1. Children's Day (Bal Diwas): 137th Birth Anniversary of Jawaharlal Nehru

- Observed across India on 14 November 2026 to mark the 137th birth anniversary of India's first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

2. World Diabetes Day (14 November): Theme 'Early Action on Diabetes'

- International Diabetes Federation (IDF) : headquarters Brussels, Belgium.

3. Tamil Nadu Imposes Stock Limits on Rice, Paddy and Pulses

- the Centre allowed Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana to impose stock limits on paddy and rice under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955, until 31 January 2027.

4. Fino Payments Bank: New MD & CEO; Payments Bank Framework

- RBI had approved Rishi Gupta's reappointment as MD & CEO for 3 years from 2 May 2026.
- On 5 December 2025, Fino became the first payments bank to receive RBI's in-principle approval to convert into an SFB; it began payments bank operations in 2017.
- Payments banks were set up on the recommendation of the Nachiket Mor Committee; Airtel Payments Bank was the first to receive a licence (April 2016); five now operate.
- Allowed: demand deposits up to ₹2 lakh per customer; ATM/debit cards; distribution of mutual funds and insurance.
- Not allowed: loans, credit cards, term deposits and NRI deposits (so no priority-sector lending targets).
- Norms: minimum paid-up capital ₹100 crore; CAR 15%; promoter holding at least 40% for the first 5 years; FDI up to 74%.

5. PPI limits (RBI Master Directions on PPIs): full-KYC wallets up to ₹2 lakh; small (minimum-detail) PPIs up to ₹10,000.

- Central KYC Registry (CKYCR) is managed by CERSAI and issues a 14-digit identifier.

6. Soreng (Sikkim): India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster

7. GOBARdhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme (₹23,731 Crore)

- Approved by the Union Cabinet on 6 August 2026 with an outlay of ₹23,731 crore for FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36; nodal ministry: Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.
- GOBARdhan: Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan.

8. PM Surya Sarovar Yojana for Floating Solar (₹5,070 Crore)

- Approved on 31 July 2026 with an outlay of ₹5,070 crore (FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31), under the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy.
- Target: 5,000 MW of floating solar PV with co-located storage of at least 10,000 MWh (2 hours).
- Central assistance of ₹1 crore per MW after commissioning.

9. Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026: India 176th of 177

- Biennial index by Yale (Center for Environmental Law & Policy) and Columbia University, released in July 2026; 177 countries on 47 indicators.
- India: 176th (score 22.46), ahead only of Laos (177th); Estonia ranked 1st (74.79).

10. WHO Global TB Report 2026: India's Progress

- The 2025 report showed India's TB incidence fell 21% (from 237 to 187 per lakh) between 2015 and 2024, almost double the global decline of 12%.
- India missed its target of eliminating TB by 2025.
- World TB Day: 24 March. TB is caused by Mycobacterium tuberculosis; it mainly affects the lungs but can affect bones, kidneys and the brain.

11. SHATAYU Caregiver Registry for Senior Citizens

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- The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment runs SHATAYU (Senior Holistic Care Assistance and Training for Your Utility), a national dashboard of trained geriatric caregivers

12. The 12th India–Sri Lanka army exercise Mitra Shakti began at Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka

13. Other Bilateral Exercises to Remember

- Naseem Al Bahr – India–Oman naval exercise.
- Veer Guardian – India–Japan air exercise.
- Vajra Prahar – India–US special forces exercise

14. HSBC Hurun Global Indians List 2026

- 1. Sundar Pichai (Alphabet) – $4.2 trillion; 2. Satya Nadella (Microsoft) – $2.6 trillion; 3. Sanjay Mehrotra (Micron) – $1.4 trillion; 4. Neal Mohan (YouTube); 5. Thomas Kurian (Google Cloud)

15. Ningol Chakouba Celebrated in Manipur

16. 45th India International Trade Fair (IITF), New Delhi

17. Ranivas Mound (Bihar) Declared a Site of National Importance

18. 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games, Dakar 2026

- Mascot 'Ayo' (lion cub); motto 'Africa Welcomes, Dakar Celebrates'
- Top 5: China, Japan, Russia, Egypt, Ethiopia
- India: 21st with 10 medals (2 gold, 3 silver, 5 bronze) ; India sent 17 athletes in 11 sports – its smallest contingent.
- Next: 2028 Winter Youth Olympics – Dolomiti Valtellina, Italy; 2028 Summer Olympics – Los Angeles, USA.

19. IISc Distinguished Alumnus Award for Maruthi R. Akella

20. First Wax Statue of a Woman Cricketer: Harmanpreet Kaur

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- Badminton World Federation (BWF): headquarters Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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