 1 July 2026, guarantees 125 days of rural wage work; over 31.69 crore person-days by 24 September PIB 2327845

25 Oct NCB's 'Operation Trident': 38 teams strike 38 locations in Assam, Mizoram and Manipur against a narco-cartel PIB 2328181

25 Oct CCPA fines a firm ₹1 lakh for misleading walkie-talkie ads; over 16,970 non-compliant listings found online PIB 2328200

27 Oct PIB backgrounder on Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY): Rs 77.98 crore released to 755 IPSrC projects for the quarter ending 30 September 2026 PIB 2328814

27 Oct CVC observes Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 from 26 October to 1 November on the theme 'Probity for Prosperity' PIB 2328846

27 Oct Concessional Local Pass for National Highway users living within 20 km of a fee plaza: Rs 1,500 or Rs 3,000 a year, from 1 November 2026 PIB 2329077

28 Oct NHRC issues an Advisory on the 'Protection of Human Rights of Female Inmates and their Children', seeks Action Taken Reports within two months PIB 2329351

28 Oct Cabinet approves the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Gram Swaraj Yojana as a Centrally Sponsored Scheme for 2026-27 to 2030-31 with an outlay of Rs 7,395.55 crore PIB 2329483

28 Oct PM chairs the 54th PRAGATI meeting; reviews infrastructure projects worth over Rs 16,000 crore across 31 States and UTs PIB 2329801

29 Oct ESIC extends the New Amnesty Scheme 2025 by three months, till 31 December 2026 PIB 2329854

29 Oct Adjudicatory Board for Major Ports launches e-Filing Portal and releases User Manual at Cochin Port Authority, Kochi PIB 2330017

30 Oct Labour Ministry notifies the National Social Security Board for Unorganised Workers and Gig & Platform Workers, to be presided over by the Union Minister for Labour & Employment PIB 2330299

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8 Oct Indian Air Force Celebrates 94th Air Force Day at Air Force Station Hindan PIB 2320862

10 Oct Tarang Shakti 2026: Rajnath Singh Addresses IAF-Hosted Multinational Air Exercise at Jodhpur PIB 2321694

10 Oct Navy's Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Shreyas' Launched at GRSE Kolkata PIB 2321795

11 Oct INS Sahyadri Reaches Vladivostok for India-Russia Naval Exercise INDRA 2026 PIB 2321926

11 Oct INS Trishul Joins Royal Navy off Plymouth for Exercise KONKAN-26 PIB 2321915

12 Oct Army Introduces 'Bharat Rice' for Troops, Signs MoU to Use FCI Warehouses in Operational Contingencies PIB 2322149

12 Oct Coast Guard Mountaineers Summit Mount Mukut as Final Rehearsal for 2027 Everest Bid PIB 2322315

12 Oct INS Mangrol, Third Mahe-Class Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Craft, Joins the Navy PIB 2322494

12 Oct INS Tarkash Heads to South Africa for Ninth India-Brazil-South Africa Naval Exercise IBSAMAR PIB 2322377

13 Oct Indian Navy to Commission Indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel Samarthak at Karwar on 16 October PIB 2322795

14 Oct Indian Navy Completes Maiden Command of Combined Maritime Forces' Task Force 154 PIB 2323572

14 Oct First ASEAN-India Defence Think Tank Forum held at MP-IDSA in New Delhi PIB 2323085

15 Oct MoD signs Rs 4,106 crore contracts for GSAT-7C satellite for IAF and Varunastra torpedoes for Navy PIB 2323814

16 Oct Vice-President commissions INS Samarthak, the Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel, at Karwar PIB 2324319

16 Oct 14th India-Mongolia defence Joint Working Group meets in Ulaanbaatar PIB 2324373

17 Oct India-UK naval exercise KONKAN-26 concludes off Plymouth PIB 2324800

19 Oct Fifth India–Australia exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 begins at Thiruvananthapuram, with a New Zealand observer delegation for the first time PIB 2325246

21 Oct Defence Ministry signs ₹770 crore contract with BEL for Improved Low Level Light Weight Radars for the Army PIB 2325933

22 Oct SIMBEX-2026: 33rd India-Singapore maritime exercise opens at Visakhapatnam, runs 21 to 26 October PIB 2326348

22 Oct Indian Navy's First Training Squadron reaches Malé, Maldives, on its Long Range Training Deployment PIB 2326662

23 Oct INDRA 2026: India-Russia bilateral naval exercise concludes; INS Sahyadri departs Vladivostok PIB 2327353

23 Oct Indian Navy to host Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue 2026 in New Delhi on 3-5 November on 'Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific' PIB 2327189

24 Oct DRDO's indigenous AIP Energy Module for Navy submarines enters 'Setting to Work Phase-2' at L&T Hazira PIB 2328040

26 Oct DAC accords AoN to capital acquisition proposals worth about Rs 2,12,000 crore; about 82% to be procured from Indian industry PIB 2328486

27 Oct 11th edition of the India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise GARUDA SHAKTI begins at Banyuwangi, Indonesia PIB 2328954

27 Oct 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026), hosted by the Indian Navy at Visakhapatnam, concludes PIB 2329151

27 Oct Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Srishti' (Yard 1283) launched at Goa Shipyard Limited, Goa PIB 2329197

28 Oct Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh meets US Secretary of War Pete Hegseth on the sidelines of the 13th ADMM-Plus in Cebu, Philippines; the two review the 10-year India-US Defence Framework PIB 2329441

28 Oct INS Sahyadri arrives at Busan, Republic of Korea, for the India-Republic of Korea Navy bilateral exercise PIB 2329562

28 Oct Swavlamban 2026, the fifth edition of the Indian Navy's Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar, concludes at the Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi PIB 2330137

29 Oct Raksha Mantri at the 13th ADMM-Plus in Cebu: India committed to collective regional security and eradication of terrorism, ready to share battle-tested expertise with partners PIB 2329874

29 Oct INS Trishul concludes port call at Civitavecchia, Italy, during her operational deployment in the Mediterranean Sea PIB 2330070

30 Oct Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia, AOC-in-C Eastern Air Command, appointed Vice Chief of the Air Staff from 1 November 2026 PIB 2330557

31 Oct Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit assumes charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff; Air Chief Marshal AP Singh superannuates after 42 years of service PIB 2330846

31 Oct Inaugural BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise under way from 30 October to 3 November 2026 PIB 2330850

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10 Oct Australia's Milton Dick Elected IPU President at 153rd Assembly in Arusha PIB 2321679

10 Oct Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh to Visit Cyprus and Greece, 12-15 October 2026 PIB 2321726

12 Oct Sitharaman Wraps Up Singapore Visit Aimed at Drawing Long-Term Investment into India PIB 2322491

12 Oct First India-UK JETCO Since Trade Pact Took Effect Sets Goal of Doubling Trade by 2030 PIB 2322389

12 Oct India to Host the First-Ever BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi on 13 October PIB 2322415

12 Oct 8th India-UK Science and Innovation Council Meets in Delhi; Genomics Centre of Excellence Opened PIB 2322306

13 Oct First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting Concludes in New Delhi with Adoption of the Delhi Declaration PIB 2322964

15 Oct 14th High Level Meeting between Indian Coast Guard and Korea Coast Guard held at Incheon PIB 2324098

18 Oct Rajnath Singh to represent India at 25th SCO Council of Heads of Government meeting in Dushanbe PIB 2324852

19 Oct India to host the 61st meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) for the first time, in New Delhi on 26-28 October PIB 2324997

19 Oct India–New Zealand FTA enters into force on 20 October 2026: duty-free access for all Indian goods, USD 20 billion investment commitment PIB 2325235

20 Oct Rajnath Singh at the 25th SCO Council of Heads of Government in Dushanbe: unified action against terrorism, support for the 2026-2030 trade action plan PIB 2325428

22 Oct India and Poland target doubling bilateral trade by 2030; Poland joins CDRI during PM Donald Tusk's visit PIB 2326568

22 Oct India to host 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in Samvidhan Sadan's Central Hall on 26-27 October 2026 PIB 2326629

26 Oct PM congratulates Lula da Silva on his re-election as President of Brazil PIB 2328341

26 Oct Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurates the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum 2026 at Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi PIB 2328441

26 Oct India hosts the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) in New Delhi, for the first time PIB 2328661

28 Oct India and Mexico sign the Terms of Reference, formally launching negotiations for a Preferential Trade Agreement PIB 2329303

28 Oct Piyush Goyal meets Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein during the Prince's State Visit to India; talks focus on investment under the India-EFTA TEPA PIB 2329411

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8 Oct Prime Minister Inaugurates 10th Edition of India Mobile Congress 2026 in New Delhi PIB 2320798

9 Oct Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh Launches Redeveloped, Multilingual DST and MoST Websites PIB 2321379

10 Oct India Hosts Second Meeting of UN Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems at India Mobile Congress 2026 PIB 2321784

12 Oct ₹1 Lakh Crore RDI Fund Names Its First 19 Second Level Fund Managers, Commits ₹7,131 Crore PIB 2322295

12 Oct TDB Commits ₹86 Crore from RDI Fund to Bengaluru's Peptris for AI-Discovered Drug Candidates PIB 2322077

12 Oct ARIES-Led Study Links the Sun's Bright Microwave Poles to Its Polar Magnetic Field and Coronal Holes PIB 2322253

12 Oct IMD Opens Interactive Cyclone and Marine Weather Decision Support System to the Public PIB 2322562

13 Oct BHASHINI's Shrutlekh Provides Live English-Spanish Translation for Foreign Civil Servants at NCGG Mussoorie PIB 2322621

15 Oct NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub releases Data Centre Evaluation Framework to help states plan sustainable growth PIB 2323840

15 Oct Digital India BHASHINI Division signs MoU with Manipur to advance multilingual AI at Imphal workshop PIB 2323665

15 Oct ESTIC 2026 curtain-raiser: second science, technology and innovation conclave at Bharat Mandapam from 27 to 29 October PIB 2323783

16 Oct TDB-DST signs Rs 150 crore RDI Fund agreement with QNu Labs for India's quantum-secure and sensing network stack PIB 2324307

16 Oct BHASHINI and IISc Bengaluru build text-to-speech models for Sourashtra, a low-resource language of Tamil Nadu PIB 2324289

16 Oct University of Kerala team identifies Martian analogue minerals at Neyveli, the Tiruchirappalli Badlands and Chile's Atacama Desert PIB 2324335

17 Oct India's space economy, about USD 9 billion now, expected to reach USD 40-45 billion in seven to eight years: Dr Jitendra Singh PIB 2324662

19 Oct All ten MoES research institutes become AcSIR Associated Research Institutes for PhD programmes in earth system sciences PIB 2324987

20 Oct India targets 100 GW of nuclear power by 2047: Jitendra Singh says the nuclear programme is for peaceful purposes and nuclear power will back AI and data centres PIB 2325436

23 Oct C-DAC and Bank of India sign MoU to build a 'Quantum Ecosystem for Financial Innovation' PIB 2327274

23 Oct BHASHINI Konkani Large Language Model launched at Goa AI Tech Conclave 2026 PIB 2327469

24 Oct AATAL, a 'first-of-its-kind' air pollution analysis laboratory for Delhi-NCR, opens at IITM's Delhi branch PIB 2327957

26 Oct Technology Development Board signs ₹116 crore RDI Fund support agreement with Manastu Space for green propulsion PIB 2328399

27 Oct ZSI describes a new deep-sea electric ray, Tetronarce ramanamurthyi (Arabian Black Electric Ray), from the southeastern Arabian Sea PIB 2328914

27 Oct At the inauguration of ESTIC 2026, the Prime Minister says a total new commitment of 24 thousand crore rupees was made for Research and Development in just one year PIB 2329161

28 Oct PIB backgrounder on India's new-age space technologies: SpaDeX made India the fourth country to demonstrate space docking; NGLV designed for up to 30 tonnes to Low Earth Orbit PIB 2329355

29 Oct PIB Backgrounder on India's cloud ecosystem: MeghRaj, launched in 2014, adopted by 2,330 government departments; 30 cloud service providers empanelled PIB 2329978

31 Oct PM congratulates ISRO scientists and engineers on the successful launch of GSLV-F18 carrying NVS-03 PIB 2330735

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2 Oct Mumbai's Jawahar Dweep Becomes India's First Plastic-Free Oil Terminal PIB 2318498

4 Oct Two Great Indian Bustards Released Into the Wild at Desert National Park, Jaisalmer PIB 2318842

7 Oct COP31 Should Focus on Closing Gaps, Fulfilling Commitments and Accelerating Implementation of Paris Agreement, Stresses India PIB 2319890

10 Oct National Biodiversity Authority Shares ₹2.02 Crore of Seed-Sector Benefit-Sharing Money with 27 States and 3 UTs PIB 2321791

11 Oct Pulses Self-Reliance Mission Turns One: ₹11,440 Crore Plan Targets 350 Lakh Tonnes by 2030-31 PIB 2321892

12 Oct International Big Cat Alliance Moves Into New Headquarters at 55 Lodhi Estate, New Delhi PIB 2322416

12 Oct PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana at One Year: Gaya, Nagaur and Umaria Ranked Best Districts PIB 2322267

13 Oct Namami Gange: Compliance of Grossly Polluting Industries in Ganga Basin Rises from 39% to 86% Since 2017 PIB 2322666

13 Oct ICAR's Soybean Harvest Day: New Varieties NRC 268 and NRC 270 Show Yields Near 20 Quintals/Hectare Despite Poor Weather PIB 2322744

14 Oct Centre approves India's accession to the Southern Indian Ocean Fisheries Agreement (SIOFA) PIB 2323370

15 Oct India's Ramsar site tally reaches 103 with Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh) and Sauj Jheel (Uttar Pradesh) PIB 2324120

15 Oct Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026 observed on 15 October with theme on women farmers' role in a developed India PIB 2323959

17 Oct NBA disburses Rs 1.19 crore in access and benefit-sharing funds to 29 State Biodiversity Boards and one UT council PIB 2324757

18 Oct PIB backgrounder: ICAR-CPRI's purple potato Kufri Jamunia, a biofortified variety richer in vitamin C, iron and zinc PIB 2324875

19 Oct Fisheries Secretary reviews Pithoragarh coldwater fisheries cluster: trout output near 5,000 MT, Rs 2,299 crore invested in hill states under PMMSY PIB 2325058

19 Oct Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches upgraded Agri Welfare Portal: one mobile-friendly window to PM-KISAN, AgriStack and PMFBY, with KVK training for farmers PIB 2325129

22 Oct 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference opens at Bharat Mandapam; India's non-fossil power capacity has crossed 308 GW PIB 2326152

22 Oct Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches nationwide 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan' from Taraori, Karnal, against unbalanced use of fertilisers PIB 2326933

24 Oct 11 crore Farmer IDs created under the Digital Agriculture Mission, five months ahead of the 31 March 2027 deadline PIB 2327905

25 Oct India's Ramsar network stands at 103 sites, first in Asia and third in the world PIB 2328132

26 Oct PIB backgrounder on 'Catch the Rain': over 1.55 crore artificial recharge and storage structures built under Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari PIB 2328335

26 Oct MoRTH amends the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 to facilitate E85/E100 flex fuel vehicles PIB 2328642

26 Oct Cabinet Secretary chairs NCMC meeting on preparedness for cyclonic storm 'ARNAB' in the Bay of Bengal PIB 2328434

27 Oct PIB backgrounder on Carbon Capture, Utilisation and Storage (CCUS): Rs 20,000 crore over five years for CCUS under the Union Budget 2026-27 CCUS Scheme PIB 2328830

27 Oct India's National Statement at CBD COP-17 in Yerevan, Armenia: Minister says India's updated NBSAP translates the Global Biodiversity Framework into 23 national targets and 142 indicators PIB 2328896

28 Oct Centre deputes a high-level team to investigate the death of cheetah KNG22 of Kuno National Park from firearm pellet injuries PIB 2329277

28 Oct PIB backgrounder on green hydrogen: the National Green Hydrogen Mission targets at least 5 MMT of annual production capacity by 2030 PIB 2329321

28 Oct Union Jal Shakti Minister launches the Punah Bharan mobile application, developed by BISAG-N with the National Water Mission, for scientific groundwater recharge planning PIB 2329354

28 Oct APEDA facilitates the first export shipment of GI-tagged Tandur Redgram from Telangana to Australia PIB 2329671

29 Oct Rabi MSP for Marketing Season 2027-28: safflower gets the highest absolute increase, Rs 675 per quintal, says PIB Backgrounder PIB 2329868

29 Oct C. R. Patil chairs the 19th meeting of the Ganga Flood Control Board in New Delhi; Board deliberates on the revised mandate and restructuring of the Ganga Flood Control Commission PIB 2329935

29 Oct India leads globally with Green Hydrogen offtake commitments of over 5.5 lakh MTPA till October 2026; 18 new agreements signed in 2026 PIB 2329940

29 Oct From Bharat to Antalya: Delhi Declaration 2026, adopted at the close of the second ARISE Cities Forum in New Delhi, calls for stronger multilevel climate action ahead of COP31 PIB 2330002

30 Oct PM releases the 24th instalment of PM-KISAN from Banaskantha, Gujarat: over ₹18,690 crore transferred to more than 9.34 crore farmers PIB 2330395

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6 Oct eSanjeevani Crosses 50 Crore Teleconsultations, Integrates AI-Powered Clinical Decision Support PIB 2319427

7 Oct National Launch of JOSH Teams on 8 October to Strengthen Grassroots Push for TB Mukt Bharat PIB 2319900

12 Oct Nadda Lays Foundation Stone of ICMR's High Altitude Medicine Research Centre at Keylong, Himachal Pradesh PIB 2322248

12 Oct Health Ministry Asks States and UTs to Make Hospitals and Clinics Display Their Service Rates Prominently PIB 2322150

13 Oct PIB Backgrounder: India's TB Cases Fall 21% (2015-2024) Against 12% Global Decline, JOSH Youth Campaign Launched PIB 2322820

16 Oct Ayush patent filings rise eightfold in a decade: 4,077 applications and 711 grants since 2014-15, Maharashtra leads PIB 2324293

17 Oct FSSAI proposes ban on added sucrose and fructose in foods for infants up to six months PIB 2324637

17 Oct NPPA caps trade margins at 30% on 137 anti-cancer drugs; reduced prices from 9 November 2026 PIB 2324743

23 Oct Department of Pharmaceuticals sets up committee under NITI Aayog Member Dr. M. Srinivas to review pharma marketing practices PIB 2327534

28 Oct NPPA releases revised MRPs for 543 brands of anti-cancer medicines, effective from 9 November 2026 PIB 2329698

29 Oct Ayushman Vay Vandana completes two years: 23.46 lakh authorised hospital admissions worth ₹5,668.80 crore for senior citizens aged 70 and above PIB 2330009

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4 Oct Asian Games 2026 Conclude: Women's Hockey Gold After Four Decades, Aman Sehrawat's First-Ever Wrestling Gold PIB 2318948

11 Oct PM Pays Tribute to Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan and Nanaji Deshmukh, Both Born on 11 October PIB 2321856

12 Oct Ahmedabad Hosts BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Demonstration Games Under India's 2026 Chairship PIB 2322256

12 Oct Services Athletes' Best-Ever Asian Games: 27 of India's 85 Medals Came from the Armed Forces PIB 2322172

15 Oct PM meets Asian Games 2026 contingent: India's 85 medals include 38 won by women and double hockey gold PIB 2324078

15 Oct Ministry of Tribal Affairs holds first meeting of Working Group on Tribal Languages; Adi Vaani to become national tribal language repository PIB 2323661

16 Oct Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025 to be conferred on 106 young artists on 19 October PIB 2324489

16 Oct Sports Ministry issues guidelines for revised scheme of assistance to National Sports Federations, outlay Rs 7,386.74 crore for 2026-31 PIB 2324383

20 Oct Deepthi Jeevanji defends her Asian Para Games women's 400m T20 title with a Games Record PIB 2325496

21 Oct President Droupadi Murmu presents Lalit Kala Akademi awards to artists of the 65th National Exhibition of Art PIB 2325915

22 Oct Kashi Tamil Sangamam 5.0 from 28 November to 12 December 2026 on the theme 'Thirukkural Payilvom - Thirukkural Abhyas Karen' PIB 2326535

22 Oct President Murmu releases ₹200 commemorative coin in Raipur for the 200th birth anniversary of Mata Sahib Hasi Devi of Shadani Darbar PIB 2326567

23 Oct President Droupadi Murmu attends Bastar Dussehra programme at Jagdalpur; meets Manjhi and Chalki at the Muriya Darbar PIB 2327376

23 Oct India sweeps the podium in men's javelin throw at the Asian Para Games; Sumit wins gold PIB 2327738

25 Oct India wins a record 114 medals at the Asian Para Games 2026, its best-ever performance at the Games PIB 2328126

27 Oct Ministry of Tribal Affairs to observe Janjatiya Gaurav Pakhwada from 1 to 15 November 2026, culminating in Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas on Bhagwan Birsa Munda's birth anniversary PIB 2328976

27 Oct Ministry of Culture signs an MoU with the Bibliothèque nationale de France under the Gyan Bharatam Mission to strengthen the preservation of India's manuscript heritage PIB 2329163

28 Oct Sports and Education Ministries exchange an MoU with UNESCO to take clean sport values to classrooms through the 'Sports Values in Every Classroom Toolkit' PIB 2329464

29 Oct 14th International Tourism Mart inaugurated in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh; 43 international buyers from 22 countries mark the highest-ever international buyer participation at ITM PIB 2330273

31 Oct PM attends Rashtriya Ekta Diwas celebrations at Ekta Nagar marking the 151st birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel PIB 2331033

Practice — 30 questions

Q1 From 15 October to 30 November 2026, outside Kolkata and Assam, what is the most sugar a dealer may hold at any time or place under the revised stock norms?

(A) 1,000 quintals
(B) 500 quintals
(C) 1,500 quintals
(D) 2,000 quintals

Q2 How many houses, worth ₹3,600 crore, did Union minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan hand over to Andhra Pradesh as the first instalment under PMAY-G 2.0?

(A) 76,000
(B) 1 lakh
(C) 3 lakh
(D) 9 lakh

Q3 In New York, Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal met Jonathan Gray, President and COO of which firm, to discuss widening its investments and partnerships in India?

(A) Neuberger Berman
(B) MetLife
(C) General Atlantic
(D) Blackstone

Q4 Who was chosen as the next President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) at its 153rd Assembly in Arusha, Tanzania?

(A) Mussa Azzan Zungu
(B) Harivansh
(C) Anurag Singh Thakur
(D) Milton Dick

Q5 KONKAN-26, in which INS Trishul is taking part, is the annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the navy of which country?

(A) United Kingdom
(B) France
(C) Russia
(D) Australia

Q6 During her Singapore visit, which Gujarat-based financial centre did Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman encourage investors to use?

(A) Mundra SEZ
(B) Dholera
(C) Kandla Free Trade Zone
(D) GIFT IFSC

Q7 A study led by ARIES, Nainital, linked the Sun's 'microwave polar brightening' most closely to what?

(A) The sunspot number
(B) The solar wind speed at Earth
(C) The Sun's rotation period
(D) The strength of the Sun's polar magnetic field

Q8 Which district ranked first overall in the Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana's first-year district rankings?

(A) Gaya (Bihar)
(B) Nagaur (Rajasthan)
(C) Umaria (Madhya Pradesh)
(D) Koraput (Odisha)

Q9 At the first Bloomberg New Economy Forum held in India, the Prime Minister said growth in the April-June quarter was what?

(A) 7.8%
(B) 6.5%
(C) 8.4%
(D) 5.9%

Q10 Which institute developed the improved varieties NRC 268 and NRC 270 and held a Harvest Day on 9 October 2026 to assess them?

(A) ICAR-Indian Institute of Oilseeds Research, Hyderabad
(B) ICAR-Directorate of Groundnut Research, Junagadh
(C) ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute, New Delhi
(D) ICAR-National Soybean Research Institute, Indore

Q11 According to the Prime Minister's address on 15 October 2026, the Nimmu-Padum-Darcha road dedicated in Ladakh cuts travel time from about 12 hours to how long?

(A) 3 hours
(B) 6 hours
(C) 8 hours
(D) 1 hour

Q12 What was the theme of Mahila Kisan Diwas 2026, observed on 15 October 2026?

(A) Role of Women Farmers in Building Developed Agriculture and a Developed India
(B) Women in Natural Farming for a Chemical-Free India
(C) Doubling Farmers' Income through Women Collectives
(D) Digital Agriculture and the Woman Farmer

Q13 According to the Status Report on Ayush Related Inventions in India (2014-2026), released during the 11th Ayurveda Day celebrations, which state leads in Ayush patent filings?

(A) Maharashtra
(B) Kerala
(C) Gujarat
(D) Karnataka

Q14 Artists up to what age are eligible for the Sangeet Natak Akademi's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar?

(A) 40 years
(B) 35 years
(C) 30 years
(D) 45 years

Q15 Where is the 25th meeting of the SCO Council of Heads of Government being held on 19-20 October 2026?

(A) Dushanbe, Tajikistan
(B) Moscow, Russia
(C) Astana, Kazakhstan
(D) Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

Q16 Which portal did Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launch in upgraded form on 19 October 2026 as a single-window gateway to PM-KISAN, AgriStack and the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana?

(A) Agri Welfare Portal
(B) Kisan Suvidha Portal
(C) e-NAM Portal
(D) Farmers' Portal

Q17 On which date is Police Commemoration Day observed every year in India?

(A) 21 October
(B) 15 October
(C) 4 December
(D) 1 November

Q18 ICAR-CIFT will support GI tagging of 'Nicobari Thoharango' from the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. What kind of product is it?

(A) A smoked and dried fish product
(B) A handwoven textile
(C) A variety of coconut
(D) A tribal dance form

Q19 Which Indian Naval Ship took part in the India-Russia bilateral naval exercise INDRA 2026, departing Vladivostok on 20 October 2026?

(A) INS Sahyadri
(B) INS Trishul
(C) INS Tir
(D) INS Kolkata

Q20 Which Large Language Model was launched at the Goa AI Tech Conclave 2026 in Panaji in October 2026?

(A) BHASHINI Konkani LLM
(B) BHASHINI Tulu LLM
(C) BHASHINI Marathi LLM
(D) BHASHINI Kannada LLM

Q21 Under which industrial corridor is the Integrated Manufacturing Cluster at Gaya, Bihar, whose SPV, BIMCGL, was launched on 24 October 2026, being developed?

(A) Amritsar–Kolkata Industrial Corridor
(B) Delhi–Mumbai Industrial Corridor
(C) Chennai–Bengaluru Industrial Corridor
(D) Vizag–Chennai Industrial Corridor

Q22 Which body imposed a penalty of ₹1 lakh on Hogar Technologies and Innovations LLP for misleading advertisements of walkie-talkies, as announced on 25 October 2026?

(A) Central Consumer Protection Authority
(B) Department of Telecommunications
(C) Telecom Regulatory Authority of India
(D) Competition Commission of India

Q23 Who chaired the meeting of the National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) held on 26 October 2026 to review preparedness for cyclonic storm 'ARNAB'?

(A) The Cabinet Secretary
(B) The Union Home Secretary
(C) The Director General of IMD
(D) The Director General of NDRF

Q24 According to DPIIT's release of 27 October 2026, what is the guarantee cover per borrower under the Credit Guarantee Scheme for Startups after its enhancement?

(A) Rs 20 crore
(B) Rs 10 crore
(C) Rs 25 crore
(D) Rs 50 crore

Q25 Under the Concessional Local Pass introduced for eligible non-commercial vehicle owners living within 20 km of a National Highway fee plaza, what is the annual fee for a fee plaza located outside a municipal or local town area?

(A) Rs 1,500
(B) Rs 3,000
(C) Rs 1,000
(D) Rs 2,500

Q26 Which institution developed the Punah Bharan mobile application, launched by the Union Minister of Jal Shakti, in collaboration with the National Water Mission to support scientific groundwater recharge planning?

(A) BISAG-N
(B) C-DAC
(C) NRSC
(D) CGWB

Q27 In how many Indian languages will the video modules of the 'Sports Values in Every Classroom Toolkit', covered by the MoU among the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the Ministry of Education and UNESCO, be made available?

(A) 13
(B) 22
(C) 10
(D) 15

Q28 Till what date has the Employees' State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) extended its 'New Amnesty Scheme, 2025'?

(A) 31 December 2026
(B) 31 March 2027
(C) 30 November 2026
(D) 30 June 2027

Q29 Under which Act did the Central Government constitute the Adjudicatory Board for Major Ports (ABMP) on 13 August 2025?

(A) Major Port Authorities Act, 2021
(B) Major Port Trusts Act, 1963
(C) Indian Ports Act, 2025
(D) Merchant Shipping Act, 1958

Q30 According to the Ministry of Finance's monthly review of accounts, what percentage of the corresponding Budget Estimates (BE) 2026-27 of Total Receipts had the Government of India received up to September 2026?

(A) 50.3%
(B) 47.7%
(C) 49.5%
(D) 53.4%

Answers: 1-(A) 2-(C) 3-(D) 4-(D) 5-(A) 6-(D) 7-(D) 8-(A) 9-(A) 10-(D) 11-(A) 12-(A) 13-(A) 14-(A) 15-(A) 16-(A) 17-(A) 18-(A) 19-(A) 20-(A) 21-(A) 22-(A) 23-(A) 24-(A) 25-(A) 26-(A) 27-(A) 28-(A) 29-(A) 30-(A)