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National

Ministry of Tourism Holds Consultation on MICE and Wedding Tourism

The Ministry of Tourism held a stakeholder consultation in New Delhi on 19 November 2026 under Shri Bhuvnesh Kumar to boost MICE and wedding tourism, noting India's global rank in international meetings improved from 37th in 2022 to 26th in 2025.

Why it matters: Important for questions on tourism initiatives and India's global rankings.

Source: PIB

Change of Guard Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan Cancelled on November 21, 2026

The President's Secretariat announced that the Change of Guard Ceremony will not be held on November 21, 2026, at the Forecourt of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Why it matters: Tests awareness of national event cancellations announced by the President's Secretariat.

Source: PIB

International

Bulgarian Foreign Minister Meets President Droupadi Murmu

On November 20, 2026, Bulgaria's Foreign Minister Mrs Velislava Petrova-Chamova met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, marking the first visit by a Bulgarian Foreign Minister in 17 years.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of bilateral diplomatic visits.

Source: PIB

Economy and Banking

RBI Fines Fusion Finance Limited Over KYC and Internal Ombudsman Non-Compliance

The Reserve Bank of India imposed a monetary penalty of ₹7.50 lakh on Fusion Finance Limited on November 17, 2026, for failing to comply with RBI directions on KYC and the Internal Ombudsman.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of recent RBI penalties on financial institutions for exam current affairs.

Source: RBI

State Governments Announce Security Conversion Auction Worth Rs 10,800 Crore

Various State Governments have announced an auction to convert or switch securities totaling an aggregate face value of Rs 10,800 crore, featuring the 7.55% Madhya Pradesh SDL on November 26, 2026.

Why it matters: Useful for banking and economic awareness questions on RBI and SDL auctions.

Source: RBI

MoSPI to Hold Data Users Conference in Mumbai on November 23, 2026

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation is organizing a data users conference in Mumbai on November 23, 2026, to discuss the new series of GDP, CPI, and IIP.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of upcoming economic conferences and official statistical updates.

Source: PIB

Ministry of Mines Highlights Critical Mineral Push and Reforms

Secretary Shri Keshav Chandra outlined India's critical mineral push at a FICCI interaction on 20 NOV 2026, focusing on domestic and overseas supply security, auction reforms, and advanced processing.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on government initiatives for critical mineral supplies.

Source: PIB

NLMC Revises Payment Structure for Zakhira Land e-Auction

The National Land Monetization Corporation issued Corrigendum No. 3 for the e-auction of a 5.119-acre HIL land parcel in Zakhira, New Delhi, featuring a reserve price of ₹829.69 crore and a new five-instalment payment schedule.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of national land monetization initiatives and revised e-auction payment terms.

Source: PIB

Defence and Security

Indian Navy Receives Diving Support Craft DSC A21

On 20 Nov 2026, the Indian Navy accepted DSC A21 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai. Built by M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited, this catamaran-hulled vessel boosts underwater operations.

Why it matters: Direct factual question on defence acquisitions and inductions.

Source: PIB

Environment

New Delhi National Zoological Park Closed on November 21 and 22, 2026

The National Zoological Park in New Delhi will stay closed to visitors on 21st and 22nd November 2026 for the First SCO Civilizational Dialogue Forum at Purana Qila.

Why it matters: Tests candidate awareness of venue closures for major international events in India.

Source: PIB

Awards and Honours

National Gopal Ratna Award 2026 Winners Announced by Ministry

The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying announced the National Gopal Ratna Award 2026 winners to recognize contributions of dairy farmers, cooperatives, and technicians in indigenous bovine conservation.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of award winners, government schemes, and Ministry initiatives for dairy development.

Source: PIB

Schemes and Policies

NISD Concludes First Batch of Drug De-addiction Course

The National Institute of Social Defence successfully concluded its first three-month certificate course on drug de-addiction for 51 participants on 20 November 2026.

Why it matters: Direct factual question on training programmes and participant numbers.

Source: PIB

Important Days

9th Naturopathy Day Celebrated with Plastic-Free Initiatives in Nagamangala

The 9th Naturopathy Day was celebrated on 18 November 2026 at CRIYN in Nagamangala, Karnataka, under the theme 'Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat' with eco-friendly and plastic-free arrangements.

Why it matters: Tests knowledge of the venue, date, and theme of the 9th Naturopathy Day national-level celebration.

Source: PIB

Culture and Society

Ministry of Social Justice Pavilion at 45th IITF 2026 Crosses ₹60.78 Lakh

The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's pavilion at the 45th IITF 2026 in New Delhi recorded cumulative sales exceeding ₹60.78 lakh by November 19, 2026, featuring over 130 artisans from 19 states.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on government exhibition sales figures and artisan participation.

Source: PIB

National Commission for Minorities Celebrates Guru Purab

On 20 Nov 2026, the National Commission for Minorities celebrated Guru Purab. Union Minister Shri Kiren Rijiju paid tribute to Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji's teachings of peace, equality, and service.

Why it matters: Tests current affairs on cultural celebrations and ministerial addresses for government exams.

Source: PIB

Today's quiz

1. In November 2026, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of ₹7.50 lakh on which non-banking financial company for non-compliance with KYC and Internal Ombudsman directions?

A. Muthoot Finance Limited
B. Fusion Finance Limited
C. Shriram Finance Limited
D. Bajaj Finance Limited

2. Which Ministry is organizing the data users conference in Mumbai on November 23, 2026, to discuss the new series of GDP, CPI, and IIP?

A. Ministry of Finance
B. Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation
C. Ministry of Commerce and Industry
D. Ministry of Corporate Affairs

3. As of November 2026, India's global rank in international meetings improved to which position in 2025, up from 37th in 2022, as noted during a Ministry of Tourism consultation?

A. 21st
B. 24th
C. 26th
D. 30th

4. Which shipyard built the catamaran-hulled Diving Support Craft (DSC A21) accepted by the Indian Navy at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai, in November 2026?

A. Cochin Shipyard Limited
B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders
C. M/s Titagarh Rail Systems Limited
D. Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

5. Mrs Velislava Petrova-Chamova, who met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan in November 2026, is the Foreign Minister of which country?

A. Bulgaria
B. Romania
C. Hungary
D. Serbia

6. Where was the 9th Naturopathy Day celebrated on 18 November 2026 under the theme 'Prakritik Chikitsa, Swasth Bharat'?

A. National Institute of Naturopathy, Pune
B. CRIYN in Nagamangala, Karnataka
C. Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi
D. Ayush Campus, Hyderabad

7. Consider the following statements regarding the events of November 2026:
1. The National Zoological Park in New Delhi was closed on November 21 and 22, 2026, for the First SCO Civilizational Dialogue Forum.
2. The National Institute of Social Defence concluded its first three-month certificate course on drug de-addiction for 51 participants on 20 November 2026.
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

8. What was the aggregate face value of the security conversion auction announced by various State Governments, featuring the 7.55% Madhya Pradesh SDL on November 26, 2026?

A. Rs 5,500 Crore
B. Rs 8,200 Crore
C. Rs 10,800 Crore
D. Rs 15,000 Crore

9. At which industry interaction on November 20, 2026, did Ministry of Mines Secretary Shri Keshav Chandra outline India's critical mineral push and reforms?

A. ASSOCHAM
B. FICCI
C. CII
D. PHDCCI

10. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment's pavilion at the 45th IITF 2026 in New Delhi crossed cumulative sales of how much by November 19, 2026?

A. ₹35.50 Lakh
B. ₹48.20 Lakh
C. ₹60.78 Lakh
D. ₹75.12 Lakh

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

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