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1. India Re-elected President of International Solar Alliance (ISA) for Third Consecutive Term; Bahamas Becomes 116th Member

- France was re-elected Co-President.
- ISA was launched in 2015 at COP21 in Paris by India and France.
- Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana.
- Director General: Ashish Khanna.
- Mission: Mobilise $1 trillion in solar energy investments by 2030.
- Associated vision: "One Sun, One World, One Grid" (OSOWOG).

2. India Extends $500 Million Line of Credit (LoC) to Guyana on Sidelines of CHOGM 2026 (Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM 2026))

- Guyana: Capital Georgetown; Currency Guyanese Dollar.

3. Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries (BOB-NOR) Launched in Kochi, Kerala

- Member countries (4): India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and the Maldives.

4. Exercise Malabar 2026 (30th Edition) Begins off Japan

- Participants: the four Quad nations — India, the United States (USA), Japan and Australia.
- Indian Navy: guided-missile stealth frigate INS Sahyadri (Eastern Fleet).
- Major India–US exercises:
  - Army: Yudh Abhyas — 22nd edition (from September 15, 2026), at Auli (Uttarakhand) and Mahajan Field Firing Range (Rajasthan).
  - Special Forces: Vajra Prahar — 16th edition, Special Forces Training School, Bakloh, Himachal Pradesh (February 23 – March 15, 2026).
  - Air Force: Cope India.
  - Tri-Services: Tiger Triumph 2026 — 5th edition, a Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise at Visakhapatnam (October 31 – November 5, 2026).
- Major India–Japan exercises:
  - Army: Dharma Guardian — 7th edition, Chaubattia, Uttarakhand (February 24 – March 9, 2026).
  - Air Force: Veer Guardian 2026 — Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
  - Navy: JIMEX (Japan–India Maritime Exercise).
- Major India–Australia exercises:
  - Army: AUSTRAHIND — 5th edition, Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (October 19 – November 1, 2026); Garhwal Rifles (India) and 13 Brigade (Australia).
  - Multilateral Air Exercise: Pitch Black, hosted by Australia.

5. 'Rahat Mitra', the first India–Myanmar tri-services Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise, was held in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- Theme: "Together for Humanity, Stronger through Partnership".
- Myanmar: Capital Naypyidaw.

6. DRDO Successfully Flight-Tests 'Pralay' Quasi-Ballistic Missile from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha

- Type: Short-range, surface-to-surface quasi-ballistic missile, powered by solid propellant.
- Range: 150–500 km; payload: 500–1,000 kg.

7. The Indian Navy took delivery of 'Amini', the 5th of 8 Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW-SWCs), on November 5, 2026, at Kattupalli, Tamil Nadu.

- Builder: Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.

8. Cabinet Approves 2-Year 'Second Tour of Duty' for Agniveers

- The Agnipath Scheme was launched on June 14, 2022.
- The Union Cabinet approved a voluntary 2-year extension ("Second Tour of Duty") for Agniveers beyond their initial 4-year tenure under the Agnipath Scheme
- Up to 25% of each batch are enrolled as regular soldiers on merit. The extension is offered to the remaining 75%.

9. Uttarakhand Police Receives President's Police Colour

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- Uttarakhand Police received the President's Police Colour from Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Dehradun on November 6, 2026.
- It became the 16th police/paramilitary force in India to receive this honour, the highest for a police force.

10. The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) observed its 77th Foundation Day

- CBN traces its origin to the Opium Department (1950); headquarters: Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh; it works under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

11. India's Forex Reserves Fall to $717.056 Billion

12. RBI Releases Draft Priority Sector Lending (PSL) Directions

- Agriculture Infrastructure: Aggregate sanctioned limit of ₹100 crore per borrower from the banking system.
- Food Processing: Loan limit of ₹100 crore per borrower.
- Agriculture loans to borrowing entities (corporate farmers, Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs)/Farmer Producer Companies (FPCs), partnership firms, co-operatives): Aggregate limit of ₹4 crore per borrowing entity for crop and other agricultural loans, including pre- and post-harvest activities.
- FPO loans: Up to ₹10 crore.
- Allied activities (dairy, fisheries, etc.) — loans to individuals: Up to ₹2.5 lakh per borrower, without any land-holding condition.
- Education Loans: Up to ₹25 lakh per individual.
- Renewable Energy: Up to ₹35 crore for corporate/commercial borrowers; up to ₹10 lakh for individual households (e.g., rooftop solar).
- Social Infrastructure: Up to ₹8 crore for schools, drinking water and sanitation facilities (including toilets).
- Healthcare Facilities: Up to ₹12 crore for setting up healthcare facilities in Tier-II to Tier-VI centres.
- Overall PSL target: 40% of Adjusted Net Bank Credit (ANBC) or Credit Equivalent of Off-Balance Sheet Exposure (CEOBE), whichever is higher, for domestic commercial banks and foreign banks with 20 or more branches.
- Foreign banks with fewer than 20 branches: 40% of ANBC, of which up to 32% can be export credit and at least 8% must go to other priority sectors.
- Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs): 60% of ANBC (unchanged).
- Regional Rural Banks (RRBs): 75% of ANBC.
- Sub-targets: Agriculture 18% (of which 10% for small and marginal farmers); Micro enterprises 7.5%; Weaker sections 12%.
- PSL covers 8 categories: Agriculture, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), Export Credit, Education, Housing, Social Infrastructure, Renewable Energy and Others.

13. Fairfax India Holdings Corporation, through FIH Mauritius Investments Ltd, acquired an additional 11.22% stake in IIFL Capital Services Ltd for ₹2,000 crore

- Its total stake rose from 26.82% to 38.04%.

14. Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024–25 Results Released

- Gross Value Added (GVA) of the manufacturing corporate sector grew by 9.28%.
- Overall ASI sector GVA grew by 9.59%.
- Top 5 States by GVA: Maharashtra, Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh, together contributing over 54% of total GVA.

15. Jaipur became the first city and first State capital to consolidate all offices of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry at a single location

16. Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)

- Launched on May 9, 2015, in Kolkata by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Eligibility: Savings bank or post office account holders aged 18 to 70 years.
- Premium: ₹20 per year, auto-debited from the account.
- Cover period: One year, June 1 to May 31, renewable annually.

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- Benefits:
  - Accidental death: ₹2 lakh.
  - Total and permanent disability: ₹2 lakh.
  - Partial permanent disability: ₹1 lakh.

17. Centre Doubles OMSS (Domestic) Rice Sale Target to 50 LMT for 2026–27

- The Centre doubled the Open Market Sale Scheme (Domestic) [OMSS(D)] rice sale target from 25 Lakh Metric Tonnes (LMT) to 50 LMT for 2026–27.
- Five southern States — Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Telangana — were permitted to impose rice stock limits till January 31, 2027.

18. The Union Cabinet approved a ₹2,814 crore Capital Expenditure (CapEx) Support Scheme to promote domestic processing of critical mineral

- Duration: 5 years, from FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.

19. Semicon 2.0 was approved by the Union Cabinet with an outlay of ₹1,27,500 crore under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)

- Six pillars: chip design; machines and materials; more fabs; strengthening Assembly, Testing, Marking and Packaging (ATMP)/Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test (OSAT); Research and Development (R&D); talent development.
- Semicon 1.0 under ISM had an outlay of ₹76,000 crore.

20. The Union Cabinet approved ₹14,500 crore of Viability Gap Funding (VGF) for 92 Gigawatt-hour (GWh) of grid-scale energy storage by 2030–31 (period FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31).

21. The Union Cabinet approved VISTAR (Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research) Scheme for Modernising India's Statistical System

- Outlay: ₹4,371.10 crore.
- Period: 2026–27 to 2030–31; implemented by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).
- Three pillars:
  - Comprehensive Statistical Operations and Strengthening of Ecosystem.
  - Support for Statistical Strengthening.
  - 8th Economic Census, using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML).

22. Three indigenous AI foundation models were unveiled under the IndiaAI Mission on November 3, 2026:

- EKA-1: Developed by Soket Labs Technology and Research; supports all 22 scheduled languages (Eighth Schedule) plus English; 26.3 billion parameters, trained on about 7.5 trillion tokens.
- Dhīr 2B: Developed by ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations; supports English plus 10 Indian languages.
- Dhīr 5B: Developed by ZenteiQ AiTech Innovations; supports English plus 10 Indian languages.

23. Telangana Gets ₹3,189 Crore Under Amended BharatNet Programme

- The Amended BharatNet Programme was approved on August 4, 2023, with an outlay of ₹1,39,579 crore; it covers 2.64 lakh GPs in ring topology.

24. Digital Life Certificate (DLC) Campaign 5.0 Records Nearly 40 Lakh DLCs in First 5 Days

- Duration: November 1–30, 2026, across 2,000 districts/cities, at roughly 3,000 camp locations.
- Target: 2.30 crore DLCs, including 1.50 crore through face authentication.

25. Department of Financial Services Wins PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched on February 13, 2024, with an outlay of ₹75,021 crore, targeting rooftop solar for 1 crore households.
- The Department of Financial Services (DFS) received the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Award, placing 2nd in the category "Maximum Buildings Solarized by Central Ministries/Departments".

26. PM Vishwakarma Scheme: launched on September 17, 2023; outlay ₹13,000 crore (FY 2023–24 to FY 2027–28); covers 18 traditional trades.

- Benefits:
  - Toolkit incentive of ₹15,000.
  - Training stipend of ₹500 per day.

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- Collateral-free loans of up to ₹3 lakh at 5% interest: ₹1 lakh first tranche (18 months), then ₹2 lakh second tranche (30 months).

27. Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly to Go Paperless Under National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)

- NeVA is a Mission Mode Project of the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs under the vision "One Nation, One Application".
- Nagaland was the first State to implement NeVA and became the first paperless Assembly in March 2022.

28. 4th Conference of Mining Ministers Held in Goa

- It was organised by the Ministry of Mines (Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy).

29. India's First Private Space Debris Removal Facility Opens in Hyderabad; Vision for Debris-Free Space by 2030

30. Cabinet Extends Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) Scheme Till March 2031

- The Union Cabinet approved continuation of the Centrally Sponsored Scheme for Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) for 5 years, from April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2031 (FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31).
- Total outlay: ₹3,788.04 crore.
  - Central share: ₹2,353.15 crore, funded from the Nirbhaya Fund.
  - State/UT share: ₹1,434.89 crore.
- The scheme will support 850 FTSCs, including exclusive POCSO courts (up from 779 functional courts).
- Union Minister of Law and Justice (Independent Charge): Arjun Ram Meghwal.
- Union Law Secretary: Anju Rathi Rana, the first woman to hold the post.
- Chairperson, 23rd Law Commission of India: Justice (Retd.) Dinesh Maheshwari.

31. Former Supreme Court Judge Justice Rajesh Bindal Appointed NCLAT Chairperson

32. Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Manuscripts Added to UNESCO Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Register

- Three ancient Indian manuscripts were inscribed on the UNESCO Memory of the World Asia-Pacific (MOWCAP) Regional Register at its 11th Session in Jakarta, Indonesia
  - Mahabharata (attributed to Vedavyasa): a birch-bark manuscript dealing with dharma, duty, justice, governance and human relationships; preserved at the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, Pune, Maharashtra.
  - Kautilya's Arthashastra: a palm-leaf manuscript of the classic treatise on statecraft, administration, economics and political science; preserved at the Oriental Research Institute, Mysuru, Karnataka.
  - Rajatarangini (by Kalhana, 12th century CE, in Sanskrit): a historical chronicle of the kings of Kashmir; preserved at the Oriental Research Library, Sri Pratap Singh Library Complex, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.
- India and UNESCO — key figures:
  - International Memory of the World Register: 14 Indian items (latest: Bhagavad Gita and Natyashastra, 2025).
  - MOWCAP Regional Register: 6 Indian items — 2024: Sahṛdayāloka-Locana (Acharya Anandavardhana), illustrated manuscripts of Ramcharitmanas (Goswami Tulsidas) and Panchatantra (Vishnu Sharma); 2026: Mahabharata, Arthashastra, Rajatarangini.
  - Combined Memory of the World total: 20 (14 International + 6 Asia-Pacific).
  - World Heritage Sites: 45 (45th: Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath, inscribed at the 48th World Heritage Committee session, Busan, July 2026).
  - World Heritage Tentative List: 81 sites.
  - Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICH) List: 16 elements (16th: Deepavali, December 2025).
  - UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN): 9 Indian cities (latest: Lucknow, Gastronomy, 2025).
  - Biosphere Reserves in UNESCO's World Network: 13 (13th: Cold Desert, September 2025) out of 18 notified in India.
- UNESCO: Headquarters: Paris, France; Director-General: Khaled El-Enany (Egypt).

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- India's Permanent Representative to UNESCO: Vishal V. Sharma.

33. FM Releases ₹250 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.
- The coin marks the 250th birth anniversary of Carnatic music composer Muthuswami Dikshitar (born 1775).
- Dikshitar is one of the Trinity of Carnatic Music, with Tyagaraja and Syama Sastri.

34. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the "Azadi Ki Pehli Ladai Ka Shaheed Smarak" (1857 First War of Independence Martyrs' Memorial) at Ambala Cantt, Haryana

35. Baillie Gifford Prize for Non-Fiction 2026: awarded to Edmund Richardson for "Alexander: God, King, Man" (published by Bloomsbury)

- Prize money: £50,000.

36. Sharjah Award for Best International Non-Fiction Book: awarded to Nirmala Lakshman for "The Tamils: A Portrait of a Community" (published by Aleph Book Company) at the 45th Sharjah International Book Fair.

- Prize money: AED 50,000.

37. India Win Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 Hockey

- India beat Japan 4–1 in the final to win their 6th Asian Champions Trophy title and third in a row (2023, 2024, 2026).
- Captain: Harmanpreet Singh; Vice-Captain: Hardik Singh.

38. Portuguese footballer Cristiano Ronaldo announced his retirement from international football

- The only male footballer to score in 6 FIFA World Cup editions (11 World Cup goals).

39. Virat Kohli Becomes Highest Run-Scorer in ODI Chases

- Virat Kohli passed Sachin Tendulkar (8,720 runs) to become the highest run-scorer in ODI run-chases with 8,741 runs in 169 chase innings
- He did it in the 1st ODI against New Zealand at Eden Park, Auckland, on November 4, 2026.

40. International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict — November 6

41. World Tsunami Awareness Day — November 5; Theme 2026: "Be Tsunami Ready: Resilience Starts with You"

42. Dr. Ashok Kumar Mahapatra, eminent neurosurgeon from Odisha, passed away

43. Alan Jones, Australian racing driver and 1980 Formula One World Champion with Williams, passed away

Important Questions:

1. **For which consecutive term was India re-elected President of the ISA?**
   3rd
2. **When and where was the International Solar Alliance launched?**
   2015, at COP21 in Paris
3. **How large is the Line of Credit India extended to Guyana?**
   $500 million
4. **Where was the Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries (BOB-NOR) launched?**
   Kochi, Kerala
5. **Which edition of Exercise Malabar is the 2026 exercise?**
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   Amini
10. **Uttarakhand Police became which force to receive the President's Police Colour?**
    16th
11. **Where is the headquarters of the Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN)?**
    Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh
12. **What is the overall PSL target for domestic commercial banks?**
    40% of ANBC
13. **What is the PSL target for Regional Rural Banks?**
    75% of ANBC
14. **What is the premium of Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)?**
    ₹20 per year
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    Nagaland
20. **Who is India's first woman Union Law Secretary?**
    Anju Rathi Rana
21. **Who was appointed Chairperson of NCLAT?**
    Justice Rajesh Bindal
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