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International

India Strengthens BIMSTEC Health Ties at First Ministers' Meeting in Colombo

The inaugural BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in Colombo adopted a joint statement, a revised public-health plan (2026-2030), and MoUs for 100 ambulances and 50 medical kiosks, with India hosting a Traditional Medicine centre.

Why it matters: Exam asks about recent regional health cooperation initiatives

Source: PIB

Economy and Banking

RBI releases Reserve Money and Money Supply data for fortnight ending 31 Oct 2026

The Reserve Bank of India published figures on Reserve Money and Money Supply for the two-week period ending 31 October 2026, as per press release 2026-2027/1479.

Why it matters: Useful for quantitative aptitude and current affairs sections

Source: RBI

RBI Money Markets Data: Overnight Segment Volume and Rates

RBI money markets data shows the overnight segment recorded a volume of ₹7,37,804.31 crore with a weighted average rate of 5.50 percent.

Why it matters: Useful for banking exam questions on financial market operations and rates.

Source: RBI, RBI

Science and Technology

India's Digital Connectivity Push Highlighted at ITU PP-26

Union MoS Dr. Chandra Sekhar Pemmasani outlined India's $15 billion BharatNet rollout, Samriddh Gram Centres, affordable AI, indigenous language models, quantum research and 5G labs at the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference in Doha, urging greater developing-country input in global tech standards.

Why it matters: Useful for questions on recent Indian digital initiatives and international tech forums

Source: PIB

Defence and Security

Indian Navy and Oman's Royal Navy Hold 15th Naseem Al Bahr Exercise

The Indian Navy and Oman's Royal Navy conducted the 15th bilateral maritime exercise, Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze), featuring harbour-phase SME exchanges on EOD, mine counter-measures and hydrography, and a sea phase with joint VBSS drills and cross-deck operations between INS Surat and Al-Mu'azzar.

Why it matters: Exam question on recent Indo-Omani naval cooperation

Source: PIB

8th India-Myanmar Naval Exercise (IMNEX-26) Held in Visakhapatnam

The 8th edition of IMNEX-26 was conducted in Visakhapatnam from 10 to 14 November 2026, featuring Myanmar Navy ship UMS King Sin Phyu Shin, INS Rana and INS Sumedha. The exercise included harbour and sea phases for professional exchange and operational synergy.

Why it matters: Exam question on dates, participants and phases of IMNEX-26

Source: PIB

Awards and Honours

Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025-26 Honoured by President Murmu

President Droupadi Murmu presented the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 awards, recognising top cities in various categories including Swachh Shehar Jodi, Super Swachh League, and new awards for River Front, Coastal and Himalayan towns.

Why it matters: Exam question on recent government awards and city rankings

Source: PIB

Appointments

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla urges IPS probationers to build public trust

Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla emphasized that effective institutions and responsive public servants are vital for a stronger India, urging IPS probationers to engage with citizens, ensure transparency, and safeguard rights.

Why it matters: Prepares for questions on recent parliamentary statements

Source: PIB

Schemes and Policies

India Rationalises Visa Regime Reducing Categories and Forms

On 27 August 2026, the Ministry of Home Affairs, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, cut main visa categories from 13 to 9 and sub-categories from 49 to 23, reducing application fields by up to 70% to ease travel, medical, and student visas.

Why it matters: Exam may ask about recent visa policy changes and their impact

Source: PIB

Ministry of Women & Child Development's Special Campaign 6.0 Achievements

From 2-31 Oct 2026, the Ministry and its autonomous bodies conducted Special Campaign 6, cleaning over 12 lakh field institutions and resolving 51,090 grievances in a one-day event on 30 Oct 2026.

Why it matters: Useful for questions on government cleanliness drives and grievance redressal statistics

Source: PIB

SC Student Rahul Dabhade Wins National Overseas Scholarship for Postgrad

A 24-year-old SC candidate from Maharashtra, Rahul Dabhade, secured the National Overseas Scholarship for his postgraduate studies in Construction Economics and Management abroad, overcoming financial hurdles through government aid.

Why it matters: Exam question on scholarship schemes for SC students

Source: PIB

Rajsamand ST Man's Recovery via NAPDDR De-addiction Services

Mukesh, a 39-year-old Scheduled Tribe member from Rajsamand, Rajasthan, overcame physical pain and financial hardship after receiving de-addiction, medical and rehabilitation support from the District De-addiction Centre under the National Action Plan for Drug Demand Reduction on 5 March 2026.

Why it matters: Exam question on NAPDDR's role in drug rehabilitation.

Source: PIB

Culture and Society

Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 Records ₹73.49 Lakh Sales at Dilli Haat

The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment's Shilp Samagam Mela 2026 at Dilli Haat recorded cumulative sales of about ₹73.49 lakh between 1-10 November 2026, with over 130 stalls across seven thematic zones attracting enthusiastic visitors.

Why it matters: Useful for questions on cultural events and government-run fairs

Source: PIB

National Tribal Literary Festival to be held in Delhi on 12-13 Nov 2026

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs will host a two-day National Tribal Literary Festival at Silver Oak, India Habitat Centre, New Delhi on 12–13 November 2026, coinciding with Janjatiya Gaurav Divas 2026, to celebrate tribal literature and languages.

Why it matters: Exam question on dates, venue and purpose of the festival

Source: PIB

Bharat Parv 2026 Inaugurated by PM Modi at Ekta Nagar

The Ministry of Tourism's Bharat Parv 2026, themed 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat', was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 30 Oct 2026 at Ekta Nagar, Gujarat and will run until 15 Nov 2026, featuring ODOP products, handicrafts and cultural performances from 29 states and UTs.

Why it matters: Exam may ask about dates, venue and theme of Bharat Parv 2026

Source: PIB

Today's quiz

1. What was the weighted average rate of the overnight segment in the RBI money markets data for the two-week period ending 31 October 2026?

A. 4.75%
B. 5.00%
C. 5.50%
D. 6.00%

2. Which Indian ministry organized the National Tribal Literary Festival in Delhi on 12-13 November 2026?

A. Ministry of Culture
B. Ministry of Tribal Affairs
C. Ministry of Education
D. Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

3. In the 15th Naseem Al Bahr exercise, which Indian ship conducted cross-deck operations with Oman's Al-Mu'azzar?

A. INS Kolkata
B. INS Surat
C. INS Vikramaditya
D. INS Shakti

4. Which city recorded sales of approximately ₹73.49 lakh at the Shilp Samagam Mela 2026?

A. Mumbai
B. Kolkata
C. Delhi
D. Chennai

5. Which of the following statements about the RBI's Reserve Money data for the fortnight ending 31 Oct 2026 is correct?

A. Reserve Money increased by more than 10% YoY
B. The data was released under press release 2026-2027/1479
C. It covered a three-month period
D. It excluded foreign currency assets

6. Which state's Scheduled Tribe member benefited from NAPDDR de-addiction services on 5 March 2026?

A. Madhya Pradesh
B. Rajasthan
C. Gujarat
D. Uttar Pradesh

7. Who presented the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 awards?

A. President Ram Nath Kovind
B. President Droupadi Murmu
C. Prime Minister Narendra Modi
D. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

8. Which Indian bank's IPS probationers were urged by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to build public trust?

A. State Bank of India
B. Punjab National Bank
C. Reserve Bank of India
D. No specific bank; he addressed all IPS probationers

Answers: 1. C 2. B 3. B 4. C 5. B 6. B 7. B 8. D

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