Weekly Current Affairs

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National

Ministry Secures Redeployment of 37 Contract Workers in Karnataka

Labour Ministry intervention resolved a dispute by redeploying 37 contract workers at Karnataka's ESIC Model Hospital effective 23.10.2026 and securing ₹7.40 lakh in pending September 2026 wages.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on government labor dispute resolutions and welfare measures.

Source: PIB

Dr Jitendra Singh Chairs 328th IIPA Executive Council Meeting in New Delhi

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh chaired the 328th Executive Council meeting of the Indian Institute of Public Administration in New Delhi.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of key government meetings and chairpersons for civil services exams.

Source: PIB

International

Sarbananda Sonowal Attends World Maritime Day Roundtable in South Korea

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal addressed a World Maritime Day roundtable in Busan, South Korea, on 26 October 2026, advocating for universal maritime rules and inviting Korean firms to invest in Indian shipyards.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on international ministerial meetings and maritime sector developments.

Source: PIB

Economy and Banking

RBI Sectoral Bank Credit Data for September 2026

Non-food bank credit grew by 19.1 per cent year-on-year as of September 30, 2026, according to RBI data collected from 41 scheduled commercial banks.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of latest banking credit growth rates for exam current affairs.

Source: RBI

RBI Announces Premature Redemption Date for Sovereign Gold Bond 2021-22 Series VII

Pursuant to the GOI notification dated October 21, 2021, premature redemption for the Sovereign Gold Bond 2021-22 Series VII issued on November 02, 2021, is permitted after the fifth year on an interest payment date.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of Sovereign Gold Bond premature redemption rules and dates.

Source: RBI

SEBI Issues General Remittance Regarding Chandrakant A. Parekh

SEBI issued a general remittance on 28.10.2026 against defaulter Chandrakant A. Parekh concerning IPO irregularities from 2003-2005 under Recovery Certificate No. 2001 of 2019.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of SEBI recovery actions and defaulter cases in financial exams.

Source: SEBI

Bihar Gramin Bank Industrial Settlements Benefit Over 10,900 Employees

Two industrial disputes involving Bihar Gramin Bank and its employee unions were amicably resolved on October 22 and 23, 2026, securing financial benefits worth nearly ₹78 crore for over 10,900 employees.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on recent banking sector settlements and employee benefits.

Source: PIB

Centre Forms High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat

The Union Government formed the High Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat, announced in the Budget 2026-27 by Finance Minister Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman. Former CVC Shri Suresh N. Patel will chair the committee.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of key banking appointments and government committee formations for competitive exams.

Source: PIB

Union Government Releases Tax Devolution of Rs. 1,09,019 Crore to States

On 31st October 2026, the Union Government released an additional tax devolution instalment of Rs. 1,09,019 crore to State Governments to boost capital spending and fund welfare expenditures ahead of the festive season.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of central financial devolution to states for economic development.

Source: PIB

Science and Technology

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?

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?

Defence and Security

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?

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

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh Calls for 'Aatmanirbharta 2.0' at SWAVLAMBAN 2026

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh urged for 'Aatmanirbharta 2.0' to boost defence self-reliance, R&D, and supply chains at the fifth edition of SWAVLAMBAN in New Delhi on October 26, 2026.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs regarding defence sector initiatives and key events for competitive exams.

Source: PIB

Environment

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?

Awards and Honours

DoSJE Felicitates Winners of Swachhata Campaign 6.0 Extempore Competition

On October 26, 2026, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment felicitated five officers who won the extempore competition held during the Swachhata Campaign 6.0.

Why it matters: Questions on winners and cash prizes of government cleanliness campaign events.

Source: PIB

Schemes and Policies

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

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

Ministry Launches Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz Online

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment launched the online 'Nasha Mukt Yuva, Viksit Bharat Quiz' from October 26 to November 25, 2026, under the Nasha Mukt Bharat Abhiyaan to promote substance use prevention.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of government campaigns and online youth quizzes for drug prevention.

Source: PIB

MoRTH Updates Rules to Facilitate E85 and E100 Flex Fuel Vehicles

The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways amended the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989, to include E85 and E100 flex fuel vehicles, promoting domestic ethanol use.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of recent amendments to motor vehicle rules regarding flex fuel adoption.

Source: PIB

CBIC Implements Special Campaign 6.0 for Swachhata and Efficiency

The Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs is actively executing Special Campaign 6.0 from October 2 to 31, 2026, across 449 offices to promote cleanliness, weed out files, and dispose of scrap.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on government cleanliness campaigns and administrative achievements.

Source: PIB

MoPSW Advances Special Campaign 6 for Swachhata and Good Governance

Under Special Campaign 6, the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways conducted 173 cleanliness campaigns, reviewed 33,199 files, generated Rs. 9.79 crores from scrap, and freed 88,171 sq. ft. of space.

Why it matters: Direct factual question on ministry campaign achievements, statistics, and revenue generation.

Source: PIB

Culture and Society

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Held in Guwahati

Organised by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, the eight-day Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 began on October 21 in Guwahati, featuring 75 artisans and running until October 28, 2026.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of national fairs, dates, and ministry initiatives for government exams.

Source: PIB

Quiz

1. In which city was the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 held in October 2026? / शिल्प समागम मेला 2026 अक्टूबर 2026 में किस शहर में आयोजित किया गया था?

A. New Delhi / नई दिल्ली
B. Guwahati / गुवाहाटी
C. Bhopal / भोपाल
D. Patna / पटना

2. In October 2026, financial benefits worth nearly ₹78 crore were secured for over 10,900 employees following the resolution of industrial disputes involving which banking institution?

A. Bihar Gramin Bank
B. Uttar Banga Kshetriya Gramin Bank
C. Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank
D. Jharkhand Rajya Gramin Bank

3. 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

4. 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

5. According to the RBI data for September 2026, what was the year-on-year growth rate of non-food bank credit as of September 30, 2026?

A. 15.4 per cent
B. 19.1 per cent
C. 21.3 per cent
D. 17.8 per cent

6. 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

7. Against which default defaulter concerning IPO irregularities from 2003-2005 did SEBI issue a general remittance on October 28, 2026 under Recovery Certificate No. 2001 of 2019?

A. Chandrakant A. Parekh
B. Rameshchandra S. Shah
C. Mahendra N. Kampani
D. Kantilal Chunilal

8. How many contract workers were redeployed at Karnataka's ESIC Model Hospital in October 2026 following the Labour Ministry's intervention? / श्रम मंत्रालय के हस्तक्षेप के बाद अक्टूबर 2026 में कर्नाटक के ईएसआईसी मॉडल अस्पताल में कितने अनुबंध श्रमिकों को पुनः तैनात किया गया?

A. 25
B. 37
C. 45
D. 52

9. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Hereditary Prince Alois of Liechtenstein in October 2026 to review the first year of which trade and economic partnership?

A. India-EFTA TEPA
B. India-EU BTIA
C. India-UK FTA
D. India-Switzerland CEPA

10. 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

11. 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

12. Who has been appointed to chair the High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat formed by the Union Government in 2026?

A. Shri Suresh N. Patel
B. Shri Ashutosh Dixit
C. Shri Inderpal Singh Walia
D. Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman

13. 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

14. What is the total amount of tax devolution released by the Union Government to State Governments on October 31, 2026?

A. Rs. 98,450 crore
B. Rs. 1,09,019 crore
C. Rs. 1,15,500 crore
D. Rs. 95,210 crore

15. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal addressed the World Maritime Day roundtable in October 2026 in which city? / केंद्रीय मंत्री सर्बानंद सोनोवाल ने अक्टूबर 2026 में विश्व समुद्री दिवस गोलमेज सम्मेलन को किस शहर में संबोधित किया?

A. Busan, South Korea / बुसान, दक्षिण कोरिया
B. Tokyo, Japan / टोक्यो, जापान
C. Singapore City, Singapore / सिंगापुर सिटी, सिंगापुर
D. Colombo, Sri Lanka / कोलंबो, श्रीलंका

16. According to the IMD announcement in October 2026, the fog season for the 2026-27 winter season is scheduled to run during which period?

A. 15 December 2026 to 15 February 2027
B. 1 December 2026 to 31 January 2027
C. 20 December 2026 to 28 February 2027
D. 10 November 2026 to 10 January 2027

17. The DPIIT launched which edition of the National Startup Awards in 2026, featuring a new Student Innovator Award?

A. 4th Edition
B. 5th Edition
C. 6th Edition
D. 7th Edition

18. Match the following announcements/events from 2026 with their respective organizations or ministries:
List I (Event/Policy)
a. Reopening of PLI Scheme for Textiles Round 4
b. Release of revised MRPs for anti-cancer medicines
c. Inauguration of Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo

List II (Ministry/Authority)
1. Ministry of Textiles
2. Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE)
3. National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority

Correct match code:
A. a-1, b-2, c-3
B. a-1, b-3, c-2
C. a-3, b-1, c-2
D. a-2, b-3, c-1

19. Which Indian Naval Ship visited Port Louis, Mauritius, on October 30, 2026, to participate in the 192nd Aapravasi Diwas events?
A. INS Vikrant
B. INS Kolkata
C. INS Tarkash
D. INS Shivalik

20. Who has been appointed as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff, effective from November 1, 2026?
A. Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia
B. Air Marshal Suresh N. Patel
C. Air Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari
D. Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh

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

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