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

- The Madhya Pradesh Rajya Sabha seat fell vacant after Union Minister of State Dr. L. Murugan resigned from the Upper House on 14 October 2026

2. Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah inaugurated the 'Azadi Ki Pehli Ladai Ka Shaheed Smarak' (Martyrs' Memorial of the First War of Independence) at Ambala Cantonment, Haryana

3. Dr. Sudha Yadav Sworn In as Karnataka's Second Woman Governor

- She took oath as the 20th Governor of Karnataka on 16 October 2026 at Lok Bhavan, Bengaluru; Karnataka High Court Chief Justice Vibhu Bakhru administered the oath.
- Sudha Yadav is Karnataka's second woman Governor, after V.S. Ramadevi (Governor 1999–2002), who was also India's first woman Chief Election Commissioner.
- Sarojini Naidu (Uttar Pradesh, 1947) was India's first woman Governor of a state.

4. Cabinet Approves ₹4,371.10 Crore VISTAR Scheme to Modernise India's Statistical System

- Full form: Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research (VISTAR).
- Outlay: ₹4,371.10 crore for FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31
- Nodal ministry: Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), headed by Minister of State (Independent Charge) Rao Inderjit Singh.

5. Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan presented the PM Surya Ghar Excellence Awards on 5 November 2026 at the Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026, Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

- Category: Maximum Buildings Solarised by Central Ministries/Departments.
- 1st Position – Ministry of Railways
- 2nd Position – Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance: 100% solarisation of all 2,576 feasible buildings (out of 4,144), with 61.50 MW capacity.
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) secured 3rd position in loan sanctions under the scheme.

6. PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana

- PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana was launched by PM Narendra Modi on 13 February 2024; nodal ministry: Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).
- Outlay: ₹75,021 crore; target: 1 crore households to get up to 300 units of free electricity per month through rooftop solar.
- Central Financial Assistance: ₹30,000 for 1 kW, ₹60,000 for 2 kW and a maximum of ₹78,000 for systems of 3 kW and above.

7. Centre Releases ₹1,09,019 Crore Tax Devolution Instalment to States

Major State Allocations (5 November 2026)

- Uttar Pradesh – ₹19,208 crore (highest).
- Bihar – ₹10,845 crore.
- Madhya Pradesh – ₹8,010 crore.
- Sikkim – ₹365 crore (lowest).
- The Finance Commission is constituted by the President every 5 years (or earlier) under Article 280 of the Constitution.
- 16th Finance Commission: Chairman Dr. Arvind Panagariya; award period FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31; retained the States' vertical share at 41%.
- The Centre normally releases devolution in 14 instalments a year; Union Budget 2026–27 estimates devolution at ₹15.26 lakh crore.

8. Fiscal outlay of Semicon 2.0: ₹1,27,500 crore, about 1.7 times the ₹76,000 crore outlay of Semicon 1.0.

9. Cabinet Approves ₹2,814 Crore Capex Support Scheme to Promote Critical Mineral Processing for FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31.

10. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY):

- launched in 2020 with an outlay of ₹20,050 crore; a record ₹2,500 crore allocated in Budget Estimates 2026–27 to drive the Blue Revolution.

11. Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY):

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- a Central Sector sub-scheme under PMMSY with an outlay of ₹6,000 crore for FY 2023–24 to FY 2026–27
- Soreng (Sikkim) has been designated as India's first Organic Fisheries Cluster.
- Union Budget 2026–27 provided the highest-ever annual support of ₹2,761.80 crore for the fisheries sector.

12. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued consolidated Master Directions on cyber security for non-bank Payment System Operators (PSOs)

- Cooling period: a minimum 12-hour cooling period before online transactions are allowed after a customer changes the mobile number or email ID linked to a payment instrument.
- Incident reporting: specified cyber incidents must be reported within 6 hours.

13. The RBI released provisional results of the Census on Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) of Indian Direct Investment Entities, 2025–26

- Top sources of outstanding FDI: United States (16.5%), Mauritius (14.5%), Singapore (13.7%) and United Kingdom (10.8%).
- Sectoral share of FDI equity: Manufacturing 50.1%, Services 45%.
- Top ODI destinations: Singapore (21.1%), United Arab Emirates (16.2%) and United States (13.9%)

14. The International Finance Corporation (IFC), the private-sector arm of the World Bank Group, extended a USD 150 million social loan to the State Bank of India (SBI)

- The loan will support around 8.64 lakh (864,000) rural women engaged in crop cultivation, animal husbandry, fisheries and food processing.
- IFC's first line of credit to a public sector bank in India and its first investment in a state-owned bank in the country.
- SBI was named World's Best Consumer Bank 2026 by Global Finance magazine for the second consecutive year, along with Best Bank in India 2026.

15. Market Capitalisation Rankings, Banking Leadership Changes and D-SIBs

Market Capitalisation – Top 5 (BSE close, 6 November 2026)

- 1. Reliance Industries – ₹17,83,723.93 crore
- 2. Bharti Airtel – ₹13,08,165.03 crore (reclaimed the No. 2 position from Jio Platforms)
- 3. Jio Platforms – ₹12,94,559.51 crore

Leadership Changes

- Gopal Vittal, Executive Vice Chairman of Bharti Airtel, was re-elected Chair of the GSMA Board for the 2027–2028 term (until December 2028); he has been Chair since 2025.
- Anup Bagchi (former MD & CEO, ICICI Prudential Life Insurance) took charge as MD & CEO of HDFC Bank on 27 October 2026 for three years, succeeding Sashidhar Jagdishan, whose term ended on 26 October 2026 and who did not seek reappointment

Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) – Additional CET1 Requirement

- State Bank of India – 0.80% (Bucket 4)
- HDFC Bank – 0.40% (Bucket 2)
- ICICI Bank – 0.20% (Bucket 1)

16. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) delivered 'Amini' to the Indian Navy on 5 November 2026 at Kattupalli, Tamil Nadu.

- It is the fifth of eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) being built by GRSE
- GRSE: Kolkata-based shipyard under the Ministry of Defence

17. India and Myanmar held their first bilateral tri-services (Army, Navy, Air Force) Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) exercise, 'Rahat Mitra', in Chennai, Tamil Nadu

18. 2026 Antarctic ozone hole was the seventh largest in 48 years of satellite monitoring and the largest in a decade

- World Ozone Day: 16 September.

19. India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Maldives Launch BOB-NOR Fisheries Research Network

- The Bay of Bengal Network of Ocean Researchers for Fisheries (BOB-NOR) was launched at ICAR-Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI), Kochi, Kerala

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20. Karnataka Becomes First State to Declare a State Amphibian: Malabar Tree Toad

21. 1st International Maize Conference 2026 Held in Hyderabad

- Theme: "Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World" (M4FS).

22. Asteroid 2026 QQ8 Becomes Earth's Temporary 'Mini-Moon'

23. National Cancer Awareness Day: 7 November

- World Cancer Day: 4 February.

24. Nithya Raman Elected First South Asian Mayor of Los Angeles

25. Two-time Olympic medallist shuttler P.V. (Pusarla Venkata) Sindhu was named Chairperson and men's hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh Vice-Chairperson of the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes' Commission

26. Mohammed Shami Retires from Test Cricket

27. 15-year-old Tanvi Patri of Odisha won Silver in girls' singles badminton at the Youth Olympic Games 2026 in Dakar, Senegal.

28. India Win Record Sixth Asian Champions Trophy in Men's Hockey

- India defeated Japan 4–1 in the final of the 9th Men's Asian Champions Trophy on 5 November 2026 at the Olympian Balbir Singh Senior International Hockey Stadium, Mohali, Punjab
- India's 6th title (record) and 3rd consecutive title (2023, 2024, 2026); the team was unbeaten.
- India's titles: 2011, 2016, 2018 (shared), 2023, 2024, 2026.

29. Indian Grandmaster V. Pranav (Pranav Venkatesh) won the Open title at the FIDE World Junior Blitz Championship 2026 in Al Ain, UAE

- He also won Silver in the World Junior Rapid Championship; the rapid title went to Khumoyun Begmuratov (Uzbekistan).

30. The ISSF World Championship 2026 is being held at the Lusail Shooting Range, Doha, Qatar

- Malviya won Silver in the men's 10m air pistol, earning India's first shooting quota for the LA 2028 Jaypal Olympics.
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   Article 280
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