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700 news items • 1113 linked static GK points • 300 Most Expected Questions

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1. Banking & RBI

1. News: CRR and SLR Exemptions: The RBI exempted commercial banks from maintaining Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) and Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) on fresh NRE…

Static GK:

- Canara Bank — Headquarters: Bengaluru *(Also in news: Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to keep the benchmark policy r; Zomato, 3. Amul, 4. LIC, 5. Royal Enfield.)*
- CRR – Cash Reserve Ratio; SLR – Statutory Liquidity Ratio. Current CRR 3%, SLR 18% (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: RBI Exempts CRR/SLR on Fresh NRE & FCNR Deposits; Small Finance Banks (SFBs): Key Norms and Ujjivan's Brand Ambassador)*
- FCNR(B) – Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) account; NRE / NRO – Non-Resident External / Ordinary. *(Also in news: RBI Exempts CRR/SLR on Fresh NRE & FCNR Deposits; Lead Bank Scheme (LBS) Revamp: The RBI updated its Lead Bank Scheme gu)*
- Canara Bank — Tagline: Together We Can *(Also in news: Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to keep the benchmark policy r; Zomato, 3. Amul, 4. LIC, 5. Royal Enfield.)*

2. News: CCEA Approves Sale of 60.72% Stake in IDBI Bank to Fairfax Financial Holdings

Static GK:

- IDBI Bank is classified as a private bank by the RBI. RBL = Ratnakar Bank (est. 1943).
- A Fairfax entity (Canada) will buy 60.72% of IDBI Bank (CCEA approval, Oct 2026).

3. News: UCO Bank and ScoreMe Launch 'GST Smart'

Static GK:

- UCO Bank — Headquarters: Kolkata
- UCO Bank is the only PSB HQ'd in Kolkata. IOB (founded 1937 by M. Ct. M. Chidambaram Chettyar) is in Chennai, not Kolkata.
- UCO Bank — Tagline: Honours Your Trust

4. News: D-SIB Capital Mandates & SBI Updates

Static GK:

- D-SIB – Domestic Systemically Important Bank (SBI, HDFC Bank, ICICI Bank).
- SBI and ICICI Bank were the first banks named D-SIBs (2015). First Indian Governor of RBI: C. *(Also in news: Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) and Insurers)*

5. News: Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre noted that over-reliance on AI hinders foundational learning and critical thinking. Uzbekistan Becomes 10th Member of…

Static GK:

- New Development Bank (BRICS) — Headquarters: Shanghai *(Also in news: Uzbekistan Joins New Development Bank (NDB) as 10th Member; Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Notification 136/2026 (19 October)*
- New Development Bank (BRICS bank): est. *(Also in news: BRICS 2026 Under India's Chairship — Ministerial and Working Group Mee; BRICS 2026 Under India's Chairship & 18th Summit (12–13 Sept, New Delh)*
- NDB members: BRICS 5 + Bangladesh, UAE, Egypt, Algeria, and Uzbekistan, which joined on 5 June 2026 as the 10th member. *(Also in news: India Chairs BRICS 2026 — Jaipur FMCBG and Bhopal Culture Ministers' M; BRICS 2026 Under India's Chairship — Ministerial and Working Group Mee)*

6. News: RBI Payment Systems: e-Kuber, NEFT and RTGS

Static GK:

- NEFT – National Electronic Funds Transfer; settles in half-hourly batches; 24x7 since 16 Dec 2019; no minimum amount. *(Also in news: RBI Issues Consolidated Domestic Money Transfer Directions, 2026)*
- RTGS – Real Time Gross Settlement; minimum ₹2 lakh; 24x7 since 14 Dec 2020; run by RBI.
- CBS – Core Banking Solution: all branches, ATMs and internet banking on one central system. *(Also in news: RBI Issues Directions on Digital Banking Channels and Infrastructure)*
- IT company HQs: TCS – Mumbai (est. 1968); Infosys, Wipro – Bengaluru; HCLTech – Noida.

7. News: Emirates NBD Acquires 60% Stake in RBL Bank

Static GK:

- Emirates NBD (Dubai, UAE) acquired a 60% controlling stake in RBL Bank for $2.75 billion (2026). *(Also in news: RBI Approves Amalgamation of Emirates NBD's Indian Branches with RBL B; RBL Bank (Ratnakar Bank Limited) — Moody's Rating, Emirates NBD Stake)*

8. News: RBI Approves Amalgamation of Emirates NBD's Indian Branches with RBL Bank

Static GK:

- 2026 deals: Emirates NBD (Dubai) took a 60% stake in RBL Bank ($2.75 billion), India's largest foreign banking investment. Kotak bought Deutsche Bank's India retail business. *(Also in news: RBL Bank (Ratnakar Bank Limited) — Moody's Rating, Emirates NBD Stake ; Emirates NBD Acquires 60% Stake in RBL Bank)*

9. News: Bandhan Group Launches "Bandhan Kaamyabi Ka" Campaign Marking 25 Years

Static GK:

- Bandhan Bank started on 23 August 2015 in Kolkata (tagline "Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai").
- Bandhan Bank — Tagline: Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai *(Also in news: Bandhan Bank Launches Proprietary Credit Card Suite; It drastically cuts down the regulatory waiting and scheme approval pe)*

10. News: Payments Bank Regulatory Framework

Static GK:

- Jio Payments Bank — Headquarters: Navi Mumbai
- NSDL Payments Bank — Headquarters: Mumbai
- NSDL – National Securities Depository Ltd; CDSL – Central Depository Services (India) Ltd.

11. News: SEBI Introduces "Garuda" Framework for Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs)

Static GK:

- GARUDA (SEBI, 2026) – Green Channel AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement. *(Also in news: CRR and SLR Exemptions: The RBI exempted commercial banks from maintai)*

12. News: NBFC Upper Layer Classification: The RBI classified Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) with an asset size exceeding ₹1 lakh crore (₹1 trillion)…

Static GK:

- CRAR – Capital to Risk (Weighted) Assets Ratio; LCR – Liquidity Coverage Ratio; NSFR – Net Stable Funding Ratio (Basel III). *(Also in news: RBI Minimum CRAR for Scheduled Commercial Banks Is 9%; Key Data from RBI Governor's Monetary Policy Statement (7 October 2026)*

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13. News: Credit Cards & Banking Products

Static GK:

- Karur Vysya Bank — Headquarters: Karur, Tamil Nadu
- Karur Vysya Bank was est. 1916 (Karur) and Federal Bank in 1931 (Aluva).

14. News: Christine Lagarde (France) to Step Down Early as ECB (European Central Bank) President on 7 February 2027

Static GK:

- European Central Bank — Headquarters: Frankfurt *(Also in news: RBI Signs Bilateral Cooperation Agreement with European Central Bank)*
- ECB – External Commercial Borrowing; FCCB – Foreign Currency Convertible Bond. *(Also in news: RBI Signs Bilateral Cooperation Agreement with European Central Bank)*

15. News: Muthoot FinCorp Named BCCI Title Sponsor for India's Home Cricket

Static GK:

- Muthoot FinCorp is the BCCI title sponsor till March 2028, replacing IDFC FIRST Bank.

16. News: IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand (12–18 October 2026)

Static GK:

- IMF and World Bank (IBRD) were set up at the Bretton Woods Conference in 1944. Both are HQ'd in Washington DC, and India is a founding member. *(Also in news: Pakistan to Chair IMF and World Bank Boards of Governors in 2027)*

17. News: NPCI Subsidiaries

Static GK:

- NBSL – NPCI BHIM Services Ltd (NPCI subsidiary); BHIM = Bharat Interface for Money. *(Also in news: Currency & Digital Payments)*

18. News: India Post Payments Bank Marks 9th Foundation Day; Launches DakPay Soundbox

Static GK:

- India Post Payments Bank — Headquarters: New Delhi *(Also in news: Payments Bank Regulatory Framework)*
- India Post Payments Bank — Tagline: Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwar *(Also in news: Payments Bank Regulatory Framework)*

19. News: novio and Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) Launch Co-Branded RuPay Credit Card

Static GK:

- Indian Overseas Bank — Headquarters: Chennai *(Also in news: CRR and SLR Exemptions: The RBI exempted commercial banks from maintai; Other Banking & Corporate News)*
- Indian Overseas Bank — Tagline: Good People to Grow With *(Also in news: CRR and SLR Exemptions: The RBI exempted commercial banks from maintai; Other Banking & Corporate News)*

20. News: Bandhan Bank Launches Proprietary Credit Card Suite

Static GK:

- Bandhan Bank — Headquarters: Kolkata *(Also in news: Bandhan Group Launches "Bandhan Kaamyabi Ka" Campaign Marking 25 Years; It drastically cuts down the regulatory waiting and scheme approval pe)*
- Bandhan Bank was the first microfinance company to become a universal bank. Shivalik Mercantile Co-op Bank was the first urban co- operative bank to become an SFB. *(Also in news: Bandhan Group Launches "Bandhan Kaamyabi Ka" Campaign Marking 25 Years; It drastically cuts down the regulatory waiting and scheme approval pe)*

21. News: Shabnam Sinha Appointed Chairperson of Airtel Payments Bank

Static GK:

- Airtel Payments Bank — Headquarters: New Delhi *(Also in news: Payments Bank Regulatory Framework; Key Appointments of the Fortnight)*
- First payments bank: Airtel Payments Bank (Jan 2017, launched in Rajasthan). First small finance bank: Capital Small Finance Bank. *(Also in news: Payments Bank Regulatory Framework; Key Appointments of the Fortnight)*

22. News: It drastically cuts down the regulatory waiting and scheme approval period for AIFs from 30 days to 10 working days. SEBI ETF Price Band Revisions:…

Static GK:

- PAN – Permanent Account Number (10 characters); TAN – Tax Deduction and Collection Account Number; TDS – Tax Deducted at Source. *(Also in news: SEBI Simplifies Transmission of Securities to Nominees; National Governance & Administration Clarification on Indian Passport)*
- CSR – Corporate Social Responsibility; OPC – One Person Company; LLP – Limited Liability Partnership. *(Also in news: Axis Bank Grant of ₹100 Crore CSR Funding for BITS Pilani Hyderabad In)*

23. News: SBI Life–IIT Bombay AI & Cyber Innovation Hub

Static GK:

- SBI Life was set up as a JV of SBI and BNP Paribas Cardif (France). Bank of Baroda signed an M&A financing pact with Mizuho (Japan). *(Also in news: BCCI Appoints Campa, SBI Life and ChatGPT as Associate Partners (Over ; SBI Life Insurance Signs Bancassurance TieUp with Jammu & Kashmir Bank)*

24. News: Uttarakhand: the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) became India's first SDRF with ISO 9001:2015 certification (8 October 2026) after a Bureau of…

Static GK:

- The BIS (est. 1930) is the "central bank of central banks". The Basel Committee and FSB are hosted at the BIS in Basel. *(Also in news: Mandatory BIS Certification for Smartphone Screen Protectors; Bureau of Indian Standards Launches Community Seed Bank Standard)*
- BIS — Full form: Bank for International Settlements *(Also in news: Mandatory BIS Certification for Smartphone Screen Protectors; Bureau of Indian Standards Launches Community Seed Bank Standard)*

25. News: Kaizad Bharucha resigned as Deputy Managing Director of HDFC Bank

Static GK:

- HDFC Bank — Tagline: We Understand Your World *(Also in news: Anup Bagchi to Head HDFC Bank; Sidharatha Mishra to Head ICICI Prudent; HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan to Step Down)*
- HDFC Life: "Sar Utha Ke Jiyo". PMJDY slogan: "Mera Khata Bhagya Vidhata". *(Also in news: Anup Bagchi to Head HDFC Bank; Sidharatha Mishra to Head ICICI Prudent; HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan to Step Down)*

26. News: NPCI Defers 0.4% MDR on Select UPI Merchant Payments above ₹2,000 until after Diwali

Static GK:

- MDR – Merchant Discount Rate (fee paid by merchants on card/digital payments).

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27. News: Punjab National Bank (PNB) — Bhashini Partnership

Static GK:

- Punjab National Bank — Headquarters: New Delhi *(Also in news: PNB and Indian Army Sign MoU for Premium Credit Cards; Andhra Pradesh–PNB Quantum Finance Hub)*
- Punjab National Bank — Tagline: The Name You Can Bank Upon *(Also in news: PNB and Indian Army Sign MoU for Premium Credit Cards; Andhra Pradesh–PNB Quantum Finance Hub)*

28. News: Mahesh Muralidhar Pai Takes Charge as MD & CEO of South Indian Bank

Static GK:

- Indian Bank — Headquarters: Chennai *(Also in news: Indian Bank Unveils AI TARA, IndSmart and Ind Cash Optima; Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026: HDFC Bank Is Top-Ranked Indian)*
- Indian Bank — Tagline: Your Own Bank *(Also in news: Indian Bank Unveils AI TARA, IndSmart and Ind Cash Optima; Brand Finance Banking 500 Report 2026: HDFC Bank Is Top-Ranked Indian)*

29. News: INS Sudarshini made a port call at Salalah, Oman (14–17 October 2026) – its second visit there during Lokayan-26.

Static GK:

- There are 12 PSBs. Chennai has two: Indian Bank and IOB. New Delhi has two: PNB and Punjab & Sind Bank.
- There are 7 SI base units: metre, kilogram, second, ampere, kelvin, mole, candela.

30. News: RBI Issues Leverage Ratio Directions under Basel III

Static GK:

- BIS (1930, Basel) is the central bank of central banks. FATF: 1989, Paris. FSB: 2009, Basel. *(Also in news: RBI Notifies Basel III Standardised Approach for Operational Risk; RBI Issues Final Basel III Market Risk Capital Rules, Effective 1 Apri)*

31. News: Bank of Baroda (BoB) launched NBFC operations of its wholly owned subsidiary bob Securities & Giltedge Limited

Static GK:

- Bank of Baroda — Headquarters: Vadodara *(Also in news: PFRDA Launches "NPS Central"; Bank of Baroda Sponsors Pension Fund; PFRDA Approves Bank of Baroda as Pension Fund Sponsor; BoB Sets Up Pen)*
- Bank of Baroda — Tagline: India's International Bank *(Also in news: PFRDA Launches "NPS Central"; Bank of Baroda Sponsors Pension Fund; PFRDA Approves Bank of Baroda as Pension Fund Sponsor; BoB Sets Up Pen)*

32. News: Special Mention Accounts (SMA) and NonPerforming Asset (NPA) Stages

Static GK:

- NPA – Non-Performing Asset (overdue for more than 90 days); SMA – Special Mention Account.

33. News: Central KYC Registry (CKYCR) and ReKYC Cycles

Static GK:

- KYC – Know Your Customer; CKYC – Central KYC, run by CERSAI, 14-digit number. *(Also in news: Credit Information & KYC; RBI Penalties on Bank of Baroda & GIC Housing Finance)*

34. News: State Bank of India (SBI) told stock exchanges on 21 October 2026 that 3,897 customer records containing personal information were among about 3.75…

Static GK:

- State Bank of India — Headquarters: Mumbai *(Also in news: Bihar Launches 100-Point Performance Index for Banks; SBI Buys ~40% of Reliance Industries' ₹13,000 Crore Bond Issue)*
- State Bank of India — Tagline: The Banker to Every Indian *(Also in news: Bihar Launches 100-Point Performance Index for Banks; SBI Buys ~40% of Reliance Industries' ₹13,000 Crore Bond Issue)*

35. News: Exim Bank Designated Implementing Agency for Interest Subvention Scheme

Static GK:

- EXIM Bank (1982) — Headquarters: Mumbai *(Also in news: EXIM Bank Pays ₹428 Crore Dividend)*

36. News: Economy Indicators

Static GK:

- GDP / GNP / GVA – Gross Domestic Product / Gross National Product / Gross Value Added. *(Also in news: MoSPI Releases Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024-25 Results; NITI Aayog Report — "Key Sectors to Position India as a Global Manufac)*

37. News: RBI Cancels Certificates of Registration (CoR) of 13 NBFCs

Static GK:

- NBFC – Non-Banking Financial Company; CIC – Core Investment Company (NBFC type).

38. News: Central Bank of India Signs MoU with North Eastern Railway

Static GK:

- Central Bank of India — Tagline: Central to You Since 1911 *(Also in news: Central Bank of India Becomes First Public Sector Bank to Launch Bhara; Central Bank of India–HSBC Asset Management Partnership)*

39. News: India's Exports to Core BRICS Partners Rise 34% to $19.9 Billion

Static GK:

- BRICS — Full form: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa *(Also in news: 18th BRICS Heads of State Summit — New Delhi, September 12–13, 2026; India Hosts 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi (26–27 October)*

40. News: TReDS Platform Made Mandatory for CPSEs to Settle MSME Invoices

Static GK:

- MSME – Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises; TReDS – Trade Receivables Discounting System. *(Also in news: SBI Uses AI for Cheque Processing and MSME Underwriting; Corporate Mitra Scheme Launched for MSME Support)*

41. News: HSBC India Commits ₹200 Crore for Financial Literacy

Static GK:

- HSBC opened India's first ATM (Mumbai, 1987). *(Also in news: HSBC Hurun Global Indians List 2026; HSBC India Services PMI Rises to 55.2 in September 2026 (from 54.1 in)*

42. News: India Rejects PCA Ruling on Indus Waters Treaty

Static GK:

- PCA – Prompt Corrective Action (RBI framework for weak banks).

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43. News: CGTMSE Guarantee Cover Goes Live on TReDS Platforms

Static GK:

- CGTMSE – Credit Guarantee Fund Trust for Micro and Small Enterprises; NCGTC – National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company.

44. News: RBI Orders Removal of Minister Babasaheb Patil from Latur DCCB Board

Static GK:

- DCCB – District Central Co-operative Bank; UCB – Urban Co-operative Bank; RRB – Regional Rural Bank; SFB – Small Finance Bank.

45. News: ICICI Bank Raises Stake in ICICI Prudential Life Insurance to 52.84%

Static GK:

- ICICI Bank — Tagline: Hum Hai Na *(Also in news: LIC Gets RBI Approval for Up to 9.99% Stake in ICICI Bank; ICICI Prudential Life Renamed ICICI Life Insurance Limited)*

46. News: Bank of India Signs MoU with C-DAC for Quantum-Safe Banking

Static GK:

- Bank of India — Headquarters: Mumbai *(Also in news: PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Data Cent; State Bank of India (SBI) told stock exchanges on 21 October 2026 that)*
- Bank of India — Tagline: Relationship Beyond Banking *(Also in news: PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Data Cent; State Bank of India (SBI) told stock exchanges on 21 October 2026 that)*

47. News: Banks Park ₹1,39,360 Crore with RBI under SDF

Static GK:

- MSF – Marginal Standing Facility; SDF – Standing Deposit Facility; OMO – Open Market Operations.

48. News: RBI MPC Raises Repo Rate by 25 bps to 5.50%; Stance Shifts to "Calibrated Tightening"

Static GK:

- MPC – Monetary Policy Committee (2016; 6 members – 3 RBI + 3 Government; Governor has casting vote). *(Also in news: 62nd RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Keeps Repo Rate Unchanged at ; RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) – 61st Meeting)*

49. News: RBI Approves Shankaran as Whole-Time Director of City Union Bank for 3 Years

Static GK:

- City Union Bank — Headquarters: Kumbakonam, TN *(Also in news: City Union Bank and Mastercard Launch "Mastercard One Credential")*

50. News: Karnataka Bank (MD & CEO: Raghavendra S. Bhat) launched "Nava Dhamaka 2026 – Enhancing Banking Experience" on 15 October 2026 in Bengaluru, with 9…

Static GK:

- Karnataka Bank — Headquarters: Mangaluru *(Also in news: Karnataka Bank Launches "Nava Dhamaka 2026")*

51. News: SEBI Revises ESG Norms to Prevent "Purpose Washing" in Green Debt Securities

Static GK:

- ESG – Environmental, Social and Governance.

52. News: India's SEZ Exports Grow 11.8% to ₹16.36 Lakh Crore in 2025-26

Static GK:

- SEZ – Special Economic Zone; PLI – Production Linked Incentive; MMF – Man-Made Fibre (textile PLI). *(Also in news: IIM Bangalore Overseas Campus)*

53. News: Smriti Mandhana Sets Two World Records in Women's Cricket Record 1 – All-time top run scorer: 10,880 international runs across formats, passing…

Static GK:

- Mithali Raj was the first woman cricketer to play 200 ODIs. Sudha Balakrishnan was RBI's first Chief Financial Officer. *(Also in news: Smriti Mandhana Becomes Highest RunScorer in Women's T20 International)*

54. News: SIDBI Posts Highest-Ever Net Profit of ₹5,493 Crore; Holds Conclave with 28 RRBs

Static GK:

- SIDBI (1990) — Headquarters: Lucknow *(Also in news: MSMEs, SIDBI and Mudra Loans)*

55. News: Federal Bank Launches "Verto" Premium Savings Account for Young Professionals

Static GK:

- Federal Bank — Headquarters: Aluva, Kerala *(Also in news: VinFast India Signs MoU with Federal Bank for Dealer Financing; S&P Global Assigns Credit Ratings to Bank of India and Federal Bank)*

56. News: Outward Remittances Under LRS Rise 4.5% to $7.23 Billion in Q1 FY 2026-27

Static GK:

- LRS – Liberalised Remittance Scheme; limit USD 2,50,000 per financial year. *(Also in news: RBI Monthly Bulletin — NRI Deposits, LRS and Rate Caps; NRI Gift Taxation and Liberalised Remittance Scheme (LRS) Norms)*

57. News: Guidelines: The RBI issued revised guidelines under the Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007 for PSOs, which include card networks (such as Visa,…

Static GK:

- First white-label ATM: Indicash (Tata Communications Payment Solutions, 2013). *(Also in news: HSBC India Commits ₹200 Crore for Financial Literacy)*

58. News: Bihar Launches 100-Point Performance Index for Banks

Static GK:

- J&K Bank — Headquarters: Srinagar

59. News: RBI Penalties on Bank of Baroda & GIC Housing Finance

Static GK:

- National Housing Bank (1988) — Headquarters: New Delhi *(Also in news: SBI Purchases 10% Stake in RDCL from NHB)*

60. News: Sunil Kumar Appointed Chairman of ONGC

Static GK:

- ONGC posted India's then-highest quarterly profit (₹18,348 crore, Q2 FY22). LIC acquired control of IDBI Bank (2019), which RBI classifies as a private bank.

61. News: IRDAI Declares November 2026 as "Grievance Resolution Month"

Static GK:

- IRDAI (1999) — Headquarters: Hyderabad *(Also in news: IRDAI Updates; Dr Tamboli Ayyaj Fakirbhai Appointed Executive Director of IRDAI)*

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62. News: AU Small Finance Bank–Zaggle Partnership

Static GK:

- AU Small Finance Bank — Headquarters: Jaipur *(Also in news: AU Small Finance Bank Receives Approval to Transition to Universal Ban)*

63. News: Third-Party Application Providers (TPAPs) must limit their share of UPI transaction volume to 30% by 31 December 2026, as per the National Payments…

Static GK:

- UPI – Unified Payments Interface; launched (pilot) 11 April 2016 by NPCI. *(Also in news: NPCI Defers 0.4% MDR on Select UPI Merchant Payments above ₹2,000 unti; NPCI / Government Notifies 0.4% Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) on High-V)*

64. News: PSB Alliance Annual Strategic Meeting

Static GK:

- PSB taglines: – Canara Bank: "Together We Can". – Indian Bank: "Your Own Bank". – Central Bank: "Central to You". – SBI: "The Banker to Every Indian". – PNB: "The Name You Can Bank Upon". *(Also in news: Four Public Sector Banks Hand Over ₹9,439 Crore in Dividends; CRR and SLR Exemptions: The RBI exempted commercial banks from maintai)*

65. News: Payments Banks Framework; Fino Payments Bank

Static GK:

- Fino Payments Bank — Headquarters: Navi Mumbai *(Also in news: Ketan Merchant's Tenure as Interim CEO of Fino Payments Bank Extended; Payments Bank Regulatory Framework)*

66. News: SBI Purchases 10% Stake in RDCL from NHB

Static GK:

- NHB – National Housing Bank (1988); EXIM – Export-Import Bank of India. *(Also in news: RBI Penalties on Bank of Baroda & GIC Housing Finance)*

67. News: Central Bank of India Becomes First Public Sector Bank to Launch Bharat Connect for Business

Static GK:

- Central Bank of India — Headquarters: Mumbai *(Also in news: Central Bank of India Signs MoU with North Eastern Railway; Central Bank of India–HSBC Asset Management Partnership)*

68. News: MANI App Expansion

Static GK:

- MANI – Mobile Aided Note Identifier (RBI app for visually impaired users).

69. News: RBI Census on Foreign Liabilities and Assets (FLA) of Indian Direct Investment Entities, 2025–26 (Provisional)

Static GK:

- Census 2011: the highest population density is in Bihar and the lowest in Arunachal Pradesh. Haryana has the lowest sex ratio. *(Also in news: Census 2027: Population Enumeration Schedule Notified; Census 2027: Rules Amended to Widen Pool of Enumerators)*

70. News: ADB Approves $42.2 Million Bamboo Value Chain Project for North-East India

Static GK:

- Asian Development Bank — Headquarters: Manila (Mandaluyong) *(Also in news: The Asian Development Bank (ADB), the Government of Japan and AM Green; Asian Development Bank (ADB) Approves $200 Million Loan for Bangladesh)*

71. News: Axis Bank and Visa launched the campaign "Iss festive season, har khushi ko banao badi" under "Dil Se Open Celebrations 2026", featuring actor Shahid…

Static GK:

- Axis Bank — Tagline: Dil Se Open *(Also in news: Freecharge Payment Technologies Pvt. Ltd., a subsidiary of Axis Bank, ; Axis Bank Organises 4th 'Sparsh Week 2026')*

72. News: MSMEs, SIDBI and Mudra Loans

Static GK:

- SIDBI – Small Industries Development Bank of India; set up 2 April 1990, HQ Lucknow. *(Also in news: SIDBI Posts Highest-Ever Net Profit of ₹5,493 Crore; Holds Conclave wi; Dhruva Space Receives ₹60 Crore — First Investment from AVCF)*

73. News: NSE IFSC Ltd (GIFT City, Gujarat) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the London Stock Exchange (LSE)

Static GK:

- IFSC – Indian Financial System Code; 11 characters (4 bank letters, 0, 6 branch characters). *(Also in news: The Wealth Company Launches "IFSC Fund of Funds" in GIFT City; IFSCA Grants Investment Banking Licence to Nexent Capital IFSC)*

74. News: NABKISAN Lists India's First WASH-Focused Social Bond on NSE, Raises ₹180 Crore

Static GK:

- NABARD – National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development; set up 12 July 1982, HQ Mumbai. *(Also in news: NABKISAN Finance Ltd (NABARD subsidiary) listed India's first Water, S; NABARD Experience Centre Inaugurated at Head Office, Mumbai)*

75. News: NABKISAN Finance Ltd (NABARD subsidiary) listed India's first Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH) Social Bond of ₹180 crore on NSE on 2 October 2026.

Static GK:

- NABARD (1982) — Headquarters: Mumbai *(Also in news: NABARD Experience Centre Inaugurated at Head Office, Mumbai; NABARD Launches RSVC "Amrit" Platform for Rural Innovation)*

76. News: India Records Highest-Ever Annual Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Inflow of $94.53 Billion in FY 2025-26

Static GK:

- FDI – Foreign Direct Investment; FII – Foreign Institutional Investor; FPI – Foreign Portfolio Investor. *(Also in news: Fitch Maintains India's Sovereign Rating at 'BBB-'; FDI Limits in Fina; Sector FDI Caps)*

77. News: RBI Schedules ₹1,34,625 Crore Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) Auction

Static GK:

- LAF – Liquidity Adjustment Facility (repo and reverse repo window).

78. News: Government Panel under C.S. Setty Assessing Risks from Anthropic's Mythos AI Model

Static GK:

- IBA – Indian Banks' Association; CERSAI – Central Registry of Securitisation Asset Reconstruction and Security Interest of India. *(Also in news: NPCI MD & CEO Dilip Asbe Appointed to SWIFT Supervisory Board)*

79. News: LIC Launches Three New Plans (On Sale from 19 October 2026)

Static GK:

- LIC: "Zindagi ke saath bhi, zindagi ke baad bhi". Its motto is "Yogakshemam Vahamyaham". *(Also in news:*

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Ashis Kumar Becomes MD & CEO of LIC Mutual Fund; Dinesh Pant and Girija Subramanian Join IRDAI as Whole-Time Members; D)

80. News: NPCI Launches 4th Subsidiary – NPCI Tech Solutions Limited (NTSL)

Static GK:

- NPCI (2008) — Headquarters: Mumbai *(Also in news: Third-Party Application Providers (TPAPs) must limit their share of UP; NPCI Defers 0.4% MDR on Select UPI Merchant Payments above ₹2,000 unti)*

81. News: Banking Operational Rules

Static GK:

- SARFAESI – Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (Act, 2002).

82. News: Merchant Discount Rate (MDR)

Static GK:

- EFTPOS – Electronic Funds Transfer at Point of Sale; POS – Point of Sale. *(Also in news: UPI Features, Transaction Limits and Global Expansion; Standing Committee on Finance Recommends MDR on P2M Transactions Above)*

83. News: World Bank Group Mobilises a Record $112 Billion in Private Capital

Static GK:

- Ajay Banga, President of the World Bank, was earlier CEO of Mastercard. *(Also in news: Government & Administrative Appointments)*

84. News: SEBI Signs MoU with Digital India BHASHINI

Static GK:

- SEBI (1988; statutory 1992) — Headquarters: Mumbai *(Also in news: SEBI Actions; SEBI Signs MoU with Bank of England on Clearing Corporations)*

85. News: Mizoram Signs MoU with SBI for Digital Revenue Collection via SAMARTH Portal

Static GK:

- SBI is the oldest surviving bank. It began as the Bank of Calcutta (1806), which was renamed the Bank of Bengal. *(Also in news: SBI Q2 FY27: Net Profit Rises 14.3% to ₹23,038 Crore; IFC Extends USD 150 Million Social Loan to SBI)*

86. News: Other Banking & Corporate News

Static GK:

- Banking training institutes: – IDRBT: Hyderabad (1996). – NIBM: Pune. – College of Agricultural Banking (RBI): Pune. – RBI Staff College: Chennai. – BIRD (NABARD): Lucknow. – CAFRAL and IGIDR: Mumbai. *(Also in news: High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat; Bank of India Signs MoU with C-DAC for Quantum-Safe Banking)*

2. Economy & Infrastructure

1. News: Centre Notifies India's First Four Mega Ports

Static GK:

- India's first four Mega Ports (notified under the Indian Ports Act, 2025): Deendayal (Kandla), JNPA, Paradip and Mundra — Mundra (Adani) is the only non-major port among them (as on Oct 2026).
- The first four Mega Ports (2026) are Deendayal (Kandla), JNPA, Paradip and Mundra. V.O. Chidambaranar Port was the first port with an anti-drone system.

2. News: Zojila Tunnel Project Excavation Witnessed

Static GK:

- Zojila Tunnel (NH-1, Kargil–Sonamarg, J&K/Ladakh) — 14.15 km, under construction; on completion India's longest road tunnel (as on Oct 2026).
- Longest road tunnel (on completion) — Answer: Zojila (14.15 km)

3. News: Modified UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik) Scheme Extended

Static GK:

- UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) regional connectivity scheme launched October 2016; extended for 10 years (FY 2026-27 to 2035-36) with ₹28,840 crore — 100 new airports and 200 helipads. *(Also in news: UDAN Completes 10 Years; Modified UDAN Scheme for Next Decade; Viksit UDAN (Modified UDAN Scheme))*

4. News: Reliance–Meta AI Data Centre (Jamnagar)

Static GK:

- Jamnagar (Gujarat, Reliance) is the world's largest refinery complex; Digboi (Assam) is the oldest refinery; HPCL Rajasthan Refinery (Pachpadra, Balotra) is India's 24th (2026).

5. News: India–Myanmar / India–Nepal Project Agreements

Static GK:

- Sittwe Port (Myanmar) is part of the Kaladan Multi-modal project; Gwadar (Pakistan) and Hambantota (Sri Lanka) are China-built ports.

6. News: Multi-Lane Free Flow Tolling System Launched in Rajasthan

Static GK:

- India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (barrier-less) toll — Choryasi plaza, NH-48 (Surat–Bharuch), Gujarat (2026).

7. News: Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train: First Steel Bridge in Maharashtra

Static GK:

- Mumbai–Ahmedabad bullet train (about 508 km) is built with Japanese (Shinkansen, JICA) support by NHSRCL.

8. News: UP Cabinet Approves Renaming Noida International Airport (Jewar)

Static GK:

- Noida International Airport (Jewar, UP) is developed by Yamuna International Airport Pvt Ltd (Zurich Airport International AG); it began commercial operations in 2026. *(Also in news: Noida International Airport Begins Commercial Operations)*

9. News: Indian Railways Approves Mukutban–Gadchandur New Line, Maharashtra

Static GK:

- Indian Railways has 18 zones; the newest is South Coast Railway, HQ Visakhapatnam, functional from 1 June 2026. *(Also in news: Railways Raises Train Speed Limit on Chenab Bridge Section to 100 km/h; Indian Railways Approves Kavach 4.0 for 660 Route km — Izzatnagar Divi)*
- Indian Railways is about 99.6% electrified on broad gauge; target net-zero carbon emitter by 2030. *(Also in news: Railways Raises Train Speed Limit on Chenab Bridge Section to 100 km/h; Indian Railways Approves Kavach 4.0 for 660 Route km — Izzatnagar Divi)*

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10. News: India's First Port-Based E-Methanol Plant at Deendayal Port, Kandla

Static GK:

- Deendayal (Kandla) — State: Gujarat

11. News: National Green Hydrogen Mission Outlay and SIGHT Scheme

Static GK:

- National Green Hydrogen Mission (₹19,744 crore) — 5 MMT green hydrogen by 2030; linked to the 2070 net-zero target. *(Also in news: National Green Hydrogen Mission: Targets and State Policies; Other Missions & Frameworks)*

12. News: Port Sector Updates

Static GK:

- Jawaharlal Nehru Port (JNPA, Nhava Sheva) is near Mumbai (Navi Mumbai); India's largest container port; first Indian port with IFC blue financing.

13. News: "Hub and Spoke" Aviation Service at Ahmedabad Airport

Static GK:

- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel — City: Ahmedabad
- Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel was India's first Deputy PM and Home Minister; his birthday, 31 October, is Rashtriya Ekta Diwas, and Vigilance Awareness Week is held in the week that includes it.

14. News: Cochin International Airport Becomes First to Use Digi Yatra for International Passengers

Static GK:

- Cochin International Airport (Kerala) is the world's first fully solar-powered airport (2015).

15. News: PM Inaugurates New Terminal at Kushok Bakula Rimpochee Airport, Leh

Static GK:

- Kushok Bakula Rimpochee — City: Leh

16. News: PM Surya Sarovar Yojana (Floating Solar)

Static GK:

- PM Surya Sarovar Yojana promotes floating solar on water bodies (₹5,070 crore, 5,000 MW) (2026).

17. News: Kempegowda International Airport Named India's Most Child-Friendly Airport

Static GK:

- Kempegowda International — City: Bengaluru

18. News: FASTag Annual Pass Crosses 1 Crore Mark

Static GK:

- FASTag Annual Pass (from 15 Aug 2025) — ₹3,000 for 1 year or 200 trips; now ₹3,075, crossed 1 crore users (as on Oct 2026).

19. News: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) Approves ₹17,167 Crore Outer Harbour Project at V.O. Chidambaranar Port

Static GK:

- V.O. Chidambaranar (Tuticorin) — State: Tamil Nadu *(Also in news: VOC Port Deploys "PortGPT" Generative AI Application)*

20. News: MoD Signs ₹498.58 Crore Contract with Cochin Shipyard

Static GK:

- Cochin — State: Kerala *(Also in news: Cochin International Airport Becomes First to Use Digi Yatra for Inter; Cochin Shipyard Delivers "MS Maria" to German Shipping Firm)*

21. News: Historic First — Living Heart Transported by High-Speed Train

Static GK:

- Living root bridges are found in Meghalaya (Khasi and Jaintia hills).

22. News: Sovereign Gold Bond 2018–19 Series-III Matures on 13 November 2026

Static GK:

- Arun-III (900 MW) hydro project in Nepal is built by India's SJVN (deal 2014). *(Also in news: RBI Notifies Basel III Standardised Approach for Operational Risk; RBI Issues Leverage Ratio Directions under Basel III)*

23. News: Banks Collect Record Minimum Balance Penalties in FY25–26

Static GK:

- Sagar Aankalan (FY25) top ports: Paradip (dry bulk), Sikka (liquid bulk), Mundra (container), JNPA (total cargo). *(Also in news: Current Account Deficit (CAD) FY25-26 widened to $25.2 billion (0.6% o; SEBI Data — Unclaimed Mutual Fund Assets and Dividends Rise)*

24. News: Weather, Space & Aviation Tech

Static GK:

- Indira Gandhi International — City: New Delhi *(Also in news: Launch of Skycast Aviation Weather System (Mission Mausam))*

25. News: National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission

Static GK:

- Birsa Munda — City: Ranchi

3. Schemes

1. News: Small Savings Interest Rates Unchanged for October–December 2026 (Q3 FY 2026–27); PPF Stays at 7.1%

Static GK:

- Small savings rates are reviewed every quarter by the Department of Economic Affairs, using the Shyamala Gopinath Committee formula.
- PPF (1968): tenure 15 years (extendable in 5- year blocks); deposit ₹500 to ₹1.5 lakh a year; EEE tax status; rate 7.1%.
- Sukanya Samriddhi Yojana (SSY): launched 22 January 2015 at Panipat under Beti Bachao Beti Padhao; for a girl child below 10 years.
- Senior Citizens Savings Scheme (SCSS, 2004): age 60+; deposit ₹1,000 to ₹30 lakh; tenure 5 years (extendable by 3 years); rate 8.2%.
- SCSS interest is paid quarterly (1 April, 1 July, 1 October, 1 January).
- SCSS — Rate: 8.2%
- Sukanya Samriddhi — Rate: 8.2%
- PPF — Rate: 7.1%

2. News: PFRDA Launches "NPS Central"; Bank of Baroda Sponsors Pension Fund

Static GK:

- PFRDA (2003) — Headquarters: New Delhi *(Also in news: PFRDA Approves Bank of Baroda as Pension Fund Sponsor; BoB Sets Up Pen; Department of Rural Development (DoRD) and Pension Fund Regulatory and)*
- NPS started on 1 January 2004 for new Central Government employees (except armed forces); opened

to all citizens voluntarily from 2009. *(Also in news: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Introduces "; PFRDA Streamlines NPS into 5 Risk Tiers)*

- NPS is regulated by PFRDA (set up 2003; statutory under the PFRDA Act 2013; Chairperson S. Ramann); entry age 18–70; account number PRAN has 12 digits. *(Also in news: PFRDA Approves Bank of Baroda as Pension Fund Sponsor; BoB Sets Up Pen; Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Introduces ")*
- NPS Tier-I (pension account, restricted withdrawal): minimum ₹500 per contribution and minimum ₹1,000 a year. *(Also in news: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Introduces "; PFRDA Streamlines NPS into 5 Risk Tiers)*
- NPS Tier-II (voluntary savings account, free withdrawal): minimum ₹1,000 at opening, ₹250 per later contribution; needs an active Tier-I account. *(Also in news: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Introduces "; PFRDA Streamlines NPS into 5 Risk Tiers)*
- Extra NPS tax deduction of ₹50,000 under Section 80CCD(1B); Budget 2024 raised employer contribution deduction for private employees to 14% of salary. *(Also in news: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Introduces "; PFRDA Streamlines NPS into 5 Risk Tiers)*
- NPS Vatsalya (18 Sept 2024): parents invest for minors; account shifts to the child at 18. *(Also in news: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) Introduces "; PFRDA Streamlines NPS into 5 Risk Tiers)*

3. News: SBI Caps Free Cash Withdrawals on ZeroBalance BSBDA and PMJDY Accounts

Static GK:

- PMJDY RuPay accident cover ₹2 lakh (for accounts opened after 28 Aug 2018; earlier ₹1 lakh); premium for this cover is paid by NPCI. *(Also in news: PMJDY Completes 12 Years; Accounts Reach 59.09 Crore; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — 58.77 Crore Accounts Opened)*
- PMJDY overdraft up to ₹10,000 (₹2,000 without conditions; earlier ₹5,000); OD age limit raised from 60 to 65. *(Also in news: PMJDY Completes 12 Years; Accounts Reach 59.09 Crore; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — 58.77 Crore Accounts Opened)*
- PMJDY life cover of ₹30,000 was only for accounts opened between 15 Aug 2014 and 31 Jan 2015. *(Also in news: PMJDY Completes 12 Years; Accounts Reach 59.09 Crore; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — 58.77 Crore Accounts Opened)*
- PMJDY set a Guinness World Record for most bank accounts opened in one week (about 1.8 crore, August 2014). *(Also in news: PMJDY Completes 12 Years; Accounts Reach 59.09 Crore; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — 58.77 Crore Accounts Opened)*
- PMJDY accounts: 59.09 crore, women about 55.7% (19 Aug 2026) (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: PMJDY Completes 12 Years; Accounts Reach 59.09 Crore; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — 58.77 Crore Accounts Opened)*
- PMJDY — Age / Premium / Cover: OD ₹10,000; accident ₹2 lakh *(Also in news: PMJDY Completes 12 Years; Accounts Reach 59.09 Crore; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — 58.77 Crore Accounts Opened)*

4. News: Social Security & Insurance Schemes

Static GK:

- PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY were all launched on 9 May 2015 (Kolkata); APY became operational on 1 June 2015. *(Also in news: Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY))*
- PMJJBY (life insurance): age 18–50 (cover till 55), cover ₹2 lakh on death due to any cause, premium ₹436 a year (raised from ₹330 in June 2022); pure term cover with no maturity benefit.
- Cover year for PMJJBY and PMSBY: 1 June to 31 May, through auto-debit from a bank or post office account.
- PMJJBY — Age / Premium / Cover: 18–50; ₹436; ₹2 lakh life

5. News: VB-G RAM G Act, 2025: 375 Permissible Works Notified

Static GK:

- VB-G RAM G Act, 2025 (Viksit Bharat – Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin)) replaced MGNREGA (2005) from 1 July 2026: 125 days of work instead of 100; funding 60:40 (90:10 for NE/Himalayan states) (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: VB-G RAM G Act Replaces MGNREGA; Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-G R)*

6. News: Ayushman Bharat – PM-JAY Completes Eight Years; Arogya Manthan 2026 (5 Years of ABDM)

Static GK:

- PM-JAY covers 3 days of pre-hospitalisation and 15 days of post-hospitalisation expenses. *(Also in news: Ayushman Vay Vandana Scheme Completes Two Years; Health & Food Security Schemes)*
- PM-JAY is implemented by the National Health Authority (NHA) under the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; extended to all
- PM-JAY — Ministry / Nodal body: Health & Family Welfare (NHA)

7. News: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the upgraded Agri Welfare Portal – a single window for PM-KISAN, AgriStack and Pradhan…

Static GK:

- PM-KISAN extended for FY27–FY31 with ₹3,15,614 crore; 23rd instalment released on 20 June 2026 (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: PM-KISAN: 24th Instalment of ₹18,680 Crore Released from Banaskantha, ; Union Cabinet Approves 5-Year Extension of PM-KISAN Scheme)*
- PMFBY (crop insurance): launched 18 February 2016; replaced NAIS and MNAIS; farmer premium 2% Kharif, 1.5% Rabi, 5% commercial/horticulture crops. *(Also in news: Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) Completes 10 Years)*
- PACS – Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (base of the short-term co-operative credit structure). *(Also in news: 9th National Review Workshop "Sahkar se Samriddhi" Held in Bastar, Chh)*

8. News: AMRUT 2.0 and the Urban Challenge Fund (UCF)

Static GK:

- AMRUT (Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation): 25 June 2015, 500 cities, MoHUA.
- AMRUT — Full form: Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation

9. News: PMJDY Completes 12 Years; Accounts Reach 59.09 Crore

Static GK:

- PM Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY): launched 28 August 2014 (announced 15 Aug 2014); run by the Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance; main aim financial inclusion. *(Also in news: SBI Caps Free Cash*

Withdrawals on ZeroBalance BSBDA and PMJDY Accounts; Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) — 58.77 Crore Accounts Opened)

- PMJDY slogan "Mera Khata Bhagya Vidhata"; zero-balance BSBD account with RuPay debit card.

10. News: Pension Sector

Static GK:

- Atal Pension Yojana (APY): entry age 18–40; guaranteed pension of ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 a
- APY is administered by PFRDA under the overall scheme of DFS; it replaced Swavalamban (NPS-Lite).
- APY — Age / Premium / Cover: 18–40; pension ₹1,000–5,000

11. News: RBI Master Circular on Credit Facilities for SCs and STs

Static GK:

- Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) scheme: loans up to ₹15,000 at 4% for the weaker sections.
- DAY-NRLM: started in June 2011 as Aajeevika, renamed Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana–NRLM in 2016; Ministry of Rural Development.
- DAY-NRLM products are marketed under the brand SARAS (e-SARAS online); Mahila Kisan Sashaktikaran Pariyojana empowers women in agriculture.

12. News: GST Collections Rise 22.9% to Over ₹2.31 Lakh Crore in October 2026

Static GK:

- GST – Goods and Services Tax; GSTN – GST Network. *(Also in news: New 12-State GST Standing Committee of Officers Constituted; Gross GST Collection for September 2026 at ₹2,03,521 Crore, up 14.7% Y)*
- GSTIN – GST Identification Number, 15 characters: first 2 digits = State code, next 10 = PAN, 13th = entity number, 14th = "Z" by default, 15th = check digit. *(Also in news: Gross GST Collections for July 2026 and Rate Restructuring)*

13. News: Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana (PMSBY)

Static GK:

- PMSBY (accident insurance): age 18–70, ₹2 lakh for accidental death/total disability, ₹1 lakh for partial disability; premium ₹20 a year (raised from ₹12 in 2022). *(Also in news: Social Security & Insurance Schemes)*
- PMSBY — Age / Premium / Cover: 18–70; ₹20; ₹2 lakh accident *(Also in news: Social Security & Insurance Schemes)*

14. News: Chhattisgarh's DWEEPTI Yojana for SHG Women

Static GK:

- Under DAY-NRLM an SHG normally has 10–20 members; minimum 5 in difficult, hilly or tribal areas; collateral-free loans to SHGs up to ₹20 lakh. *(Also in news: RBI Master Circular on Credit Facilities for SCs and STs)*
- SHG – Self Help Group; JLG – Joint Liability Group; KCC – Kisan Credit Card; FPO – Farmer Producer Organisation.

15. News: SMILE Scheme: Beggary Rehabilitation Progress & National Portal

Static GK:

- SMILE scheme (Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment) is for transgender persons and persons engaged in begging. *(Also in news: SMILE Scheme — Bhikshavriti Mukt Bharat)*
- SMILE — Ministry / Nodal body: Social Justice & Empowerment *(Also in news: SMILE Scheme — Bhikshavriti Mukt Bharat)*

16. News: EV & Clean Mobility Schemes

Static GK:

- FAME India (EV adoption) is run by the Ministry of Heavy Industries; replaced by PM E-DRIVE (2024), extended to 31 March 2028.
- FAME — Full form: Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of (Hybrid &) Electric Vehicles

17. News: Union Cabinet Extends Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU) till 31 March 2031

Static GK:

- PM MUDRA Yojana (PMMY): launched 8 April 2015; MUDRA = Micro Units Development & Refinance Agency, a subsidiary of SIDBI; loans for non-farm micro enterprises.

18. News: PMEGP

Static GK:

- PMEGP (2008): credit-linked subsidy scheme of the Ministry of MSME; nodal agency KVIC; maximum project cost ₹50 lakh (manufacturing) and ₹20 lakh (service); subsidy 15–35%.

19. News: PM-KISAN: 24th Instalment of ₹18,680 Crore Released from Banaskantha, Gujarat

Static GK:

- PM-KISAN: launched 24 February 2019 at Gorakhpur (effective from 1 Dec 2018); ₹6,000 a year in three instalments of ₹2,000; 100% Central funding; Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare. *(Also in news: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the upgraded; Union Cabinet Approves 5-Year Extension of PM-KISAN Scheme)*
- DBT – Direct Benefit Transfer; JAM – Jan Dhan–Aadhaar–Mobile; PFMS – Public Financial Management System. *(Also in news: Himachal Pradesh Launches Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana)*

20. News: The Union Cabinet Extends National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) for 2026-27 to 2030-31 with a total outlay of ₹53,428 crore.

Static GK:

- NSAP renamed Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana in October 2026 (as on Oct 2026).

21. News: GOBARdhan – National Circular Bioenergy Scheme

Static GK:

- GOBARdhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan, 2018) is part of SBM-G; nodal ministry Ministry of Jal Shakti (DDWS). It turns cattle dung and farm waste into biogas and compost.

22. News: Make in India Completes 12 Years

Static GK:

- Make in India: launched 25 September 2014; nodal DPIIT; logo is a lion made of gears.
- Make in India is not a financial inclusion scheme (asked as an odd-one-out).

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23. News: Health & Food Security Schemes

Static GK:

- Ayushman Bharat PM-JAY: launched 23 September 2018 at Ranchi; cover ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary hospitalisation; cashless and portable. *(Also in news: Ayushman Bharat – PM-JAY Completes Eight Years; Arogya Manthan 2026 (5)*

24. News: Jio Platforms Lists at 21.36% Premium after India's Largest-Ever IPO

Static GK:

- IPO – Initial Public Offering; QIP – Qualified Institutional Placement; NAV – Net Asset Value. *(Also in news: National Stock Exchange (NSE) Lists on BSE After India's Second-Larges; SEBI Approves NSE IPO – India's LargestEver Public Issue)*
- Reliance: Jio (2016), JioMart, and the revived Campa Cola (owned by Reliance Consumer Products). *(Also in news: Jio Financial Services and Allianz Invest ₹640.1 Crore in Jio Allianz ; Jio Financial Services Announces AI-Powered "Personal CFO" for JioFina)*

25. News: PM SETU Expands to 9 ITI Clusters

Static GK:

- PM SETU — Full form: PM Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded ITIs *(Also in news: Skill India's PM SETU Project — West Bengal Joins; PM SETU Scheme)*

26. News: Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) Completes 7 Years

Static GK:

- Jal Jeevan Mission: launched 15 August 2019, Ministry of Jal Shakti; Har Ghar Jal tap water for every rural home (55 litres per person per day); deadline extended to December 2028; Goa was the first Har Ghar Jal state.

27. News: PM SVANidhi Scheme — 6 Years; Extended to 2030; Street Food Hubs

Static GK:

- PM SVANidhi: for street vendors, launched 1 June 2020 by MoHUA; extended to 31 March 2030; loan tranches ₹15,000, ₹25,000 and ₹50,000; 7% interest subsidy (as on Oct 2026).

28. News: Cabinet Approves National Circular BioEnergy Scheme (Expanded Gobardhan Scheme) — ₹23,731 Crore

Static GK:

- In 2026 the Cabinet approved the National Circular Bio-Energy Scheme (expanded GOBARdhan, ₹23,731 crore) under the Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (as on Oct 2026).

29. News: Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana (PMKVY) 4.0 Integration

Static GK:

- Skill India and PMKVY: both launched on 15 July 2015 (World Youth Skills Day); Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE); PMKVY gives short-term, free skill training. *(Also in news: PM-DAKSH Integrated with PMKVY)*

30. News: Pradhan Mantri (PM) Vishwakarma Yojana Completes 3 Years

Static GK:

- PM Vishwakarma: launched 17 September 2023, Ministry of MSME; 18 traditional trades; collateral-free loans of ₹1 lakh + ₹2 lakh at 5% interest. *(Also in news: PM Vishwakarma Scheme)*

31. News: Pragati 50 under Swachh Bharat Mission – Urban 2.0

Static GK:

- Swachh Bharat Mission: launched 2 October 2014; SBM-Gramin is run by the Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation (Ministry of Jal Shakti); SBM-Urban and Swachh Survekshan by MoHUA.

32. News: West Bengal Joins Ayushman Bharat (PMJAY) — 36th State/UT

Static GK:

- West Bengal joined PM-JAY in 2026 as the 36th and final State/UT (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: Health & Food Security Schemes; Ayushman Bharat – PM-JAY Completes Eight Years; Arogya Manthan 2026 (5)*

33. News: Stand-Up India Scheme Extended till 31 March 2031 with ₹4,111 Crore Guarantee Corpus

Static GK:

- Stand-Up India: launched 5 April 2016; bank loans of ₹10 lakh to ₹1 crore for SC/ST and women entrepreneurs for greenfield enterprises.

34. News: MPLADS

Static GK:

- MPLADS – Members of Parliament Local Area Development Scheme.

35. News: Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (PM-JUGA)

Static GK:

- PM-JUGA — Full form: PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan

36. News: Mahesh Dixit Appointed New Director of Intelligence Bureau (IB)

Static GK:

- IPS officer — Name: Kiran Bedi (1972)

37. News: Union Cabinet Approves Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) for Floating Solar Projects

Static GK:

- SSY deposit ₹250 to ₹1.5 lakh a year; deposits for 15 years; matures 21 years from opening; rate 8.2%. *(Also in news: Small Savings Interest Rates Unchanged for October–December 2026 (Q3 F)*

38. News: PMAY-U 2.0: 1.93 Lakh More Houses Sanctioned; Total Crosses 20 Lakh

Static GK:

- PMAY-Urban: launched 25 June 2015 (MoHUA); PMAY-U 2.0 gives ₹2.5 lakh assistance per house.

39. News: Digital India Program (DIP) Completes 11 Years

Static GK:

- Digital India: launched 1 July 2015; MeitY. *(Also in news: Operational Guidelines Launched for Digital India Land Records Moderni; Digital India Initiative Metrics)*

40. News: Delhi Launches PM Surya Ghar Registration Portal

Static GK:

- PM Surya Ghar — Ministry / Nodal body: New & Renewable Energy

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41. News: Digital Kisan Credit Card (KCC): Uttar Pradesh Ranks First

Static GK:

- Kisan Credit Card (1998): designed by NABARD on the R.V. Gupta Committee's advice; card validity 5 years; Payments Banks cannot issue KCCs. *(Also in news: Kisan Credit Card Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (KCC MISS); Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) decided to keep the benchmark policy r)*

42. News: Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram Launched

Static GK:

- Shishu — Loan size: Up to ₹50,000

43. News: VB-G RAM G Act Replaces MGNREGA

Static GK:

- MGNREGA — Full form: Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act *(Also in news: MGNREGA Renamed as VB-GRAM; VB-G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026 Notified)*

4. Organisations

1. News: 36th NATO Summit Hosted in Ankara, Turkey

Static GK:

- NATO was created by the North Atlantic Treaty (Washington Treaty), signed 4 April 1949 by 12 founding members.
- NATO's Article 5 is collective defence: an attack on one is an attack on all. HQ Brussels, SG Mark Rutte (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: Albania's "Flamingo Revolution" Protests)*
- NATO has 32 members: Finland became the 31st (2023) and Sweden the 32nd (2024). It had 30 members in 2021.
- NATO members agreed a 5% of GDP defence spending target at The Hague Summit (2025); the 2026 Summit was held in Ankara.

2. News: International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA)

Static GK:

- Vienna cluster: IAEA, UNIDO, UNODC and OPEC (OPEC is not a UN body).
- IAEA — Founded – HQ: 1957 – Vienna
- IAEA: est. 29 July 1957, HQ Vienna. It came from Eisenhower's "Atoms for Peace" idea and won the Nobel Peace Prize in 2005.
- IAEA DG: Rafael Mariano Grossi (as on Oct 2026).

3. News: BIMSTEC Health Meetings, Colombo

Static GK:

- Colombo is Sri Lanka's commercial capital. *(Also in news: Colombo Security Conclave Table Top Exercise Held in Visakhapatnam)*
- BIMSTEC — Founded – Members –: 1997 – 7 – Dhaka *(Also in news: 3rd BIMSTEC Conference on Traditional Medicine Knowledge, Genetic Reso; First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi Adopts "Delhi Decla)*
- BIMSTEC: Bangkok Declaration, 6 June 1997. – 7 members: Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand. – Secretariat Dhaka. Sri Lanka hosted the 5th Summit (2022). *(Also in news: First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi Adopts "Delhi Decla; 3rd BIMSTEC Conference on Traditional Medicine Knowledge, Genetic Reso)*
- BIMSTEC — Full form: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation *(Also in news: First BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise at Sri Vijaya Puram; First BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi Adopts "Delhi Decla)*

4. News: NPCI MD & CEO Dilip Asbe Appointed to SWIFT Supervisory Board

Static GK:

- SWIFT — Headquarters: La Hulpe, Belgium *(Also in news: SWIFT & Cross-Border Payments)*
- SWIFT: founded 1973, HQ La Hulpe, Belgium. *(Also in news: SWIFT & Cross-Border Payments)*
- NPCI – National Payments Corporation of India; set up 2008, not-for-profit, HQ Mumbai, promoted by RBI and IBA.
- SWIFT – Society for Worldwide Interbank Financial Telecommunication. *(Also in news: SWIFT & Cross-Border Payments)*

5. News: The 25th meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Council of Heads of Government (CHG) was held in Dushanbe, Tajikistan

Static GK:

- Shanghai — Country: China *(Also in news: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO): Bishkek Summit, Trade Ministe; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' Meeting Hel)*
- SCO: est. 2001 (Shanghai), HQ Beijing, with an anti-terror body (RATS) in Tashkent. It has 10 members: – The original 6: China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan. *(Also in news: 26th SCO Summit Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Lahore Named SCO Cultural; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' Meeting Hel)*
- SCO — Founded – Members –: 2001 – 10 – Beijing *(Also in news: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' Meeting Hel; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO): Bishkek Summit, Trade Ministe)*
- SCO — Full form: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation *(Also in news: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO): Bishkek Summit, Trade Ministe; 26th SCO Summit Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Lahore Named SCO Cultural)*

6. News: 2nd Meeting of UN Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI4FS) Held in New Delhi

Static GK:

- Rome cluster: FAO, IFAD and WFP, the three food agencies. *(Also in news: Luke J. Lindberg Appointed Executive Director of the United Nations Wo; 28th Session of FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO))*
- ITU — Founded – HQ: 1865 (oldest) – Geneva
- IFAD — Founded – HQ: 1977 – Rome
- IFAD — Full form: International Fund for Agricultural Development

7. News: 49th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, Philippine International Convention Center, Pasay (Metro Manila) (15–17 November 2026)

Static GK:

- ASEAN — Founded – Members –: 1967 – 11 – Jakarta *(Also in news: 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) Held in Cebu, P; 14th East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers' Meeting and 23rd ASEAN)*
- ASEAN: founded 8 August 1967 by the Bangkok Declaration. – Founders: Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand. – Later members: Brunei (1984), Vietnam (1995), Laos and Myanmar

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(1997), Cambodia (1999). – Timor-Leste joined as the 11th member in October 2025. – Japan, China and India are NOT members.

- ASEAN — Full form: Association of Southeast Asian Nations *(Also in news: 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) Held in Cebu, P; Rajnath Singh Inaugurates First ASEAN–India Defence Think Tank Forum)*

8. News: 18th BRICS Heads of State Summit — New Delhi, September 12–13, 2026

Static GK:

- Heads (as on Oct 2026): – UNESCO DG: Khaled El-Enany (Egypt). *(Also in news: The 25th meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Counci; 3rd National Conference of Heads of AntiNarcotics Task Forces (ANTF) o)*
- BRICS has 11 full members (as on Oct 2026): – Original: Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa. – Joined 2024: Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia. – Joined January 2025: Indonesia. – BRICS also has 10 partner countries.
- India chairs BRICS in 2026 for the 4th time, after 2012, 2016 and 2021. The 18th Summit was held in New Delhi (Sept 2026), and China hosts in 2027. *(Also in news: India Hosts 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; BRICS 2026 Under India's Chairship & 18th Summit (12–13 Sept, New Delh)*

9. News: India approved (16 October 2026) the rollover of the INR 30 billion (₹3,000 crore) currency swap facility for the Maldives under the SAARC Currency…

Static GK:

- Maldives — Capital – Currency: Male – Rufiyaa *(Also in news: Maldives Repays $150 Million Treasury-Bill Facility to India; Maldives Launches Real-Time Cross-Border Money Transfer to India Using)*
- SAARC — Founded – Members –: 1985 – 8 – Kathmandu
- SAARC: founded 8 December 1985 at Dhaka. – Members: India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Maldives, and Afghanistan (8th, 2007). – The 18th Summit was held in Kathmandu (2014). The 19th (Islamabad, 2016) was never held.
- SAARC — Full form: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

10. News: Current Account Deficit (CAD) FY25-26 widened to $25.2 billion (0.6% of GDP) from $22.9 billion; Q4 surplus of $7.1 billion (0.7% of GDP). World Bank…

Static GK:

- Gemini — Developer: Google
- Amazon: founded by Jeff Bezos (1994); CEO Andy Jassy. Owns Whole Foods, Audible, Twitch, IMDb; runs Project Kuiper (satellite internet). Plans to invest $48 billion in India by 2030. *(Also in news: Amazon Pay and Kotak Mahindra Bank Launch Business Credit Card; Amazon Announces $48 Billion Investment in India by 2030)*
- Elon Musk: Tesla, SpaceX (2002), Starlink, X (bought Twitter, 2022), xAI. Twitter was co- founded by Jack Dorsey. *(Also in news: Elon Musk Becomes World's First Paper Trillionaire)*

11. News: Zomato, 3. Amul, 4. LIC, 5. Royal Enfield.

Static GK:

- Zomato (now Eternal Ltd) — Founder(s): Deepinder Goyal & Pankaj Chaddah
- Amul is the brand of the Gujarat Co-operative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF, Anand). *(Also in news: Amul's ₹700 Crore Integrated Dairy Project in West Bengal)*
- Zomato acquired Blinkit (formerly Grofers).
- The Amul girl mascot dates from 1966. Amul is India's top food brand (2026 ranking). *(Also in news: Amul's ₹700 Crore Integrated Dairy Project in West Bengal)*

12. News: WTO Raises 2026 World Merchandise Trade Growth Forecast to 3.9% (from 1.9%)

Static GK:

- WTO — Founded – HQ: 1995 – Geneva *(Also in news: India Becomes 123rd WTO Member to Accept Fisheries Subsidies Agreement; Timor-Leste Recognised as ASEAN's 11th Member and WTO's 166th Member)*
- WTO: est. 1 January 1995 (Marrakesh Agreement), replacing GATT (1947). HQ Geneva, 166 members. *(Also in news: Timor-Leste Recognised as ASEAN's 11th Member and WTO's 166th Member; India's 8th Trade Policy Review at WTO)*
- WTO DG: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, the first woman and first African to hold the post (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: Timor-Leste Recognised as ASEAN's 11th Member and WTO's 166th Member; India's 8th Trade Policy Review at WTO)*
- The WTO's 14th Ministerial Conference (MC14) was held in Yaounde, Cameroon. *(Also in news: Timor-Leste Recognised as ASEAN's 11th Member and WTO's 166th Member; India's 8th Trade Policy Review at WTO)*

13. News: Cross-border payments firm Skydo received final Payment Service Provider (PSP) authorisation from the International Financial Services Centres…

Static GK:

- IFSCA sits in GIFT City, Gandhinagar. The CBFC is in Mumbai and the Bureau of Indian Standards (1987) in New Delhi. *(Also in news: Niyo Gets IFSCA Payment Service Provider Licence for GIFT City; Zerodha AMC Life Cycle Mutual Fund: Zerodha Fund House launched India')*
- IFSCA – International Financial Services Centres Authority (GIFT City). *(Also in news: Niyo Gets IFSCA Payment Service Provider Licence for GIFT City; Zerodha AMC Life Cycle Mutual Fund: Zerodha Fund House launched India')*

14. News: Chennai Petroleum Corporation Limited (CPCL) Elevated to Navratna Status

Static GK:

- Navratna count: 29 (as on Oct 2026). The 29th is GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers, Kolkata), the 28th CPCL (Chennai Petroleum, June 2026), and the 27th NRL (Numaligarh Refinery).
- Navratna autonomy: invest up to ₹1,000 crore or 15% of net worth. For example, IREDA gained this power on becoming a Navratna.
- Other CPSE facts: Antrix and NSIL are the commercial arms of ISRO. SAIL (Maharatna, Ministry of Steel) has its HQ in New Delhi.

15. News: Apple Leadership Change: John Ternus Named CEO; Tim Cook Becomes Executive Chairman

Static GK:

- Apple: founded by Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne (1976). John Ternus became its 8th CEO from 1 Sep 2026, and Tim Cook became Executive Chairman.
- Apple was the world's most valuable company in early 2023. Reliance Industries was the only Indian firm in the Fortune Global 500 top 100 (2020).

16. News: Britannia, 4. Nandini (Karnataka Cooperative Milk Federation), 5. Tata Consumer.

Static GK:

- Tata companies and acquisitions: TCS, Tata Steel (Jamshedpur), Titan/Tanishq, Taj Hotels (IHCL), Jaguar Land Rover (Tata Motors, 2008), Air India (Tata, 2022), Tetley (Tata Consumer), BigBasket, 1mg (Tata Digital). *(Also in news: Brand Finance India 100 Report 2026 — Tata Group Retains Top Position)*
- Aditya Birla Group (Chairman Kumar Mangalam Birla) owns Hindalco, UltraTech and Grasim. Birla returned as Chairman of Vodafone Idea in 2026. *(Also in news: Barclays Private Clients Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses L; CCI Clears Three Major Transactions (incl. ₹16,660 Crore RCB Buyout))*
- Tata Steel (TISCO, 1907, Jamshedpur) was Asia's first private-sector integrated steel plant. The Taj Mahal Palace, Mumbai (1903) was the first Taj hotel.

17. News: Major Sports Achievements — FIFA World Cup, Commonwealth Games & Wimbledon

Static GK:

- Commonwealth Games: 2026 in Glasgow; the 2030 centenary edition in Ahmedabad, India. *(Also in news: Gujarat Allocates ₹301 Crore for Commonwealth Games 2030 Preparations)*
- New York = "Big Apple"; Chicago = "Windy City"; Rome = "Eternal City". *(Also in news: Cultural Obituaries)*
- The first FIFA World Cup was held in Uruguay in 1930. Brazil has the most titles (5). Qatar 2022 was won by Argentina. *(Also in news: Spain Wins FIFA World Cup 2026; FIFA World Cup 2026 Record Prize Pool Announced)*

18. News: DRDO Flight-Tests 'Pralay' Quasi-Ballistic Missile

Static GK:

- DRDO — Location: New Delhi *(Also in news: DRDO Tests Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) Platform on Live Network; DRDO and CSIR-CGCRI to Develop Lightweight Bulletproof Glass)*
- DRDO was est. in 1958 (New Delhi). BDL is in Hyderabad. HAL and BEL are in Bengaluru. *(Also in news: DRDO Tests Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) Platform on Live Network; DRDO and CSIR-CGCRI to Develop Lightweight Bulletproof Glass)*
- Pralay — Type and range: Quasi-ballistic surface-to-surface
- Missile basics: – Prithvi is a surface-to-surface missile and the first missile of the IGMDP. – Agni-V is India's longest-range ballistic missile. In 2024 it was tested with MIRV technology (Mission Divyastra). – Nag is an anti-tank guided missile; its helicopter-launched version is Helina. – Akash is a surface-to-air missile that is to be exported to Tajikistan and Turkmenistan (2026). *(Also in news: JWALA Anti-Drone Micro-Missile and Pakistan's Fatah-II Test; DRDO Missile Test Range at Junput, West Bengal)*

19. News: ADB Approves $98 Million Loan for Sri Lanka's Digital Transformation

Static GK:

- ADB: est. 1966, HQ Manila, President Masato Kanda (as on Oct 2026).
- ADB: est. 1966, HQ Manila, 69 members. AIIB: operational 2016, HQ Beijing.

20. News: Bangladesh Joins the International Big Cat Alliance

Static GK:

- The IBCA was launched in 2023 (50 years of Project Tiger). It is HQ'd in New Delhi. *(Also in news: Bhupender Yadav Inaugurates New Headquarters of International Big Cat ; IBCA–ADB Partnership for Big Cat Conservation)*
- International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA): launched 9 April 2023 (50 years of Project Tiger), HQ New Delhi. – It covers 7 big cats: tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, puma. – The first IBCA Summit was held in New Delhi in June 2026. Saudi Arabia is the 26th member and Bangladesh the 27th. *(Also in news: Bhupender Yadav Inaugurates New Headquarters of International Big Cat)*

21. News: Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Notification 136/2026 (19 October 2026) exempts interest on New Development Bank (NDB) Maharaja bonds from TDS…

Static GK:

- NDB: est. 2015, HQ Shanghai, President Dilma Rousseff (as on Oct 2026). Its first president was K.V. Kamath. *(Also in news: Uzbekistan Joins New Development Bank (NDB) as 10th Member; Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre noted that over-reliance on AI hinders)*
- Income-tax payers cannot join APY from 1 October 2022.
- CBDT – Central Board of Direct Taxes; CBIC – Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs. *(Also in news: CBDT Notifies Cost Inflation Index (CII) at 384 for FY 2026–27; Net Direct Tax Collections Rise 16.4%; CBDT Notifies CII at 384)*

22. News: India–EFTA TEPA Completes One Year; 2nd India–EFTA Prosperity Summit Held in New Delhi

Static GK:

- EFTA — Founded – Members –: 1960 – 4 – Geneva
- EFTA: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland. The India–EFTA TEPA came into force on 1 October 2025.

23. News: UN Climate Change Conferences: COP30 to COP32

Static GK:

- COP hosts: – COP30: Belem, Brazil (2025). – COP31: Antalya, Turkey (2026). *(Also in news: Global Conferences)*

24. News: FATF Plenary (Paris, 28–30 October 2026): Four Countries Removed from Grey List

Static GK:

- FATF — Headquarters: Paris *(Also in news: FATF Report on Professional Money Laundering and Hawala; Guidelines: The RBI issued revised guidelines under the Payment and Se)*
- FATF: est. 1989 (G7), HQ Paris, 40 members. *(Also in news: FATF Report on Professional Money Laundering and Hawala; Guidelines: The RBI issued revised guidelines under the Payment and Se)*
- FATF — Full form: Financial Action Task Force *(Also in news: FATF Report on Professional Money Laundering and Hawala; Guidelines: The RBI issued revised guidelines under the Payment and Se)*

25. News: G20 Meetings: India Joins US-Led 6G Alliance; 21st G20 Summit in Miami

Static GK:

- G20: formed 1999; leaders' summits since 2008. It has 21 members: 19 countries + EU + African Union (joined at New Delhi, 2023). *(Also in news: G20 Foreign Ministers'*

Meeting, Atlanta, USA; G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial in Houston, USA)

- G20 presidencies: – India 2023: "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam – One Earth, One Family, One Future". – South Africa 2025: the first summit in Africa. – USA 2026, UK 2027, South Korea 2028. *(Also in news: G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Atlanta, USA; G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial in Houston, USA)*

26. News: Khalilur Rahman of Bangladesh Is President of the 81st United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)

Static GK:

- 81st UNGA President (Sept 2026): Khalilur Rahman (Bangladesh). The first Indian UNGA President was Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit (1953). *(Also in news: Bangladesh — New President, PM and UNGA President)*

27. News: Warren Buffett Steps Down; Howard G. Buffett Becomes Berkshire Hathaway Chairman

Static GK:

- Berkshire Hathaway: Warren Buffett stepped down as Chairman (Sep 2026), and Howard Buffett took over.

28. News: UNEP(United Nations Environment Programme) Names India's Ganges River Dolphin Recovery Programme a World Restoration Flagship

Static GK:

- Project Dolphin (2020): Gangetic river dolphin is India's National Aquatic Animal (2009).
- United Nations — Headquarters: New York *(Also in news: Luke J. Lindberg Appointed Executive Director of the United Nations Wo; India Donates Five Peacocks to United Nations Office at Geneva)*
- UNEP — Headquarters: Nairobi, Kenya *(Also in news: COP31, Antalya, Türkiye (9–20 November 2026); Inaugural Cool Leaders Awards)*

29. News: Indian Tennis Player Parikshit Somani Suspended for Four Years for Doping

Static GK:

- Montreal: ICAO and WADA (World Anti- Doping Agency). *(Also in news: Key International Appointments and Global Developments)*
- WADA — HQ: Montreal, Canada

30. News: BRICS 2026 Under India's Chairship — Ministerial and Working Group Meetings

Static GK:

- The term BRIC was coined by Jim O'Neill (Goldman Sachs, 2001). The first BRIC summit was in 2009 (Yekaterinburg).
- South Africa joined in 2010, turning BRIC into BRICS; it was the last country to join before the 2024 expansion. *(Also in news: India's Exports to Core BRICS Partners Rise 34% to $19.9 Billion; 18th BRICS Heads of State Summit — New Delhi, September 12–13, 2026)*

31. News: Anil Chakravarthy Appointed President and CEO of Adobe

Static GK:

- Adobe: Anil Chakravarthy is President & CEO (2026). HUL: Priya Nair is the first woman CEO.

32. News: RBI Penalises Credit Information Companies (CICs) – Equifax, TransUnion CIBIL, CRIF High Mark

Static GK:

- Companies are governed by the Companies Act, 2013 and come under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. *(Also in news: Nvidia Launches Open Secure AI Alliance with 35+ Tech Companies; NBFC Upper Layer Classification: The RBI classified Non-Banking Financ)*
- CIBIL is a credit information company (TransUnion CIBIL). ARCIL stands for Asset Reconstruction Company (India) Ltd.

33. News: FM Nirmala Sitharaman Visits Thailand for IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings

Static GK:

- Thailand — Capital – Currency: Bangkok – Baht *(Also in news: IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand (12–18 Octobe; Thailand Cuts Visa-Free Entry for Indians to 30 Days)*
- IMF — Headquarters: Washington DC *(Also in news: Pakistan to Chair IMF and World Bank Boards of Governors in 2027; IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand (12–18 Octobe)*
- IMF — Full form: International Monetary Fund *(Also in news: Pakistan to Chair IMF and World Bank Boards of Governors in 2027; IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand (12–18 Octobe)*

34. News: WII Declares 16 Conservation Areas for the Great Indian Bustard

Static GK:

- Wildlife Institute of India: Dehradun; Zoological Survey of India: Kolkata (1916);
- Wildlife Institute of India — Location: Dehradun
- The Wildlife Institute of India (Dehradun) is an autonomous institute under MoEFCC. The Forest Survey of India is also in Dehradun.

35. News: 11th Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) in Doha

Static GK:

- AIIB — Headquarters: Beijing
- AIIB: operational from 2016, HQ Beijing, President Zou Jiayi (as on Oct 2026).

36. News: 28th IORA Senior Officials Meeting Held in Delhi

Static GK:

- IORA: est. 1997, 23 members and 12 dialogue partners, Secretariat Mauritius. India chairs IORA for 2025–27. *(Also in news: India and Mauritius Sign Two Energy Agreements)*
- IORA — Full form: Indian Ocean Rim Association *(Also in news: India and Mauritius Sign Two Energy Agreements)*

37. News: 26th SCO Summit Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Lahore Named SCO Cultural Capital 2026–27

Static GK:

- SCO 2026: summit at Bishkek; Pakistan chairs for 2026–27. Varanasi was the SCO's first Tourism & Cultural Capital (2022–23). *(Also in news: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO): Bishkek Summit, Trade Ministe; The 25th meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Counci)*

38. News: UN Human Rights Council Elections: 15 Members Elected for 2027–2029

Static GK:

- UN Human Rights Council — Headquarters: Geneva
- G7: formed 1975. Members: USA, UK, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Canada, with the EU as a guest.

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39. News: 30th FSDC Meeting Chaired by Nirmala Sitharaman

Static GK:

- FSDC – Financial Stability and Development Council (chaired by the Finance Minister).
- SEBI – Securities and Exchange Board of India; IRDAI – Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India; PFRDA – Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority. *(Also in news: TRAI Mandates 1600 and 1601 Series for Anti-Spam Telephony; Schemes & Other Financial Approvals)*

40. News: Other Sports

Static GK:

- Sports bodies: – IOC: Lausanne. – FIDE: Lausanne. – FIH: Lausanne. – FIFA: Zurich.

41. News: Dr. Florence Rabier Wins IMO Prize

Static GK:

- IMO (Maritime) — Headquarters: London *(Also in news: Scientific and Academic Achievements)*
- London: IMO, Amnesty International, the Commonwealth Secretariat and the Commonwealth Games Federation. *(Also in news: Scientific and Academic Achievements; London-based Indian-origin prodigy Bodhana Sivanandan became the young)*

42. News: Zerodha AMC Life Cycle Mutual Fund: Zerodha Fund House launched India's first life cycle target-date mutual funds, a category approved by SEBI in…

Static GK:

- IFSCA (2020) — Headquarters: GIFT City, Gandhinagar *(Also in news: Cross-border payments firm Skydo received final Payment Service Provid; Niyo Gets IFSCA Payment Service Provider Licence for GIFT City)*

43. News: Yuji Iwasawa Serves as President of the International Court of Justice

Static GK:

- International Court of Justice — Headquarters: The Hague
- ICJ: 15 judges with 9-year terms. UN Human Rights Council: est. 2006, Geneva, 47 members, 3-year terms.

44. News: Meta Invests $900 Million in Indian Fintech Startup CRED

Static GK:

- Meta (Facebook): founded by Mark Zuckerberg (2004). Bought Instagram (2012) and WhatsApp (2014); owns Threads.

45. News: India's FY 2026–27 GDP Growth Forecasts Raised by Global Agencies (Moody's, OECD, ADB, S&P, Fitch)

Static GK:

- OECD — Headquarters: Paris *(Also in news: India Joins 14 Economies in Joint Statement on Excess Capacity and Non)*
- OECD: est. 1961, HQ Paris. IEA: est. 1974, HQ Paris; India has been an association country since 2017. *(Also in news: India Joins 14 Economies in Joint Statement on Excess Capacity and Non)*

46. News: Vinaya Prakash Singh Re-elected APPU Secretary General

Static GK:

- UPU (Postal) — Headquarters: Bern, Switzerland
- UPU — Founded – HQ: 1874 – Bern

47. News: UN Environmental COPs: UNCCD COP17, UNFCCC COP31 and COP32

Static GK:

- The UN Climate (UNFCCC) convention was signed at Rio in 1992; its Secretariat is in Bonn. *(Also in news: UN Climate Change Conferences: COP30 to COP32; 4th UN Climate Week Held in Baku, Azerbaijan)*

48. News: Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Atlanta (31 October 2026)

Static GK:

- QUAD: India, USA, Japan, Australia. Proposed in 2007, revived in 2017; the first leaders' summit was virtual in 2021. Pakistan is not a member. India is the 2026 host (as on Oct 2026).

49. News: India Hosts 18th BRICS Summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi

Static GK:

- 17th BRICS Summit (2025): Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. *(Also in news: India Hosts 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi (26–27 October; India Chairs BRICS 2026 — Jaipur FMCBG and Bhopal Culture Ministers' M)*

50. News: Equitas SFB: P.N. Vasudevan Resigns; Balaji Nuthalapadi Named Interim CEO

Static GK:

- Equitas SFB — Headquarters: Chennai

51. News: UN Gender Snapshot 2026

Static GK:

- UN Women — Headquarters: New York
- UN Women — Founded – HQ: 2010 – New York

52. News: National Stock Exchange (NSE) Lists on BSE After India's Second-Largest IPO

Static GK:

- NSE, BSE, ECGC and CIBIL are all in Mumbai. *(Also in news: NSE Indices Expansion & Launch of BSE "Satvik Index"; It drastically cuts down the regulatory waiting and scheme approval pe)*

53. News: PM Modi Attends 52nd G7 Summit in France

Static GK:

- 52nd G7 Summit (2026): Evian-les-Bains, France; PM Modi attended as an outreach partner. The 2022 G7 was at Schloss Elmau, Germany. *(Also in news: 52nd G7 Summit — India as Partner Country; Summit hosted in Évian-les-Bains (also referred to as Nice), France, a)*

54. News: Noel Tata Retires from Voltas and Tata Investment Corporation

Static GK:

- Tata Group is India's most valuable brand (Brand Finance, 18th year in a row, as on 2026). N. Chandrasekaran was re-appointed Tata Sons Chairman for a third term. Noel Tata chairs Tata Trusts. *(Also in news: Brand Finance India 100 Report 2026 — Tata Group Retains Top Position)*

55. News: ZSI Discovers Two New Gecko Species in Telangana

Static GK:

- GSI (est. 1851) and ZSI (est. 1916) are in Kolkata. IMD (1875) is in New Delhi. BARC is in Mumbai (Trombay). *(Also in news: Dinesh Vithalrao Ganveer Becomes 55th Director General of Geological S; Varsha Ashok Aglave Becomes First Woman Director General of Geological)*

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56. News: IFC Extends USD 150 Million Social Loan to SBI

Static GK:

- IFC — Founded – Role: 1956 – private-sector lending *(Also in news: Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Notification 136/2026 (19 October)*
- Social media founders: WhatsApp – Jan Koum & Brian Acton; Instagram – Kevin Systrom & Mike Krieger; YouTube (2005) – Chad Hurley, Steve Chen & Jawed Karim. *(Also in news: NABKISAN Finance Ltd (NABARD subsidiary) listed India's first Water, S; The Union Cabinet Extends National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP))*

57. News: MPEDA National Skill Olympiad & Seafood Expo Bharat 2026

Static GK:

- MPEDA (marine exports) — Headquarters: Kochi

58. News: Hyundai Appoints Para-Archer Sheetal Devi as Brand Ambassador

Static GK:

- Brand ambassadors (2026): Shah Rukh Khan – Visa and Vodafone Idea; Sheetal Devi – Hyundai Motor India; Carlos Alcaraz – Infosys; Amitabh Bachchan – Policybazaar; Virat Kohli – Johnnie Walker (United Spirits). *(Also in news: Small Finance Banks (SFBs): Key Norms and Ujjivan's Brand Ambassador; Shah Rukh Khan Onboarded as Brand Ambassador of Vodafone Idea)*
- Brand taglines: Nike – "Just Do It"; Adidas – "Impossible is Nothing"; McDonald's – "I'm Lovin' It"; Apple – "Think Different"; L'Oréal – "Because You're Worth It"; Nokia – "Connecting People"; Tata Salt – "Desh Ka Namak". *(Also in news: Small Finance Banks (SFBs): Key Norms and Ujjivan's Brand Ambassador; Shah Rukh Khan Onboarded as Brand Ambassador of Vodafone Idea)*

59. News: Small Finance Banks (SFBs): Key Norms and Ujjivan's Brand Ambassador

Static GK:

- 11 SFBs operate (as on Oct 2026), including Shivalik SFB, the first UCB to convert into an SFB. AU SFB is the largest SFB. *(Also in news: Small Finance Bank (SFB) Facts; RBI Approves Carol Furtado as Interim MD & CEO of Ujjivan Small Financ)*

60. News: Justice Rajesh Bindal (Former Supreme Court Judge) Appointed NCLAT Chairperson

Static GK:

- Supreme Court judge — Name: M. Fathima Beevi (1989) *(Also in news: Supreme Court's National Task Force (NTF) on Student Mental Health in ; Supreme Court Orders High-Powered Inquiry Committee on NEET-UG Protest)*

61. News: Luke J. Lindberg Appointed Executive Director of the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP)

Static GK:

- WFP — Founded – HQ: 1961 – Rome *(Also in news: 2nd Meeting of UN Global Initiative on AI for Agri-Food Systems (GI-AI)*

62. News: "YONO Bharat": SBI is developing a simplified YONO for financial-inclusion customers and feature-phone users (announced by Chairman C. S. Setty;…

Static GK:

- YONO — Developer: SBI *(Also in news: SBI Card Launches FD-Backed Secured "Advantage SBI Card")*

63. News: TIME100 Next 2026 Features Two Indians

Static GK:

- Skyroot Aerospace (Hyderabad) — Founder(s): Pawan Chandana & Naga Bharath Daka *(Also in news: Skyroot Becomes India's First Space-Tech Unicorn)*
- Skyroot Aerospace became India's first space- tech unicorn (2026). *(Also in news: Skyroot Becomes India's First Space-Tech Unicorn)*

64. News: Key International Appointments and Global Developments

Static GK:

- ICAO (Civil Aviation) — Headquarters: Montreal, Canada

65. News: Suman Ray Appointed Executive Director of RBI

Static GK:

- DICGC (1978) — Headquarters: Mumbai *(Also in news: Key Officials & Regulators (Referenced in News))*
- DICGC – Deposit Insurance and Credit Guarantee Corporation; insures deposits up to ₹5 lakh per depositor. *(Also in news: Key Officials & Regulators (Referenced in News))*

66. News: Global Conferences

Static GK:

- The UNFCCC Secretariat is in Bonn, Germany. *(Also in news: UN Environmental COPs: UNCCD COP17, UNFCCC COP31 and COP32)*

67. News: CJI Surya Kant Inaugurates India's First Victim Rights Centre in Patna

Static GK:

- NALSA (National Legal Services Authority) is in New Delhi. The CJI is its Patron-in-Chief.

68. News: India Addresses 63rd UNHRC Session in Geneva

Static GK:

- Geneva cluster: WHO, ILO, WTO, WIPO, ITU, WMO, UNHCR, UNCTAD, IOM, UNHRC, ICRC and IPU. *(Also in news: Global Dialogue on AI Governance Held in Geneva)*

69. News: INS Tarkash Arrives at Mombasa Port, Kenya

Static GK:

- Nairobi, Kenya hosts two UN HQs: UNEP (est. *(Also in news: Nairobi to Host World Athletics Championships 2029, the First in Afric; Kenya's Charles Matata won the men's title at the Delhi Half Marathon)*

70. News: Coconut Development Board (CDB) Report 2026 — India Ranks No. 1 Globally

Static GK:

- Coconut Development Board — Headquarters: Kochi

71. News: MakeMyTrip Partners with Ministry of Tourism to offer and promote guided tours across the country.

Static GK:

- MakeMyTrip — Founder(s): Deep Kalra

72. News: George Kovoor Appointed CEO of Parle Biscuits

Static GK:

- Parle Products makes Parle-G, Monaco and Hide & Seek. Thums Up, Limca and Gold Spot were Parle brands sold to Coca-Cola in 1993.

73. News: M3M Hurun India Rich List 2026 (15th Edition)

Static GK:

- Hurun India Rich List 2026 is topped by Gautam Adani. Roshni Nadar Malhotra (HCL) is the richest woman.

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74. News: Five Countries Seek to Join India–Middle East–Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC)

Static GK:

- GCC: Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman. *(Also in news: 18th BRICS Heads of State Summit — New Delhi, September 12–13, 2026; Hockey World Cup 2026 & 20th Asian Games Preparation)*

75. News: 28th Session of FAO Committee on Forestry (COFO)

Static GK:

- FAO — Founded – HQ: 1945 – Rome *(Also in news: India at FAO COFO 28 and India's Forest Statistics; FAO Global Food Price Index Rises to 131.1 Points in July 2026)*

76. News: NIFTEM Thanjavur–ITC Limited Programme

Static GK:

- ITC brands: Aashirvaad, Sunfeast, Bingo, Yippee, Classmate, Savlon. *(Also in news: Randstad Employer Brand Research — Google India Named Most Attractive)*

77. News: Fixed Deposit Booking Enabled at White Label ATMs

Static GK:

- Suryoday SFB — Headquarters: Navi Mumbai

78. News: Tata AIG and Ujjivan Small Finance Bank Bancassurance Tie-Up

Static GK:

- Ujjivan SFB — Headquarters: Bengaluru

79. News: Government & Administrative Appointments

Static GK:

- IAS officer — Name: Anna Rajam Malhotra

80. News: Haryana

Static GK:

- International Solar Alliance — Headquarters: Gurugram, Haryana

81. News: National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID) Raises $750 Million through Debut Dollar Bond

Static GK:

- NaBFID (2021) — Headquarters: Mumbai

82. News: Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY) Completes Six Years

Static GK:

- NIOT (builder of Matsya 6000) is in Chennai.

83. News: First International Space Summit Held in Paris; ISRO Chairman Leads Indian Delegation

Static GK:

- ISRO's official tagline: "Space is Open for All". *(Also in news: Major Science, Space and Technology Developments; RBI Central Board — New Part-Time NonOfficial Directors Appointed)*

84. News: BRESE 2026 and 9th ISA Assembly, Bharat Mandapam (2–5 November 2026)

Static GK:

- The ISA is the first treaty-based international organisation headquartered in India. *(Also in news: Haryana)*

85. News: National Biodiversity Authority Observes 23rd Foundation Day

Static GK:

- National Biodiversity Authority — Location: Chennai *(Also in news: National Biodiversity Authority Disburses ₹2.02 Crore of ABS Funds; National Biodiversity Authority Forms AgroBiodiversity Committee)*

86. News: UN Security Council Fails to Renew MINURSO Mandate

Static GK:

- UN Security Council: 15 members. – P5 with veto: USA, UK, France, Russia and China. – 10 non-permanent members elected for 2 years. *(Also in news: Five New Non-Permanent Members Elected to UN Security Council (2027–28; United Nations)*

87. News: HCL–Prudential Health Insurance Venture

Static GK:

- HCL — Founder(s): Shiv Nadar *(Also in news: Insurance Sector Updates)*

88. News: BCCI Appoints Campa, SBI Life and ChatGPT as Associate Partners (Over ₹130 Crore)

Static GK:

- ChatGPT — Developer: OpenAI *(Also in news: ChatGPT Crosses 1 Billion Monthly Active Users)*

89. News: Gyanesh Kumar is the 26th Chief Election Commissioner (CEC)

Static GK:

- Chief Election Commissioner — Name: V. S. Ramadevi *(Also in news: Dr. Sudha Yadav Sworn In as Karnataka's Second Woman Governor; Banking & Financial Sector Appointments)*

90. News: ISRO to Build Human Space Analog System (HSAS) at Astronaut Training Facility, Bengaluru

Static GK:

- ISRO was est. on 15 August 1969 and is HQ'd in Bengaluru. *(Also in news: ISRO Launches Navigation Satellite NVS-03 on GSLV-F18; ISRO–JAXA Finalise Chandrayaan-5 / LUPEX Lunar Mission)*

91. News: Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) Completes India's First Catalogue of Lepidoptera

Static GK:

- Zoological Survey of India — Location: Kolkata *(Also in news: ZSI 3rd Animal Taxonomy Summit in Kolkata; Biodiversity Discoveries & Virus Detections)*

92. News: Dinesh Vithalrao Ganveer Becomes 55th Director General of Geological Survey of India (GSI)

Static GK:

- Geological Survey of India — Location: Kolkata *(Also in news: Varsha Ashok Aglave Becomes First Woman Director General of Geological)*

93. News: 14th India Chem 2026 and BHAVYA Schemes

Static GK:

- BHAVYA — Full form: Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana *(Also in news: BHAVYA Portal Launched for 100 Industrial Parks; Industrial, Tribal & Other Schemes)*

94. News: Brand Finance India 100 Report 2026 — Tata Group Retains Top Position

Static GK:

- Tata Group — Founder(s): Jamsetji Tata (1868) *(Also in news: Noel Tata Retires from Voltas and Tata Investment Corporation; Randstad Employer Brand Research — Google India Named Most Attractive)*

95. News: Groww, Zerodha and Angel One Are India's Top 3 Stockbrokers

Static GK:

- Zerodha — Founder(s): Nithin & Nikhil Kamath *(Also in news: Zerodha Corporate Advisors Approved as Merchant Banker;*

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Zerodha AMC Life Cycle Mutual Fund: Zerodha Fund House launched India')

96. News: Karmayogi Bharat, a 100% government-owned not-for-profit company, signed an MoU with OpenAI on 21 October 2026 to build AI skills and literacy among…

Static GK:

- OpenAI (2015, Sam Altman) launched ChatGPT in Nov 2022. Prabhjeet Singh became OpenAI's first India MD in 2026.

97. News: COP31, Antalya, Türkiye (9–20 November 2026)

Static GK:

- UNEP — Founded – HQ: 1972 – Nairobi

98. News: APEDA Flags Off GI-Tagged Gulbarga Tur Dal Export to Maldives

Static GK:

- APEDA (1986) — Headquarters: New Delhi *(Also in news: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority ; APEDA Facilitates Kashmir Fruit Exports to Singapore)*

99. News: Iceland's Referendum Rejects European Union Entry

Static GK:

- European Union — Founded – Members –: 1993 – 27 – Brussels *(Also in news: India and the European Union Sign Aviation Pact; Assam & European Union signed an MoU (between AIDC and FEBI) for the ')*

100. News: Italy Declared UNESCO World Heritage Capital

Static GK:

- UNESCO — Founded – HQ: 1945 – Paris *(Also in news: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of ; Dr. T. M. Balakrishnan Nair, Director, Indian National Centre for Ocea)*

101. News: WIPO World Intangible Investment Report

Static GK:

- WIPO — Founded – HQ: 1967 – Geneva *(Also in news: WIPO Global Patent Ranking; Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026: India Retains 38th Rank)*

102. News: Ministry of MSME and DPIIT Sign Agreement on GI Products

Static GK:

- DPIIT – Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. *(Also in news: WPI Inflation & Re-basing: The Department for Promotion of Industry an; PM GatiShakti National Master Plan Completes 5 Years)*

103. News: SBI Buys ~40% of Reliance Industries' ₹13,000 Crore Bond Issue

Static GK:

- Reliance Industries — Founder(s): Dhirubhai Ambani *(Also in news: Reliance Industries and UK-based RollsRoyce Form Strategic Partnership; Reliance Industries – Largest "Samurai Loan" by an Indian Corporate)*

104. News: Air India, SBI Card and Visa Announce Co-Branded Credit Card

Static GK:

- Air India began as Tata Airlines (1932), founded by J.R.D. Tata. IndiGo (InterGlobe Aviation) was founded by Rahul Bhatia and Rakesh Gangwal. *(Also in news: Tewolde GebreMariam Takes Over as CEO & MD of Air India; Air India and Drukair Announce Interline Partnership)*

105. News: G7 Announces Release of up to 100 Million Barrels from Emergency Stocks

Static GK:

- International Energy Agency — Headquarters: Paris

106. News: Polish PM Donald Tusk Visits India

Static GK:

- CDRI — Headquarters: New Delhi

107. News: IETE Shri Devi Singh Tyagi Memorial Award 2026 to Dr. C.S. Madhusudan

Static GK:

- U R Rao Satellite Centre — Location: Bengaluru

108. News: Project "Chayankan" Launched for Tea Plantation Management

Static GK:

- Tea Board — Headquarters: Kolkata

109. News: Hurun India 500 Report 2025

Static GK:

- Serum Institute of India — Founder(s): Cyrus Poonawalla

110. News: IRDAI Approves ₹4,500 Crore Patanjali-Led Acquisition of Magma General Insurance

Static GK:

- Patanjali Ayurved — Founder(s): Baba Ramdev & Acharya Balkrishna

111. News: Financial Inclusion and Banking Outreach — 99.92% Village Coverage Achieved

Static GK:

- Jan Dhan Darshak — Developer: Ministry of Finance

112. News: Kufri Jamunia, developed by the Central Potato Research Institute (CPRI), Shimla (ICAR) and released in 2024, is India's first potato with purple…

Static GK:

- ICAR — Location: New Delhi *(Also in news: ICAR Develops India's First T2T Reference Genome of Pigeonpea (Arhar /; Agriculture and Crop Production — Record Output and ICAR Initiatives)*

113. News: Radhakrishnan M. S. of the SEED APJ Abdul Kalam School of Environmental Design, Kochi, Kerala won the 28th Charles Correa Gold Medal (for an…

Static GK:

- Kochi hosts four boards: Spices, Coconut Development, Coir and MPEDA. *(Also in news: Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) Signs 50:50 Joint Venture with Drydocks)*

114. News: Financial and Regulatory Body Appointments

Static GK:

- NCLT – National Company Law Tribunal; NCLAT – National Company Law Appellate Tribunal; CIRP – Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (IBC).

115. News: External Affairs Minister Addresses General Debate of the 81st UNGA in New York

Static GK:

- New York: UN, UNICEF, UNDP, UNFPA and UN Women. *(Also in news: 2nd Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands ; First V4+India Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New York)*

116. News: RISE Conclave (Bengaluru)

Static GK:

- RISE — Full form: Revitalising Infrastructure and Systems in Education

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117. News: Randstad Employer Brand Research — Google India Named Most Attractive Employer

Static GK:

- Google: founded by Larry Page & Sergey Brin (1998). Its parent is Alphabet, and Sundar Pichai is CEO. Owns YouTube (2006), Android, DeepMind and Fitbit. *(Also in news: SEBI Partners with Google for Verified App Label; SBI Card Partners with Google Pay)*

118. News: Uzbekistan Becomes 11th Country to Adopt QR-Based UPI Payments

Static GK:

- The UAE exited OPEC and OPEC+ on 1 May 2026, leaving OPEC with 11 members (as on Oct 2026). Earlier exits: Qatar (2019), Ecuador (2020), Angola (2024). *(Also in news: UAE Becomes First Country Outside Europe to Roll Out Digital eATA Carn; India–UAE Bilateral Trade Crosses $100 Billion(₹9.47 lakh crore) since)*

119. News: Gopal Vittal Re-elected Chair of GSMA Board

Static GK:

- Bharti Airtel — Founder(s): Sunil Bharti Mittal *(Also in news: Other Sectoral Appointments)*

5. Countries

1. News: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Register

Static GK:

- 7 continents by area: Asia > Africa > North America > South America > Antarctica > Europe > Australia (Oceania). *(Also in news: The 7th Summit of the Conference on Interaction and Confidence Buildin; Zhang Yiming Becomes Asia's Richest Person)*
- Pacific: largest and deepest ocean. Its Mariana Trench (Challenger Deep, about 11,000 m) is the deepest point on Earth. *(Also in news: Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2026; 2nd Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the Forum for India-Pacific Islands)*
- Arthashastra (statecraft, economics) – Kautilya (Chanakya), minister of Chandragupta Maurya.
- Rajatarangini (history of Kashmir) – Kalhana.
- Memory of the World Register: the Bhagavad Gita and Bharata's Natyashastra were added in April 2025, taking India's entries to 14.
- UNESCO Creative Cities in India: Jaipur (crafts), Varanasi (music), Chennai (music), Mumbai (film), Hyderabad (gastronomy), Srinagar (crafts), Gwalior (music), Kozhikode (literature), Lucknow (gastronomy, Oct 2025).
- India ranks 1st in Asia and 3rd in the world for Ramsar sites (103), and 2nd in Asia-Pacific (after China) for World Heritage Sites. *(Also in news: Nepal's Jyestha Varna Mahavihara Wins UNESCO Asia-Pacific Heritage Awa)*

2. News: United States, Denmark and Greenland Sign Trilateral Defence / "Infinite Life" Arctic Security Agreement

Static GK:

- Arctic is the smallest and shallowest ocean.
- The largest island is Greenland, an autonomous territory of Denmark. Tasmania belongs to Australia and Assumption Island to Seychelles.
- Denmark — Capital – Currency: Copenhagen – Danish Krone *(Also in news: Archaeological Survey of India Partners with National Museum of Denmar; India and Denmark Sign MoU for 17th-Century Shipwreck Mission)*
- Denmark, Sweden, Poland, Hungary and Czechia are EU members but do not use the euro. *(Also in news: Archaeological Survey of India Partners with National Museum of Denmar; India and Denmark Sign MoU for 17th-Century Shipwreck Mission)*
- Denmark is in Europe. Its territory Greenland lies geographically in North America.

3. News: Dr. T. M. Balakrishnan Nair, Director, Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad, was elected Chair of IOCINDIO, the…

Static GK:

- Indian Ocean: the only ocean named after a country. Seychelles, Mauritius, Maldives and the Chagos Archipelago (Diego Garcia) lie in it. *(Also in news: Cargo Ship "Ocean Winner" Sinks in the Bay of Bengal)*
- Indian Ocean Dipole (IOD): a positive IOD (warmer western Indian Ocean) favours a good Indian monsoon. *(Also in news: Cargo Ship "Ocean Winner" Sinks in the Bay of Bengal)*
- IOC President: Kirsty Coventry (Zimbabwe), the first woman and first African in the post (as on Oct 2026).
- IOC (1894) — HQ: Lausanne, Switzerland

4. News: Pakistan to Chair IMF and World Bank Boards of Governors in 2027

Static GK:

- Pakistan — Capital – Currency: Islamabad – Pakistani Rupee *(Also in news: JWALA Anti-Drone Micro-Missile and Pakistan's Fatah-II Test; Saudi Arabia–Pakistan Visa Exemption Agreement)*
- IMF and World Bank: est. 1944 at Bretton Woods, both HQ Washington DC. *(Also in news: IMF–World Bank Annual Meetings 2026 in Bangkok, Thailand (12–18 Octobe)*
- The IMF creates Special Drawing Rights (SDRs), introduced in 1969. The SDR basket has 5 currencies: USD, Euro, Yuan, Yen and Pound. *(Also in news: IMF Raises India's FY27 Growth Forecast to 7.0% (from 6.4%); International Monetary Fund (IMF): India Can Power the Next Wave of GI)*

5. News: 9th IBSAMAR Naval Exercise Concludes in South Africa

Static GK:

- By population: Asia, Africa, Europe, North America, South America, Australia/Oceania, Antarctica (no permanent population). *(Also in news: EAM S. Jaishankar's Three-Nation Africa Tour (Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Et; IBSAMAR IX Begins at Simon's Town, South Africa (12–22 October 2026))*
- South Africa — Capital – Currency: Pretoria (executive) – Rand *(Also in news: IBSAMAR IX Begins at Simon's Town, South Africa (12–22 October 2026); 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Cape Town, South Africa)*
- IBSAMAR (Navy) — Partner / host: Brazil and South Africa *(Also in news: IBSAMAR IX Begins at Simon's Town, South Africa (12–22 October 2026))*

6. News: Iliana Iotova Becomes Bulgaria's First Woman President

Static GK:

- Bulgaria (Sofia) adopted the euro on 1 January 2026, replacing the lev, and became the 21st eurozone

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member (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: Tamil Nadu Exports Organic Palmyra Jaggery Powder to Bulgaria)*

- IMF: 191 members, MD Kristalina Georgieva (Bulgaria) (as on Oct 2026). It created the SDR in 1969. *(Also in news: FM Nirmala Sitharaman Visits Thailand for IMF–World Bank Annual Meetin; Pakistan to Chair IMF and World Bank Boards of Governors in 2027)*

7. News: UNCLOS & EEZ Governance: Indian Fishermen Allowed up to 200 Nautical Miles

Static GK:

- UNCLOS was signed in 1982 at Montego Bay, Jamaica. It came into force in 1994, and India ratified it in 1995.
- Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ): up to 200 nautical miles. The coastal state has sole rights over its living and non-living resources.

8. News: Ecuador Declares National Emergency over El Niño

Static GK:

- El Niño: abnormal warming of the central and eastern equatorial Pacific Ocean (off Peru– Ecuador). It usually weakens the Indian monsoon.
- Ecuador — Capital – Currency: Quito – US Dollar

9. News: World Health Organization (WHO) DiseaseElimination Certifications: Chile (Rabies) and Jordan (Leprosy)

Static GK:

- Cape Horn is in Chile; it is the southern tip of South America.
- Jordan — Capital – Currency: Amman – Dinar

10. News: 153rd IPU (Inter-Parliamentary Union) Assembly Held in Arusha, Tanzania

Static GK:

- Kilimanjaro (Tanzania), a dormant volcano, is Africa's highest peak.
- Tanzania — Capital – Currency: Dodoma – Tanzanian Shilling

11. News: Exercise KAZIND-2026 (9th Edition): India–Kazakhstan Joint Military Exercise

Static GK:

- Kazakhstan — Capital – Currency: Astana – Tenge
- KAZIND — Partner country: Kazakhstan

12. News: India–Russia Naval Exercise INDRA-2026 at Vladivostok (13–18 October 2026)

Static GK:

- Russia — Capital – Currency: Moscow – Rouble *(Also in news: Yakov Novichenko Bridge (Russia–North Korea); 5th International Transport Summit in Moscow, Russia)*
- INDRA (tri- service/Navy) — Partner country: Russia

13. News: India and Mauritius Sign Two Energy Agreements

Static GK:

- Mauritius — Capital – Currency: Port Louis – Mauritian Rupee *(Also in news: Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Visits Mauritius)*
- IORA — Founded – Members –: 1997 – 23 – Ebene, Mauritius *(Also in news: 28th IORA Senior Officials Meeting Held in Delhi)*

14. News: Venezuela Withdraws from the International Criminal Court (ICC)

Static GK:

- Angel Falls (Venezuela) is the highest waterfall. Victoria Falls is on the Zambezi (Zambia–Zimbabwe). *(Also in news: India Launches Operation Amistad for Venezuela Disaster Relief; India Launches Operation AMSTAT for Venezuela Earthquake Relief)*
- Venezuela — Capital – Currency: Caracas – Bolivar *(Also in news: India Launches Operation Amistad for Venezuela Disaster Relief; India Launches Operation AMSTAT for Venezuela Earthquake Relief)*

15. News: Exercise Garuda Shakti 2026: India–Indonesia Special Forces Exercise

Static GK:

- Indonesia — Capital – Currency: Jakarta – Rupiah *(Also in news: Joint Defence Exercise "Super Garuda Shield" Held in Indonesia; IIT Madras and Indonesia Sign Landmark Deep-Tech and Higher Education)*
- Garuda Shakti — Partner country: Indonesia

16. News: India–Vietnam Coast Guard Exercise "Sahyog Hop Tac" (Second Edition)

Static GK:

- Vietnam — Capital – Currency: Hanoi – Dong *(Also in news: India and Vietnam Establish $25 Billion Bilateral Trade Target; 1 India–Vietnam BrahMos Missile Export Deal)*
- VINBAX — Partner country: Vietnam

17. News: India–Uzbekistan and India–Kyrgyzstan Joint Exercises

Static GK:

- Uzbekistan — Capital – Currency: Tashkent – Som *(Also in news: Prime Minister Jonas Gahr Støre noted that over-reliance on AI hinders; Uzbekistan Joins New Development Bank (NDB) as 10th Member)*
- Kyrgyzstan — Capital – Currency: Bishkek – Som *(Also in news: 26th SCO Summit Held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Lahore Named SCO Cultural; Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Foreign Ministers' Meeting Hel)*

18. News: Norway Restricts Generative AI in Primary Schools

Static GK:

- Norway — Capital – Currency: Oslo – Norwegian Krone *(Also in news: Princess Astrid of Norway Passes Away; King Harald V of Norway Passes Away)*
- Press Freedom 2026: Norway has been 1st for 10 years. India is in the "Very Serious" category, and Eritrea is last. *(Also in news: R. Praggnanandhaa Wins Norway Chess 2026)*

19. News: Natural Disasters

Static GK:

- The Ring of Fire is a horseshoe-shaped belt around the Pacific Ocean. It has about 75% of the world's active volcanoes and about 90% of earthquakes.
- Natural acids: vinegar – acetic acid; lemon – citric acid; curd – lactic acid; ant sting – formic acid; stomach – hydrochloric acid. A pH of 7 is neutral.

20. News: INS Trishul Port Call in Greece; Concludes Port Call at Egypt's Safaga Naval Base

Static GK:

- Suez Canal (Egypt): joins the Mediterranean and the Red Sea. Opened 1869, runs Port Said to Suez, and has no locks. *(Also in news: IAF "Sarang" Display Team at El Alamein*

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International Airshow, Egypt; UNCCD COP17 Held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; COP18 in Egypt (2028))

- INS Chennai rescued the crew of the hijacked ship MV Lila Norfolk (2024). INS Sumitra was the first Indian warship to visit Sabang port (Indonesia). *(Also in news: INS Sahyadri at Busan; 2nd India–Republic of Korea Navy Exercise; INS Sudarshini made a port call at Salalah, Oman (14–17 October 2026))*

21. News: 12th Mitra Shakti (India–Sri Lanka Army) Begins at Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka

Static GK:

- Sri Lanka — Capital – Currency: Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte – SL Rupee *(Also in news: ADB Approves $98 Million Loan for Sri Lanka's Digital Transformation; Rajnath Singh Visits Sri Lanka; India–Sri Lanka Defence MoU on L-70 Ai)*
- Shakti (Army) — Partner country: France *(Also in news: Exercise Garuda Shakti 2026: India–Indonesia Special Forces Exercise; Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 Hosted by IAF at Jodhpur, Rajasthan)*

22. News: 69th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Cape Town, South Africa

Static GK:

- South Africa has 3 capitals: Pretoria (executive), Cape Town (legislative) and Bloemfontein (judicial).

23. News: Hakainde Hichilema Re-elected President of Zambia

Static GK:

- Zambia — Capital – Currency: Lusaka – Kwacha

24. News: First Life-Size Mahatma Gandhi Statue Unveiled in North Dakota, USA

Static GK:

- USA — Capital – Currency: Washington DC – US Dollar *(Also in news: G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Atlanta, USA; G20 Energy Abundance Ministerial in Houston, USA)*
- The USA is the largest shareholder of the World Bank. China has the largest forex reserves. *(Also in news: U-23 World Wrestling Championships (Las Vegas, USA): India Wins 6 Meda; G20 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Atlanta, USA)*

25. News: King Oyo Nyimba of Uganda's Tooro Kingdom Passes Away

Static GK:

- Uganda — Capital – Currency: Kampala – Ugandan Shilling

26. News: Sibi George Represents India at Uruguay's National Day

Static GK:

- Uruguay — Capital – Currency: Montevideo – Uruguayan Peso

27. News: Sagarmanthan 2026 – 3rd Edition of "The Great Oceans Dialogue" (7–9 October, New Delhi)

Static GK:

- Oceans by size: Pacific > Atlantic > Indian > Southern > Arctic. *(Also in news: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of ; Indo-Pacific Regional Dialogue (IPRD) 2026)*

28. News: Lebanon Becomes First Arab Country to Abolish the Death Penalty

Static GK:

- Lebanon — Capital – Currency: Beirut – Lebanese Pound

29. News: Andras Baka Elected President of Hungary

Static GK:

- Hungary — Capital – Currency: Budapest – Forint

30. News: INS Sudarshini Completes Trans-Atlantic Voyage under Lokayan 2026

Static GK:

- Atlantic: second largest and S-shaped. The Bermuda Triangle lies in the North Atlantic.

31. News: Amazon Announces $48 Billion Investment in India by 2030

Static GK:

- Amazon is the largest river by volume. It flows into the Atlantic.

32. News: Inaugural India–Kuwait Joint Defence Committee (JDC) Meeting

Static GK:

- Kuwait — Capital – Currency: Kuwait City – Dinar

33. News: IMF Approves $690 Million Loan to Ukraine

Static GK:

- Ukraine — Capital – Currency: Kyiv – Hryvnia

34. News: India Extends $500 Million Line of Credit to Guyana

Static GK:

- Guyana — Capital – Currency: Georgetown – Guyanese Dollar *(Also in news: India Celebrates 60 Years of Diplomatic Relations with Guyana)*

35. News: Paraguay: President Santiago Peña Removed; Pedro Alliana Sworn In

Static GK:

- Paraguay — Capital – Currency: Asuncion – Guarani

36. News: India's Overseas Defence Manufacturing Plant in Morocco

Static GK:

- Morocco — Capital – Currency: Rabat – Moroccan Dirham *(Also in news: Fatima Zahra Mansouri Becomes Morocco's First Woman Prime Minister)*

37. News: West African Hydrographic Summit (Nigeria)

Static GK:

- Nigeria — Capital – Currency: Abuja – Naira

38. News: PM Modi's Visit to Seychelles — 19 Bilateral Agreements Signed

Static GK:

- Seychelles — Capital – Currency: Victoria – Seychellois Rupee

39. News: ASSOCHAM and Afghanistan Chamber of Commerce Sign MoU for $1 Billion Trade Target

Static GK:

- Afghanistan — Capital – Currency: Kabul – Afghani

40. News: 79th WHO Regional Committee Session Held in Dili, Timor-Leste

Static GK:

- Timor-Leste — Capital – Currency: Dili – US Dollar *(Also in news: Timor-Leste Recognised as ASEAN's 11th Member and WTO's 166th Member)*

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41. News: INS Kulish Makes Port Call at Ream Naval Base, Cambodia

Static GK:

- Cambodia — Capital – Currency: Phnom Penh – Riel *(Also in news: UPI Goes Live in Cambodia — 9th Country)*

42. News: Turkey, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia Sign "Mecca (Makkah) Joint Defence Agreement"

Static GK:

- Turkey (Turkiye) — Capital – Currency: Ankara – Lira *(Also in news: 36th NATO Summit Hosted in Ankara, Turkey)*

43. News: India–Namibia Bilateral Trade Rises to $592.94 Million

Static GK:

- Namibia — Capital – Currency: Windhoek – Namibian Dollar

44. News: Mongolia Thanks India for Supporting Its First Oil Refinery

Static GK:

- Mongolia — Capital – Currency: Ulaanbaatar – Tugrik *(Also in news: UNCCD COP17 Held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia; COP18 in Egypt (2028); UNCCD COP 17 Held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia — India Launches First "Gui)*

45. News: Israel: Gadi Eisenkot Tasked with Forming Government

Static GK:

- Israel — Capital – Currency: Jerusalem – Shekel *(Also in news: Israel Opens First Resident Embassy in Slovenia; CAG India and Supreme Audit Institution of Israel Sign MoU for Tech-Dr)*

46. News: EAM S. Jaishankar's Three-Nation Africa Tour (Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia)

Static GK:

- Ethiopia — Capital – Currency: Addis Ababa – Birr *(Also in news: India and Ethiopia Sign WTO Accession Protocol)*

47. News: 8th India–Myanmar Naval Exercise (IMNEX-26), Visakhapatnam

Static GK:

- Myanmar — Capital – Currency: Naypyidaw – Kyat *(Also in news: 'Rahat Mitra' – First India–Myanmar Tri-Services HADR Exercise; India and Myanmar signed 5 MoUs for Quick Impact Projects (QIPs) under)*

48. News: 4th India–Malaysia Naval Exercise "Samudra Laksamana"

Static GK:

- Malaysia — Capital – Currency: Kuala Lumpur – Ringgit

49. News: Nila Vikhe Patil Elected to Sweden's Riksdag

Static GK:

- Sweden — Capital – Currency: Stockholm – Swedish Krona *(Also in news: Sweden Tops Global Passport Index 2026; India Ranks 125th)*

50. News: Bhutan Sets Guinness Record with 108 Stupas; Stupa No. 76 Dedicated to PM Modi

Static GK:

- Bhutan — Capital – Currency: Thimphu – Ngultrum *(Also in news: India–Bhutan: Two-Way UPI Connectivity, ₹4,000 Crore Line of Credit an; Tata Power Collaborates with Druk Green Power for Bhutan Clean Energy)*

51. News: Mayon Volcano Erupts in the Philippines

Static GK:

- Philippines — Capital – Currency: Manila – Peso *(Also in news: 13th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (ADMM-Plus) Held in Cebu, P; 2nd ASEAN–India Maritime Exercise (AIME 2026) at Subic Bay, Philippine)*

52. News: India and New Zealand signed a Memorandum of Cooperation (MoC) on 19 October 2026 for electronic exchange of Certificate of Origin (CoO) data for…

Static GK:

- New Zealand — Capital – Currency: Wellington – NZ Dollar *(Also in news: India–New Zealand Free Trade Agreement (FTA): 100% Duty-Free Access; E; UK and New Zealand Move to Restrict Social Media for Under-16s)*

53. News: Saudi Arabia–Pakistan Visa Exemption Agreement

Static GK:

- Saudi Arabia — Capital – Currency: Riyadh – Riyal *(Also in news: Turkey, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia Sign "Mecca (Makkah) Joint Defence A; Saudi Arabia Establishes 14-Nation Multinational Maritime Defence Alli)*

54. News: Oil India Limited Partners with Canada's Petroleum Technology Research Centre

Static GK:

- Canada — Capital – Currency: Ottawa – Canadian Dollar

55. News: India and Switzerland Sign 5 Agreements during Swiss President's State Visit

Static GK:

- Switzerland — Capital – Currency: Bern – Swiss Franc

56. News: 13th General Assembly of ICAPP, Seoul, South Korea

Static GK:

- South Korea — Capital – Currency: Seoul – Won *(Also in news: World Bank Group President Ajay Banga announced the Group's first comp; 27th World Knowledge Forum Held in Seoul, South Korea)*

57. News: UAE Becomes First Country Outside Europe to Roll Out Digital eATA Carnet

Static GK:

- UAE — Capital – Currency: Abu Dhabi – UAE Dirham *(Also in news: 3rd edition of India–UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian hel; India–UAE Bilateral Trade Crosses $100 Billion(₹9.47 lakh crore) since)*

58. News: Bangladesh's Foreign Secretary Asad Alam Siam to be Next High Commissioner to India

Static GK:

- Bangladesh — Capital – Currency: Dhaka – Taka *(Also in news: Asian Development Bank (ADB) Approves $200 Million Loan for Bangladesh; Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir Becomes 23rd President of Bangladesh)*

59. News: 33rd SIMBEX: India–Singapore Maritime Bilateral Exercise at Visakhapatnam

Static GK:

- Singapore — Capital – Currency: Singapore – Singapore Dollar *(Also in news: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Visits Singapore (9–11 October 202; NIPL Partners with Singapore's Fomo Pay)*

60. News: JioHotstar Launches in Nepal with DGO

Static GK:

- Nepal has the only non-rectangular national flag (two stacked triangular pennants). The flags of Switzerland and Vatican City are square. *(Also in news: Nepal Becomes First Beneficiary of UN Loss and Damage Fund; Bhotekoshi Flood in Nepal Called a "Himalayan Tsunami")*

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61. News: Tamil Nadu Signs MoU with University of Western Australia

Static GK:

- Australia — Capital – Currency: Canberra – Australian Dollar *(Also in news: Andhra Pradesh Government and Australia Sign Four MoUs; Bihar's Mithila Makhana Makes First-Ever Sea Export to Australia)*

62. News: Chandigarh to Become India's First Drug-Free City; NCB's Operation Trident

Static GK:

- City nicknames: – Venice: "City of Canals". – Rome: "Eternal City". – New York: "Big Apple". – Japan: "Land of the Rising Sun". – Norway: "Land of the Midnight Sun". – Finland: "Land of a Thousand Lakes". – Bhutan: "Land of the Thunder Dragon". *(Also in news: RBI Approves Shankaran as Whole-Time Director of City Union Bank for 3; Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 (10th Edition): Navi Mumbai Cleanest City)*

6. Polity

1. News: Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla Reconstitutes 24 Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committees

Static GK:

- Lok Sabha maximum strength 550 (530 States + 20 UTs); present strength 543 elected seats; term 5 years; minimum age 25. *(Also in news: Lok Sabha Passes Tribunal Reforms Bill 2026; National Tribunal Commiss; Indian Statistical Institute (ISI) Bill Passed in Lok Sabha)*
- Largest Lok Sabha seat shares: Uttar Pradesh 80, Maharashtra 48, West Bengal 42. Assam has 14 Lok Sabha and 7 Rajya Sabha seats. *(Also in news: Notable Obituaries (incl. Vir Chakra Awardee Flight Lieutenant Alfred ; Lok Sabha Passes Tribunal Reforms Bill 2026; National Tribunal Commiss)*
- Om Birla is Lok Sabha Speaker (17th Lok Sabha from 2019; re-elected for the 18th Lok Sabha in June 2024) (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: Parliamentary Standing Committees Reconstituted for 2026-27; India Hosts 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi (26–27 October)*
- Om Birla — Tenure: 2019–present *(Also in news: Parliamentary Standing Committees Reconstituted for 2026-27; India Hosts 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi (26–27 October)*
- Lok Sabha Speaker — Name: Meira Kumar (2009) *(Also in news: Parliamentary Standing Committees Reconstituted for 2026-27; India Hosts 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum in New Delhi (26–27 October)*

2. News: National Policies, Guidelines & Legal Rulings Supreme Court Declares Right to Walk a Fundamental Right

Static GK:

- Art 19 now guarantees six freedoms: speech & expression, assembly, association, movement, residence, profession. The right to property (old 19(1)(f)) was removed by the 44th Amendment (1978).
- Right to property is now a legal right under Art 300A, not a Fundamental Right. *(Also in news: Right Livelihood Award 2026 ("Alternative Nobel Prize"); Lt. General Vijay Oberoi: Former Vice Chief of Army Staff, who lost hi)*
- Art 21 – life and personal liberty; Art 21A – free and compulsory education for children aged 6–14 (86th Amendment, 2002).
- Art 32 – Right to Constitutional Remedies, called the "heart and soul" of the Constitution by Ambedkar; the Supreme Court issues writs under it, High Courts under Art 226.

3. News: NITI Aayog India S&T Scoreboard

Static GK:

- NITI Aayog (1 Jan 2015, replaced Planning Commission) is neither constitutional nor statutory; chaired by the PM; Vice-Chairman Ashok Kumar Lahiri, CEO Anurag Jain (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: The Centre constituted a committee under Prof. Ramesh Chand (former Me; NITI Aayog Reports — High-Potential Sectors)*
- NITI Aayog – National Institution for Transforming India. *(Also in news: NITI Aayog and TEXMiN Sign Joint Statement of Intent; NITI Aayog Releases Data Centre Evaluation Framework)*

4. News: Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated KAUMARACON 2026, the 3rd International Conference on Kaumarabhritya, at the All India Institute of…

Static GK:

- Art 63 Vice-President; Art 64 VP is ex-officio Chairman of Rajya Sabha; current VP C.P.
- Vice-President — Oath administered by: President
- Vice-President — Resignation addressed to: President

5. News: Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas (June 25)

Static GK:

- Art 352 National Emergency (proclaimed 1962, 1971, 1975); Art 356 President's Rule in States (first in Punjab, 1951); Art 360 Financial Emergency (never imposed).
- Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas (25 June) marks the imposition of the Emergency in 1975.

6. News: Defense and Gallantry Honours The President of India, Droupadi Murmu, distributed several prestigious defense and academic honors

Static GK:

- President of India: Droupadi Murmu (15th President) (as on Oct 2026).
- President of India — Name: Pratibha Patil (2007) *(Also in news: Cultural Literature, Books & Releases)*

7. News: Seventh Anniversary of the Abrogation of Article 370

Static GK:

- Art 370 – temporary special status of Jammu & Kashmir; made inoperative on 5 August 2019; J&K and Ladakh became UTs on 31 Oct 2019; SC upheld it in Dec 2023.
- Seventh — Subject: Union, State and Concurrent Lists

8. News: 57th GST Council Meeting: Decriminalisation and Ease-of-Compliance Reforms; No Change in GST Rates

Static GK:

- Art 279A – GST Council (101st Amendment, 2016; GST from 1 July 2017). *(Also in news: GST Collections Rise 22.9% to Over ₹2.31 Lakh Crore in October 2026; New 12-State GST Standing Committee of Officers Constituted)*

9. News: Centre Releases ₹1,09,019 Crore Tax Devolution Instalment to States (5 November 2026)

Static GK:

- Art 280 – Finance Commission, set up by the President every 5 years; Chairman + 4 members; recommends tax devolution between Centre and States. *(Also in news: The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports revised the Assistance to Natio)*

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- First Finance Commission: K.C. Neogy (1951); 15th: N.K. Singh; 16th (2026-27 to 2030-31): Arvind Panagariya (first Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog); States' share 41% of the divisible pool. *(Also in news: Fiscal & Trade Data; The Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports revised the Assistance to Natio)*

10. News: Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act, 2026 in Force from 1 October 2026

Static GK:

- 106th Amendment (2023) – Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam: one-third of seats in Lok Sabha and State Assemblies reserved for women. *(Also in news: Sanjay Jaiswal Appointed Chairman of JPC on FCRA Amendment; Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill 2026 Pa)*
- 73rd Amendment (1992) – Panchayati Raj, Part IX (Art 243–243O), Eleventh Schedule (29 subjects); in force 24 April 1993 (National Panchayati Raj Day). *(Also in news: Sanjay Jaiswal Appointed Chairman of JPC on FCRA Amendment; Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill 2026 Pa)*
- 74th Amendment (1992) – Municipalities, Part IXA (Art 243P–243ZG), Twelfth Schedule (18 subjects). *(Also in news: Sanjay Jaiswal Appointed Chairman of JPC on FCRA Amendment; Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill 2026 Pa)*

11. News: The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, approved the PRAGATI Park

Static GK:

- Chief Minister — Resignation addressed to: Governor *(Also in news: Nagaland Launches "Chief Minister's Yarn Bank Scheme" on National Hand; Parameshwara took oath as Deputy Chief Minister.)*
- First National Park: Jim Corbett (1936, as Hailey National Park). First Ramsar sites (1981): Chilika and Keoladeo. *(Also in news: Ladakh: India's First Petroglyph Conservation Park and Project Him Sar; Two Captive-Bred Great Indian Bustards Released in Desert National Par)*
- Chief Minister — Name: Sucheta Kriplani (UP, 1963) *(Also in news: Nagaland Launches "Chief Minister's Yarn Bank Scheme" on National Hand; Parameshwara took oath as Deputy Chief Minister.)*

12. News: Parliament Sets Record of 88 Days without Prorogation

Static GK:

- Art 79 Parliament = President + Rajya Sabha + Lok Sabha; Art 80 Rajya Sabha; Art 81 Lok Sabha. *(Also in news: Romania's Parliament approved the minority government of independent P; The European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2026 w)*
- Art 85 – gap between two sessions cannot exceed 6 months; by convention Parliament normally holds 3 sessions a year: Budget, Monsoon and Winter.

13. News: Key Bills Passed in Parliament — August 2026

Static GK:

- Art 3 – Parliament can form new States and alter areas, boundaries or names (Kerala renamed Keralam under Art 3, notified Aug 2026). *(Also in news: Kerala to be Renamed "Keralam"; Kerala Name Change Bill Passed to Rename State as "Keralam")*

14. News: Dr. Sudha Yadav Sworn In as Karnataka's Second Woman Governor

Static GK:

- Governor — Oath administered by: Chief Justice of the High Court *(Also in news: Key Data from RBI Governor's Monetary Policy Statement (7 October 2026; Dr. Dinesh Sharma Appointed Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar I)*
- Art 153 Governor; Art 155 appointed by the President; Art 156 term 5 years (during *(Also in news: Key Data from RBI Governor's Monetary Policy Statement (7 October 2026; Dr. Dinesh Sharma Appointed Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar I)*
- Governor — Name: Sarojini Naidu (UP, 1947) *(Also in news: Key Data from RBI Governor's Monetary Policy Statement (7 October 2026; Dr. Dinesh Sharma Appointed Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar I)*

15. News: Supreme Court Sets Up Standing Committee on Judicial Well-being

Static GK:

- Supreme Court strength raised from 34 to 38 (including CJI) in 2026; CJI Surya Kant is the 53rd CJI (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: Three High Court Chief Justices Sworn In as Supreme Court Judges (6 Oc; Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 Introduced in Lo)*
- 10 Oct — Day: World Mental Health Day

16. News: State Developments — Inaugurations & Launches

Static GK:

- ULLAS fully literate states (as on Oct 2026): Mizoram (first), Goa, Tripura, Himachal Pradesh, Sikkim and Uttarakhand (6th). *(Also in news: Uttarakhand Declared India's 6th Fully Literate State under ULLAS; Lakshadweep Declared a Fully (100%) Literate Union Territory under ULL)*

17. News: Hardeep Singh Puri Elected Unopposed to Rajya Sabha from Madhya Pradesh

Static GK:

- Rajya Sabha maximum 250 (238 elected + 12 nominated); present 245 (233 + 12). Minimum age 30; member's term 6 years. *(Also in news: Obituaries: Jogen Chowdhury, Tom Skerritt and K. P. Sahadevan; Book "Timeless India" Released in New Delhi)*
- Rajya Sabha is a permanent House; one-third of members retire every 2 years. *(Also in news: Obituaries: Jogen Chowdhury, Tom Skerritt and K. P. Sahadevan; Book "Timeless India" Released in New Delhi)*

18. News: Veteran Hindi Film Actor Mushtaq Khan Died

Static GK:

- Art 343 – Hindi in Devanagari script is the official language of the Union. *(Also in news: 26th International Hindi Conference at Sri Vijaya Puram; High-Level Study Group on Hindi Cinema)*
- Vyas Samman is for Hindi literature. 2018 winner: Liladhar Jagudi. *(Also in news: 26th International Hindi Conference at Sri Vijaya Puram; High-Level Study Group on Hindi Cinema)*

19. News: Maharashtra Forms Committee Headed by Retired Bombay HC Judge Dilip Bhosale to Overhaul MPSC

Static GK:

- Art 315 – Public Service Commissions; UPSC set up 1 October 1926 (centenary in 2026; Lee Commission).
- First railway: Bombay (Bori Bunder) – Thane, 16 April 1853. First metro: Kolkata (1984). *(Also in news: SBI Life–IIT*

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Bombay AI & Cyber Innovation Hub; It drastically cuts down the regulatory waiting and scheme approval pe)

20. News: Lula da Silva Wins Fourth Term as President of Brazil

Static GK:

- Fourth — Subject: Allocation of Rajya Sabha seats *(Also in news: India Becomes World's Fourth-Largest Holder of Foreign Exchange Reserv; INS Arisudan — Fourth Indigenous Nuclear Submarine under ATV Project)*
- Brazil — Capital – Currency: Brasilia – Real *(Also in news: India–Brazil Sign MoU on Telecommunications and ICT)*

21. News: IRCTC Launches Beta Booking Website with CAPTCHA Removal

Static GK:

- CAPTCHA – Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart. *(Also in news: Miscellaneous Facts & Records)*

22. News: Obituaries: Jogen Chowdhury, Tom Skerritt and K. P. Sahadevan

Static GK:

- Rajya Sabha MP — Resignation addressed to: Chairman (Vice-President) *(Also in news: Book "Timeless India" Released in New Delhi)*
- State awards: Kalidas Samman (Madhya Pradesh) is for classical music, dance, theatre and visual arts. Tansen Samman (Madhya Pradesh) is for Hindustani music. Sarala Puraskar is for Odia literature; the 47th went to Ashutosh Parida.

23. News: Lakshadweep Declared a Fully (100%) Literate Union Territory under ULLAS initiative

Static GK:

- ULLAS — Full form: Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society *(Also in news: Uttarakhand Declared India's 6th Fully Literate State under ULLAS)*

24. News: Supreme Court Holds National Book Trust (NBT) is "State" under Article 12

Static GK:

- Art 12 defines "State"; Fundamental Rights are in Part III, Articles 12–35.

25. News: Supreme Court Holds Special Lok Adalat "Samadhan Samaroh"

Static GK:

- Lok Adalat works under the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987: no court fee, and its award is deemed a decree of a civil court, final and not appealable.

26. News: Telangana Becomes First State to Implement Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM) for Rural Roads

Static GK:

- HAM – Hybrid Annuity Model (road projects); PPP – Public Private Partnership.

27. News: Environment & Wildlife

Static GK:

- Wildlife (as on Oct 2026): India has 58 tiger reserves, and Madhya Pradesh has the most tigers and reserves. The largest reserve is Nagarjunasagar-Srisailam (AP), and Tamil Nadu has the most Ramsar sites (20). *(Also in news: Maharashtra Approves Kolamarka Wildlife Sanctuary and Tansa Sanctuary ; Asiatic Lions Return to Barda Wildlife Sanctuary(Gujarat) After 144 Ye)*

28. News: Goa Cabinet Approves Prohibition of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill

Static GK:

- Prohibition — Meaning: Higher court stops a lower court

29. News: CAG India and Supreme Audit Institution of Israel Sign MoU for Tech-Driven Auditing

Static GK:

- Art 148 – CAG; term 6 years or age 65; appointed by the President, removed like an SC judge; CAG K. Sanjay Murthy (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: Supreme Court Directive on Judicial Retirement Age)*

30. News: India Wins Women's T20 Asia Cup 2026 – Eighth Women's Asia Cup Title

Static GK:

- Eighth — Subject: 22 official languages

31. News: Draft National Steel Policy – Vision 2047 Targets 604 MT Crude Steel Capacity

Static GK:

- Crude oil is India's largest import item. Qatar is India's largest LNG supplier, and the USA is India's largest export destination. *(Also in news: Assam and Nagaland Agree to Collaborate on Border Region Crude Oil Exp)*

32. News: Odisha's Lok Bhavan: India's First Governor's Residence with IGBC Platinum Rating

Static GK:

- The Governor appoints: Chief Minister (Art 164), state ministers, Advocate General (Art 165), State PSC members, State Election Commissioner, State Finance Commission. *(Also in news: Dr. Sudha Yadav Sworn In as Karnataka's Second Woman Governor; Key Data from RBI Governor's Monetary Policy Statement (7 October 2026)*

33. News: Captain Smit Machchhar Honoured for Foiling Flydubai Cockpit Attack

Static GK:

- Art 76 – Attorney General, the first law officer of India; appointed by the President, holds office during his pleasure; may speak in Parliament (Art 88) but cannot vote. Solicitor General: Tushar Mehta (reappointed July 2026).

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34. News: Indigenous AI Foundation Models under IndiaAI Mission

Static GK:

- Eighth Schedule began with 14 languages; latest additions (92nd Amendment, 2003): Bodo, Dogri, Maithili, Santhali. English is not in the Eighth Schedule.

35. News: CJI Inaugurates India's Highest-Altitude High Court Bench at Leh

Static GK:

- Art 214 – a High Court for each State; Art 167 – CM's duty to inform the Governor. *(Also in news: Three High Court Chief Justices Sworn In as Supreme Court Judges (6 Oc; Telangana High Court Disqualifies Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender under)*

36. News: The Union Cabinet raised the Employees' Provident Fund (EPF) statutory wage ceiling for mandatory coverage from ₹15,000 to ₹25,000 per month…

Static GK:

- Statutory bodies: NHRC (1993, HQ New Delhi), NCW (1992, statutory), CVC, Central Information Commission (RTI Act 2005), Lokpal (2013 Act), NALSA. *(Also in news: CRR and SLR Exemptions: The RBI exempted commercial banks from maintai; Government Commissions & Statutory Bodies)*

37. News: Supreme Court Directs 19 States and UTs to Declare Cancer a Notifiable Disease

Static GK:

- India has 8 UTs; 3 UTs have a legislature: Delhi (Art 239AA, 70 seats), Puducherry (Art 239A) and Jammu & Kashmir (90 elected seats). *(Also in news: Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli — First UTs with Full CBDC Food-Su; Ministry of Education — PGI 2.0 (States/UTs) and PGI-District Rankings)*

38. News: Notable Obituaries (incl. Vir Chakra Awardee Flight Lieutenant Alfred Tyrone Cooke)

Static GK:

- Lok Sabha MP — Resignation addressed to: Speaker *(Also in news: Former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar Passes Away)*

39. News: Maharashtra

Static GK:

- Art 170 – Legislative Assembly strength minimum 60, maximum 500; exceptions: Sikkim 32, Goa 40, Mizoram 40 (Puducherry, a UT, has 30 elected).

7. Awards

1. News: Anant Nag Named Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 Recipient (56th); 72nd National Film Awards

Static GK:

- The Dadasaheb Phalke Award is India's highest award in cinema, given for lifetime contribution. It was instituted in 1969 and is presented at the National Film Awards.
- Anant Nag (Kannada actor) is the 56th recipient, for 2024. He was announced on 16 Sep 2026 and received the award at the 72nd National Film Awards (as on Oct 2026).
- Other Phalke recipients: Lata Mangeshkar (1989) and Asha Bhosle (2000). M.R. Radha (Tamil actor) never received it.
- 72nd National Film Awards: Best Feature Film Article 370; Best Actor Mammootty *(Also in news: 72nd National Film Awards Hosted at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat)*
- 71st National Film Awards: Best Feature Film 12th Fail; Best Actor Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan) and Vikrant Massey (12th Fail); Best Actress Rani Mukerji. *(Also in news: 72nd National Film Awards Hosted at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat)*
- 70th National Film Awards: Best Director Sooraj R. Barjatya (Uunchai); Best Feature Film Aattam. *(Also in news: 72nd National Film Awards Hosted at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat)*

2. News: National Sports Awards 2025 and Tenzing Norgay Adventure Awards 2024

Static GK:

- Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna — Field / cash: Highest sports honour; ₹25 lakh
- Arjuna Award — Field / cash: Outstanding sportspersons; ₹15 lakh *(Also in news: National Sports Awards 2025 Announced)*
- Khel Ratna was instituted in 1991-92. First recipient: Viswanathan Anand. It was renamed after Major Dhyan Chand in 2021.
- Arjuna Award was instituted in 1961. *(Also in news: National Sports Awards 2025 Announced)*
- The National Sports Awards are presented around 29 Aug, National Sports Day and the birth anniversary of Dhyan Chand. *(Also in news: National Sports Awards 2025 Announced; Sports Awards & Recognitions)*
- Khel Ratna 2024: Manu Bhaker, D. Gukesh, Harmanpreet Singh, Praveen Kumar. *(Also in news: ISSF World Championship 2026, Lusail Shooting Range, Doha, Qatar (1–14; 20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan): Overview and Final Medal)*
- National Sports Awards 2025: no Khel Ratna was given, the first time since 2014, and 17 players received the Arjuna Award (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: National Sports Awards 2025 Announced; Sports Awards & Recognitions)*

3. News: 60th Jnanpith Award Conferred on Tamil Poet R. Vairamuthu

Static GK:

- Jnanpith Award — Given by / field: Bharatiya Jnanpith; Indian literature
- Jnanpith is India's highest literary award. It was first given in 1965 to G. Sankara Kurup (Malayalam). The award is ₹11 lakh and a
- 60th Jnanpith: R. Vairamuthu (Tamil poet), the 3rd Tamil winner after Akilan and Jayakanthan.

4. News: Padma Awards 2026

Static GK:

- The Padma awards were also instituted in 1954. In descending order: Padma Vibhushan (exceptional and distinguished service), Padma Bhushan (distinguished service of a high order) and Padma Shri (distinguished service). *(Also in news: Traditional paddy seed conservator and Padma Shri (2023) awardee Cheru; Lt. General Vijay Oberoi: Former Vice Chief of Army Staff, who lost hi)*
- Padma Awards 2026: 131 in all – 5 Padma Vibhushan, 13 Padma Bhushan, 113 Padma Shri. Padma Bhushan went to Mammootty and Alka Yagnik; Padma Shri to Rohit Sharma and R. Madhavan. *(Also in news: Major Awards and Honours — August 2026)*

5. News: Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026 Winners

Static GK:

- Ramon Magsaysay Award is called "Asia's Nobel Prize". It was set up in 1957 and is based in Manila, Philippines. First Indian winner: Vinoba Bhave (1958). – Past Indian winners: Sonam Wangchuk and Bharat Vatwani (psychiatrist) in 2018; Ravish Kumar (journalist) in 2019. – 2025: Educate Girls, the first Indian organisation to win. – 2026 (68th): Tommy Koh (Singapore), Runa Khan (Bangladesh) and Bo Kyi (Myanmar). *(Also in news: 68th Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026 Announced)*

6. News: Nobel Peace Prize 2026: Navi Pillay (South Africa)

Static GK:

- The Peace Prize is presented in Oslo (Norway); the others in Stockholm (Sweden).
- Nobel 2026: – Peace – Navi Pillay (South Africa, of Indian Tamil origin). Literature – Anne Carson (Canada). – Economics – Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford. Physics – Francis Halzen. *(Also in news: Nobel Prize in Literature 2026: Anne Carson (Canada); Lt. General Vijay Oberoi: Former Vice Chief of Army Staff, who lost hi)*

7. News: Lt. General Vijay Oberoi: Former Vice Chief of Army Staff, who lost his right leg during the 1965 India-Pakistan war, passed away at 84. Princess…

Static GK:

- It has 6 categories: Physics, Chemistry, Physiology or Medicine, Literature, Peace and Economic Sciences. There is no Nobel for Mathematics. *(Also in news: Nobel Prize in Physics 2026: Francis Halzen; Professor Jainendra K. Jain Wins Wolf Prize in Physics 2026)*
- Ashoka turned to Buddhism after the Kalinga War (261 BC); his edicts are in Prakrit (mainly Brahmi script).

8. News: "Angh" Wins TIFF Platform Prize; "Gondhal" is India's Oscar Entry

Static GK:

- India's Oscar winners: Bhanu Athaiya (1983, costume design, the first Indian); A.R.
- India's Oscar entries: Laapataa Ladies (dir.

9. News: Marathi Film "Gondhal" is India's Official Entry for Oscars 2027 (99th Academy Awards)

Static GK:

- Oscars (Academy Awards) are given for films by the US Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences.

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10. News: 72nd National Film Awards Hosted at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat

Static GK:

- The 72nd National Film Awards ceremony was held at Ekta Nagar (Kevadia), Gujarat, the first one outside Delhi. *(Also in news: Anant Nag Named Dadasaheb Phalke Award 2024 Recipient (56th); 72nd Nat)*

11. News: Pritzker Prize ("Nobel Prize of Architecture") 2026: Smiljan Radić Clarke (Chile).

Static GK:

- Nobel 2025: – Peace – Maria Corina Machado (Venezuela). Literature – Laszlo Krasznahorkai (Hungary). – Medicine – Mary Brunkow, Fred Ramsdell, Shimon Sakaguchi (peripheral immune tolerance). *(Also in news: Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026: Robert E. Hall and Michael Wood; Nobel Peace Prize 2026: Navi Pillay (South Africa))*
- First Indian Nobel laureate: Rabindranath Tagore (1913). C. V. Raman (1930) was the first Asian Nobel winner in science. *(Also in news: Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026: Robert E. Hall and Michael Wood; Nobel Peace Prize 2026: Navi Pillay (South Africa))*

12. News: Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (2024 and 2025) Conferred on 106 Artists

Static GK:

- Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar goes to young artists (under 40) in the performing arts – music, dance, theatre, puppetry and folk arts. It is given by the Sangeet Natak Akademi and was started in 2006. *(Also in news: Major Awards and Honours — August 2026)*

13. News: Usha Mangeshkar to Receive Inaugural Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award

Static GK:

- Bharat Ratna is India's highest civilian award.
- First posthumous Bharat Ratna: Lal Bahadur Shastri (1966). First woman: Indira Gandhi (1971).

14. News: Fields Medal 2026 Announced — First Chinese Nationals Win

Static GK:

- The Fields Medal and the Abel Prize are for mathematics. The Turing Award is for computer science. The Pritzker Prize is for architecture; B.V. Doshi (2018) was the first Indian winner.

15. News: Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026: Optogenetics

Static GK:

- The Nobel Prize was set up under the will of Alfred Nobel, the inventor of dynamite. It was first given in 1901 and is presented on 10 Dec. *(Also in news: Pritzker Prize ("Nobel Prize of Architecture") 2026: Smiljan Radić Cla; Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026: Robert E. Hall and Michael Wood)*

16. News: Nobel Prize Money Raised to 12 Million SEK for 2026

Static GK:

- Prize money was raised to SEK 12 million per category for 2026. *(Also in news: Nobel Prize in Chemistry 2026: Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai; Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2026: Optogenetics)*

17. News: UNESCO International Literacy Prizes 2026 Awarded in Chiapas, Mexico

Static GK:

- UNESCO — Full form: UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization *(Also in news: India Adds 5 Sites to UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage (Total R; Italy Declared UNESCO World Heritage Capital)*

18. News: Nobel Prize in Physics 2026: Francis Halzen

Static GK:

- Past questions: Physics 2023 – attosecond light pulses; Peace 2023 – Narges Mohammadi (Iran). *(Also in news: Lt. General Vijay Oberoi: Former Vice Chief of Army Staff, who lost hi; Professor Jainendra K. Jain Wins Wolf Prize in Physics 2026)*

19. News: London-based Indian-origin prodigy Bodhana Sivanandan became the youngest female International Master (IM) ever at 11 years, 7 months, 16 days

Static GK:

- Indian or Indian-origin winners: – Tagore (Literature 1913), C.V. Raman (Physics 1930), Hargobind Khorana (Medicine 1968) and Mother Teresa (Peace 1979) – S. Chandrasekhar (Physics 1983), Amartya Sen (Economics 1998), V. Ramakrishnan (Chemistry 2009) – Kailash Satyarthi (Peace 2014, with Malala) and Abhijit Banerjee (Economics 2019)

20. News: Traditional paddy seed conservator and Padma Shri (2023) awardee Cheruvayal Raman ("Nelachan") died

Static GK:

- The Padma awards are announced on the eve of Republic Day and presented by the President. *(Also in news: Dr. Padma Gurmet Awarded UT Ladakh State Award 2025; Lt. General Vijay Oberoi: Former Vice Chief of Army Staff, who lost hi)*

21. News: Kimi Antonelli Becomes Youngest F1 World Champion

Static GK:

- Youngest recipient and first sportsperson: Sachin Tendulkar (2014). *(Also in news: London-based Indian-origin prodigy Bodhana Sivanandan became the young; Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Woman Grandmaster)*

22. News: National Sports Awards 2025 Announced

Static GK:

- Dronacharya Award — Field / cash: Sports coaches; ₹15 lakh (lifetime)

8. Books & Authors

1. News: International Booker Prize 2026: 'Taiwan Travelogue'

Static GK:

- The Booker Prize was started in 1969 in the UK. It goes to the best English-language novel published in the UK or Ireland. Prize money: £50,000. *(Also in news: M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner; Booker Prize 2026 Shortlist Announced)*
- The International Booker goes to translated fiction. The prize is shared equally by the author and the translator. *(Also in news: M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner; Booker Prize 2026 Shortlist Announced)*
- International Booker 2025: Heart Lamp by Banu Mushtaq (Kannada), translated by Deepa Bhasthi. It is the first short-story collection to win.

- International Booker 2026: Taiwan Travelog by Yang Shuang-zi, translated by Lin King. It is the first Mandarin novel to win. *(Also in news: M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner; Booker Prize 2026 Shortlist Announced)*
- Booker Prize — Given by / field: UK; English novel *(Also in news: M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner; Booker Prize 2026 Shortlist Announced)*
- International Booker (Indian) — Name: Geetanjali Shree (2022) *(Also in news: International Booker Prize Renamed "Bukhman International Booker Prize)*

2. News: International Booker Prize Renamed "Bukhman International Booker Prize"; Prize Money Doubled

Static GK:

- Midnight's Children (Booker 1981), The Satanic Verses and Joseph Anton (memoir) – Salman Rushdie. *(Also in news: International Booker Prize 2026: 'Taiwan Travelogue'; M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner)*
- The White Tiger (Booker 2008) – Aravind Adiga. *(Also in news: International Booker Prize 2026: 'Taiwan Travelogue'; M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner)*
- Booker Prize: started 1969, £50,000. The International Booker (for translated fiction) is now £100,000 and has been renamed the Bukhman International Booker (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: International Booker Prize 2026: 'Taiwan Travelogue'; M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner)*
- Booker Prize (Indian woman) — Name: Arundhati Roy (1997) *(Also in news: International Booker Prize 2026: 'Taiwan Travelogue'; M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner)*

3. News: "Better Never Stops: Leadership Insights from Life's Unscripted Moments"

Static GK:

- Romancing with Life (autobiography) – Dev Anand. The Big Thoughts of Little Luv – Karan Johar. *(Also in news: Zerodha Fund House Launches India's First Life Cycle Mutual Funds)*
- Better Never Stops — Author: Shyam Srinivasan
- Shyam Srinivasan, author of Better Never Stops, is the former MD & CEO of Federal Bank.

4. News: Autobiography of Former President Ram Nath Kovind

Static GK:

- Ram Nath Kovind (14th President) released his autobiography, Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles, in 2026.

5. News: Booker Prize 2026 Shortlist Announced

Static GK:

- Booker 2026: the shortlist was announced on 22 Sep 2026 (jury chair Mary Beard). The winner will be named on 9 Nov 2026 in London (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: International Booker Prize 2026: 'Taiwan Travelogue'; M. John Harrison Wins Booker Prize 2026; Becomes Oldest Winner)*

6. News: Books in News

Static GK:

- Triumph of the Indian Republic — Author: Ram Nath Kovind *(Also in news: Autobiography of Former President Ram Nath Kovind)*

7. News: Madhya Pradesh (New GI Tags): Secured 3 new GI tags, making Ratlam the first district in the state to hold 4 GI tags (adding to existing tags for…

Static GK:

- A Nation in Making (autobiography) – Surendranath Banerjee, founder of the Indian National Association (1876).

8. News: Notable Book Releases

Static GK:

- The Second Orbit — Author: Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla

9. News: Vinod Rai; released by Vice President CP Radhakrishnan.

Static GK:

- China's War — Author: Vijay Gokhale

10. News: Tamil Nadu Exports Organic Palmyra Jaggery Powder to Bulgaria

Static GK:

- Tirukkural (Tamil ethics) – Thiruvalluvar. *(Also in news: Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the registration portal on 2; Tamil Scholar Solomon Pappaiah Passes Away)*

9. Sports

1. News: ICC Hall of Fame Inductions — Ganguly, Anjum Chopra, Kevin Pietersen

Static GK:

- ICC (1909) — HQ: Dubai, UAE *(Also in news: ICC Women's U-19 T20 World Cup 2027 Schedule Announced; The European Parliament's Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought 2026 w)*
- ICC Hall of Fame 2026: Sourav Ganguly, Anjum Chopra, Kevin Pietersen.

2. News: ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2027 Schedule Announced

Static GK:

- The first Cricket World Cup was held in 1975 in England and won by the West Indies.
- India won the Cricket World Cup in 1983 (Kapil Dev) and 2011 (M.S. Dhoni), and the inaugural T20 World Cup in 2007 (M.S. Dhoni). India hosted the 2023 ODI World Cup, which Australia won.
- ICC Chairman: Jay Shah. FIFA President: Gianni Infantino.

3. News: Spain Wins FIFA World Cup 2026

Static GK:

- FIFA World Cup 2026: hosted by USA, Canada and Mexico, the first with 48 teams. Spain won, beating Argentina 1–0. *(Also in news: Major Sports Achievements — FIFA World Cup, Commonwealth Games & Wimbl; FIFA World Cup 2026 Record Prize Pool Announced)*
- Future FIFA World Cup hosts: 2030 – Morocco, Spain and Portugal; 2034 – Saudi Arabia. *(Also in news: Major Sports Achievements — FIFA World Cup, Commonwealth Games & Wimbl)*

4. News: Irani Cup 2026: Rest of India Beat Jammu & Kashmir for 31st Title

Static GK:

- Ranji Trophy — Sport: Cricket (national first-class) *(Also in news: Irani Cup 2026 to be Hosted in Srinagar; Retirements)*
- Irani Cup — Sport: Cricket (Ranji champion vs Rest of India) *(Also in news: Irani Cup 2026 to be Hosted in Srinagar)*

- The Irani Cup is named after Z. R. Irani. The Ranji Trophy (1934) is named after K. S. *(Also in news: Irani Cup 2026 to be Hosted in Srinagar)*

5. News: Rohit Sharma Reaches 12,000 ODI Runs

Static GK:

- The 2027 Men's ODI World Cup will be hosted by South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia. *(Also in news: Harry Brook Hits Fastest ODI Double Century; Brendan Taylor Sets Record for Longest Men's One Day International (OD)*
- Sachin Tendulkar scored 100 international centuries, played 200 Tests and made the first ODI double century (2010). *(Also in news: Brendan Taylor Sets Record for Longest Men's One Day International (OD; Virat Kohli Crosses 15,000 ODI Runs)*
- Rohit Sharma holds the highest ODI score, 264. Brian Lara holds the highest Test score, 400*. *(Also in news: Cricket Deepti Sharma Breaks Jhulan Goswami's Record)*

6. News: Nairobi to Host World Athletics Championships 2029, the First in Africa

Static GK:

- World Athletics — HQ: Monaco *(Also in news: World Athletics U20 Championships — India's Medals)*
- World Athletics Championships: 2027 Beijing, 2029 Nairobi (the first in Africa).

7. News: East Bengal FC Wins 135th Durand Cup

Static GK:

- Durand Cup — Sport: Football (Asia's oldest, 1888) *(Also in news: Football)*
- The Durand Cup (first held at Shimla in 1888) is organised by the Indian Army. East Bengal won the 135th edition (2026), equalling the record of 17 titles.

8. News: Commonwealth Games 2026 Held in Glasgow, Scotland — India Finishes 4th

Static GK:

- 23rd CWG 2026 – Glasgow, Scotland (23 July– 2 Aug): India finished 4th with 39 medals (13 G, 17 S, 9 B). The mascot was Finnie (a unicorn), and Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold. *(Also in news: Major Sports Achievements — FIFA World Cup, Commonwealth Games & Wimbl; Commonwealth Games 2026 (Glasgow) — India's Performance)*

9. News: Football

Static GK:

- FIFA (1904) — HQ: Zurich, Switzerland *(Also in news: Other Sports; Major Sports Achievements — FIFA World Cup, Commonwealth Games & Wimbl)*
- AFC — HQ: Asian football – Kuala Lumpur

10. News: P.V. (Pusarla Venkata) Sindhu Named Chairperson of Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Athletes' Commission

Static GK:

- IOA President: P. T. Usha (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: IOA Announces First Annual Awards; Indian Olympic Association (IOA) Announces Memorial Awards for Raja Ra)*
- Olympic medallist (India) — Name: Karnam Malleswari (2000)

11. News: Viswanathan Anand Appointed Interim President of FIDE

Static GK:

- Viswanathan Anand was India's first Grandmaster (1988) and the first Khel Ratna awardee. He was made Interim President of FIDE in 2026.

12. News: Pune to Host the 2032 UCI Road World Championships

Static GK:

- Pune will host the 2032 UCI Road World Championships, the first in India.

13. News: 20th Asian Games 2026, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan: Overview

Static GK:

- 20th Asian Games 2026 – Aichi-Nagoya, Japan (19 Sep–4 Oct): India finished 4th with 85 medals (21 G). The mascot was Honohon, and MMA made its debut. *(Also in news: 20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan): Overview and Final Medal ; Hockey World Cup 2026 & 20th Asian Games Preparation)*

14. News: Telangana to Host 8th Khelo India Youth Games

Static GK:

- The 8th Khelo India Youth Games are in Telangana, and the 39th National Games are in Meghalaya.

15. News: Chess

Static GK:

- Chess: D. Gukesh became the youngest undisputed World Champion (2024).

16. News: 4th Summer Youth Olympic Games, Dakar 2026

Static GK:

- Olympic motto: "Citius, Altius, Fortius – Communiter" (Faster, Higher, Stronger – Together). The Olympic symbol has 5 rings. *(Also in news: P.V. (Pusarla Venkata) Sindhu Named Chairperson of Indian Olympic Asso; The official slogan "Stars Align" for the Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) Olym)*
- Indian Olympic firsts: K. D. Jadhav won the first individual medal (wrestling bronze, Helsinki 1952). Karnam Malleswari was the first woman medallist (Sydney 2000). Abhinav Bindra won the first individual gold (Beijing 2008, 10 m air rifle). *(Also in news: P.V. (Pusarla Venkata) Sindhu Named Chairperson of Indian Olympic Asso; The official slogan "Stars Align" for the Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) Olym)*

17. News: Ahmedabad Awarded Hosting Rights for the 2030 Centenary Commonwealth Games

Static GK:

- The first Commonwealth Games were held at Hamilton, Canada, in 1930 (as the British Empire Games). The CGF has its HQ in London. *(Also in news: Major Sports Achievements — FIFA World Cup, Commonwealth Games & Wimbl)*

18. News: 72nd Nehru Trophy Boat Race 2026

Static GK:

- Nehru Trophy Boat Race: Punnamada Lake, Alappuzha, Kerala.

19. News: Doha to Host 21st Asian Games in 2030

Static GK:

- The first Asian Games were held in New Delhi in 1951. India hosted again in 1982 (Delhi; mascot Appu). The OCA has its HQ in Kuwait City. *(Also in news: 20th Asian Games 2026, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan: Overview)*

20. News: Cristiano Ronaldo Scores in Six World Cups

Static GK:

- Cristiano Ronaldo holds the record for most international football goals and became the first to score in 6 World Cups. Lionel Messi is the all-time top World Cup scorer.

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21. News: Duleep Trophy 2026–27: East Zone Wins; Vaibhav Sooryavanshi Sets Record

Static GK:

- Duleep Trophy — Sport: Cricket (zonal)

22. News: 65th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament

Static GK:

- Subroto Cup — Sport: Football (inter-school)

23. News: Pankaj Advani Wins 29th World Title; Shruthi L Completes Hat-Trick

Static GK:

- Pankaj Advani – billiards and snooker; Dipika Pallikal – squash; Anirban Lahiri, Jeev Milkha Singh – golf.

24. News: RBI Approves Anup Kumar Saha as MD & CEO of Kotak Mahindra Bank

Static GK:

- Ajay Thakur, Anup Kumar – kabaddi; Pooja Kadian – wushu; Tintu Luka – athletics (800 m).

25. News: Notable Obituaries Sir Garfield Sobers

Static GK:

- Garfield Sobers was the first to hit six sixes in an over (1968). Yuvraj Singh did it in a T20I (2007).

26. News: Novak Djokovic Wins Record 7th China Open Title (Beijing)

Static GK:

- Tennis: Novak Djokovic has 24 Grand Slam singles titles. Serena Williams (23) passed Steffi Graf (22). *(Also in news: Roger Federer Selected for International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of ; Wimbledon Tennis Championships 2026 Winners)*

27. News: Inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship was Held at the Veer Savarkar Sports Complex, Ahmedabad, Gujarat

Static GK:

- CWG 2030 – Ahmedabad, Gujarat, the centenary edition. It will be India's 2nd CWG after Delhi 2010. *(Also in news: BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026 Inaug; CWG 2026 Javelin Throw and Para Medals)*

28. News: Hylo Open 2026 (BWF Super 500), Saarbrücken, Germany

Static GK:

- BWF — HQ: badminton – Kuala Lumpur *(Also in news: Durga Esha Kandrapu Wins Hellas International; Sindhu Runner-Up at Fre; Arctic Open 2026 (BWF Super 500, Vantaa, Finland) Winners)*

29. News: India Win Record 6th Men's Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey)

Static GK:

- The 9th Men's Asian Champions Trophy (hockey) is in Punjab (Jalandhar & Mohali). *(Also in news: Punjab to Host Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2026)*

30. News: Roger Federer Selected for International Tennis Hall of Fame Class of 2026

Static GK:

- Tennis — Terms: Deuce, Love, Ace, Volley, Let, Grand Slam *(Also in news: Wimbledon Tennis Championships 2026 Winners; Tennis)*

31. News: Shooter Rajeshwari Kumari Elected to OCA Athletes Commission (5 October 2026)

Static GK:

- OCA — HQ: Kuwait City *(Also in news: Doha to Host 21st Asian Games in 2030; 20th Asian Games 2026, Aichi-Nagoya, Japan: Overview)*

32. News: Kalinga Ratna Award to Justice Dipak Misra

Static GK:

- Kalinga (hockey) — City: Bhubaneswar

33. News: Cricket Vaibhav Suryavanshi's Record-Breaking Debut and Fastest Fifty

Static GK:

- Vaibhav Suryavanshi is India's youngest international cricketer, debuting at 15 years 99 days.

34. News: Indian Squash Teams Win Bronze at Asian Games Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins Asian Games Gold After 44 Years

Static GK:

- Hockey — Terms: Bully, Penalty corner, Scoop, Push-in, Centre pass *(Also in news: India Win Record 6th Men's Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey); Hockey Midfielder Nilakanta Sharma Retires from International Hockey)*

35. News: 20th Asian Games 2026 (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan): Overview and Final Medal Table – India Finishes 4th with 85 Medals

Static GK:

- Neeru Dhanda (trap) won India's first individual gold at the 2026 Asian Games. *(Also in news: 20th Asian Games 2026: India Finishes 4th with 85 Medals; Doha to Host)*

36. News: MCA (Mumbai Cricket Association) Team C Wins Inaugural Captain Diana Trophy (Women's T20)

Static GK:

- Cricket returns at LA 2028 (T20, 6 teams) for the first time since 1900. India's women's team has qualified directly. *(Also in news: Smriti Mandhana Becomes Highest RunScorer in Women's T20 International; Jos Buttler Becomes Highest Run-Scorer in T20 Cricket History)*

37. News: Argentina Wins 16th FIH Women's Hockey World Cup

Static GK:

- FIH — HQ: hockey (1924) – Lausanne *(Also in news: FIH Hockey World Cups 2026 — Germany Wins Men's Title; Hockey Indian Women's Hockey Team Wins FIH Nations Cup)*

38. News: Duplantis in pole vault (5.90 m vs. 5.80 m) at the Wanda Diamond League BauhausGalan in Stockholm, Sweden. Chess Grandmasters (GM) Milestones

Static GK:

- Diamond (Panna) — Top state (India): Madhya Pradesh *(Also in news: Other Sports Neeraj Chopra Finishes 4th at Doha Diamond League)*

39. News: Badminton

Static GK:

- The BWF World Championships 2026 were held in New Delhi (mascot "Peacko"). *(Also in news: Hylo Open 2026 (BWF Super 500), Saarbrücken, Germany; Arctic Open 2026 (BWF Super 500, Vantaa, Finland) Winners)*

40. News: Wimbledon 2026

Static GK:

- The Wimbledon surface is grass, the French Open (Roland Garros) is on clay, and the US Open and

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Australian Open are on hard courts. *(Also in news: Major Sports Achievements — FIFA World Cup, Commonwealth Games & Wimbl; Wimbledon Tennis Championships 2026 Winners)*

41. News: Other Sports Neeraj Chopra Finishes 4th at Doha Diamond League

Static GK:

- Neeraj Chopra won India's first athletics gold (javelin, Tokyo 2020). Tokyo 2020 is India's best Games, with 7 medals. *(Also in news: National Javelin Day — 7 August; CWG 2026 Javelin Throw and Para Medals)*

42. News: Pragyan Ojha Appointed Chairman of BCCI Senior Men's Selection Committee

Static GK:

- BCCI (1928) — HQ: Mumbai

43. News: Aditya Wins Gold at World Boxing U19 Championships, Budva (Montenegro)

Static GK:

- Boxing — Terms: Knockout, Uppercut, Jab, Hook, Southpaw, Kidney punch *(Also in news: Boxing: Three Asian Games Golds for India; Combat Sports — Boxing & Wrestling)*

44. News: Shooting — ISSF World Cup 2026 (Hangzhou)

Static GK:

- Hangzhou 2022 (held in 2023): India's best haul, 107 medals.

45. News: CWG 2026 Javelin Throw and Para Medals

Static GK:

- India hosted the CWG at Delhi in 2010 (mascot Shera). At Birmingham 2022, India won 61 medals. *(Also in news: India Wins First-Ever Commonwealth Games Judo Gold Medals; Commonwealth Games 2026 Held in Glasgow, Scotland — India Finishes 4th)*

46. News: Praggnanandhaa won (first Indian ever), defeating World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen and Vincent Keymer; Wesley So 2nd, Alireza Firouzja 3rd; women's title…

Static GK:

- FIDE — HQ: chess (1924) – Lausanne *(Also in news: 46th FIDE Chess Olympiad — India Seeded First in Women's Section; Viswanathan Anand Appointed Interim President of FIDE)*

47. News: Ahmedabad to Host 2029 World Weightlifting Championships

Static GK:

- Weightlifting — Terms: Snatch, Clean and jerk *(Also in news: Asian Games 2026: Mirabai Chanu Wins Silver in Weightlifting; Weightlifting — Asian Youth and Junior Championships)*

48. News: Harmanpreet Kaur Plays Historic 200th T20I

Static GK:

- Harmanpreet Kaur was the first cricketer to play 200 T20Is. Deepti Sharma has the most wickets in women's internationals (356). *(Also in news: Harmanpreet Kaur Becomes First Cricketer to Play 200 T20Is; India Win Men's and Women's Cricket Gold)*

49. News: 1st Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship: India Win Both Titles

Static GK:

- Kabaddi — Terms: Raid, Cant, Super tackle, Lona *(Also in news: Inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship was Held at the Veer Savar; India Win Both Kabaddi Golds)*

50. News: World Bridge Federation — India Wins Gold at 9th World Youth Transnational Championships

Static GK:

- Bridge — Terms: Grand slam, Trump, Rubber

51. News: Asian Games 2026: Soft Tennis, Rowing, Badminton and Squash Medals

Static GK:

- Badminton — Terms: Shuttlecock, Smash, Drop shot, Let, Service court *(Also in news: Badminton Asia Under-17 & Under-15 Junior Championships 2026, Chengdu; 2028 Indian Open Badminton Shifted from Delhi to Guwahati)*

52. News: ISSF World Championship 2026, Lusail Shooting Range, Doha, Qatar (1–14 November)

Static GK:

- Shooting — Terms: Bull's eye, Trap, Skeet *(Also in news: Jeevan L. Rai Appointed India's Para-Shooting Coach; Naira Sharma – Youngest Girl to Qualify for National Shooting Champion)*

53. News: The official slogan "Stars Align" for the Los Angeles 2028 (LA28) Olympic and Paralympic Games was unveiled; the campaign film uses Red Hot Chili…

Static GK:

- Salt Lake (Yuva Bharati) — City: Kolkata

54. News: Boxing: Three Asian Games Golds for India

Static GK:

- Mary Kom, Sonia Lather – boxing; Bajrang Punia – freestyle wrestling.

55. News: Badminton — US Open 2026 (California, USA)

Static GK:

- Saina Nehwal, Kidambi Srikanth, H.S.

56. News: 65th National Open Athletics Championships: Ankita Dhyani and Jishnu Prasad Set Meet Records

Static GK:

- Athletics: Usain Bolt holds the 100 m world record (9.58 s). *(Also in news: Asian Games 2026: Athletics Medals; Nairobi to Host World Athletics Championships 2029, the First in Afric)*

57. News: Nagaland's Department of Youth Resources & Sports won the SKOCH Silver Award 2026 for the grassroots football festival "Baby League".

Static GK:

- Football — Terms: Throw-in, Back pass, Back heel, Offside, Corner kick *(Also in news: 65th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament; Lionel Messi Retires from International Football)*

58. News: Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) Retains UEFA Super Cup

Static GK:

- At Paris 2024, India won 6 medals (1 silver, 5 bronze). Manu Bhaker won 2 bronzes at the same Games.

59. News: RBI Issues Consolidated Domestic Money Transfer Directions, 2026

Static GK:

- Domestic cricket results 2026: Irani Cup – Rest of India (vs J&K, Srinagar); Duleep Trophy – East Zone.

60. News: Cricket Highlights

Static GK:

- Cricket — Terms: Duck, LBW, Silly point, Googly, Follow-on, Bouncer, Yorker *(Also in news: MCA (Mumbai Cricket*

Association) Team C Wins Inaugural Captain Diana T; "Test Twenty" Mixed-Gender Cricket Tournament in Sri Lanka)

61. News: Asian Para Games 2026: India's Best-Ever Haul of 114 Medals

Static GK:

- First Asian country to reach Mars orbit: India (Mangalyaan, 2014). *(Also in news: India Win Record 6th Men's Asian Champions Trophy (Hockey); Nithya Raman – First South Asian Mayor of Los Angeles)*

10. Defence

1. News: SSB DG Sanjay Singhal Gets Additional Charge of ITBP

Static GK:

- CRPF — Year / role: 1939; largest CAPF; internal security *(Also in news: Sanjukta Parashar Becomes First Woman Inspector General of CoBRA)*
- BSF — Year / role: 1965; Pakistan and Bangladesh borders
- SSB — Year / role: 1963; Nepal and Bhutan borders
- The CAPFs (CRPF, BSF, ITBP, SSB, CISF), the Assam Rifles and the NSG all come under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

2. News: IAF IL-76MD 'Gajraj' Lands at Mudh-Nyoma Airbase, Eastern Ladakh

Static GK:

- IAF — Headquarters: Western – New Delhi *(Also in news: 'Sahayata Setu' – IAF Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2026; The Indian Air Force (IAF) held the "Wings over Ganges" aerial display)*
- IAF — Headquarters: South Western – Gandhinagar *(Also in news: 'Sahayata Setu' – IAF Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2026; The Indian Air Force (IAF) held the "Wings over Ganges" aerial display)*
- IAF — Headquarters: Central – Prayagraj *(Also in news: 'Sahayata Setu' – IAF Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2026; The Indian Air Force (IAF) held the "Wings over Ganges" aerial display)*
- IAF — Headquarters: Eastern – Shillong *(Also in news: 'Sahayata Setu' – IAF Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2026; The Indian Air Force (IAF) held the "Wings over Ganges" aerial display)*
- IAF — Headquarters: Southern – Thiruvananthapuram *(Also in news: 'Sahayata Setu' – IAF Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2026; The Indian Air Force (IAF) held the "Wings over Ganges" aerial display)*
- IAF — Headquarters: Training – Bengaluru *(Also in news: 'Sahayata Setu' – IAF Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2026; The Indian Air Force (IAF) held the "Wings over Ganges" aerial display)*
- IAF — Headquarters: Maintenance – Nagpur *(Also in news: 'Sahayata Setu' – IAF Annual Joint HADR Exercise 2026; The Indian Air Force (IAF) held the "Wings over Ganges" aerial display)*

3. News: India's Service Chiefs (October 2026)

Static GK:

- The post of Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) was created in 2019. The CDS heads the Department of Military Affairs (DMA, 2020) and is the senior military adviser to the Defence Minister. *(Also in news: Kamat.)*
- CDS so far: Gen Bipin Rawat (1st, 1 Jan 2020), Gen Anil Chauhan (2nd) and Gen N.S. Raja Subramani (3rd, from May 2026). *(Also in news: Kamat.)*
- Chief of Defence Staff — Office-holder (Oct 2026): Gen N.S. Raja Subramani (3rd) *(Also in news: Kamat.)*
- Days: Army Day 15 Jan, Air Force Day 8 Oct, Navy Day 4 Dec (marks Operation Trident, the 1971 attack on Karachi) and Armed Forces Flag Day 7 Dec.
- First CDS: Gen. Bipin Rawat. First Field Marshal: Sam Manekshaw. First Indian C-in-C: K. M. Cariappa (1949). *(Also in news: Kamat.)*

4. News: Strategic Forces Command Tests Agni-IV Ballistic Missile

Static GK:

- Strategic Forces Command — Headquarters: New Delhi (2003)
- The Strategic Forces Command manages India's nuclear arsenal. India's nuclear triad was completed with INS Arihant.
- Agni-IV — Type and range: Ballistic, about 4,000 km

5. News: Exercise MALABAR 2026 (30th Edition) off Japan

Static GK:

- Malabar (Navy) — Partner / host: USA, Japan, Australia
- Malabar began in 1992 as an India–US exercise. Japan became a permanent member in 2015 and Australia joined in 2020, making it a Quad exercise. *(Also in news: Bikaner district (Rajasthan) – desert. Other India–US exercises: Vajra)*

6. News: Assam & European Union signed an MoU (between AIDC and FEBI) for the 'Blue Valley Cluster' in Guwahati — strengthening bioeconomy, AYUSH,…

Static GK:

- Assam Rifles — Year / role: 1835, oldest; Myanmar border *(Also in news: SSB DG Sanjay Singhal Gets Additional Charge of ITBP)*
- The Assam Rifles is under MHA for administration, but operationally it is controlled by the Army. Its HQ is in Shillong. *(Also in news: SSB DG Sanjay Singhal Gets Additional Charge of ITBP)*
- The Assam Rifles is called the "Sentinels of the North East". The NSG is nicknamed the "Black Cats". *(Also in news: SSB DG Sanjay Singhal Gets Additional Charge of ITBP)*

7. News: First Made-in-India Airbus C295 Military Transport Aircraft Completes Maiden Flight

Static GK:

- The Airbus C295 transport aircraft is being made in India by Tata Advanced Systems at Vadodara.

8. News: India Receives 4th S-400 Triumf Squadron from Russia

Static GK:

- S-400 Triumf — Country: Russia *(Also in news: Loitering Munition: AI-powered tactical loitering munition successfull)*
- India bought the S-400 air-defence system from Russia and the Rafale fighter jet from France.

9. News: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL): ₹15,000 Crore Shipyard at Dugarajapatnam and ₹27,000 Crore Shipbuilding Cluster at Dighi

Static GK:

- Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders (MDL) is in Mumbai. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) is in Kolkata; it was the first Indian shipyard to build 100 warships and became the 29th Navratna. *(Also in news: Indian Navy Commissionings and Deliveries)*
- Mazagon Dock (MDL) — HQ / role: Mumbai; warships, submarines *(Also in news: Indian Navy Commissionings and Deliveries)*

10. News: 22nd India–US Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026'

Static GK:

- Yudh Abhyas (Army) — Partner country: USA *(Also in news: Other Recent Joint Military Exercises of India)*
- Yudh Abhyas 2026 was the 22nd edition, held at Auli (Uttarakhand) and Bikaner. *(Also in news: Other Recent Joint Military Exercises of India)*

11. News: DRDO Chairman (Additional Charge) and Heads of Scientific Organisations

Static GK:

- DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation) was set up in 1958 and is headquartered in New Delhi. Motto: "Balasya Mulam Vigyanam". – The Defence Secretary, Rajesh Kumar Singh, holds additional charge as DRDO Chairman (as on Oct 2026). – DRDO set up 5 Young Scientist Labs (2020) and made 450 patents free for industry. *(Also in news: DRDO Conducts First Flight Test of Project KUSHA (LRSAM))*

12. News: Indian Navy Participates in RIMPAC 2026 — World's Largest Naval Exercise (30th Edition)

Static GK:

- RIMPAC (Navy) — Partner / host: Hosted by USA (Hawaii)
- RIMPAC is the world's largest maritime exercise, held every two years since 1971.

13. News: Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 Hosted by IAF at Jodhpur, Rajasthan

Static GK:

- Tarang Shakti (Air) — Partner / host: Hosted by India (IAF) *(Also in news: Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026: 2nd Multinational Air Exercise at Jodhpur)*
- Tarang Shakti is India's first multinational air exercise, started in 2024. The 2nd edition was held at AFS Jodhpur in 2026. *(Also in news: Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026: 2nd Multinational Air Exercise at Jodhpur)*

14. News: Bikaner district (Rajasthan) – desert. Other India–US exercises: Vajra Prahar (Special Forces), Cope India (Air Force), Malabar (Navy, multilateral)…

Static GK:

- Vajra Prahar (Special Forces) — Partner country: USA
- Cope India (Air) — Partner country: USA *(Also in news: 22nd India–US Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026')*

15. News: BRO's Project Brahmank Celebrates 16th Raising Day

Static GK:

- BRO was set up on 7 May 1960. It works under the Ministry of Defence, fully since 2015.
- Brahmank — Area: Arunachal Pradesh (2011)

16. News: The National Security Guard (NSG) observed its 42nd Raising Day on 16 October 2026.

Static GK:

- NSG — Year / role: 1984; "Black Cats", counter-terror *(Also in news: NSG Launches First All-Women Commando Conversion Course)*
- The NSG was set up in 1984 after Operation Blue Star and was formally constituted under the NSG Act, 1986. *(Also in news: NSG Launches First All-Women Commando Conversion Course; SSB DG Sanjay Singhal Gets Additional Charge of ITBP)*

17. News: Rajnath Singh Lays Foundation Stone for Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) Project

Static GK:

- AMCA (Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft) is India's 5th-generation fighter project. *(Also in news: AMCA Foundation Stone Laid; "Bhargavastra" Counter-Swarm Drone System)*

18. News: Indian Coast Guard Decommissions Two Extra Fast Patrol Vessels

Static GK:

- Indian Coast Guard — Year / role: 1978; under MoD *(Also in news: Indian Coast Guard Fast Patrol Vessel "ICGS Akshay" Commissioned; Sea Vigil-26: 5th Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise)*
- The Coast Guard and the Territorial Army come under the Ministry of Defence. *(Also in news: India–Vietnam Coast Guard Exercise "Sahyog Hop Tac" (Second Edition); Indian Coast Guard Fast Patrol Vessel "ICGS Akshay" Commissioned)*

19. News: INS Mahendragiri Commissioned into Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam

Static GK:

- 2026 updates: INS Mahendragiri (6th P-17A frigate, MDL) was delivered to the Navy. Surya (FSS-1), India's first indigenous Fleet Support Ship, was launched by Hindustan Shipyard. *(Also in news: INS Mahendragiri — 6th Project 17A Stealth Frigate Commissioned; Indian Navy Commissionings and Deliveries)*

20. News: Indigenous AK-203 Assault Rifles Named "Sher"; Delivery Advanced to 2030

Static GK:

- The AK-203 rifle is made at Korwa, Amethi (India–Russia JV).

21. News: Known as India's "Iron Dome", this system is designed to destroy incoming enemy missiles mid-air.

Static GK:

- Missiles are test-fired from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island (formerly Wheeler Island) and from ITR Chandipur, both in Odisha. The Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Missile Complex is in Hyderabad. *(Also in news: AUKUS Pillar I: nuclear-powered submarines for Australia by 2040 (seco)*
- Iron Dome (air defence) — Country: Israel *(Also in news: Mission Sudarshan Chakra — National Air Defence Programme; DRDO Successfully Tests Ballistic Missile Defence (BMD) System and LRL)*

22. News: 1.India–Vietnam BrahMos Missile Export Deal

Static GK:

- BrahMos takes its name from the Brahmaputra and Moskva rivers. Export

23. News: "Samudra Pradakshina": First Tri-Service All-Women Circumnavigation Completed

Static GK:

- Samudra Pradakshina (2026) was the first tri- service all-women circumnavigation, on the sailing vessel IASV Triveni. *(Also in news: Exercise Pitch Black 2026 and 'Samudra Pradakshina' Circumnavigation)*

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24. News: AUKUS Pillar I: nuclear-powered submarines for Australia by 2040 (secondhand US subs in 2030). AUKUS Pillar II: launched at the Shangri-La Dialogue,…

Static GK:

- Under AUKUS, Australia dropped a French deal to acquire nuclear-powered submarines from the US and UK. *(Also in news: Defence Deals, Drones & Dialogues)*

25. News: DRDO Flight Tests Pinaka Long-Range Guided Rocket

Static GK:

- Pinaka — Type and range: Multi-barrel rocket system (DRDO)

26. News: Exercise Pitch Black 2026 and 'Samudra Pradakshina' Circumnavigation

Static GK:

- Pitch Black (Air) — Partner / host: Hosted by Australia (Darwin) *(Also in news: Indian Air Force Completes Exercises "Pitch Black" and "Udara Shakti"; International Military Exercises)*

27. News: DRDO Successfully Tests Rudram-2 Missile

Static GK:

- Rudram is India's first indigenous anti- radiation missile. It is fired from the Su-30MKI.

28. News: Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit Appointed 29th Chief of the Air Staff

Static GK:

- Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit has been appointed the 29th Chief of Air Staff from 31 Oct 2026, succeeding ACM Amar Preet Singh. *(Also in news: Kamat.)*

29. News: Rare Himalayan Fish Discovered in Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh

Static GK:

- Sela Tunnel (Arunachal, 2024) is a BRO-built tunnel on the road to Tawang.

30. News: Dr. Dinesh Sharma Appointed Lieutenant Governor of Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Static GK:

- Andaman & Nicobar (tri-service) — Headquarters: Port Blair (2001)

31. News: Defence Deals, Drones & Dialogues

Static GK:

- Rafale fighter — Country: France (Dassault) *(Also in news: Indian Air Force Completes Exercises "Pitch Black" and "Udara Shakti"; Exercise Pitch Black 2026 and 'Samudra Pradakshina' Circumnavigation)*

32. News: Sea Vigil-26: 5th Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise

Static GK:

- Sea Vigil is India's national coastal defence exercise. SAREX is the Coast Guard's search- and-rescue exercise.

33. News: Ministry of Defence Signs ₹810.79 Crore Contract with Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) for SAT-SAAW

Static GK:

- BDL — HQ / role: Hyderabad; missiles (est. 1970)

34. News: Midhani Becomes First Indian Company to Get GE Aerospace S400 Lab Approval

Static GK:

- MIDHANI — HQ / role: Hyderabad; special metals and alloys

35. News: 15th Maitree Exercise 2026 (India–Thailand) and Other Joint Military Exercises

Static GK:

- Maitree — Partner country: Thailand

36. News: Ministry of Defence Signs ₹661.50 Crore Contract with BrahMos Aerospace

Static GK:

- BrahMos — Type and range: Supersonic cruise; India–Russia JV *(Also in news: 1.India–Vietnam BrahMos Missile Export Deal)*

37. News: Indian Navy Commissions INS Mangrol, Third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft

Static GK:

- INS Vikrant (IAC-1) was built by Cochin Shipyard Ltd, launched in Aug 2013 and commissioned on 2 Sep 2022. *(Also in news: INS Trishul Port Call in Greece; Concludes Port Call at Egypt's Safaga; INS Sahyadri at Busan; 2nd India–Republic of Korea Navy Exercise)*

38. News: Lucknow–Delhi Tejas Express Rebranded as "Sprite Tejas Express"

Static GK:

- Indian aircraft: Tejas is the indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (HAL/ADA). Prachand is the Light Combat Helicopter and Dhruv the Advanced Light Helicopter.

39. News: Shivalik Small Finance Bank Acquires Mani Bhavanam Home Finance

Static GK:

- Shivalik — Area: Uttarakhand

40. News: Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) Signs Two MoUs with IIT Kanpur

Static GK:

- CISF — Year / role: 1969; industry, airports, metro *(Also in news: AIIMS Jammu to be Guarded by the Central Industrial Security Force (CI; SSB DG Sanjay Singhal Gets Additional Charge of ITBP)*

41. News: ITBP Celebrates 65th Raising Day; Army–ITBP Conference at Chushul

Static GK:

- ITBP — Year / role: 1962; China border (LAC) *(Also in news: SSB DG Sanjay Singhal Gets Additional Charge of ITBP; Andhra Pradesh Wins Food Planet Prize 2026)*

42. News: Tiger Triumph 2026 (5th Edition)

Static GK:

- Tiger Triumph (tri- service) — Partner country: USA *(Also in news: Bikaner district (Rajasthan) – desert. Other India–US exercises: Vajra; 22nd India–US Exercise 'Yudh Abhyas 2026')*

43. News: IMD Launches Cyclone Warning and Marine Weather Services Decision Support System (DSS)

Static GK:

- Cyclone (Special Forces) — Partner / host: Egypt

44. News: Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) 'Srishti' Launched at Goa Shipyard

Static GK:

- Goa Shipyard — HQ / role: Goa; patrol vessels *(Also in news: Indian Coast Guard Decommissions Two Extra Fast Patrol*

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Vessels; INS Sudarshini Concludes Port Call at New York Under Lokayan 2026)

45. News: Captain Shivani Sehrawat Becomes First Female ADC to the Chief of Army Staff

Static GK:

- Chief of Army Staff — Office-holder (Oct 2026): Gen Dhiraj Seth (31st) *(Also in news: Chief of Army Staff Launches Roadmap "Vijay"; Indian Army and BPCL Launch Extreme Weather Grade (ExWG) Diesel)*

46. News: Himachal Pradesh's First Ozone-Based Drinking Water Treatment Project

Static GK:

- Atal Tunnel (Rohtang, Himachal, 9.02 km, 2020) is the world's longest highway tunnel above 10,000 ft. *(Also in news: Himalayan Serow Spotted After 20 Years in Himachal Pradesh; India's First Drone-Based Mail and Parcel Delivery Service Launched in)*

47. News: Retd. Air Marshal Jeetendra Mishra: First CEO of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust

Static GK:

- Operation Sindoor (May 2025): India's strikes on terror camps in Pakistan and PoK.

48. News: Other Recent Joint Military Exercises of India

Static GK:

- Military operations: – Operation Trident – Navy attack on Karachi, 1971. Operation Meghdoot – Siachen, 1984. – Operation Vijay – Kargil 1999 (and Goa 1961). Operation Blue Star – Golden Temple, 1984. *(Also in news: 3rd edition of India–UAE joint military exercise Mountain Guardian hel; Air Marshal Vikram Gaur has been appointed Additional Secretary in the)*

49. News: India's First Satellite-Guided Helicopter Navigation System (RNP Cat H) Operationalised in Bengaluru

Static GK:

- HAL — HQ / role: Bengaluru; aircraft; 14th Maharatna

50. News: Kamat.

Static GK:

- Chief of Air Staff — Office-holder (Oct 2026): ACM Amar Preet Singh

51. News: Ocean Research Vessel "Sagar Manthan" Launched

Static GK:

- GRSE — HQ / role: Kolkata; warships; Navratna *(Also in news: Indian Navy Launches Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) "S; Indian Navy Ship Commissionings, Decommissionings and Deployments)*

52. News: Rajnath Singh Launches 'Surya', India's First Indigenous Fleet Support Ship (FSS-1)

Static GK:

- Hindustan Shipyard — HQ / role: Visakhapatnam; ships, submarine refits *(Also in news: DSV Nipun — Diving Support Vessel Commissioned on 31 August 2026)*

53. News: Defence Services Appointments

Static GK:

- Chief of Naval Staff — Office-holder (Oct 2026): Adm Krishna Swaminathan (27th) *(Also in news: National Security, Defense & Law Enforcement Appointments; Defence Forces – Key Appointments)*

54. News: VISV-2026 Defence Conclave, New Delhi

Static GK:

- Defence production in FY 2025-26 reached a record ₹1.78 lakh crore, and exports were ₹38,424 crore. *(Also in news: Sea Vigil-26: 5th Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise; Defence Production Hits Record ₹1.78 Lakh Crore in FY 2025-26)*

55. News: Aviva Life Insurance Becomes First 100% Foreign-Owned Life Insurer

Static GK:

- FDI in defence: up to 74% through the automatic route; above 74% through the government route (since 2020).

11. Science & Tech

1. News: ISRO Plans 4 Launch Pads by 2029; Gaganyaan and Chandrayaan-5 Roadmap

Static GK:

- ISRO – Indian Space Research Organisation (15 Aug 1969, HQ Bengaluru); DRDO – Defence Research and Development Organisation (1958). *(Also in news: ISRO to Build Human Space Analog System (HSAS) at Astronaut Training F; ISRO Launches Navigation Satellite NVS-03 on GSLV-F18)*
- ISRO was established on 15 August 1969 and has its HQ (Antariksh Bhavan) in Bengaluru. Its Chairman is Dr. V. Narayanan (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: ISRO Launches Navigation Satellite NVS-03 on GSLV-F18; ISRO to Build Human Space Analog System (HSAS) at Astronaut Training F)*
- Launch vehicles: SLV-3 (1980) → ASLV → PSLV (Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle) → GSLV (Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle) → LVM3 (GSLV Mk III) → SSLV (Small Satellite Launch Vehicle).
- Gaganyaan astronaut-designates were trained in Russia. Gp Capt Shubhanshu Shukla flew Axiom-4 (2025) and became the first Indian on the ISS. *(Also in news: ISRO Successfully Conducts Gaganyaan Mission Qualification Tests)*
- Chandrayaan-5 / LUPEX is a joint mission with Japan's JAXA to study water ice at the lunar south pole. *(Also in news: Major Science, Space and Technology Developments)*
- ISRO's second spaceport is being built at Kulasekarapattinam (Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu); the first is Sriharikota (AP).

2. News: Skyroot Aerospace Launches Vikram-1 — India's First Private Orbital Rocket

Static GK:

- Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SHAR) — Location: Sriharikota, AP *(Also in news: Skyroot Aerospace — Mission Aagman)*
- Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR) — Location: Sriharikota, AP *(Also in news: Skyroot Aerospace — Mission Aagman)*
- Vikram-1 (Skyroot Aerospace, 18 July 2026, Mission Aagaman) was India's first privately built orbital rocket. With it, India became the 3rd nation, after the USA and China, with private orbital launch capability. *(Also in news: Skyroot Aerospace — Mission Aagman)*

3. News: NASA Terminates MAVEN Mars Mission After 11 Years

Static GK:

- Mangalyaan / Mars Orbiter Mission was launched on 5 Nov 2013 (PSLV-C25) and entered Mars orbit on 24 Sep 2014. It cost about ₹450 crore.

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- Mars: the "Red Planet" (iron oxide). Its moons are Phobos and Deimos, and it has the highest volcano, Olympus Mons.

4. News: Asteroid 2026 QQ8 Becomes Earth's Temporary 'Mini-Moon'

Static GK:

- The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite. It is about 3,84,400 km away, and its light reaches Earth in about 1.3 seconds.
- Sunlight reaches Earth in about 8 minutes 20 seconds. One Astronomical Unit is about 150 million km, the Earth–Sun distance. *(Also in news: Vice President Launches "Gyani Earth" Sovereign AI Stack; Astronomers Discover Mega-Earth Exoplanet "GJ 523b")*

5. News: Lunar Ice Discovery by PRL Ahmedabad

Static GK:

- Physical Research Laboratory (PRL) — Location: Ahmedabad

6. News: IIT Madras Develops 'Sea-Nav' Digital-Twin Navigation Platform

Static GK:

- NavIC stands for Navigation with Indian Constellation (earlier called IRNSS). It is India's regional navigation system covering India plus about 1,500 km around it. NVS-02 (Jan 2025) was the 100th launch from Sriharikota. *(Also in news: ISRO Launches Navigation Satellite NVS-03 on GSLV-F18; India's First Satellite-Guided Helicopter Navigation System (RNP Cat H)*
- IIT Kharagpur (1951) was the first IIT, and AIIMS New Delhi (1956) the first AIIMS. *(Also in news: IIT Ropar Introduces PhD without Thesis; IIT Hyderabad Launches India's First Credit Course on 'Goodness')*

7. News: ISRO Successfully Conducts Gaganyaan Mission Qualification Tests

Static GK:

- Gaganyaan is India's human spaceflight programme: a 3-member crew to a 400 km orbit. India aims to be the 4th human- spaceflight nation (after the USA, Russia and China). Vyommitra is the humanoid robot for the uncrewed flight. *(Also in news: ISRO Plans 4 Launch Pads by 2029; Gaganyaan and Chandrayaan-5 Roadmap)*

8. News: Miscellaneous Facts & Records

Static GK:

- CAPTCHA = Completely Automated Public Turing test to tell Computers and Humans Apart. QR = Quick Response code.

9. News: ISRO Launches Navigation Satellite NVS-03 on GSLV-F18

Static GK:

- PSLV / GSLV – Polar / Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle; SSLV – Small Satellite Launch Vehicle; IN-SPACe – Indian National Space Promotion and Authorization Centre.

10. News: ISRO Launches EOS-05 – India's First Imaging Satellite in Geosynchronous Orbit

Static GK:

- EOS-05 is India's first imaging satellite in geosynchronous orbit (2026).

11. News: Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS) Roadmap Unveiled

Static GK:

- Future plans: Bharatiya Antariksh Station by 2035, an Indian on the Moon by 2040, and the Venus Orbiter Mission targeted for 2028. *(Also in news: 3rd National Space Day (23 August) — BAS Target 2035; Raksha Expo 2026 will be held on 7–9 December 2026 at Bharat Future Ci)*

12. News: MoHFW Launches C-DAC Developed 'e-Sushrut @ Clinic' HMIS

Static GK:

- PARAM 8000 (C-DAC, 1991) was India's first supercomputer. The National Quantum Mission runs for 8 years (2023-24 to 2030-31).

13. News: Red Balloon Aerospace Launches "Mission Sana" — India's First Indigenous Super Pressure Balloon

Static GK:

- Pressure — SI unit: Pascal

14. News: India Possesses 190 Nuclear Warheads: SIPRI and FAS

Static GK:

- SIPRI 2026: India has about 190 nuclear warheads.

15. News: ISRO CE20 Cryogenic Engine Flight Acceptance Hot Test

Static GK:

- CE-20 is ISRO's indigenous cryogenic engine, hot-tested at Mahendragiri. *(Also in news: ISRO Plans 4 Launch Pads by 2029; Gaganyaan and Chandrayaan-5 Roadmap; ISRO to Build Human Space Analog System (HSAS) at Astronaut Training F)*

16. News: Sophie Adenot Becomes First French Woman to Complete a Spacewalk

Static GK:

- Shubhanshu Shukla was the first Indian on the ISS (2025). Vikram-1 (Skyroot, July 2026) was the first privately built orbital rocket. *(Also in news: Notable Book Releases)*

17. News: Research Institutions & Discoveries

Static GK:

- Raman Effect (Nobel 1930) — Person: C. V. Raman

18. News: IBM Quantum Computer for Amaravati Quantum Valley, Andhra Pradesh

Static GK:

- Computer (Analytical Engine) — Person: Charles Babbage

19. News: France and UK Hold First Joint Nuclear Air Exercise "Rummy"

Static GK:

- Nuclear tests: Pokhran-I (1974, "Smiling Buddha") and Pokhran-II (1998, "Operation Shakti"). *(Also in news: India Possesses 190 Nuclear Warheads: SIPRI and FAS; INS Arisudan — Fourth Indigenous Nuclear Submarine under ATV Project)*

20. News: Important Days — August 2026 1 August

Static GK:

- World Wide Web — Person: Tim Berners-Lee

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21. News: Ladakh Hosts India's First Black-Necked Crane Festival

Static GK:

- IUCN — Full form: International Union for Conservation of Nature *(Also in news: Agricultural, Maritime & Transport Highlights First Scientific Assessm)*

22. News: Commercial Fleet Modernization Scheme Approved

Static GK:

- Commercial arms: Antrix Corporation (1992) and NewSpace India Ltd – NSIL (2019). IN- SPACe (2020, HQ Bopal, Ahmedabad) authorises private space activity.

12. Days

1. News: India Gets Its 100th Ramsar Site

Static GK:

- 100th Ramsar site: Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Taal), Ballia, UP — 5 June 2026 (World Environment Day); Surha Taal is an oxbow lake of the Ganga.
- 5 Jun — Day: World Environment Day
- World Environment Day (5 June) was first observed in 1973. India hosted it in 2018 (theme "Beat Plastic Pollution").
- World Environment Day 2026: host Azerbaijan (Baku). Theme "Inspired by Nature. For Climate. For Our Future."

2. News: Election Commission of India (ECI)

Static GK:

- Art 324 – Election Commission; ECI set up 25 January 1950 (National Voters' Day); Arts 324– 329 cover elections; CEC Gyanesh Kumar (26th) (as on Oct 2026).
- 25 Jan — Day: National Voters' Day
- National Voters' Day marks the founding of the Election Commission (25 January 1950) and has been observed since 2011.

3. News: World Refugee Day (June 20)

Static GK:

- 20 Jun — Day: World Refugee Day
- 21 Jun — Day: International Day of Yoga
- The International Day of Yoga (21 June) has been observed since 2015, after a UNGA resolution of 2014.
- International Day of Yoga 2026 (12th): "Yoga for Healthy Ageing". Main event at Red Road, Kolkata.

4. News: World Food Day 2026 (16 October)

Static GK:

- 16 Oct — Day: World Food Day *(Also in news: Key Agriculture-Related Observance Dates)*
- World Food Day (16 October) marks the founding of the FAO (1945; HQ Rome).
- World Food Day 2026: "Innovate today.

5. News: Disarmament Week and Vigilance Awareness Week 2026

Static GK:

- Vigilance Awareness Week (CVC) is held in the week that includes 31 October, so it coincides with Sardar Patel's birth anniversary.
- Vigilance Awareness Week (CVC): the week that includes 31 October (Sardar Patel).

6. News: Important Days & Themes — June

Static GK:

- 1 Jun — Day: World Milk Day
- World Milk Day 2026: "Celebrating Women Farmers". World Milk Day began in 2001 (FAO); India's National Milk Day (26 November) honours Verghese Kurien.

7. News: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas 2026: 151st Birth Anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Static GK:

- Rashtriya Ekta Diwas (National Unity Day), 31 October: birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, observed since 2014.
- 31 Oct — Day: Rashtriya Ekta Diwas

8. News: United Nations Day (24 October)

Static GK:

- 24 Oct — Day: United Nations Day
- United Nations Day (24 October) marks the UN Charter coming into force in 1945. UN Day 2026 was the 81st anniversary.

9. News: Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Daman & Diu: merged into a single UT in 2020; Capital Daman; Administrator Praful Khoda Patel; features Satmaliya Deer Park,…

Static GK:

- Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, 15 November: birth anniversary of tribal hero Birsa Munda (b.
- 15 Nov — Day: Janjatiya Gaurav Divas

10. News: World Blood Donor Day (June 14)

Static GK:

- 14 Jun — Day: World Blood Donor Day
- Blood: O negative is the universal donor and AB positive the universal recipient. Blood groups were discovered by Karl Landsteiner.

11. News: Police Commemoration Day (21 October)

Static GK:

- 21 Oct — Day: Police Commemoration Day
- Police Commemoration Day is 21 October (Hot Springs, Ladakh, 1959). ITBP was raised on 24 October 1962.

12. News: Important Days & Observances July

Static GK:

- 11 Jul — Day: World Population Day
- World Population Day (11 July) began after world population reached 5 billion on 11 July 1987. It is observed under UNDP/UNFPA.
- World Population Day 2026: "Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people today and for the future".

13. News: Environmental Conservation — India's Ramsar Sites

Static GK:

- 2 Feb — Day: World Wetlands Day *(Also in news: Other Months)*
- World Wetlands Day (2 Feb) marks the Ramsar Convention, signed on 2 Feb 1971 at Ramsar, Iran. *(Also in news: Other Months)*

14. News: Important Days and Themes (16–30 September 2026) National Engineers' Day – 15 September

Static GK:

- National Engineers' Day, 15 September: birth anniversary of Sir M. Visvesvaraya (b. 1861; Bharat Ratna 1955). 2026 marked his 165th birth anniversary.

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(Also in news: Karnataka: Tulu Made Second Additional Administrative Language; Engine)

15. News: International Day of the Snow Leopard (23 October)

Static GK:

- 23 Oct — Day: International Day of the Snow Leopard

16. News: National Statistics Day 2026 Celebrates P.C. Mahalanobis's 133rd Birth Anniversary

Static GK:

- National Statistics Day, 29 June: birth anniversary of P.C. Mahalanobis (observed since 2007). The 2026 edition was the 20th. *(Also in news: National Statistics Day (June 29))*

17. News: National Statistics Day (June 29)

Static GK:

- National Statistics Day 2026: "Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data". *(Also in news: National Statistics Day 2026 Celebrates P.C. Mahalanobis's 133rd Birth)*

18. News: National Handloom Day — Static Facts

Static GK:

- National Handloom Day (7 August, since 2015) recalls the Swadeshi Movement launched on 7 Aug 1905. *(Also in news: National Handloom Day Initiatives — "Srijan" and IIHT Sutra Conclave; National Handloom Day Awards — 22 Awards Presented)*

19. News: Important Days & Themes National Doctors' Day (July 1) — Theme 2026: "Behind the mask, who heals the healers" (or "who heals the healer"); designated…

Static GK:

- National Doctors' Day, 1 July: honours Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy, who was born and died on 1 July. He was a former West Bengal CM and a Bharat Ratna.

20. News: International Tiger Day: 29 July; World Lion Day: 10 August.

Static GK:

- 29 Jul — Day: International Tiger Day *(Also in news: International Tiger Day — Project Tiger Data)*

21. News: National Handloom Day Initiatives — "Srijan" and IIHT Sutra Conclave

Static GK:

- 7 Aug — Day: National Handloom Day *(Also in news: National Handloom Day — Static Facts; National Handloom Day Awards — 22 Awards Presented)*

22. News: Telangana Sets Up TG SAFE (Telangana Standards Authority for Food and Essential Drugs); First Director of Drugs Wing Appointed

Static GK:

- World Patient Safety Day 2025 theme: "Safe care for every newborn and every child".

23. News: Ambedkar is recognized as the Father of the Indian Constitution, which was formally adopted on January 26, 1950.

Static GK:

- Constitution Day (26 November) has been observed since 2015. The Constitution was adopted on 26 Nov 1949. *(Also in news: Constitution & Indian Polity)*

24. News: Important Days (16–31 August)

Static GK:

- 19 Aug — Day: World Humanitarian Day

25. News: Important Days and Themes World Rivers Day – Fourth Sunday of September (September 27, 2026)

Static GK:

- 1 Oct — Day: International Day of Older Persons

26. News: Foundation Days & Anniversaries

Static GK:

- SBI Foundation Day is 1 July: the Imperial Bank was renamed SBI on 1 July 1955. *(Also in news: SBI Named "World's Best Consumer Bank 2026" by Global Finance)*

27. News: Supreme Court Announces Jan Suchana Seva and SUVAS

Static GK:

- 14 Sep — Day: Hindi Diwas *(Also in news: DARPG Secures 1st Position and Rajbhasha Utkrishtata Samman 2025-26)*

28. News: President Confers National Teachers Awards 2026

Static GK:

- Teachers' Day, 5 September: birth anniversary of Dr S. Radhakrishnan. Observed since 1962, the year he became President.

13. Reports & Indices

1. News: Global Peace Index (GPI) 2026 (20th Edition)

Static GK:

- Global Peace Index — Publisher: Institute for Economics & Peace
- The Global Peace Index is published by the IEP (HQ Sydney). 2026 was its 20th edition.
- The Global Peace Index was first released in 2007. The World Press Freedom Index has run since 2002.
- Global Peace Index 2026: Iceland is the most peaceful country. Russia is the least peaceful (163rd) for the first time, and Bhutan (16th) is best in South Asia.

2. News: Key International Indices — India's Position

Static GK:

- World Happiness Report — Publisher: Gallup, Oxford WRC & UN SDSN
- Global Terrorism Index — Publisher: Institute for Economics & Peace
- The World Happiness Report was first published in 2012. It is released around the International Day of Happiness (20 March).
- World Happiness Report 2026 — India's Rank – Topper: 116th – Finland
- Global Terrorism Index 2026 — India's Rank – Topper: 13th – Pakistan most affected

3. News: Henley Passport Index (October 2026): India Ranked 84th

Static GK:

- Henley Passport Index — Publisher: Henley & Partners
- The Henley Passport Index covers 199 passports and ranks them by visa-free access.
- Henley Passport Index (Oct 2026) — India's Rank – Topper: 84th – Singapore
- Henley Passport Index (Oct 2026): India is 84th, with visa-free access to 55 destinations.

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4. News: World Bank & S&P Global Container Port Performance Index 2025

Static GK:

- Container Port Performance Index — Publisher: World Bank & S&P Global
- Container Port Performance Index 2025: JNPA (22nd) is India's best-ranked port; Fuzhou (China) is 1st.

5. News: NITI Aayog Releases First Investment Friendliness Index (IFI)

Static GK:

- Investment Friendliness Index — Publisher: NITI Aayog
- The Investment Friendliness Index (NITI Aayog, first edition) covers 28 states and 8 UTs on 84 indicators across 8 pillars.

6. News: WWF Living Planet Report 2026: Monitored Wildlife Populations Declined 73.2% (1970–2022)

Static GK:

- Living Planet Report — Publisher: WWF
- Living Planet Report 2026 (WWF): monitored wildlife populations fell by about 73% (1970– 2022).

7. News: India Ranks 131st in World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Gender Gap Index/Report 2026

Static GK:

- World Economic Forum — Headquarters: Cologny, Geneva *(Also in news: World Economic Forum (WEF) Travel & Tourism Index; WEF Global Gender Gap Report 2026: India 131st of 145)*
- Global Gender Gap Index — Publisher: World Economic Forum *(Also in news: Human Development Index (HDI): India is ranked 130th. Global Hunger In)*
- The Global Gender Gap Index (WEF) was first published in 2006. Its 4 sub-indices: – Economic Participation & Opportunity. – Educational Attainment. – Health & Survival. – Political Empowerment. *(Also in news: Human Development Index (HDI): India is ranked 130th. Global Hunger In)*

8. News: Human Development Index (HDI): India is ranked 130th. Global Hunger Index (GHI): India is ranked 102nd. Global Gender Gap Index: India is ranked…

Static GK:

- The HDI is published by UNDP in the Human Development Report (since 1990). It measures health (life expectancy), education and income.
- The HDI was developed by Mahbub ul Haq with Amartya Sen. The first Human Development Report came out in 1990.
- Human Development Index (HDR 2025) — India's Rank – Topper: 130th

9. News: Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2026: India Ranked 100th of 122

Static GK:

- Global Hunger Index — Publisher: Concern Worldwide & Welthungerhilfe *(Also in news: Human Development Index (HDI): India is ranked 130th. Global Hunger In)*
- The Global Hunger Index uses 4 indicators: undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting and child mortality. *(Also in news: Human Development Index (HDI): India is ranked 130th. Global Hunger In)*
- GHI 2026: India is 100th (102nd in 2025). *(Also in news: Human Development Index (HDI): India is ranked 130th. Global Hunger In)*

10. News: Inflation Rises in September 2026: CPI 5.54%, WPI 11.39%

Static GK:

- The CPI is released by the NSO, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The WPI is released by the Office of the Economic Adviser, DPIIT. *(Also in news: India's Inflation Data (June 2026) & WPI-toPPI Transition; WPI Inflation & Re-basing: The Department for Promotion of Industry an)*
- CPI – Consumer Price Index; WPI – Wholesale Price Index; IIP – Index of Industrial Production; CAGR – Compound Annual Growth Rate. *(Also in news: India's Inflation Data (June 2026) & WPI-toPPI Transition; Retail Inflation Crosses Medium-Term Target & WPI-to-PPI Transition An)*

11. News: WEF Global Gender Gap Report 2026: India 131st of 145

Static GK:

- The WEF's Global Competitiveness Report ranks countries on 12 pillars. The WEF is HQ'd in Cologny, Geneva.
- Gender Gap 2026: Iceland topped for the 17th straight year and is the only country above 90% parity. India is unchanged at 131st. *(Also in news: India Ranks 131st in World Economic Forum (WEF) Global Gender Gap Inde; Human Development Index (HDI): India is ranked 130th. Global Hunger In)*

12. News: EIU Global Liveability Index 2026 — Copenhagen Ranks 1st

Static GK:

- EIU Global Liveability Index 2026: Copenhagen is 1st and New Delhi 120th.

13. News: Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026: India Retains 38th Rank

Static GK:

- Global Innovation Index — Publisher: WIPO *(Also in news: India's Global Intellectual Property (IP) Rankings & Performance)*
- The Global Innovation Index was first published in 2007. It is now released by WIPO. *(Also in news: India's Global Intellectual Property (IP) Rankings & Performance)*

14. News: NABARD Rural Economic Survey Findings Released

Static GK:

- Economic Survey — Publisher: Ministry of Finance (CEA)
- The Economic Survey is prepared by the Chief Economic Adviser and tabled a day before the Union Budget.

15. News: FAO's State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) Report 2026

Static GK:

- State of World Fisheries (SOFIA) — Publisher: FAO

16. News: RBI Financial Stability Report (FSR) — June Issue

Static GK:

- Financial Stability Report (FSR): half-yearly (June and December), by the RBI with the FSDC Sub-Committee. FSR June 2026 put GNPA at 1.8%, a 10-year low.

17. News: Sweden Tops Global Passport Index 2026; India Ranks 125th

Static GK:

- Global Passport Index 2026 — India's Rank – Topper: 125th – Sweden *(Also in news: Global Citizen Solutions' Global Passport Index 2026 (5th Edition))*

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18. News: Climate Change Performance Index (CCPI) 2027: India Slips to 28th

Static GK:

- Climate Change Performance Index — Publisher: Germanwatch, NewClimate, CAN

19. News: FAO Global Food Price Index Rises to 131.1 Points in July 2026

Static GK:

- The FAO's Global Forest Resources Assessment (FRA) comes out every 5 years. In FRA 2025, India is 9th in forest area and 3rd in net annual forest gain. *(Also in news: FAO's State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) Report 2026)*
- FAO Food Price Index: base 2014–16 = 100. *(Also in news: FAO's State of World Fisheries and Aquaculture (SOFIA) Report 2026)*

20. News: UNCTAD World Investment Report — India's FDI Performance

Static GK:

- World Investment Report — Publisher: UNCTAD

21. News: Other Key National Rankings & Indicators

Static GK:

- Doing Business (discontinued) — Publisher: World Bank
- Doing Business 2020: India was 63rd, its best ever rank, before the report was discontinued.

22. News: UNCTAD Trade and Development Report 2026 Projects India's Growth at 7.3% in 2026

Static GK:

- UNCTAD — Full form: UN Conference on Trade and Development *(Also in news: UNCTAD World Investment Report — India's FDI Performance; UNCTAD Global Ship Recycling Report)*

23. News: WIPO Global Patent Ranking

Static GK:

- Patent filings: India is 6th (WIPO). Ship recycling: India is 1st (UNCTAD). Renewable capacity: India is 3rd (IRENA).

24. News: THE World University Rankings 2027

Static GK:

- THE World University Rankings — Publisher: Times Higher Education

25. News: Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) 2026 — Bengaluru Ranks 15th

Static GK:

- Global Startup Ecosystem Report — Publisher: Startup Genome

26. News: National Family Health Survey 6 (NFHS-6)

Static GK:

- NFHS — Publisher: MoHFW (nodal IIPS Mumbai)

27. News: India Ranks 70th in WEF Energy Transition Index (ETI) 2026

Static GK:

- Energy Transition Index — Publisher: World Economic Forum

28. News: NCRB Data — Drug-Related Crimes

Static GK:

- The NCRB (est. 1986, under MHA) publishes Crime in India. The nodal agency for NFHS-6 is IIPS Mumbai.

29. News: Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026 — India Ranks 176th

Static GK:

- Environmental Performance Index — Publisher: Yale & Columbia Universities

30. News: Global Citizen Solutions' Global Passport Index 2026 (5th Edition)

Static GK:

- Global Passport Index — Publisher: Global Citizen Solutions *(Also in news: Sweden Tops Global Passport Index 2026; India Ranks 125th)*

31. News: SIPRI 2026 Report (Yearbook)

Static GK:

- SIPRI Yearbook 2026: India has 190 nuclear warheads and is the 2nd-largest arms importer (after Ukraine).

32. News: MoSPI SDG Publications 2026

Static GK:

- Toppers: – SDG India Index 2023-24: Kerala and Uttarakhand jointly. – Export Preparedness Index 2022: Tamil Nadu. – India Justice Report 2020 (large states): Maharashtra. – Fiscal Health Index: Odisha. – Investment Friendliness Index (first edition): Gujarat among large states. *(Also in news: India Ranks 94th in UN Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) Index 2026)*

33. News: Kuala Lumpur Ranked World's Most Polluted City

Static GK:

- AQI – Air Quality Index; CNG – Compressed Natural Gas; SEU – Slightly Enriched Uranium.

34. News: Larsen & Toubro (L&T) became India's first private-sector company to issue tokenised bonds on 9 September 2026 – ₹500 crore, 3-year tenor, under…

Static GK:

- Private lists 2026: Hurun India Rich List No. 1 is Gautam Adani; Brand Finance India 100 No. *(Also in news: RBI Bulletin: Private Corporate Capex Seen at ₹3.2 Trillion in FY27; SEBI Approves Motilal Oswal Custodial Services Private Limited (MOCSPL)*

14. Environment & Wildlife

1. News: Madhya Pradesh: Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve Becomes India's 3rd Cheetah Habitat

Static GK:

- Cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952. *(Also in news: Project Cheetah Completes Four Years; ASK Private Wealth Hurun India Cheetah Index 2026: 110 Cheetahs)*
- 2nd cheetah home: Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (Mandsaur–Neemuch, MP), 2025.
- 3rd cheetah home: Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve (Sagar–Damoh–Narsinghpur, MP) — cheetahs Vyom and Neera released on 7 Oct 2026; all three cheetah sites are in MP.
- Veerangana Durgavati (Nauradehi) — State: Madhya Pradesh
- National Wildlife Week: 2–8 October. 2026 was the 72nd edition, theme "Connecting Habitats, Thriving Wildlife".
- Gandhi Sagar — River, State: Chambal, MP
- Cheetah was declared extinct in India in 1952; it was reintroduced at Kuno National Park (MP) in September

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2022. *(Also in news: New Book Release — "Bringing the Cheetah Back to India")*

2. News: GAGAN Satellite-Based Landing Trial at Udaipur Airport

Static GK:

- Indore (MP) and Udaipur (Rajasthan) were the first Indian cities to get Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation (2025); Indore, Bhopal and Udaipur had been nominated. *(Also in news: Madhya Pradesh Inaugurates India's First Virtual Zoo in Indore)*
- GAGAN (GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation) is a joint ISRO + AAI system.
- AVSAR scheme of the Airports Authority of India gives airport space to local artisans and SHGs. *(Also in news: India's First Point in Space (PinS) Helicopter Approach Approved)*

3. News: Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve: 3,261 Flowering Plant Species Documented

Static GK:

- Largest Biosphere Reserve: Kachchh (Gujarat); smallest: Dibru-Saikhowa (Assam).
- Biosphere Reserves are set up under UNESCO's Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme (1971); India has 18 Biosphere Reserves, of which 13 are in UNESCO's World Network (as on Oct 2026).
- Agasthyamala — State (U = UNESCO MAB): Kerala, Tamil Nadu (U, 2016)
- Western Ghats (2012) — State: Natural – 6 states

4. News: Asiatic Lions Return to Barda Wildlife Sanctuary(Gujarat) After 144 Years

Static GK:

- Largest Wildlife Sanctuary: Kutch Desert (Rann of Kutch) WLS, Gujarat. *(Also in news: Maharashtra Approves Kolamarka Wildlife Sanctuary and Tansa Sanctuary ; 138th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'; Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary (Assam)*
- Project Tiger: launched 1 April 1973 at Jim Corbett NP; run by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), a statutory body under MoEFCC.
- Project Elephant: launched 1992; World Elephant Day 12 August (Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026 at Visakhapatnam).
- Project Lion (2020): Asiatic lions survive in the wild only in Gir (Gujarat).

5. News: India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103 with Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel

Static GK:

- Ramsar Convention on wetlands was signed in 1971 at Ramsar (Iran); India joined in 1982; World Wetlands Day: 2 February.
- India has 103 Ramsar sites (as on Oct 2026); Tamil Nadu has the most (20), Uttar Pradesh is second. *(Also in news: Glaw Lake Declared India's 101st Ramsar Site and Arunachal Pradesh's F; India Gets Its 100th Ramsar Site)*
- Largest Ramsar site of India: Sundarban Wetland (West Bengal); second largest: Vembanad-Kol Wetland (Kerala). *(Also in news: India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103 with Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh) and ; India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103)*

6. News: Glaw Lake Declared India's 101st Ramsar Site and Arunachal Pradesh's First

Static GK:

- India has 103 Ramsar sites (as on Oct 2026) — 1st in Asia, 3rd in the world after UK (176) and Mexico (144). *(Also in news: NGT Issues Notices on Degradation of Kanwar Lake (Kabar Tal) Ramsar Si; India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103 with Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel)*
- 101st: Glaw (Glo) Lake, Kamlang Tiger Reserve, Lohit — Arunachal Pradesh's first Ramsar site (Aug 2026).

7. News: Project Cheetah Completes Four Years

Static GK:

- Project Cheetah: launched 17 September 2022 at Kuno National Park (Sheopur, MP) with 8 cheetahs from Namibia; later batches from South Africa (2023) and Botswana.
- Project Cheetah (17 Sep 2022) released the first cheetahs at Kuno National Park, MP. The cheetah had been declared extinct in India in 1952.

8. News: NGT Issues Notices on Degradation of Kanwar Lake (Kabar Tal) Ramsar Site

Static GK:

- Kanwar Lake (Kabar Tal), Begusarai — Bihar's first Ramsar site and Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake.

9. News: Centre Identifies 25 of 58 Tiger Reserves for Priority Conservation

Static GK:

- India has 58 Tiger Reserves; 58th is Madhav Tiger Reserve (Shivpuri, MP); 57th Ratapani (MP); 56th Guru Ghasidas–Tamor Pingla (Chhattisgarh) (as on Oct 2026).
- State with the most Tiger Reserves: Madhya Pradesh (9); MP also has the most tigers (785).

10. News: Tiger Spotted in Maharashtra's Beed District after Nearly 100 Years

Static GK:

- Tiger was declared India's National Animal in 1973 (replacing the lion); Elephant was declared National Heritage Animal in 2010. *(Also in news: Madhya Pradesh Reintroduces Wild Buffalo in Kanha Tiger Reserve after ; Tigress T-138 Released in Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal))*
- Tiger census (All India Tiger Estimation 2022): 3,682 tigers (about 70% of the world's wild tigers); top states MP (785), Karnataka (563), Uttarakhand (560). *(Also in news: Madhya Pradesh Reintroduces Wild Buffalo in Kanha Tiger Reserve after ; Tigress T-138 Released in Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal))*
- National Animal: Tiger (Royal Bengal Tiger), declared in 1973, replacing the lion; Project Tiger began 1 April 1973. *(Also in news: Madhya Pradesh Reintroduces Wild Buffalo in Kanha Tiger Reserve after ; Tigress T-138 Released in Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal))*

11. News: Madhya Pradesh Reintroduces Wild Buffalo in Kanha Tiger Reserve after Nearly 100 Years

Static GK:

- Largest Tiger Reserve: Nagarjunasagar– Srisailam (Andhra Pradesh); smallest Tiger Reserve: Bor (Wardha, Maharashtra). *(Also in news: Tigress T-138 Released in Buxa Tiger Reserve (West Bengal); Madhya Pradesh: Veerangana Durgavati Tiger Reserve Becomes India's 3rd)*
- Wild buffalo was reintroduced in Kanha TR (MP) in Oct 2026 after about 100 years, with animals from Kaziranga. *(Also in news: Assam Launches "Nameri Wild Classroom"; Borjuli Wild Rice Site (Assam) Declared a Biodiversity Heritage Site)*

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12. News: India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103 with Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh) and Sauj Jheel (Uttar Pradesh) Working Group on Tribal Languages; "Adi Vaani"…

Static GK:

- 102nd and 103rd: Sukhna Wetland (Chandigarh) and Sauj Jheel (Mainpuri, UP) (Oct 2026); Sukhna Lake is artificial, at the Shivalik foothills. *(Also in news: India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103 with Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel; India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103)*

13. News: Assam Proposes Cutting Kaziranga's EcoSensitive Zone from 10 km to 1 km

Static GK:

- Kaziranga NP (Assam): great one-horned rhinoceros; UNESCO site 1985; Kaziranga holds about two-thirds of the world's one- horned rhinos.

14. News: India Adds 5 Sites to UNESCO Tentative List of World Heritage (Total Rises from 73 to 78)

Static GK:

- India's 7 natural UNESCO World Heritage Sites: Kaziranga, Manas, Keoladeo, Sundarbans, Nanda Devi & Valley of Flowers, Western Ghats, Great Himalayan NP; Khangchendzonga NP (Sikkim) is India's only Mixed site (2016). *(Also in news: Sarnath Declared India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site; Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve: 3,261 Flowering Plant Species Document)*

15. News: India's Ramsar Sites Reach 101

Static GK:

- India's first Ramsar sites (1981): Chilika Lake (Odisha) and Keoladeo NP (Rajasthan). *(Also in news: Glaw Lake Declared India's 101st Ramsar Site and Arunachal Pradesh's F; India's Ramsar Sites Rise to 103 with Sukhna Wetland and Sauj Jheel)*

16. News: J&K Police Activate "Dial 112" Emergency Service Across Jammu Zone

Static GK:

- Dachigam NP (J&K): Hangul (Kashmir stag). *(Also in news: Union Cabinet Approves Dedicated Bench of J&K High Court in Ladakh; Seventh Anniversary of the Abrogation of Article 370)*

17. News: Ladakh: India's First Petroglyph Conservation Park and Project Him Sarovar

Static GK:

- Largest National Park: Hemis NP (Ladakh); smallest National Park: South Button Island NP (Andaman & Nicobar). *(Also in news: The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, a; Two Captive-Bred Great Indian Bustards Released in Desert National Par)*

18. News: Andhra Pradesh Launches AP GREEN Committee and HANUMAN Wildlife Programme

Static GK:

- National Parks, Wildlife Sanctuaries, Conservation Reserves and Community Reserves are notified under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. *(Also in news: CCEA Approves Bhavya Rasayan Scheme for Chemical Parks; BHAVYA Portal Launched for 100 Industrial Parks)*

19. News: Maharashtra Approves Kolamarka Wildlife Sanctuary and Tansa Sanctuary Expansion

Static GK:

- Sanctuary *(Also in news: Asiatic Lions Return to Barda Wildlife Sanctuary(Gujarat) After 144 Ye; 138th Episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'; Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary (Assam)*

15. Geography

1. News: Under the Ministry of Civil Aviation's International Aviation Hub Strategy (hub-and-spoke model with Delhi as the hub), Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport,…

Static GK:

- Ahmedabad — River: Sabarmati *(Also in news: Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train: First Steel Bridge in Maharashtra; "Hub and Spoke" Aviation Service at Ahmedabad Airport)*
- Manchester of India: Ahmedabad (cotton textiles); Ahmedabad is also India's first UNESCO World Heritage City (2017). *(Also in news: Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train: First Steel Bridge in Maharashtra; "Hub and Spoke" Aviation Service at Ahmedabad Airport)*
- Ahmedabad — Nickname: Manchester of India *(Also in news: Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train: First Steel Bridge in Maharashtra; "Hub and Spoke" Aviation Service at Ahmedabad Airport)*
- Varanasi — Nickname: Spiritual Capital of India *(Also in news: Varanasi, Gaya and Kushinagar)*
- Amritsar — Nickname: Golden Temple City *(Also in news: Amritsar and Kangra-Gaggal)*
- Ahmedabad is the Manchester of India; Coimbatore is the Manchester of South India; Kanpur (UP) is called the Manchester of the East and the Leather City. *(Also in news: Mumbai–Ahmedabad Bullet Train: First Steel Bridge in Maharashtra; "Hub and Spoke" Aviation Service at Ahmedabad Airport)*
- Varanasi airport has India's first active runway underpass; SkyHopp Aviation is India's first commercial seaplane operator (Lakshadweep). *(Also in news: Varanasi, Gaya and Kushinagar)*
- Lal Bahadur Shastri — City: Varanasi

2. News: Kavach 4.0: Approvals in Lucknow Division and First Commissioning on South Central Railway; Railway Capex

Static GK:

- Lucknow — River: Gomti *(Also in news: 5th Swachh Vayu Survekshan 2026: Lucknow, Rourkela and Kalinganagar To; Seth Anandram Jaipuria School (Lucknow))*
- RDSO (Railways) — Location: Lucknow
- City of Nawabs: Lucknow; Lucknow became a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in Oct 2025 (Hyderabad got the same tag in 2019). *(Also in news: Seth Anandram Jaipuria School (Lucknow))*
- Kavach is an indigenous Automatic Train Protection system developed by RDSO, Lucknow. *(Also in news: Indian Railways Approves Kavach 4.0 for 660 Route km — Izzatnagar Divi; Kavach Train Protection System)*
- RDSO — Place: Lucknow, UP

3. News: Two Captive-Bred Great Indian Bustards Released in Desert National Park, Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)

Static GK:

- Desert NP (Jaisalmer, Rajasthan): Great Indian Bustard.
- Jaisalmer — Nickname: Golden City
- Jaisalmer is the "Golden City" — buildings of yellow sandstone in the Thar desert.

4. News: Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026: 2nd Multinational Air Exercise at Jodhpur

Static GK:

- Jodhpur — Nickname: Blue City, Sun City

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- Jodhpur is the "Blue City" (blue houses of the old city) and "Sun City" (bright sunny weather all year).
- Bhadla Solar Park (Jodhpur, Rajasthan) — among the world's largest solar parks; Pavagada (Karnataka) and Rewa (MP) are other big solar parks.

5. News: Lipulekh Pass Reopens for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra

Static GK:

- Lipulekh Pass (Uttarakhand) is at the India– China– Nepal tri-junction; reopened for Kailash Mansarovar Yatra (the other route is Nathu La, Sikkim).

6. News: Amit Shah Launches ₹8,941 Crore Yamuna Rejuvenation Projects in Delhi

Static GK:

- Yamuna rises at Yamunotri and joins Ganga at Prayagraj (Triveni Sangam); Chambal, Betwa, Ken and Sindh are tributaries of the Yamuna.

7. News: Railways Raises Train Speed Limit on Chenab Bridge Section to 100 km/h

Static GK:

- Beas, Sutlej, Ravi, Chenab, Jhelum are Himalayan (Indus system) — so Beas is not a Deccan river.
- Highest railway bridge — Answer: Chenab Bridge (J&K)

8. News: GMR Airports Takes Over Nagpur Airport

Static GK:

- Nagpur — Nickname: Orange City
- Nagpur is the "Orange City" and lies at the geographical centre of India (Zero Mile Stone).
- Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar — City: Nagpur

9. News: Jaipur Named in National Geographic's "Best of the World 2027"

Static GK:

- Hawa Mahal (Jaipur) was built by Sawai Pratap Singh. Jantar Mantar was built by Sawai Jai Singh II.
- Pink City: Jaipur (painted pink in 1876 for the visit of the Prince of Wales). *(Also in news: State Developments — Inaugurations & Launches)*
- Jaipur — Nickname: Pink City

10. News: IIT Hyderabad Launches India's First Credit Course on 'Goodness'

Static GK:

- Hyderabad — River: Musi *(Also in news: Dr. Manmohan Singh's Statue Unveiled in Hyderabad; Hyderabad Airport — Family-Friendly Ranking)*
- Hyderabad — Nickname: City of Pearls, City of Nizams *(Also in news: Dr. Manmohan Singh's Statue Unveiled in Hyderabad)*
- Hyderabad is called Cyberabad for its IT hub (HITEC City); Bengaluru is the main "Silicon Valley of India". *(Also in news: Dr. Manmohan Singh's Statue Unveiled in Hyderabad)*
- Hyderabad is the "City of Pearls" — it is India's main pearl-trading centre; it was ruled by the Nizams. *(Also in news: Dr. Manmohan Singh's Statue Unveiled in Hyderabad)*

11. News: University of Liverpool (UK) Opens Bengaluru Campus

Static GK:

- PBD venues: 2017 Bengaluru, 2019 Varanasi, 2023 Indore (chief guest Mohamed Irfaan Ali, President of Guyana), 2025 Bhubaneswar. *(Also in news: Bengaluru City Police Launches "Operation Mukta"; Bengaluru Airport Wins ACI Level 5 Accreditation)*
- Bengaluru — River: Vrishabhavathi (Arkavathi) *(Also in news: Bengaluru City Police Launches "Operation Mukta"; Global Startup Ecosystem Report (GSER) 2026 — Bengaluru Ranks 15th)*
- Garden City of India: Bengaluru (also Silicon Valley of India, IT Capital, Pensioners' Paradise). *(Also in news: Bengaluru City Police Launches "Operation Mukta"; Euro School Bannerghatta (Bengaluru))*
- Bengaluru — Nickname: Garden City, Silicon Valley of India *(Also in news: Bengaluru City Police Launches "Operation Mukta"; Euro School Bannerghatta (Bengaluru))*

12. News: Land Ports Expansion on International Borders

Static GK:

- Bhutan = "Land of the Thunder Dragon" (Druk Yul); Finland = "Land of Thousand Lakes".
- Thailand is the "Land of the White Elephant" and "Land of Smiles"; Myanmar is the "Land of Golden Pagodas". *(Also in news: Maharashtra Proposes DELTA Act for Land Tokenization)*

13. News: Jammu & Kashmir

Static GK:

- Kashmir saffron got its GI in 2020. It is grown on the karewas of Pampore, Budgam, Srinagar and Kishtwar. *(Also in news: Army Goodwill School (Jammu and Kashmir))*
- Kashmir — Nickname: Paradise on Earth, Switzerland of India *(Also in news: Army Goodwill School (Jammu and Kashmir))*
- Kashmir is called "Paradise on Earth" and the "Switzerland of India"; Khajjiar (Chamba, HP) is the "Mini Switzerland of India". *(Also in news: Army Goodwill School (Jammu and Kashmir))*

14. News: First-Ever Ganga Aarti on the River Thames

Static GK:

- Ganga forms at Devprayag where Bhagirathi (from Gaumukh, Gangotri) meets Alaknanda; it is India's longest river (about 2,525 km) and was declared the National River (2008).
- Farakka Barrage (on Ganga, West Bengal) diverts water into the Hooghly; India– Bangladesh Ganga Water Treaty, 1996.

15. News: Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) 2.0 — Complete Parameters PMAY-Gramin (PMAY-G) Financial assistance: ₹1.20 lakh (plain areas) and ₹1.30 lakh…

Static GK:

- Himalayan rivers (Indus, Ganga, Brahmaputra) are perennial (snow-fed + rain); Peninsular/Deccan rivers (Godavari, Krishna, Kaveri, Mahanadi, Narmada, Tapi) are mostly rain-fed.
- PMAY-Gramin: from 1 April 2016 (Ministry of Rural Development), replacing Indira Awaas Yojana; ₹1.20 lakh (plains) and ₹1.30 lakh (hilly areas) per house.

16. News: West Bengal Notifies Its First Dedicated NIA Police Station in Kolkata

Static GK:

- City of Joy: Kolkata; also called City of Palaces. *(Also in news: 31st Divya Kala Mela Inaugurated in Kolkata; 'Shabdalok' — India's First Digital Language Museum Inaugurated in Kol)*
- Kolkata — Nickname: City of Joy, City of Palaces *(Also in news: 31st Divya Kala Mela Inaugurated in Kolkata; 'Shabdalok' — India's First Digital Language Museum Inaugurated in Kol)*

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- Kolkata is the "City of Joy" (from Dominique Lapierre's novel) and "City of Palaces". *(Also in news: 31st Divya Kala Mela Inaugurated in Kolkata; 'Shabdalok' — India's First Digital Language Museum Inaugurated in Kol)*

17. News: PCMC Chhatrapati Shahuji Maharaj English Medium School (Pune)

Static GK:

- Pune is the "Queen of the Deccan" and "Oxford of the East" for its colleges.
- Shivaji was crowned Chhatrapati at Raigad in 1674; Maharaja Ranjit Singh founded the Sikh empire at Lahore.

18. News: India Begins National Red List Assessment of 1,211 Bird Species

Static GK:

- Red soil gets its colour from iron oxide; Laterite soil forms by leaching in heavy rainfall (Kerala, Karnataka, Meghalaya), good for cashew, tea, coffee. *(Also in news: 80th Independence Day of India Celebrated at Red Fort — PM Modi's 13th)*
- National Bird: Indian Peacock (1963); National Flower: Lotus; National Tree: Banyan; National Fruit: Mango. *(Also in news: Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary Emerges as Key Nesting Ground for Black-Necke)*

19. News: Union Cabinet Approves Dedicated Bench of J&K High Court in Ladakh

Static GK:

- Wular (J&K) — largest freshwater lake of India (on Jhelum); Dal Lake — Srinagar. *(Also in news: J&K Police Activate "Dial 112" Emergency Service Across Jammu Zone; NITI Aayog Delta Ranking: Gadchiroli Tops)*
- Anji Khad Bridge (J&K) — India's first cable- stayed railway bridge, also on the USBRL. *(Also in news: J&K Police Activate "Dial 112" Emergency Service Across Jammu Zone; Railways Raises Train Speed Limit on Chenab Bridge Section to 100 km/h)*

20. News: Bhubaneswar and Hubballi

Static GK:

- Bhubaneswar — Nickname: Temple City of India
- Bhubaneswar is the "Temple City of India"; Varanasi is one of the oldest living cities in the world.

21. News: Mullaperiyar Dam Dispute Between Kerala and Tamil Nadu

Static GK:

- Mullaperiyar — River, State: Periyar, Kerala (run by TN)

22. News: 8th Windergy India 2026 Held in Chennai

Static GK:

- Chennai — Nickname: Detroit of India, Gateway to South India *(Also in news: Tamil Nadu Announces Olympic City in Chennai; 17th Kathakali Festival Held in Chennai)*
- Chennai is the "Detroit of India" for its automobile industry. *(Also in news: Tamil Nadu Announces Olympic City in Chennai; 17th Kathakali Festival Held in Chennai)*

23. News: UIDAI Unveils Five Initiatives at "Aadhaar Samvaad", Kolkata

Static GK:

- Kolkata — River: Hooghly *(Also in news: West Bengal Notifies Its First Dedicated NIA Police Station in Kolkata; 31st Divya Kala Mela Inaugurated in Kolkata)*
- India's first metro: Kolkata (1984); India's first water metro: Kochi (2023); E. Sreedharan is the "Metro Man". *(Also in news: West Bengal Notifies Its First Dedicated NIA Police Station in Kolkata)*

24. News: 'One Nation, One Time' — IST Dissemination Facility Inaugurated

Static GK:

- Indian Standard Time is based on 82°30'E, which passes near Mirzapur (Prayagraj), UP.

25. News: Haridwar Kumbh 2027: CM Pushkar Singh Dhami unveiled the official logo (designed by Madhu Sharma, Jagjeetpur), website and theme song "Kumbh Ka Parv…

Static GK:

- Haridwar — Nickname: Gateway to the Gods

26. News: Tiruchirappalli (Trichy) and Tirupati

Static GK:

- Tiruchirappalli — River: Kaveri

27. News: India's First World-Class Geological Museum at Jabalpur; Shabdalok Language Museum

Static GK:

- Jabalpur — River: Narmada

28. News: A 17-member Indian Coast Guard (ICG) team summited Mount Mukut (7,045 m), Garhwal Himalayas, Chamoli, Uttarakhand

Static GK:

- The Himalayas have three parallel ranges: Himadri (Greater), Himachal (Lesser) and Shiwalik (Outer); the Purvanchal hills (Patkai, Naga, Mizo) lie in the North-East.

29. News: Base Year Revised to 2022–23 for IIP, WPI and Core Industries

Static GK:

- Iron ore — Key place / state: Odisha (largest producer); Bailadila (Chhattisgarh)

30. News: National Saras Livelihood Mela 2026 Held in Vijayawada

Static GK:

- Vijayawada — River: Krishna *(Also in news: National SARAS Aajeevika Mela 2026 at Vijayawada (13–31 October 2026))*

31. News: Chola Copper Plates Received from Leiden University

Static GK:

- Copper — Key place / state: Khetri (Rajasthan), Malanjkhand (MP)

32. News: Mission for Cotton Productivity

Static GK:

- Cotton — Top state: Gujarat

33. News: Miscellaneous Achievements

Static GK:

- Palk Strait separates India and Sri Lanka; Ten Degree Channel separates Andaman from Nicobar; Eight Degree Channel separates Minicoy (Lakshadweep) from Maldives.

34. News: Northeast's First Multi-Country Visa Application Centre Opens in Guwahati

Static GK:

- Guwahati — Nickname: Gateway of the North-East *(Also in news: Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Inaugurated in Guwahati; Imphal–Guwahati Bus Service Resumes after 3-Year Suspension)*

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35. News: FASTag: Annual Pass and Concessional Annual Local Pass

Static GK:

- Local winds: Loo (hot, north India), Mango showers (Kerala/Karnataka), Kal Baisakhi/Nor'westers (West Bengal, Assam), Western Disturbances (winter rain in north- west India, good for rabi).

36. News: Maharashtra Proposes DELTA Act for Land Tokenization

Static GK:

- Japan = "Land of the Rising Sun" (Nippon means "origin of the sun"); Norway = "Land of the Midnight Sun" (sun visible at midnight in summer, north of the Arctic Circle). *(Also in news: Land Ports Expansion on International Borders)*

37. News: Project SAMHiTA: India–Sri Lanka Digital Manuscript Heritage Project

Static GK:

- Sri Lanka is the "Pearl of the Indian Ocean"; Bahrain is the "Island of Pearls"; Zanzibar is the "Island of Cloves". *(Also in news: WJP Rule of Law Index 2026: India Ranked 88th of 143; Asian Games 2026: India's Key Gold Medals and Records)*

38. News: Bangladesh — New President, PM and UNGA President

Static GK:

- Longest land border: Bangladesh (4,096 km); then China (3,488 km, LAC), Pakistan, Nepal, Myanmar, Bhutan, Afghanistan (shortest, via PoK).

39. News: L.K. Advani Enters 100th Year

Static GK:

- First Bharat Ratna (1954): C. Rajagopalachari, S. Radhakrishnan, C. V. Raman. First posthumous Bharat Ratna: Lal Bahadur Shastri (1966). *(Also in news: Usha Mangeshkar to Receive Inaugural Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Awar; Important Days and Themes (16–30 September 2026) National Engineers' D)*

40. News: United Nations Public Service Day (June 23)

Static GK:

- ILO — Full form: International Labour Organization

16. Culture, Heritage & History

1. News: Sarnath Becomes India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site; Sirpur Added to Tentative List

Static GK:

- World Teachers' Day (UNESCO) is 5 October. *(Also in news: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of ; UNESCO Global Media and Information Literacy Week (24–31 October 2026))*
- Andaman & Nicobar capital Port Blair was renamed Sri Vijaya Puram (2024); Havelock = Swaraj Dweep, Neil = Shaheed Dweep, Ross = Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose Dweep. *(Also in news: UNESCO Adds 3 Indian Sites to World Heritage Tentative List; Total Rea)*
- UNESCO — Headquarters: Paris *(Also in news: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of ; USPS Issues Diwali Stamp; Deepavali on UNESCO's Intangible Heritage Li)*
- India's first UNESCO World Heritage City: Ahmedabad (2017); second: Jaipur (2019). *(Also in news: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of ; USPS Issues Diwali Stamp; Deepavali on UNESCO's Intangible Heritage Li)*
- UNESCO: founded 1945, HQ Paris. Works in education, science and culture. Director- General Khaled El-Enany (Egypt), the first Arab DG. *(Also in news: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of ; USPS Issues Diwali Stamp; Deepavali on UNESCO's Intangible Heritage Li)*
- India was elected to UNESCO's Intergovernmental Committee for Safeguarding the ICH for 2022–26. *(Also in news: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of ; USPS Issues Diwali Stamp; Deepavali on UNESCO's Intangible Heritage Li)*
- First UNESCO World Heritage City: Ahmedabad (2017). First dark sky reserve: Hanle, Ladakh. *(Also in news: Mahabharata, Arthashastra and Rajatarangini Added to UNESCO Memory of ; USPS Issues Diwali Stamp; Deepavali on UNESCO's Intangible Heritage Li)*
- Sarnath (with the Dhamek Stupa) became India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site (as on Oct 2026). *(Also in news: Sarnath Declared India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site)*

2. News: Lok Sabha Passes Prevention of Insults to National Honour Bill 2026 — Legal Protection for Vande Mataram

Static GK:

- National Song "Vande Mataram" by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay (written 1875; part of the novel Anandamath, 1882); adopted 24 Jan 1950 with status equal to the anthem; first sung at the 1896 INC session by Tagore; 150th anniversary in 2025.
- The Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Act, 2026 gives Vande Mataram the same legal protection as the National Anthem (as on Oct 2026).
- National Anthem — Item / Year: Jana Gana Mana – 24 Jan 1950
- National Song — Item / Year: Vande Mataram – 24 Jan 1950

3. News: Sarnath Declared India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site

Static GK:

- 45th site: Sarnath (Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh), the "Ancient Buddhist Site", inscribed in July 2026 at the 48th World Heritage Committee session, Busan (South Korea).
- Sarnath is where Gautam Buddha gave his first sermon (Dharma Chakra Pravartan). It is Uttar Pradesh's 4th site (after Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, Fatehpur Sikri).
- Sarnath (2026) — State: Uttar Pradesh *(Also in news: Sarnath Becomes India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site; Sirpur Added)*

4. News: Sonia Gandhi's Memoir 'Belonging: A Journey of Love' Released (10 November 2026)

Static GK:

- Belonging: A Journey of Love — Author: Sonia Gandhi
- Gandhi returned from South Africa on 9 January 1915 (now Pravasi Bharatiya Divas); his first satyagraha in India was Champaran (1917), followed by Kheda and Ahmedabad (1918). *(Also in news: Harmanpreet Kaur Becomes First Cricketer to Play 200 T20Is)*
- Gandhi–Irwin Pact: 5 March 1931; Gandhi attended the Second Round Table Conference (1931).

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- Gandhi was assassinated on 30 January 1948 (Martyrs' Day); his birthday, 2 October, is the International Day of Non-Violence.

5. News: Historic 79th Anniversary of the "3rd June Plan" (Mountbatten Plan)

Static GK:

- Mountbatten — Remembered for: 3 June Plan 1947
- Mountbatten Plan: 3 June 1947; Indian Independence Act: 18 July 1947; Independence on 15 August 1947.

6. News: President Droupadi Murmu attended Bastar Dussehra and the Muria Darbar at Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh

Static GK:

- Bastar Dussehra (Chhattisgarh) lasts about 75 days, the longest Dussehra in India.

7. News: Centres of Excellence for Five Newly Recognised Classical Languages

Static GK:

- Centres of Excellence for the 5 new classical languages: Assamese – Tezpur University; Bengali – Visva-Bharati; Marathi – Deccan College, Pune; Pali – Central University of

8. News: Bihar's Mithila Makhana Makes First-Ever Sea Export to Australia

Static GK:

- Mithila Makhana — State: Bihar
- Madhubani (Mithila) painting is done by women of the Mithila region of Bihar. It uses natural colours and bold outlines.

9. News: Geographical Indication (GI) Tags: Jharkhand's "Mandar" and Gujarat's Ambaji Mohanthal Prasad

Static GK:

- A Geographical Indication (GI) identifies a product that comes from a specific place and has qualities or a reputation due to that origin. *(Also in news: Pithora Painting of Gujarat Receives Geographical Indication (GI) Tag; Geographical Indication (GI) Tags)*
- Mandar (tribal drum) — State: Jharkhand *(Also in news: Jharkhand's Traditional Instrument 'Mandar' Gets GI Tag)*

10. News: President Droupadi Murmu Confers Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards 2024-25

Static GK:

- The Sangeet Natak Akademi recognises 8 classical dances. The Ministry of Culture also counts Chhau, making 9.
- Sangeet Natak Akademi recognises 8 classical dances. Exponents: Sitara Devi – Kathak; Mallika Sarabhai, Yamini Krishnamurthy – classical dance.

11. News: Nagaland Prepares for 27th Hornbill Festival

Static GK:

- Hornbill Festival (1–10 Dec) — State: Nagaland (Kisama)

12. News: UNESCO Adds 3 Indian Sites to World Heritage Tentative List; Total Reaches 81

Static GK:

- India's Tentative List rose 69 → 73 → 78 (Sep 2026). The 4 added in Jul–Aug 2026: Ahom capital ensemble at Rangpur-Sivasagar (Assam), Colonial Penal Settlement (A&N), Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati (Rajasthan), Nicobarese Cultural Continuity (A&N).

13. News: Bathukamma Floral Festival Celebrated in Telangana

Static GK:

- Bathukamma is the flower festival of Telangana, celebrated by women.

14. News: Kerala Celebrates Onam Harvest Festival

Static GK:

- Onam is the harvest festival of Kerala, linked to King Mahabali. The Nehru Trophy Boat Race is held on Punnamada Lake, Alappuzha.

15. News: 'Shabdalok' — India's First Digital Language Museum Inaugurated in Kolkata

Static GK:

- Indian Museum, Kolkata (1814) is India's oldest and largest museum. *(Also in news: India's First World-Class Geological Museum at Jabalpur; Shabdalok Lan)*

16. News: Pithora Painting of Gujarat Receives Geographical Indication (GI) Tag

Static GK:

- Pithora (Rathwa tribe) — State: Gujarat

17. News: Exports, Records & Other

Static GK:

- APEDA's first GI exports in 2026: Tezpur Litchi (Assam) to Dubai, and Mithila Makhana (Bihar) to Australia. *(Also in news: APEDA Flags Off GI-Tagged Gulbarga Tur Dal Export to Maldives; Exports and Trade)*

18. News: Tripura (New GI Tags): Secured a total of 4 GI tags, including

Static GK:

- Tripura Sarinda (string instrument) — State: Tripura

19. News: Jeera Phool Rice of Chhattisgarh Highlighted for GI Tag

Static GK:

- Jeera Phool Rice — State: Chhattisgarh

20. News: 17th Kathakali Festival Held in Chennai

Static GK:

- Kathakali — State: Kerala

21. News: Meghalaya Celebrates Golden Jubilee of 100 Drums Wangala Festival

Static GK:

- Wangala — State: Meghalaya (Garo)

22. News: Tyeb Mehta's "Rickshaw Puller" Sets World Auction Record for an Indian Artist

Static GK:

- Tyeb Mehta's "Rickshaw Puller" sold for ₹69.1 crore at auction (2026).

23. News: Raipur and Aurangabad

Static GK:

- Bibi ka Maqbara (Aurangabad) is called the "Taj of the Deccan". Itmad-ud-Daulah (Agra), built by Nur Jahan, is called the "Baby Taj".

24. News: World Record Set for Largest Dhimsa Dance Performance

Static GK:

- Dance festivals: Konark Dance Festival – Odisha; Khajuraho – Madhya Pradesh; Elephanta – Maharashtra (Mumbai); Hampi Utsav – Karnataka.

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25. News: India Post Completes First-Ever Drone Delivery of National Flag in a Mountainous Region

Static GK:

- National Flag — Item / Year: Tricolour – 22 July 1947 *(Also in news: India Post Delivers National Flag via Drone in Himachal Pradesh; 80th Independence Day of India Celebrated at Red Fort — PM Modi's 13th)*

26. News: Cultural Geographies & Geographical Indications (GI Tags) Geographical Indications (GI tags) are granted by the Geographical Indication Registry in…

Static GK:

- Bihu Pepa (horn instrument) — State: Assam

27. News: State News & Actions

Static GK:

- Raja Parba is a 3-day festival in Odisha that celebrates womanhood and the earth. *(Also in news: It is dedicated to Ragnya Devi at the Kheer Bhawani Temple.)*

28. News: Pitt Rivers Museum Hands Over 39 Naga Ancestral Remains

Static GK:

- National Museum, New Delhi (1949). Salar Jung Museum – Hyderabad is a large one-man collection. *(Also in news: India's First World-Class Geological Museum at Jabalpur; Shabdalok Lan; Mizoram University Museum Notified as India's 21st Designated Reposito)*

29. News: Ladakh Declares 23 Heritage Sites as Protected Monuments

Static GK:

- India has 45 World Heritage Sites (as on Oct 2026): 37 Cultural, 7 Natural, 1 Mixed.

30. News: Cultural Festivals & Melas

Static GK:

- Kheer Bhawani Mela — State: Jammu & Kashmir

31. News: Census 2027: Population Enumeration Schedule Notified

Static GK:

- The 8th Schedule lists 22 languages. Classical status is a separate recognition granted by the Ministry of Culture.

32. News: Bay of Bengal Deep Depression and the Name 'Arnab'

Static GK:

- Nagara (North Indian): curvilinear shikhara over the sanctum, usually no elaborate boundary wall, built on a raised platform (jagati). Examples: Khajuraho, Konark, Modhera Sun Temple, Lingaraj.

33. News: Delhi CM Rekha Gupta Inaugurates 25 New Atal Canteens

Static GK:

- Gupta Empire (founded by Sri Gupta; Gupta era began with Chandragupta I, 320 AD) is called the Golden Age; Samudragupta is called the "Napoleon of India"; Chinese pilgrim Fa- Hien visited under Chandragupta II (Vikramaditya); poet Kalidasa lived in this period.

34. News: Viksit Bharat–Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission Gramin (VB-G RAM G Act) Launches

Static GK:

- Mahatma Gandhi presided over only one session – Belgaum (1924). *(Also in news: MGNREGA Renamed as VB-GRAM)*

35. News: Tamil Nadu Launches Dengue Vaccination Pilot at Kadayanallur

Static GK:

- Order of recognition: Tamil (2004), Sanskrit (2005), Telugu & Kannada (2008), Malayalam (2013), Odia (2014). In October 2024, Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali were added. *(Also in news: Tamil Nadu Exports Organic Palmyra Jaggery Powder to Bulgaria; Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the registration portal on 2)*

300 MOST EXPECTED QUESTIONS (STATIC GK LINKED TO NEWS)

Banking & RBI (Q1–Q39)

Q1. Which committee's formula is used to set small savings interest rates?
Ans: Shyamala Gopinath Committee

Q2. When did NPS start for new Central Government employees?
Ans: 1 January 2004

Q3. How many digits does the PRAN (NPS account number) have?
Ans: 12

Q4. In which year did PFRDA become statutory?
Ans: 2013 (PFRDA Act, 2013)

Q5. When was SWIFT founded and where is its HQ?
Ans: 1973; La Hulpe, Belgium

Q6. When was NPCI set up and by whom was it promoted?
Ans: 2008; RBI and IBA

Q7. What are the current CRR and SLR?
Ans: CRR 3%; SLR 18%

Q8. How is IDBI Bank classified by the RBI?
Ans: Private sector bank

Q9. Which is the only PSB headquartered in Kolkata?
Ans: UCO Bank

Q10. Which were the first banks named D-SIBs, and in which year?
Ans: SBI and ICICI Bank (2015)

Q11. Which country joined the New Development Bank as its 10th member?
Ans: Uzbekistan (5 June 2026)

Q12. NEFT has been available 24x7 since when?
Ans: 16 December 2019

Q13. What is the minimum amount for RTGS?
Ans: ₹2 lakh

Q14. Who is the author of "Better Never Stops"?
Ans: Shyam Srinivasan (former MD & CEO, Federal Bank)

Q15. What was India's largest foreign banking investment in 2026?
Ans: Emirates NBD's 60% stake in RBL Bank ($2.75 billion)

Q16. When did Bandhan Bank start operations?
Ans: 23 August 2015 (Kolkata)

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Q17. How many characters are there in a GSTIN?
Ans: 15

Q18. What is the full form of SEBI's GARUDA?
Ans: Green Channel AIF Rollout Upon Document Acknowledgement

Q19. Where is the headquarters of Canara Bank?
Ans: Bengaluru

Q20. Which bank has the tagline "Together We Can"?
Ans: Canara Bank

Q21. Where is the headquarters of UCO Bank?
Ans: Kolkata

Q22. Which bank has the tagline "Honours Your Trust"?
Ans: UCO Bank

Q23. Where is the headquarters of New Development Bank?
Ans: Shanghai

Q24. Which bank has the tagline "Aapka Bhala, Sabki Bhalai"?
Ans: Bandhan Bank

Q25. Where is the headquarters of Jio Payments Bank?
Ans: Navi Mumbai

Q26. Where is the headquarters of NSDL Payments Bank?
Ans: Mumbai

Q27. Where is the headquarters of Karur Vysya Bank?
Ans: Karur, Tamil Nadu

Q28. Where is the headquarters of European Central Bank?
Ans: Frankfurt

Q29. Where is the headquarters of India Post Payments Bank?
Ans: New Delhi

Q30. Which bank has the tagline "Aapka Bank, Aapke Dwar"?
Ans: India Post Payments Bank

Q31. Where is the headquarters of Indian Overseas Bank?
Ans: Chennai

Q32. Which bank has the tagline "Good People to Grow With"?
Ans: Indian Overseas Bank

Q33. Where is the headquarters of Bandhan Bank?
Ans: Kolkata

Q34. Where is the headquarters of Airtel Payments Bank?
Ans: New Delhi

Q35. What is the full form of BIS?
Ans: Bank for International Settlements

Q36. Which bank has the tagline "We Understand Your World"?
Ans: HDFC Bank

Q37. Where is the headquarters of Punjab National Bank?
Ans: New Delhi

Q38. Which bank has the tagline "The Name You Can Bank Upon"?
Ans: Punjab National Bank

Q39. Who founded Indian Overseas Bank and in which year?
Ans: M. Ct. M. Chidambaram Chettyar, 1937

Economy & Infrastructure (Q40–Q45)

Q40. Which are India's first four Mega Ports?
Ans: Deendayal (Kandla), JNPA, Paradip and Mundra

Q41. Which is the only non-major port among India's first four Mega Ports?
Ans: Mundra (Adani)

Q42. What is the length of the Zojila Tunnel?
Ans: 14.15 km

Q43. Who releases the CPI?
Ans: NSO, MoSPI

Q44. Who releases the WPI?
Ans: Office of the Economic Adviser, DPIIT

Q45. When was the UDAN scheme launched?
Ans: October 2016

Schemes (Q46–Q69)

Q46. What is the tenure of a PPF account?
Ans: 15 years (extendable in 5-year blocks)

Q47. What is the annual deposit limit in PPF?
Ans: ₹500 to ₹1.5 lakh

Q48. What is the accident cover on PMJDY RuPay cards opened after 28 August 2018?
Ans: ₹2 lakh

Q49. What is the overdraft limit under PMJDY?
Ans: Up to ₹10,000

Q50. On which date were PMJJBY, PMSBY and APY launched?
Ans: 9 May 2015 (Kolkata)

Q51. What is the premium of PMJJBY?
Ans: ₹436 per year

Q52. What is the age limit for PMJJBY?
Ans: 18–50 years (cover till 55)

Q53. How many days of work does the VB-G RAM G Act guarantee?
Ans: 125 days

Q54. How many days of post-hospitalisation expenses are covered under PM-JAY?
Ans: 15 days

Q55. Which body implements PM-JAY?
Ans: National Health Authority (NHA)

Q56. What is the outlay for PM-KISAN for FY27–FY31?
Ans: ₹3,15,614 crore

Q57. What is the farmer's premium under PMFBY for Kharif crops?
Ans: 2%

Q58. When was AMRUT launched and how many cities does it cover?
Ans: 25 June 2015; 500 cities

Q59. What is the slogan of PMJDY?
Ans: "Mera Khata Bhagya Vidhata"

Q60. When was PMJDY launched?
Ans: 28 August 2014

Q61. What is the entry age for Atal Pension Yojana?
Ans: 18–40 years

Q62. What guaranteed pension does APY provide?
Ans: ₹1,000 to ₹5,000 per month

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Q63. Which scheme did APY replace?
Ans: Swavalamban (NPS-Lite)

Q64. What is the loan limit under the Differential Rate of Interest (DRI) scheme?
Ans: ₹15,000 at 4%

Q65. When was DAY-NRLM launched as Aajeevika?
Ans: June 2011

Q66. Where is the headquarters of PFRDA?
Ans: New Delhi

Q67. What are the overdraft limit and accident cover under PMJDY?
Ans: OD ₹10,000; accident ₹2 lakh

Q68. Which ministry/nodal body runs PM-JAY?
Ans: Health & Family Welfare (NHA)

Q69. What is the full form of AMRUT?
Ans: Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation

Organisations (Q70–Q118)

Q70. In which year was NATO created and by how many founding members?
Ans: 1949; 12 founding members

Q71. Which article of the NATO treaty provides for collective defence?
Ans: Article 5

Q72. Who is the Secretary-General of NATO?
Ans: Mark Rutte

Q73. Where is the IAEA headquartered and when was it established?
Ans: Vienna; 29 July 1957

Q74. Which organisations form the "Vienna cluster"?
Ans: IAEA, UNIDO, UNODC and OPEC

Q75. When was BIMSTEC founded and by which declaration?
Ans: 6 June 1997; Bangkok Declaration

Q76. When was the SCO established and where is its HQ?
Ans: 2001; Beijing

Q77. Where is the SCO's anti-terror body RATS located?
Ans: Tashkent

Q78. Which three UN food agencies form the "Rome cluster"?
Ans: FAO, IFAD and WFP

Q79. When was ASEAN founded?
Ans: 8 August 1967 (Bangkok Declaration)

Q80. How many full members does BRICS have?
Ans: 11

Q81. When and where was SAARC founded?
Ans: 8 December 1985, Dhaka

Q82. Which country was the 8th member of SAARC?
Ans: Afghanistan (2007)

Q83. When was the WTO established and which body did it replace?
Ans: 1 January 1995; GATT (1947)

Q84. Who is the first woman and first African DG of the WTO?
Ans: Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala

Q85. How many Navratna CPSEs are there (Oct 2026)?
Ans: 29

Q86. Which CPSE became the 28th Navratna in June 2026?
Ans: Chennai Petroleum Corporation Ltd (CPCL)

Q87. Which is the 29th Navratna?
Ans: GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers)

Q88. Up to how much can a Navratna invest without government approval?
Ans: ₹1,000 crore or 15% of net worth

Q89. Who founded Apple?
Ans: Steve Jobs, Steve Wozniak and Ronald Wayne (1976)

Q90. Who is the Chairman of the Aditya Birla Group?
Ans: Kumar Mangalam Birla

Q91. Who is the President of the ADB?
Ans: Masato Kanda

Q92. When was the International Big Cat Alliance launched?
Ans: 9 April 2023 (50 years of Project Tiger)

Q93. Who was the first President of the New Development Bank?
Ans: K.V. Kamath

Q94. Who is the President of the New Development Bank?
Ans: Dilma Rousseff

Q95. Which countries are members of EFTA?
Ans: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland

Q96. When did the India–EFTA TEPA come into force?
Ans: 1 October 2025

Q97. Where was COP30 held?
Ans: Belem, Brazil (2025)

Q98. When was the G20 formed?
Ans: 1999

Q99. Which bloc joined the G20 at the New Delhi Summit (2023)?
Ans: African Union

Q100. Who was the first Indian UNGA President?
Ans: Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit (1953)

Q101. When was IAEA founded and where is it headquartered?
Ans: 1957 – Vienna

Q102. When was BIMSTEC founded, how many members does it have and where is its HQ?
Ans: 1997 – 7 – Dhaka

Q103. What is the full form of BIMSTEC?
Ans: Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation

Q104. Where is the headquarters of SWIFT?
Ans: La Hulpe, Belgium

Q105. When was SCO founded, how many members does it have and where is its HQ?
Ans: 2001 – 10 – Beijing

Q106. What is the full form of SCO?
Ans: Shanghai Cooperation Organisation

Q107. When was ITU founded and where is it headquartered?
Ans: 1865 (oldest) – Geneva

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Q108. When was IFAD founded and where is it headquartered?
Ans: 1977 – Rome

Q109. What is the full form of IFAD?
Ans: International Fund for Agricultural Development

Q110. When was ASEAN founded, how many members does it have and where is its HQ?
Ans: 1967 – 11 – Jakarta

Q111. What is the full form of ASEAN?
Ans: Association of Southeast Asian Nations

Q112. What are the capital and currency of Maldives?
Ans: Male; Rufiyaa

Q113. When was SAARC founded, how many members does it have and where is its HQ?
Ans: 1985 – 8 – Kathmandu

Q114. What is the full form of SAARC?
Ans: South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation

Q115. Who founded Zomato (now Eternal Ltd)?
Ans: Deepinder Goyal & Pankaj Chaddah

Q116. When was WTO founded and where is it headquartered?
Ans: 1995 – Geneva

Q117. Where is the headquarters of DRDO?
Ans: New Delhi

Q118. What is Pralay?
Ans: Quasi-ballistic surface-to- surface

Countries (Q119–Q136)

Q119. What are the capital and currency of Denmark?
Ans: Copenhagen; Danish Krone

Q120. Where is the headquarters of IOC?
Ans: Lausanne, Switzerland

Q121. What are the capital and currency of Pakistan?
Ans: Islamabad; Pakistani Rupee

Q122. What are the capital and currency of South Africa?
Ans: Pretoria (executive); Rand

Q123. Exercise IBSAMAR (Navy) is held between India and which countries?
Ans: Brazil and South Africa

Q124. What are the capital and currency of Ecuador?
Ans: Quito; US Dollar

Q125. What are the capital and currency of Jordan?
Ans: Amman; Dinar

Q126. What are the capital and currency of Tanzania?
Ans: Dodoma; Tanzanian Shilling

Q127. What are the capital and currency of Kazakhstan?
Ans: Astana; Tenge

Q128. Exercise KAZIND is associated with which partner country?
Ans: Kazakhstan

Q129. What are the capital and currency of Russia?
Ans: Moscow; Rouble

Q130. Exercise INDRA (tri- service/Navy) is associated with which partner country?
Ans: Russia

Q131. What are the capital and currency of Mauritius?
Ans: Port Louis; Mauritian Rupee

Q132. What are the capital and currency of Venezuela?
Ans: Caracas; Bolivar

Q133. What are the capital and currency of Indonesia?
Ans: Jakarta; Rupiah

Q134. Exercise Garuda Shakti is associated with which partner country?
Ans: Indonesia

Q135. What are the capital and currency of Vietnam?
Ans: Hanoi; Dong

Q136. Exercise VINBAX is associated with which partner country?
Ans: Vietnam

Polity (Q137–Q151)

Q137. What is the maximum strength of the Lok Sabha?
Ans: 550 (530 States + 20 UTs)

Q138. What is the minimum age to become a member of the Lok Sabha?
Ans: 25 years

Q139. Which state has the most Lok Sabha seats?
Ans: Uttar Pradesh (80)

Q140. How many freedoms does Article 19 guarantee now?
Ans: Six

Q141. Under which Article is the right to property a legal right?
Ans: Article 300A

Q142. Who is the Vice-Chairman of NITI Aayog?
Ans: Ashok Kumar Lahiri

Q143. Under which Article can a National Emergency be proclaimed?
Ans: Article 352

Q144. In which state was President's Rule first imposed?
Ans: Punjab (1951)

Q145. Which Article deals with Financial Emergency (never imposed)?
Ans: Article 360

Q146. When was Article 370 made inoperative?
Ans: 5 August 2019

Q147. Which Article provides for the GST Council?
Ans: Article 279A

Q148. Who was India's first woman Lok Sabha Speaker?
Ans: Meira Kumar (2009)

Q149. Who was India's first woman President?
Ans: Pratibha Patil (2007)

Q150. Who was India's first woman Chief Minister?
Ans: Sucheta Kriplani (UP, 1963)

Q151. Who was India's first woman Governor?
Ans: Sarojini Naidu (UP, 1947)

Awards (Q152–Q168)

Q152. In which year was the Dadasaheb Phalke Award instituted?
Ans: 1969

Q153. Who is the 56th recipient of the Dadasaheb Phalke Award (for 2024)?
Ans: Anant Nag

Q154. When was the Khel Ratna instituted and who was its first recipient?
Ans: 1991-92; Viswanathan Anand

Q155. In which year was the Arjuna Award instituted?
Ans: 1961

Q156. When was the Jnanpith Award first given and to whom?
Ans: 1965; G. Sankara Kurup (Malayalam)

Q157. What is the cash value of the Jnanpith Award?
Ans: ₹11 lakh

Q158. Who is the 3rd Tamil writer to win the Jnanpith Award?
Ans: R. Vairamuthu

Q159. In which year were the Padma awards instituted?
Ans: 1954

Q160. Who was the first Indian winner of the Ramon Magsaysay Award?
Ans: Vinoba Bhave (1958)

Q161. Where is the Nobel Peace Prize presented?
Ans: Oslo (Norway)

Q162. Who won the Nobel Peace Prize 2026?
Ans: Navi Pillay (South Africa)

Q163. Who won the Nobel Prize in Literature 2026?
Ans: Anne Carson (Canada)

Q164. Who won the Nobel Prize in Economics 2026?
Ans: Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford

Q165. In how many categories is the Nobel Prize given?
Ans: Six

Q166. In which field is the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna given, and what is its cash value?
Ans: Highest sports honour; ₹25 lakh

Q167. In which field is the Arjuna Award given, and what is its cash value?
Ans: Outstanding sportspersons; ₹15 lakh

Q168. Who was the first Tamil writer to win the Jnanpith Award?
Ans: Akilan

Books & Authors (Q169–Q174)

Q169. In which year was the Booker Prize started?
Ans: 1969

Q170. Who shares the International Booker Prize money?
Ans: The author and the translator, equally

Q171. Who wrote "Midnight's Children" (Booker 1981)?
Ans: Salman Rushdie

Q172. Who wrote "The White Tiger" (Booker 2008)?
Ans: Aravind Adiga

Q173. Who was the first Indian to win the International Booker Prize?
Ans: Geetanjali Shree (2022)

Q174. Who was the first Indian woman to win the Booker Prize?
Ans: Arundhati Roy (1997)

Sports (Q175–Q188)

Q175. When and where was the first Cricket World Cup held, and who won it?
Ans: 1975, England; West Indies

Q176. Which countries will host FIFA World Cup 2030?
Ans: Morocco, Spain and Portugal

Q177. Which country will host FIFA World Cup 2034?
Ans: Saudi Arabia

Q178. After whom is the Irani Cup named?
Ans: Z. R. Irani

Q179. Which countries will host the 2027 Men's ODI World Cup?
Ans: South Africa, Zimbabwe and Namibia

Q180. Which city will host the 2029 World Athletics Championships?
Ans: Nairobi (first in Africa)

Q181. Who organises the Durand Cup?
Ans: Indian Army

Q182. Where was the first Durand Cup held?
Ans: Shimla (1888)

Q183. Where is the headquarters of ICC?
Ans: Dubai, UAE

Q184. Ranji Trophy is associated with which sport?
Ans: Cricket (national first-class)

Q185. Irani Cup is associated with which sport?
Ans: Cricket (Ranji champion vs Rest of India)

Q186. Where is the headquarters of World Athletics?
Ans: Monaco

Q187. Durand Cup is associated with which sport?
Ans: Football (Asia's oldest, 1888)

Q188. Where is the headquarters of FIFA?
Ans: Zurich, Switzerland

Defence (Q189–Q211)

Q189. Under which ministry do the CAPFs, Assam Rifles and NSG come?
Ans: Ministry of Home Affairs

Q190. When was the post of Chief of Defence Staff created?
Ans: 2019

Q191. Who was India's first Chief of Defence Staff?
Ans: Gen Bipin Rawat

Q192. Who is India's 3rd Chief of Defence Staff?
Ans: Gen N.S. Raja Subramani (from May 2026)

Q193. With which vessel was India's nuclear triad completed?
Ans: INS Arihant

Q194. Where is Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL) headquartered?
Ans: Hyderabad

Q195. Which was the first missile of the IGMDP?
Ans: Prithvi

Q196. In which year did the Malabar exercise begin?
Ans: 1992 (India–US)

Q197. Where is the HQ of the Assam Rifles?
Ans: Shillong

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Q198. Which force is called the "Sentinels of the North East"?
Ans: Assam Rifles

Q199. Where is the Airbus C295 aircraft being made in India?
Ans: Vadodara (Tata Advanced Systems)

Q200. Which was the first Indian shipyard to build 100 warships?
Ans: GRSE, Kolkata

Q201. What is the motto of DRDO?
Ans: "Balasya Mulam Vigyanam"

Q202. How often is RIMPAC held?
Ans: Every two years (since 1971)

Q203. Which is India's first multinational air exercise?
Ans: Tarang Shakti (started 2024)

Q204. Where is the headquarters of Strategic Forces Command?
Ans: New Delhi (2003)

Q205. What is Agni-IV?
Ans: Ballistic, about 4,000 km

Q206. Which countries take part in Exercise Malabar with India?
Ans: USA, Japan, Australia

Q207. Where is Mazagon Dock (MDL) headquartered / what is its role?
Ans: Mumbai; warships, submarines

Q208. Exercise Yudh Abhyas (Army) is associated with which partner country?
Ans: USA

Q209. Who hosts the RIMPAC naval exercise?
Ans: USA (Hawaii)

Q210. Which country hosts the multinational air exercise Tarang Shakti?
Ans: India (IAF)

Q211. Exercise Vajra Prahar (Special Forces) is associated with which partner country?
Ans: USA

Science & Tech (Q212–Q217)

Q212. What is the name of ISRO's headquarters building in Bengaluru?
Ans: Antariksh Bhavan

Q213. GAGAN is a joint system of which two organisations?
Ans: ISRO and AAI

Q214. What is the full form of GAGAN?
Ans: GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation

Q215. Which organisation developed Kavach?
Ans: RDSO, Lucknow

Q216. Where is the headquarters of Satish Dhawan Space Centre?
Ans: Sriharikota, AP

Q217. Where is the headquarters of Physical Research Laboratory?
Ans: Ahmedabad

Days (Q218–Q230)

Q218. What does Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas (25 June) mark?
Ans: Imposition of the Emergency in 1975

Q219. When is World Environment Day observed?
Ans: 5 Jun

Q220. When is National Voters' Day observed?
Ans: 25 Jan

Q221. When is International Day of Yoga observed?
Ans: 21 Jun

Q222. When is World Food Day observed?
Ans: 16 Oct

Q223. When is Rashtriya Ekta Diwas observed?
Ans: 31 Oct

Q224. When is United Nations Day observed?
Ans: 24 Oct

Q225. When is Janjatiya Gaurav Divas observed?
Ans: 15 Nov

Q226. When is World Blood Donor Day observed?
Ans: 14 Jun

Q227. When is Police Commemoration Day observed?
Ans: 21 Oct

Q228. When is World Population Day observed?
Ans: 11 Jul

Q229. When is World Wetlands Day observed?
Ans: 2 Feb

Q230. When is International Day of the Snow Leopard observed?
Ans: 23 Oct

Reports & Indices (Q231–Q253)

Q231. Where is the Institute for Economics & Peace (publisher of the Global Peace Index) headquartered?
Ans: Sydney

Q232. When was the Global Peace Index first released?
Ans: 2007

Q233. When was the World Happiness Report first published?
Ans: 2012

Q234. How many passports does the Henley Passport Index cover?
Ans: 199

Q235. How many states and UTs does NITI Aayog's Investment Friendliness Index cover?
Ans: 28 States and 8 UTs (84 indicators, 8 pillars)

Q236. By how much did monitored wildlife populations fall (1970–2022) as per WWF's Living Planet Report 2026?
Ans: About 73%

Q237. When was the Global Gender Gap Index first published?
Ans: 2006

Q238. Who developed the Human Development Index?
Ans: Mahbub ul Haq (with Amartya Sen)

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Q239. Who publishes the Human Development Report?
Ans: UNDP (since 1990)

Q240. How many indicators does the Global Hunger Index use?
Ans: 4 – undernourishment, child stunting, child wasting, child mortality

Q241. Where is the WEF headquartered?
Ans: Cologny, Geneva

Q242. Which city topped the EIU Global Liveability Index 2026?
Ans: Copenhagen

Q243. When was the Global Innovation Index first published?
Ans: 2007

Q244. Who publishes the Global Peace Index?
Ans: Institute for Economics & Peace

Q245. Who publishes the World Happiness Report?
Ans: Gallup, Oxford WRC & UN SDSN

Q246. What is India's rank and who tops the World Happiness Report 2026?
Ans: 116th – Finland

Q247. What is India's rank in the Global Terrorism Index 2026, and which country is the most affected?
Ans: 13th – Pakistan most affected

Q248. Who publishes the Henley Passport Index?
Ans: Henley & Partners

Q249. What is India's rank and who tops the Henley Passport Index (Oct 2026)?
Ans: 84th – Singapore

Q250. Who publishes the Container Port Performance Index?
Ans: World Bank & S&P Global

Q251. Who publishes the Investment Friendliness Index?
Ans: NITI Aayog

Q252. Who publishes the Living Planet Report?
Ans: WWF

Q253. Where is the headquarters of World Economic Forum?
Ans: Cologny, Geneva

Environment & Wildlife (Q254–Q276)

Q254. In which year was the cheetah declared extinct in India?
Ans: 1952

Q255. Which was India's 2nd cheetah home?
Ans: Gandhi Sagar Wildlife Sanctuary (MP)

Q256. Which were the first Indian cities to get Ramsar Wetland City Accreditation?
Ans: Indore and Udaipur (2025)

Q257. Which is India's largest Biosphere Reserve?
Ans: Kachchh (Gujarat)

Q258. Under which UNESCO programme are Biosphere Reserves set up?
Ans: Man and the Biosphere (MAB) Programme, 1971

Q259. How many of India's 18 Biosphere Reserves are in UNESCO's World Network?
Ans: 13

Q260. Which is India's largest wildlife sanctuary?
Ans: Kutch Desert (Rann of Kutch) WLS, Gujarat

Q261. When and where was Project Tiger launched?
Ans: 1 April 1973, Jim Corbett National Park

Q262. When was the Ramsar Convention signed and when did India join?
Ans: 1971; 1982

Q263. Which state has the most Ramsar sites?
Ans: Tamil Nadu (20)

Q264. Which is Arunachal Pradesh's first Ramsar site?
Ans: Glaw (Glo) Lake, Kamlang Tiger Reserve

Q265. Which countries have more Ramsar sites than India?
Ans: UK (176) and Mexico (144)

Q266. Desert National Park (Jaisalmer) is known for which bird?
Ans: Great Indian Bustard

Q267. Which is Bihar's first Ramsar site?
Ans: Kanwar Lake (Kabar Tal), Begusarai

Q268. How many Tiger Reserves does India have?
Ans: 58

Q269. Which is India's 58th Tiger Reserve?
Ans: Madhav Tiger Reserve (Shivpuri, MP)

Q270. When was the tiger declared India's National Animal?
Ans: 1973

Q271. When was the elephant declared India's National Heritage Animal?
Ans: 2010

Q272. How many tigers were counted in the All India Tiger Estimation 2022?
Ans: 3,682

Q273. Which state has the most Tiger Reserves?
Ans: Madhya Pradesh (9)

Q274. Which is India's smallest Biosphere Reserve?
Ans: Dibru-Saikhowa (Assam)

Q275. Which is Asia's largest freshwater oxbow lake?
Ans: Kanwar Lake (Kabar Tal), Begusarai, Bihar

Q276. The NTCA is a statutory body under which ministry?
Ans: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

Geography (Q277–Q287)

Q277. Which city is India's first UNESCO World Heritage City?
Ans: Ahmedabad (2017)

Q278. Which city became a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy in October 2025?
Ans: Lucknow

Q279. Lipulekh Pass is at the tri-junction of which countries?
Ans: India, China and Nepal

Q280. Where does the Yamuna rise and where does it join the Ganga?
Ans: Yamunotri; Prayagraj (Triveni Sangam)

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Q281. Which city lies at the geographical centre of India (Zero Mile Stone)?
Ans: Nagpur

Q282. On which river is Ahmedabad located?
Ans: Sabarmati

Q283. Which city is known as "Manchester of India"?
Ans: Ahmedabad

Q284. Which city is known as "Spiritual Capital of India"?
Ans: Varanasi

Q285. Which city is known as "Golden Temple City"?
Ans: Amritsar

Q286. Where is Lal Bahadur Shastri airport located?
Ans: Varanasi

Q287. Apart from Lipulekh, which pass is used for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra?
Ans: Nathu La (Sikkim)

Culture, Heritage & History (Q288–Q300)

Q288. What is the new name of Port Blair?
Ans: Sri Vijaya Puram (2024)

Q289. Who wrote the National Song "Vande Mataram"?
Ans: Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

Q290. From which novel is "Vande Mataram" taken?
Ans: Anandamath (1882)

Q291. Where did Gautam Buddha give his first sermon?
Ans: Sarnath

Q292. Where was Sarnath inscribed as India's 45th World Heritage Site?
Ans: 48th World Heritage Committee session, Busan (South Korea)

Q293. When did Gandhi return from South Africa?
Ans: 9 January 1915

Q294. What was Gandhi's first satyagraha in India?
Ans: Champaran (1917)

Q295. When was the Mountbatten Plan announced?
Ans: 3 June 1947

Q296. Which is India's longest Dussehra festival?
Ans: Bastar Dussehra (about 75 days)

Q297. Where is the Centre of Excellence for classical Assamese?
Ans: Tezpur University

Q298. Where is the headquarters of UNESCO?
Ans: Paris

Q299. Who is the author of "Belonging: A Journey of Love"?
Ans: Sonia Gandhi

Q300. What is the new name of Havelock Island?
Ans: Swaraj Dweep

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