Weekly Current Affairs

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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

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

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

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

National Strategic Trade Command Centre launched by Piyush Goyal

Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal inaugurated the NSTCC at Vanijya Bhawan to provide data-driven trade monitoring and identify export opportunities.

Why it matters: Which minister launched the NSTCC and what is its primary purpose?

Source: PIB

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

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?

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

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

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?

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

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?

NASA Perseverance Rover Sets New Martian Driving Record

NASA's Perseverance rover surpassed the Opportunity rover's off-Earth driving record by completing 45.22 km on Mars in Jezero Crater.

Why it matters: Which NASA rover set a new Martian driving record by traveling 45.22 km?

India's First High-Altitude Health Research Centre

ICMR laid the foundation stone for the High-Altitude Medical and Public Health Research Centre (ICMR-CHAMP) in Keylong, Lahaul and Spiti district, Himachal Pradesh.

Why it matters: Where is ICMR's new High-Altitude Health Research Centre being established?

Defence and Security

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?

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

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

Wild Buffaloes Reintroduced to Kanha Tiger Reserve

Madhya Pradesh initiated the reintroduction of wild buffaloes to Kanha Tiger Reserve by bringing them from Kaziranga National Park in Assam after nearly 100 years.

Why it matters: Wild buffaloes were brought from Kaziranga to which tiger reserve in Madhya Pradesh?

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

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

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

Lucknow Resident Rebuilds Life Through De-Addiction Support in UP

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment highlighted the successful recovery story of Rahul Kumar from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, overcoming substance use through rehabilitation.

Why it matters: Success story related to de-addiction and rehabilitation highlighted from which UP city?

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. 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

6. 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

7. 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

8. 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

9. 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

10. 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

11. 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

12. 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

13. Consider the following statements for the year 2026:
1. ICMR laid the foundation stone for the High-Altitude Medical and Public Health Research Centre (ICMR-CHAMP) in Keylong, Himachal Pradesh.
2. The World Meteorological Organization warned that a powerful Super El Nino could occur in 2026-27, potentially affecting Tamil Nadu.
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 of the following is true regarding the NSTCC inauguration?

A. A) It was inaugurated by the Prime Minister
B. B) It was inaugurated by the Commerce Minister
C. C) It was inaugurated by the Union Home Minister
D. D) It was inaugurated by the Union Finance Minister

15. Consider the following statements regarding defence and space achievements in 2026:
1. The Indian Coast Guard inducted its first indigenous ALH MK-III helicopter, named CG 875, under Coast Guard Region (West) in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra.
2. NASA's Perseverance rover surpassed the Opportunity rover's off-Earth driving record by completing 45.22 km on Mars in Jezero Crater.
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

16. Consider the following statements regarding recent maritime and Arctic developments (2024):
1. 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.
2. Indian Navy ships INS Tir, INS Sujata, and Coast Guard Ship Sarathi concluded their visit to Port Victoria, Seychelles.
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. Who among the following was awarded the 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences for microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization?

A. A) Mark Carney and Robert E. Hall
B. B) Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford
C. C) Michael Woodford and Jyotiraditya Scindia
D. D) Mark Carney and Michael Woodford

18. Match the following pairs: I. Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal II. NSTCC III. Vanijya Bhawan IV. Data-driven trade monitoring and identifying export opportunities

A. A) I-III, II-IV, III-I, IV-II
B. B) I-II, II-III, III-IV, IV-I
C. C) I-IV, II-III, III-I, IV-II
D. D) I-III, II-II, III-IV, IV-I

19. Match the following initiatives/actions with their respective details as of 2026:
List-I (Initiative/Action)
(a) PM-AJAY
(b) Indian Army
(c) India and Bhutan

List-II (Detail)
1. Handed over Rs 290 crore for development projects in education, health, and public infrastructure.
2. Declared 18,093 villages as Adarsh Grams and completed 785 student hostels.
3. Launched 'Bharat Rice' for defence personnel and signed a five-year MoU with FCI.

A. a-2, b-3, c-1
B. a-1, b-2, c-3
C. a-3, b-1, c-2
D. a-2, b-1, c-3

20. Which of the following technological mechanisms is utilized by Modern Facial Recognition Technology to map facial features?

A. Pixel-by-pixel image comparisons
B. Thermal infrared signature matching
C. Digital embeddings through artificial intelligence
D. Vector-based binary fingerprinting

Answers: 1. A 2. A 3. B 4. B 5. A 6. A 7. C 8. A 9. B 10. A 11. C 12. D 13. C 14. B 15. C 16. C 17. B 18. A 19. A 20. C

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