# Current Affairs

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## Economy and Banking

### RBI Money Markets Data for Overnight Segment and Rates

The RBI reported a total overnight segment money market volume of 7,55,541.15 crore rupees with a weighted average rate of 5.39 per cent.

Why it matters: Useful for banking exam questions on money market volumes and weighted average rates.

Source: RBI

### RBI Announces Final Redemption Date for Sovereign Gold Bond 2018-19 Series-III

The Reserve Bank of India stated that the Sovereign Gold Bond 2018-19 Series-III, issued on November 13, 2018, will have its final redemption on November 13, 2026, after eight years.

Why it matters: Important for banking and economy exams regarding government securities redemption dates.

Source: RBI

### Andhra Pradesh Aims to Become Global Maritime Hub

Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal announced on November 12, 2026, at the 31st CII Partnership Summit in Visakhapatnam that Andhra Pradesh is developing four greenfield port projects and a proposed ₹30,000-crore shipbuilding cluster at Dugarajapatnam.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of major infrastructure initiatives and government announcements for state development.

Source: PIB

### DRI Busts Red Sanders Smuggling Syndicate at Chennai Port

On 9–11 November 2026, the DRI intercepted a container at Chennai Port and seized 12.87 metric tonnes of Red Sanders worth Rs. 7.72 crore, leading to three arrests.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on customs seizures and law enforcement actions.

Source: PIB

## Science and Technology

### CCRAS-CARI and Delhi University Sign MoU for Medicinal Plant Documentation

On 10 November 2026, CCRAS-CARI and the University of Delhi signed an MoU to document and conserve the medicinal plant diversity across the 250-300 acres of Delhi University's North Campus.

Why it matters: Direct factual question on institutional MoUs and scientific collaborations for exam current affairs.

Source: PIB

### Dr. P.K. Mishra urges linking farmers' knowledge with science on PPVFRA Day

Addressing the 22nd Foundation Day of PPVFRA, Dr. P.K. Mishra highlighted India's 25-year journey of the Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Act, the world's second-largest National Genebank, and development of about 3,000 climate-resilient crop varieties, urging recognition of farmers as custodians of biodiversity.

Why it matters: Prepares for questions on agricultural biodiversity policies

Source: PIB

### Minister Jitendra Singh's Italy Visit to Boost Science Partnership

Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh led an Indian delegation to Italy from November 11-15, 2026, to advance the Special Strategic Partnership agreed during PM Modi's May 2026 visit, focusing on science, technology and innovation cooperation.

Why it matters: Exam question on recent Indo-Italy scientific cooperation initiatives

Source: PIB

## Defence and Security

### DRI Seizes 22 kg Cocaine in New Delhi

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence intercepted a foreign female passenger from Sierra Leone in New Delhi and seized 22 kg of cocaine worth crores, smuggled using forged diplomatic credentials on 12 NOV 2026.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on drug busts and law enforcement operations for competitive exams.

Source: PIB

## Environment

### Union Environment Minister Interacts with LeadIT Industry Members in New Delhi

On 12 NOV 2026, Union Environment Minister Shri Bhupender Yadav held an interaction with LeadIT industry members and project partners in New Delhi ahead of UNFCCC COP31 at Antalya.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on India's climate initiatives and ministerial engagements.

Source: PIB

## Schemes and Policies

### First Regional Conference on JJM 2.0 Held in Tiruchirappalli

Union Minister Shri C. R. Paatil addressed the first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 on 12-13 November 2026 in Tiruchirappalli, focusing on rural drinking water supply across seven southern States and Union Territories.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of government schemes and regional conferences for competitive exams.

Source: PIB

### Tribal Affairs Ministry Launches Initiative for Medicinal Plants and Livelihoods

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs and CSIR-NBRI launched a three-year project on November 12, 2026, at the Central University of Odisha, Koraput, to conserve medicinal plants and promote sustainable livelihoods across 16 tribal hotspots in 13 States/UTs.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of government schemes, ministries, and partnership projects for tribal development.

Source: PIB

### NAMASTE Scheme Transforms Sanitation Worker Mr Muthuvel's Life in Puducherry

Mr Muthuvel, a 58-year-old sanitation worker from Puducherry's Oulgaret Municipality, experienced improved workplace safety, health, and financial stability through the Government of India's NAMASTE Scheme.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of the NAMASTE Scheme's impact on sanitation workers.

Source: PIB

### MHI receives 22 bids for 10 GWh ACC capacity under PLI ACC Scheme

The Ministry of Heavy Industries got 22 bids for establishing 10 GWh of advanced chemistry cell (ACC) manufacturing capacity, aimed at grid-scale stationary storage, under the PLI ACC scheme. The RFP was issued on 15 July 2026 and bids closed on 10 Nov 2026.

Why it matters: Facts for quantitative/policy-based questions

Source: PIB

### President Droupadi Murmu interacts with EMRS students at Rashtrapati Bhavan

On 12 November 2026, President Droupadi Murmu met meritorious students and alumni of Eklavya Model Residential Schools at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre, highlighting EMRS's role in tribal education and urging students to excel and stay rooted.

Why it matters: Potential question on date, purpose, and significance of the President's interaction

Source: PIB

## Culture and Society

### Ministry of Tribal Affairs Hosts 2nd National Tribal Literary Festival 2026 in New Delhi

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs inaugurated the two-day second edition of the National Tribal Literary Festival 2026 at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi to celebrate Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas Pakhwada.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of cultural events and Ministry of Tribal Affairs initiatives.

Source: PIB

## Today's quiz

**1. What was the weighted average rate of the overnight segment money market reported by the RBI in 2026?**

A. 5.12%
B. 5.39%
C. 5.65%
D. 6.00%

**2. On which date will the final redemption of Sovereign Gold Bond 2018-19 Series-III occur?**

A. 13 November 2025
B. 13 November 2026
C. 13 December 2026
D. 13 January 2027

**3. Which city hosted the 2nd National Tribal Literary Festival 2026?**

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

**4. The first Regional Conference on Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 was held in which Indian city in November 2026?**

A. Bengaluru
B. Tiruchirappalli
C. Hyderabad
D. Ahmedabad

**5. Which state announced the development of four greenfield ports and a ₹30,000-crore shipbuilding cluster in 2026?**

A. Gujarat
B. Maharashtra
C. Andhra Pradesh
D. Tamil Nadu

**6. The three-year project launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and CSIR-NBRI aims to conserve medicinal plants in how many tribal hotspots?**

A. 10
B. 13
C. 16
D. 20

**7. Under which scheme did sanitation worker Mr. Muthuvel from Puducherry receive workplace safety and financial benefits?**

A. Swachh Bharat Mission
B. NAMASTE Scheme
C. Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana
D. Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana

**8. How much Red Sanders (in metric tonnes) was seized by the DRI at Chennai Port in November 2026?**

A. 8.45
B. 10.22
C. 12.87
D. 15.30

**9. The 22 kg of cocaine seized in New Delhi in November 2026 was smuggled using forged credentials of which diplomatic status?**

A. Ambassador
B. Consular Officer
C. Diplomatic Courier
D. Foreign Female Passenger with forged diplomatic credentials

**10. Which Union Minister interacted with LeadIT industry members ahead of COP31 in Antalya in November 2026?**

A. Prakash Javadekar
B. Bhupender Yadav
C. Hardeep Singh Puri
D. Ramesh Pokhriyal

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

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