1. Union Bank of India: 108th Foundation Day and New Initiatives
- Theme: "108 Years Young – Shaping a Brighter Future Together".
- Union Bank of India (UBI) celebrated its 108th Foundation Day on November 11, 2026

2. State Bank of India (SBI) inaugurated CyRIS, a Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence, in Mumbai
- it rests on three pillars – THINK, INNOVATE and DEFEND

3. Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), established in 1875 in Mumbai, is Asia's oldest stock exchange; MD & CEO Sundararaman Ramamurthy

4. Key indicators (October 2026):
- Unemployment Rate (UR): 4.9% (from 5.0% in September).
- Female Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR): 35.0% (from 34.6%).
- Overall LFPR: 55.7%; Worker Population Ratio (WPR): 53.0%.

5. Global Innovation Index 2026: India Retains 38th Rank
- The 19th edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026, published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), ranked 139 economies.
- Top five:
- 1. Switzerland (16th consecutive year at the top).
- 2. Sweden.
- 3. United States.
- 4. Republic of Korea.
- 5. Singapore.
- India ranked 38th

6. In Manila, PM Narendra Modi took part in the following Summits:
- 49th ASEAN Summit – theme "Navigating Our Future, Together" (hosted by the Philippines as ASEAN Chair 2026).
- 23rd ASEAN–India Summit – cooperation in digital connectivity, maritime trade and supply chains with the 11-member ASEAN.
- 21st East Asia Summit (EAS) – regional security and Indo-Pacific developments.
- Quad Leaders' Summit – with the US, Japan and Australia.

7. 4th India–Japan Foreign and Defence Ministerial Dialogue (2+2), held in Tokyo

8. India was re-elected to the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) Council on November 16, 2026 at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference (PP-26) in Doha, Qatar, for 2027–2030, securing 151 votes.
- ITU is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland.

9. CA Prasanna Kumar D, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), was elected to the Board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)
- IFAC is headquartered in New York, USA.

10. Double Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker was elected to the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Athletes Committee for 2026–2030

11. The 151st birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda was celebrated as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on November 15, 2026

12. Jharkhand marked its 26th Foundation Day on November 15

13. Bhashini: Manipuri Language Integration
- BHASHINI (BHASHa INterface for India), launched in 2022 under the National Language Translation Mission, is India's AI-based language translation platform.
- BHASHINI supports text services in 36 Indian languages and voice services in 23 Indian languages.

14. Pennaiyar River Water Dispute: Tribunal for Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

15. JAIMEX 2026 (Japan–India Maritime Exercise, also called JIMEX) – INS Sahyadri with JS Ise of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Force (JMSDF), south of Honshu,

16. India's Renewable Energy Capacity Reaches 299.25 GW
- India's installed renewable energy (RE) capacity stood at 299.25 GW as of September 2026 (Ministry of New and Renewable Energy – MNRE).

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- Wind capacity: 59.20 GW (about 19.8% of RE), up from 21 GW in March 2014 – nearly a 2.8-fold increase.
- Solar capacity: about 171.05 GW.
- Target: 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030; wind target 100 GW by 2030.

17. NASA's Voyager 1 became the first human-made object to reach one light-day (about 25.9 billion km or 173 AU) from Earth.

18. 12th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2026 in Pune

- theme "India's Science, World's Future" (Bharat ka Vigyan, Vishwa ka Bhavishya)

19. India's first Mountain Ecology Congress, "Processual Mountains 2026", will be held in Wayanad, Kerala

20. 9th Naturopathy Day (November 18)

- theme: "Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat"
- AYUSH = Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy
  - Ayurveda Day – September 23.
  - World Space Week – October 4–10.

21. World AMR (Antimicrobial Resistance) Awareness Week 2026 (November 18–24)

- Theme 2026: "One Health, One Action: Prevent AMR Now".

22. International Day of Islamic Art (November 18): proclaimed by UNESCO at its 40th General Conference in 2019 on Bahrain's proposal; first observed in 2020.

23. World Day for the Prevention of and Healing from Child Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Violence – November 18.

24. International Students' Day – November 17

25. Nimso Kerung, a folk dance of the Karbi community (Assam), set a Guinness World Record for the largest folk dance performance with 15,000+ dancers at KASA Stadium, Diphu on November 16, 2026, marking the 75th Karbi Anglong Day.

26. India beat Pakistan 2–1 in the final of the SAFF (South Asian Football Federation) Championship 2026 at the National Stadium, Dhaka (Bangladesh)

- India won a record 10th title and became the first team to win three consecutive editions (2021, 2023, 2026).

27. Lakshya Sen won the Kumamoto Masters Japan 2026 (BWF Super 500) on November 15, 2026, beating Koki Watanabe (Japan)

- He became the first Indian to win the tournament (held since 2023); it was his second consecutive Super 500 title after the Hylo Open (Saarbrücken, Germany, November 1, 2026).

28. MS Dhoni Retires from IPL, Named CSK Team Mentor

- Dhoni led CSK to five IPL titles (2010, 2011, 2018, 2021, 2023)

Important Questions and Answers:

1. **Which foundation day did Union Bank of India celebrate in 2026?**
   108th
2. **What are the three pillars of SBI's CyRIS?**
   Think, Innovate and Defend
3. **Who is the MD & CEO of BSE?**
   Sundararaman Ramamurthy
4. **What was the female LFPR in October 2026?**
   35.0%

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5. **Which edition of the Global Innovation Index was the 2026 one?**
   19th
6. **Which edition of the East Asia Summit did PM Modi attend in Manila?**
   21st
7. **Where was the 4th India–Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue held?**
   Tokyo
8. **How many votes did India get in its re-election to the ITU Council?**
   151
9. **Where is the ITU headquartered?**
   Geneva, Switzerland
10. **Who was elected to the Board of the International Federation of Accountants (IFAC)?**
    CA Prasanna Kumar D (President, ICAI)
11. **Where is IFAC headquartered?**
    New York, USA
12. **Which Indian shooter was elected to the ISSF Athletes Committee?**
    Manu Bhaker
13. **Which foundation day did Jharkhand mark in 2026?**
    26th
14. **In how many Indian languages does BHASHINI offer text services?**
    36
15. **Which two states does the Pennaiyar River water dispute tribunal concern?**
    Tamil Nadu and Karnataka
16. **What is India's installed renewable energy capacity as of September 2026?**
    299.25 GW
17. **What is India's installed solar capacity?**
    About 171.05 GW
18. **Which was the first human-made object to reach one light-day from Earth?**
    NASA's Voyager 1
19. **Where is the 12th India International Science Festival (IISF) 2026 being held?**
    Pune
20. **Where will India's first Mountain Ecology Congress be held?**
    Wayanad, Kerala
21. **When is Naturopathy Day observed?**
    18 November
22. **What is the theme of World AMR Awareness Week 2026?**
    One Health, One Action: Prevent AMR Now
23. **Which folk dance set a Guinness World Record with over 15,000 dancers?**
    Nimso Kerung (Karbi community, Assam)
24. **How many SAFF Championship titles has India won?**
    10 (a record)
25. **How many IPL titles did MS Dhoni win as CSK captain?**
    5

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