Weekly Current Affairs

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National

Amit Shah Launches Chandigarh Projects Worth ₹258 Crore

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah inaugurated and laid foundation stones for Chandigarh Administration development projects worth ₹258 crore spanning various sectors.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of ministerial inaugurations and development project outlays in government exams.

Source: PIB

Bengaluru-Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express Flagged Off

On November 1, 2026, Union Minister for Railways Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the SMVT Bengaluru-CSMT Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express to enhance modern overnight rail connectivity.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of newly launched national rail services and ministerial events.

Source: PIB

Economy and Banking

SEBI Signs MoU with Digital India BHASHINI Division

The Securities and Exchange Board of India has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Digital India BHASHINI Division.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of recent institutional MoUs and agreements.

Source: SEBI

RBI Money Markets Data: Overnight Segment Volume and Rates

The Reserve Bank of India reported a total overnight segment money market volume of ₹7,81,658.23 crore at a weighted average rate of 5.62 per cent, encompassing call money, triparty repo, and market repo transactions.

Why it matters: Tests data interpretation of RBI money market statistics for banking exams.

Source: RBI

RBI Launches November 2026 Rounds of IESH and UCCS Surveys

The Reserve Bank of India has launched the November 2026 rounds of the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households and the Urban Consumer Confidence Survey across 19 cities.

Why it matters: Tests current banking awareness regarding RBI's regular household surveys and target cities.

Source: RBI, RBI, RBI

SEBI Forms Working Group to Review Innovators Growth Platform Framework

Securities and Exchange Board of India has constituted a working group to review the framework of the Innovators Growth Platform.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of SEBI committee formations and capital market updates.

Source: SEBI

RBI Forms Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets

Following the October 7, 2026 Developmental and Regulatory Policies statement, the RBI established the Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets to engage with market participants.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of recent RBI committees and financial market updates.

Source: RBI

RBI Releases Provisional Results of 2025-26 FLA Census

The Reserve Bank released provisional results of the 2025-26 annual census on foreign liabilities and assets, covering cross-border investments of Indian entities.

Why it matters: Useful for banking exam questions regarding RBI census releases.

Source: RBI

RBI Citizen's Charter Performance – October 2026

In October 2026, the RBI had 2,666 applications pending at the start of the month and received 15,725 new applications under its Citizen's Charter.

Why it matters: Relevant for banking exam quantitative questions

Source: RBI

Recovery Certificate RC9307 of 2026 Issued to Sri Salasar Suppliers Pvt. Ltd

A Recovery Certificate numbered RC9307 for the year 2026 was completed for Sri Salasar Suppliers Pvt. Ltd (PAN AADCS8457R) concerning the matter of Decillon Finance Limited.

Why it matters: Relevant for banking/finance exam questions on recovery certificates

Source: SEBI

SEBI Completes Recovery Certificate for Sathish Kumar N

SEBI successfully completed Recovery Certificate No. 7694 of 2024, issued on November 06, 2026, to Sathish Kumar N regarding the Arvind Remedies Ltd. matter.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of SEBI regulatory actions and recovery proceedings for competitive exams.

Source: SEBI

Science and Technology

PM Inaugurates Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo in Delhi

Prime Minister addressed the inauguration of the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo, highlighting renewable energy's importance amid energy shocks, noting the concurrent 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and the Fourth Conference on Green Hydrogen.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of recent renewable energy events for exam essays

Source: PIB

1st International Maize Conference 2026 Held in Hyderabad

The 1st International Maize Conference 2026 commenced in Hyderabad, focusing on boosting India's maize production to 75 million tonnes over the next decade.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on agricultural conferences and maize production targets for government exams.

Source: PIB

Dr Jitendra Singh Inaugurates Seismological Observatory in Kishtwar

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh inaugurated a new Seismological Observatory in the seismic zone of Kishtwar on 02 NOV 2026, highlighting major weather monitoring upgrades across Jammu and Kashmir since 2014.

Why it matters: Directly feeds current affairs questions on infrastructure upgrades in Jammu and Kashmir.

Source: PIB

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal chairs roundtable on India's biopharma startup ecosystem

On 03 Nov 2026, Commerce and Industry Minister Shri Piyush Goyal chaired a high-level roundtable at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi, organized by DPIIT with NITI Aayog and Frontier Tech Hub, to discuss regulatory reforms, shared infrastructure and financing for biopharma startups.

Why it matters: Exam question on recent government initiatives in biotech sector

Source: PIB

Defence and Security

Indian Navy rescues hijacked fishing vessel Azini off Somalia

The Indian Navy liberated the fishing vessel Azini from armed pirates off Somalia after a 48-hour operation, safely rescuing all 20 crew members without casualties. A warship, reconnaissance aircraft and IAF C-17 airdrop supported the mission.

Why it matters: Exam question on recent naval anti-piracy operations

Source: PIB

Environment

Ministry of Mines Wraps Up Special Campaign 6 on E-Waste Management

The Ministry of Mines, its attached offices, CPSEs and autonomous bodies completed Special Campaign 6, collecting 134.92 tonnes of e-waste from 96 locations and generating about ₹1.2 crore revenue. The campaign also conducted 465 cleanliness drives, earned ₹6.19 crore from scrap disposal and freed 47,881 sq ft of office space.

Why it matters: Exam may ask for details of the e-waste collection achievement

Source: PIB

National Zoological Park Celebrates 67th Foundation Day

The National Zoological Park in New Delhi marked its 67th Foundation Day on November 1, 2026, featuring a doodle activity and bird walk that drew about 1,500 participants.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on environment and important dates in competitive exams.

Source: PIB

Awards and Honours

Ministry of Coal Awards 50 Mines Five-Star Ratings for FY 2024-25

The Ministry of Coal held the Annual Star Rating Awards in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, honoring 50 coal mines with Five-Star Ratings for FY 2024-25. NCL and NTPC won the Opencast First Prize, SCCL won the Underground First Prize, and WCL received special appreciation for the most Five-Star mines among CI subsidiaries.

Why it matters: Exam may ask about the award ceremony details and top-ranked mines

Source: PIB

Schemes and Policies

Health Ministry proposes new import gateways for drugs and devices

The Union Health Ministry seeks to amend Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945, adding several Inland Container Depots, a Special Economic Zone and an international airport as authorised entry points for importing drugs, medical devices and cosmetics.

Why it matters: Exam may ask about recent amendments to drug import regulations

Source: PIB

MSDE Empanels 19 Institutions as Centres of Excellence-Skills

The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship recognized 19 institutions as Centres of Excellence-Skills, presenting Certificates of Recognition on 2 Nov 2026 at Kaushal Bhawan, New Delhi. The empanelment is valid from 9 Oct 2026 to 8 Oct 2029 under the Green Channel guidelines.

Why it matters: Exam may ask about the empanelment process and validity period

Source: PIB

DoPPW and SBI Launch Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign

On 2 November 2026, the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, together with State Bank of India, held a mega camp in New Delhi to promote digital life certificates, aiming to issue over two crore certificates nationwide using smartphone face-authentication.

Why it matters: Exam may ask about the digital life certificate initiative for pensioners

Source: PIB

PM-SETU Programme Boosts Tourism & Hospitality Skilling in Northeast

On 02 Nov 2026, the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship held a programme in Guwahati to promote the PM-SETU scheme, focusing on tourism and hospitality. An MoU with Assam was signed for a SIIC and clusters at Numaligarh Refinery and Oil India were declared under PM-SETU.

Why it matters: Exam question on recent skill development initiatives in Northeast India

Source: PIB

National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC) Scheme Empowers Scholar

Pavithran S from Ranipet, Tamil Nadu, received Rs 5 lakh under the NFSC Scheme starting March 2023, helping him pursue his Ph.D. and achieve career growth.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of government welfare schemes like NFSC and beneficiary impact.

Source: PIB

Culture and Society

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah Addresses Gayatri Pariwar's Shatabdi Samaroh 2026

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the 'Shatabdi Samaroh 2026' in New Delhi, organized by the Akhil Vishwa Gayatri Pariwar, marking 100 years of its spiritual journey.

Why it matters: Questions on cultural events, ministries, and organization centenaries.

Source: PIB

Quiz

1. In October 2026, how many new applications were received by the RBI under its Citizen's Charter?

A. 12,450
B. 15,725
C. 18,310
D. 21,500

2. What was the weighted average rate of the RBI's overnight money market segment in 2026?

A. 5.58%
B. 5.63%
C. 5.57%
D. 5.61%

3. Which organisation signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Digital India BHASHINI Division?

A. Securities and Exchange Board of India
B. Reserve Bank of India
C. National Land Monetization Corporation
D. Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying

4. Which regulatory body constituted a working group to review the framework of the Innovators Growth Platform?

A. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
C. Competition Commission of India (CCI)
D. NITI Aayog

5. What is the revised rice sale target under the Open Market Sale Scheme (OMSS) for the year 2026-27 set by the Centre to curb hoarding?

A. 25 LMT
B. 50 LMT
C. 75 LMT
D. 100 LMT

6. Which component recorded the highest volume in the RBI Money Market Overnight Segment as of 2026?

A. Call Money
B. Triparty Repo
C. Market Repo
D. Treasury Bills

7. Which company received Recovery Certificate RC9307 for the year 2026?

A. Sri Salasar Suppliers Pvt. Ltd.
B. Decillon Finance Limited
C. ABC Industries Ltd.
D. XYZ Traders Pvt. Ltd.

8. In the RBI money market data reported for the overnight segment, what was the total volume recorded?

A. ₹5,81,658.23 crore
B. ₹7,81,658.23 crore
C. ₹9,81,658.23 crore
D. ₹6,81,658.23 crore

9. Following the October 7, 2026 statement, which institution established the Technical Consultative Committee for Financial Markets?

A. Ministry of Finance
B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
C. SEBI
D. NITI Aayog

10. Which institution signed a Memorandum of Agreement with the Indian Air Force's Software Development Institute in November 2026 to develop an indigenous digital secure communication system for airborne applications?

A. IIT Delhi
B. IIT Bombay
C. IIT Madras
D. IIT Kanpur

11. Where was the Annual Star Rating Awards ceremony for coal mines held by the Ministry of Coal for FY 2024-25?

A. Ranchi, Jharkhand
B. Raipur, Chhattisgarh
C. Bhubaneswar, Odisha
D. Nagpur, Maharashtra

12. The Union Health Ministry proposed adding which of the following as new authorised entry points for drugs under Rule 43A?

A. Inland Container Depots
B. Seaports only
C. Railway stations
D. Border checkpoints

13. Across how many cities has the Reserve Bank of India launched the November 2026 rounds of the Inflation Expectations Survey of Households and the Urban Consumer Confidence Survey?

A. 15 cities
B. 17 cities
C. 19 cities
D. 21 cities

14. On November 4, 2026, the Competition Commission of India approved the acquisition of specific retail, private banking, and wealth management operations of Deutsche Bank Aktiengesellschaft by which bank via a slump sale?

A. State Bank of India
B. HDFC Bank
C. Kotak Mahindra Bank Limited
D. ICICI Bank

15. Where did the maiden BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise conclude successfully on November 3, 2026?

A. Visakhapatnam
B. Sri Vijaya Puram
C. Kochi
D. Port Blair

16. How many institutions were recognized as Centres of Excellence-Skills by MSDE in November 2026?

A. 12
B. 15
C. 19
D. 25

17. On 03 Nov 2026, which minister chaired the roundtable on India's biopharma startup ecosystem?

A. Piyush Goyal
B. Nirmala Sitharaman
C. Rajnath Singh
D. Prakash Javadekar

18. At which place was the closing ceremony of the Chhattisgarh Rajyotsav held, where Union Home Minister Amit Shah declared the state Naxal-free (2026)?

A. Bilaspur
B. Raipur
C. Bastar
D. Durg

19. What is the theme of the fifth edition of Kashi Tamil Sangamam (2026)?

A. Thirukkural Payilvom-Thirukkural Abhyas Karen
B. Samavesh Se VIKAS
C. Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan
D. Shram Samvad Programme

20. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw launched the Semicon 2.0 Web Application Portal for which pillars on November 6, 2026?

A. Pillars 1, 2 and 3
B. Pillars 2, 3 and 4
C. Pillars 1, 3 and 4
D. Pillars 1, 2 and 4

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

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