1. SEBI launched the "Samajh Se Investing Simple" investor awareness campaign under Project Jagrook, along with the MUST (Mentoring of University/College Students by Trainers) initiative, during World Investor Week (5–11 October 2026).

2. RBI Raises Interest Rate on Floating Rate Bonds 2034 to 7.26%

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) set the interest rate on Floating Rate Bonds (FRB) 2034 at 7.26% per annum for 30 October 2026 – 29 April 2027 (announced 29 October 2026), up from 6.45% (30 April – 29 October 2026).

3. NSE IX Launches 23.5-Hour Daily Trading at GIFT City

- NSE International Exchange (NSE IX) at GIFT City (IFSC), Gandhinagar, Gujarat started near-continuous 23.5-hour daily trading on 2 November 2026

4. SBI Q2 FY27 Results: Net Profit Rises 14.3% to ₹23,038 Crore

- The RBI approved the appointment of Shankaran (Executive President) as Whole-Time Director of City Union Bank (CUB) for 3 years

5. P.N. Vasudevan, MD & CEO of Equitas Small Finance Bank, resigned on 29 October 2026, citing a perceived conflict of interest; he will stay until a successor takes over.

- Small Finance Bank (SFB) facts:

– Capital Small Finance Bank – India's first SFB; AU SFB – first SFB approved to become a universal bank; Fino Payments Bank – approved to convert into an SFB (around December 2025).
– Priority Sector Lending (PSL) target for SFBs cut from 75% to 60% (June 2025, effective FY 2025-26).
– Payments banks with 5 years of operations can apply to convert into SFBs (December 2019 on-tap guidelines).
– FDI in SFBs capped at 74%.

6. CCI Approves Kotak Mahindra Bank's Acquisition of Deutsche Bank India Business

7. India's Services PMI at 55.8 in October 2026

8. Cabinet Approves ₹14,500 Crore VGF Scheme for 92 GWh Grid-Scale Energy Storage

- The Union Cabinet chaired by PM Narendra Modi approved a ₹14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme on 4 November 2026 for 92 GWh of grid-scale energy storage, for FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31.

9. Cabinet Approves ₹2,814 Crore Scheme for Critical Mineral Processing

- The Union Cabinet approved a ₹2,814 crore capital expenditure support scheme for critical mineral processing (lithium and nickel) for FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31

10. The Union Cabinet approved the Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research (VISTAR) with an outlay of ₹4,371.10 crore

11. The Union Cabinet extended the Fast Track Special Courts (FTSC) scheme of the Department of Justice for five years, FY 2026-27 to FY 2030-31 (up to 31 March 2031)

- Outlay: ₹3,788.04 crore – Central share ₹2,353.15 crore (from the Nirbhaya Fund) and State/UT share ₹1,434.89 crore

12. Agnipath: Higher Absorption of Agniveers into Regular Forces

- The Agnipath scheme was launched on 14 June 2022 (Defence Minister: Rajnath Singh).
- The Government raised the share of Agniveers who can be absorbed into the regular Armed Forces from 25% to 75%, for two years

13. Maharashtra declared snakebite a notifiable disease (August 2026), after the deaths of three schoolgirls in Gadchiroli

14. Haryana celebrated its 60th Foundation Day – 'Hirak Jayanti' (Diamond Jubilee) on 1 November 2026.

15. India's first Road Safety Research and Training Centre is being set up on 25 acres at Saswad, Purandar taluka, Pune, Maharashtra

16. The 5th edition of Tiger Triumph, the India–US tri-services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise, began on 2 November 2026 at the Maritime Warfare Centre, Visakhapatnam

- Other India–US exercises in 2026:

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– 22nd Yudh Abhyas – began 16 September 2026 at Auli (Uttarakhand) and Mahajan Field Firing Range (Rajasthan)
– 16th Vajra Prahar – Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh (23 February – 15 March 2026)
– Cope India [Unverified – 2026 edition]
▪ Other naval events:
– International Fleet Review (IFR) – 18 February 2026, Visakhapatnam
– MILAN 2026 – from 19 February 2026, Visakhapatnam
– SLINEX-26 (13th edition, India–Sri Lanka) – 17–21 September 2026, Visakhapatnam
– 33rd SIMBEX (Singapore–India) – 21–26 October 2026; harbour phase at Visakhapatnam, sea phase in the Bay of Bengal

17. Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2026

▪ The Indian Navy organised IPRD 2026 in New Delhi on 3–5 November 2026.
▪ Theme: "Science, Technology and Academic Cooperation in the Indo-Pacific".

18. First BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise

▪ Hosted by the Andaman and Nicobar Command (ANC) at Sri Vijaya Puram (formerly Port Blair) (30 October – 3 November 2026).
▪ Participants: all 7 member states – Bangladesh, Myanmar, Sri Lanka and Thailand sent naval assets; Bhutan and Nepal sent representatives; host India.
▪ BIMSTEC: established 1997; Secretariat: Dhaka; Secretary-General: Indra Mani Pandey.

19. BRICS Sustainable Lifestyle Week (1–7 November) was inaugurated in Manipur

20. Nilekani-Led Task Force on Exam Reforms Gets Extension to January 2027

▪ Constituted on 26 July 2026, after the paper-leak controversy over NEET-UG

21. Indigenous AI Models 'Ikaa' and 'Dheer' Launched under IndiaAI Mission

▪ IndiaAI Mission approved by the Union Cabinet on 7 March 2024 with an outlay of ₹10,371.92 crore over 5 years.
▪ 7 pillars: Compute Capacity, IndiaAI Innovation Centre, Datasets Platform (AIKosh), Application Development, FutureSkills, Startup Financing and Safe & Trusted AI.

22. The Indian National Space Promotion and Authorisation Centre (IN-SPACe) established in 2020; HQ: Ahmedabad; acts as promoter and regulator of private space activities.

23. Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo (BRESE) 2026 inaugurated by PM Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on 2 November 2026; Theme: "Invest. Innovate. Inspire."

24. First International Maize Conference, Hyderabad

25. The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) facilitated the export of 1.3 metric tonnes of Sinduri pomegranates from Kullu district, Himachal Pradesh to Dubai

▪ Other APEDA-facilitated exports (2026):
– Joha Rice (Assam) – first export to UK and Italy (13 March 2026)
– Salem Sago (Tamil Nadu) – first GI-tagged consignment to Canada (19 February 2026)
– Flavoured Makhana (Bihar) – first sea shipment to Canada (July 2026)
– Banganapalle Mangoes (Andhra Pradesh) – first commercial sea shipment to Singapore

26. India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster in Soreng, Sikkim

▪ India's first Organic Fisheries Cluster is in Soreng district, Sikkim, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY); launched on 6 January 2025 by Union Fisheries Minister Rajiv Ranjan (Lalan) Singh.
▪ PMMSY launched on 10 September 2020.
▪ Sikkim was declared India's first fully organic state in 2016.
▪ Ladakh was declared India's first fully organic Union Territory on 25 October 2026 by Lt Governor Vinai Kumar Saxena.
▪ Sikkim: CM – Prem Singh Tamang; Governor – Dushyant Kumar Gautam (sworn in around 19 October 2026 as the 21st Governor).

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27. 'Mothers of Courage' Wins UN SDG Action Award 2026

- Documentary "Mothers of Courage" won the UN SDG Action Award in the Creativity category at the 9th edition, "Heroes of Tomorrow: UN SDG Action Awards 2026", in Rome, Italy

28. Bihar Museum Ranked 9th in the World

- Bihar Museum, Patna ranked 9th globally and 1st in Asia in Worth a Journey's "World's 100 Best Museums 2026"; the only Indian museum on the list.

29. Mayon Volcano Erupts in the Philippines

30. Collins Dictionary Word of the Year 2026: 'Mogging'

31. Dakar 2026 Youth Olympic Games: Historic Medals for India

32. Prema Rawat Hits Fastest Fifty in Women's T20 Cricket

- Prema Rawat scored a 14-ball fifty for Uttarakhand vs Hyderabad in the Senior Women's T20 Trophy on 2 November 2026 at MCA Stadium, Pune – the fastest in all women's T20 cricket (international and domestic).
- Broke Fatima Sana's 15-ball record (Pakistan, May 2026).

33. Australian all-rounder Glenn Maxwell Retires from International Cricket

34. Velavan Senthilkumar Wins Czech Open Squash Title

35. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, Eminent Neurosurgeon, Passes Away

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