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Ministry of New and Renewable Energy to Host Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026

Prime Minister will inaugurate the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026, organized by MNRE from November 2 to 5 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Why it matters: Where is the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026 scheduled to be held?

Source: PIB

Economy and Banking

NPPA Releases Revised Maximum Retail Prices for 543 Anti-Cancer Drug Brands

The National Pharmaceutical Pricing Authority released revised MRPs for 543 brands of anti-cancer medicines, with new prices taking effect on November 9, 2026.

Why it matters: NPPA operates under which Union Ministry?

Source: PIB

RBI Governor Urges State Finance Secretaries to Adopt Prudent Borrowing Strategies

The RBI Governor urged state finance secretaries at their 36th conference to adopt prudent borrowing strategies and effective cash management to maintain fiscal health.

Why it matters: The conference of state finance secretaries addressed by the RBI Governor was which edition?

Source: RBI

Defence and Security

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?

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 of Commerce Alters GeM Transaction Charges and Increases Threshold

GeM reduced transaction charges to 0.30%, raised the exemption threshold to Rs 10 lakh, and cut OEM assessment fees by up to 92% to help MSMEs.

Why it matters: What is the new transaction charge percentage on the GeM portal?

Source: PIB

Today's quiz

1. 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

2. 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

3. 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

4. Consider the following statements regarding the steps taken by GeM in 2026 to help MSMEs:
1. GeM reduced transaction charges to 0.30%.
2. The exemption threshold was raised to Rs 10 lakh.
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

5. At which edition of the conference did the RBI Governor urge state finance secretaries in 2026 to adopt prudent borrowing strategies and effective cash management?

A. 30th conference
B. 32nd conference
C. 34th conference
D. 36th conference

Answers: 1. B 2. A 3. B 4. C 5. D

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