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1. How many sites does India have on UNESCO's Tentative List after the addition of five new cultural sites in 2026?

(a) 72
(b) 75
(c) 78
(d) 80
(e) 82

Ans. c

Sol. India has added five new cultural sites and serial and transnational proposals to its UNESCO Tentative List in 2026, taking the total number of sites to 78. These include the Bagh Cave Paintings, the Group of Temples of the Chambal Valley, Udaigiri Caves, Ginnorgarh and the Sites of Satyagraha, a proposal connecting India and South Africa.

2. Which traditional musical instrument of Jharkhand received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in 2026?

(a) Sarangi
(b) Mandar
(c) Dholak
(d) Shehnai
(e) Nagara

Ans. b

Sol. The traditional folk musical instrument Mandar of Jharkhand received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag from the Geographical Indications Registry of the Government of India, based in Chennai. The tag provides legal recognition to its distinctive geographical and cultural identity.

3. Who launched the 'Delhi Udyog Mitra' portal to promote ease of doing business?

(a) Atishi
(b) Arvind Kejriwal
(c) Rekha Gupta
(d) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
(e) Manish Sisodia

Ans. c

Sol. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched the Delhi Udyog Mitra portal on 29 September 2026. The single-window portal brings multiple business approvals and No Objection Certificates (NOCs) under one platform, enabling entrepreneurs and industrialists to apply for licences and permissions more conveniently.

4. Which airline was named the world's best airline at the Skytrax World Airline Awards 2026?

(a) Qatar Airways
(b) Emirates
(c) Singapore Airlines
(d) Cathay Pacific Airways
(e) Air France

Ans. c

Sol. Singapore Airlines won the title of the world's best airline at the **2026 Skytrax World Airline Awards** announced in **London.**

- Passengers rated airlines on areas including **cabin service, airport service, seat comfort, cleanliness, meals, entertainment, Wi-Fi and value for money**. The survey received participation from customers of more than 100 nationalities.
- **Air India:** Ranked 57th globally (up from 84th) and took the 1st spot in the India and South Asia regional ranking.
- **IndiGo:** Ranked 61st globally (down from 39th) and placed 2nd in the regional ranking, while also winning Best Low-Cost Airline in India and South Asia.

Top 10 Airlines in the World for 2026

1. Singapore Airlines
2. Qatar Airways
3. Cathay Pacific Airways
4. ANA All Nippon Airways
5. Turkish Airlines
6. Emirates
7. Air France
8. Hainan Airlines

9. Japan Airlines

10. Korean Air

5. Which bank launched a dedicated 'GCC Banking Vertical' to serve India's Global Capability Centre ecosystem?

(a) HDFC Bank
(b) ICICI Bank
(c) Axis Bank
(d) IndusInd Bank
(e) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Ans. d

Sol. IndusInd Bank launched its dedicated GCC Banking Vertical to provide specialised banking solutions to India's Global Capability Centres. The initiative integrates corporate and employee banking capabilities through a dedicated relationship model supported by digital-first platforms and India-focused advisory services. The file reports that India's GCC ecosystem has grown 32% since FY2021 and comprises 2,117 GCCs.

6. Who was named Morocco's first female Prime Minister in September 2026, according to the provided current affairs file?

(a) Nawal El Moutawakel
(b) Fatima Zahra El Mansouri
(c) Amina Bouayach
(d) Leila Benali
(e) Nadia Fettah

Ans. b

Sol. According to the provided file, Morocco's King Mohammed VI named Fatima Zahra El Mansouri as the country's first female Prime Minister on 29 September 2026. She was the Urban Planning Minister and a member of the centrist Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM). Morocco's capital is Rabat, and its currency is the Moroccan Dirham (MAD).

7. Who was crowned the 14th king of Uganda's historic Tooro Kingdom in September 2026?

(a) Edward Rukidi Kijanangoma
(b) Yoweri Museveni
(c) Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II
(d) Oyo Nyimba Kabamba Iguru Rukidi IV
(e) Edward Rukidi Nyabongo I

Ans. e

Sol. Former television journalist and news anchor Edward Rukidi Kijanangoma was officially crowned as Omukama Edward Rukidi Nyabongo I, the 14th king of Uganda's historic Tooro Kingdom, on 29 September 2026. The traditional kingdoms of Uganda were banned in the 1960s following the country's independence from British colonial rule.

8. Who became the youngest Woman Grandmaster at the 46th Chess Olympiad 2026, according to the provided file?

(a) Divya Deshmukh
(b) Koneru Humpy
(c) Bodhana Sivanandan
(d) Vaishali Rameshbabu
(e) Dronavalli Harika

Ans. c

Sol. Indian-origin chess prodigy Bodhana Sivanandan, an 11-year-old representing England, achieved the milestone of becoming the youngest Woman Grandmaster at the 46th Chess Olympiad, held in Samarkand, Uzbekistan. She played all 11 rounds on England's top board and finished the tournament with eight points.

9. What was the theme of the International Day of Older Persons 2026?

(a) Ageing with Dignity and Care
(b) The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives
(c) Building a Society for All Ages
(d) Healthy Ageing for a Better Future
(e) Older Persons: A Source of Inspiration

Ans. b

Sol. The International Day of Older Persons is observed globally on 1 October every year to recognise the contributions, wisdom and dedication of senior citizens. The

United Nations General Assembly established the observance on 14 December 1990, and it was first celebrated on 1 October 1991. The theme for 2026 was "The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives."

10. What was the theme of International Coffee Day 2026?

(a) Coffee for a Sustainable Future
(b) Coffee: Connecting the World
(c) Coffee is Part of the Solution
(d) A Better Tomorrow Through Coffee
(e) Coffee and Climate Resilience

Ans. c

Sol. International Coffee Day is celebrated on 1 October to recognise the global importance of coffee and the livelihoods supported by the coffee industry. In March 2014, International Coffee Organization member states agreed on a common date for the celebration. The 2026 theme was "Coffee is Part of the Solution," highlighting sustainability, climate risks, productivity and economic resilience.

11. Where is the five-day Elephant Festival and Rejuvenation Camp being organised in Madhya Pradesh?

(a) Kanha Tiger Reserve
(b) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
(c) Pench Tiger Reserve
(d) Satpura Tiger Reserve
(e) Panna Tiger Reserve

Ans. b

Sol. A five-day Elephant Festival and Rejuvenation Camp is being organised at Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve in Umaria district, Madhya Pradesh, from September 24 to 28, 2026. The camp aims to provide rest, health check-ups and nutritious food to working elephants. Nine out of the 15 camp elephants have been included.

12. What is the full form of PRAMAAN, under the Indian Forest and Wood Certification Scheme?

(a) Programme for Recognition and Accreditation of Sustainable Management Practices for Agroforestry and Natural Forestry Resources
(b) Programme for Regulation and Assessment of Modern Agroforestry and Natural

Resources
(c) Project for Recognition and Administration of Agricultural Management and Natural Resources
(d) Programme for Research and Accreditation of Modern Agricultural and Natural Resources
(e) Project for Restoration and Assessment of Agroforestry and National Resources

Ans. a

Sol. PRAMAAN is a national certification framework for forests, wood and non-timber forest products. The first certificates were handed over by Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav in New Delhi. The framework aims to promote sustainable forest management and connect certified products with domestic and international markets.

13. Who inaugurated the PRAHAAR counter-terrorism policy conference in New Delhi on September 28, 2026?

(a) Rajnath Singh
(b) Narendra Modi
(c) Amit Shah
(d) S. Jaishankar
(e) Nitin Gadkari

Ans. c

Sol. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the PRAHAAR counter-terrorism policy conference in New Delhi on September 28, 2026. He also launched an online extradition portal to accelerate the return of fugitives from abroad. The PRAHAAR framework includes Prevention, Response, Aggregating Internal Capacities, Human Rights, Attenuating Conditions, Aligning International Efforts, Recovery and Resilience.

14. Which city hosted the G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting from September 30 to October 1, 2026?

(a) Miami
(b) Washington, D.C.
(c) New York
(d) Milwaukee
(e) Chicago

Ans. d

Sol. The G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting was held in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, USA, from September 30 to October 1, 2026. It was hosted by the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and led by U.S. Trade Representative Jamieson Greer. The meeting served as a stepping stone towards the 2026 G20 Leaders' Summit scheduled for December in Miami, Florida.

15. Which bank launched User-Level Programmable Digital Rupee with Auto-Issuance on its CBDC platform?

(a) State Bank of India
(b) Bank of Baroda
(c) Punjab National Bank
(d) Canara Bank
(e) Bank of India

Ans. e

Sol. Bank of India launched User-Level Programmable Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) and Auto-Issuance on its digital rupee platform, built by Montran India. The feature allows users to schedule automatic issuance of digital rupees to a beneficiary's CBDC wallet at a fixed amount and frequency, while specifying the purpose for which the funds can be used.

16. The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 came into effect on which date?

(a) September 1, 2026
(b) October 1, 2026
(c) October 2, 2026
(d) January 1, 2026
(e) August 15, 2026

Ans. b

Sol. The Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 2026 came into force on October 1, 2026, replacing the colonial-era Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891. The new Act recognises electronic, digital, virtual and cloud-based bank records as legally admissible evidence. It also simplifies certification of records and provides certain protections to bank officers from routine court summons.

17. Who has been named the next Managing Director and CEO of HDFC Bank, according to the document?

(a) Sashidhar Jagdishan
(b) Kaizad Bharucha
(c) Anup Bagchi
(d) Sandeep Bakhshi
(e) Amitabh Chaudhry

Ans. c

Sol. HDFC Bank announced Anup Bagchi as its next Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. He is scheduled to take charge on October 27, 2026, after the term of current MD and CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan ends on October 26, 2026. Bagchi is currently the MD and CEO of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance, as stated in the document.

18. Who has been appointed as the MD and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank for a three-year term beginning January 1, 2027?

(a) Anup Kumar Saha
(b) Ashok Vaswani
(c) Uday Kotak
(d) Kaizad Bharucha
(e) Rajiv Anand

Ans. a

Sol. Anup Kumar Saha has been appointed MD and CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank for three years, effective January 1, 2027. He joined the bank in January 2026 and currently serves as a whole-time director. He oversees retail banking, government business, data analytics and marketing. Before joining Kotak Mahindra Bank, he held senior leadership positions at Bajaj Finance.

19. World Vegetarian Day is observed every year on which date?

(a) September 29
(b) September 30
(c) October 1
(d) October 2
(e) October 5

Ans. c

Sol. World Vegetarian Day is observed annually on October 1 to promote vegetarian eating and raise awareness of its potential health, ethical and environmental benefits. It was established in 1977 by the North American Vegetarian Society (NAVS) and endorsed in 1978 by the International Vegetarian Union (IVU). The day also marks the beginning of Vegetarian Awareness Month.

20. In 2026, which birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was observed on October 2?

(a) 155th
(b) 156th
(c) 157th
(d) 158^{th}
(e) 160^{th}

Ans. c

Sol. Gandhi Jayanti is observed every year on October 2 to commemorate the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi, who was born on October 2, 1869. In 2026, his 157th birth anniversary was observed across India. The United Nations also observes October 2 as the International Day of Non-Violence in recognition of Gandhi's philosophy of truth and non-violence.

21. Lal Bahadur Shastri, India's second Prime Minister, was born on which date?

(a) October 1, 1904
(b) October 2, 1904
(c) October Gandhi, 1905
(d) October 5, 1904
(e) September 30, 1904

Ans. b

Sol. Lal Bahadur Shastri, India's second Prime Minister, was born on October 2, 1904, in Mughalsarai, Uttar Pradesh. His birth anniversary is celebrated every year as Lal Bahadur Shastri Jayanti. He is remembered for his simplicity, honesty and leadership. He popularised the slogan "Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan" during the 1965 India-Pakistan war, highlighting the importance of soldiers and farmers.

22. On October 2, 2026, the Tamil Nadu Government expanded the Vetri Payanam Thittam to provide free bus travel to which beneficiaries?

(a) Women and senior citizens
(b) Women and transgender persons
(c) Students and women
(d) Women and persons with disabilities
(e) Transgender persons and senior citizens

Ans. b

Sol. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister C. Joseph Vijay launched the expanded Vetri Payanam Thittam on October 2, 2026. The scheme provides free bus travel for women and transgender persons across more than 12,690 government buses. It is expected to benefit around 84.32 lakh passengers every day.

23. Gujarat became the second state in India to receive Presidential assent for its Uniform Civil Code after which state?

(a) Goa
(b) Maharashtra
(c) Uttarakhand
(d) Himachal Pradesh
(e) Rajasthan

Ans. c

Sol. Gujarat became the second state, after Uttarakhand, to receive the President's assent to its version of the Uniform Civil Code. The law covers civil matters such as marriage, divorce, succession and live-in relationships, while Scheduled Tribes are excluded from its provisions.

24. ICICI Lombard General Insurance launched which health insurance proposition specifically targeting young consumers?

(a) VIBE
(b) YUVA
(c) GEN-X Care
(d) YoungShield
(e) LifeFit

Ans. a

Sol. ICICI Lombard General Insurance launched **VIBE**, a health protection proposition targeting young consumers. It combines hospitalisation cover, outpatient care, mental health support, teleconsultations, health screenings and lifestyle rewards. It is available in six plan variants with sum insured options ranging from ₹7 lakh to ₹1 crore.

25. Who assumed charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) in October 2026?

(a) Rajesh Kumar Singh
(b) Narendra Bhooshan
(c) Sanjay Kumar
(d) Anup Bagchi
(e) Akshay Kumar Singh

Ans. b

Sol. Narendra Bhooshan, a 1992-batch IAS officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre, assumed charge as Secretary of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. He has more than three decades of administrative experience across several sectors.

26. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of ICICI Prudential Life Insurance?

(a) Anup Bagchi
(b) Sanjay Kumar
(c) Sidharatha Mishra
(d) Narendra Bhooshan
(e) Akshay Kumar Singh

Ans. c

Sol. ICICI Prudential Life Insurance appointed **Sidharatha Mishra** as its Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer, subject to the requisite approvals. He will initially take charge as Chief Operating Officer from October 6 and will succeed Anup Bagchi.

27. Who has been approved as the next Managing Director and CEO of Petronet LNG Limited, effective from May 13, 2027?

(a) Akshay Kumar Singh
(b) Sanjay Kumar

(c) Sidharatha Mishra
(d) Rajesh Kumar Singh
(e) Anup Bagchi

Ans. b

Sol. The board of Petronet LNG Limited approved the appointment of **Sanjay Kumar**, Director (Marketing) at GAIL (India) Limited, as its next MD and CEO. He will take charge on May 13, 2027, succeeding Akshay Kumar Singh.

28. Gujarat Government will honour Captain Smit Machchhar with which award for saving 174 passengers during an attack on a Flydubai flight?

(a) Gujarat Ratna Award
(b) Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award
(c) Gujarat Shaurya Award
(d) Gujarat Gaurav Award
(e) Vishisht Seva Award

Ans. b

Sol. Gujarat Government will honour Flydubai captain **Smit Machchhar** with the **Vishisht Gujarat Garima Award** for saving the lives of 174 passengers during an attack on Flydubai flight FZ1073 from Dubai to Tel Aviv. The award carries a cash prize of ₹25 lakh.

29. India has exported its indigenous Akash air defence missile system to which two Central Asian countries, in addition to Armenia?

(a) Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
(b) Kyrgyzstan and Kazakhstan
(c) Tajikistan and Turkmenistan
(d) Uzbekistan and Turkmenistan
(e) Tajikistan and Kazakhstan

Ans. c

Sol. India's indigenous **Akash air defence missile system** has been exported to **Tajikistan and Turkmenistan**, in addition to Armenia. Akash is a short-range surface-to-air missile system developed by DRDO to protect vulnerable areas and points from aerial attacks.

30. Exercise Jai Se Vijay was conducted by which command of the Indian Army near the India–Pakistan International Border?

(a) Northern Command
(b) Eastern Command
(c) Southern Command
(d) Sapta Shakti Command
(e) Central Command

Ans. d

Sol. The Indian Army's **Sapta Shakti Command (South Western Command)** conducted Exercise Jai Se Vijay on September 29, 2026, near the India–Pakistan International Border in Rajasthan. The exercise tested operational preparedness, rapid mobility and the use of civilian dual-use infrastructure as alternative landing surfaces. Its theme was **"Mission Ready, Future Ready."**

31. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and SkyPulse Solutions IFSC signed an MoU for financing, leasing and deploying how many made-in-India helicopters?

(a) 20
(b) 25
(c) 30
(d) 35
(e) 40

Ans. c

Sol. HAL and SkyPulse Solutions IFSC signed an MoU on September 26, 2026, for a **₹2,491 crore programme** to finance, lease and deploy **30 made-in-India helicopters**. The first phase involves acquiring 10 helicopters during 2027–2029, followed by the remaining 20 from 2030 onwards.

32. What was the theme of World Animal Welfare Day 2026?

(a) Protect Animals, Protect Nature
(b) Animals Need Our Care
(c) See the World Through Their Eyes
(d) Compassion for Every Creature
(e) One World, One Animal Family

Ans. c

Sol. World Animal Welfare Day is observed annually on October 4. The 2026 theme was **"See the World Through Their Eyes."** The day aims to raise global awareness about improving animal welfare standards, promoting humane treatment and supporting wildlife conservation.

33. What was the theme of World Teachers' Day 2026?

(a) Teachers at the Heart of Education
(b) Standing with Teachers: 60 Years of Protecting the Profession, Advancing Its Status and Shaping Our Futures
(c) Empowering Teachers for a Better Future
(d) Teachers Leading Digital Education
(e) Transforming Education Through Teachers

Ans. b

Sol. World Teachers' Day was observed globally on **October 5, 2026**. The 2026 theme was **"Standing with Teachers: 60 Years of Protecting the Profession, Advancing Its Status and Shaping Our Futures."** The day also marked the 60th anniversary of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation concerning the Status of Teachers.

34. The 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas (PBD) Convention will be held in which city from January 7 to 9, 2027?

(a) New Delhi
(b) Mumbai
(c) Kolkata
(d) Bengaluru
(e) Ahmedabad

Ans. c

Sol. The 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Diwas Convention will be held in **Kolkata, West Bengal, from January 7 to 9, 2027**. It will be organised by the Ministry of External Affairs in partnership with the West Bengal government. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the convention.

35. What is the new name announced for Bhadohi district of Uttar Pradesh?

(a) Sant Kabir Nagar Bhadohi
(b) Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi

(c) Ravidas Dham Bhadohi
(d) Sant Ravidas Dham
(e) Guru Ravidas Nagar

Ans. b

Sol. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath announced on **4 October 2026** that Bhadohi district would now be called **Sant Ravidas Nagar Bhadohi**. The name honours the medieval saint Sant Ravidas.

36. The 153rd Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) is being held in which country?

(a) Kenya
(b) Tanzania
(c) Uganda
(d) Rwanda
(e) South Africa

Ans. b

Sol. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by **Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Shri Harivansh** participated in the **153rd IPU Assembly in Arusha, United Republic of Tanzania**. Key discussions included democracy, human rights, AI, climate change, critical minerals and international security.

37. Bank of Baroda became the second public sector bank to enter which business after receiving the PFRDA Certificate of Appointment?

(a) Insurance business
(b) Mutual fund business
(c) Pension fund business
(d) Investment banking business
(e) Housing finance business

Ans. c

Sol. Bank of Baroda became the **second public sector bank** to enter the pension fund business after receiving the **PFRDA Certificate of Appointment as Sponsor of the Pension Fund** under Section 27 of the PFRDA Act, 2013.

38. Who was named the inaugural recipient of the Jaspal Rana Award?

(a) Sujeet Kalkal
(b) Manu Bhaker
(c) Kumkum Anil Mohod
(d) Neeru Dhanda
(e) Lovlina Borgohain

Ans. c

Sol. Archer **Kumkum Anil Mohod** was named the first recipient of the **Jaspal Rana Award**, while wrestler **Sujeet Kalkal** received the inaugural **Raja Randhir Singh Award**. The awards were instituted by the Indian Olympic Association to honour the best female and male sportspersons of the Asian Games.

39. Which city will host the 21st Asian Games in 2030?

(a) Riyadh
(b) Doha
(c) Abu Dhabi
(d) Dubai
(e) Muscat

Ans. b

Sol. Doha, Qatar, will host the **21st Asian Games in 2030**. Qatar formally received the **Olympic Council of Asia (OCA) Flag** during the closing ceremony of the 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya 2026. The slogan for Doha 2030 is **"The Games We Live For."**

40. What was India's rank in the medal table of the 2026 Asian Games, according to the given data?

(a) 2nd
(b) 3rd
(c) 4th
(d) 5th
(e) 6th

Ans. c

Sol. India finished **4th** in the 2026 Asian Games medal table with **21 gold, 27 silver and 37 bronze medals**, for a total of **85 medals**. China topped the medal table with 341 medals.

41. Who won the gold medal in the Women's Individual Recurve Archery event at the 2026 Asian Games, according to the given list?

(a) Ankita Bhakat
(b) Kirti Sharma
(c) Kumkum Mohod
(d) Jyothi Surekha Vennam
(e) Chikitha Taniparthi

Ans. c

Sol. Kumkum Mohod won the gold medal in the **Women's Individual Recurve** event in archery at the 2026 Asian Games. She was also named the inaugural recipient of the Jaspal Rana Award.

42. Mirabai Chanu won a silver medal in which event at the 2026 Asian Games?

(a) Women's 59kg Weightlifting
(b) Women's 49kg Weightlifting
(c) Women's 55kg Weightlifting
(d) Women's 71kg Weightlifting
(e) Women's 81kg Weightlifting

Ans. b

Sol. Mirabai Chanu won the **silver medal in the Women's 49kg weightlifting event** at the 2026 Asian Games.

43. Who among the following won a bronze medal in Men's Singles Squash at the 2026 Asian Games?

(a) Abhay Singh
(b) Anahat Singh
(c) Sahil Jadhav
(d) Parth Mane
(e) Gulveer Singh

Ans. a

Sol. Abhay Singh won the bronze medal in **Men's Singles Squash** at the 2026 Asian Games. He also appears in the silver-medal list for the men's singles event in the provided document; the bronze list specifically records him under Men's Singles.

44. Which team defeated Jammu & Kashmir by 167 runs to win the 2026-27 Irani Cup?

(a) Mumbai
(b) Karnataka
(c) Rest of India
(d) Delhi
(e) Maharashtra

Ans. c

Sol. Rest of India defeated the reigning Ranji Trophy champions **Jammu & Kashmir by 167 runs** on October 4, 2026, at the Sher-e-Kashmir Cricket Stadium in Srinagar to win the **2026-27 Irani Cup**.

45. Exercise Mountain Guardian 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

(a) Oman
(b) UAE
(c) Saudi Arabia
(d) Qatar
(e) Egypt

Ans. b

Sol. Mountain Guardian 2026 is a joint military exercise between **India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE)**. It commenced in **Uttarakhand** and focuses on **Mountain Warfare**, interoperability, tactical proficiency and exchange of operational best practices.

46. Veteran actor and filmmaker Nana Patekar passed away at the age of:

(a) 70 years
(b) 72 years
(c) 73 years
(d) 75 years
(e) 78 years

Ans. d

Sol. According to the provided current affairs file, veteran actor and filmmaker **Nana Patekar passed away at the age of 75** on October 8, 2026. He was a recipient of **three National Film Awards and the Padma Shri (2013)** and had also served in the Territorial Army as an Honorary Lieutenant Colonel.

47. Which of the following films was directed by Singeetham Srinivasa Rao?

(a) Pushpaka Vimanam
(b) Lagaan
(c) Mughal-e-Azam
(d) Sholay
(e) Swades

Ans. a

Sol. Legendary filmmaker **Singeetham Srinivasa Rao** directed several notable Indian films, including **Pushpaka Vimanam** and **Aditya 369**. He passed away in Chennai on October 5 following age-related complications at the age of 94. 7 and 6 October 2026 CA

48. What is the adult literacy rate of Uttarakhand, which has been declared India's sixth fully literate state?

(a) 95.60%
(b) 96.00%
(c) 98.20%
(d) 98.70%
(e) 99.30%

Ans. d

Sol. Uttarakhand has been declared India's sixth fully literate state, achieving an adult literacy rate of 98.70%. The announcement was made in Dehradun by Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami, and the achievement was approved by Governor Lt. Gen. Gurmit Singh (Retd.). It was achieved under the ULLAS initiative and the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020.

49. What is the theme of the 10th edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026?

(a) Digital India for All
(b) Connecting the Future

(c) Scale Without Boundaries
(d) Innovation for a Sustainable World
(e) Technology for Everyone

Ans. c

Sol. The theme of IMC 2026 is "Scale Without Boundaries." Prime Minister Narendra Modi was scheduled to inaugurate the event on 8 October 2026 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. Its four pillars are Srishti, Samvardhan, Sashakt, and Suraksha.

50. Which report stated that India is among the top 10 leading emerging-market performers in AI readiness?

(a) India Digital Economy Report
(b) India and Artificial Intelligence: Seizing the Development Opportunity
(c) Global AI Competitiveness Report
(d) World Development Report on Robotics
(e) India Technology Outlook 2030

Ans. b

Sol. The World Bank Group released the report titled India and Artificial Intelligence: Seizing the Development Opportunity under its India Development Update. It highlighted India's technical workforce, globally integrated IT sector, and digital public infrastructure as strengths supporting AI readiness.

51. Why did the RBI remove Paytm Payments Bank Ltd. (PPBL) from the list of scheduled banks?

(a) Merger with another private bank
(b) Voluntary closure of all branches
(c) Cancellation of its banking licence
(d) Acquisition by a foreign bank
(e) Conversion into a small finance bank

Ans. c

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India removed Paytm Payments Bank Ltd. from the list of scheduled banks following the cancellation of its banking licence. PPBL was excluded from the Second Schedule to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, after the RBI cited regulatory non-compliance and concerns regarding depositors' interests.

52. What is the planned capacity of the Chamkharchhu-I Hydroelectric Project in Bhutan?

(a) 500 MW
(b) 650 MW
(c) 700 MW
(d) 770 MW
(e) 900 MW

Ans. d

Sol. Adani Power and Bhutan's state-owned Druk Green Power Corporation Ltd. (DGPC) signed a shareholders agreement to develop the 770 MW Chamkharchhu-I Hydroelectric Project in Zhemgang District, Bhutan. Under the agreement, Adani Power will hold a 49% stake and DGPC will hold 51%. The project will operate under the Build, Own, Operate and Transfer (BOOT) model, with a 30-year concession from commercial operation.

53. What GDP growth rate did the World Bank project for India in FY2026–27, according to the uploaded document?

(a) 6.4%
(b) 6.6%
(c) 6.7%
(d) 7.0%
(e) 7.1%

Ans. e

Sol. The World Bank raised India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to 7.1%, an increase of 0.5 percentage points from its April projection of 6.6%. The revision was supported by robust domestic demand and strong exports despite global headwinds.

54. Which of the following organisations projected India's GDP growth at 7.1% for FY2026–27, according to the document?

(a) Reserve Bank of India
(b) ICRA
(c) World Bank
(d) World Economic Forum
(e) India Ratings and Research

Ans. c

Sol. The document lists the World Bank's FY27 GDP growth projection for India at 7.1%. The RBI and ICRA projected 6.7%, the World Economic Forum projected 6.7%, and India Ratings and Research projected 6.8%. The OECD was also listed at 7.1%.

55. What was the RBI's policy repo rate after the 25-basis-point increase reported in the document?

(a) 5.00%
(b) 5.25%
(c) 5.50%
(d) 5.75%
(e) 6.00%

Ans. c

Sol. According to the document, the RBI increased the repo rate by 25 basis points, from 5.25% to 5.50%. The Monetary Policy Committee also changed its policy stance from "neutral" to "calibrated tightening." The FY27 growth projection was raised to 7.1%, while the inflation forecast increased to 5.2%.

56. What is the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate listed in the RBI policy rates reported in the document?

(a) 3.35%
(b) 3.00%
(c) 5.00%
(d) 5.25%
(e) 5.75%

Ans. d

Sol. The document lists the SDF rate at 5.25%. The other reported rates are the repo rate at 5.50%, MSF rate at 5.75%, bank rate at 5.75%, reverse repo rate at 3.35%, Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) at 3%, and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) at 18%.

Policy Rate

- Repo Rate: 5.50% (up from 5.25%)
- Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate: 5.25%
- Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) Rate: 5.75%

- Bank Rate: 5.75%
- Reverse Repo Rate: 3.35%
- CRR: 3%
- SLR:18%

57. Who has been appointed Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of New India Assurance Company Ltd.?

(a) Rajeshwari Singh Muni
(b) Bhupesh Sushil Rahul
(c) Sanjay Joshi
(d) Lavanya R. Mundayur
(e) N. S. Raja Subramani

Ans. d

Sol. Lavanya R. Mundayur has been appointed CMD of New India Assurance Company Ltd. (NIACL), with the appointment effective until 31 May 2029. The document notes that she was serving as CMD of Agriculture Insurance Company of India Ltd. (AICIL).

58. Who has been appointed as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff (CAS), according to the uploaded document?

(a) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh
(b) Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit
(c) General Dhiraj Seth
(d) Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
(e) General N. S. Raja Subramani

Ans. b

Sol. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff. He is scheduled to succeed Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, who is due to superannuate on 31 October 2026. Dixit was commissioned into the Fighter Stream of the Indian Air Force in 1986 and has extensive flying and test-pilot experience.

59. How many ATP singles titles had Novak Djokovic won after his seventh China Open title, as reported in the document?

(a) 100
(b) 101
(c) 102
(d) 103
(e) 109

Ans. c

Sol. Serbian tennis player Novak Djokovic won his record-extending seventh China Open title on 6 October 2026 in Beijing. His career tally reached 102 ATP singles titles, bringing him within one title of Roger Federer's 103. Djokovic also extended his China Open winning record to 34 victories without defeat. Jimmy Connors holds the Open Era record of 109 men's singles titles, according to the document.

60. Whom did Carlos Alcaraz defeat to win the 2026 Japan Open men's singles title?

(a) Novak Djokovic
(b) Roger Federer
(c) Kimi Antonelli
(d) Jiri Lehecka
(e) Max Verstappen

Ans. d

Sol. Carlos Alcaraz won the Japan Open men's singles title in Tokyo on 6 October 2026. He defeated Jiri Lehecka by 7–6(4), 6–4, successfully defending his title for a second consecutive year. According to the document, it was his third title of the 2026 season and his 27th career title.

61. Which driver won the Bahrain Grand Prix 2026, according to the uploaded document?

(a) Lewis Hamilton
(b) Kimi Antonelli
(c) George Russell
(d) Lando Norris
(e) Max Verstappen

Ans. e

Sol. Red Bull driver Max Verstappen won the Bahrain Grand Prix 2026, securing his first race victory of the Formula One season. The race was delayed by heavy rain and held at the Sepang International Circuit in Malaysia, according to the document. Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli finished second, while Ferrari's Lewis Hamilton finished third.

62. Which anniversary of the Indian Air Force was observed on 8 October 2026?

(a) 90th anniversary
(b) 91st anniversary
(c) 92nd anniversary
(d) 93rd anniversary
(e) 94th anniversary

Ans. e

Sol. Indian Air Force Day is observed annually on 8 October. In 2026, it marked the 94th anniversary of the Indian Air Force, which was established on 8 October 1932. The theme for 2026 was "Indian Air Force – Infallible, Impervious and Precise." The document also mentions Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026, conducted at Air Force Station Jodhpur under the theme "Power in Partnership."

63. What was the theme of World Cotton Day 2026, according to the uploaded document?

(a) Cotton for a Sustainable Future
(b) Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership
(c) Cotton and Global Climate Action
(d) Cotton for Rural Development
(e) Sustainable Textiles for All

Ans. b

Sol. World Cotton Day is observed annually on 7 October to highlight cotton's global economic, social, and environmental importance. The 2026 theme was "Cotton for Good: Building Prosperity Through Trade, Transformation and Partnership." The day also recognises farmers and workers across the cotton value chain, including spinning mills, ginneries, textile manufacturing units, and garment factories.

64. According to the uploaded document, how many books had Jeffrey Archer sold during his writing career?

(a) More than 50 million
(b) More than 100 million
(c) More than 200 million
(d) More than 300 million
(e) More than 500 million

Ans. d

Sol. The document reports the death of British novelist Jeffrey Archer at the age of 86. A former Conservative member of the British Parliament, Archer sold more than 300 million books during a writing career spanning five decades. His death was confirmed by his publisher through a statement.

65. Who launched the JOSH Teams initiative under the TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan?

(a) Mansukh Mandaviya
(b) Jagat Prakash Nadda
(c) Amit Shah
(d) Dharmendra Pradhan
(e) J. P. Nadda

Ans. b

Sol. Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda launched the Joint Squad for Health (JOSH) Teams initiative in New Delhi. It aims to strengthen youth-led community participation in tuberculosis prevention, early diagnosis, timely treatment, and stigma reduction. In its first phase, the initiative will cover 55 districts across 11 states.

66. Where was the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting held, and which declaration was adopted?

(a) Dhaka; Dhaka Declaration
(b) Bangkok; Bangkok Declaration
(c) New Delhi; Delhi Declaration
(d) Kathmandu; Kathmandu Declaration
(e) Colombo; Colombo Declaration

Ans. c

Sol. India hosted the first BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah. All seven member states participated. The meeting concluded with the adoption of the Delhi Declaration, emphasizing regional security, resilience, trust, and economic cooperation in the Bay of Bengal region.

67. What was India's WPI inflation rate in September 2026?

(a) 9.92%
(b) 9.97%
(c) 10.54%
(d) 11.39%
(e) 5.54%

Ans. d

Sol. India's Wholesale Price Index (WPI) inflation rose to 11.39% in September 2026, compared with 9.9% in August, according to the file. Rising fuel and food costs contributed to the increase. Retail inflation also increased to 5.54%, mainly due to higher vegetable prices.

68. What real GDP growth rate did UNCTAD project for India in 2026?

(a) 6.7%
(b) 6.8%
(c) 7.0%
(d) 7.1%
(e) 7.3%

Ans. e

Sol. The United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in its Trade and Development Report 2026, projected India's real GDP growth at 7.3% in 2026 and 6.8% in 2027. Strong domestic demand, expanding manufacturing capacity, and public infrastructure programmes were identified as key drivers of India's growth.

69. Who was appointed Governor of Karnataka in the gubernatorial reshuffle announced on 12 October 2026?

(a) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
(b) Om Prakash Mathur
(c) Dr. Sudha Yadav

(d) Braj Mohan Ram
(e) Dushyant Gautam

Ans. c

Sol. According to the uploaded file, President Droupadi Murmu announced appointments and transfers of governors across six states on 12 October 2026. Dr. Sudha Yadav was appointed Governor of Karnataka. The file identifies her as a former Lok Sabha MP and an OBC leader.

70. Who won the Young Grand Title at the 2026 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition with a photograph titled "Labour of Love"?

(a) Oscar Whitfield
(b) David Yarrow
(c) Anup Shah
(d) Rathika Ramasamy
(e) Sudhir Shivaram

Ans. a

Sol. British photographer Oscar Whitfield won the Young Grand Title at the 2026 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. His photograph, titled "Labour of Love," captured a dung beetle pushing a ball of dung uphill, with flies following behind. He took the photograph during a family game drive in Zimbabwe's Zambezi National Park when he was 14.

71. IBSAMAR IX 2026 is a trilateral maritime exercise involving the navies of which three countries?

(a) India, France and Australia
(b) India, Brazil and South Africa
(c) India, Japan and the United States
(d) Brazil, Russia and China
(e) India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh

Ans. b

Sol. IBSAMAR stands for India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise. Its ninth edition, IBSAMAR IX, is being conducted in Simon's Town, South Africa, with participation from the Indian Navy's guided-missile stealth frigate INS Tarkash. The exercise aims to improve interoperability, operational coordination, professional exchanges, and

cooperation among the three navies. Its theme is "Stronger Together Towards a Shared Future in the Maritime Domain."

72. World Postal Day is observed annually on which date to commemorate the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU)?

(a) 5 October
(b) 7 October
(c) 9 October
(d) 10 October
(e) 24 October

Ans. c

Sol. World Postal Day is observed every year on 9 October to mark the establishment of the Universal Postal Union (UPU) in 1874 in Bern, Switzerland. According to the file, the theme for 2026 is "One postal network, infinite possibilities." The day highlights the role of postal services in delivering essential services and creating opportunities worldwide.

73. RJ Mitte was best known for portraying which character in the television series Breaking Bad?

(a) Jesse Pinkman
(b) Hank Schrader
(c) Saul Goodman
(d) Walter White Jr.
(e) Walter White

Ans. d

Sol. RJ Mitte was an American actor and disability rights advocate best known for playing Walter White Jr. in the AMC crime drama Breaking Bad from 2008 to 2013. His character was a teenager with cerebral palsy. According to the uploaded file, Mitte also appeared in Switched at Birth and The Guardians of Justice and received the SAG-AFTRA Harold Russell Award in 2013.

74. Who was appointed Governor of Odisha in the governor reshuffle announced on 12 October 2026?

(a) Dr. Sudha Yadav
(b) Dushyant Gautam

(c) Braj Mohan Ram
(d) Om Prakash Mathur
(e) Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen

Ans. c

Sol. As mentioned in the uploaded current affairs file, Braj Mohan Ram was appointed Governor of Odisha. The file describes him as a grassroots leader and former Member of Parliament.

State-Wise Governor Appointments and Transfers

- Tamil Nadu: Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (transferred from Kerala)
- Kerala: Om Prakash Mathur (transferred from Sikkim)
- Karnataka: Dr. Sudha Yadav (new appointment; former Lok Sabha MP and OBC leader)
- Odisha: Braj Mohan Ram (new appointment; grassroots leader and former MP)
- Uttarakhand: Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen (new appointment; former MP and Ayurveda practitioner)
- Sikkim: Dushyant Gautam (new appointment; BJP leader)

75. Which Union Territory was declared 100% literate under the ULLAS–Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram?

(a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
(b) Lakshadweep
(c) Chandigarh
(d) Puducherry
(e) Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu

Ans. b

Sol. Lakshadweep was officially declared a 100% literate Union Territory by Administrator Praful Patel under the ULLAS–Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram. The scheme focuses on functional literacy and life skills for adults aged 15 years and above who missed formal schooling.

76. Where will the National SARAS Mela 2026 be organised?

(a) Jaipur, Rajasthan
(b) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh
(c) Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh

(d) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh
(e) Patna, Bihar

Ans. c

Sol. The National SARAS Mela 2026 will be held at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada from October 13 to 31. President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to inaugurate the event on October 15. It will provide a platform for rural women entrepreneurs and self-help groups to showcase and sell their products.

77. What was India's retail inflation rate in September 2026?

(a) 4.82%
(b) 5.12%
(c) 5.54%
(d) 6.08%
(e) 7.74%

Ans. c

Sol. India's retail inflation increased to 5.54% in September 2026 from 4.82% in August 2026. Food inflation reached 7.74%. Rural retail inflation stood at 6.08%, higher than the urban rate of 4.88%.

78. What growth rate did the International Monetary Fund (IMF) project for India's economy in FY27 in its October 2026 World Economic Outlook?

(a) 6.4%
(b) 6.7%
(c) 6.8%
(d) 7.0%
(e) 7.5%

Ans. d

Sol. The IMF raised India's FY27 growth forecast to 7% from its earlier estimate of 6.4%. It also increased its FY28 forecast to 7% from 6.7%, citing strong domestic demand and services activity.

79. INS Trishul arrived at which location in the United Kingdom to participate in the India–UK maritime exercise KONKAN-26?

(a) London
(b) Portsmouth
(c) Plymouth
(d) Manchester
(e) Liverpool

Ans. c

Sol. Indian Navy ship INS Trishul arrived at Plymouth in the United Kingdom to participate in the bilateral maritime exercise KONKAN-26 with the Royal Navy. The exercise aims to improve interoperability, strengthen maritime cooperation, and promote maritime peace and security.

80. Exercise KONKAN-26 is a bilateral maritime exercise between which two countries?

(a) India and France
(b) India and Russia
(c) India and Japan
(d) India and the United Kingdom
(e) India and Australia

Ans. d

Sol. KONKAN-26 is a bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of the United Kingdom. The exercise is conducted off Plymouth in two phases and strengthens the operational coordination of both navies.

81. Exercise Dharma Guardian is conducted between India and which country?

(a) Thailand
(b) Japan
(c) Myanmar
(d) Mongolia
(e) Kazakhstan

Ans. b

Sol. Exercise Dharma Guardian is a bilateral military exercise between India and Japan. According to the source file, it was hosted at Chaubattia in Uttarakhand. Other exercises mentioned include Yudh Abhyas (India–US), IMBAX (India–Myanmar), and KAZIND (India–Kazakhstan).

82. The book titled Rag Rag Mein Cricket, launched by Sunil Gavaskar, chronicles the life and cricket journey of whom?

(a) Kapil Dev
(b) Ravi Shastri
(c) Sanjay Jagdale
(d) Dilip Vengsarkar
(e) Anil Kumble

Ans. c

Sol. Former Indian cricket captain Sunil Gavaskar launched Rag Rag Mein Cricket, which chronicles the life and career of Sanjay Jagdale. Jagdale has worked as a cricketer, coach, BCCI junior and senior selector, and cricket administrator associated with the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA).

83. What was the theme of the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction in 2026?

(a) Build Back Better
(b) Resilient Cities, Safer Future
(c) Resilience Starts at Home
(d) Early Warning for All
(e) Invest in Disaster Preparedness

Ans. c

Sol. The International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction was observed on October 13, 2026. The theme was "Resilience Starts at Home." The focus was on safe, affordable, and hazard-resilient housing as a first line of defence against disasters such as floods, fires, and earthquakes.

84. What was the theme of World Architecture Day 2026?

(a) Architecture for a Better World
(b) Housing is a Human Right. Build It.
(c) Sustainable Cities for All
(d) Designing a Greener Future
(e) Building Resilient Communities

Ans. b

Sol. World Architecture Day falls on the first Monday of October. In 2026, it was observed on October 5. The International Union of Architects (UIA) established the day to highlight the impact of buildings and cities on everyday life.

85. What was the theme of World Cerebral Palsy Day 2026?

(a) Inclusion for Everyone
(b) Together for Better Health
(c) Unique and United
(d) Disability Rights for All
(e) Empowering Every Ability

Ans. c

Sol. World Cerebral Palsy Day was observed on October 6, 2026, with the theme "Unique and United." The day promotes awareness, equal opportunities, accessibility, and meaningful change for people with cerebral palsy, their families, and their communities.

86. Renowned Kathak dancer and Padma Shri awardee Roshan Kumari belonged to which gharana?

(a) Lucknow Gharana
(b) Banaras Gharana
(c) Jaipur Gharana
(d) Raigarh Gharana
(e) Farukhabad Gharana

Ans. c

Sol. Dr. Roshan Kumari, a renowned Kathak maestro of the Jaipur Gharana and Padma Shri awardee, passed away in Mumbai on October 5, 2026, at the age of 88. She founded Nritya Kala Kendra in Mumbai in 1971 and was remembered for her performance in Satyajit Ray's film Jalsaghar (1958).

87. Which state has launched the Bhagini Nivedita Scheme to support unmarried women pursuing higher education?

(a) Bihar
(b) West Bengal
(c) Odisha

(d) Assam
(e) Jharkhand

Ans. b

Sol. According to the provided current affairs document, the West Bengal Cabinet approved the Bhagini Nivedita Scheme to support unmarried women pursuing higher education. It is scheduled to begin in January 2027. Each eligible beneficiary will receive ₹50,000 over three years: ₹17,000 in the first year, ₹17,000 in the second year, and ₹16,000 in the third year.

88. What is India's target for installed wind power capacity by 2030?

(a) 50 GW
(b) 75 GW
(c) 100 GW
(d) 125 GW
(e) 150 GW

Ans. c

Sol. India aims to achieve 100 GW of installed wind power capacity by 2030. According to the document, installed capacity stood at 59.20 GW as of 30 September 2026. India added a record 6.05 GW of new wind power capacity, and further growth is expected in FY2027.

89. Chhattisgarh signed a skill development Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which Singapore-based organisation?

(a) Singapore Institute of Technology
(b) ITE Education Services
(c) Singapore Workforce Development Agency
(d) National University of Singapore
(e) Singapore Economic Development Board

Ans. b

Sol. Chhattisgarh signed an MoU with Singapore-based ITE Education Services to promote technical and vocational education and training. The document also reports a fresh investment proposal of ₹350 crore in the agro and food processing sector. Raipur is the capital of Chhattisgarh, and Vishnu Deo Sai is its Chief Minister.

90. Which three public sector oil marketing companies were covered by the RBI's special dollar window announced in October 2026?

(a) Indian Oil Corporation, Hindustan Petroleum Corporation and Bharat Petroleum Corporation
(b) Indian Oil Corporation, GAIL and Oil India Limited
(c) Bharat Petroleum Corporation, ONGC and GAIL
(d) Hindustan Petroleum Corporation, ONGC and Indian Oil Corporation
(e) GAIL, Bharat Petroleum Corporation and Oil India Limited

Ans. a

Sol. The Reserve Bank of India announced a special dollar window on 10 October 2026 to meet the daily dollar requirements of Indian Oil Corporation (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation (HPCL) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation (BPCL). The facility became available on 12 October 2026 and will continue until further notice. The RBI will supply US dollars through designated banks to support orderly functioning of the foreign exchange market.

91. What cashback rate does Federal Bank's Verto Premium Savings Account offer on eligible food, fashion and flight debit card spends?

(a) 2%
(b) 3%
(c) 4%
(d) 5%
(e) 10%

Ans. d

Sol. Federal Bank launched the Verto Premium Savings Account in October 2026 for young professionals, entrepreneurs, salaried executives and growth-focused resident individuals. Its benefits include 5% cashback on eligible food, fashion and flight debit card spends, complimentary domestic airport lounge access, and insurance coverage of up to ₹35 lakh. Other privileges include locker concessions, remittance benefits and family banking services.

92. Who was appointed Deputy Election Commissioner, replacing Sanjay Kumar?

(a) Gyanesh Kumar
(b) Vivek Joshi
(c) Prakash Rajpurohit
(d) Sukhbir Singh Sandhu
(e) Rajiv Kumar

Ans. c

Sol. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Prakash Rajpurohit as Deputy Election Commissioner. He is a 2010-batch IAS officer from the Rajasthan cadre. His tenure will continue until 8 April 2030. Before this appointment, he served as Joint Secretary in the Department of Defence Production under the Ministry of Defence.

93. Who was named a Knight of France's National Order of the Legion of Honour in recognition of his contribution to India-France relations?

(a) Mukesh Ambani
(b) Ratan Tata
(c) Sunil Bharti Mittal
(d) N. Chandrasekaran
(e) Gautam Adani

Ans. c

Sol. Sunil Bharti Mittal, founder and chairman of Bharti Enterprises, was named a Knight of the National Order of the Legion of Honour by French President Emmanuel Macron. The award recognises his three-decade contribution to strengthening India-France economic ties, telecommunications, digital infrastructure, and space and satellite cooperation through Eutelsat. The Legion of Honour is France's highest civilian distinction.

94. Exercise INDRA 2026 is a bilateral military exercise between the navies of which two countries?

(a) India and France
(b) India and Japan
(c) India and the United States
(d) India and Russia
(e) India and Australia

Ans. d

Sol. Exercise INDRA 2026 is a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Russian Federation Navy. According to the document, INS Sahyadri arrived at Vladivostok, Russia, to participate in the exercise scheduled from 13 to 18 October 2026. The exercise aims to improve mutual understanding, operational coordination and interoperability between the participating navies.

95. Who won the 2026 Singapore Grand Prix?

(a) Charles Leclerc
(b) Kimi Antonelli
(c) Lewis Hamilton
(d) Lando Norris
(e) Max Verstappen

Ans. e

Sol. Red Bull's Max Verstappen won the 2026 Singapore Grand Prix, securing his second consecutive victory of the season, according to the document. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc finished second, while Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli finished third. The document also lists Kimi Antonelli as the winner of several other 2026 Grands Prix, including the Monaco, Canadian, Miami, Japanese and Italian Grands Prix.

96. What was the theme of World Sight Day 2026?

(a) Vision for Everyone
(b) Love Your Eyes
(c) Eye Health for All
(d) A World Without Blindness
(e) Healthy Vision, Healthy Life

Ans. b

Sol. The theme of World Sight Day 2026 was “Love Your Eyes.” The day promotes awareness of eye health, regular eye check-ups, early identification of warning signs and better access to quality eye care. The document states that World Sight Day is traditionally observed on the second Thursday of October.

97. What was the theme of World Habitat Day 2026?

(a) Housing for a Better Future
(b) Sustainable Cities for All
(c) Adequate Housing for All
(d) Building Resilient Communities
(e) Urban Development for Everyone

Ans. c

Sol. World Habitat Day 2026 carried the theme "Adequate Housing for All." It is observed on the first Monday of October and recognised by the United Nations. The day highlights the state of towns and cities, the right of everyone to adequate shelter, and the responsibility of people to shape the future of urban settlements.

98. On which date is Breast Cancer Awareness Day observed?

(a) 10 October
(b) 11 October
(c) 12 October
(d) 13 October
(e) 15 October

Ans. d

Sol. Breast Cancer Awareness Day is observed on 13 October, according to the document. The day highlights awareness and support for people affected by metastatic breast cancer, including stage-four cancer that has spread beyond the breast. It also encourages research advocacy and scientific advances.

99. Eva Marie Saint, who passed away at the age of 102 according to the document, won the Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for which film?

(a) North by Northwest
(b) On the Waterfront
(c) A Place in the Sun
(d) All About Eve
(e) Roman Holiday

Ans. b

Sol. Eva Marie Saint was an Oscar-winning American actress known for classic Hollywood films such as On the Waterfront and North by Northwest. She won the

Academy Award for Best Supporting Actress for her role as Edie Doyle in the 1954 crime drama On the Waterfront, directed by Elia Kazan and starring Marlon Brando.

100. What is the full form of WOMN, the initiative launched by the Kerala Government to improve women's travel experience?

(a) Women's Outreach and Menstrual Network
(b) Women on the Move and Menstrual Needs
(c) Women's Organisation for Mobility and Nutrition
(d) Women's Opportunity and Mobility Network
(e) Women on Mobility and Medical Needs

Ans. b

Sol. According to the provided document, Kerala's Women and Child Development Department launched WOMN to improve access to affordable menstrual hygiene products and safe disposal facilities at public transport locations. The initiative aims to make public travel safer and more convenient for women and girls.

101. Which traditional prasad from Gujarat received a Geographical Indication (GI) tag in October 2026?

(a) Tirupati Laddu
(b) Dharwad Peda
(c) Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad
(d) Mahim Halwa
(e) Modhera Prasad

Ans. c

Sol. Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad, offered at the Ambaji Temple in Gujarat, received the GI tag on October 8, 2026. The application was submitted by the Shree Arasuri Ambaji Mata Devsthan Trust on October 1, 2026. The certificate handover ceremony was scheduled for October 11, 2026.

102. Which of the following laureates was associated with the 2026 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine, according to the provided document?

(a) Francis Halzen
(b) Anne Carson
(c) Navanethem Pillay

(d) Karl Deisseroth
(e) Robert E. Hall

Ans. d

Sol. The document lists Karl Deisseroth, Peter Hegemann and Georg Nagel as the laureates in Physiology or Medicine. Their discoveries led to optogenetics, which makes it possible to switch nerve-cell activity on or off in a living brain.

Category	Laureate(s)	Motivation / Contribution
Physiology or Medicine	Karl Deisseroth(USA), Peter Hegemann (Germany), and Georg Nagel (Germany)	Discoveries leading to optogenetics, making it possible to switch nerve cell activity on or off in a living brain.
Physics	Francis Halzen (Belgian and U.S. citizenship)	Decisive contributions to the IceCube Neutrino Observatory and the discovery of high-energy neutrinos of astrophysical origin.
Chemistry	Henri B. Kagan (France)and Kenso Soai (Japan)	Discovery of non-linear effects and autocatalysis in asymmetric organic synthesis.
Literature	Anne Carson (Canada)	For a bold and inventive oeuvre that, in playful dialogue with the classical tradition, has created new forms for contemporary literature.
Peace	Navanethem Pillay (South Africa)	The Norwegian Nobel Committee awarded her the prize for her decades-long efforts to promote international law, human rights, and the prosecution of war crimes, crimes against humanity, and genocide.
Economic Sciences	Robert E. Hall (USA) and Michael Woodford (USA)	For their work on the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilisation.

103. Who was announced as the recipient of Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism for preventing a potential catastrophe aboard a flydubai aircraft?

(a) Captain Smit Machchhar
(b) Captain Abhinandan Varthaman
(c) Captain Rakesh Sharma
(d) Captain Mohana Singh
(e) Captain Varun Singh

Ans. a

Sol. Israeli President Isaac Herzog announced that Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar would receive the State of Israel's Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism. According to the document, Machchhar resisted an attack by his co-pilot in the cockpit, helping protect 174 passengers and crew members.

104. Mahesh Kakde received which prestigious award in 2026 for his contributions to mathematics?

(a) Abel Prize
(b) Fields Medal
(c) Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians
(d) Copley Medal
(e) Shaw Prize

Ans. c

Sol. Mahesh Kakde, a professor at the Indian Institute of Science, received the 2026 Ramanujan Prize for Young Mathematicians, becoming the fifth Indian to receive the award. His work in algebraic number theory was recognised. The award honours mathematicians under 40 from developing economies for outstanding contributions to mathematics.

105. Where were the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 inaugurated?

(a) New Delhi, Delhi
(b) Ahmedabad, Gujarat
(c) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(d) Jaipur, Rajasthan
(e) Hyderabad, Telangana

Ans. b

Sol. Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports organised the event in collaboration with the Gujarat Government. The games were designed as a non-competitive platform.

106. What is the name of India's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1), launched at Visakhapatnam in October 2026?

(a) INS Vikrant
(b) INS Samudra
(c) INS Surya
(d) INS Shakti
(e) INS Arjun

Ans. c

Sol. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launched India's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, FSS-1, named Surya, at Hindustan Shipyard Limited in Visakhapatnam. Fleet Support Ships provide at-sea replenishment and sustained support to naval operations, strengthening the Indian Navy's reach and endurance in the Indian Ocean Region.

107. What was the theme of World Mental Health Day 2026, observed on October 10?

(a) Mental Health for All
(b) Mental Health in an Unequal World
(c) It Is Time to Prioritize Mental Health in the Workplace
(d) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change
(e) Make Mental Health a Global Priority

Ans. d

Sol. World Mental Health Day is observed on October 10 every year to raise awareness of mental health issues and mobilise efforts to improve mental healthcare worldwide. The theme listed in the provided document for 2026 is "Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change".

108. What was the theme of the International Day of the Girl Child 2026?

(a) Girls' Vision for the Future
(b) Ending Child Marriage and Investing in Girls' Rights
(c) Empower Girls, Empower the World
(d) Digital Equality for Every Girl
(e) Education and Equality for All Girls

Ans. b

Sol. The International Day of the Girl Child is observed every year on October 11. It celebrates girls' leadership and amplifies their voices while promoting the protection of their rights. The 2026 theme in the provided document is "Ending child marriage and investing in girls' rights".

109. On which date is National Post Day observed in India?

(a) October 2
(b) October 5
(c) October 9
(d) October 10
(e) October 14

Ans. d

Sol. National Post Day is observed in India on October 10 to recognise the contribution of the Indian Postal Department. The document notes that Lord Dalhousie established it in 1854 and that India introduced its six-digit PIN Code system in 1972. The postal system operates under the Ministry of Communications.

110. Professor Palle Rama Rao, who passed away at the age of 89, was renowned for his contributions to which field?

(a) Astrophysics and cosmology
(b) Physical and mechanical metallurgy
(c) Molecular biology
(d) Agricultural economics
(e) Environmental engineering

Ans. b

Sol. Professor Palle Rama Rao was a distinguished scientist and Padma Vibhushan recipient. He received the Padma Vibhushan in 2011 and held several important positions, including director of the Defence Metallurgical Research Laboratory

(DMRL), chairman of the Atomic Energy Regulatory Board and member of the Atomic Energy Commission.

111. Which of the following films was directed by veteran Indian filmmaker Singeetham Srinivasa Rao?

(a) Sholay
(b) Lagaan
(c) Pushpaka Vimanam
(d) Mughal-e-Azam
(e) Mother India

Ans. c

Sol. Singeetham Srinivasa Rao was a veteran Indian filmmaker whose career spanned more than six decades across Telugu, Tamil, Kannada and Hindi cinema. He was known for experimental storytelling, science fiction and dialogue-free cinema. His notable works included Pushpaka Vimanam, Aditya 369, Bhairava Dweepam and Mayuri.

112. Who is heading the high-powered committee formed by the Government of India to examine sugarcane farmers' demands?

(a) Amitabh Kant
(b) Ramesh Chand
(c) Ashok Gulati
(d) Arvind Panagariya
(e) Rajiv Kumar

Ans. b

Sol. The Central Government constituted a high-powered committee led by former NITI Aayog member Ramesh Chand to examine sugarcane farmers' demands, including higher remunerative returns, revision of the minimum selling price of sugar, and concerns regarding mechanically harvested sugarcane.

113. After how many years have Asiatic lions returned to Gujarat's Barda Wildlife Sanctuary?

(a) 100 years
(b) 120 years
(c) 135 years

(d) 144 years
(e) 150 years

Ans. d

Sol. Asiatic lions have returned to Gujarat's Barda Wildlife Sanctuary after nearly 144 years. According to the supplied news, the sanctuary is now home to 17 Asiatic lions and could serve as a second habitat for the species beyond Gir Forest.

114. On which date did the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan complete five years of implementation in 2026?

(a) 2 October
(b) 10 October
(c) 13 October
(d) 15 October
(e) 17 October

Ans. c

Sol. The PM GatiShakti National Master Plan completed five years of implementation on 13 October 2026. It was launched on 13 October 2021 to integrate multimodal infrastructure planning and help reduce logistics costs.

115. Which institute developed the GIS-based platform for the PM GatiShakti National Master Plan?

(a) ISRO
(b) National Informatics Centre (NIC)
(c) NITI Aayog
(d) Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics (BISAG-N)
(e) Geological Survey of India

Ans. d

Sol. BISAG-N developed the GIS-based PM GatiShakti platform. It integrates geospatial data from central ministries and state governments to support coordinated planning of infrastructure projects.

116. Which of the following is NOT one of the three new insurance plans announced by LIC in the supplied news?

(a) New Jeevan Dhara-II
(b) Health Shield
(c) New Cancer Cover
(d) Jeevan Umang
(e) All of the above are included

Ans. d

Sol. The three plans mentioned in the news are LIC's New Jeevan Dhara-II (Plan 892), Health Shield (Plan 907), and New Cancer Cover (Plan 908). Jeevan Umang is not listed among these three plans.

- **New Jeevan Dhara-II (Plan 892):** A savings deferred annuity plan providing guaranteed, lifelong retirement income after a deferment period of 1 to 15 years. It offers single or joint-life options, regular or single premiums, and a top-up facility during the deferment phase. Entry age ranges from 18 to a maximum vesting age of 65–70 years.
- **Health Shield (Plan 907):** A pure risk benefit family health plan offering fixed daily hospital cash benefits alongside lump-sum payouts for major surgeries and critical illnesses. It features a fixed 15-year policy and premium term, no-claim coverage enhancements, and dependent premium waivers in case of the principal insured's demise.
- **New Cancer Cover (Plan 908):** A pure risk health benefit providing specialized financial support for cancer diagnoses. It pays 25% of the sum assured for early-stage and 100% for major-stage diagnoses without deducting prior early-stage payouts, plus an additional monthly income benefit of 1% for 10 years upon major diagnosis.

117. With the addition of Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel, how many Ramsar sites does India have?

(a) 95
(b) 98
(c) 100
(d) 102
(e) 103

Ans. e

Sol. India's Ramsar site network reached 103 following the designation of Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Jheel in Uttar Pradesh. Ramsar sites are wetlands recognised as internationally important under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

118. India's net direct tax collections increased by what percentage to reach approximately ₹13.38 lakh crore in FY 2026–27?

(a) 10.21%
(b) 11.50%
(c) 12.75%
(d) 13.21%
(e) 14.89%

Ans. d

Sol. India's net direct tax collections increased by 13.21% to ₹13,37,866.98 crore as of 14 October 2026, compared with ₹11,81,786.98 crore during the corresponding period of FY 2025–26. Gross direct tax collections grew by 14.89%.

Key Tax Collection Breakdown

The financial data highlights a significant growth trajectory across both gross collections and individual tax components compared to the previous fiscal year:

Tax Component / Category	FY 2025–26 (₹ crore)	FY 2026–27 (₹ crore)	YoY Growth / Change
Gross Direct Tax Collections	₹13,95,278.39	₹16,03,066.12	**+14.89%**
Tax Refunds Issued	₹2,13,491.41	₹2,65,199.14	**+24.22%**
Net Direct Tax Collections	₹11,81,786.98	₹13,37,866.98	**+13.21%**
Net Corporate Tax (CIT)	₹4,96,798.62	₹5,99,062.48	**+20.58%**
Net Non-Corporate Tax (PIT, HUFs, etc.)	₹6,53,804.16	₹6,91,965.71	**+5.83%**
Securities Transaction Tax (STT)	₹30,901.81	₹46,840.43	**+51.58%**

119. What is Fitch unit BMI's revised economic growth forecast for India for FY 2026–27?

(a) 6.3%
(b) 6.8%
(c) 7.0%
(d) 7.1%
(e) 7.5%

Ans. e

Sol. BMI raised India's FY 2026–27 economic growth forecast to 7.5%, from 6.8%. Strong growth momentum and investment in artificial intelligence were cited as supporting factors, while rising oil prices and potential El Niño disruptions were identified as risks.

120. Who won a historic silver medal for India at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in the men's 55 kg Greco-Roman category?

(a) Aman Sehrawat
(b) Vishvajit Ramchandra More
(c) Bajrang Punia
(d) Deepak Punia
(e) Ravi Kumar Dahiya

Ans. b

Sol. Vishvajit Ramchandra More won silver at the U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas. According to the supplied news, he became the first Indian wrestler to reach a Greco-Roman final and win silver at this competition. He lost the final 12–13 to Georgia's Koba Karumidze.

121. Dr. A.V.S. Raju, who passed away in October 2026 at the age of 89, was the founder of which company?

(a) Larsen & Toubro
(b) NCC Limited
(c) GMR Group
(d) Hindustan Construction Company
(e) Shapoorji Pallonji Group

Ans. b

Sol. Dr. Alluri Venkata Satyanarayana Raju, popularly known as Dr. A.V.S. Raju, was the founder and Chairman Emeritus of NCC Limited. He founded Nagarjuna Construction

Company in 1978 and received the Padma Shri in 2010 for his contributions to trade and industry.

122. World Standards Day is observed every year on which date?

(a) 10 October
(b) 12 October
(c) 14 October
(d) 15 October
(e) 17 October

Ans. c

Sol. World Standards Day is observed annually on 14 October to recognise the importance of international standards in trade, technology, safety, and development. The 2026 theme given in the supplied news is "Shared vision for a better world: Spotlight on SDG 7, Affordable and Clean Energy."

123. World Students' Day is celebrated on 15 October to mark the birth anniversary of which Indian personality?

(a) Dr. Rajendra Prasad
(b) Dr. Vikram Sarabhai
(c) Dr. Homi J. Bhabha
(d) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
(e) C. V. Raman

Ans. d

Sol. World Students' Day is celebrated on 15 October, marking the birth anniversary of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, India's 11th President and a renowned scientist and teacher. The day highlights the importance of education, scientific curiosity, and youth empowerment.

124. What is the central theme of the 2026 observance of the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty?

(a) End Poverty Through Digital Inclusion
(b) Building a Sustainable Future for All
(c) United for Peace and Human Rights
(d) Social Protection for Every Citizen
(e) Education and Employment for All

Ans. c

Sol. "United for Peace and Human Rights" as the 2026–2028 theme. The 2026 observance focuses on "Safe Homes for All," highlighting the relationship between housing insecurity, poverty, exclusion, and human rights.

125. Sankoo, which recently became the eighth district of Ladakh, was carved out of which district?

(a) Leh
(b) Kargil
(c) Nubra
(d) Zanskar
(e) Drass

Ans. b

Sol. According to the provided current affairs file, Sankoo was carved out of Kargil to become Ladakh's eighth district. It will also have its own hill council, with elections to be held later.

126. The Union Cabinet approved the sale of a 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank to which entity?

(a) Tata Capital
(b) HDFC Bank
(c) M/s 10955230 Canada Inc.
(d) State Bank of India
(e) National Investment and Infrastructure Fund

Ans. c

Sol. The Union Cabinet approved the sale of a 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank to M/s 10955230 Canada Inc., a subsidiary of Fairfax Financial Holdings. The transaction was valued at ₹52,878.08 crore, according to the file.

127. What GDP growth rate did Deloitte project for India in FY 2026–27?

(a) 6.2–6.5%
(b) 6.5–6.8%
(c) 6.7–7.0%

(d) 7.1–7.3%
(e) 7.5–7.8%

Ans. d

Sol. Deloitte projected India's GDP growth at 7.1–7.3% for FY 2026–27. It also forecast growth of 6.6–7.0% for FY 2027–28. The report highlighted geopolitical tensions, volatile energy prices and trade disruptions as key risks.

128. How many banking solutions did Karnataka Bank launch under its 'Nava Dhamaka 2026' initiative?

(a) Five
(b) Six
(c) Seven
(d) Eight
(e) Nine

Ans. e

Sol.

- **Karnataka Bank has launched a new range of banking products and service**s under the theme '**Nava Dhamaka 2026 - Enhancing Banking Experience'**.
- Under '**Nava Dhamaka 2026'**, the bank unveiled nine key solutions spanning investments, digital banking, payments, customer engagement and lending.

129. NTPC Limited signed a Cooperation Agreement with which organization to develop power-generation projects across Africa?

(a) African Development Bank
(b) Africa50
(c) African Union
(d) International Energy Agency
(e) African Export-Import Bank

Ans. b

Sol.

- **NTPC Limited, India's largest power utility, has signed a Cooperation Agreement with Africa50**, an investor specialising in African infrastructure, **to**

jointly identify, assess and develop power-generation projects and cross-border electricity trading opportunities across Africa.

- **The partnership aims to advance** commercially viable power projects, attract investment and improve reliable electricity supply for households and businesses across the continent.
- **Under the agreement**, both organisations will combine their respective strengths in engineering, project development, financing and infrastructure investment to identify promising opportunities in mutually agreed African countries.

130. Dr. T. M. Balakrishnan Nair, Director of INCOIS, was elected Chair of which UNESCO-IOC body?

(a) Indian Ocean Climate Commission
(b) Western Pacific Ocean Commission
(c) Sub-Commission for the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO)
(d) International Maritime Safety Commission
(e) Atlantic Ocean Research Council

Ans. c

Sol. Dr. T. M. Balakrishnan Nair, Director of the Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, was elected Chair of the UNESCO-IOC Sub-Commission for the Central Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO). His election highlights India's contribution to marine science and ocean governance.

131. Cheruvayal Raman, the Padma Shri awardee who passed away in October 2026, was renowned for conserving which of the following?

(a) Rare medicinal plants
(b) Endangered bird species
(c) Indigenous cattle breeds
(d) Rare and indigenous rice varieties
(e) Traditional weaving techniques

Ans. d

Sol. Cheruvayal Raman, popularly known as 'Nellachan' (Father of Paddy), was a celebrated tribal conservationist. He preserved more than 50 rare and indigenous rice varieties on his farm, which functioned as a living paddy gene bank. He received the Padma Shri in 2023.

132. What was the theme of Global Handwashing Day 2026?

(a) Clean Hands, Healthy Future
(b) Be a Handwashing Hero!
(c) Hand Hygiene for All
(d) Together for a Cleaner World
(e) Safe Hands, Safe Lives

Ans. b

Sol. Global Handwashing Day is observed on 15 October to promote proper handwashing practices, particularly washing with soap, to prevent diseases and infections. The theme listed in the file for 2026 is "Be a Handwashing Hero!"

133. What was the theme of World Food Day 2026?

(a) Right to Foods for a Better Life
(b) Water Is Life, Water Is Food
(c) Innovate Today. Nourish Tomorrow.
(d) Leave No One Behind
(e) Better Production, Better Nutrition

Ans. c

Sol. World Food Day was observed on 16 October 2026. It commemorates the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations in 1945. The file highlights science, technology, data and traditional knowledge as tools for improving food security and building climate-resilient agrifood systems.

134. World Spine Day is observed annually on which date?

(a) 10 October
(b) 12 October
(c) 15 October
(d) 16 October
(e) 20 October

Ans. d

Sol. World Spine Day is observed every year on 16 October to raise awareness about spinal health, proper posture, physical activity and injury prevention. The theme listed in the provided file for 2026 is "Spine Health for Life".

135. Bathukamma, the traditional flower festival of Telangana, is celebrated for how many days?

(a) 5 days
(b) 7 days
(c) 9 days
(d) 10 days
(e) 12 days

Ans. c

Sol. Bathukamma is Telangana's traditional flower festival, celebrating nature, women's unity, and the state's cultural traditions. Women sing folk songs and dance around floral arrangements, which are immersed in ponds or lakes at the end of the celebrations.

136. What was India's rank in the Global Hunger Index 2026?

(a) 95th
(b) 98th
(c) 100th
(d) 105th
(e) 110th

Ans. c

Sol.

- **The Global Hunger Index 2026 was released** on 14 October 2026, ahead of **World Food Day (16 October), at a hybrid event in Berlin**. **India ranked 100th out of 122 countries, with a score of 24.1** — in the "serious" hunger category.
- The index is released jointly by the **German aid agency Welthungerhilfe (WHH) and Concern Worldwide,** an Irish organisation, along with partner institutions: the Institute for International Law of Peace and Armed Conflict (IFHV) and the Swiss organisation Helvetas.

Top-Ranked Countries (Score < 5.0)

- Belarus (Score: <5.0)
- Bosnia & Herzegovina (Score: <5.0)
- Bulgaria (Score: <5.0)

- Chile (Score: <5.0)
- China (Score: <5.0)
- Costa Rica (Score: <5.0)
- Croatia (Score: <5.0)

Bottom Rank

- 122- Somalia
- 121- DR Congo
- 120- Chad

137. Which country retained the world's most powerful passport in the October 2026 Henley Passport Index?

(a) Japan
(b) Singapore
(c) Sweden
(d) South Korea
(e) United Arab Emirates

Ans. b

Sol.

- **India has climbed one place to 84th in the Henley Passport Index for October 2026**, even as the number of destinations Indian passport holders can access without **obtaining a visa beforehand has dropped from 57 to 55 over the past year.**
- According to the latest ranking **released by Henley & Partners,** dated October 9, India shares **the 84th position with Algeria and Mauritania**. The country's score has declined by two destinations compared with October 2025, highlighting the gap between its ranking and the travel privileges available to its passport holders.
- The Henley Passport Index ranks 199 passports according to the number of destinations their holders can visit without securing a visa in advance. It covers 227 destinations and uses data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA).

Top 3 Ranks

- **1st Place:** Singapore (193 destinations)
- **2nd Place (Tied):** Japan, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates (188 destinations each)

- **3rd Place**: Sweden (187 destinations)

138. Under which framework did India and Myanmar sign five MoUs for Quick Impact Projects worth USD 247,502.47?

(a) BIMSTEC
(b) ASEAN Regional Forum
(c) Mekong–Ganga Cooperation
(d) South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation
(e) Indo-Pacific Economic Framework

Ans. c

Sol. India and Myanmar signed five MoUs under the Mekong–Ganga Cooperation (MGC) framework. The projects focus on grassroots development, including water and sanitation, road upgrades, sports facilities, boiler operations, and software support.

139. What is the new tagline of ICICI Life Insurance, following its rebranding from ICICI Prudential Life Insurance?

(a) Zindagi Ke Saath Bhi
(b) Har Kal Aasaan
(c) Jeet Aapki
(d) Insurance for Every Indian
(e) Kal Se Behtar

Ans. b

Sol. According to the provided document, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance rebranded itself as ICICI Life Insurance and introduced the tagline "Har Kal Aasaan." The change emphasizes a simpler, more flexible, and transparent customer experience, aligning with the broader goal of "Insurance for All by 2047."

140. Which Indian social worker received the Hillary Rodham Clinton Award for her work related to peace and security?

(a) Ela Bhatt
(b) Reema Nanavaty
(c) Medha Patkar
(d) Aruna Roy
(e) Vandana Shiva

Ans. b

Sol. Reema Nanavaty, Director of the Self-Employed Women's Association (SEWA) of India, received the Hillary Rodham Clinton Award. Her work focuses on women's economic empowerment through women-owned enterprises and women-led supply chains.

141. Which bank won the "World's Best Consumer Bank 2026" award for the second consecutive year?

(a) HDFC Bank
(b) ICICI Bank
(c) Punjab National Bank
(d) State Bank of India
(e) Bank of Baroda

Ans. d

Sol. State Bank of India (SBI) received the World's Best Consumer Bank 2026 award from Global Finance magazine for the second consecutive year. The award was presented on the sidelines of the IMF Annual Meeting 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand.

142. Exercise Akhand Prahar-II was conducted by the Indian Army in which location?

(a) Pokhran, Rajasthan
(b) Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
(c) Leh, Ladakh
(d) Pathankot, Punjab
(e) Tezpur, Assam

Ans. b

Sol. The Indian Army's Black Mace Brigade and Battle Axe Division conducted Exercise Akhand Prahar-II in the desert sector of Jaisalmer. The exercise focused on technology-enabled combined arms operations, New Generation Equipment (NGEs), and Force Multipliers (FMs).

143. Who commissioned INS Samarthak, India's first indigenous multi-purpose vessel, at Karwar, Karnataka?

(a) President Droupadi Murmu
(b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
(c) Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
(d) Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
(e) Chief of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan

Ans. d

Sol. Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan commissioned INS Samarthak at Karwar, Karnataka. The vessel represents progress in indigenous defence manufacturing, with more than 75% indigenous content.

144. How many points did Indian para-archer Sheetal Devi score to equal the women's compound archery world record at the 2026 Asian Para Games?

(a) 680 out of 720
(b) 698 out of 720
(c) 700 out of 720
(d) 704 out of 720
(e) 710 out of 720

Ans. d

Sol. Sheetal Devi equalled the women's compound archery world record with 704 points at the 2026 Asian Para Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. She also teamed up with Toman Kumar to set a new world record of 1,402 points in the mixed team ranking round.

145. Prof. B. Madhusoodana Kurup, who passed away on 18 October 2026, was the founding Vice-Chancellor of which university?

(a) Kerala University
(b) Cochin University of Science and Technology
(c) Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies
(d) University of Calicut
(e) Mahatma Gandhi University

Ans. c

Sol. Prof. B. Madhusoodana Kurup was a renowned fisheries scientist and the founding Vice-Chancellor of the Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS). His contributions included documenting inland aquatic biodiversity,

discovering eight freshwater fish species in the Western Ghats, and leading the Kuttanad Water Balance Study.

146. World Statistics Day is celebrated internationally on which date?

(a) 15 October
(b) 16 October
(c) 18 October
(d) 20 October
(e) 29 October

Ans. d

Sol. World Statistics Day is observed every five years on 20 October. It was first celebrated in 2010 and was established by the United Nations Statistical Commission to promote statistical literacy, data integrity, and the importance of national statistical systems. In India, Statistics Day is observed on 29 June, the birth anniversary of statistician Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis.

147. India will host the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology for the first time in which city?

(a) Mumbai
(b) New Delhi
(c) Bengaluru
(d) Hyderabad
(e) Chennai

Ans. b

Sol. India will host the 61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology in New Delhi, beginning on 26 October 2026. The three-day meeting is being organised by the Department of Consumer Affairs in association with the International Organization of Legal Metrology.

148. Where was the World Health Summit 2026 held?

(a) Geneva, Switzerland
(b) Paris, France
(c) Berlin, Germany
(d) Vienna, Austria
(e) New York, USA

Ans. c

Sol.

- The **World Health Summit 2026**, held under the **theme "From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health",** took place from October 11–13, 2026, in **Berlin, Germany,** and online.
- As the leading platform for **global health, the World Health Summit convened leaders from politics, science, civil society, and the private sector** from around the world to catalyze collaborative and innovative solutions for key global health priorities.
- This year's Summit fostered cross-sectoral exchange, evidence-based dialogue, and impactful partnerships to explored how to turn innovation into more equitable, resilient, and future-ready health systems.

149. CareEdge Ratings decided to sell a combined 19.8% stake in CareEdge Global IFSC to which two entities?

(a) RBI and SEBI
(b) NABARD and SIDBI
(c) SBI and NSE IFSC
(d) HDFC Bank and BSE
(e) LIC and GIC Re

Ans. c

Sol. CareEdge Ratings agreed to sell a 9.9% equity stake each in CareEdge Global IFSC to State Bank of India (SBI) and NSE IFSC (NSEIX). After completion of the transaction, CareEdge Ratings will retain an 80.2% stake.

150. Who has been appointed as the Managing Director and CEO of IndusInd General Insurance Company Ltd?

(a) Sanjeev Mantri
(b) Sumit Madan
(c) Naveen Chandra Jha
(d) Sharad Mathur
(e) Parthanil Ghosh

Ans. d

Sol. IndusInd General Insurance appointed Sharad Mathur as its MD and CEO. He brings 30 years of experience in insurance and financial services and previously held leadership positions at SBI General Insurance and ICICI Lombard.

151. Which initiative of the Coal Controller Organisation (CCO) won the SKOCH Gold Award 2026?

(a) COALNET
(b) SUVIKALP
(c) DIGICOAL
(d) MINESAFE
(e) COAL SMART

Ans. b

Sol. The Coal Controller Organisation, under the Ministry of Coal, developed SUVIKALP, an in-house Mine Repurposing Tool. It won the SKOCH Gold Award 2026 under the category "Digital Operational Efficiency – Data Driven Decision Making" on 26 September 2026.

152. Which two countries will host the ICC Under-19 Women's T20 World Cup 2027?

(a) India and Sri Lanka
(b) Australia and New Zealand
(c) Bangladesh and Nepal
(d) South Africa and Zimbabwe
(e) England and Ireland

Ans. c

Sol. Bangladesh and Nepal will jointly host the ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup 2027, beginning on 21 January 2027. The tournament will feature 16 teams divided into four groups, with 41 matches scheduled across four venues.

153. The joint military exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 is being conducted between which two countries?

(a) India and Japan
(b) India and France
(c) India and Australia

(d) India and the United States
(e) India and Indonesia

Ans. c

Sol. The fifth edition of the joint military exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 commenced in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala. The exercise aims to strengthen military cooperation, interoperability and mutual trust between India and Australia. For the first time, an observer delegation from New Zealand will also participate.

154. Exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 is a joint military exercise between India and which country?

(a) Japan
(b) Australia
(c) France
(d) New Zealand
(e) Indonesia

Ans. b

Sol. AUSTRAHIND 2026 is the fifth joint military exercise between India and Australia. It commenced in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, to strengthen military-to-military cooperation, interoperability, and mutual trust between the two countries. For the first time, an observer delegation from New Zealand is also participating in the exercise. The exercise is scheduled to conclude on 1 November 2026.

155. Japan's MMX mission aims to bring samples from which moon of Mars back to Earth?

(a) Deimos
(b) Europa
(c) Titan
(d) Phobos
(e) Ganymede

Ans. d

Sol. Japan launched the Martian Moons eXploration (MMX) mission to collect and return samples from Phobos, one of Mars's two moons. The mission aims to return at least 10 grams of material in 2031, with arrival at Mars expected in August 2027.

156. National Mole Day is celebrated annually on which date?

(a) 21 October
(b) 22 October
(c) 23 October
(d) 24 October
(e) 25 October

Ans. c

Sol. National Mole Day is celebrated on 23 October to honour Avogadro's number, a fundamental concept in chemistry. The celebration runs from 6:02 a.m. to 6:02 p.m., reflecting the digits 6.02×10^{23}.

theme of National Mole Day 2026 is "DispicaMole Me,

157. Police Commemoration Day in India is observed on which date?

(a) 15 August
(b) 2 October
(c) 21 October
(d) 26 November
(e) 10 December

Ans. c

Sol. Police Commemoration Day is observed every year on 21 October to honour police personnel who sacrificed their lives in the line of duty. The day commemorates the death of ten CRPF personnel in a Chinese ambush at Hot Springs, Ladakh, on 21 October 1959. The theme for 2026, according to the file, is "Fight Against Drugs."

158. Where will the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum be held on October 26–27, 2026?

(a) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi
(b) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(c) Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan, New Delhi
(d) Rashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi
(e) Yashobhoomi, New Delhi

Ans. c

Sol. India will host the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum on October 26–27, 2026, at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan in New Delhi. The forum will discuss strategic priorities under India's chairship, including ethical AI, digital transformation, global governance reform and sustainable development.

159. Where is the 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference (AWC) 2026 being hosted in India?

(a) Pragati Maidan, New Delhi
(b) Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
(c) India Expo Centre, Greater Noida
(d) Hyderabad International Convention Centre
(e) Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

Ans. b

Sol. India is hosting the 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The three-day international summit is being organised under the theme "Powering the Global South." The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) is hosting the conference alongside Germany's BMUV, with Conexio-PSE serving as the primary organiser.

160. Which Indian city has been included in National Geographic's Best of the World 2027 list?

(a) Udaipur
(b) Jodhpur
(c) Varanasi
(d) Jaipur
(e) Agra

Ans. d

Sol. Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, has been included in National Geographic's Best of the World 2027 list. The list features 25 destinations across six continents. Jaipur was recognised for its architectural heritage, traditional crafts and the 20th edition of the Jaipur Literature Festival. The city will turn 300 in 2027.

161. Following the addition of three Indian sites, how many sites are included in India's UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage Sites?

(a) 75
(b) 78
(c) 80
(d) 81
(e) 85

Ans. d

Sol. Three Indian sites have been added to India's UNESCO Tentative List, bringing the total to 81. These are the Baratang Karst-Mud Volcano Complex, Andaman Subduction Volcanoes in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and the Sirpur Cultural and Archaeological Landscape in Chhattisgarh.

Important: Inclusion in the Tentative List does not mean that a site has already been declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is an initial step in the nomination process.

162. India and which country signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on Electronic Origin Data Exchange to facilitate bilateral trade under an FTA?

(a) Australia
(b) Singapore
(c) New Zealand
(d) Japan
(e) South Korea

Ans. c

Sol. India and New Zealand signed a Memorandum of Cooperation on Electronic Origin Data Exchange to facilitate bilateral trade under the India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA). The initiative aims to strengthen customs cooperation, improve operational efficiency, reduce information gaps and provide greater certainty to traders.

163. Who has been appointed as the next chairman of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for a three-year tenure beginning December 7, 2026?

(a) Arun Singh
(b) Sunil Kumar
(c) Gurdeep Singh
(d) Sanjay Khanna
(e) Arvinder Singh Sahney

Ans. b

Sol. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointment of Sunil Kumar, currently an executive director at ONGC, as the company's next chairman. His three-year tenure will begin on December 7, 2026, in accordance with the appointment terms. He will replace Arun Singh, who has served as ONGC's chairman and CEO since December 2022.

Additional Exam Facts:

- CMD of NTPC: Gurdeep Singh

- MD of BPCL: Sanjay Khanna

- Chairman of IOCL: Arvinder Singh Sahney

CMD of SAIL: Dr. Ashok Kumar Panda

164. The Badr Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on defence cooperation was signed by which four countries on October 21, 2026?

(a) Turkey, Qatar, Pakistan and Indonesia
(b) Turkey, Saudi Arabia, Pakistan and Malaysia
(c) Qatar, Iran, Pakistan and Indonesia
(d) Turkey, Egypt, Indonesia and Bangladesh
(e) Qatar, UAE, Pakistan and Malaysia

Ans. a

Sol. Turkey, Qatar, Pakistan and Indonesia signed the Badr Memorandum of Understanding on October 21, 2026, in Doha. The agreement aims to strengthen defence cooperation among the four countries.

Its objectives include:

- Promoting cooperation in defence manufacturing.

- Enhancing defence capabilities.

- Supporting technical defence training and research and development.

- Developing industrial solutions suited to modern defence systems.

165. Who was selected for the Karnataka Janapada Academy's Annual Honorary Award for 2026?

(a) Vijay Kumar Sonare
(b) Devadas Chimakode

(c) Siddalingaiah
(d) Channaveera Kanavi
(e) B. Jayashree

Ans. b

Sol. Veteran folk artist Devadas Chimakode was selected for the Karnataka Janapada Academy's Annual Honorary Award for 2026. Announced on October 21, 2026, the award recognises his outstanding contribution over 35 years to preserving, promoting and propagating traditional folk art forms at the village level. The honour brings recognition to Bidar district and encourages artists working to preserve rural cultural traditions.

166. IIIT Bangalore signed an MoU with which Polish university to establish a framework for academic and research collaboration?

(a) University of Warsaw
(b) Jagiellonian University
(c) AGH University of Krakow
(d) University of Wroclaw
(e) Adam Mickiewicz University

Ans. c

Sol. IIIT Bangalore signed an MoU with Poland's AGH University of Krakow to promote academic and research collaboration. The agreement includes joint research, academic programmes, exchange of academic materials, faculty and student mobility, and joint seminars and conferences.

167. According to the revised RBI leverage ratio framework, what is the minimum leverage ratio required for Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs), effective from April 1, 2027?

(a) 3.0%
(b) 3.5%
(c) 4.0%
(d) 4.5%
(e) 5.0%

Ans. c

Sol. The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued the Reserve Bank of India (Commercial Banks – Prudential Norms on Capital Adequacy)** Eleventh Amendment Directions, 2026 on October 23, 2026, revising the bank leverage ratio framework in alignment with the **Basel Committee on Banking Supervision's (BCBS) 2017 standards.**

- **Effective Date:** The revised framework takes effect on April 1, 2027.
- **Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs):** Must maintain a minimum leverage ratio of 4.0% (applies to lenders such as SBI, HDFC Bank, and ICICI Bank).
- **Other Commercial Banks:** Must maintain a minimum leverage ratio of 3.5%.
- **Indian Branches of G-SIBs:** Must maintain 3.5% plus the applicable leverage ratio buffer (including any additional buffer prescribed by their home regulator).
- **Capital Distribution Constraints:** G-SIB branches failing to meet their leverage ratio buffer or CET1 risk-based capital requirements will face tiered earnings retention (distribution constraints) ranging from 40% to 100% depending on the shortfall

168. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the RBI's ₹169-crore data centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute in which state?

(a) Bihar
(b) Odisha
(c) Jharkhand
(d) West Bengal
(e) Andhra Pradesh

Ans. b

Sol. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India's ₹169-crore data centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute at Jatni, near Bhubaneswar, Odisha. The facility aims to strengthen India's financial system through improved computing infrastructure, cybersecurity training, and more reliable financial services.

169. Who became the first Indian physicist to receive the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal?

(a) C. N. R. Rao
(b) Ashoke Sen
(c) Jayant Narlikar

(d) Satyendra Nath Bose
(e) Abhay Ashtekar

Ans. b

Sol. Indian physicist Ashoke Sen received the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal, becoming the first Indian physicist to receive this honour. He is a professor at the International Centre for Theoretical Sciences (ICTS) in Bengaluru and is known for his contributions to string theory. He received the medal in Stockholm on October 22, 2026.

170. Lionel Messi received the 2026 Princess of Asturias Award in which category?

(a) Arts
(b) Social Sciences
(c) International Cooperation
(d) Sports
(e) Concord

Ans. d

Sol. Lionel Messi received the 2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports on October 23, 2026, at the Teatro Campoamor in Oviedo, Spain. According to the provided current affairs material, he became the first individual footballer to receive this honour. Messi has also won eight Ballon d'Or titles and the FIFA World Cup.

171. Ukraine joined which organisation's Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP) on October 22, 2026?

(a) European Defence Agency (EDA)
(b) United Nations Office for Disarmament Affairs (UNODA)
(c) NATO Support and Procurement Agency (NSPA)
(d) Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)
(e) International Criminal Police Organization (INTERPOL)

Ans. c

Sol. Ukraine formally joined the NATO Support and Procurement Agency's Security Cooperation Support Partnership (SCSP) on October 22, 2026. This partnership enables Ukrainian defence companies to participate directly in NATO procurement contracts and helps Ukraine procure military supplies through a structured framework.

172. The 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026) concluded at which Indian location?

(a) Kochi, Kerala
(b) Mumbai, Maharashtra
(c) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
(d) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
(e) Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

Ans. d

Sol. The 33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026, hosted by the Indian Navy, concluded at Visakhapatnam on October 26, 2026. The exercise strengthened maritime cooperation and operational engagement between the Indian Navy and the Republic of Singapore Navy.

173. According to the ICC, when will the men's and women's T20 qualifying tournaments for the LA28 Olympic Games take place?

(a) January–February 2027
(b) March–April 2027
(c) July–August 2027
(d) January–February 2028
(e) May–June 2028

Ans. d

Sol. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has scheduled the men's and women's T20 qualifying tournaments for the Los Angeles 2028 Olympic Games for January–February 2028. Each qualifier will feature eight teams: seven highest-ranked eligible nations outside the automatic qualification spots and the winner of the Caribbean Regional Qualifier.

174. Pankaj Advani won his 21st World Billiards title in 2026 by defeating which English player?

(a) Mark Selby
(b) Robert Hall
(c) Ronnie O'Sullivan
(d) Judd Trump
(e) Stuart Bingham

Ans. b

Sol. Indian cue sports champion Pankaj Advani won his 21st World Billiards title and his 29th career world title overall by defeating England's Robert Hall 1,906–1,206. The final was held at the Landywood Snooker Club in Great Wyrley, England. India's Shruthi L also won the Women's World Billiards Championship at the same venue.

175. Bodhana Sivanandan, an English chess player of Indian origin, became the youngest female International Master at what age?

(a) 9 years
(b) 10 years
(c) 11 years
(d) 12 years
(e) 13 years

Ans. c

Sol. Bodhana Sivanandan became the youngest female International Master (IM) at the age of 11, breaking Judit Polgar's 38-year-old record. She hails from Harrow in north London and is an English chess player of Indian origin.

176. ISRO's NVS-03 navigation satellite is scheduled to be launched aboard which launch vehicle?

(a) PSLV-C62
(b) GSLV Mk-2
(c) LVM3
(d) SSLV-D5
(e) GSLV Mk-3

Ans. b

Sol. ISRO is scheduled to launch the NVS-03 navigation satellite aboard the Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle (GSLV) Mk-2 under the GSLV-F18 mission on October 30, 2026. The satellite is intended to strengthen India's NavIC navigation system and reduce dependence on foreign navigation systems.

177. Who authored The Evolution of TV News in India: From Doordarshan to Digital Disruption – An Insider's Account?

(a) Barkha Dutt
(b) Rajdeep Sardesai
(c) Harsaran Bir Kaur Pandey
(d) Prannoy Roy
(e) Shekhar Gupta

Ans. c

Sol. Harsaran Bir Kaur Pandey, a veteran broadcaster and former Doordarshan producer, authored The Evolution of TV News in India: From Doordarshan to Digital Disruption – An Insider's Account. Former Prasar Bharati Chairman Surya Prakash launched the book at the India International Centre in New Delhi. It was published by Om Books International.

178. Veteran Hollywood actor Tom Skerritt, who died in October 2026 at the age of 93, played Captain Dallas in which film?

(a) Top Gun
(b) Alien
(c) Steel Magnolias
(d) MASH*
(e) A River Runs Through It

Ans. b

Sol. Veteran Hollywood actor Tom Skerritt passed away at the age of 93 on October 21, 2026, at his home in Seattle, Washington. He portrayed Captain Dallas in the 1979 science-fiction film Alien. His other notable films included Top Gun, MASH and Steel Magnolias.

179. United Nations Day is observed annually on October 24. In 2026, it marked how many years since the UN Charter came into force?

(a) 75 years
(b) 78 years
(c) 79 years
(d) 80 years
(e) 81 years

Ans. e

Sol. United Nations Day was observed on October 24, 2026, marking 81 years since the UN Charter came into force in 1945. The day highlights the UN's work in promoting peace, security, human rights, sustainable development and international cooperation. The theme given in the provided material is "Restoring Trust, Managing Transformation: A United Nations That Delivers for All."

180. World Polio Day is observed every year on October 24. Which organisation established the day to mark the birth anniversary of Jonas Salk?

(a) World Health Organization (WHO)
(b) UNICEF
(c) Rotary International
(d) UNESCO
(e) Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance

Ans. c

Sol. World Polio Day is observed annually on October 24 to raise awareness about polio eradication and promote vaccination. Rotary International established the observance to mark the birth anniversary of Jonas Salk, who led the team that developed the first inactivated polio vaccine (IPV). The 2026 theme provided in the material is "One day, one focus: ending polio for good."

181. Cyclone Arnab, the first cyclone of 2026 in the North Indian Ocean basin, made landfall along which Indian state and Union Territory coasts?

(a) Gujarat and Daman and Diu
(b) Andhra Pradesh and Yanam (Puducherry)
(c) Odisha and West Bengal
(d) Tamil Nadu and Kerala
(e) Maharashtra and Goa

Ans. b

Sol. Cyclone Arnab made landfall along the Andhra Pradesh and Yanam (Puducherry) coasts. Initially classified as a very severe cyclonic storm, it subsequently weakened into a severe cyclonic storm. It caused widespread power outages, uprooted trees and power poles, and led to the evacuation of more than 1,80,000 people across Andhra Pradesh and Odisha.

182. Which Union Territory became India's first fully 100% organic Union Territory in October 2026?

(a) Jammu and Kashmir
(b) Chandigarh
(c) Ladakh
(d) Lakshadweep
(e) Puducherry

Ans. c

Sol. Ladakh became India's first fully 100% organic Union Territory. Lieutenant Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena made the declaration on 25 October 2026. The initiative aims to promote organic farming, protect the fragile Himalayan ecosystem, and improve the quality of agricultural produce. Sikkim is India's first and only 100% organic state.

183. Who secured a historic fourth term as President of Brazil?

(a) Jair Bolsonaro
(b) Flávio Bolsonaro
(c) Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
(d) Michel Temer
(e) Dilma Rousseff

Ans. c

Sol. Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva secured a historic fourth term as President of Brazil, defeating Flávio Bolsonaro in a runoff election. Lula received 51.79% of the valid votes, while Flávio Bolsonaro received 48.21%. Brazil's capital is Brasília, and its currency is the Brazilian real.

184. Which Indian wildlife and macro photographer won the Behaviour: Invertebrates category at the 2026 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition?

(a) Sudhir Shivaram
(b) Sitaram Raul
(c) Rathika Ramasamy
(d) Dhritiman Mukherjee
(e) Varun Aditya

Ans. b

Sol. Sitaram Raul won the Behaviour: Invertebrates category at the 2026 Wildlife Photographer of the Year competition. His winning photograph, titled Shifting Sand, depicts an Indian Buthacus scorpion excavating a burrow to escape the intense morning heat. The photograph was captured near the village of Sam in Rajasthan's Thar Desert. The competition is organised by London's Natural History Museum.

185. Shabari Naturals received Japan's Good Design Award for packaging inspired by which of the following?

(a) Modern Japanese architecture
(b) European folk traditions
(c) Traditional Indian tribal art forms
(d) Contemporary Western paintings
(e) Ancient Greek sculptures

Ans. c

Sol. Shabari Naturals won the prestigious G-Mark Global Design Award for its packaging inspired by traditional tribal art forms. The packaging features Warli, Gond and Chitrakathi art, along with legends of tribal culture. Shabari Naturals is a Maharashtra government initiative promoting products associated with tribal communities and forest gatherers. The award is presented by the Japan Institute of Design Promotion in Tokyo.

186. Which Indian city was selected to host the Senior World Weightlifting Championships in 2029?

(a) New Delhi
(b) Mumbai
(c) Hyderabad
(d) Ahmedabad
(e) Bengaluru

Ans. d

Sol. The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) announced that Ahmedabad would host the Senior World Weightlifting Championships in 2029. this will be the first time India hosts the senior edition of this global event. The decision was taken at the IWF Executive Board meeting in Ningbo, China. Moscow was awarded the hosting rights for the 2030 edition.

187. Who won the 2026 United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of The Americas in Austin, Texas?

(a) Max Verstappen
(b) Charles Leclerc
(c) Lewis Hamilton
(d) Lando Norris
(e) Kimi Antonelli

Ans. e

Sol. Mercedes driver Kimi Antonelli won the 2026 United States Grand Prix at the Circuit of The Americas (COTA) in Austin, Texas. Charles Leclerc of Ferrari finished second, while Max Verstappen of Red Bull secured third place.

188. Who authored the book Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World?

(a) Shashi Tharoor
(b) Anil K. Antony
(c) Amitav Ghosh
(d) Ramachandra Guha
(e) Abhijit Banerjee

Ans. b

Sol. The book Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World was authored by Anil K. Antony, Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book at Uprashtrapati Bhawan. It highlights India's transformation over the previous decade, civilizational heritage, democratic traditions, technological advancements, and growing global influence.

189. Yasuo Fukuda, the former Prime Minister of Japan, served as Prime Minister during which period?

(a) 2001–2002
(b) 2003–2004
(c) 2005–2006
(d) 2007–2008
(e) 2009–2010

Ans. d

Sol. Yasuo Fukuda served as Japan's Prime Minister from 2007 to 2008. He took office in September 2007 following Shinzo Abe's resignation. Fukuda sought to strengthen Japan's relations with China. He was the son of former Japanese leader Takeo Fukuda, and the two became Japan's first father-and-son pair to serve as Prime Ministers.

190. International Animation Day is observed every year on which date?

(a) 24 October
(b) 25 October
(c) 26 October
(d) 27 October
(e) 28 October

Ans. e

Sol. International Animation Day is observed annually on 28 October. The day celebrates the art of animation and honours the pioneers, artists and studios responsible for bringing animated characters and imaginative worlds to life.
Theme for 2026 is "Beyond Borders Many Voices. One Future."

191. The Nelakondapalli Buddhist Maha Stupa, which is being developed as an international heritage destination, is located in which Indian state?

(a) Andhra Pradesh
(b) Telangana
(c) Karnataka
(d) Maharashtra
(e) Odisha

Ans. b

Sol. The Telangana government has initiated measures to conserve and restore the historic Buddhist Maha Stupa at Nelakondapalli in Khammam district. The project aims to develop tourism infrastructure and transform the site into an international heritage destination. Archaeological excavations at the protected monument revealed numerous antiquities, which were subsequently preserved in a museum in Hyderabad.

192. India recently hosted meetings of the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport in which city?

(a) Mumbai
(b) Hyderabad
(c) New Delhi
(d) Bengaluru
(e) Chennai

Ans. c

Sol. India hosted key meetings of the UNESCO International Convention against Doping in Sport in New Delhi. India plans to amend the National Anti-Doping Act to introduce criminal penalties for coaches and supply-chain stakeholders. The country operates under the National Anti-Doping Act, 2022, and its 2025 Amendment. An MoU was also signed with UNESCO to introduce value-based sports modules in schools across 13 languages. India serves as Vice-Chairperson of the COP10 Bureau for Group IV.

193. Where will the 31st Conference of the Parties (COP31) to the UNFCCC be held in November 2026?

(a) Baku, Azerbaijan
(b) Belém, Brazil
(c) Addis Ababa, Ethiopia
(d) Antalya, Türkiye
(e) Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Ans. d

Sol. COP31 is scheduled to be held in Antalya, Türkiye, from **9 to 20 November 2026**. The conference will focus on climate change mitigation, climate finance, adaptation measures and implementation of the Paris Agreement. India has called for prioritising existing climate commitments, faster implementation of the Paris Agreement and greater support for countries in need.

Related Facts:

- COP27 (2022): Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
- COP28 (2023): Dubai, UAE
- COP29 (2024): Baku, Azerbaijan
- COP30 (2025): Belém, Brazil
- COP32 (2027): Addis Ababa, Ethiopia

194. Who won the Men's Ballon d'Or award ?

(a) Lionel Messi
(b) Kylian Mbappé
(c) Harry Kane
(d) Cristiano Ronaldo
(e) Lamine Yamal

Ans. c

Sol. England and Bayern Munich striker Harry Kane won the Men's Ballon d'Or. He became the first Englishman to win the prestigious award in 25 years, following Michael Owen's victory in 2001.

Other important winners mentioned in the report include:

- **Women's Ballon d'Or Féminin:** Alexia Putellas
- **Men's Young Talent of the Year:** Lamine Yamal
- **Women's Young Talent of the Year:** Vicky Lopez
- **Men's Goalkeeper of the Year:** Unai Simon
- **Women's Goalkeeper of the Year:** Cata Coll
- **Men's Coach of the Year:** Luis de la Fuente
- **Women's Coach of the Year:** Pere Romeu
- **Men's Club of the Year:** Paris Saint-Germain
- **Women's Club of the Year:** Barcelona
- **Socrates Award:** Bukayo Saka

195. Which award did the UAE confer on Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and the flydubai crew for their bravery during a cockpit incident?

(a) Order of Zayed II, First Class
(b) Order of the Union
(c) UAE Humanitarian Medal
(d) Emirates Aviation Excellence Award
(e) Sheikh Khalifa Award

Ans. a

Sol. The UAE honoured Indian pilot Captain Smit Machchhar and the flydubai crew for their courage during a cockpit incident on September 30. Despite being seriously injured, the captain managed to open the cockpit door, allowing crew members and passengers to intervene and help avert a potential tragedy. UAE President Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan conferred the **First Class Order of Zayed II** on the crew members involved.

196. INS Srishti, a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel, has been built by which organisation for the Indian Navy?

(a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited
(b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers
(c) Hindustan Shipyard Limited
(d) Goa Shipyard Limited
(e) Cochin Shipyard Limited

Ans. d

Sol. Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL), a Defence Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Defence, launched **INS Srishti (Yard 1283)** for the Indian Navy.

Offshore Patrol Vessels play an important role in:

- Maritime surveillance.
- Protecting offshore assets.
- Safeguarding India's maritime interests.
- Strengthening India's maritime security capabilities.

197. Who defeated India's P. V. Sindhu in the women's singles final of the French Open Badminton 2026?

(a) Akane Yamaguchi
(b) Chen Yufei
(c) An Se-young
(d) Carolina Marin
(e) Tai Tzu-ying

Ans. c

Sol. South Korea's An Se-young defeated India's P. V. Sindhu in the women's singles final of the French Open Super 750 tournament in Paris. Sindhu won the opening

game 21–16, but An Se-young came back to win the next two games 21–11 and 21–12.

- P. V. Sindhu returned to the top eight of the BWF women's singles world rankings.
- Christo Popov became the first French badminton player to reach world No. 1 in men's singles.
- Sindhu finished as the runner-up in the tournament.

198. Who translated the book *The Story of Vande Mataram* into English?

(a) Arif Mohammed Khan
(b) Ranga Hari
(c) Mercy Jill
(d) Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay
(e) Shashi Tharoor

Ans. c

Sol. Former Bihar and Kerala Governor Dr Arif Mohammed Khan unveiled the English translation of *The Story of Vande Mataram* at the Constitutional Club in New Delhi. The book was originally written in Malayalam by veteran RSS leader Ranga Hari and was translated into English by **Dr Mercy Jill**.

The book discusses the historical significance of Vande Mataram and its role in India's freedom struggle.

199. On which date is World Thrift Day observed globally every year?

(a) 24 October
(b) 30 October
(c) 31 October
(d) 1 November
(e) 15 November

Ans. c

Sol. World Thrift Day, also known as World Savings Day, is observed globally on **31 October**. In India, it is observed on **30 October**.

The observance was established in October 1924 during the first International Savings Bank Congress in Milan, Italy. Italian professor Filippo Ravizza is credited with introducing the idea.

200. World Development Information Day is observed globally on which date?

(a) 16 October
(b) 20 October
(c) 24 October
(d) 30 October
(e) 31 October

Ans. c

Sol. World Development Information Day is observed annually on **24 October**. It aims to draw international attention to development challenges and strengthen global cooperation in addressing them.

The day also seeks to improve the dissemination of information and mobilise public opinion, particularly among young people, regarding important socioeconomic development issues.