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

Schemes (13)

• Mission for Cotton Productivity

Body: Ministry of Textiles; approved by the Union Cabinet.

Detail: Rs 5,659.22 crore outlay (FY2026-27 to 2030-31); aligns with the '5F' vision - Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign; aims to raise lint productivity from 440 to 755 kg/ha by 2031; promotes Kasturi Cotton Bharat branding/traceability.

Exam hook: the five Fs in order / outlay & 5-year window / 440-to-755 kg/ha target / Kasturi Cotton link.

PIB 2258111 · 2026-05-05

• Central Prabhari Officer (CPO) Portal

Body: NITI Aayog; launched by CEO Nidhi Chhibber.

Detail: supports real-time governance under the Aspirational Districts & Blocks Programme (ADP/ABP); lets Central Prabhari Officers submit field observations in real time via mobile, strengthening last-mile delivery.

Lineage: Aspirational Districts Programme launched by NITI Aayog in 2018.

Exam hook: which body (NITI Aayog) / ADP launch year 2018 / Prabhari Officer role.

PIB 2258230 · 2026-05-05

• JANANI platform (RCH upgrade)

Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Detail: JANANI = 'Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care'; an upgrade of the RCH (Reproductive and Child Health) portal for maternal-child health; features QR-enabled digital MCH cards; integrates with U-WIN (immunisation) and POSHAN and uses ABHA/Aadhaar identifiers.

Exam hook: JANANI full form / which portal it replaces (RCH) / U-WIN vs POSHAN linkage / ABHA identifier.

PIB 2258625 · 2026-05-07

• Swasth Bharat Portal

Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; launched at the 10th National Summit.

Detail: a unified digital health portal to integrate fragmented health systems and power India's digital health transformation.

Lineage: part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) ecosystem.

Exam hook: name (Swasth Bharat Portal) / under ABDM / launch occasion (10th National Summit).

PIB 2258283 · 2026-05-06

• Surface Coal/Lignite Gasification scheme

Body: Ministry of Coal; approved by the Union Cabinet in May 2026.

Detail: outlay Rs 37,500 crore; targets gasification of about 75 Million Tonnes of coal/lignite with up to 20% incentive on plant and machinery; supports the national target of gasifying 100 MT of coal by 2030.

Detail: gasification converts coal to syngas - a feedstock for fuels and chemicals - cutting imports of LNG, urea, ammonia and methanol; India holds about 401 billion tonnes of coal reserves (coal is over 55% of the energy mix).

Lineage: builds on the National Coal Gasification Mission (2021).

Exam hook: outlay figure / 100 MT by 2030 target / syngas use / 20% incentive.

PIB 2260621 · 2026-05-13

• Mizoram Ginger Mission

Body: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER); launched by Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia with Mizoram CM Lalduhoma.

Detail: outlay Rs 189.79 crore; a convergence-led initiative for ginger cultivation and value-chain development, leveraging Mizoram's GI-certified ginger cultivars.

Detail: converges schemes of Agriculture, Rural Development and Food Processing ministries with NABARD, ICAR and APEDA; GI tagging certifies geographical origin and protects niche regional products.

Exam hook: MDoNER as lead / outlay figure / GI ginger / convergence model.

PIB 2260850 · 2026-05-13

• SEHAT agriculture-nutrition-health programme

Body: jointly launched by ICMR (apex biomedical research body) and ICAR (apex agricultural research body); also flagged by Ministers Nadda and Chouhan.

Detail: SEHAT = Science Excellence for Health through Agricultural Transformation - a national mission-mode programme converging agriculture, nutrition and health for measurable public-health outcomes.

Exam hook: SEHAT full form / ICMR (biomedical) vs ICAR (agriculture) / converging sectors.

PIB 2259959 · 2026-05-11

• Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K

Body: Atal Innovation Mission (AIM), NITI Aayog, with the J&K School Education Department and University of Kashmir.

Detail: applications opened for **500 new Atal Tinkering Labs** across the UT of Jammu & Kashmir; ATLs equip schools with maker/STEM equipment.

Lineage: AIM is NITI Aayog's flagship innovation initiative; named after former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Exam hook: parent (AIM-NITI Aayog) / named-after / number (500) in J&K.

PIB 2263225 · 2026-05-20

• Ayush Anudan Portal

Body: Ministry of Ayush; launched by Union Minister Prataprao Jadhav under the Ayush Grid initiative.

Detail: single-window system for grant proposals under the Ministry's Central Sector Schemes.

Lineage: Ayush Grid is the Ministry's IT backbone digitising the AYUSH (Ayurveda, Yoga, Unani, Siddha, Homoeopathy) sector.

Exam hook: which ministry / AYUSH full form / Ayush-Grid umbrella.

PIB 2262897 · 2026-05-19

• Mission Coffees of Nagaland

Body: Ministry of DoNER; launched by Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.

Detail: Cluster-based Coffee Value Chain Development Mission 'Coffees of Nagaland' to position Nagaland as a premium specialty-coffee destination; uses organic certification, **GI tagging** and digital traceability.

Lineage: part of the **Viksit North East** vision; parallel to the 'Arunachal Kiwi' mission the same week.

Exam hook: which ministry (DoNER) / which state / Viksit-North-East link.

PIB 2262447 · 2026-05-18

• Mission Arunachal Kiwi

Body: Ministry of DoNER; launched by Union Minister **Jyotiraditya M. Scindia**.

Detail: Mission 'Arunachal Kiwi: The USP of Arunachal Pradesh' - cluster-based kiwi cultivation and value-chain development promoting organic kiwi.

Lineage: Arunachal Pradesh is India's leading kiwi producer; aligns with the **Viksit North East** vision and one-district-one-product-style clusters.

Exam hook: which crop (kiwi) / which state / DoNER ministry / Viksit-North-East.

PIB 2263399 · 2026-05-20

• PM-AJAY Portal & App

Body: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment; launched by Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar.

Detail: PM-AJAY Portal and **AJAY Mobile App** to digitise implementation of welfare schemes for **Scheduled Castes (SC)**.

Law/Detail: PM-AJAY = **Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyudaya Yojana**, a centrally sponsored scheme with 3 components - **Adarsh Gram, grants-in-aid and hostels**.

Exam hook: which ministry / SC target group / full form / 3 components.

PIB 2265530 · 2026-05-26

• Mission Queen Pineapple (Tripura)

Body: launched by Minister **Jyotiraditya Scindia** as a convergence-led initiative.

Detail: **Rs 236 crore** mission for pineapple cultivation in **Tripura**; the **Tripura Queen Pineapple** is the state fruit and holds a **GI tag**.

Detail: Tripura's capital is Agartala.

Exam hook: which state / Rs 236 cr outlay / GI-tagged state fruit / capital Agartala.

PIB 2266039 · 2026-05-27

Welfare (1)

• 79th World Health Assembly

Body: **WHA**, decision-making body of the **WHO (HQ Geneva)**, meeting annually; India led by Union Health Minister **J.P. Nadda**.

Detail: Nadda addressed the **79th WHA in Geneva**, showcasing the **Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission** and India's digital health ecosystem.

Lineage: Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission creates **ABHA health IDs**.

Exam hook: **WHA-vs-WHO** (WHA is the decision body) / Geneva HQ / ABHA / session number.

PIB 2262974 · 2026-05-19

Polity/Bodies (16)

• NITI Aayog school education report

Body: NITI Aayog; released by Vice Chairman Suman Bery and CEO Nidhi Chhibber.

Detail: report 'School Education System in India: Temporal Analysis and Policy Roadmap' - 14.71 lakh schools serving over 24.69 crore students (world's largest system); drew on UDISE+ 2024-25, PARAKH, NAS and ASER 2024; offers 13 recommendations.

Lineage: aligned with NEP 2020 and NIPUN Bharat.

Exam hook: 14.71 lakh schools / 24.69 cr students / UDISE+ vs ASER vs PARAKH sources / NEP 2020 alignment.

PIB 2258645 · 2026-05-07

• CBFC Chairperson appointment

Body: Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

Law: certifies films under the Cinematograph Act.

Detail: Shri Shashi Shekhar Vempati appointed CBFC Chairperson for three years; the post fell vacant after Prasoon Joshi moved to chair Prasart Bharati.

Exam hook: CBFC = 'censor board' under I&B / Cinematograph Act / Vempati-replaces-Joshi.

PIB 2258356 · 2026-05-06

• Prasart Bharati Chairman appointment

Body: Prasart Bharati, India's public service broadcaster comprising Doordarshan and All India Radio (Akashvani).

Detail: lyricist and communication expert Shri Prasoon Joshi appointed Chairman.

Exam hook: Prasart Bharati = DD + AIR / Joshi's move from CBFC.

PIB 2257506 · 2026-05-02

• NITI Aayog Full-time Members

Body: NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India); PM is its ex-officio Chairperson.

Detail: Dr. R. Balasubramaniam and Dr. Joram Aniya appointed Full-time Members; congratulated by PM Modi.

Lineage: NITI Aayog replaced the Planning Commission in 2015.

Exam hook: replaced Planning Commission (2015) / PM as ex-officio Chair / Full-time Member role.

PIB 2257591 · 2026-05-02

• GRAI March 2026 rankings

Body: Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI) published by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG).

Detail: the Insurance Division of the Department of Financial Services (Ministry of Finance) topped GRAI Group A for March 2026; GRAI assesses redressal under the CPGRAMS system.

Exam hook: publisher (DARPG) / CPGRAMS link / which division topped Group A.

PIB 2258785 · 2026-05-07

• New Chief of Defence Staff (Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani)

Body: the CDS is India's senior-most uniformed officer, principal military adviser to the Defence Minister, and ex-officio Secretary, Department of Military Affairs (DMA) in the Ministry of Defence.

Detail: Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (Retd) appointed CDS, succeeding Gen Anil Chauhan who completes tenure on 30 May 2026; Subramani was commissioned into 8th Garhwal Rifles in 1985 and served as Vice Chief of Army Staff.

Lineage: the CDS post was created in 2020 with Gen Bipin Rawat as the first holder.

Exam hook: CDS heads DMA (not Integrated Defence Staff) / first CDS = Bipin Rawat / who succeeds whom.

PIB 2259242 · 2026-05-09

• New Chief of the Naval Staff (Vice Adm Krishna Swaminathan)

Body: the CNS heads the Indian Navy and chairs Naval Headquarters; appointee Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, a Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist.

Detail: succeeds Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi who retires on 31 May 2026; Swaminathan was the 34th FOC-in-C Western Naval Command and Vice Chief of Naval Staff.

Detail: has commanded aircraft carrier INS Vikramaditya, destroyer INS Mysore, and missile vessels INS Vidyut and Vinash.

Exam hook: specialisation (EW) / outgoing CNS = Tripathi / FOC-in-C Western Command.

PIB 2259243 · 2026-05-09

• National Panchayat Awards 2025

Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

Detail: district panchayats can receive awards up to Rs 5 crore, with a first prize of Rs 1 crore; awards span 17 States and UTs with Rank 1, 2 and 3 under each theme.

Lineage: themes aligned to the Sustainable Development Goals (Localisation of SDGs); recognise gram panchayats and local bodies.

Exam hook: which ministry (Panchayati Raj) / SDG localisation theme / prize amounts.

PIB 2259360 · 2026-05-09

• ECI Special Intensive Revision Phase III

Body: Election Commission of India (ECI), a constitutional body under Article 324.

Detail: Phase III of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in 16 States and UTs, conducted in a phased manner; ECI asked political parties to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAs) for each polling booth.

Detail: Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and party-appointed BLAs verify and purify roll entries.

Exam hook: ECI = Article 324 / SIR purpose / BLO vs BLA distinction / 16 States-UTs.

PIB 2260955 · 2026-05-14

• UIDAI new CEO

Body: UIDAI (Unique Identification Authority of India), under **MeitY**. **Law:** statutory body under the **Aadhaar Act, 2016**; issues Aadhaar.

Detail: **Shri Saurabh Vijay** assumed charge as CEO - a 1998-batch IAS officer (Maharashtra cadre), IIT-Delhi civil engineer.

Lineage: UIDAI established **2009**, first headed by **Nandan Nilekani**.

Exam hook: governing Act (2016) / parent ministry (MeitY) / first-chief (Nilekani) / new CEO.

PIB 2262302 · 2026-05-18

• Kerala CM oath

Body: Government of Kerala (Keralam).
Detail: **Shri V.D. Satheesan** took oath as **Chief Minister of Kerala**; congratulated by PM Modi.
Lineage: congratulatory messages on assumption of constitutional office are routine PIB items used for current office-holder questions.
Exam hook: current Kerala CM (V.D. Satheesan).
 PIB 2262215 · 2026-05-18

• Sikkim 51st Statehood Day

Body: Government of Sikkim; attended by **Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan** (first Sikkim visit after taking office), Union DoNER Minister Scindia and CM **P.S. Tamang**.
Law: Sikkim became India's **22nd state on 16 May 1975** via the **36th Constitutional Amendment**.
Detail: **51st Statehood Day** (16 May); '**Mission Sikkim Organics**' launched as the state's USP.
Lineage: Sikkim is **India's first fully organic state (2016)**.
Exam hook: 22nd state / 36th Amendment-1975 / first-organic-state / who attended (VP).
 PIB 2261802 · 2026-05-16

• NeSDA 2025 Portal

Body: **DARPG** (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances), Ministry of Personnel.
Detail: **NeSDA** = National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment; portal assesses depth and effectiveness of **online service delivery** across States, UTs and identified Central Ministries.
Lineage: benchmarked on the **UN e-Government Survey's Online Service Index**.
Exam hook: NeSDA full form / DARPG nodal / UN OSI benchmark.
 PIB 2266244 · 2026-05-28

• IBC completes 10 years

Law: **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, enacted 2016**; completed **10 years** (May 2026).
Body: administered via **IBBI** (regulator), **NCLT** and **NCLAT**; consolidated India's insolvency laws into a single code.
Detail: resolution process realised over **Rs 4 lakh crore** for creditors; **S&P Global** upgraded India's insolvency framework from **Group C to Group B**.
Exam hook: 2016 enactment / IBBI-NCLT-NCLAT roles / Rs 4 lakh cr / S&P Group C-to-B.
 PIB 2266350 · 2026-05-28

• Women representation in IAS

Body: IAS recruited via the **UPSC Civil Services Examination**; **DoPT** (Ministry of Personnel) is the cadre-controlling authority.
Detail: women's representation in the IAS reached a record **41%** (highlighted May 2026 by Dr Jitendra Singh).
Exam hook: 41% record / UPSC recruitment / DoPT cadre-controlling authority.
 PIB 2265823 · 2026-05-27

• NITI Aayog E3 Committee

Body: **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India) convened the **first meeting** of the new High-Powered Standing Committee (May 2026).
Detail: the '**Education to Employment and Enterprise**' (**E3**) Standing Committee.
Lineage: NITI Aayog replaced the **Planning Commission in 2015**; chaired by the **PM**, with a Vice-Chairman and CEO.
Exam hook: E3 full form / NITI replaced Planning Commission 2015 / PM as chair.
 PIB 2264788 · 2026-05-24

Economy (9)

• India Semiconductor Mission (12th unit)

Body: India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under MeitY; cleared by the Union Cabinet.
Detail: two new units - Crystal Matrix Ltd (Dholera) and Suchi Semicon (Surat), both Gujarat - take total ISM-approved projects to 12, cumulative investment ~Rs 1.64 lakh crore; CML builds India's first commercial Mini/Micro-LED display facility on GaN (Gallium Nitride) technology.
Lineage: ISM launched in 2021 to build a domestic chip ecosystem.
Exam hook: count (12) / both sites in Gujarat / GaN full form / ISM launch year 2021.
 PIB 2258116 · 2026-05-05

• Sugarcane FRP 2026-27

Body: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA); FRP recommended by the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP).
Detail: FRP of Rs 365/quintal for sugar season 2026-27 at a basic recovery rate of 10.25%; benefits ~5 crore sugarcane farmers; sugar season runs October-September.
Exam hook: FRP figure & recovery rate / CACP recommends-CCEA approves / FRP vs SAP (state) confusion / season months.
 PIB 2258113 · 2026-05-05

• ECLGS 5.0

Body: approved by the Union Cabinet; guarantees routed through the National Credit Guarantee Trustee Company (NCGTC).
Detail: targets total additional credit flow of Rs 2,55,000 crore (incl. Rs 5,000 cr for airlines), prompted by the West Asia crisis; guarantee cover 100% for MSMEs, 90% for non-MSMEs and airlines.
Lineage: ECLGS first launched in 2020 during COVID-19.
Exam hook: total quantum / 100%-vs-90% cover / NCGTC as trustee / 2020 origin & this trigger (West Asia crisis).
 PIB 2258114 · 2026-05-05

• MSP for Kharif Crops 2026-27

Body: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA), on Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP) recommendations.
Detail: raised MSP for 14 Kharif crops for marketing season 2026-27; highest absolute increase for Sunflower Seed (Rs 622/quintal), then Cotton (Rs 557), Nigerseed (Rs 515) and Sesamum (Rs 500).
Lineage: since 2018-19 MSP is fixed at least 1.5 times the all-India weighted average cost of production.
Exam hook: CACP recommends, CCEA approves / 1.5x cost formula / which crop got highest hike.
 PIB 2260617 · 2026-05-13

• APEDA first ODOP honey export to USA (Baksa)

Body: APEDA (Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority), under the Ministry of Commerce.
Detail: facilitated India's first-ever ODOP honey export to the USA - a 20-metric-tonne consignment flagged off from Baksa district (Bodoland Territorial Region), Assam; expected to give beekeepers about 43% higher returns.
Lineage: ODOP (One District One Product) promotes a signature product per district; Baksa is an Aspirational District under NITI Aayog's programme.
Exam hook: APEDA under Commerce / ODOP full form / Baksa = Aspirational District / 'first' honey-to-USA.
 PIB 2259436 · 2026-05-09

• EU restores India to aquaculture export list

Body: quality compliance driven by MPEDA (Marine Products Export Development Authority) and the Export Inspection Council (EIC).
Detail: the EU's revised draft list (published 12 May 2026) re-includes India for continued export of aquaculture products from September 2026, correcting an earlier omission.
Detail: the EU was India's third-largest seafood export market in 2025-26, with exports up over 41% in value; shrimp is India's largest seafood export item.
Exam hook: MPEDA vs EIC roles / EU as 3rd-largest seafood market / shrimp top item.
 PIB 2260974 · 2026-05-14

• 68th APO Governing Body

Body: **Asian Productivity Organization (APO)**; session hosted by India (APO Chair) at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, 20-22 May 2026.
Detail: APO National Awards recognised productivity champions.
Lineage: **APO founded 1961**, headquartered in **Tokyo**; India is a **founding member**.
Exam hook: APO HQ (Tokyo) / founding year (1961) / India founding-member / venue.
 PIB 2263106 · 2026-05-20

• Eight Core Industries Index

Body: released by the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** for April 2026 (base year **2011-12 = 100**).
Detail: the **eight core industries** = coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilizers, steel, cement, electricity.
Lineage: they carry ~**40% weight in the Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**.
Exam hook: the eight sectors / base year (2011-12) / ~40% IIP weight / which ministry.
 PIB 2263287 · 2026-05-20

• IIP base year revision

Body: Ministry of Statistics (MoSPI); a **Technical Advisory Committee** recommended the revision (report released May 2026).

Detail: **All-India Index of Industrial Production (IIP)** base year to be revised from **2011-12 to 2022-23**; IIP measures growth of **mining, manufacturing, electricity**, compiled by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)**.

Exam hook: 2011-12 to 2022-23 base shift / IIP 3 sectors / NSO-MoSPI compiler.

PIB 2264966 · 2026-05-25

IR/Diplomacy (27)

• India-Vietnam Enhanced CSP

Body: Ministry of External Affairs; PM Modi hosted Vietnam's President on a State Visit.

Detail: ties upgraded to 'Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'; new bilateral trade target of USD 25 billion by 2030; Vietnam joins the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).

Lineage: Vietnam was a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partner' since 2016; India-Vietnam Cultural Agreement dates to 1976; IPOI launched by PM Modi at the 2019 East Asia Summit.

Exam hook: exact tier name (Enhanced CSP) / 2016 vs 2026 / IPOI launch year & forum / USD 25 bn-by-2030 figure.

PIB 2258363 · 2026-05-06

• India-Vietnam payments MoUs

Body: Reserve Bank of India (RBI) & State Bank of Vietnam (SBV) signed an MoU on payment systems and digital payments.

Detail: separately NPCI International Payments Ltd (NIPL) and Vietnam's NAPAS signed an MoU on cross-border QR-code interoperability; a Site Interpretation Centre at the UNESCO site My Son was also announced.

Lineage: NIPL is the international arm of NPCI - the body behind UPI and RuPay.

Exam hook: RBI-SBV vs NIPL-NAPAS pairing / who runs UPI (NPCI/NIPL) / My Son being a UNESCO World Heritage Site.

PIB 2258363 · 2026-05-06

• CNS visit to Myanmar (IMNEX)

Body: Indian Navy; CNS Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi visited Myanmar and met the Myanmar naval Commander-in-Chief.

Detail: the India-Myanmar bilateral naval exercise is IMNEX, strengthening maritime cooperation in the Bay of Bengal.

Exam hook: exercise name (IMNEX) / who is CNS / Bay of Bengal theatre.

PIB 2257454 · 2026-05-02

• Russian FM Lavrov calls on PM Modi

Body: India-Russia bilateral track; Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov (in office since 2004) called on PM Modi on 14 May 2026.

Detail: briefed the PM on cooperation since the 23rd India-Russia Annual Summit (December 2025); discussed Ukraine and West Asia, with India reiterating its preference for dialogue and diplomacy.

Lineage: relations framed as a Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership; the Annual Summit alternates between the two countries.

Exam hook: descriptor 'Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership' / 23rd summit Dec 2025 / Lavrov tenure.

PIB 2261023 · 2026-05-14

• Chile FM leads delegation to India

Body: Chile's Foreign Minister H.E. Francisco Perez Mackenna led a high-level delegation for bilateral engagements in mid-May 2026.

Detail: both sides stressed complementarities between the Indian and Chilean economies; Chile is a key Latin American copper and lithium supplier.

Lineage: India-Chile have a Preferential Trade Agreement (signed 2006, expanded 2016), now being negotiated up to a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

Exam hook: PTA vs CEPA upgrade / Chile = copper and lithium / Latin America trade.

PIB 2260707 · 2026-05-13

• India-Canada CEPA second round

Body: trade ministries of India and Canada; second round held 4-8 May 2026 at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi.

Detail: Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) - a deep pact covering goods, services, investment and IP; next round scheduled July 2026 in Ottawa.

Lineage: negotiations resumed after a thaw in India-Canada relations; Terms of Reference signed by trade ministers on 2 March 2026.

Exam hook: CEPA scope vs FTA / Vanijya Bhawan venue / ToR date.

PIB 2259188 · 2026-05-08

• Kimberley Process Intersessional 2026 (Mumbai)

Body: Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (launched 2003); India is the KP Chair for 2026, hosting the Intersessional Meeting in Mumbai 11-14 May 2026, with KP Chair Shri Suchindra Misra presiding.

Detail: the KP curbs trade in 'conflict' or 'blood' diamonds that fund armed conflict.

Lineage: India is a major diamond cutting and polishing hub (Surat).

Exam hook: KP = conflict/blood diamonds / India 2026 Chair / 2003 launch / Surat link.

PIB 2260137 · 2026-05-12

• NCGG trains Seychelles civil servants

Body: National Centre for Good Governance (NCGG), an autonomous body under the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), with the Ministry of External Affairs.

Detail: first capacity-building programme for 29 Seychelles civil servants began 11 May 2026 at Mussoorie (and New Delhi).

Lineage: NCGG also trains civil servants of Bangladesh, Maldives and several African nations - a tool of India's capacity-building diplomacy.

Exam hook: NCGG under DARPG / Mussoorie venue / 'first' Seychelles batch.

PIB 2260114 · 2026-05-12

• India to host ITU PP-2030

Body: International Telecommunication Union (ITU), the UN specialised agency for ICT, founded 1865, headquartered in Geneva; India secured hosting rights at the ITU Council 2026 session (28 April-08 May 2026, Geneva).

Detail: India to host the ITU Plenipotentiary Conference 2030 (PP-2030), the ITU's top policy-making body held every four years.

Exam hook: ITU founded 1865 / UN ICT agency / PP every 4 years / PP-2030 in India.

PIB 2261064 · 2026-05-14

• PM Modi UAE visit

Body: received by **President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan**.

Detail: outcomes included a **Strategic Defence Partnership framework** and an MoU under the **Maritime Development Fund Scheme** involving **Cochin Shipyard**.

Lineage: ties elevated to a **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**; the India-UAE **CEPA (2022)** was India's first such pact with an Arab nation; UAE is a key energy and remittance partner.

Exam hook: CEPA-first-Arab-pact / who received Modi / defence-partnership outcome.

PIB 2261393 · 2026-05-15

• PM Modi Netherlands visit

Body: hosted by **King Willem-Alexander and Queen Maxima**, at PM **Rob Jetten's** invitation (16-17 May 2026, Modi's second visit).

Detail: headline outcome - **Leiden University Library's restitution of the 11th-century Chola Copper Plates**; also a **Strategic Partnership Roadmap 2026-2030** on semiconductors, water, agriculture.

Lineage: the Netherlands hosts the **largest Indian-origin community in mainland Europe**.

Exam hook: which Dutch PM (Rob Jetten) / Chola plates restitution / roadmap years.

PIB 2261884 · 2026-05-17

• 3rd India-Nordic Summit

Body: held in **Oslo** on 19 May 2026.

Detail: on the margins Modi met **Iceland PM Kristrun Frostadottir** (Iceland's youngest-ever PM, first meeting) and the PMs of Finland and Denmark; **Nordic group = Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden**.

Lineage: **first India-Nordic Summit at Stockholm (2018)**; **India-EFTA TEPA (signed 2024)** underpins economic ties.

Exam hook: Nordic-vs-EFTA membership / venue (Oslo) / TEPA-2024 / first-summit-2018.

PIB 2262936 · 2026-05-19

• India-Italy Special Strategic Partnership

Body: hosted by PM **Giorgia Meloni** (official visit 19-20 May 2026).
Detail: ties elevated to a **Special Strategic Partnership**; anchored by the **India-Italy Strategic Action Plan**.
Lineage: shared initiatives include **IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor)** and the **Mattei Plan**; Italy hosted the **2024 G7 (Apulia)** attended by Modi.
Exam hook: new partnership level (Special Strategic) / IMEC+Mattei Plan / which-G7-host.
 PIB 2263405 · 2026-05-20

• Royal Order of the Polar Star (Sweden)

Body: conferred by **Crown Princess Victoria** in **Gothenburg**.
Detail: 'Royal Order of the Polar Star, Degree Commander Grand Cross' - Sweden's highest honour for foreign Heads of Government - conferred on PM Modi.
Lineage: an 18th-century Swedish chivalric order; adds to Modi's foreign honours (UAE's Order of Zayed, Russia's Order of St Andrew).
Exam hook: which country (Sweden) / who conferred / name of order.
 PIB 2262091 · 2026-05-17

• Royal Norwegian Order of Merit

Body: conferred by **King Harald V** in **Oslo** during the India-Nordic Summit visit.
Detail: 'Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit' - Norway's highest honour for foreign Heads of Government.
Lineage: India-Norway cooperate on **ocean economy and clean energy**; **CSIR signed five agreements** in Norway during this visit.
Exam hook: which country (Norway) / who conferred (King Harald V) / linked CSIR deals.
 PIB 2262483 · 2026-05-18

• FAO Agricola Medal

Body: conferred by **FAO Director-General Dr Qu Dongyu** at **FAO Headquarters, Rome**.
Detail: **FAO Agricola Medal for 2026** to PM Modi for leadership on **food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development**; Modi dedicated it to Indian farmers.
Lineage: **FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization)**, founded 1945, Rome-headquartered; the Agricola Medal is among its highest honours.
Exam hook: FAO HQ (Rome) / founding year (1945) / who conferred / name of medal.
 PIB 2263509 · 2026-05-20

• Kimberley Process Intersessional

Body: **Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2026** concluded in **Mumbai** under **India's 2026 chairship**.
Detail: focus on the future of the natural diamond sector, transparency and governance.
Lineage: the **Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (2003)** curbs trade in conflict ('blood') diamonds; **Surat** is the world's largest diamond cutting-and-polishing hub.
Exam hook: what-it-curbs (blood diamonds) / India-chair-2026 / KPCS year (2003) / Surat link.
 PIB 2261301 · 2026-05-15

• Uganda swearing-in (Special Envoy)

Body: India represented by **Union MoS (I/C) Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Jayant Chaudhary** as Special Envoy.
Detail: attended the **Uganda Presidential swearing-in ceremony**.
Lineage: sending a Union Minister as Special Envoy to foreign inaugurations is standard diplomatic courtesy; Uganda hosts a large Indian-origin community.
Exam hook: who represented India / which event / Special-Envoy convention.
 PIB 2261584 · 2026-05-15

• BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship (Indore)

Body: **BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship Working Group**; meeting concluded in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh** under **India's BRICS 2026 chairship**.
Detail: young entrepreneurs deliberated on innovation and inclusion.
Lineage: **BRICS = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa** plus the 2024-25 expansion members; coordinates emerging-economy cooperation.
Exam hook: India-chair-2026 / venue (Indore) / BRICS members.
 PIB 2263798 · 2026-05-21

• BRICS Justice Ministers (ADR)

Body: **Department of Legal Affairs** convened a **BRICS Ministers of Justice** meeting under **India's BRICS 2026 chairship**.
Law: India's **Mediation Act, 2023** institutionalises mediation.
Detail: focus on strengthening **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** via capacity building in mediation and arbitration; ADR reduces court backlog.
Exam hook: ADR full form / Mediation Act 2023 / India-BRICS-chair-2026.
 PIB 2263902 · 2026-05-21

• India-Cyprus (Strategic Partnership)

Body: Ministry of External Affairs; hosted by President Droupadi Murmu, talks with PM Modi on 22 May 2026.
Detail: State Visit (20-23 May 2026) of Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides; ties elevated from a Comprehensive to a **Strategic Partnership**; visit during Cyprus' Presidency of the Council of the EU.
Lineage: built on PM Modi's June 2025 visit to Cyprus.
Detail: Cyprus - EU island nation in the eastern Mediterranean; capital Nicosia; currency Euro.
Exam hook: whose visit / Comprehensive-vs-Strategic upgrade / capital Nicosia / EU Council presidency.
 PIB 2264380 · 2026-05-22

• 3rd India-Nordic Summit (Oslo)

Body: Ministry of External Affairs; PM-level summit with the five Nordic states.
Detail: held in **Oslo, Norway** (19 May 2026); ties transformed into a **Green Technology and Innovation Strategic Partnership**; Nordics = Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden.
Lineage: 1st India-Nordic Summit in 2018 (Stockholm).
Detail: linked to the India-EFTA TEPA and India's Arctic Policy.
Exam hook: host city Oslo / which 5 Nordic states / partnership name / EFTA-vs-Nordic confusion.
 PIB 2265299 · 2026-05-26

• Ethiopia WTO Accession Protocol

Body: World Trade Organization, headquartered in **Geneva, Switzerland**; protocol signed by India.
Detail: India and Ethiopia signed the **Bilateral Accession Protocol** for Ethiopia's WTO membership; accession requires bilateral protocols with existing members; reaffirms support for developing countries' integration.
Lineage: India-Ethiopia ties elevated to a Strategic Partnership in an earlier PM visit.
Exam hook: which country / WTO HQ Geneva / bilateral accession protocol mechanism.
 PIB 2264383 · 2026-05-22

• India-Korea CEPA upgrade

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; 12th round of upgrade negotiations held in New Delhi (May 2026).
Law/Detail: **CEPA = Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement**; new sub-groups agreed on **digital trade, supply chains and strategic industrial cooperation**; partner = Republic of Korea (South Korea).
Lineage: India-Korea CEPA originally signed in 2009.
Detail: Korea's capital Seoul; currency South Korean Won.
Exam hook: which country / CEPA full form / 2009 origin / capital Seoul.
 PIB 2266170 · 2026-05-28

• India-Canada CEPA talks

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; Minister **Piyush Goyal** visited Ottawa, met Canadian Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu.
Detail: advanced India-Canada CEPA talks; reaffirmed a **USD 50 billion** bilateral trade target; Canadian PM Mark Carney called the CEPA a 'game changer'.
Law: CEPA = Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.
Detail: Canada's capital Ottawa; currency Canadian Dollar.
Exam hook: which minister / USD 50 bn target / CEPA full form / capital Ottawa.
 PIB 2266120 · 2026-05-28

• Australia FM Penny Wong visit

Body: Ministry of External Affairs; Australian FM **Senator Penny Wong** met PM Modi (May 2026).
Detail: talks on defence, trade and technology under the India-Australia **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**.
Lineage: ties elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2020.
Detail: India and Australia are **Quad** partners with the US and Japan.
Exam hook: which FM / 2020 CSP upgrade / Quad membership.
 PIB 2265613 · 2026-05-26

• BRICS Tourism Working Group

Body: India chaired the **inaugural** meeting (virtual) under India's **BRICS chairship 2026**.

Detail: first step towards BRICS tourism cooperation; BRICS = **Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa** plus expanded members.

Exam hook: new BRICS body / inaugural meeting / India chair 2026 / BRICS membership.

PIB 2265100 · 2026-05-25

Defence (25)

• Exercise CINBAX-II 2026 (India-Cambodia)

Body: Indian Army; CINBAX is the India-Cambodia bilateral exercise series.

Detail: held at Camp Basil, Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia, 04-17 May 2026; Indian contingent of 120 personnel drawn mainly from the Maratha Light Infantry Regiment; focus on company-level counter-terrorism and UN peacekeeping.

Law: conducted under Chapter VII of the UN Mandate (peace-enforcement).

Exam hook: which country (Cambodia) / venue Camp Basil / which regiment / Chapter VII reference.

PIB 2257604 · 2026-05-03

• Frigate Mahendragiri (Project 17A)

Body: built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDL), Mumbai; designed by the Warship Design Bureau; delivered to the Indian Navy on 30 April 2026.

Detail: sixth ship of the Nilgiri-class (Project 17A) advanced stealth frigate; ~75% indigenous content; uses CODOG (Combined Diesel or Gas) propulsion.

Lineage: P17A is an upgrade of the P17 Shivalik-class; lead ship Nilgiri delivered December 2024.

Exam hook: class/project (Nilgiri / P17A) / builder MDL / P17A-vs-P17 Shivalik / CODOG propulsion.

PIB 2257237 · 2026-05-01

• India-Algeria Joint Commission

Body: Ministry of Defence; inaugural India-Algeria Joint Commission on defence cooperation.

Detail: held in New Delhi on 05 May 2026; both sides signed the Rules of Procedure to guide future defence cooperation.

Lineage: ties gained momentum after a Defence MoU signed in 2024; Algeria is the largest country in Africa by area.

Exam hook: venue (New Delhi) / 'Rules of Procedure' / Algeria as Africa's largest country.

PIB 2258326 · 2026-05-06

• BEL Ground-Based EW contract

Body: Ministry of Defence signed the contract with Bharat Electronics Ltd (BEL), a Navratna defence PSU headquartered in Bengaluru.

Detail: Rs 1,476 crore contract for five Ground-Based Mobile Electronic Systems for the Indian Army, boosting indigenous defence manufacturing.

Exam hook: value (Rs 1,476 cr) / vendor BEL / Navratna status / which service (Army).

PIB 2258013 · 2026-05-05

• Operation Sindoor first anniversary

Body: Indian Armed Forces (tri-service); Joint Commanders' Conference at Jaipur, graced by CDS Gen Anil Chauhan.

Detail: May 2026 marked the first anniversary of Operation Sindoor, a tri-service operation; cited as a showcase of indigenous systems - Akashteer (air-defence control) and the Akash missile system.

Exam hook: Sindoor as tri-service / Jaipur venue / Akashteer vs Akash / 1st anniversary date.

PIB 2258425 · 2026-05-06

• INS Sagardhwani & IOS SAGAR

Body: Indian Navy maritime-outreach deployments.

Detail: INS Sagardhwani is an oceanographic research vessel; arrived at Cam Ranh port, Vietnam, on 07 May 2026; separately the Indian Ocean Ship SAGAR reached Yangon, Myanmar, on 05 May 2026.

Lineage: SAGAR = 'Security and Growth for All in the Region', India's maritime-neighbourhood vision.

Exam hook: Sagardhwani as research (not warship) / Cam Ranh vs Yangon / SAGAR full form.

PIB 2258856 · 2026-05-07

• DRDO CBRN Training Centre

Body: Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the R&D wing of the Ministry of Defence, established 1958.

Detail: opened a CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological and Nuclear) Field Training and Demonstration Centre in Delhi.

Exam hook: CBRN full form / DRDO under MoD / 1958 founding.

PIB 2258463 · 2026-05-06

• Advanced Agni MIRV flight-trial

Body: DRDO; tested by Strategic Forces Command-linked range, launched from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha.

Detail: MIRV = Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle - one missile delivers several warheads to separate targets; trial on 08 May 2026 tracked by ground and ship-based stations over the Indian Ocean Region.

Lineage: India first demonstrated MIRV under Mission Divyastra (Agni-5) in March 2024; Kalam Island was formerly Wheeler Island.

Exam hook: what MIRV stands for / Mission Divyastra-Agni-5 link / Wheeler=Kalam Island confusion.

PIB 2259380 · 2026-05-09

• DRDO scramjet combustor hypersonic test

Body: DRDL (Defence Research and Development Laboratory), Hyderabad; under DRDO (Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat).

Detail: Actively Cooled Full Scale Scramjet Combustor run over 1,200 seconds at the Scramjet Connect Pipe Test (SCPT) facility on 09 May 2026, using indigenous liquid hydrocarbon endothermic fuel; advances the Hypersonic Cruise Missile Development Programme.

Lineage: builds on an earlier 700-plus-second test in January 2026.

Detail: a scramjet (supersonic combustion ramjet) is air-breathing, burning atmospheric oxygen for sustained hypersonic Mach 5-plus flight rather than carried oxidiser.

Exam hook: which DRDO lab / scramjet vs ramjet vs rocket / test duration.

PIB 2259482 · 2026-05-09

• TARA glide weapon maiden trial

Body: Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad, a DRDO lab; flight-tested with the IAF off the Odisha coast on 07 May 2026, with Development-cum-Production Partners (DcPP).

Detail: Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) is India's first indigenous glide weapon system - a modular range-extension kit adding fins and guidance to convert unguided 'dumb' warheads into precision stand-off weapons.

Lineage: conceptually analogous to the US JDAM glide kit; low-cost precision strike.

Exam hook: full form TARA / 'first indigenous glide weapon' / RCI as developer / JDAM analogy.

PIB 2258934 · 2026-05-08

• IOS Sagar at Chattogram, Bangladesh

Body: Indian Navy, under the IOS SAGAR 2026 deployment carrying multinational crews from Indian Ocean littoral states.

Detail: IOS Sagar arrived at Chattogram on 08 May 2026 and conducted a PASSEX with Bangladesh Navy ship BNS Prototy, escorted into harbour by BNS Ali Haider.

Detail: PASSEX = passage exercise, between navies meeting at sea to build interoperability.

Lineage: reflects India's SAGAR vision - Security and Growth for All in the Region.

Exam hook: SAGAR full form / PASSEX meaning / IOS Sagar multinational-crew concept.

PIB 2259442 · 2026-05-09

• INS Sagardhwani visits Vietnam

Body: Indian Navy oceanographic research vessel INS Sagardhwani; visited Cam Ranh, Vietnam, 04-08 May 2026.

Detail: coincided with a decade of the India-Vietnam Strategic Partnership; Cam Ranh Bay is a strategic deep-water naval base.

Lineage: India-Vietnam ties elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2016; a Vietnam People's Navy ship took part in International Fleet Review 26 and MILAN 26 at Visakhapatnam (Feb 2026).

Exam hook: Sagardhwani = research/oceanographic vessel (not warship) / Cam Ranh location / 2016 CSP year.

PIB 2259584 · 2026-05-10

• India-Australia Defence Policy Talks (10th)

Body: Ministries of Defence of India and Australia; 10th edition held in New Delhi on 08 May 2026.

Detail: reaffirmed the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and looked ahead to the first India-Australia Joint Staff Talks later in 2026.

Lineage: ties elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2020; an annual Defence Ministers' Dialogue was set up in 2025.

Detail: both are Quad members along with the US and Japan.

Exam hook: CSP year 2020 / Quad membership / 'first' Joint Staff Talks upcoming.

PIB 2259170 · 2026-05-08

• Exercise PRAGATI 2026

Body: Indian Army; held at **Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya**.

Detail: multilateral exercise with **12 friendly nations** of the Indian Ocean Region (Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Vietnam); **PRAGATI = Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth and Transformation** in the IOR.

Lineage: Umroi also hosts the India-US **Yudh Abhyas** in some years.

Exam hook: full form of PRAGATI / venue (Umroi-Meghalaya) / multilateral-vs-bilateral - distinguish from Maitree (Thailand), Garuda Shakti (Indonesia).

PIB 2263122 · 2026-05-20

• NGOPV Sanghmitra (GRSE)

Body: built by **GRSE (Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers), Kolkata** - a Defence PSU.

Detail: **Sanghmitra (Yard 3039)**, a **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV)**; **11 NGOPVs** built concurrently at two yards - **GSL Goa** and **GRSE Kolkata**; OPVs do EEZ patrol, anti-piracy, coastal security.

Lineage: named after **Sanghmitra**, Ashoka's daughter and Buddhist emissary to Sri Lanka - maritime-outreach theming.

Exam hook: which yard (GRSE Kolkata) / NGOPV role / which-king's-daughter.

PIB 2263508 · 2026-05-20

• ULPGM-V3 trials (DRDO)

Body: DRDO; trials at the **DRDO test range near Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh**.

Detail: final-configuration development trials of the **Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM)-V3** in both **Air-to-Ground** and **Air-to-Air** modes; air-to-air capability for a drone-launched missile is the notable milestone.

Lineage: indigenous drone-launched strike weapon under the **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** defence push.

Exam hook: full form of ULPGM / dual A2G+A2A modes / Kurnool range.

PIB 2263045 · 2026-05-19

• AMCA facilities (Andhra Pradesh)

Body: programme led by **ADA/HAL**; foundation stones laid by Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** with the Andhra Pradesh CM.

Detail: **AMCA Core Integration & Flight Testing Centre** plus a **Naval Systems Manufacturing Facility** in Andhra Pradesh; **8 companies** collaborating on a **Drone City**; 'Growth Pole' projects on a **PPP model**.

Lineage: **AMCA = Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft**, India's indigenous fifth-generation stealth fighter.

Exam hook: AMCA full form / which-generation / which state / lead agency (ADA-HAL).

PIB 2261387 · 2026-05-15

• IOS Sagar / INS Sunayna

Body: Indian Navy; flagged in at **Kochi** on 20 May 2026.

Detail: **INS Sunayna (designated IOS Sagar)** concluded a multinational IOR deployment with **38 personnel from 16 partner nations**, a model of cooperative maritime security with mixed crews from littoral states.

Lineage: reinforces India as **Preferred Security Partner** under the **SAGAR-to-MAHASAGAR** vision - **SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region**; **MAHASAGAR** is its expanded successor.

Exam hook: which ship (INS Sunayna) / SAGAR full form / MAHASAGAR-vs-SAGAR.

PIB 2263352 · 2026-05-20

• Indian War Memorial, Seoul

Body: inaugurated by Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** with RoK Minister **Kwon Oh-eul**.

Detail: **Indian War Memorial at Imjingak Park, Seoul**, marking the **75th anniversary of the Korean War** and honouring Indian troops' role.

Lineage: India's **60 Parachute Field Ambulance** served in the **Korean War (1950-53)**; the **Custodian Force India (CFI)** under **Gen Thimayya** handled POW repatriation; India was non-belligerent but provided medical support.

Exam hook: which war (Korean) / 60 Para Field Ambulance / Gen Thimayya-CFI link / venue (Imjingak).

PIB 2263556 · 2026-05-21

• India-Korea defence talks (Seoul)

Body: **Rajnath Singh** with the **RoK Minister of National Defence**, Seoul.

Detail: MoUs in defence cooperation covering **autonomous systems, semiconductors, quantum and space-based capabilities**.

Lineage: South Korea is a defence-industry partner - the **K9 Vajra-T** self-propelled howitzer in Indian service is a **Hanwha-L&T** collaboration; visit was part of a Vietnam-South Korea tour.

Exam hook: K9 Vajra-Hanwha link / themes of MoUs / part-of-which-tour.

PIB 2263304 · 2026-05-20

• Agni-1 missile test

Body: DRDO-developed; tested under the **Strategic Forces Command** (manages India's nuclear arsenal).

Detail: **Short Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM)**; test-launched 22 May 2026 from the **Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha** - India's premier missile test range.

Lineage: part of the Agni series of ballistic missiles.

Exam hook: SRBM class / Chandipur-Odisha site / Strategic Forces Command / DRDO.

PIB 2264317 · 2026-05-22

• INS Sudarshini (trans-Atlantic)

Body: Indian Navy sail training ship, based at **Kochi**, used for sea training of officer cadets.

Detail: completed its **first historic trans-Atlantic crossing**, arriving at **Antigua** (May 2026); a three-masted sail training barque.

Exam hook: which ship / first Atlantic crossing / Antigua arrival / Kochi base / sail training role.

PIB 2266274 · 2026-05-28

• Suryakiran Aerobatic Team (30 yrs)

Body: **Indian Air Force** aerobatic display team (SKAT).

Detail: celebrated **30 years** of operations (formed **1996**); based at **Bidar, Karnataka**; flies **BAE Hawk Mk-132** jets.

Exam hook: which force / 1996 formation / Bidar base / Hawk aircraft / SKAT (jets) vs Sarang (HAL Dhruv helicopters).

PIB 2266121 · 2026-05-28

• India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue

Body: Ministries of Defence of India and Singapore; **16th edition** of the Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD), May 2026.

Detail: annual mechanism to enhance bilateral defence cooperation; Singapore is a key Southeast Asian defence partner.

Detail: joint exercises - **SIMBEX** (navy), **Agni Warrior** (artillery), **Bold Kurukshetra** (army).

Exam hook: 16th DPD / match exercise to service arm / Singapore partner.

PIB 2266391 · 2026-05-28

• Universal Rocket Launching system

Body: referenced by the **Raksha Mantri** (Defence Minister) stressing **Aatmanirbharta** in defence manufacturing.

Detail: India's first **300 KM range Universal Rocket Launching system** (indigenous platform).

Lineage: **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** in defence via positive indigenisation lists and DRDO/DPSU development.

Exam hook: 300 km range / Universal Rocket Launching system / self-reliance push.

PIB 2264604 · 2026-05-23

Environment (5)

• International Big Cat Alliance Summit

Body: International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), headquartered in India; Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched its website and logo.
Detail: India hosts the first IBCA Summit in New Delhi on 1-2 June 2026; covers seven big cats - Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma; theme 'Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem'; will adopt the 'Delhi Declaration'.
Lineage: IBCA launched by PM Modi in 2023.
Exam hook: seven species (which are/are NOT included) / IBCA HQ in India / 2023 launch / Delhi Declaration.
 PIB 2258491 · 2026-05-06

• IBCA Summit 2026 and Asiatic Lion

Body: International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), launched by India in 2023; first-ever IBCA Summit in New Delhi on 1-2 June 2026 under PM Modi's chairmanship.
Law: Asiatic lion (*Panthera leo persica*) is Schedule-I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act 1972 and CITES Appendix-I.
Detail: Greater Gir landscape lion population rose to about 891 individuals in 2025, a 32% increase over 2020; 'Lion' Species Spotlight inaugurated at Sasan Gir on 14 May 2026.
Lineage: IBCA covers seven big cats - Tiger, Lion, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma; Project Lion launched 2020, Barda Wildlife Sanctuary being developed as a second home.
Exam hook: seven IBCA big cats / Schedule-I + CITES App-I / Barda as second home / 2023 launch.
 PIB 2260908 · 2026-05-14

• Project Cheetah review

Body: review chaired by **Environment, Forest & Climate Change Minister Bhupender Yadav**.
Detail: high-level review of progress and future course of the wildlife restoration initiative.
Lineage: **Project Cheetah, launched 2022**, reintroduced cheetahs (from **Namibia and South Africa**) at **Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh** - the first **intercontinental large-carnivore translocation**; **Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary** is a planned second home.
Exam hook: which site (Kuno-MP) / source countries / launch year / second-home (Gandhi Sagar).
 PIB 2262834 · 2026-05-19

• Intl Day for Biological Diversity 2026

Detail: observed 22 May; theme '**Acting Locally for Global Impact**'; national celebration in **Madhya Pradesh** (the 'Tiger State of India'), presided by CM Mohan Yadav.
Law: 22 May marks adoption of the **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** text in 1992.
Detail: India submitted its **7th National Report** to the CBD.
Exam hook: 2026 theme / 22 May date / CBD 1992 / host MP / Tiger State tag.
 PIB 2264014 · 2026-05-22

• Greenhouse Gas inventory workshop

Body: CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP), Dehradun, with MoEFCC (the nodal climate ministry).
Detail: workshop (May 2026) to strengthen India's **greenhouse gas inventory** systems.
Lineage: India submits GHG inventories to the **UNFCCC** via its National Communications and Biennial reports.
Exam hook: CSIR-IIP Dehradun / MoEFCC nodal / UNFCCC reporting.
 PIB 2264251 · 2026-05-22

Sci/Tech (13)

• GalaxEye Mission Drishti (OptoSAR)

Body: GalaxEye, an Indian space-tech startup (IIT Madras-incubated lineage); congratulated by PM Modi and HM Amit Shah.
Detail: carried the world's first OptoSAR satellite and India's largest privately-built satellite; OptoSAR fuses optical and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) imaging for all-weather Earth observation.
Exam hook: 'world's first' OptoSAR / optical+SAR fusion meaning / private (not ISRO) build.
 PIB 2257625 · 2026-05-03

• IndiaAI-ICMR MoU

Body: IndiaAI (under MeitY) signed an MoU with the ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research), the apex body for biomedical research.
Detail: MoU to accelerate responsible AI adoption in healthcare.
Lineage: IndiaAI Mission approved in 2024 to build India's AI ecosystem.
Exam hook: IndiaAI under MeitY / ICMR as apex biomedical body / IndiaAI Mission 2024.
 PIB 2258786 · 2026-05-07

• IMD AI-based monsoon forecast

Body: India Meteorological Department (IMD, founded 1875) under the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES); co-developed with the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), Pune; launched by Dr Jitendra Singh.
Detail: IMD's first-ever AI-driven 'Forecast of Monsoon Advance' plus a 'High Spatial Resolution Rainfall Forecast for Uttar Pradesh' at 1-km-resolution pilot; covers 16 states and over 3,000 sub-districts with localised forecasts up to 10 days ahead.
Exam hook: IMD under MoES (not Earth Sciences confusion) / IITM Pune partner / 1-km UP pilot / AI 'first'.
 PIB 2260258 · 2026-05-12

• India hosts ISO space subcommittee

Body: International Organization for Standardization (ISO); relevant body ISO/TC 20/SC 14 on 'Space Systems and Operations', hosted by India for the first time, with ISRO and IN-SPACe participating.
Detail: brought together national standards bodies, international space agencies, industry and academia in May 2026.
Lineage: reflects India's growing role in the global space economy via ISRO and IN-SPACe.
Exam hook: ISO/TC 20/SC 14 / 'first' India hosting / IN-SPACe as regulator.
 PIB 2259005 · 2026-05-08

• CEL 200 MW solar module line

Body: Central Electronics Limited (CEL), a PSU under the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR); 200 MW Solar Module Manufacturing Line dedicated by Dr Jitendra Singh on 14 May 2026.
Lineage: CEL pioneered India's first indigenous solar cell in 1977.
Detail: framed as a step towards India's net-zero-by-2070 target, announced at COP26 (Glasgow, 2021).
Exam hook: CEL under DSIR / 1977 first solar cell / net-zero 2070 at COP26.
 PIB 2261005 · 2026-05-14

• Global Innovation Index ranking

Body: Global Innovation Index (GII) is published by WIPO (World Intellectual Property Organization); cited on National Technology Day (11 May).
Detail: India's GII rank improved from 80 to 38; India noted as the world's third-largest startup ecosystem.
Lineage: National Technology Day (11 May) commemorates the 1998 Pokhran-II nuclear tests (Operation Shakti); key missions cited - National Quantum Mission, IndiaAI Mission, ANRF.
Exam hook: GII by WIPO / 11 May = Pokhran-II/Operation Shakti / rank 80 to 38.
 PIB 2259847 · 2026-05-11

• World Metrology Day 2026 / e-Maap

Body: Department of Consumer Affairs (legal metrology).
Law: legal metrology governed by the **Legal Metrology Act, 2009**; **Jan Vishwas** reforms decriminalise minor offences.
Detail: 2026 theme '**Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making**' (observed 20 May); India launched the **e-Maap portal** - unified digital legal-metrology platform - and issued **40 GATC certificates**.
Lineage: World Metrology Day marks the **1875 Metre Convention**.
Exam hook: theme / what-day-commemorates (Metre Convention 1875) / e-Maap / governing Act (2009).
 PIB 2263329 · 2026-05-20

• India-Norway CSIR agreements

Body: CSIR (Council of Scientific and Industrial Research), under DSIR.
Detail: signed **five key agreements** in Norway on **clean energy, offshore wind, sustainability, geosciences and academic collaboration**.
Lineage: CSIR is India's largest publicly funded R&D body (network of 37+ labs); Norway leads in offshore wind and ocean energy.
Exam hook: CSIR full form / parent (DSIR) / number of deals (five) / themes.
 PIB 2262669 · 2026-05-19

• Rajasthan first semiconductor plant

Body: by Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt Ltd; virtually inaugurated by Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw at Bhiwadi, Rajasthan, with an ELCINA Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) at Salarpur.
Detail: India's first SME-led semiconductor (ATMP/OSAT) facility - ATMP/OSAT = Assembly, Testing, Marking & Packaging / Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test.
Lineage: under the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) and Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS).
Exam hook: which state-first / ATMP-OSAT full form / which company / ISM-ECMS link.

PIB 2261509 · 2026-05-15

• ISM Investors Support Portal

Body: India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under the Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY).
Detail: launched the Investors Support Portal (May 2026) for ecosystem players and investors.
Lineage: ISM set up in 2021 to build a semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem; fiscal support for fabs, ATMP/OSAT and design firms.
Exam hook: ISM under MeitY / 2021 setup / fab-ATMP-OSAT-design coverage.

PIB 2265285 · 2026-05-26

• Ebola PHEIC (WHO)

Body: WHO (HQ Geneva) declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC); Africa CDC separately declared a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security.
Detail: Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda; India (Health Min. J.P. Nadda) reviewed preparedness via IDSP and Airport Health Organizations.
Law: PHEIC is the WHO's highest alarm under the International Health Regulations (2005).
Exam hook: which countries / PHEIC vs Africa CDC's continental emergency / IHR 2005.

PIB 2264688 · 2026-05-24

• IACS 150 years / Raman Effect

Body: Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS), Kolkata; Dr Jitendra Singh joined the 150-year celebration; inaugurated an indigenous solar-cell fabrication facility and the RETINA incubation centre.
Detail: C.V. Raman discovered the Raman Effect (scattering of light) at IACS, winning the 1930 Nobel Prize in Physics - India's first science Nobel.
Lineage: IACS founded in 1876 by Mahendralal Sarkar.
Exam hook: IACS-Kolkata / Raman Effect / 1930 Nobel (first science) / 1876 founding / Sarkar.

PIB 2265476 · 2026-05-26

• Ancient wildfire evidence (BSIP)

Body: Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), Lucknow - an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST).
Detail: found evidence of ancient wildfires preserved in coal from Gondwana forests (~250 million years ago); BSIP specialises in palaeobotany and palaeoclimate.
Lineage: Gondwana was the ancient southern supercontinent.
Exam hook: BSIP-Lucknow / under DST / Gondwana wildfires / palaeobotany focus.

PIB 2264978 · 2026-05-25

Infra (24)

• Vadinar Ship Repair Facility

Body: jointly implemented by Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) and Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL); under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.
Detail: at Vadinar, Gujarat; Rs 1,570 crore investment; will repair vessels up to 300 m - India earlier lacked capacity beyond 230 m.
Lineage: supports Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.
Exam hook: state (Gujarat) / DPA+CSL pair / 300 m capacity / MIV 2030 vs MAKV 2047.

PIB 2258115 · 2026-05-05

• MLFF Barrier-less Tolling (first)

Body: National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.
Detail: India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling at Chorayasi Toll Plaza, Surat-Bharuch section of NH-48, Gujarat; ~41,500 vehicles on day one; uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) plus FASTag for non-stop tolling.
Lineage: NH-48 is the old NH-8 corridor (Delhi-Mumbai/Chennai).
Exam hook: 'first' MLFF site & state / ANPR+FASTag mechanism / NH-48 (ex NH-8).

PIB 2257491 · 2026-05-02

• Railway multitracking (3 projects)

Body: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA); Ministry of Railways.
Detail: three multitracking projects across Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, UP, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, spanning 19 districts; expand the network by ~901 km to ease congestion on saturated corridors.
Exam hook: ~901 km figure / 19 districts / which states / multitracking = parallel lines.

PIB 2258123 · 2026-05-05

• Buddha relics exposition, Leh

Body: Ministry of Culture; inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah; PM Modi welcomed it.
Detail: 'Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of the Tathagata' inaugurated in Leh (Ladakh) on Buddha Purnima 2026; Tathagata is an epithet of the Buddha.
Lineage: Indian Buddhist relics had earlier been sent for exposition to Vietnam, Thailand and other countries.
Exam hook: town (Leh) / occasion (Buddha Purnima) / 'Tathagata' meaning.

PIB 2257370 · 2026-05-01

• National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.
Detail: NMHC under construction at Lothal, Gujarat, with a July 2026 Phase-1 target; India signed 10 MoUs (Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, South Korea, UAE, Portugal, Vietnam, Oman, Israel, Thailand); Phase 1B ~Rs 3,000 crore.
Lineage: Lothal was a major dockyard city of the Indus Valley (Harappan) Civilisation.
Exam hook: site (Lothal, Gujarat) / Harappan dockyard link / which ministry / 10-country MoU.

PIB 2258528 · 2026-05-06

• Padma Doree textile initiative

Body: launched by NEHHDC (North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation) under the Ministry of DoNER.
Detail: blends Eri (Ahimsa) silk of Northeast India with the Chanderi weaving heritage of Madhya Pradesh; Eri is called Ahimsa silk as the moth is not killed.
Lineage: reflects the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' vision.
Exam hook: Eri (NE) + Chanderi (MP) pairing / why Eri = Ahimsa silk / NEHHDC under DoNER.

PIB 2257390 · 2026-05-01

• IFFI 57 Festival Director

Body: International Film Festival of India (IFFI), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting; held annually in Goa.
Detail: filmmaker Shri Ashutosh Gowariker appointed Festival Director for the 57th IFFI.
Lineage: IFFI started in 1952; one of Asia's oldest film festivals.
Exam hook: IFFI venue (Goa) / 1952 origin / 57th edition.

PIB 2257218 · 2026-05-01

• International Day of Yoga 2026 countdown

Body: Ministry of AYUSH; Yoga Mahotsav marked the 50-day countdown.
Detail: countdown to International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026, observed on 21 June; over 6,000 people set an Asia record performing Bhujangasana.
Lineage: IDY proclaimed by the UN in 2014 on India's initiative; first observed 21 June 2015.
Exam hook: date (21 June) / UN proclamation 2014, first observed 2015 / Bhujangasana record.

PIB 2257461 · 2026-05-02

• India's first mega greenfield shipyard (Thoothukudi)

Body: tripartite MoU among HD KSOE (Korea), NSHIP-TN and Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd, under the India-Republic of Korea 'VOYAGES' framework.

Detail: India's first Mega Greenfield Shipyard at Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu; planned capacity 2.5 Million Gross Tonnage with about 15,000 direct jobs; signed during ROK President Lee Jae Myung's State Visit.

Lineage: advances Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047, targeting a top-5 global shipbuilding rank with 4.5 Million GT output per year by 2047; local port is V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority.

Exam hook: 'VOYAGES' India-ROK framework / Thoothukudi site / Vision 2047 shipbuilding target.

PIB 2260712 · 2026-05-13

• Indian Railways' first semi-high-speed line (Ahmedabad)

Body: Ministry of Railways; approved by the CCEA in May 2026.

Detail: new line in Ahmedabad District, Gujarat, adding about 134 km; Indian Railways' first semi-high-speed project planned with indigenously developed technology.

Detail: semi-high-speed in India typically means 160 km/h-plus operation, as run by Vande Bharat trainsets.

Lineage: distinct from India's first true high-speed line, the Mumbai-Ahmedabad bullet train project.

Exam hook: semi-high-speed (160 km/h, Vande Bharat) vs high-speed (bullet train) / 'first' indigenous semi-high-speed.

PIB 2260624 · 2026-05-13

• Nagpur Airport PPP upgrade

Body: Union Cabinet approval; Nagpur International Airport, Maharashtra, to be upgraded via a long-term licence with a private partner under the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model.

Detail: Nagpur is being developed as a major aviation and cargo hub under the MIHAN project.

Lineage: PPP airport concessions follow the model used for Delhi, Mumbai and other metro airports.

Exam hook: PPP licence model / MIHAN project link / Nagpur location.

PIB 2260629 · 2026-05-13

• National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026

Body: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare; conferred by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on International Nurses Day (12 May).

Detail: awarded to 15 nursing professionals; each award carries a certificate, Rs 1,00,000 cash and a medal; eligible categories include nurses, midwives, ANMs and Lady Health Visitors.

Lineage: International Nurses Day (12 May) marks Florence Nightingale's birth anniversary; 2026 theme 'Our Nurses. Our Future. Empowered Nurses Save Lives.'

Exam hook: which ministry / who confers (President) / 12 May = Nurses Day / number of awardees.

PIB 2260185 · 2026-05-12

• Repatriation of Chola bronzes

Body: US Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art returned three temple bronzes to India; provenance research by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).

Detail: a Chola-period Shiva Nataraja (c. 990 CE), a 12th-century Somaskandara (Shiva and Uma), and a 16th-century Vijayanagara-period Sakti Sundara with Paravai; all originally from Tamil Nadu, found illicitly removed in the mid-20th century.

Lineage: the Nataraja depicts Shiva as the cosmic dancer, an icon of Chola bronze (lost-wax) art.

Exam hook: which museum (Smithsonian) / ASI provenance role / Chola Nataraja dating / Vijayanagara Sundara.

PIB 2260755 · 2026-05-13

• Buddha relics exposition in Leh

Body: Ministry of Culture; 14-day Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of the Tathagata (Lord Buddha) in Leh and Zaskar, Ladakh.

Detail: over 1.18 lakh devotees paid obeisance; concluding ceremony at the Dharma Centre, Choglamsar coincided with the Monlam Chenmo (Great Prayer Festival) and was attended by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena.

Lineage: relic expositions are a soft-power and cultural-diplomacy initiative; Ladakh has been a Union Territory since 2019.

Exam hook: Tathagata = Buddha / Monlam Chenmo festival / Ladakh UT since 2019 / Ministry of Culture.

PIB 2261214 · 2026-05-14

• Chola Copper Plates restitution

Body: restituted by Leiden University Library, Netherlands.

Detail: a set of 24 plates (21 large, 3 small), 11th-century; royal charters (tamra-sasanas) in Tamil and Sanskrit recording the gift of Anaimangalam village to the Chulamanivarma-vihara Buddhist monastery at Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu.

Lineage: Chola copper-plate charters are key sources for medieval South Indian administration; Nagapattinam was a major Chola maritime port linked to Southeast Asian Buddhism.

Exam hook: how-many plates / which dynasty / Tamil+Sanskrit / Nagapattinam-Buddhist link.

PIB 2261879 · 2026-05-16

• CWG 2030 Ahmedabad

Body: Commonwealth Games Federation; host baton handed to Ahmedabad (Amdavad), Gujarat.

Detail: Ahmedabad will host the centenary Commonwealth Games in 2030; marked by Fit India Sundays on Cycle 'Commonwealth Games Day' from Ahmedabad.

Lineage: 2030 marks 100 years of the CWG (first held 1930, Hamilton, Canada); India hosted the 2010 CWG (Delhi); CWG 2026 is in Glasgow.

Exam hook: centenary host (Ahmedabad-2030) / first CWG (1930 Hamilton) / 2026-Glasgow / 2010-Delhi.

PIB 2263785 · 2026-05-21

• First indigenous hydrogen train

Body: Indian Railways; aligned with India's National Green Hydrogen Mission.

Detail: India's first indigenous hydrogen fuel-cell train to run on the Jind-Sonipat section, Haryana; 10-car train with a 1200 KW engine, top speed 75 kmph; fuel cells emit only water vapour.

Lineage: puts India in the elite club of nations using hydrogen rail technology.

Exam hook: Jind-Sonipat (Haryana) section / 75 kmph / NGHM linkage.

PIB 2265781 · 2026-05-27

• International Day of Yoga 2026

Body: Ministry of Ayush is the nodal ministry.

Detail: theme 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'; main event in Kolkata (21 June 2026); 25-day countdown at the UNESCO World Heritage site Khajuraho.

Lineage: IDY observed every 21 June since 2015, following a UNGA resolution proposed by India in 2014.

Exam hook: 2026 theme / Kolkata host / 2014 proposal-2015 first / Ayush nodal.

PIB 2265716 · 2026-05-27

• Padma Awards ceremony

Body: conferred by the President at Rashtrapati Bhavan; PM Modi attended (May 2026).

Detail: Padma Awards = Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri - India's highest civilian honours after the Bharat Ratna.

Exam hook: three Padma tiers in order / rank below Bharat Ratna / conferred by President.

PIB 2265244 · 2026-05-25

• U23 Asian Wrestling C'ships 2026

Body: governed in India by the WFI; organised under United World Wrestling's Asia confederation.

Detail: India's women's contingent won 10 medals including 6 gold; the Greco-Roman team recorded its highest-ever overall medal count; congratulated by PM Modi.

Exam hook: 10 medals / 6 golds (women) / WFI-UWW governance.

PIB 2266397 · 2026-05-28

• First World Yogasana Championship

Body: governed by the National Yogasana Sports Federation; announced by Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.

Detail: first World Yogasana Championship in Amdavad (Ahmedabad), Gujarat, 4-8 June 2026; participants from 75 countries.

Lineage: Yogasana recognised as a competitive sport in India in 2020.

Exam hook: first edition / Ahmedabad host / 75 countries / 2020 sport recognition.

PIB 2265407 · 2026-05-26

- **Kazipet Rail Manufacturing Unit**

Body: Indian Railways; stated by Railway Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw**.

Detail: **Kazipet Rail Manufacturing Unit** in **Telangana** will manufacture **intercity trains**; near completion (May 2026); part of the push for domestic rolling-stock manufacturing.

Detail: Telangana's capital is Hyderabad.

Exam hook: Kazipet-Telangana / intercity trains / rolling-stock indigenisation.

PIB 2266232 · 2026-05-28

- **Tribal heritage diplomatic gifts**

Body: **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**; PM Modi gifted tribal-artisanship items to world leaders (May 2026).

Detail: showcased India's tribal heritage through diplomatic gifts.

Lineage: tied to the **150th birth anniversary** year of **Bhagwan Birsa Munda** (born 1875), observed as **Janjatiya Gaurav Divas on 15 November**.

Exam hook: Tribal Affairs ministry / Birsa Munda 150th / Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (15 Nov).

PIB 2265275 · 2026-05-26

- **National Register of Specified Dams 2026**

Body: **National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA)**.

Law: constituted under the **Dam Safety Act, 2021** for surveillance, inspection and maintenance of specified dams.

Detail: released the **National Register of Specified Dams (NRSD) 2026** and launched the **DHARMA portal** (Dam Health and Rehabilitation Monitoring Application).

Exam hook: NDSA / Dam Safety Act 2021 / NRSD register vs DHARMA portal.

PIB 2266087 · 2026-05-27

