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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

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

RBI Money Market Volume and Rates for Overnight Segment

The RBI reported a total overnight segment volume of ₹43,611.60 crore with a weighted average rate of 5.58%, ranging between 4.50% and 6.00%. Call Money contributed ₹4,045.25 crore at 5.63%, Triparty Repo ₹35,023.15 crore at 5.57%, and Market Repo ₹4,543.20 crore at 5.61%.

Why it matters: Data-based question on RBI money-market statistics

Source: RBI, RBI, RBI

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

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

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

Today's 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. 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

3. 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

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

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

5. Which conference was held concurrently with the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo in Delhi in 2026?

A. 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly
B. 12th Global Clean Energy Ministerial
C. 5th World Hydrogen Summit
D. 15th Climate Change COP Meeting

6. Which organization partnered with DoPPW to hold a mega camp in New Delhi on November 2, 2026, for Digital Life Certificates?

A. Reserve Bank of India
B. State Bank of India
C. Life Insurance Corporation
D. Punjab National Bank

7. Under the PM-SETU programme held in Guwahati in November 2026, an MoU was signed to set up a SIIC with which state?

A. Meghalaya
B. Nagaland
C. Assam
D. Tripura

8. How much revenue was generated from scrap disposal during Special Campaign 6 by the Ministry of Mines?

A. ₹1.2 crore
B. ₹3.5 crore
C. ₹6.19 crore
D. ₹10.5 crore

9. What is the targeted maize production for India over the next decade as discussed in the 1st International Maize Conference 2026?

A. 50 million tonnes
B. 65 million tonnes
C. 75 million tonnes
D. 90 million tonnes

10. In which city was the new Seismological Observatory inaugurated by Dr Jitendra Singh in November 2026?

A. Srinagar
B. Kishtwar
C. Anantnag
D. Leh

Answers: 1. B 2. B 3. B 4. C 5. A 6. B 7. C 8. C 9. C 10. B

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