1. RBI Constitutes Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets (TCCFM)

- Chair: Deputy Governor in charge of the Financial Markets Regulation Department (FMRD) – currently Rohit Jain.

2. FIMMDA – RBI-Recognised Self-Regulatory Organisation for Financial Markets

- The Fixed Income Money Market and Derivatives Association of India (FIMMDA) was incorporated in 1998 in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The RBI recognised FIMMDA as a Self-Regulatory Organisation (SRO) for financial markets on May 7, 2025.
- Its Chairman, Shamsher Singh
- Under the RBI's SRO framework for financial markets (August 2024), the minimum net worth required for an SRO is ₹10 crore.

3. RBI Launches Three Household Surveys for Monetary Policy Inputs

- Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH) – 19 major cities.
- Urban Consumer Confidence Survey (CCS) – 19 cities.
- Rural Consumer Confidence Survey – rural and semi-urban households across 31 States/Union Territories.

4. SEBI Allows Digital KYC for NRIs, OCIs and Foreign Nationals from December 3, 2026

- The CKYCRR (Central KYC Records Registry) is managed by the Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India (CERSAI) since 2016; it issues a unique 14-digit KYC Identification Number (KIN).

5. Equitas Small Finance Bank Names Balaji Nuthalapadi Interim CEO

6. NPCI Launches 4th Subsidiary – NPCI Tech Solutions Limited (NTSL)

- MD & CEO of NPCI Tech Solutions Limited (NTSL): Vishal Kanvaty

7. IRDAI Mandates Four-Layer Motor Insurance Structure from December 15, 2026

8. India Re-elected President of International Solar Alliance for 3rd Consecutive Term

- India was re-elected President of the ISA for a third consecutive term, and France was re-elected Co-President, as announced by Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi
- ISA HQ: Gurugram, Haryana; Director General: Ashish Khanna.
- The Bahamas became the 116th member of the ISA

9. The Union Cabinet approved the Viability Gap Funding (VGF) scheme for grid-scale energy storage on November 4, 2026, briefed by Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.

- Outlay: ₹14,500 crore for FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.
- Target: 92 GWh (Gigawatt-hour) of grid-scale storage

10. Cabinet Approves Agnipath Reforms – Optional 2-Year Extension for Agniveers

- The Agnipath Scheme was launched on June 14, 2022 for recruitment of youth aged 17.5–21 years into the Army, Navy and Air Force as Agniveers.
- Under the original framework, Agniveers served 4 years; 25% were absorbed into regular service and 75% exited with the Seva Nidhi package.
- 25% of Agniveers continue to be absorbed on merit after 4 years.
- The remaining 75% get an optional 2-year extension, taking tenure from 4 to 6 years.
- After 6 years (4 + 2), willing Agniveers can seek regular enrolment in the Armed Forces, subject to selection.

11. INS Sahyadri in India–South Korea Naval Exercise and MALABAR 2026

- INS Sahyadri took part in the 2nd India–Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy bilateral exercise with the destroyer ROKS Munmu the Great at Busan, South Korea• INS Sahyadri took part in the 2nd India–Republic of Korea (ROK) Navy bilateral exercise with the destroyer ROKS Munmu the Great at Busan, South Korea
- Exercise MALABAR 2026 is being held from November 5 to 12, 2026, south of Kanto, Japan, with India, Japan, the USA and Australia.
  - India: indigenous guided-missile stealth frigate INS Sahyadri (F49), which reached Yokosuka on November 4, 2026.

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- MALABAR began in 1992 as a bilateral India–US exercise; Japan became a permanent member in 2015 and Australia joined in 2020.

12. Exercise Tiger Triumph 2026 (India–USA) Begins in Visakhapatnam

13. MAHASAGAR – India's Maritime Vision

- MAHASAGAR stands for Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions.

14. QS Asia University Rankings 2027 – India 2nd with 325 Institutions

- Country representation:
  - Mainland China – 1st with 448 institutions (up 53).
  - India – 2nd with 325 institutions, including 34 new entrants.
- Top 3 in Asia:
  - 1st – University of Hong Kong (HKU) (No. 1 for the 2nd consecutive year).
  - 2nd – Peking University, China.
  - 3rd – Tsinghua University, China.
- Top Indian institutions:
  - Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi – 66th (No. 1 in India; down from 59th).
  - Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru – 79th (No. 2 in India; down from 64th).
  - IIT Bombay – 83rd (No. 3 in India; down from 71st).
  - IIT Madras – 85th (down from 70th).
  - IIT Kharagpur – 90th (down from 77th).
  - IIT Kanpur – 97th.
  - Chandigarh University – 104th (top private university in India; up from 109th).
- India has 6 institutions in the Asian top 100.

15. NITI Aayog Releases India S&T Scoreboard – Tamil Nadu Tops Research Publications

- NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India) was established on January 1, 2015; Chairperson: Prime Minister; Vice-Chairman: Ashok Kumar Lahiri; Chief Executive Officer (CEO): Anurag Jain.
- Research paper publications – top States:
  - 1st – Tamil Nadu (44,611 publications).
  - 2nd – Uttar Pradesh (29,298 publications).
  - 3rd – Maharashtra (28,947 publications).
- Patent applications – top States: Tamil Nadu (1st), Maharashtra (2nd), Karnataka (3rd).

16. TRAI Launches "Network Anubhav" Geo-spatial Platform

- TRAI: established 1997; HQ: New Delhi; Chairman: Anil Kumar Lahoti.

17. Cabinet Approves "VISTAR" Scheme for Statistical Modernisation

- The Union Cabinet approved VISTAR – Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics and Research – on November 4, 2026
- Type: Central Sector Scheme.
- Outlay: ₹4,371.10 crore for FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.
- Implementing Ministry: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI); Minister of State (Independent Charge): Rao Inderjit Singh.

18. "Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan" Launched for Intergenerational Bonding

- Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar launched the Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan in New Delhi on November 4, 2026, under the Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY).
- 5C model:
  - Connect – structured links between youth and senior citizens.
  - Converse – dialogue and sharing of experiences.
  - Co-create – joint creative projects.
  - Contribute – mutual community support.
  - Continue – sustaining long-term intergenerational bonds.

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- Volunteers aged 18 years and above register as Vayo SAATHI (Support, Awareness, Assistance, Training, Health and Inclusion) on the Senior Citizens Welfare (SCW) SAMAVESH Portal / JEEVAN App.

19. Fast Track Special Courts Scheme Extended till March 31, 2031

- The Union Cabinet on November 4, 2026 approved continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs), including exclusive POCSO courts, for 5 years – April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031.
- Total outlay: ₹3,788.04 crore – Central share ₹2,353.15 crore from the Nirbhaya Fund and State/UT share ₹1,434.89 crore.
- Number of courts to increase from 779 to 850.

20. 1st North East Waree Leeba (Vari Liba) Festival in Manipur

21. ₹250 Commemorative Coin on Muthuswami Dikshitar's 250th Birth Anniversary

- Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman released a ₹250 commemorative coin on November 3, 2026 at Swatantrata Bhavan, IIT (BHU), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, marking the 250th birth anniversary of Muthuswami Dikshitar.
- The event was titled "Amara Guruguha: A 250 Year Commemoration".
- Coin: 35 g; 50% silver, 40% copper, 5% nickel, 5% zinc; minted at India Government Mint, Mumbai; sold at ₹6,985.
- Carnatic Music Trinity: Muthuswami Dikshitar, Tyagaraja and Syama Sastri.

22. Nirmala Lakshman Wins Sharjah Award for Best International Non-Fiction Book 2026

- Book: *"The Tamils: A Portrait of a Community"* (published by Aleph Book Company, January 2025).

23. Bhutan Consecrates 108 Stupas in About 9 Hours at Gelephu Mindfulness City

- Stupa No. 76 was dedicated to Indian PM Narendra Modi (who recently turned 76).

24. International Day for Biosphere Reserves – November 3

- India has 18 notified Biosphere Reserves, of which 13 are in the UNESCO World Network of Biosphere Reserves
- First Biosphere Reserve: Nilgiri (1986).
- 5 Biosphere Reserves not in the UNESCO network: Manas (Assam), Dibru-Saikhowa (Assam), Dehang-Dibang (Arunachal Pradesh), Great Rann of Kutch (Gujarat) and Seshachalam (Andhra Pradesh).

25. World Tsunami Awareness Day – November 5

- 2026 theme: "Be Tsunami Ready: Resilience Starts with You"

26. Soreng (Sikkim) – India's First Notified Organic Fisheries Cluster

- India's first Organic Fisheries Cluster at Soreng, Sikkim, under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), was launched on January 6, 2025 by Union Fisheries Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh at Guwahati, with NABARD support.

27. Uttarakhand to Observe November 28 as Disaster Management Day

28. Hardeep Singh Puri Elected Unopposed to Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh

- Union Minister of Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri was declared elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh
- It was a by-election to the seat vacated by L. Murugan (resigned October 13, 2026); the term runs till April 2, 2030.
- Rajya Sabha maximum strength: 250 (238 elected + 12 nominated by the President).

29. Asian Para Games 2026 – India's Best-Ever Haul of 114 Medals

- The Asian Para Games 2026 were held in Aichi–Nagoya, Japan, from October 18 to 24, 2026.
- India won 114 medals – 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze – its best-ever tally (previous best: 108 in 2023).
- India's team had 168 athletes (112 men, 56 women) in a 281-member contingent across 11 sports
- Union Sports Minister: Mansukh Mandaviya

30. ISSF World Championship 2026 – India Wins Gold in Men's 50m Pistol Team

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- At the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) World Championship in Doha, Qatar, on November 3, 2026, India's trio of Ravinder Singh, Saurabh Chaudhary and Amanpreet Singh won gold in the men's 50m pistol team event

31. Rajkumari Lanchenbi Chanu Wins India's First Youth Olympic Wushu Medal

- At the Youth Olympic Games 2026 in Dakar, Senegal, Rajkumari Lanchenbi Chanu won bronze in the women's changquan combined (taolu) wushu event
- It is India's first-ever wushu medal at the Youth Olympic Games; wushu made its Olympic-programme debut at these Games.

32. Collins Dictionary Word of the Year 2026 – "Mogging"

- Collins Dictionary named "Mogging" – meaning to outshine someone or something, especially in appearance or style – its Word of the Year 2026

33. Bhasi Malapparamba: Veteran football journalist, commentator, author and former footballer, died

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