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National

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

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?

UDAN celebrates 10 years of regional connectivity

In October 2026 the Regional Connectivity Scheme (UDAN, launched in October 2016) completed ten years of providing affordable air links to underserved areas. The 'Modified UDAN' phase began on 4 July 2026 for sustainable regional aviation.

Why it matters: When did UDAN complete ten years of operation?

Source: PIB

China imposes export controls on heavy machinery

From 18 Nov 2026 China requires export licences for shield tunnelling machines and walking excavators (and related parts and technology), under MOFCOM and Customs Announcement No. 50 of 2026.

Why it matters: From which date will China's new export controls on heavy machinery take effect?

Source: MOFCOM (China Ministry of Commerce)

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

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

Environment

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

OCCCM adopts first work plan in Wuhan

The Open Coalition on Compliance Carbon Market released its inaugural work plan at a meeting in Wuhan, while India's domestic Carbon Credit Trading Scheme saw about 500 firms file their first compliance reports.

Why it matters: Which coalition released its first work plan in Wuhan in 2026?

Today's quiz

1. 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

2. 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

3. Consider the following statements:
1. The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seized over 9 kg of methamphetamine at Bhopal ISBT on 21 Oct 2026.
2. The seizure was part of a broader crackdown on narcotics trafficking involving multiple Indian states.
Which statement(s) is/are correct?

A. A. Only statement 1 is correct
B. B. Only statement 2 is correct
C. C. Both statements 1 and 2 are correct
D. D. Neither statement 1 nor statement 2 is correct

4. Match the event with its corresponding date (year 2026).

A. A. Ninth India-Brazil-South Africa Maritime Exercise concluded – 20 Oct
B. B. First time New Delhi hosts the 61st ICLM meeting – 15 Sep
C. C. China's export licence requirement for dual-use heavy equipment – 18 Nov
D. D. Launch of the Open Coalition on Compliance Carbon Market work plan – 5 Aug

Answers: 1. B 2. B 3. A 4. C

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