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- Entries are grouped by theme; every figure is drawn from in-window PIB press releases.

Schemes (10)

• **She-Box Portal (PoSH Act)**

Body: Ministry of Women & Child Development.

Law: PoSH Act 2013 (Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace - Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal Act), which codified the SC's Vishaka Guidelines (1997) - Vishaka v. State of Rajasthan.

Detail: She-Box (Sexual Harassment electronic Box) is a centralised portal to file/track workplace sexual-harassment complaints; routes to Internal Committee (mandatory >=10 staff) / Local Committee (district level, smaller & unorganised); 23 languages; integrated with the Mission Shakti app.

Lineage: portal launched 29 Aug 2024.

Exam hook: which ministry / which Act / IC-vs-LC threshold / Vishaka link.

PIB 2247562 · 2026-04-01

• **National Cooperative Organics Ltd (NCOL)**

Body: Ministry of Cooperation (created 2021; minister Amit Shah).

Law: set up under the Multi-State Cooperative Societies Act, 2002.

Detail: sells organic products under the brand 'Bharat Organics'; has launched 27 organic products.

Lineage: one of three national multi-state cooperatives set up in 2023 - NCOL (organics), NCEL (exports), BBSSL (seeds).

Exam hook: which Act / Bharat Organics brand / NCOL vs NCEL vs BBSSL / Ministry of Cooperation born 2021.

PIB 2247819 · 2026-04-01

• **RoSCTL Scheme extended (textiles)**

Body: Ministry of Textiles.

Detail: RoSCTL (Rebate of State and Central Taxes and Levies) extended for apparel and made-up exports; rebates embedded state and central taxes/levies on garments and made-ups.

Lineage: replaced the earlier ROSL scheme; operates alongside RoDTEP for other products.

Exam hook: RoSCTL full form / which ministry / RoSCTL (textiles) vs RoDTEP (other goods) / replaced ROSL.

PIB 2247851 · 2026-04-01

• **Nutrient Based Subsidy - Kharif 2026**

Body: Dept of Fertilizers, Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilizers; approved by the Union Cabinet.

Detail: NBS rates set for Kharif Season 2026 (01.04.2026-30.09.2026) on Phosphatic & Potassic (P&K) fertilizers; subsidy fixed per nutrient (N, P, K, S).

Lineage: NBS regime in force since 2010; urea stays under a separate fixed-MRP regime.

Exam hook: NBS applies to P&K (NOT urea) / per-nutrient subsidy / since 2010 / Kharif season dates.

PIB 2250032 · 2026-04-08

• **PM E-DRIVE Scheme extension**

Body: Ministry of Heavy Industries.

Detail: Rs 10,900 crore PM E-DRIVE (PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement) extended to sustain Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption.

Lineage: launched 2024 as the successor to FAME.

Exam hook: PM E-DRIVE full form / Rs 10,900 cr / successor to FAME / under Ministry of Heavy Industries.

PIB 2251616 · 2026-04-13

• **11 years of PM MUDRA Yojana**

Body: Dept of Financial Services, MoF; refinance via MUDRA (Micro Units Development and Refinance Agency).

Detail: PMMY completed 11 years (launched 8 April 2015); Bihar led disbursement with Rs 54,064 crore, Maharashtra third at Rs 50,762 crore; women a large share of borrowers.

Lineage: collateral-free loan categories - Shishu, Kishore, Tarun (and Tarun Plus).

Exam hook: launched 8 April 2015 / Shishu-Kishore-Tarun(-Plus) tiers / MUDRA full form / Bihar leads.

PIB 2249915 · 2026-04-08

• **PMGSY-III Extension**

Body: Ministry of Rural Development; Cabinet approval.

Detail: continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana-III approved beyond March 2025 up to March 2028.

Lineage: PMGSY launched in 2000 for all-weather road connectivity to unconnected rural habitations; PMGSY-IV also under rollout.

Exam hook: extension till March 2028 / launch year 2000 / which-ministry (Rural Development) / III vs IV.

PIB 2253247 · 2026-04-18

• **Urban Challenge Fund (UCF)**

Body: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs; operational guidelines launched by Union Minister Manohar Lal.

Detail: Rs 1 lakh crore central assistance to catalyse around Rs 4 lakh crore investment; central aid capped at 25 percent of project cost; includes a Credit Repayment Guarantee Sub-Scheme (CRGSS) for Tier-II/Tier-III and hilly/NE cities; period 2025-26 to 2030-31.

Lineage: succeeds AMRUT and the Smart Cities Mission as the next phase of urban financing.

Exam hook: Rs 1 lakh cr -> Rs 4 lakh cr / 25 percent cap / CRGSS / successor to AMRUT and Smart Cities.

PIB 2252186 · 2026-04-15

• **Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)**

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA); a border-village development programme.

Detail: aims to develop 662 villages across Arunachal Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Sikkim and Ladakh as self-reliant 'first villages'; MSDE has sanctioned 74 skill development proposals under it.

Lineage: reframes border hamlets from the 'last village' to the country's 'first village'.

Exam hook: which ministry (MHA) / 662 villages / five States-UTs covered / 'first village' framing.

PIB 2254251 · 2026-04-21

• **PM Internship Scheme expansion**

Body: Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) runs the PM Internship Scheme (PMIS).

Detail: eligibility expanded to include final-year graduate and postgraduate students.

Lineage: PMIS, announced in the 2024-25 Budget, aims to place youth as interns in top companies over five years with a monthly stipend.

Exam hook: which ministry (MCA, not Labour) / new eligibility (final-year grad/PG) / Budget 2024-25 origin / monthly stipend.

PIB 2254498 · 2026-04-22

Welfare (6)

• World Health Day 2026

Body: World Health Organization (WHO), the UN's health agency, HQ Geneva; Director-General Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus.
Detail: observed annually on 7 April; the PM reaffirmed commitment to a healthier society on 7 Apr 2026.
Lineage: 7 April marks the founding of the WHO in 1948.
Exam hook: date 7 April / WHO founded 1948 / WHO HQ Geneva.
 PIB 2249522 · 2026-04-07

• World Autism Awareness Day

Body: designated by the United Nations.
Detail: observed on 2 April; referenced by the Rajya Sabha Chairman on 2 Apr 2026; raises awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
Lineage: declared by the UN General Assembly in 2007 (first observed 2008).
Exam hook: date 2 April / UN-designated / declared 2007.
 PIB 2248332 · 2026-04-02

• World Homoeopathy Day 2026

Body: Ministry of Ayush (AYUSH = Ayurveda, Yoga & Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy).
Detail: observed on 10 April, the birth anniversary of Dr Samuel Hahnemann (founder of homoeopathy); 2026 theme 'Homoeopathy for Sustainable Health'.
Lineage: homoeopathy entered India in 1810.
Exam hook: date 10 April / Hahnemann as founder / under Ministry of Ayush / 2026 theme.
 PIB 2250363 · 2026-04-09

• 8th Poshan Pakhwada 2026

Body: Ministry of Women & Child Development; under POSHAN Abhiyaan.
Detail: 8th edition launched with the theme 'Maximizing Brain Development in the First Six Years of Life'; a fortnight-long nutrition drive.
Lineage: POSHAN Abhiyaan launched 8 March 2018; Poshan Maah is observed in September.
Exam hook: 2026 theme (brain development, first 6 years) / Pakhwada (fortnight) vs Maah (month) / under MWCD.
 PIB 2249920 · 2026-04-08

• CARI Bengaluru ISO 15189:2022 (first)

Body: CARI (Central Ayurveda Research Institute), Bengaluru, under CCRAS, Ministry of Ayush.
Detail: became the FIRST CCRAS institute to achieve ISO 15189:2022 accreditation (for biochemistry & haematology labs); ISO 15189 is the standard for medical-laboratory quality and competence.
Lineage: CCRAS = Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences, the apex Ayurveda research body.
Exam hook: 'first CCRAS institute' / ISO 15189 = medical labs / CCRAS under Ministry of Ayush.
 PIB 2251075 · 2026-04-11

• SAMAVESH & SMILE-Beggary apps

Body: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE); launched at the National Chintan Shivir, Chandigarh, 24-26 April 2026.
Detail: launched the SAMAVESH portal, NMBA 2.0 (Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan), SETU and the SMILE-Beggary survey mobile app; theme 'Antyodaya ka Sankalp, Amrit Kaal ka Pratibimb - Viksit Bharat ke Sankalp ke Saath'.
Lineage: SMILE = Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise, covering transgender persons and persons engaged in begging; Antyodaya = upliftment of the last person (Deendayal Upadhyaya).
Exam hook: which ministry (MoSJE) / SMILE full form + coverage / NMBA 2.0 / Antyodaya meaning.
 PIB 2255407 · 2026-04-24

• Census 2027 (Phase I HLO begins)

Body: Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner, Ministry of Home Affairs.
Law: Census Act, 1948.
Detail: India's first digital census; Phase I = Houselisting & Housing Operations (HLO), 1 Apr-30 Sep 2026, with 33 notified questions; online Self-Enumeration via portal se.census.gov.in in 16 languages; President Droupadi Murmu was the first to self-enumerate.
Lineage: last census was 2011; reference date for the count is 1 Mar 2027 (1 Oct for snow-bound areas).
Exam hook: which Act / which ministry / HLO-vs-Population-Enumeration phases / first digital census.
 PIB 2248021 · 2026-04-01

• Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill, 2026

Body: DPIIT, Ministry of Commerce & Industry (nodal).
Law: omnibus amending Bill touching 79 Central Acts across 23 Ministries.
Detail: amends 784 provisions - 717 decriminalised and 67 amended; aims at ease of doing business and trust-based governance; introduced in Lok Sabha 18 Aug 2025 and referred to a Select Committee chaired by Tejasvi Surya.
Lineage: second in the series after the Jan Vishwas Act, 2023 (decriminalised 183 provisions in 42 Acts).
Exam hook: 784 provisions / 79 Acts vs the 2023 Act's 183/42 / which ministry is nodal.
 PIB 2248596 · 2026-04-02

• Income-tax Act, 2025 in force

Body: Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.
Law: Income-tax Act, 2025, effective 1 Apr 2026 with the Income-tax Rules, 2026.
Detail: replaces the six-decade-old Income-tax Act, 1961; simplifies language and cuts the number of sections.
Lineage: supersedes the 1961 Act (the old direct-tax code).
Exam hook: 2025 Act replaces 1961 Act / effective date 1 Apr 2026 / CBDT under Dept of Revenue.
 PIB 2248005 · 2026-04-01

• Amaravati declared sole capital of Andhra Pradesh

Body: Union Government / Parliament (Lok Sabha passage).
Law: Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation (Amendment) Bill, 2026, amending the AP Reorganisation Act, 2014.
Detail: confers legal sanctity on Amaravati as the sole capital, ending the three-capital uncertainty (Amaravati / Visakhapatnam / Kurnool); Amaravati was built on a voluntary land-pooling model where over 29,000 farmers pooled more than 34,000 acres.
Lineage: the 2014 Act bifurcated united Andhra Pradesh, creating Telangana.
Exam hook: three-capital plan dropped / land-pooling model / amends 2014 Reorganisation Act.
 PIB 2247683 · 2026-04-01

• Mission Karmayogi (capacity-building for scientists)

Body: Capacity Building Commission (CBC); launched by Dr Jitendra Singh on 5 Apr 2026, who also launched the revamped UNNATI portal.
Detail: first-ever 'Administrative Capacity Building for Scientists and Academicians' programme under Mission Karmayogi; a CBC-RIS MoU signed for global capacity-building partnerships.
Lineage: Mission Karmayogi (National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building) launched 2020; its online platform is iGOT Karmayogi.
Exam hook: Mission Karmayogi year (2020) / iGOT platform / CBC steers it.
 PIB 2249168 · 2026-04-05

• CCI approves KNR-Indus Infra Trust deal

Body: Competition Commission of India (CCI), under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs.
Law: established under the Competition Act, 2002 (operational from 2009) to prevent anti-competitive practices and regulate combinations.
Detail: approved acquisition of 100% equity in KNR SPVs by Indus Infra Trust.
Lineage: CCI replaced the MRTP Commission.
Exam hook: which Act (Competition Act 2002) / operational 2009 / replaced MRTP / regulates combinations.
 PIB 2249854 · 2026-04-07

Polity/Bodies (23)

• TRAI draft Telecom Consumer Protection Regulation

Body: Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), with the Department of Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications.

Law: established under the TRAI Act, 1997 to regulate telecom services and tariffs.

Detail: released the Draft Telecom Consumer Protection (Thirteenth Amendment) Regulation, 2026.

Lineage: TRAI's appellate body is the TDSAT (Telecom Disputes Settlement and Appellate Tribunal).

Exam hook: TRAI Act 1997 / TDSAT is the appellate body / under Ministry of Communications.

PIB 2249824 · 2026-04-07

• NHRC Short Film Competition awards

Body: National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India; HQ New Delhi.

Law: set up under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993.

Detail: presented awards to seven winners of its Short Film Competition 2025 on 7 Apr 2026; a statutory body headed by a Chairperson (a former CJI or Supreme Court judge).

Exam hook: which Act (PHRA 1993) / statutory not constitutional body / Chairperson is former CJI/SC judge.

PIB 2249858 · 2026-04-07

• FIU-IND and I4C MoU on cyber fraud

Body: FIU-IND (Financial Intelligence Unit-India), under the Dept of Revenue, MoF; partnered with I4C (Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre) under the MHA.

Law: FIU-IND receives and analyses Suspicious Transaction Reports under the PMLA (Prevention of Money Laundering Act).

Detail: landmark MoU to combat cyber fraud and financial crimes; I4C runs the cybercrime portal and the 1930 helpline.

Exam hook: FIU-IND under MoF vs I4C under MHA / PMLA link / 1930 helpline.

PIB 2250459 · 2026-04-09

• Constitution of India released in Sindhi

Body: released by Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan; under the Ministry of Law and Justice (MoS Law: Arjun Ram Meghwal).

Law: Sindhi is in the Eighth Schedule, added by the 21st Constitutional Amendment, 1967.

Detail: updated Constitution released in Sindhi in both Devanagari (1st edition) and Persian/Perso-Arabic (2nd edition) scripts on Sindhi Bhasha Diwas (10 April 2026).

Exam hook: two scripts (Devanagari + Persian) / Eighth Schedule via 21st Amendment 1967 / released by VP.

PIB 2250870 · 2026-04-10

• NITI Aayog 'Ease of Doing R&D' reports

Body: NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India).

Detail: released reports on 'Ease of Doing Research & Development in India' to ease approvals, funding flows and administrative clearances for researchers.

Lineage: established 2015, replacing the Planning Commission; chaired by the PM with a CEO and Vice-Chairperson.

Exam hook: NITI Aayog full form / replaced Planning Commission (2015) / PM as chairperson.

PIB 2250965 · 2026-04-10

• Constitution 131st Amendment Bill, 2026

Law: Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, debated with the Delimitation Bill, 2026; rests on Articles 81, 82 and 170 governing delimitation.

Detail: concerned delimitation enabling women's reservation under the Nari Shakti Vandan Act; proposed raising total Lok Sabha seats to 816 (each state's seats up by 50 percent); the Constitution Amendment Bill was ultimately NOT passed by the House.

Lineage: seats were frozen by the 42nd (1976) and 84th (2001) Amendments until the first census after 2026.

Exam hook: Articles 81/82/170 / freeze Amendments (42nd, 84th) / Nari Shakti Vandan link / bill not passed.

PIB 2253186 · 2026-04-17

• Census 2026 Houselisting Phase

Body: Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner (RGI), under MHA.

Detail: field operations began 16 April over a 30-day period to 15 May 2026 in Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Goa, Karnataka, Lakshadweep, Mizoram, Odisha, Sikkim and the NDMC and Delhi Cantonment Board area; a Self-Enumeration (SE) facility introduced for the first time; the Census will include caste enumeration.

Lineage: conducted in two phases - Houselisting and Housing, then Population Enumeration; first census since 2011.

Exam hook: Self-Enumeration first / two-phase order / caste enumeration / first-since-2011.

PIB 2252332 · 2026-04-15

• Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman (Harivansh)

Body: Rajya Sabha; Shri Harivansh elected (unopposed) Deputy Chairman on 17 April 2026 - his third term.

Detail: the Deputy Chairman is elected by RS members and presides in the absence of the Chairman (the Vice-President of India).

Exam hook: elected-by-members (not nominated) / presides for absent Chairman = Vice-President / third term.

PIB 2252976 · 2026-04-17

• International Election Visitors' Programme (IEVP) Phase-II

Body: Election Commission of India (ECI); inaugurated by CEC Gyanesh Kumar at IIIDEM, New Delhi.

Detail: Phase-II of IEVP-2026 for the Legislative Assembly elections of Tamil Nadu and West Bengal; 34 delegates from 17 countries participated (Phase-I covered Assam, Kerala and Puducherry).

Lineage: IEVP is the ECI's flagship international cooperation programme; IIIDEM is the India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management.

Exam hook: Phase-II states (TN, WB) vs Phase-I (Assam, Kerala, Puducherry) / IIIDEM full form / ECI flagship.

PIB 2254216 · 2026-04-21

• FIU-India MoUs (PFRDA, SEBI)

Body: Financial Intelligence Unit-India (FIU-IND), set up in 2004; the central national agency for receiving and analysing suspicious transaction reports.

Law: Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA); aligned with Egmont Group principles.

Detail: signed MoUs with the Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) to combat money laundering and enable information exchange.

Exam hook: FIU-IND under PMLA / Egmont Group link / which regulators (PFRDA, SEBI) / set-up year 2004.

PIB 2252517 · 2026-04-16

• 18th Civil Services Day

Body: DARPG; Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed the nation's civil servants.

Detail: 18th Civil Services Day observed on 21 April 2026; PM's Excellence Awards entries rose from 1,216 (2023) to 2,035 (2025).

Lineage: observed on 21 April, marking Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's 1947 address to probationers calling civil servants the 'steel frame of India'.

Exam hook: date (21 April) / Patel 'steel frame' origin / which-edition (18th).

PIB 2254123 · 2026-04-21

• Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0

Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj; released on National Panchayati Raj Day (24 April).

Law: 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 (Part IX, Article 243) gave constitutional status to PRIs; in force 24 April 1993.

Detail: PAI 2.0 (FY 2023-24) ranks over 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats against 150 indicators / 230 data points across nine LSDG themes; 3,635 GPs rated 'Front Runner'; 97.3% participation across 33 States/UTs (West Bengal did not participate); India's first nationwide data-driven GP ranking.

Exam hook: which ministry / nine LSDG themes / which state opted out / Article 243 - 73rd CAA link / LSDG = Localization of SDGs.

PIB 2256616 · 2026-04-29

• Online Gaming Rules 2026 (OGAI)

Body: Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY); new regulator = Online Gaming Authority of India, an attached office at Delhi, chaired by Additional Secretary, MeitY.

Law: operationalises the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming (PROG) Act, 2025 (enacted August 2025); Rules effective 1 May 2026.

Detail: bans all online money games (both chance and skill) but promotes e-sports and online social games; penalties up to 3 years jail / Rs 1 crore fine; second appeal lies to Secretary, MeitY.

Exam hook: which Act / which regulator / three segments (e-sports, social, money - last banned) / MeitY full form.

PIB 2256973 · 2026-04-30

• Census 2027 (first digital)

Body: Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner (RGI), under the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Law: Census Act, 1948; Census is a Union subject (Seventh Schedule, entry 69); Section 15 keeps individual data confidential.

Detail: India's first digital (mobile-based) census; 16th overall, 8th since independence; outlay Rs 11,718.24 crore; first with comprehensive caste enumeration (CCPA decision 30 April 2025) and an optional self-enumeration facility; Census Moment 00:00 hrs, 1 March 2027.

Lineage: first synchronous census was 1881; Phase I (Houselisting) Apr-Sep 2026, Phase II (Population Enumeration) Feb 2027.

Exam hook: which census number / Union subject + entry 69 / Census Act 1948 / reference date / first digital + first caste enumeration.

PIB 2255461 · 2026-04-25

• Indigenous Cell Broadcast System

Body: developed by C-DOT (DoT's R&D centre, Centre for Development of Telematics) with the NDMA.

Law: NDMA functions under the Disaster Management Act, 2005; it is chaired by the Prime Minister.

Detail: the Cell Broadcast (CB) System is under pan-India testing to push near real-time alerts to all phones in a geographic area; it supplements the SMS-based Integrated Alert System SACHET (operational in all 36 States/UTs, 134+ billion SMS alerts in 19+ languages).

Detail (tech): SACHET uses the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) recommended by the ITU.

Exam hook: C-DOT full form / CB vs SACHET (SMS) / NDMA chaired by PM under DM Act 2005 / CAP-ITU link.

PIB 2256706 · 2026-04-29

• NITI Aayog reconstitution

Body: NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India); chaired ex-officio by the Prime Minister; CEO is the administrative head (Nidhi Chhibber).

Detail: Ashok Kumar Lahiri appointed Vice-Chairman; new Full-Time Members include Rajiv Gauba, Prof. K. V. Raju, Prof. Gobardhan Das, Prof. Abhay Karandikar and Dr M. Srinivas.

Lineage: replaced the Planning Commission on 1 January 2015; a non-statutory, non-constitutional advisory think tank promoting cooperative federalism.

Exam hook: who is Vice-Chairman / non-statutory + non-constitutional / replaced Planning Commission / PM is ex-officio Chairman.

PIB 2255594 · 2026-04-25

• Padma Awards 2027 nominations

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs; nominations only online on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal.

Detail: nominations/recommendations for Padma Awards-2027 open till 31 July 2026; Padma Awards (Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri) are announced on the eve of Republic Day.

Lineage: instituted in 1954; the PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (also open) honours children for excellence and bravery.

Exam hook: deadline 31 July 2026 / Rashtriya Puraskar Portal / three Padma tiers / instituted 1954 / announced on Republic Day eve.

PIB 2255871 · 2026-04-27

• First Annual Survey of Incorporated Services Sector Enterprises (ASISSE)

Body: National Statistics Office (NSO), Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

Law: conducted under the Collection of Statistics Act, 2008.

Detail: first-ever ASISSE with reference year FY 2024-25, surveying over 1.21 lakh enterprises; uses the GSTN database as its sampling frame; the services sector contributes over half of India's GDP.

Lineage: complements the Annual Survey of Industries (ASI, registered manufacturing) and ASUSE (unincorporated sector).

Exam hook: ASISSE full form / GSTN sampling frame / ASISSE vs ASI vs ASUSE.

PIB 2249336 · 2026-04-06

• National Accounts base year revised to 2022-23

Body: MoSPI; Sub-Committee on Regional Accounts under the Advisory Committee on National Accounts Statistics (ACNAS) chaired by Prof. Ravindra H. Dholakia.

Detail: draft guidelines revise the National Accounts base year to 2022-23 and introduce District Domestic Product (DDP) estimates alongside Gross State Value Addition (GSVA).

Lineage: previous base year for GDP/National Accounts was 2011-12.

Exam hook: new base year 2022-23 vs old 2011-12 / DDP a new unit / ACNAS sub-committee chair.

PIB 2249701 · 2026-04-07

• Mineral (Auction) Second Amendment Rules, 2026

Body: Ministry of Mines.

Law: amends the Mineral (Auction) Rules, 2015 made under the MMDR Act, 1957 (Mines and Minerals Development and Regulation Act).

Detail: notified 30 Mar 2026; introduces a Unified Mining Portal and allows exclusion of non-feasible block portions; Notified Private Exploration Agencies can now bid for all block types; incentives added for critical and strategic minerals.

Exam hook: parent MMDR Act 1957 / Unified Mining Portal / critical-minerals incentive.

PIB 2249750 · 2026-04-07

• GSI Field Season 2025-26 (175 years)

Body: Geological Survey of India (GSI), Ministry of Mines; HQ Kolkata; founded 1851.

Detail: marking its 175th year, GSI reported the discovery of naturally occurring hydrogen in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands during Field Season 2025-26; GSI runs the National Landslide Forecasting Centre (NLFC).

Lineage: seven Indian geoheritage sites added to the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List in Aug 2025.

Exam hook: GSI founded 1851 / HQ Kolkata / natural hydrogen in A&N / runs NLFC.

PIB 2248494 · 2026-04-02

• India 3rd in renewable installed capacity

Body: ranking per IRENA - International Renewable Energy Agency (HQ Abu Dhabi, UAE); domestic nodal Ministry of New & Renewable Energy (Minister: Pralhad Joshi).

Detail: India ranks 3rd globally in renewable energy installed capacity, surpassing Brazil, per IRENA's Renewable Energy Statistics 2026 (data to Dec 2025); non-fossil capacity reached 283.46 GW by 31 March 2026.

Lineage: renewables met a record 51.5% of electricity demand in July 2025.

Exam hook: rank 3rd / overtook Brazil / IRENA HQ Abu Dhabi / installed-capacity vs generation.

PIB 2250039 · 2026-04-08

• Startup India Fund of Funds 2.0

Body: notified under DPIIT; SIDBI (Small Industries Development Bank of India) is the Implementation Agency.

Detail: FoF 2.0 with a Rs 10,000 crore corpus; routes capital via SEBI-registered Alternative Investment Funds (AIFs), NOT directly to startups.

Lineage: original FFS launched 2016 (also Rs 10,000 cr).

Exam hook: Rs 10,000 cr corpus / SIDBI agency / invests via AIFs not directly / under DPIIT.

PIB 2251638 · 2026-04-13

Economy (14)

• CPI inflation March 2026 (new base)

Body: compiled by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under MoSPI.
Detail: CPI for March 2026 released on the revised base year 2024=100 (earlier 2012=100); tracks rural, urban and combined inflation.
Detail: RBI's flexible inflation-targeting band is 4% +/- 2%.
Exam hook: new base year 2024 (from 2012) / compiled by NSO/MoSPI / RBI target 4 +/- 2%.
 PIB 2251519 · 2026-04-13

• Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool (BMI Pool)

Body: Union Cabinet approval; a domestic marine-insurance pool.
Detail: sovereign guarantee of Rs 12,980 crore; covers Hull and Machinery, Cargo, P&I and War risk for Indian-flagged or India-bound/originating vessels; reduces dependence on the International Group of P&I Clubs.
Lineage: P&I (Protection and Indemnity) insurance covers third-party maritime liabilities like oil pollution and wreck removal; the move builds sanctions resilience.
Exam hook: sovereign-guarantee figure / risks covered (H&M, Cargo, P&I, War) / cut dependence on Intl Group of P&I Clubs.
 PIB 2253242 · 2026-04-18

• NITI Trade Watch Quarterly (7th edition)

Body: NITI Aayog (Vice-Chairman Suman Bery); 7th edition of Trade Watch Quarterly for Q3 FY26 (Oct-Dec 2025).
Detail: thematic focus on India's gems and jewellery sector; noted Surat as the world's largest diamond cutting and polishing hub.
Lineage: gems and jewellery exports valued at \$29.5 billion, a 7.8 percent share of world exports, concentrated in the US, UAE and Hong Kong.
Exam hook: issuing body (NITI Aayog) / theme (gems and jewellery) / Surat = world's largest cutting-polishing hub.
 PIB 2253821 · 2026-04-20

• Seafood Exports Record (FY 2025-26)

Body: MPEDA (Marine Products Export Development Authority), the nodal body; provisional data.
Detail: seafood exports hit an all-time high of Rs 72,325.82 crore (US\$ 8.28 billion) in FY 2025-26 (19.32 lakh metric tonnes); frozen shrimp the top product (over two-thirds of earnings); the United States the largest destination.
Lineage: top export ports are Vizag, JNPT, Kochi, Kolkata and Chennai.
Exam hook: nodal body (MPEDA) / frozen shrimp top product / US top destination / record value.
 PIB 2254341 · 2026-04-21

• Index of Eight Core Industries (March 2026)

Body: released by the Office of the Economic Adviser, Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
Detail: combined ICI declined 0.4 percent (provisional) in March 2026 year-on-year, with negative growth in Fertilizers, Crude Oil, Coal and Electricity; Petroleum Refinery Products has the highest weight (28.04 percent); cumulative FY 2025-26 growth 2.6 percent.
Lineage: the eight core industries comprise 40.27 percent of the IIP weight.
Exam hook: highest-weight item (Refinery Products, 28.04 pc) / 40.27 pc of IIP / which-ministry releases ICI.
 PIB 2253812 · 2026-04-20

• Startup India Recognitions (FY 2025-26)

Body: DPIIT; recognitions under Startup India.
Detail: more than 55,200 startups recognised during FY 2025-26 - the highest ever in a single year since launch.
Lineage: Startup India launched on 16 January 2016; DPIIT recognition confers tax and regulatory benefits.
Exam hook: launch date (16 Jan 2016) / DPIIT recognition authority / record 55,200+ figure.
 PIB 2253019 · 2026-04-17

• World IP Day - sports IP fee waiver

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry (DPIIT); announced by Piyush Goyal on World IP Day.
Law: GI tags in India are governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999; World IP Day (26 April) marks the entry into force of the WIPO Convention (1970).
Detail: announced a 3-year fee waiver for Sports-Related IP registrations; the release flagged a sports product with a GI tag (Meerut sports-goods context); Kanpur/Agra leather footwear also hold GI.
Exam hook: which category gets the waiver (sports IP) / World IP Day date 26 April / GI Act 1999 / WIPO Convention 1970.
 PIB 2256352 · 2026-04-28

• Sarvekshana 120th issue / NSS 80th round

Body: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI); surveys by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
Detail: Sarvekshana Journal 120th issue carried reports on the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023-24 and Nutritional Intake in India 2022-23; the NSO's 80th round surveyed Household Social Consumption on Health.
Lineage: the CSO and NSSO were merged into the NSO in 2019; the PLFS is its key employment survey.
Exam hook: which journal (Sarvekshana) / 80th round = Health / MoSPI-NSO / 2019 CSO+NSSO merger.
 PIB 2257105 · 2026-04-30

IR/Diplomacy (15)

• India-Australia ECTA four years

Detail: Economic Cooperation and Trade Agreement (interim/early-harvest deal) signed 2 Apr 2022; Australia grants 100% tariff-line access to India with zero duty on all Indian exports from 1 Jan 2026, while India gives preferential access on 70.3% of its tariff lines; bilateral trade reached USD 24.1 billion in 2024-25.
Lineage: a Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Organic Products signed 24 Sep 2025; broader India-Australia CECA under negotiation.
Exam hook: ECTA full form / signed 2022 / ECTA (interim) vs CECA (comprehensive) / Australia's 100% line access.
 PIB 2248223 · 2026-04-02

• India-Mozambique 5th Joint Defence Working Group

Body: India and Mozambique defence establishments.
Detail: 5th JDWG held in Maputo on 1-2 Apr 2026; covered military exchanges, maritime domain awareness and joint exercises (the two conduct exercises in the Mozambique Channel); Maputo is the capital of Mozambique, a lusophone southern African nation on the Indian Ocean.
Exam hook: which country / Maputo as capital / lusophone state / Mozambique Channel exercises.
 PIB 2248512 · 2026-04-02

• Manohar Lal visits Bhutan (hydropower)

Body: Union Minister Manohar Lal (Power and Housing & Urban Affairs); bilateral hydropower cooperation.
Detail: visited Bhutan to review projects including Punatsangchhu; also visited cultural sites such as Khuruthang.
Lineage: India-Bhutan hydropower is a flagship of ties - Tala, Chukha, Punatsangchhu.
Detail: Bhutan - capital Thimphu, currency Ngultrum (pegged to INR).
Exam hook: which country (Bhutan) / Punatsangchhu project / Ngultrum pegged to INR.
 PIB 2251145 · 2026-04-11

• Hardeep Puri visits Doha, Qatar

Body: Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri.
Detail: visited Doha, Qatar (9-10 April 2026) for energy-security engagements amid the West Asia situation.
Detail: Qatar - capital Doha; a major LNG supplier to India; Gulf outreach linked to tensions around the Strait of Hormuz.
Exam hook: Doha = capital of Qatar / Qatar as LNG supplier / Strait of Hormuz context.
 PIB 2250756 · 2026-04-10

• PM-Trump call on West Asia / Hormuz

Body: PM Modi and US President Donald Trump (US capital Washington DC).
Detail: reviewed bilateral cooperation and discussed West Asia and the Strait of Hormuz.
Detail: Strait of Hormuz is the chokepoint between the Persian Gulf and the Gulf of Oman, carrying a large share of global oil/LNG trade.
Exam hook: Hormuz links Persian Gulf to Gulf of Oman / chokepoint significance / who called whom.
 PIB 2251982 · 2026-04-14

• ROK President State Visit (Lee Jae Myung)

Body: MEA; first state visit to India by ROK President Lee Jae Myung.
Detail: outcomes - Joint Strategic Vision for the India-ROK Special Strategic Partnership; launch of an Economic Security Dialogue; India-Korea Digital Bridge framework; ROK joined the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI) and the International Solar Alliance (ISA), while India joined the Global Green Growth Institute (GGGI); 2028-29 declared Year of India-ROK Friendship.
Lineage: ties upgraded to Special Strategic Partnership in 2015; CEPA (2010) now slated for upgrade negotiations.
Exam hook: who joined ISA/IPOI vs who joined GGGI / CEPA year / Friendship-year confusion.
 PIB 2253753 · 2026-04-20

• Austria Chancellor Visit (Stocker)

Body: MEA; visit by Austrian Federal Chancellor Dr. Christian Stocker - his first visit outside Europe.
Detail: signed a Letter of Intent on Cooperation in Military Matters (building on the India-EU Defence and Security Partnership of 27 January 2026), an LoI on a Joint Working Group on Counter Terrorism, and an MoU on food safety between AGES (Austria) and FSSAI (India).
Lineage: first visit by an Austrian Chancellor to India in about 40 years; India-Austria Start-up Bridge launched 2024.
Exam hook: AGES-FSSAI food-safety MoU / India-EU Defence and Security Partnership date / first-in-40-years framing.
 PIB 2252562 · 2026-04-16

• India-Bhutan Customs (7th JGC)

Body: CBIC (India) with Bhutan; 7th India-Bhutan Joint Group of Customs (JGC) meeting.
Detail: held at Munnar, Kerala on 20-21 April 2026.
Lineage: India is Bhutan's largest trading partner; the two share a free-trade arrangement and an open border.
Exam hook: venue (Munnar, Kerala) / which-edition (7th) / free-trade-and-open-border fact.
 PIB 2254164 · 2026-04-21

• India-Norway Trade Dialogue (3rd Session)

Body: MEA/Commerce; 3rd Session of the India-Norway Dialogue on Trade and Investment.
Detail: underscored the role of the India-EFTA Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA) in strengthening bilateral economic ties.
Lineage: EFTA comprises Switzerland, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein; the India-EFTA TEPA involves a \$100 billion investment commitment over 15 years.
Exam hook: EFTA's four members / TEPA \$100 bn / 15-year investment horizon / TEPA vs FTA naming.
 PIB 2253089 · 2026-04-17

• India-ROK Shipbuilding Framework

Body: MEA / Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways; concluded during the ROK President's 2026 state visit.
Detail: Comprehensive Framework for Partnership in Shipbuilding, Shipping and Maritime Logistics, plus MoUs on Ports and on a Steel Supply Chain, recognising Korea's strength in shipbuilding.
Lineage: South Korea is among the world's top shipbuilding nations; the framework supports India's Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision.
Exam hook: shipbuilding framework + Ports MoU + Steel Supply Chain MoU / Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision link.
 PIB 2253753 · 2026-04-20

• India-New Zealand FTA

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; signed by Piyush Goyal and NZ Trade Minister Todd McClay at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
Detail: gives 100% duty-free access for India's exports to NZ, an NZ commitment of USD 20 billion investment, and a first-for-NZ Health & Traditional Medicine annexe covering AYUSH; dairy excluded; talks launched March 2025 and concluded in nine months.
Lineage: described as India's first 'women-led' FTA; NZ is India's second-largest Oceania trade partner.
Exam hook: which ministers / Bharat Mandapam venue / dairy carve-out / AYUSH annexe / NZ capital Wellington, PM Christopher Luxon, currency NZ dollar.
 PIB 2255914 · 2026-04-27

• Raksha Mantri Europe visit (Germany)

Body: Ministry of Defence; Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's maiden visit.
Detail: held talks with the German counterpart in Berlin and addressed a Defence Investor Summit in Munich on 23 April 2026, inviting German industry to co-develop and co-produce in India and the German Air Force to join bilateral exercises; later held talks with the Kyrgyz, Kazakh and Belarusian counterparts in Bishkek.
Detail (geo): Germany capital Berlin (Chancellor heads government); Bishkek is the capital of Kyrgyzstan - Central Asian states engaged via the INSTC and SCO.
Exam hook: which country (Germany) / Munich investor summit / Bishkek = Kyrgyzstan capital / INSTC-SCO connectivity angle.
 PIB 2254600 · 2026-04-22

• India-Italy defence talks

Body: Ministry of Defence; Rajnath Singh hosted Italy's Defence Minister in New Delhi on 30 April 2026.
Detail: charted future military engagements citing the two ancient civilisations' convergence; the Indian Coast Guard interacted with Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri.
Lineage: India-Italy upgraded ties to a Strategic Partnership; Italy is part of IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor) launched at the G20 Delhi summit.
Exam hook: which country / Fincantieri shipbuilder / IMEC membership / Italy capital Rome.
 PIB 2256921 · 2026-04-30

• India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee (11th)

Body: Ministry of Defence; 11th India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee meeting held in Cairo.
Detail: built on the defence-cooperation MoU signed in September 2022 during the Raksha Mantri's Egypt visit.
Lineage: India-Egypt elevated ties to a Strategic Partnership in 2023; Egypt was a G20 guest and is a BRICS member.
Exam hook: which city (Cairo) / which meeting number (11th) / Egypt - Nile + Suez Canal, capital Cairo / BRICS membership.
 PIB 2254773 · 2026-04-23

• India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee (10th)

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; 10th India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee meeting held in Nairobi.
Detail: aimed at strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation.
Lineage: Kenya is an East African Community member; India is a major trade and development partner in Africa.
Exam hook: which city (Nairobi) / Nairobi hosts UNEP and UN-Habitat HQ / which meeting number (10th).
 PIB 2256521 · 2026-04-29

Defence (23)

• INS Taragiri commissioned

Body: designed by the Warship Design Bureau, built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL).
Detail: fourth Project 17A (Nilgiri-class) stealth frigate, commissioned 3 Apr 2026 at Visakhapatnam; over 75% indigenous content; ~6,670 tonnes; armed with BrahMos; special steel from SAIL's Bokaro, Bhilai and Rourkela plants.
Lineage: Project 17A is the follow-on to Project 17 (Shivalik-class); sister ships INS Nilgiri, Himgiri, Udaygiri; aligns with the MAHASAGAR maritime vision.
Exam hook: P-17A vs P-17 (Shivalik) / Nilgiri-class / which builder (MDL) / fourth ship.
 PIB 2248799 · 2026-04-03

• Record defence exports FY 2025-26

Body: Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence (nodal).
Detail: all-time-high exports of Rs 38,424 crore, a 62.66% rise over the previous year's Rs 23,622 crore; DPSUs contributed 54.84% (Rs 21,071 cr) and the private sector 45.16% (Rs 17,353 cr); India now exports to over 80 countries; number of exporters rose to 145.
Lineage: continues the steep upward trend from the previous year's Rs 23,622 cr.
Exam hook: Rs 38,424 cr figure / DPSU vs private share / which department is nodal.
 PIB 2248124 · 2026-04-02

• Large Cavitation Tunnel at NSTL

Body: Naval Science & Technological Laboratory (NSTL), a DRDO lab at Visakhapatnam; DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat.

Detail: Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone on 3 Apr 2026; the LCT will enable indigenous hydrodynamic testing of submarines and warships (propulsion, noise reduction, stealth), ending dependence on foreign facilities.

Lineage: NSTL specialises in underwater weapons - torpedoes, mines, decoys, AUVs.

Exam hook: which DRDO lab / what the LCT tests / NSTL = underwater weapons.

PIB 2248898 · 2026-04-03

• INS Trikand port call, Tanzania

Body: Indian Navy.

Detail: Talwar-class (Project 1135.6) guided-missile frigate INS Trikand arrived at Dar-es-Salaam, Tanzania on 3 Apr 2026 under the MAHASAGAR vision; Tanzania's capital is Dodoma while Dar-es-Salaam is its largest city and main port.

Lineage: MAHASAGAR (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions) is the successor to SAGAR.

Exam hook: Talwar-class / MAHASAGAR vs SAGAR / Dodoma is capital not Dar-es-Salaam.

PIB 2249175 · 2026-04-05

• INS Sunayna (IOS SAGAR) at Maldives

Body: Indian Navy; flagged off from Mumbai on 2 Apr 2026 by Raksha Rajya Mantri Sanjay Seth.

Detail: INS Sunayna arrived at Male on 6 Apr 2026 under the Indian Ocean Ship (IOS) SAGAR initiative; carries a multinational crew from 16 Friendly Foreign Countries.

Lineage: reflects the Neighbourhood First policy and the MAHASAGAR vision (One Ocean, One Mission).

Exam hook: IOS SAGAR / 16 FFCs multinational crew / Male is the Maldives capital.

PIB 2249747 · 2026-04-07

• Coast Guard Fast Patrol Vessels at MDL

Body: Indian Coast Guard (Bhartiya Tatrakshak), raised 1978, under the Ministry of Defence; built at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai.

Detail: keel-laying of FPV-4 and plate-cutting for FPV-7 under the 14-Fast Patrol Vessel project; FPVs are ~340 tonnes, water-jet propelled, for coastal security and law enforcement, built under Aatmanirbhar Bharat with AI-based predictive maintenance.

Exam hook: which service (ICG) / ICG raised 1978 / which shipyard (MDL) / 14-FPV project.

PIB 2249440 · 2026-04-06

• Shri Krishna Devaraya Sainik School

Body: Sainik Schools Society, Ministry of Defence.

Detail: new Sainik School named after the Vijayanagara emperor Krishnadevaraya inaugurated 4 Apr 2026 at Sindhanur, Raichur district, Karnataka.

Lineage: 86 new schools approved under a PPP model toward a target of 100; over 18,000 cadets enrolled; NCC capacity raised to 20 lakh.

Exam hook: which district/state (Sindhanur, Raichur, Karnataka) / Krishnadevaraya = Vijayanagara / PPP Sainik School model.

PIB 2249006 · 2026-04-04

• Top Army command appointments

Body: Indian Army (seven operational commands); Chief of Defence Staff Gen Anil Chauhan.

Detail: Lt Gen Dhiraj Seth assumed charge as Vice Chief of the Army Staff (VCOAS) on 1 Apr 2026; same week Lt Gen VMB Krishnan took Eastern Command, Lt Gen Sandeep Jain Southern Command, and Lt Gen Pushpendra Pal Singh Western Command.

Exam hook: who is VCOAS / which officer to which command / Army has seven commands / CDS Gen Anil Chauhan.

PIB 2247620 · 2026-04-01

• Exercise Cyclone-IV (India-Egypt)

Body: Indian Army Special Forces with the Egyptian Army.

Detail: India-Egypt joint SPECIAL FORCES exercise; 4th edition held at Anshas, Egypt (09-17 April 2026) with 25 Indian SF personnel; trains in desert / semi-desert terrain.

Lineage: alternates between the two countries; builds on the India-Egypt strategic partnership (2023).

Detail: Egypt - capital Cairo, currency Egyptian Pound.

Exam hook: which country (Egypt) / Special Forces nature / venue Anshas / Cyclone vs other India-Egypt drills.

PIB 2250186 · 2026-04-08

• Exercise Dustlik (India-Uzbekistan)

Body: Indian Army (MAHAR Regiment) plus IAF personnel, with Uzbekistan's armed forces.

Detail: India-Uzbekistan annual joint military exercise; 7th edition at Gurumsaray Field Training Area, Namangan, Uzbekistan (12-25 April 2026); 'Dustlik' means friendship.

Lineage: alternates between the two countries; 2025 edition was at Aundh (Pune).

Detail: Uzbekistan - capital Tashkent; a doubly landlocked Central Asian state; SCO member.

Exam hook: which country (Uzbekistan) / venue / doubly landlocked / Dustlik = friendship.

PIB 2251300 · 2026-04-12

• INS Trikand at Mombasa, Kenya

Body: Indian Navy.

Detail: INS Trikand is a frontline guided-missile stealth frigate, Talwar-class (Krivak III); made a port call at Mombasa to strengthen India-Kenya maritime cooperation.

Detail: Mombasa is Kenya's main Indian Ocean port; Kenya - capital Nairobi, currency Kenyan Shilling.

Exam hook: Trikand is a frigate (not destroyer) / Talwar-class origin / Mombasa-vs-Nairobi (port vs capital).

PIB 2249936 · 2026-04-08

• Indian Navy Commanders' Conference 2026

Body: Indian Navy - the apex-level operational and policy review forum.

Detail: FIRST edition of the (renamed) Commanders' Conference - 2026 hosted at New Delhi.

Detail: Navy chief titled Chief of the Naval Staff; Navy motto 'Sham No Varunah'.

Exam hook: 'first edition' framing / Commanders' Conference vs earlier Naval Commanders' Conference / motto.

PIB 2251233 · 2026-04-12

• DRDO exhibition at Motihari, Bihar

Body: DRDO (Defence Research and Development Organisation), under the Ministry of Defence.

Detail: mega exhibition at Motihari, Bihar showcasing cutting-edge defence tech and Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiatives.

Lineage: DRDO established 1958, the premier defence R&D agency; Motihari (East Champaran) was the site of Gandhi's first Satyagraha (1917).

Exam hook: DRDO est. 1958 / Motihari = Champaran Satyagraha 1917 / Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defence.

PIB 2251608 · 2026-04-13

• India-ROK Defence Cooperation

Body: MoD; flows from the India-ROK Joint Strategic Vision.

Detail: Defence Minister of India to visit ROK in May 2026; cooperation flagged on futuristic platforms including Self-Propelled Air Defence Gun-Missile Systems; a Joint Working Group set up between ISRO and the Korea Aerospace Administration (KASA).

Lineage: K9 Vajra self-propelled howitzer - made in India by L&T under licence from Hanwha - is the flagship of India-ROK defence-industrial ties.

Exam hook: ISRO-KASA JWG / K9 Vajra maker (L&T-Hanwha) / which system named.

PIB 2253977 · 2026-04-20

• Raksha Mantri Germany Visit

Body: MoD; 3-day visit to Germany by India's Raksha Mantri.

Detail: bilateral talks with German counterpart Mr Boris Pistorius; addressed German Parliamentarians in Berlin; called for enhanced India-Germany defence industrial partnerships.

Lineage: India and Germany have been Strategic Partners since 2000; Germany is a key source of submarine and naval technology under Project-75I.

Exam hook: German counterpart's name (Pistorius) / Strategic-Partner year (2000) / Project-75I link.

PIB 2253493 · 2026-04-19

• IOS SAGAR at Jakarta (INS Sunayna)

Body: Indian Navy; deployment under the IOS SAGAR initiative.
Detail: INS Sunayna, an Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV), arrived at Jakarta, Indonesia on 21 April 2026 with a multinational crew drawn from 16 Friendly Foreign Countries; a PASSEX with the Indonesian Navy (TNI AL) scheduled on departure.
Lineage: IOS SAGAR expresses India's MAHASAGAR vision (Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions), an evolution of the earlier SAGAR doctrine.
Exam hook: ship class (OPV) / 16-FFC crew / MAHASAGAR full form vs SAGAR / TNI AL = Indonesian Navy.
 PIB 2254169 · 2026-04-21

• DRDO TRAWL Assembly Contract

Body: MoD, using DRDO-developed equipment.
Detail: Rs 975 crore contracts signed for TRAWL (mine-plough / minefield breaching) Assembly for T-72 and T-90 tanks to enhance the Indian Army's minefield breaching capability.
Lineage: the T-90 Bhishma and T-72 Ajeya are the mainstay main battle tanks of the Indian Army.
Exam hook: TRAWL purpose (minefield breaching) / T-90 = Bhishma, T-72 = Ajeya / DRDO origin.
 PIB 2254141 · 2026-04-21

• Naval Commanders' Conference 2026

Body: Indian Navy; first edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 at Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi.
Detail: outlined the Indian Navy's Maritime Security Strategy (INMSS), building on Defence Forces Vision 2047 and Indian Navy Vision 2047.
Lineage: the Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS) heads the Indian Navy; commanders' conferences are apex forums for reviewing operational readiness.
Exam hook: INMSS full form / venue (Nausena Bhawan) / Vision 2047 linkage / first-edition framing.
 PIB 2253155 · 2026-04-17

• NASM-SR salvo launch

Body: DRDO + Indian Navy; developed at Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad.
Detail: NASM-SR (Naval Anti-ship Missile-Short Range) salvo-launched (two missiles in quick succession) from a Navy helicopter off the Odisha coast over the Bay of Bengal; India's first salvo of an air-launched anti-ship missile; uses a fibre-optic gyro INS and jet-vane control.
Lineage: replaces the ageing Sea Eagle missile on Navy helicopters; longer-range NASM-MR is under development.
Exam hook: full form / which platform (helicopter) / 'first salvo' claim / DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat / ITR Chandipur as the missile test range.
 PIB 2256722 · 2026-04-29

• IN-SLN DIVEX 2026 (India-Sri Lanka)

Body: Indian Navy + Sri Lanka Navy; held at Colombo, 21-28 April 2026.
Detail: fourth edition of the bilateral diving exercise; India's Diving Support & Submarine Rescue Vessel INS Nireekshak participated; mixed-gas dives beyond 55 metres over WWII wrecks SS Worcester and SS Perseus; aligned with the MAHASAGAR vision.
Detail (doctrine): MAHASAGAR = Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions, the successor to SAGAR.
Exam hook: which countries / which port / which vessel (INS Nireekshak) / MAHASAGAR vs SAGAR / Sri Lanka capitals - Colombo (commercial), Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (administrative).
 PIB 2256710 · 2026-04-29

• DRDO Advanced Armoured Platforms

Body: developed by the Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE); unveiled by DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat at Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra.
Detail: Tracked and Wheeled amphibious platforms with an indigenous 30 mm crewless turret (can launch ATGMs), STANAG Level 4/5 protection, 65% indigenous content (target 90%); industry partners Tata Advanced Systems and Bharat Forge.
Detail (terms): STANAG = NATO Standardization Agreement (armour protection levels); ATGM = Anti-Tank Guided Missile; Ahilyanagar is the renamed Ahmednagar.
Exam hook: which DRDO lab (VRDE) / STANAG meaning / crewless turret / Ahilyanagar = ex-Ahmednagar.
 PIB 2255538 · 2026-04-25

• INS Sudarshini at Las Palmas

Body: Indian Navy sail training ship.
Detail: INS Sudarshini, a three-masted barque used for cadet sail training, made a historic maiden port call at Las Palmas (Canary Islands, Spain); in the same period the Indian Ocean Ship SAGAR arrived at Changi Naval Base, Singapore, on overseas deployment.
Exam hook: which ship (Sudarshini) / which port (Las Palmas) / three-masted barque / IOS SAGAR at Changi (do not confuse).
 PIB 2255252 · 2026-04-24

• Op Netra 1.0 (Army eye camp)

Body: Indian Army; high-altitude civic-action operation.
Detail: Op Netra 1.0 was a mega ophthalmology (eye-care) camp conducted in Leh, Ladakh, serving the local population.
Lineage: such civic-action operations build civil-military relations in border areas.
Exam hook: what is Op Netra (eye camp, not surveillance) / where (Leh, Ladakh) / near the LAC with China.
 PIB 2257028 · 2026-04-30

Environment (8)

• Two new biodiversity repositories notified

Body: National Biodiversity Authority (NBA, Chennai); Ministry MoEFCC.
Law: notified under Section 39 of the Biological Diversity Act, 2002 (amended by the Biological Diversity (Amendment) Act, 2023), which implements the Convention on Biological Diversity including Access and Benefit Sharing.
Detail: Referral Centre Bhavasagara at CMLRE, Kochi and the MACS/National Fungal Culture Collection at Agharkar Research Institute, Pune notified as repositories, taking the total to 18; repositories preserve voucher specimens of new species.
Lineage: the 2002 Act created NBA, State Biodiversity Boards and Biodiversity Management Committees.
Exam hook: Section 39 / which Act + 2023 amendment / NBA at Chennai / three-tier biodiversity structure.
 PIB 2249838 · 2026-04-07

• First wild cheetah birth at Kuno

Body: Project Cheetah, MoEFCC (Minister: Bhupender Yadav); National Tiger Conservation Authority oversight.
Detail: An India-born female (Gamini's litter, KGP12) bore four cubs in the WILD at Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh - the FIRST wild birth by an India-born cheetah since reintroduction.
Lineage: Project Cheetah began Sept 2022 with cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa (world's first intercontinental big-cat translocation).
Detail: Kuno NP lies on the Kuno river, Sheopur district, MP; cheetah is the world's fastest land animal.
Exam hook: 'first India-born wild birth' / Kuno is in MP / source countries Namibia + South Africa / 2022 start.
 PIB 2251144 · 2026-04-11

• National Authority CAMPA (forest GIS)

Body: National Authority CAMPA, under MoEFCC.
Law: Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act (CAF Act) 2016, which gave the Fund statutory backing.
Detail: CAMPA = Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority; held a National Workshop (New Delhi) to accelerate GIS-based digitisation and settlement of forest boundaries; Fund finances afforestation to offset forest land diverted to non-forest use.
Exam hook: full form of CAMPA / CAF Act 2016 / 'compensatory afforestation' purpose.
 PIB 2251000 · 2026-04-10

• World Earth Day 2026 Theme

Detail: World Earth Day 2026 (22 April 2026) carried the global theme 'Our Power, Our Planet'.
Lineage: Earth Day observed annually on 22 April since 1970, coordinated globally by EARTHDAY.ORG.
Exam hook: 2026 theme ('Our Power, Our Planet') / date (22 April) / observed since 1970.
 PIB 2254023 · 2026-04-21

• GRAP Stage-I in Delhi-NCR (CAQM)

Body: Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) in NCR and Adjoining Areas - a statutory body created in 2021.

Detail: invoked GRAP Stage-I as Delhi-NCR air quality deteriorated to the 'Poor' category.

Lineage: GRAP (Graded Response Action Plan) is a staged set of anti-pollution measures, escalating with worsening AQI.

Exam hook: which body (CAQM, statutory since 2021) / GRAP full form / Stage-I trigger = 'Poor' AQI.

PIB 2252727 · 2026-04-16

• Shahtoosh Wildlife Conviction

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

Law: Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972 - Tibetan antelope (Chiru) is a Schedule I species.

Detail: a shahtoosh trader convicted in a landmark wildlife crime case spanning 17 years; shahtoosh is made from Chiru wool and its trade is banned.

Exam hook: shahtoosh = Chiru (Tibetan antelope) wool / Schedule I under WLP 1972 / banned trade.

PIB 2252139 · 2026-04-15

• Shekha Jheel Ramsar site (99th)

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change; announced by Bhupender Yadav.

Law: Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (1971), signed at Ramsar, Iran; India joined in 1982.

Detail: Shekha Jheel Bird Sanctuary, Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh = India's 99th Ramsar site; a Central Asian Flyway stopover for the Bar-headed Goose and Painted Stork.

Lineage: takes UP's tally to 12 - highest of any state.

Exam hook: which state/district / UP leads in Ramsar count / Montreux Record = sites under threat / Ramsar named after the Iranian city.

PIB 2254357 · 2026-04-22

• Grassroots Biodiversity Governance project

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change + National Biodiversity Authority (NBA).

Law: NBA is a statutory body under the Biological Diversity Act, 2002, headquartered in Chennai.

Detail: five-year project launched in Tamil Nadu and Meghalaya; in Meghalaya's Garo Hills the area covers Nokrek Biosphere Reserve, Balpakram National Park and Siju Wildlife Sanctuary.

Lineage: Nokrek is a UNESCO-recognised Biosphere Reserve, home to the citrus 'Memang Narang'.

Exam hook: which two states / NBA under Biological Diversity Act 2002 / NBA HQ Chennai / Nokrek UNESCO reserve.

PIB 2255611 · 2026-04-26

Sci/Tech (14)

• PFBR Kalpakkam first criticality

Body: designed by IGCAR, built and operated by BHAVINI - both under the Department of Atomic Energy.

Detail: the 500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu attained first criticality on 6 Apr 2026; uses Uranium-Plutonium MOX fuel with a U-238 blanket and liquid-sodium coolant, later a Th-232 blanket to breed U-233.

Lineage: marks the start of Stage 2 of India's three-stage nuclear programme conceived by Homi Bhabha (Stage 1: PHWRs on uranium; Stage 2: fast breeders on Pu-MOX; Stage 3: thorium-U233).

Exam hook: which stage / MOX fuel + sodium coolant / IGCAR designs vs BHAVINI builds / Kalpakkam site.

PIB 2249537 · 2026-04-07

• BioNEST bio-incubator at CFTRI Mysuru

Body: CFTRI Mysuru is a CSIR laboratory; inaugurated by Dr Jitendra Singh.

Detail: BioNEST bio-incubator focused on food startups inaugurated at the Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru.

Lineage: BioNEST (Bio-incubators Nurturing Entrepreneurship for Scaling Technologies) is a programme of BIRAC under the Department of Biotechnology.

Exam hook: CFTRI is a CSIR lab / BioNEST run by BIRAC (DBT) / Mysuru, food startups.

PIB 2248931 · 2026-04-04

• National Quantum Mission 1,000-km milestone

Body: National Quantum Mission, under the Dept of Science & Technology (Minister: Dr Jitendra Singh).

Detail: achieved 1,000-km secure (quantum) communication within under 3 years of launch.

Lineage: launched 2023 with a ~Rs 6,000 cr outlay (2023-31); four verticals - quantum computing, communication, sensing, and materials.

Exam hook: 1,000-km figure / launch year 2023 / four verticals / under DST.

PIB 2250162 · 2026-04-08

• Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)

Body: built by BHAVINI (Bharatiya Nabhikiya Vidyut Nigam Ltd), Dept of Atomic Energy.

Detail: 500 MWe sodium-cooled fast breeder reactor at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu; uses uranium-plutonium MOX fuel and breeds U-238 to Pu-239; marks an energy-security milestone.

Lineage: Stage II of Homi Bhabha's 3-stage programme (Stage I PHWR, Stage II FBR, Stage III thorium).

Exam hook: location Kalpakkam (TN) / builder BHAVINI / sodium-cooled, MOX fuel / Stage II of 3-stage cycle.

PIB 2250889 · 2026-04-10

• SARAL AI by ANRF

Body: ANRF - Anusandhan National Research Foundation, under the Dept of Science & Technology; apex body chaired by the PM.

Law: ANRF Act 2023, which created ANRF and subsumed the SERB.

Detail: developing 'SARAL AI', an AI platform to convert complex research papers into simplified social-media content across many Indian languages; also runs MAHA (Mission for Advancement in High Impact Areas).

Exam hook: ANRF full form / ANRF Act 2023 replaced SERB / PM chairs it.

PIB 2251627 · 2026-04-13

• PFBR First Criticality (Kalpakkam)

Body: designed by IGCAR and built by BHAVINI; under DAE.

Detail: India's 500-MW Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR) attained first criticality at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu on 6 April 2026 (announced in Rajya Sabha on 16 April), marking entry into the second stage of the three-stage nuclear programme.

Lineage: three-stage programme - Stage 1 (PHWRs, natural Uranium), Stage 2 (Fast Breeder Reactors, Plutonium), Stage 3 (Thorium-Uranium); SHANTI Act (Dec 2025) opened civil nuclear energy to private players.

Exam hook: IGCAR designs vs BHAVINI builds / Stage-2 = FBR / SHANTI Act / Kalpakkam location.

PIB 2252594 · 2026-04-16

• India's First Chip Fab (Dholera)

Body: Tata Semiconductor Manufacturing Pvt Ltd; SEZ notified by the Government under the India Semiconductor Mission.

Detail: India's first chip fabrication plant at Dholera, Gujarat - 66.166 hectares, around Rs 91,000 crore investment, 21,000 jobs; an AI-enabled semiconductor fabrication facility.

Lineage: Dholera is India's first greenfield smart city under DMIC; Micron's ATMP unit at Sanand is also in Gujarat.

Exam hook: first fab vs Micron ATMP (Sanand) / Dholera site / India Semiconductor Mission / fab-vs-packaging distinction.

PIB 2252649 · 2026-04-16

• First 3D Semiconductor Packaging Unit (Bhubaneswar)

Body: 3D Glass Solutions (USA) via subsidiary HIPSPIL; under the India Semiconductor Mission.

Detail: foundation stone for India's first advanced 3D chip (glass substrate) packaging unit laid at Info Valley, Bhubaneswar, Odisha; around Rs 1,943 crore investment; production expected by August 2028.

Lineage: Odisha becomes the only state hosting both India's first compound semiconductor fabrication unit and first 3D glass substrate packaging facility.

Exam hook: glass-substrate 3D packaging vs Dholera fab / Bhubaneswar site / Odisha 'both firsts'.

PIB 2253549 · 2026-04-19

• Samriddh Gram WSIS Nomination

Body: Department of Telecommunications (DoT).

Detail: Samriddh Gram (Integrated Phygital Service Delivery Model Enabled by BharatNet) nominated for WSIS Prizes 2026 under Action Line AL C6: Enabling Environment.

Lineage: WSIS (World Summit on the Information Society) Prizes recognise ICT-for-development projects; BharatNet is the world's largest rural broadband project; WSIS Forum 2026 in Geneva (6-10 July 2026).

Exam hook: WSIS full form / Action Line AL C6 / BharatNet link / DoT.
PIB 2253892 · 2026-04-20

• National Green Hydrogen Mission (Outlay restated)

Body: MNRE; restated by Dr. Jitendra Singh alongside a Nuclear Energy Mission.

Detail: Green Hydrogen Mission outlay of Rs 19,744 crore, positioning India as a global clean-energy player.

Lineage: National Green Hydrogen Mission (2023) targets 5 MMT annual green hydrogen production capacity by 2030.

Exam hook: outlay (Rs 19,744 cr) / 5 MMT by 2030 target / launch year 2023 / nodal ministry (MNRE).
PIB 2252689 · 2026-04-16

• Indigenous Silicon Photonics (IIT Madras)

Body: developed at MeitY-sponsored CoE-CPPICS, IIT Madras; launched by MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan.

Detail: Silicon Photonics Process Design Kit (PDK) with over 50 verified components, plus a Universal Programmable Photonic IC (PPIC) Test Engine - an automated characterisation platform; a milestone in India's silicon photonics sovereignty; silicon photonics integrates optical components on silicon chips for classical/quantum computing and high-speed data.

Lineage: complements the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) for chip self-reliance.

Exam hook: which institute (IIT Madras) / PDK vs PPIC Test Engine / MeitY-backed / ISM linkage.
PIB 2255322 · 2026-04-24

• IIA Bengaluru building & telescopes

Body: implemented by the Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru; foundation laid by Dr Jitendra Singh.

Detail: Union Budget 2026 announced four astronomy projects - National Large Solar Telescope, National Large Optical-Infrared Telescope, the Himalayan Chandra Telescope upgrade, and COSMOS-2 Planetarium; a Rs 75 crore new IIA building to be named M.K.V. Bappu Bhavana after founder Vainu Bappu.

Lineage: IIA runs observatories at Kodaikanal, Kavalur, Gauribidanur and Hanle (Ladakh); built UVIT on AstroSat and contributed to Aditya-L1; Director Dr Annapurni Subramanian.

Exam hook: which institute / the four projects / Hanle high-altitude site / UVIT-AstroSat and Aditya-L1 links.
PIB 2256311 · 2026-04-28

• Global Innovation Index ranking

Body: Global Innovation Index published annually by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization), Geneva; cited by Dr Jitendra Singh.

Detail: India's GII rank improved from 81 (2015) to 39; he projected India's bio-economy to reach USD 1 trillion by 2047.

Lineage: Switzerland consistently tops the GII.

Exam hook: who publishes (WIPO, not WEF) / from 81 to 39 / Switzerland tops / WIPO HQ Geneva.
PIB 2255293 · 2026-04-24

• NITI Aayog DPI@2047 Roadmap

Body: NITI Aayog (CEO Nidhi Chhibber); CEA V. Anantha Nageswaran.

Detail: launched the DPI@2047 Roadmap to advance inclusive, productivity-led growth using Digital Public Infrastructure.

Lineage: India's DPI stack - Aadhaar, UPI, DigiLocker, ONDC - was a key deliverable showcased under India's G20 presidency.

Exam hook: which body (NITI Aayog) / DPI stack components / DPI as a G20 deliverable.
PIB 2256122 · 2026-04-28

• Babu Jagjivan Ram 119th birth anniversary

Body: tributes by PM, Home Minister and the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment.

Detail: 119th birth anniversary observed 5 Apr 2026 (born 5 Apr 1908); 'Babuji' was a Dalit leader, freedom fighter, and India's Defence Minister during the 1971 war, later Deputy PM.

Exam hook: birth date 5 Apr 1908 / Defence Minister in 1971 / later Deputy PM / 'Babuji'.

PIB 2249173 · 2026-04-05

• Kandla port connectivity project approved

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).

Detail: Rs 132.51 crore approved for a Road Over Bridge connectivity project at Kandla port (officially Deendayal Port Authority), in the Gulf of Kutch, Gujarat - India's largest port by cargo volume.

Lineage: Sagarmala is the flagship port-led development programme of MoPSW.

Exam hook: Kandla = Deendayal Port / Gulf of Kutch, Gujarat / Sagarmala programme.
PIB 2248779 · 2026-04-03

• Kamala Hydro Electric Project (Arunachal)

Body: cleared by the CCEA (Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs); a hydropower project in the power sector.

Detail: 1720 MW Kamala HEP, outlay Rs 26,069.50 crore, across Kamle, Kra Daadi and Kurung Kumey districts of Arunachal Pradesh; same week Cabinet also cleared the 1200 MW Kalai-II (Anjaw district, AP).

Detail: Arunachal Pradesh - India's largest hydropower-potential state, capital Itanagar.

Exam hook: 1720 MW / Arunachal Pradesh / Kamala vs Kalai-II / CCEA clearance.

PIB 2250042 · 2026-04-08

• Jaipur Metro Phase-2

Body: approved by the Union Cabinet; urban metro under the Ministry of Housing & Urban Affairs.

Detail: Phase-2 extends connectivity to Sitapura Industrial Area, VKIA, Jaipur Airport and Tonk Road.

Lineage: Jaipur Metro began operations in 2015; Jaipur is the capital of Rajasthan.

Exam hook: which city (Jaipur) / corridors served / metro under MoHUA.
PIB 2250040 · 2026-04-08

• Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor

Body: NHAI / Ministry of Road Transport & Highways; inaugurated by PM Modi (14 April 2026).

Detail: the Delhi-Dehradun Economic Corridor (Expressway) connects Delhi with Uttarakhand's capital; designed with wildlife-mitigation measures (studied with the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun) through the forest stretch near the Rajaji landscape (tigers/elephants).

Lineage: Dehradun is the capital of Uttarakhand (formed Nov 2000).

Exam hook: Delhi-Dehradun corridor / WII wildlife mitigation / Rajaji landscape / Uttarakhand capital.
PIB 2251855 · 2026-04-14

• Doordarshan-ICCR MoU

Body: Doordarshan / Prasar Bharati (public broadcaster - DD + AIR, under Ministry of I&B) and ICCR (Indian Council for Cultural Relations, under MEA).

Detail: MoU to expand the global reach of Indian cultural content.

Lineage: ICCR founded 1950 by Maulana Abul Kalam Azad; leads India's cultural diplomacy.

Exam hook: ICCR under MEA (founded 1950, Azad) / Prasar Bharati under I&B / which ministry for each.

PIB 2250558 · 2026-04-09

• 200th birth anniversary of Jyotiba Phule

Body: Government of India nationwide commemoration; inaugural tribute at Parliament House.

Detail: two-year commemoration (11 April 2026 - 11 April 2028) of the 200th birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba (Jyotirao) Phule (1827-1890), Maharashtra-based social reformer.

Lineage: founded the Satyashodhak Samaj (1873); pioneer of girls' education and anti-caste reform; with wife Savitribai Phule opened a school for girls.

Exam hook: 200th anniversary / Satyashodhak Samaj 1873 / Phule couple and girls' education.
PIB 2251208 · 2026-04-11

• 135th birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar

Body: national observance (Ambedkar Jayanti); tributes at his statue at Prerna Sthal, Parliament House.
Detail: 135th birth anniversary of Dr B.R. Ambedkar (born 14 April 1891), chairman of the Constitution's Drafting Committee.
Lineage: same week marked the 4th Foundation Day of the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya.
Exam hook: born 14 April 1891 / 135th anniversary in 2026 / chaired Drafting Committee.
 PIB 2252017 · 2026-04-14

• India at Bangkok 2026 Para Archery

Body: Sports Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated the contingent; Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports.
Detail: at the Bangkok 2026 World Archery Para Series, Toman Kumar (a TOPS athlete) won 3 golds.
Lineage: TOPS = Target Olympic Podium Scheme, supporting elite athletes; venue Bangkok, capital of Thailand.
Exam hook: TOPS full form / Toman Kumar 3 golds / venue Bangkok.
 PIB 2251614 · 2026-04-13

• India and Commonwealth Games 2030

Body: Sports Minister Dr Mandaviya met Commonwealth Sport President Dr Donald Rukare.
Detail: India reaffirmed its vision to host the Commonwealth Games 2030.
Lineage: India last hosted the CWG at Delhi 2010; CWG 2030 would mark the centenary (first held Hamilton, Canada, 1930).
Exam hook: CWG 2030 = centenary / first CWG Hamilton 1930 / India last hosted Delhi 2010.
 PIB 2250966 · 2026-04-10

• Sagarmala 2.0 (port-led development)

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.
Detail: Sagarmala 2.0 supported with Rs 85,482 crore, aiming to catalyse Rs 3.6 lakh crore investment; 9 Indian ports now rank among the world's top 100; major ports handled a record 915 million tonnes in FY 2025-26.
Lineage: Sagarmala launched 2015 as the flagship port-led development programme; India's coastline is ~11,099 km.
Exam hook: Sagarmala 2.0 outlay Rs 85,482 cr / 9 ports in top 100 / launch 2015 / under MoPSW.
 PIB 2251071 · 2026-04-11

• First Greenfield Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex (Pachpadra)

Body: HRRL - joint venture of HPCL and the Government of Rajasthan; dedicated by PM Modi.
Detail: India's first greenfield integrated Refinery-cum-Petrochemical Complex at Pachpadra in Balotra, Rajasthan - 9 MMTPA, over Rs 79,450 crore, with a Nelson Complexity Index of 17.0.
Lineage: anchors a Petrochemical and Plastic Park in Rajasthan, strengthening energy security and petrochemical self-sufficiency.
Exam hook: Pachpadra/Balotra site / HPCL-Rajasthan JV / 9 MMTPA / Nelson Complexity Index 17.0.
 PIB 2253676 · 2026-04-21

• President Inaugurations at Rourkela

Body: President Droupadi Murmu; inaugurations in Sundargarh district, Odisha.
Detail: inaugurated a Planetarium and Science Centre, the Nirmal Munda Parivesh Path, a Tribal Museum and an Integrated Command and Control Centre at Rourkela.
Lineage: Nirmal Munda was a tribal freedom fighter of the Sundargarh region; Odisha will mark its centenary as a state in 2036.
Exam hook: Rourkela = Sundargarh district / Nirmal Munda (tribal freedom fighter) / Odisha centenary 2036.
 PIB 2254213 · 2026-04-21

• Buddha relics exposition in Ladakh

Body: Ministry of Culture; Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of Tathagata Buddha (Piprahwa relics).
Detail: relics arrived in Leh, Ladakh, coinciding with Buddha Purnima; part of India's Buddhist heritage diplomacy - they earlier travelled to Thailand, Mongolia, Vietnam, Russia, Singapore and Bhutan.
Lineage: Piprahwa (UP) is identified with ancient Kapilavastu; the relics are kept at the National Museum, Delhi; Ladakh became a UT in 2019.
Exam hook: which UT (Ladakh) / Piprahwa = Kapilavastu / Buddha Purnima (Vesak) marks birth, enlightenment and death / heritage-diplomacy angle.
 PIB 2256642 · 2026-04-29

• Wind energy capacity addition

Body: Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
Detail: India added a record 6.1 GW of wind in 2025-26, taking installed wind capacity above 56.1 GW; India ranks fourth globally in wind energy.
Lineage: China, USA and Germany lead in installed wind; part of the 500 GW non-fossil by 2030 target under the Panchamrit commitments (COP26 Glasgow).
Exam hook: the addition figure / fourth-global rank / Panchamrit / 500 GW non-fossil by 2030.
 PIB 2254626 · 2026-04-22

• All-time peak power demand

Body: met via the integrated National Grid ('One Nation One Grid'); managed by Grid Controller of India (POSOCO).
Detail: India met an all-time-high peak power demand of about 256 GW without shortage, surpassing the previous peak of 250 GW (30 May 2024).
Lineage: India is the third-largest electricity producer/consumer in the world.
Exam hook: new peak figure vs old / POSOCO / One Nation One Grid / third-largest globally.
 PIB 2256313 · 2026-04-28

• Indian cheesemakers at Mundial do Queijo

Body: Mundial do Queijo do Brasil 2026, a major international cheese contest held in Brazil; the PM congratulated the cheesemakers.
Detail: four Indian products won medals - 1 Super Gold, 2 Golds and 1 Silver.
Lineage: reflects India's growing artisanal dairy/cheese sector.
Exam hook: how many medals / top award (Super Gold) / which country hosts (Brazil).
 PIB 2254683 · 2026-04-22

• 9th India International Water Week

Body: Ministry of Jal Shakti; launched by Minister C. R. Patil.
Detail: the 9th India International Water Week 2026 (five-day conference held in September) invited 150 countries; Reform-Linked MoUs under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 were signed with Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Tripura.
Lineage: Jal Shakti runs the Jal Jeevan Mission (Har Ghar Jal) for tap-water connections.
Exam hook: who launched (C. R. Patil) / JJM 2.0 reform-linked MoU states / Har Ghar Jal tagline.
 PIB 2254585 · 2026-04-22

• FTO Ranking Phase 2

Body: Ministry of Civil Aviation; released by Minister Ram Mohan Naidu.
Detail: the 2nd Phase of the Flying Training Organisation (FTO) Ranking, strengthening India's pilot-training ecosystem; FTOs are approved by the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation).
Lineage: growth in aviation has driven indigenous pilot training to cut dependence on foreign flying schools.
Exam hook: what is ranked (FTOs) / regulator DGCA / which minister.
 PIB 2255276 · 2026-04-24