Weekly Current Affairs

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International

PM Modi Meets Thai Counterpart in Manila

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi met Thailand Prime Minister H.E. Mr. Anutin Charnvirakul in Manila on 17 November 2026 to review bilateral ties and discuss cooperation in trade, security, and digital technologies.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of high-level international summits and bilateral meetings for competitive exams.

Source: PIB

Economy and Banking

RBI Money Markets Data: Overnight Segment Volume and Rates

According to RBI data, the overnight money markets segment recorded a total one-leg volume of ₹8,46,109.51 crore with a weighted average rate of 5.58 per cent, spanning a range of 4.00 to 7.20.

Why it matters: Tests data interpretation of RBI money market volumes and rates.

Source: RBI

RBI Announces Premature Redemption Date for Sovereign Gold Bond Series VIII

Following the Government of India notification dated October 09, 2020, premature redemption for Sovereign Gold Bond 2020-21 Series VIII, issued on November 18, 2020, is permitted after the fifth year on interest payment dates.

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

Source: RBI

RBI Fines Fusion Finance Limited Over KYC and Internal Ombudsman Non-Compliance

The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty of ₹7.50 lakh on Fusion Finance Limited on November 17, 2026, for failing to comply with RBI directions on KYC and the Internal Ombudsman.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of recent RBI penalties on financial institutions for exam current affairs.

Source: RBI

State Governments Announce Security Conversion Auction Worth Rs 10,800 Crore

Various State Governments have announced an auction to convert or switch securities totaling an aggregate face value of Rs 10,800 crore, featuring the 7.55% Madhya Pradesh SDL on November 26, 2026.

Why it matters: Useful for banking and economic awareness questions on RBI and SDL auctions.

Source: RBI

MoSPI to Hold Data Users Conference in Mumbai on November 23, 2026

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is organizing a data users conference in Mumbai on November 23, 2026, to discuss the new series of GDP, CPI, and IIP.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of upcoming economic conferences and official statistical updates.

Source: PIB

India-Thailand Trade Committee Meeting Boosts Bilateral Trade to $21.49 bn

The 14th India-Thailand Joint Trade Committee met on 16 Nov 2026 in Nonthaburi, noting a 12.6% rise in bilateral trade to USD 21.49 billion in FY 2025-26, with Thailand accounting for 16.7% of India's ASEAN trade.

Why it matters: Exam question on recent Indo-Thai trade figures and meeting details

Source: PIB

India targets top-10 shipbuilding nation with $10 bn greenfield clusters

Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced a $10 bn investment plan for five greenfield shipbuilding clusters, launched the Naukosh portal, and highlighted a $1.7 bn order book with 80% export share, aiming for a top-10 global rank by 2030.

Why it matters: Exam question on India's shipbuilding targets and investment plans

Source: PIB

Science and Technology

India and ICTP Establish Co-operation Fund to Boost Scientific Partnership

India and the International Centre for Theoretical Physics initiated the India-ICTP Co-operation Fund and signed a Letter of Intent on November 15, 2026, to enhance researcher mobility and scientific collaboration.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on bilateral scientific agreements and international technology partnerships.

Source: PIB

India-Belarus CSIR signs Second Programme of Cooperation 2027-2029

On 16 November 2026 in New Delhi, CSIR and the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus signed the Second Programme of Cooperation for 2027-2029, building on the 2023 MoU and the first programme (2024-2026) that approved seven joint RDI projects.

Why it matters: Exam may ask about the 2026 signing of the second India-Belarus scientific cooperation programme.

Source: PIB

CSB RCC 72nd Meeting Focuses on Sericulture Research and Innovation

The 72nd Research Coordination Committee meeting of the Central Silk Board was held on 16 November 2026 at ICAR-IIHR, Bengaluru, chaired by Dr. Mangi Lal Jat. Delegates reviewed achievements, programmes and future plans to boost sericulture research, technology and dissemination.

Why it matters: Useful for questions on recent government meetings on sericulture research

Source: PIB

Environment

Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav Addresses COP31 in Antalya

Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav urged for an open and transparent Second Global Stocktake under the Paris Agreement at UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, Türkiye, on 18th November 2026.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs related to India's climate policy stances at international summits like COP31.

Source: PIB

National Zoological Park Organises 21st Sunday Bird Walk

The National Zoological Park in New Delhi hosted its 21st Sunday Bird Walk on 15 November 2026, recording 42 bird species including the newly added Northern Shoveler.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on environmental events and wildlife documentation.

Source: PIB

Fit India Highlights 'Sundays on Cycle' at COP31 Climate Summit

At COP31 in Antalya, India's Fit India Movement showcased its weekly 'Sundays on Cycle' initiative, inviting nations to host a community ride.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on international climate summits and government fitness initiatives.

Source: PIB

India urges country-driven Just Transition mechanism at COP31

Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav called for a two-tier, Party-guided Just Transition mechanism at the UNFCCC COP31 in Antalya, emphasizing finance, technology transfer, capacity building, employment, social protection, adaptation, poverty eradication and energy access for developing nations.

Why it matters: Useful for questions on India's stance at COP31

Source: PIB

Sports

Telangana to Host 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026

Union Sports Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Telangana CM A. Revanth Reddy unveiled the logo and mascot for the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026, scheduled from December 11 to 22 across six cities with 29 disciplines.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of upcoming national sports events and their venues.

Source: PIB

Awards and Honours

Amit Shah Addresses Ramoji Excellence Awards 2026 in Vijayawada

Union Home Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the Ramoji Excellence Awards Ceremony-2026 held in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, highlighting Ramoji Rao’s contributions to journalism, media and Telugu culture.

Why it matters: Recall of a ministerial address for UPSC prelims

Source: PIB

Appointments

Amit Shah reviews CRCS Pune office and Multi-State Co-operative societies

Union Home Minister Amit Shah visited the CRCS Regional Office in Pune, examined its functions, and highlighted transparent development of Multi-State Co-operative Societies, noting oversight of 818 societies in the region and 420 new registrations since the Ministry of Cooperation was formed.

Why it matters: Useful for questions on recent government visits and cooperative sector data

Source: PIB

Schemes and Policies

CBDT Chairman Inaugurates Taxpayers' Lounge at IITF 2026

Shri Ravi Agrawal, CBDT Chairman, opened the 507-sq-metre Taxpayers' Lounge at Hall No. 4, Bharat Mandapam, during the India International Trade Fair 2026 (13-27 Nov). The lounge features a Triveni Kinetic LED display, brochures, a children’s tax book, a senior citizens’ helpdesk, and interactive games.

Why it matters: Useful for questions on recent tax-related initiatives and events

Source: PIB

Amit Shah Launches Bharat Taxi and NHEC Project in Pune

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah performed the Bhoomi Pujan for NHEC Multi-State Cooperative Society, inaugurated the Western Regional Office of the Central Registrar of Cooperative Societies, and launched Bharat Taxi services in Pune, Maharashtra.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on recent cooperative sector initiatives and launches in Maharashtra.

Source: PIB

Ministry of Social Justice Empowers Artisans at 45th IITF 2026

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment showcased handicrafts from over 130 artisans across 19 states at the 45th India International Trade Fair, recording cumulative sales of about ₹5.50 lakh by 15 Nov 2026 and promoting the TULIP brand for wider market access.

Why it matters: Exam may ask about government initiatives for artisan empowerment

Source: PIB

Reports and Indices

NCPCR takes suo motu action on alleged assault of 14-year-old in Ranchi

The National Commission for Protection of Child Rights, invoking Section 13(1)(j) of the 2005 Act, has taken suo motu cognizance of media reports on an FIR against MLA Bhushan Bara for allegedly assaulting a 14-year-old tribal girl in Ranchi, and will send a team led by Registrar Dr Sudha Chaudhary on 17 Nov 2026.

Why it matters: Exam question on child-rights commission's powers and actions

Source: PIB

Uttar Pradesh

APEDA Facilitates First-Ever Biscuit Export from Varanasi to Madagascar

APEDA facilitated the first-ever biscuit export from Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, to Madagascar. India's total biscuit exports reached ₹3,642 crore in FY 2025–26, with Madagascar accounting for ₹7.60 crore.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on India's agricultural exports and state-specific trade milestones for competitive exams.

Source: PIB

Culture and Society

Akashvani Launches 'AIR Rising Stars' for Young Musical Talent

Akashvani is launching the inaugural 'AIR Rising Stars' concert series for artists under 30. Featuring 26 musical concerts across India from 17th to 30th November 2026, it marks Akashvani's 90-year celebrations.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on cultural initiatives and national events for government exams.

Source: PIB

PM Modi Participates in Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas in Gadchiroli

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas event in Gadchiroli, Maharashtra, on November 15, 2026, highlighting tribal heritage, poverty reduction, and the eradication of Naxalism.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs regarding national events and government schemes.

Source: PIB

Quiz

1. In November 2026, Akashvani launched which inaugural concert series for artists under 30 to mark its 90-year celebrations?

A. AIR Rising Stars
B. Youth Symphony India
C. Akashvani Young Virtuosos
D. Classical Next India

2. Who inaugurated the Taxpayers' Lounge at the India International Trade Fair 2026?

A. Shri Ravi Agrawal
B. Shri Amit Shah
C. Shri Bhupender Yadav
D. Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw

3. What was the weighted average rate of the overnight money market segment as per RBI data released in 2026?

A. 4.00%
B. 5.58%
C. 6.75%
D. 7.20%

4. According to the RBI data for the overnight segment of money markets in 2026, what was the weighted average rate?

A. 4.54 per cent
B. 5.54 per cent
C. 6.24 per cent
D. 6.54 per cent

5. In November 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of ₹7.50 lakh on which non-banking financial company for non-compliance with KYC and Internal Ombudsman directions?

A. Muthoot Finance Limited
B. Fusion Finance Limited
C. Shriram Finance Limited
D. Bajaj Finance Limited

6. In which state did Union Home Minister Amit Shah review security and development projects in November 2026?

A. Arunachal Pradesh
B. Assam
C. Sikkim
D. Nagaland

7. The National Zoological Park in New Delhi hosted its 21st Sunday Bird Walk on November 15, 2026, recording how many bird species?

A. 32
B. 38
C. 42
D. 50

8. Which ministry’s minister reviewed the CRCS office in Pune and highlighted the oversight of 818 Multi-State Co-operative societies?

A. Ministry of Home Affairs
B. Ministry of Finance
C. Ministry of Cooperation
D. Ministry of Rural Development

9. Premature redemption of Sovereign Gold Bond Series VIII can be done after how many years from its issue date?

A. 3 years
B. 4 years
C. 5 years
D. 6 years

10. In which city was the UNFCCC COP31 held in November 2026 where Union Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav addressed the session?

A. Antalya, Türkiye
B. Baku, Azerbaijan
C. Bonn, Germany
D. Dubai, UAE

11. Which Ministry is organizing the data users conference in Mumbai on November 23, 2026, to discuss the new series of GDP, CPI, and IIP?

A. Ministry of Finance
B. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

12. On what date did the Prime Minister attend the Kaushal Deekshant Samaroh in Lucknow?

A. 20 November 2026
B. 21 November 2026
C. 22 November 2026
D. 23 November 2026

13. Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched the Bharat Taxi services and performed the Bhoomi Pujan for the NHEC Project in which city in 2026?

A. Mumbai
B. Pune
C. Nagpur
D. Nashik

14. The Ramoji Excellence Awards 2026 were held in which Indian city?

A. Hyderabad
B. Vijayawada
C. Visakhapatnam
D. Chennai

15. On which date did Prime Minister Narendra Modi meet the Thai Prime Minister in Manila?

A. 15 November 2026
B. 16 November 2026
C. 17 November 2026
D. 18 November 2026

16. How many community seed banks were mapped by DIVERSIFARM-India as of November 2026?

A. 512
B. 652
C. 850
D. 1,000

17. As of November 2026, India's global rank in international meetings improved to which position in 2025, up from 37th in 2022, as noted during a Ministry of Tourism consultation?

A. 21st
B. 24th
C. 26th
D. 30th

18. How many total institutional partnerships does the National Institute of Social Defence have after signing 23 MoUs in November 2026?

A. 23
B. 30
C. 45
D. 50

19. At which international climate summit in Antalya did India's Fit India Movement showcase its weekly 'Sundays on Cycle' initiative in 2026?

A. COP29
B. COP30
C. COP31
D. COP32

20. At COP31, which Indian minister advocated for a two-tier, Party-guided Just Transition mechanism?

A. Dr. Rajesh Kumar (Ministry of Power)
B. Bhupender Yadav (Ministry of Environment)
C. Naveen Kumar (Ministry of Finance)
D. Sanjay Kumar (Ministry of External Affairs)

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

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