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National

14th India-Korea Coast Guard high-level meeting held in Incheon

Representatives of the Indian and Korean Coast Guards met in Incheon on 14 Oct 2026 to deepen maritime cooperation.

Why it matters: What was the venue and purpose of the 14th ICG-KCG high-level meeting?

Source: PIB

CDSE II results: 8,956 candidates shortlisted for SSB interview

Based on the Combined Defence Services Examination (II) held on 13 September 2026, 8,956 candidates have qualified for the Service Selection Board interview.

Why it matters: How many candidates qualified for the SSB interview after CDSE II 2026?

Source: PIB

India-Saudi Arabia electrical interconnection initiative discussed

Secretary Pankaj Agarwal met Saudi Assistant Minister Nasser Al-Qahtani to review progress and explore avenues for the India-Saudi Arabia electrical interconnection project.

Why it matters: Which ministries' officials discussed the India-Saudi Arabia electrical interconnection in October 2026?

Source: PIB

Assam drug crackdown nets 945 arrests and ₹182 crore seizures

The Home Ministry reported 945 arrests, 547 cases and drug seizures worth over ₹182 crore in Assam's anti-narcotics operation.

Why it matters: How many arrests and what value of drugs were seized in Assam's recent anti-narcotics drive?

Source: PIB

5th India-Australia joint military exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 launched

The AUSTRAHIND 2026 exercise began on 19 October at Thiruvananthapuram, involving about 120 personnel from each side and running till 1 November.

Why it matters: When and where did the 5th India-Australia joint exercise AUSTRAHIND 2026 commence?

Source: PIB

DRI seizes 9.14 kg methamphetamine in Bhopal

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence confiscated 9.139 kg of methamphetamine and arrested one individual at Bhopal ISBT on 21 Oct 2026, highlighting a surge in synthetic drug trafficking.

Why it matters: How much methamphetamine was seized by DRI in Bhopal on 21 Oct 2026?

Source: PIB

148.67 kg hydroponic weed seized from Bangkok at IGI Airport

Customs officers at the IGI air cargo complex intercepted a consignment from Bangkok containing 148.67 kg of hydroponically grown cannabis.

Why it matters: From which city was the hydroponic cannabis shipment intercepted at IGI?

Source: PIB

India-New Zealand FTA effective from 20 Oct 2026

The India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement came into force on 20 October 2026, granting 100% duty-free access for Indian MSMEs, artisans, farmers and women entrepreneurs.

Why it matters: What key benefit does the India-New Zealand FTA provide to Indian exporters from 20 Oct 2026?

Source: PIB

DRI seizes 6.2 kg foreign gold via unaccompanied baggage

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence uncovered a new smuggling method using unaccompanied baggage and seized about 6.2 kg of foreign-origin gold, arresting three suspects.

Why it matters: What novel channel did DRI target in the gold-smuggling bust and how much gold was seized?

Source: PIB

Financial inclusion saturation campaign to cover 2.70 lakh GP and ULBs

From 21 Oct to 31 Dec 2026, banks will conduct camps for enrolment in PMJJBY, PMSBY, APY, PMJDY, re-KYC and digital fraud awareness across 2.70 lakh gram panchayats and urban local bodies.

Why it matters: What is the duration and coverage of the financial inclusion saturation campaign launched in Oct 2026?

Source: PIB

India to host 61st CIML meeting in New Delhi

For the first time, New Delhi will host the 61st meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology, with over 100 international delegates discussing harmonisation of legal metrology standards.

Why it matters: What major legal-metrology event will New Delhi host for the first time?

International

India-Canada Relations and Strategic Partnership

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a warm conversation with Canadian Prime Minister Mark Carney to strengthen bilateral ties and work towards concrete outcomes.

Why it matters: Which leaders held discussions on strengthening the India-Canada Strategic Partnership?

Source: PIB

7th AgriVoltaics World Conference 2026 Concludes in New Delhi

The 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference concluded in New Delhi with a focus on farmer-centred solutions for the Global South, with France hosting the 8th edition in 2027.

Why it matters: Which country will host the 8th AgriVoltaics World Conference in 2027?

Source: PIB

South Korea Completes Experimental Northern Sea Route Voyage

South Korean container ship PanStar Acro completed its maiden commercial round-trip via the Arctic Northern Sea Route, returning to Busan after a 50-day journey.

Why it matters: Which country completed an experimental voyage through the Arctic Northern Sea Route?

Qatar, Turkey, Pakistan and Indonesia Sign 'Badr' Defense Cooperation MoU

Qatar, Turkey, Pakistan, and Indonesia signed the Badr defense cooperation MoU in Doha to enhance joint defense production, technology transfer, and research.

Why it matters: Which countries signed the Badr defense cooperation MoU in Doha?

Economy and Banking

NPPA Undertakes Trade Margin Rationalisation on 137 Anti-Cancer Drugs

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority has announced trade margin rationalisation for 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs, with the revised prices becoming effective from November 9, 2026.

Why it matters: Which agency announced trade margin rationalisation on anti-cancer drugs?

Source: PIB

DRI Seizes 137 kg Crystal Meth and Busts Coastal Drug Ring in Tamil Nadu

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized 137 kg of crystal meth in a major coastal operation in Tamil Nadu, foiling a maritime smuggling attempt to Sri Lanka and arresting 4 individuals.

Why it matters: How much crystal meth was seized by DRI in Tamil Nadu?

Source: PIB

CCI Approves Maybach Asia's Acquisition of Sahrudaya Health Care

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of 100 percent equity share capital of Sahrudaya Health Care Private Limited by Maybach Asia Holdings II Pte. Ltd.

Why it matters: Which body approved the acquisition of Sahrudaya Health Care by Maybach Asia Holdings?

Source: PIB

SMFCL Scales up with Rs 5,107 Crs Disbursed under Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047

India's first maritime NBFC, SMFCL, has disbursed Rs 5,107 crores, aiming to reach Rs 60,205 crores by 2031 under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Why it matters: Which organization is India's first maritime NBFC?

Source: PIB

North East Bankers Conclave 3.0 Held in Mizoram

Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia inaugurated North East Bankers Conclave 3.0 in Mizoram, urging greater credit flow as the region grows at 9-11 percent annually.

Why it matters: Which minister inaugurated the North East Bankers' Conclave 3.0 in Mizoram?

Source: PIB

NCRTC Celebrates Namo Bharat Diwas 2026 Marking Three Years of Operations

The National Capital Region Transport Corporation celebrated Namo Bharat Diwas 2026 in New Delhi on October 17, 2026, commemorating three successful years of Namo Bharat regional mobility operations.

Why it matters: NCRTC marked how many years of Namo Bharat operations in 2026?

Source: PIB

CCI Clears Integrace Private Limited to Acquire Universal Nutriscience

The Competition Commission of India has approved the acquisition of share capital of Universal Nutriscience Private Limited and related transactions by Integrace Private Limited.

Why it matters: Which regulatory body approved the Integrace and Universal Nutriscience deal?

Source: PIB

India Contributes Two-Thirds to Global Coir Production and Export

India remains the world's largest producer and exporter of coir products, with the domestic industry achieving an annual turnover of approximately Rs 16,000 crore.

Why it matters: What is India's global share in the production of coir and coir products?

India Approves Rolling Over ₹30 Billion Currency Swap Facility for Maldives

India approved the rollover of the first ₹30 billion withdrawal under the bilateral currency swap agreement with Maldives to provide short-term foreign exchange liquidity.

Why it matters: How much currency swap facility did India roll over for Maldives?

CCEA Approves Strategic Sale of IDBI Bank Stake for Rs 52,878 Crore

The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the strategic sale of a 60.72% stake in IDBI Bank to a private entity for Rs 52,878 crore.

Why it matters: IDBI Bank stake sale amount approved by CCEA is how much?

Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026 Awarded

The 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford for microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization.

Why it matters: Who won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences?

Science and Technology

ITRA Jamnagar Hosts Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 Conference

ITRA Jamnagar hosted the national conference Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 on its 6th Foundation Day, focusing on the integration of Ayurveda and artificial intelligence.

Why it matters: Which institute hosted the Ayu-Tech Navonmesh 2026 conference on Ayurveda and AI?

Source: PIB

Aditya-L1 and Proba-3 Jointly Study Coronal Mass Ejections

Scientists used observations from India's Aditya-L1 and ESA's Proba-3 to jointly study Coronal Mass Ejections near the sun, improving CME property estimation.

Why it matters: Which spacecraft studied CMEs jointly with Aditya-L1?

Bhashini and IISc Develop AI TTS Model for Saurashtra Language

Digital India Bhashini Division, under MeitY, partnered with IISc Bengaluru to develop an AI-based Text-to-Speech model for the minority Indo-Aryan Saurashtra language spoken primarily in Tamil Nadu.

Why it matters: Which institutions developed the text-to-speech model for the Saurashtra language?

ISRO to Launch NVS-03 Navigation Satellite via GSLV-F18

ISRO is set to launch the NVS-03 navigation satellite using the GSLV-F18 rocket from Sriharikota to strengthen the indigenous NavIC system.

Why it matters: Which vehicle will launch the ISRO NVS-03 satellite?

ICAR-CPRI Develops Nutrient-Rich Biofortified Purple Potato Variety Kufri Jamunia

ICAR-Central Potato Research Institute developed the biofortified purple potato variety Kufri Jamunia to tackle hidden hunger and improve daily dietary intake of essential vitamins and minerals.

Why it matters: Which institution developed the purple potato variety Kufri Jamunia?

Source: PIB

IISER Thiruvananthapuram Researchers Develop Solid Compound for Hydrogen and Methane

Researchers at IISER Thiruvananthapuram developed a solid compound called magnesium hydridomethylzincate that releases hydrogen and methane when heated.

Why it matters: Which institute developed the solid compound releasing hydrogen and methane upon heating?

IMD Launches WebGIS-Based Decision Support System for Cyclones

The India Meteorological Department launched an interactive WebGIS-based Decision Support System to enhance cyclone preparedness and risk visualisation.

Why it matters: Which organization launched the interactive WebGIS-based Decision Support System for cyclones?

Japan's MMX Mars Mission Aimed at Phobos and Deimos Exploration

Japan's Martian Moons Exploration (MMX) mission, led by JAXA, aims to study Phobos and Deimos and bring back regolith samples from Phobos using the H3 launch vehicle.

Why it matters: Which space agency is leading the Martian Moons Exploration (MMX) mission?

Defence and Security

IAF conducts industry outreach on unmanned systems roadmap

The Indian Air Force held an outreach programme on 21 Oct 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan to discuss long-term unmanned and autonomous system requirements with MSMEs, startups and industry partners.

Why it matters: Which ministry organised an outreach on unmanned systems on 21 Oct 2026?

Source: PIB

Defence Minister Launches Land Warfare Doctrine 2026

Union Defence Minister launched the Land Warfare Doctrine 2026 in New Delhi, emphasizing a 20-30 year long-term strategic vision for the armed forces.

Why it matters: Who launched the Land Warfare Doctrine 2026?

11th Edition of India-Indonesia Joint Special Forces Exercise Garuda Shakti Begins

The 11th edition of the India-Indonesia joint special forces military exercise Garuda Shakti commenced in Banyuwangi, Indonesia.

Why it matters: Exercise Garuda Shakti is conducted between India and which country?

NCB Launches Operation Trident to Target Drug Smuggling Networks

Narcotics Control Bureau launched Operation Trident with Mizoram Police and ED to dismantle financial and supply networks of drug cartels across northeastern states.

Why it matters: Who launched Operation Trident against drug cartels?

MHA Approves Restructuring of CISF Operational Framework from Nov 2026

The Ministry of Home Affairs approved the restructuring of CISF, replacing geographical sectors with sector-centred functional commands like coal, steel, petroleum, and power effective November 1, 2026.

Why it matters: When does the restructured functional command structure of CISF take effect?

33rd Edition of SIMBEX-2026 Begins in Visakhapatnam

The 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026) commenced off the coast of Visakhapatnam, featuring Republic of Singapore Navy ship RSS Supreme.

Why it matters: Where was the 33rd edition of SIMBEX-2026 held?

Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Srishti' Launched in Goa

Yard 1283 (Srishti), a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel, was launched at Goa Shipyard Limited in Goa.

Why it matters: At which shipyard was NGOPV Srishti launched?

Source: PIB

Indian Coast Guard Inducts Indigenous ALH MK-III Helicopter

The Indian Coast Guard inducted its first indigenous ALH MK-III helicopter, named CG 875, under Coast Guard Region (West) in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.

Why it matters: Which helicopter was recently inducted by the Indian Coast Guard in Maharashtra?

IBSAMAR IX concludes at Simon’s Town, South Africa

The ninth India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise ended on 20 Oct 2026 at Simon’s Town, featuring joint naval drills and professional interactions among the three navies.

Why it matters: Where did the IBSAMAR IX 2026 maritime exercise conclude?

Source: PIB

Indian Navy's First Training Squadron Concludes Port Call in Seychelles

Indian Navy ships INS Tir, INS Sujata, and Coast Guard Ship Sarathi concluded their visit to Port Victoria, Seychelles, reinforcing bilateral maritime cooperation.

Why it matters: Which naval ships departed from Seychelles after completing a training deployment?

Source: PIB

India-UK Bilateral Maritime Exercise Konkan-26 Concludes in Plymouth

The annual bilateral naval exercise Konkan-26 between the Indian Navy and UK Royal Navy concluded off the coast of Plymouth, featuring INS Trishul and HMS Sutherland.

Why it matters: Exercise Konkan-26 was held between India and which country?

Environment

CAQM Expands PTZ Camera Remote Monitoring in NCR

CAQM mandated the installation of PTZ cameras for remote monitoring across all industries under Direction No. 98 in the NCR by November 30, 2026.

Why it matters: By which date must industries under Direction No. 98 in NCR install PTZ cameras as per CAQM?

Source: PIB

Delhi AQI hits 244-245, Stage-I GRAP invoked

On 21 Oct 2026, Delhi's daily average AQI rose to 244 at 2 PM and 245 at 4 PM, prompting the Central Pollution Control Board to invoke Stage-I of the Graded Response Action Plan.

Why it matters: What AQI values triggered Stage-I GRAP in Delhi on 21 Oct 2026?

Source: PIB

BSIP Study Reconstructs 4,600-Year Monsoon History from Karela Lake

Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences reconstructed a 4,600-year climate and environmental history of the middle Ganga plain using sediments from Karela Lake in Lucknow.

Why it matters: Karela Lake, recently in news for climate history, is located in which state?

Appointments

Resignation of Dr L Murugan accepted from Union Council of Ministers

The President, on the Prime Minister's advice, accepted Dr L Murugan's resignation from the Union Council of Ministers under Article 75(2).

Why it matters: Under which constitutional article was Dr L Murugan's resignation accepted?

Source: PIB

Smriti Mandhana Appointed as UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate

On the occasion of International Girl Child Day, UNICEF India appointed star Indian cricketer and Arjuna Awardee Smriti Mandhana as its Celebrity Advocate.

Why it matters: Who was appointed as the UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate in October 2026?

Schemes and Policies

8-Day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Begins in Guwahati

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment launched the 8-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 in Guwahati, featuring 75 artisans including 31 women showcasing 40 varieties of handloom and handicraft products.

Why it matters: Which ministry organised the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 in Guwahati?

Source: PIB

Cabinet Approves Rs 10,000 Crore Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme

The Union Cabinet approved a Rs 10,000 crore scheme to boost domestic container manufacturing capacity tenfold to 7.5 lakh TEUs and secure maritime supply chains.

Why it matters: What is the total financial outlay of the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme?

Source: PIB

PM-AJAY Drives Inclusive Development With Adarsh Grams

The PM-AJAY scheme has declared 18,093 villages as Adarsh Grams, released about Rs 1,730 crore directly to states, and completed 785 student hostels.

Why it matters: How many villages have been declared Adarsh Grams under the PM-AJAY scheme?

Source: PIB

PM-DAKSH Scheme Merged with MSDE's PMKVY Scheme from 2024-25

The PM-DAKSH scheme has been merged with the PMKVY scheme of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship starting from the financial year 2024-25.

Why it matters: With which scheme has PM-DAKSH been merged from 2024-25?

Source: PIB

Ministry of Textiles Reopens PLI Scheme Portal for Round 4 from November 1

The Ministry of Textiles will reopen the application portal for the Production Linked Incentive Scheme for Textiles under Round 4 on November 1, 2026.

Why it matters: Under which scheme did the Ministry of Textiles open a portal for new applications?

Source: PIB

Tripartite MoU Signed to Boost Livelihoods for ST Youth in Rourkela

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs through NSTFDC signed a tripartite MoU to strengthen livelihood opportunities, benefiting over 600 students at the Livelihood Business Incubation Centre in Rourkela.

Why it matters: Which ministry supports the Livelihood Business Incubation Centre at Rourkela?

Source: PIB

Ministry of Commerce Alters GeM Transaction Charges and Increases Threshold

GeM reduced transaction charges to 0.30%, raised the exemption threshold to Rs 10 lakh, and cut OEM assessment fees by up to 92% to help MSMEs.

Why it matters: What is the new transaction charge percentage on the GeM portal?

Source: PIB

Reports and Indices

DPIIT Launches 6th Edition of National Startup Awards

The DPIIT launched the 6th edition of the National Startup Awards, recognizing startups across 20 sectoral and 3 special categories with a new Student Innovator Award.

Why it matters: Who launched the National Startup Awards 6.0?

Source: PIB

Uttar Pradesh

HAL, NCF and ASI Heritage Agreement includes Taj Mahal

An MoA signed by HAL, National Culture Fund, and Archaeological Survey of India includes conservation work at the Taj Mahal in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.

Why it matters: Which monument in Uttar Pradesh is included in the newly signed HAL-NCF-ASI heritage MoA?

Source: PIB

Culture and Society

HAL, NCF, and ASI Sign MoA for Heritage Sites

HAL, National Culture Fund, and ASI signed an agreement for heritage conservation at Hampi, Taj Mahal in Agra, and Sun Temple in Konark.

Why it matters: Which organizations signed the MoA for heritage conservation at Hampi, Taj Mahal, and Konark?

Source: PIB

Quiz

1. In 2026, which Union Minister inaugurated the North East Bankers Conclave 3.0 in Mizoram, highlighting the region's annual growth of 9-11 percent?

A. A) Jyotiraditya Scindia
B. B) Narendra Modi
C. C) Amit Shah
D. D) Nirmala Sitharaman

2. In which month did the Indian and Korean Coast Guards representatives meet to deepen maritime cooperation?

A. A) October 2026
B. B) September 2026
C. C) November 2026
D. D) December 2026

3. In 2026, which institution hosted the national conference 'Ayu-Tech Navonmesh' on its 6th Foundation Day, focusing on the integration of Ayurveda and artificial intelligence?

A. AIIMS New Delhi
B. ITRA Jamnagar
C. Banaras Hindu University
D. National Institute of Ayurveda Jaipur

4. Which of the following anti-cancer drugs category has been subjected to trade margin rationalisation by the National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority effective from November 9, 2026?

A. 137 scheduled anti-cancer drugs
B. 137 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs
C. 150 non-scheduled anti-cancer drugs
D. 150 scheduled anti-cancer drugs

5. How many candidates qualified for the Service Selection Board interview in the Combined Defence Services Examination (II) held on 13 September 2026?

A. 7,842
B. 8,956
C. 9,112
D. 10,023

6. In 2026, the 8-day Shilp Samagam Mela was launched by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment in which city?

A. Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
B. Bengaluru / बेंगलुरु
C. Chennai / चेन्नई
D. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली

7. Which of the following events took place on 21 October 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi?

A. A. Launch of the 'Modified UDAN' phase for regional aviation
B. B. Indian Air Force outreach programme on unmanned and autonomous systems
C. C. Inauguration of the nationwide motorcycle rally by the Home Minister
D. D. Opening ceremony of the 61st International Committee of Legal Metrology meeting

8. Which ministry implements the PM-DAKSH scheme following its merger with the PMKVY scheme starting from the financial year 2024-25?

A. Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
B. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
C. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
D. Ministry of Finance

9. What is the targeted disbursement amount for India's first maritime NBFC, SMFCL, by the year 2031 under the Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047?

A. Rs 5,107 crores
B. Rs 15,400 crores
C. Rs 60,205 crores
D. Rs 1,00,500 crores

10. Who launched the Land Warfare Doctrine in 2026, emphasizing a 20-30 year long-term strategic vision for the armed forces?

A. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
B. Union Defence Minister
C. Chief of Defence Staff
D. Union Home Minister

11. What is the total financial outlay approved by the Union Cabinet in 2026 for the scheme to boost domestic container manufacturing capacity tenfold?

A. Rs 5,000 crore
B. Rs 10,000 crore
C. Rs 15,000 crore
D. Rs 20,000 crore

12. Which space agencies' observations were jointly used by scientists to study Coronal Mass Ejections near the sun to improve property estimation as of 2026?

A. India's Aditya-L1 and NASA's Parker Solar Probe
B. India's Aditya-L1 and ESA's Proba-3
C. ISRO's Chandrayaan-3 and ESA's Proba-3
D. ISRO and JAXA

13. Consider the following statements regarding the 2026 heritage conservation agreement:
1. HAL, National Culture Fund, and ASI signed an agreement for heritage conservation at Hampi, Taj Mahal, and Sun Temple in Konark.
2. The agreement excludes conservation work at the Taj Mahal in Agra, Uttar Pradesh.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. A) 1 only
B. B) 2 only
C. C) Both 1 and 2
D. D) Neither 1 nor 2

14. Which statement is correct regarding the President's action?

A. A) He accepted a resignation from the Union Council of Ministers
B. B) He dismissed a minister
C. C) He appointed a new minister
D. D) He resigned himself

15. Which organization launched an interactive WebGIS-based Decision Support System in 2026 to enhance cyclone preparedness and risk visualisation?

A. National Disaster Management Authority
B. Indian Space Research Organisation
C. India Meteorological Department
D. Central Water Commission

16. Consider the following statements regarding the recent appointments and recognitions by UNICEF India (2024):
1. UNICEF India appointed star Indian cricketer and Arjuna Awardee Smriti Mandhana as its Celebrity Advocate.
2. This appointment was made on the occasion of International Women's Day.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

17. Which of the following statements about the India-New Zealand Free Trade Agreement is correct?

A. It came into force on 20 October 2026 and provides 100% duty-free access to Indian MSMEs, artisans, farmers and women entrepreneurs.
B. It was signed on 20 October 2026 but offers only 50% duty-free access to Indian exporters.
C. It will be implemented from 1 January 2027 and excludes agricultural products.
D. It grants Indian companies a 30% tariff reduction on all goods.

18. Which organization partnered with the Digital India Bhashini Division under MeitY in 2026 to develop an AI-based Text-to-Speech model for the Saurashtra language?

A. IIT Delhi / आईआईटी दिल्ली
B. IISc Bengaluru / आईआईएससी बेंगलुरु
C. IIT Madras / आईआईटी मद्रास
D. IIM Ahmedabad / आईआईएम अहमदाबाद

19. On 21 October 2026, Delhi's air quality index (AQI) reached critical levels. Which action did the Central Pollution Control Board take?

A. A. Declared a state of emergency under the National Disaster Management Act
B. B. Invoked Stage-I of the Graded Response Action Plan
C. C. Ordered a complete shutdown of all vehicular traffic for 24 hours
D. D. Issued a fine to all industrial units exceeding emission norms

20. Consider the following statements regarding international developments in 2026:
1. Qatar, Turkey, Pakistan, and Indonesia signed the Badr defense cooperation MoU in Doha.
2. The World Bank Group launched its first digital strategy in Seoul, South Korea.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

21. Consider the following statements regarding the 7th AgriVoltaics World Conference held in 2026:
1. The conference concluded in New Delhi with a focus on farmer-centred solutions for the Global South.
2. France is scheduled to host the 8th edition of the conference in 2027.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. Only 1
B. Only 2
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

22. Consider the following statements regarding the space and naval developments in 2026:
1. ISRO is set to launch the NVS-03 navigation satellite using the GSLV-F18 rocket from Sriharikota.
2. Yard 1283 (Srishti), a Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel, was launched at Cochin Shipyard Limited in Kerala.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

23. Consider the following statements regarding the 11th edition of the India-Indonesia joint special forces military exercise in 2026:
1. The exercise is named Garuda Shakti.
2. It commenced in Jakarta, Indonesia.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

24. Consider the following statements regarding Operation Trident (2026):
1. It was launched by the Narcotics Control Bureau with Mizoram Police and ED.
2. Its objective is to dismantle financial and supply networks of drug cartels across northeastern states.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only / केवल 1
B. 2 only / केवल 2
C. Both 1 and 2 / 1 और 2 दोनों
D. Neither 1 nor 2 / न तो 1, न ही 2

25. In 2026, which state initiated the reintroduction of wild buffaloes to Kanha Tiger Reserve by bringing them from Kaziranga National Park in Assam after nearly 100 years?

A. A) Uttar Pradesh
B. B) Madhya Pradesh
C. C) Himachal Pradesh
D. D) Arunachal Pradesh

26. Consider the following statements: I. The Home Ministry reported 945 arrests, 547 cases and drug seizures worth over ₹182 crore in Assam's anti-narcotics operation. II. The Home Ministry reported 345 arrests, 247 cases and drug seizures worth over ₹182 crore in Assam's anti-narcotics operation. Which is/are correct?

A. A) I only
B. B) II only
C. C) Both I and II
D. D) Neither I nor II

27. Consider the following statements regarding recent environmental and developmental updates in 2026:
1. CAQM mandated the installation of PTZ cameras for remote monitoring across all industries under Direction No. 98 in the NCR by November 30, 2026.
2. Sukhna Wetland in Chandigarh and Sauj Lake in Uttar Pradesh have been designated as Ramsar sites, taking India's total to 103.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

28. Which country is currently the world's largest producer and exporter of coir products, featuring a domestic industry with an annual turnover of approximately Rs 16,000 crore?

A. Sri Lanka
B. Bangladesh
C. Vietnam
D. India

29. Consider the following statements:
1. Russia supplied 44.3% of India's crude oil imports in August 2026.
2. The United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) is scheduled to renew its mandate for another five years starting January 2027.
Which is/are correct?

A. 1 only
B. 2 only
C. Both 1 and 2
D. Neither 1 nor 2

30. Consider the following statements regarding the restructuring of CISF approved by the Ministry of Home Affairs in 2026:
1. Geographical sectors are being replaced with sector-centred functional commands like coal, steel, petroleum, and power.
2. The restructuring becomes effective from November 1, 2026.
Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

A. 1 only / केवल 1
B. 2 only / केवल 2
C. Both 1 and 2 / 1 और 2 दोनों
D. Neither 1 nor 2 / न तो 1, न ही 2

Answers: 1. A 2. A 3. B 4. B 5. B 6. A 7. B 8. A 9. C 10. B 11. B 12. B 13. A 14. A 15. C 16. A 17. A 18. B 19. B 20. C 21. C 22. A 23. A 24. C 25. B 26. A 27. C 28. D 29. A 30. C

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