

CDS Six-Month Compendium

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Schemes (54)

• DAY-NRLM and the 6-crore Lakhpati Didi target

Body: Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD).

Detail: Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods

Mission has mobilised about **10 crore** women into SHGs; a **Lakhpati Didi** is an SHG woman earning **at least Rs 1 lakh a year**; the target is **6 crore** Lakhpati Didis.

Lineage: target raised from **3 crore to 6 crore**.

Exam hook: definition of Lakhpati Didi + target number - the Rs 1 lakh threshold is **annual**, and the scheme is **MoRD's**, not **MWCD's**.

PIB 2229724 · 2026-02-18

• PM-VIKAS and PMJVK - the two minority-affairs pillars

Body: Ministry of Minority Affairs.

Detail: PM-VIKAS (PM Virasat Ka Samvardhan) is the merged **skilling/livelihood/credit** scheme for minority artisans; **PMJVK (PM Jan Vikas Karyakram)** funds **area-based infrastructure** in minority-concentration areas; the **6th Lok Samvardhan Parv** (Dehradun, Jul 2026), the **first co-hosted with a state government**, was staged under **PM-VIKAS**; both.

Exam hook: match scheme to skilling vs infrastructure - **PM-VIKAS = people (skills)**, **PMJVK = places (infrastructure)**; swapping their objects is the standard distractor.

PIB 2229466 · 2026-02-18

• PLI at a glance - 14 sectors, Rs 1.91 lakh crore

Body: no single nodal ministry - each of the 14 sectors is run by its own line ministry.

Detail: consolidated review (20 Feb 2026) - **836 approved applications across 14 sectors, Rs 2.16 lakh crore invested, Rs 8.3 lakh crore exported, 14.39 lakh jobs, Rs 28,748 crore** incentives disbursed to 31 Dec 2025; incentives are paid on **incremental production/sales**, not capex.

Lineage: PLI began **2020** with mobiles, **14 sectors by 2021**; combined outlay about **Rs 1.91 lakh crore**.

Exam hook: what the incentive rewards - **incremental production and sales, not capex**; and that PLI has **no single nodal ministry**, each sector sitting with its own line ministry.

PIB 2230621 · 2026-02-20

• PM RAHAT - cashless golden-hour care for crash victims

Body: Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH); pushed nationwide by a stakeholder review on **26 Feb 2026**.

Law: rides on the cashless-treatment mandate of the **Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Act 2019**.

Detail: PM RAHAT = **Road Accident victims' Hospitalization and Assured Treatment**; **cashless treatment** through a designated hospital network, integrated with the **ERSS 112** helpline so victims reach care within the **golden hour** (about half of crash deaths are preventable with first-hour admission); '**Rah-Veer**' is the Good-Samaritan reward scheme alongside.

Lineage: launched by the PM on **13 Feb 2026**.

Exam hook: expand RAHAT; which helpline integrates; a **MoRTH** scheme, **not Ayushman Bharat**, though hospitals overlap.

PIB 2233219 · 2026-02-26

• PM MITRA parks - Virudhunagar allots its first big land block

Body: Ministry of Textiles; each park executed by a state-level SPV.

Detail: PM MITRA = **PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel**; **7 parks** - Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu), Warangal (Telangana), Navsari (Gujarat), Kalaburagi (Karnataka), Dhar (Madhya Pradesh), Lucknow-Hardoi (Uttar Pradesh), Amravati (Maharashtra, not Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh); outlay about **Rs 4,445 crore**; Virudhunagar (Tamil Nadu) SPV board of **27-28 Feb 2026** allotted **190 acres to 23 investors, Rs 2,192 crore**, about **15,000 jobs**.

Lineage: built on the '**5F**' vision - **farm-fibre-factory-fashion-foreign**.

Exam hook: expand MITRA / park count 7 + their states / **PM MITRA = textile PARKS (infrastructure) vs Textiles PLI = production incentive**, two separate textile schemes.

PIB 2233958 · 2026-02-28

• PMBJP - 19,200+ Jan Aushadhi Kendras

Body: PMBI (Pharmaceuticals & Medical Devices Bureau of India) under the **Department of Pharmaceuticals**, Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers.

Detail: Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana sells generics **50-90% cheaper**; kendras grew from **84 (2014) to 19,200+ (2026)**, North East from 1 to 417, UP tops with 4,042; **8th Janaushadhi Diwas on 7 Mar 2026**, preceded by a week-long Saptah; nutraceuticals push.

Lineage: started **2008**, renamed 2015-16.

Exam hook: which ministry runs PMBJP - **Pharmaceuticals Department**, not MoHFW; Janaushadhi Diwas is 7 March.

PIB 2236418 · 2026-03-07

• PM-JANMAN - the 75-PVTG saturation mission

Body: Ministry of Tribal Affairs plus 9 line ministries.

Detail: PM Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan (PM-JANMAN) saturates basic facilities - housing, roads, water, power - for the **75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)**; progress detailed across Mar-Aug 2026 releases and Parliament answers.

Lineage: launched on **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas, 15 Nov 2023**, from Khunti, Jharkhand.

Exam hook: PM-JANMAN = **only 75 PVTGs**, while **DAJGUA/PM-JUGA** covers all ST-majority villages via **17 ministries** - swapped target groups are the standard wrong option; which mission targets PVTGs; launch venue/date.

PIB 2236972 · 2026-03-09

• Kisan Credit Card: 7.72 crore cards, Rs 5 lakh MISS limit

Body: NABARD-designed, delivered through scheduled commercial banks, RRBs and cooperative banks.

Detail: **7.72 crore operative KCCs** with about **Rs 10.2 lakh crore** outstanding; under the **Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS)** the loan limit is now **Rs 5 lakh**, collateral-free up to **Rs 2 lakh**.

Lineage: **Kisan Credit Card** launched **1998** on the **R.V. Gupta** committee's design for short-term farm credit; extended to **animal husbandry and fisheries in 2019**.

Exam hook: MISS subsidises interest on short-term credit - KCC is a **loan product, not a DBT grant** like **PM-KISAN**; KCC launch year / the new Rs 5 lakh limit.

PIB 2238004 · 2026-03-11

- Mission Vatsalya - child protection, one portal, CARA module**
Body: Ministry of Women and Child Development (MWCD).
Law: CARA (Central Adoption Resource Authority) is statutory under the JJ Act 2015.
Detail: child-protection scheme covering **Child Care Institutions, District Child Protection Units and adoption agencies**; the unified **Mission Vatsalya Portal (Mar 2026)** now links all child-protection actors, and CARA's module on it has digitised **end-to-end adoption** (Aug 2026 answer).
Lineage: renamed from **Child Protection Services**.
Exam hook: match MWCD mission to mandate - **Vatsalya = child protection, Poshan 2.0 = nutrition, Shakti = women**.
 PIB 2241717 · 2026-03-18
- PM GatiShakti - Network Planning Group appraisals**
Body: NPG (Network Planning Group) anchored in the **Logistics Division, DPIIT (Ministry of Commerce and Industry)**; held its **105th-110th meetings (Dec 2025-Mar 2026)** appraising multimodal rail-road projects.
Detail: **PM GatiShakti National Master Plan launched Oct 2021**; NPG is its multi-ministry **appraisal body**; runs on a **GIS platform** of layered infrastructure data and works with the **National Logistics Policy (2022)**.
Exam hook: NPG appraises, the Empowered Group of Secretaries approves - options swap the two GatiShakti organs; two-statement NPG parent ministry + function.
 PIB 2243141 · 2026-03-20
- Blue Revolution-FIDF-PMMSY fisheries stack**
Body: Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying; architecture restated **Mar 2026** and again in Jul-Aug 2026 Parliament answers.
Detail: **Blue Revolution** launched 2015; **FIDF = Fisheries and Aquaculture Infrastructure Development Fund (2018)**; **PMMSY = PM Matsya Sampada Yojana (2020, Rs 20,050 crore)**; India is the world's **2nd-largest fish producer**, about 8% of global output.
Exam hook: two-statement - **PMMSY year + India's fish-production rank / date swap: World Fisheries Day 21 Nov vs National Fish Farmers Day 10 Jul**.
 PIB 2244324 · 2026-03-24
- PM-KUSUM - 21.77 lakh farmers, convergence with Surya Ghar**
Body: MNRE - not the Agriculture Ministry.
Detail: **PM-KUSUM** components - **A** decentralised grid-connected solar plants, **B** standalone **off-grid** solar pumps, **C** solarisation of existing **grid-connected** pumps; farmers become '**Urjadata**'; **21.77 lakh+ farmers** benefited with **10,203 MW** installed (Mar 2026 reply).
Lineage: launched 2019; **KUSUM-Surya Ghar convergence** for rural solar pushed Jul 2026; **KUSUM 2.0** with **Agri-PV** planned.
Exam hook: which ministry - MNRE, not Agriculture; **B = new standalone off-grid pumps** vs **C = solarising pumps already on the grid** is the component swap asked.
 PIB 2244667 · 2026-03-24
- PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana rollout**
Body: MoA and FW (Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare).
Detail: **PMDDKY = PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana**, announced in **Union Budget 2025-26**; covers **100 low-productivity agriculture districts** by converging existing schemes, about **1.7 crore** farmers; rolled out from **Mar 2026**, initiated in four West Bengal districts alongside the **PM-KISAN 23rd instalment**; selection methodology answered in Parliament.
Lineage: modelled on **NITI Aayog's Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP)**.
Exam hook: two-statement - coverage + model programme / **100 districts, not blocks**; the model is ADP but the scheme is MoA and FW's.
 PIB 2244624 · 2026-03-24
- Sagarmala pillars and SMFCL, first maritime NBFC**
Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW).
Detail: Sagarmala is the port-led development scheme on **5 pillars** - port modernisation, port connectivity, port-led industrialisation, coastal community development, and **coastal shipping and inland water transport (IWT)**; its **Sagarmala Finance Corporation Ltd (SMFCL)**, **India's first maritime NBFC**, began lending with about **Rs 4,300 crore** sanctioned (Mar 2026).
Lineage: Sagarmala launched 2015.
Exam hook: which is NOT a Sagarmala pillar - older lists show only **4 pillars**, coastal shipping and IWT being the fifth.
 PIB 2244789 · 2026-03-24

- Modified UDAN approved; Viksit UDAN launched**
Body: Ministry of Civil Aviation.
Detail: Cabinet approved **Modified UDAN on 25 Mar 2026** - outlay **Rs 28,840 crore over 10 years**; PM launched the next phase '**Viksit UDAN**' at Jodhpur, **4 Jul 2026**; new phase targets **100 airports** from unserved airstrips and **200 helipads**, VGF Rs 10,043 crore.
Lineage: UDAN = **Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik**, the Regional Connectivity Scheme launched **Oct 2016**; original scheme operationalised **669 routes, 95 airports**.
Exam hook: UDAN began 2016 - Modified UDAN is a continuation, not a new scheme; two-statement full form + launch year.
 PIB 2245096 · 2026-03-25
- National Green Hydrogen Mission - 8,000 TPA commissioned, sector contracts**
Body: Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.
Detail: by early 2026 about **8,000 tonnes/yr** of green-hydrogen capacity commissioned; contracts cover **30,000 MTPA for refineries** and **6.7 lakh MTPA green ammonia** for 11 fertiliser plants; 15 firms hold electrolyser incentives; hubs at **Kandla** and **V.O. Chidambaranar** ports; green ammonia/methanol standards are **NGHM add-ons**.
Lineage: **NGHM launched Jan 2023**, outlay **Rs 19,744 crore**, target **5 MMT/yr by 2030** with 125 GW added RE; **SIGHT** is its incentive window.
Exam hook: **SIGHT** (hydrogen incentives) vs **PLI** schemes - different windows; **NGHM** outlay/target; hub-port match.
 PIB 2245157 · 2026-03-25
- Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 + Poshan Tracker**
Body: Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD).
Detail: Mission Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0 merges **Anganwadi Services + POSHAN Abhiyaan (8 Mar 2018) + Scheme for Adolescent Girls**; 2 lakh centres becoming **Saksham Anganwadis**; a **6-service package**; **Poshan Tracker** app launched **Mar 2021**.
Lineage: Poshan 2.0 dates from 2021; **POSHAN Abhiyaan (2018)** is a component inside it.
Exam hook: the two names are not interchangeable; which three schemes merged into Poshan 2.0.
 PIB 2245910 · 2026-03-27
- Van Dhan Vikas Kendras under PMJVM (TRIFED, Minor Forest Produce)**
Body: Ministry of Tribal Affairs, nodal agency **TRIFED**.
Detail: **Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs)** under the **Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Vikas Mission (PMJVM)** do value-addition and marketing of **Minor Forest Produce (MFP)**; about **4,172 VDVks** sanctioned, linked to **MSP for MFP**; **TRIFED** retails via **115 Tribes India outlets**; figures. Jul-Aug Parliament answers on procurement and women's participation.
Exam hook: match **VDVK - TRIFED - Minor Forest Produce**; **VDVKs** are **not handicrafts under KVIC**, and **MSP-for-MFP** is distinct from crop **MSP (CACP)**.
 PIB 2246691 · 2026-03-29
- Atal Bhujal Yojana - community groundwater management**
Body: Ministry of Jal Shakti, with **World Bank** support in **7 states**.
Detail: **Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal)** is community-led groundwater management in water-stressed blocks through **incentive-based, demand-side** interventions; **gram-panchayat water-security plans** are its core instrument; complements **JJM** source-sustainability work; reviewed in an April 2026 reply and a July Parliament question.
Lineage: launched 2020.
Exam hook: Atal Jal covers how many states, with whose support; **Atal Bhujal (groundwater) vs Atal Mission/AMRUT (urban infrastructure)** - the 'Atal' prefix misleads.
 PIB 2248393 · 2026-04-02
- PM MUDRA Yojana at 11: Rs 40 lakh crore milestone**
Body: Department of Financial Services, Ministry of Finance.
Detail: **PMMY completed 11 years on 8 Apr 2026** - over **57 crore loans** worth **Rs 40.07 lakh crore**, about **60% of accounts held by women**; collateral-free loans to non-corporate, non-farm micro units in four slabs - **Shishu, Kishor, Tarun, TarunPlus (up to Rs 20 lakh)**.
Lineage: launched **8 Apr 2015**, motto "**Funding the Unfunded**"; **TarunPlus (2024)** raised the ceiling from Rs 10 lakh to **Rs 20 lakh**.
Exam hook: the old **Rs 10 lakh** cap is the standard wrong option; category-limit match / current loan ceiling.
 PIB 2249942 · 2026-04-08

• SVAMITVA - 3.18 crore property cards by drone survey

Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj, a Central Sector Scheme; survey by drones with the Survey of India.

Detail: SVAMITVA = Survey of Villages And Mapping with Improved Technology in Village Areas; maps inhabited (abadi) rural land to issue legal Property Cards; about 3.18 crore property cards issued, per the Panchayati Raj 12-year review (Jun 2026).

Lineage: launched 24 Apr 2020, on National Panchayati Raj Day.

Exam hook: launch day + what land is surveyed - abadi (inhabited) land only, not farmland; parent is Panchayati Raj, not Rural Development.

PIB 2244931 · 2026-04-24

• PMAY-Gramin - assistance amounts and selection base

Body: Ministry of Rural Development; milestones, 6.18 lakh houses sanctioned for UP (Jun)..

Detail: unit assistance Rs 1.20 lakh (plain) / Rs 1.30 lakh (hilly/NE/IAP); beneficiaries drawn from the SECC-2011 + Awaas+ lists.

Lineage: PMAY-G launched 2016, restructuring the Indira Awas Yojana.

Exam hook: PMAY-G (Rural Development) vs PMAY-U 2.0 (Housing and Urban Affairs) - ministry and assistance figures differ; two-statement predecessor scheme + selection database.

PIB 2261411 · 2026-05-15

• PM POSHAN - Ministry of Education school meal

Body: Ministry of Education; norms released May 2026, fortified-food substitution answers July 2026.

Detail: PM POSHAN = PM Poshan Shakti Nirman - one hot cooked meal for Bal Vatika to Class 8 in government and aided schools, about 11 crore children.

Lineage: renamed 2021 from the Mid-Day Meal Scheme (traces to 1995; the Supreme Court made it a right in 2001).

Exam hook: which ministry runs PM POSHAN - Education, while Anganwadi nutrition (Poshan 2.0) is WCD.

PIB 2265621 · 2026-05-26

• PM-AJAY - three SC schemes merged, portal launched

Body: Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Detail: PM Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) merges 3 components - Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana (PMAGY), Grant-in-Aid (SCA to SCSP) and the Hostel component - targeting SC-majority villages; portal and AJAY app launched 26 May 2026, Central Advisory Committee review on 3 Jun, 17,067 Adarsh Gram villages reported in Aug Parliament answers.

Exam hook: which three components merged into PM-AJAY; PM-AJAY is for SCs (SJ&E) while PM-JUGA/DAJGUA is the tribal analogue (Tribal Affairs) - parallel abhiyans, different target groups.

PIB 2265530 · 2026-05-26

• PM SVANidhi at six years - street vendors

Body: Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).

Detail: PM Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi gives collateral-free working-capital loans in rising tranches (Rs 10,000 / 20,000 / 50,000) with digital-transaction cashback; 75.5 lakh+ street vendors benefited, 1.12 crore loans sanctioned, Rs 17,800 crore+ disbursed as of the 31 May 2026 Agartala review; a Street Food Hub plan followed in July.

Lineage: launched Jun 2020.

Exam hook: SVANidhi is MoHUA's (urban), not MoRD or MSME; it lends working capital, it is not a grant - ministry + loan-tranche structure.

PIB 2267218 · 2026-05-31

• PMMVY - Rs 5,000 first child, Rs 6,000 second girl child

Body: Ministry of Women & Child Development (MWCD) - in the Samarthya vertical of Mission Shakti since 1 Apr 2022.

Detail: Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY) maternity benefit - Rs 5,000 for the first living child, Rs 6,000 for the second child only if a girl; instalments cut from 3 to 2; 9 Jun 2026 review: 4.27 crore beneficiaries paid, Rs 20,150 crore disbursed.

Lineage: launched 2017.

Exam hook: the second-child benefit is girl-child-conditional - Rs 6,000 for any second child is wrong; amounts + the girl-child condition.

PIB 2270668 · 2026-06-09

• Beti Bachao Beti Padhao - three ministries, SRB 929

Body: joint initiative of MWCD + Health (MoHFW) + Education (MoE), with MWCD as nodal ministry.

Detail: 11-year review (13 Jun 2026) - Sex Ratio at Birth up from 918 (2014-15) to 929 (2024-25); girls' secondary enrolment 80.2%.

Lineage: launched 22 Jan 2015, responding to the declining Child Sex Ratio.

Exam hook: BBBP has three partner ministries - naming MWCD alone (or adding Rural Development) breaks the two-statement item; SRB trend.

PIB 2272391 · 2026-06-13

• PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana - Rs 2,400 crore first payout

Body: Ministry of Labour and Employment, delivered via EPFO.

Detail: PM Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) is the flagship employment-linked incentive scheme - incentives to first-time employees entering the formal workforce and to employers creating sustained new jobs; PM Modi disbursed about Rs 2,400 crore on 19 Jun 2026, supporting about 15 lakh employment opportunities.

Exam hook: what PM-VBRY incentivises + delivery agency - it rewards new formal employment via EPFO, and is neither a skilling scheme (PMKVY) nor an unemployment allowance.

PIB 2275407 · 2026-06-19

• PM-KISAN 23rd instalment from Hooghly

Body: Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare - Central Sector scheme.

Detail: 23rd instalment released 20 Jun 2026 from Tarakeswar, Hooghly, West Bengal (PM-KISAN Utsav Diwas) - over Rs 18,880 crore to 9.44 crore farmers, 2.18 crore of them women; cumulative payout Rs 4.46+ lakh crore; Budget 2026-27 allocation Rs 60,000 crore.

Lineage: launched 24 Feb 2019 - Rs 6,000/year in three instalments of Rs 2,000 by DBT to Aadhaar-seeded accounts of landholding farmer families.

Exam hook: Rs 6,000 per family per year, landholders only - not per person, tenants excluded; two-statement on annual amount + launch year.

PIB 2275744 · 2026-06-20

• VB-G RAM G Act 2025 in force 1 July 2026 - MGNREGA repealed

Body: Ministry of Rural Development.

Law: Viksit Bharat - Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025 (VB-G RAM G), commenced nationwide 1 Jul 2026, repealing MGNREGA, 2005.

Detail: guarantee raised to 125 days/year (vs 100); wage floor Rs 300/day; FY2026-27 allocation Rs 95,692 crore; first instalment Rs 25,863 crore released 5 Jul 2026; Gram Panchayat is the central pillar..

Exam hook: full form is Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin); it replaces MGNREGA - a surviving MGNREGA or 100 days is wrong; two-statement 125 days + repeal.

PIB 2279660 · 2026-07-01

• PMGKAY rice quality reset - 10% and 5% broken grains

Body: CCEA decision of 2 Jul 2026; Department of Food and Public Distribution.

Detail: PDS rice specifications revised for the first time in about three decades - broken-grain cap cut to 10% (raw) and 5% (parboiled) from 25%/16%; phased rollout by KMS 2027-28; saves about Rs 2,161 crore/year.

Lineage: PMGKAY = PM Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana, free foodgrains to 80+ crore NFSA beneficiaries.

Exam hook: quality was upgraded with entitlements unchanged - options pairing the reform with quantity cuts are wrong; new broken-grain percentages + beneficiary count.

PIB 2280307 · 2026-07-02

• Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyaan - 6th anniversary pledge

Body: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE) - Drug Demand Reduction wing.

Detail: National Mass Pledge on 18 Aug 2026 for NMBA's 6th anniversary; outreach crossed 29.32 crore citizens; a Nasha Mukh Bharat Saptah ran 17-26 Jun 2026; drug de-addiction helpline 14446; navigates via Nasha Mukh Mitras and district dashboards.

Lineage: launched 15 Aug 2020.

Exam hook: NMBA belongs to Social Justice (demand side), not Health or Home - NCB handles supply-side enforcement; which ministry + launch year.

PIB 2283379 · 2026-07-10

• Amended BharatNet: Rs 5,629 crore Gujarat rollout

Body: Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), Department of Telecommunications; state partners GFGNL and BSNL.

Law: Telecommunications Act, 2023 - DBN is the renamed Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF).

Detail: addendum with Gujarat, GFGNL and BSNL (10 Jul 2026) - Rs 5,629 crore for the Amended BharatNet Programme (ABP) covering 14,287 gram panchayats; 5 lakh rural fibre connections planned in Gujarat.

Lineage: ABP cleared by Cabinet, Aug 2023, about Rs 1.39 lakh crore, state-led model.

Exam hook: DBN was earlier known as the USOF - options treat them as two different funds.

PIB 2283455 · 2026-07-10

• Aastha Van Sanrakshan Yojana - Rs 3,000 crore for 15,000 sacred groves

Body: CAMPA Governing Body, Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change - approved 10 Jul 2026.

Detail: Aastha Van Sanrakshan Yojana - new Rs 3,000 crore, 5-year (2026-27 to 2030-31) scheme for about 15,000 sacred groves (Aastha Vans); the same meeting extended MISHTI to 2029 with outlay raised to Rs 600 crore.

Lineage: sacred groves' regional names - Devrai (Maharashtra), Kavu (Kerala), Orans (Rajasthan), Law Kyntang (Meghalaya); 652 Nagar Vans developed under Nagar Van Yojana so far.

Exam hook: MISHTI = mangroves (coastal) vs Aastha Van = sacred groves - same meeting, different ecosystems.

PIB 2283233 · 2026-07-10

• PMFME crosses 2 lakh credit-linked units

Body: MoFPI (Ministry of Food Processing Industries); centrally sponsored.

Detail: PMFME = PM Formalisation of Micro food processing Enterprises; 35% credit-linked capital subsidy, capped Rs 10 lakh per unit; follows the One District One Product (ODOP) approach; seed capital reached 4.18 lakh SHG members; crossed 2 lakh credit-linked micro units (celebrated 11 Jul 2026) - Rs 20,300 crore project investment, about 44% women beneficiaries, about 90% first-generation entrepreneurs. **Lineage:** launched 2020.

Exam hook: subsidy rate + ODOP linkage / PMFME = micro units vs PLISFPI = large food processors, same ministry, different tiers.

PIB 2283606 · 2026-07-11

• NAMASTE scheme and 3rd NAMASTE Day (14 July 2026, Kolkata)

Body: joint scheme of MoSJE and the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Detail: NAMASTE = National Action for Mechanised Sanitation Ecosystem; covers sewer/septic-tank workers and waste pickers - PPE, Ayushman cards, mechanisation; 89,248 workers profiled; the 3rd NAMASTE Day was observed on 14 Jul 2026 at Kolkata, marking three years.

Lineage: launched 2023, subsuming the manual-scavenger rehabilitation scheme SRMS.

Exam hook: full form + which scheme it subsumed; NAMASTE covers sanitation workers broadly, not only manual scavengers; the watchdog NCSK is a separate commission.

PIB 2284028 · 2026-07-13

• SMILE - beggary rehabilitation in 216 cities

Body: MoSJE; Jul 2026 review.

Detail: SMILE = Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise; two sub-schemes - comprehensive rehabilitation of persons engaged in begging, and welfare of transgender persons (Garima Greh shelters, national portal).

Lineage: beggary sub-scheme now in 216 cities (target 295 by FY2030-31); 10,200+ persons rehabilitated against a 35,000 target; goal is a Bhiksha Vritti Mukh Bharat.

Exam hook: SMILE covers both beggars and transgender persons - options limiting it to one wing are the trap; full form + its two target groups.

PIB 2286744 · 2026-07-20

• Jan Dhan and Jansuraksha: the July 2026 numbers

Body: Department of Financial Services (DFS), Ministry of Finance.

Detail: as on 1 Jul 2026 - PMJDY 58.63 crore accounts (Rs 3.08 lakh crore deposits, 55.7% women), PMJJBY 27.84 crore, PMSBY 58.78 crore, APY 9.29 crore enrolments; Mudra 59.14 crore loans of Rs 41.71 lakh crore.

Lineage: PMJDY (Aug 2014) anchors the National Mission for Financial Inclusion - "banking the unbanked, securing the unsecured, funding the unfunded".

Exam hook: PMJJBY = Rs 2 lakh life cover (18-50 yrs) vs PMSBY = accident cover (18-70 yrs); match Jansuraksha scheme to cover and age band.

PIB 2287200 · 2026-07-21

• NSAP - the pension scheme that belongs to Rural Development

Body: Ministry of Rural Development.

Detail: National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP) pays BPL old-aged, widows and disabled persons - Old Age (IGNOAPS), Widow and Disability pensions plus a family benefit; a Jul 2026 answer put 3 crore+ central beneficiaries, about 9 crore including state-funded pensions, with state top-ups pushing average pensions near Rs 1,100/month in several states.

Lineage: central pension rates last revised in 2012.

Exam hook: which ministry runs NSAP + last revision year - it is MoRD's, not Social Justice's, the single most-missed welfare pairing; benefits are for BPL households only.

PIB 2287305 · 2026-07-21

• PMKSY: umbrella irrigation scheme restated

Body: components split across ministries - AIBP and Har Khet Ko Pani under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Watershed Development under the Dept of Land Resources (Rural Development), and the Per Drop More Crop micro-irrigation leg now on the agriculture side.

Detail: PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), 2015, is the umbrella irrigation scheme; its structure was restated in Parliament answers in Jun and Jul 2026 - a definitions staple.

Exam hook: match PMKSY component to ministry - options park all components under Agriculture; also PMKSY (sinchayee) vs PM Kisan SAMPADA (food processing).

PIB 2287248 · 2026-07-21

• Eklavya Model Residential Schools - NESTS, Space Labs, sports meet

Body: NESTS (National Education Society for Tribal Students, est. 2019), Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Detail: EMRS = Eklavya Model Residential Schools for ST students, classes 6-12; 75 Space Labs inaugurated by the President (3 Jun 2026); NESTS MoUs for the Amazon Future Engineer programme and AI academic support; 9,111 recruited on staffing; Telangana topped the 4th EMRS National Sports Meet medal tally.

Exam hook: which society runs EMRSs + its founding year / EMRS = Tribal Affairs/NESTS, not Navodaya Vidyalayas (Education Ministry) - a deliberately confusable parallel.

PIB 2287694 · 2026-07-22

• PM-YASASVI umbrella for OBC, EBC, DNT students

Body: Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Detail: PM-YASASVI = PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India, for OBC, EBC and DNT students; four components - Pre-Matric, Post-Matric, Top Class Schools, Top Class Colleges - detailed in a Jul 2026 Lok Sabha answer, with success stories recurring in Aug.

Exam hook: which category is NOT covered - it excludes SC/ST, who have separate Post-Matric schemes; and it is an umbrella of four schemes, not one scholarship.

PIB 2287626 · 2026-07-22

• PM SHRI - 13,092 exemplar schools selected

Body: Ministry of Education; centrally sponsored scheme.

Detail: PM SHRI = Pradhan Mantri Schools for Rising India, upgrading existing schools into NEP 2020 exemplars with green-school and digital features; Jul 2026 Lok Sabha answer: 13,092 schools selected against a target of over 14,500, including KVS, NVS and NCERT schools. **Lineage:** approved 2022.

Exam hook: two-statement - scheme type + what it covers / PM SHRI upgrades existing government schools, it does not build new ones; Kendriya and Navodaya Vidyalayas are included.

PIB 2290004 · 2026-07-27

• NIPUN Bharat and the FLN stack

Body: Ministry of Education - a mission **inside Samagra Shiksha**.
Detail: **NIPUN Bharat** = National Initiative for Proficiency in Reading with Understanding and Numeracy - foundational literacy-numeracy by end of **Grade 2**; toolkit (Jul 2026 answer): **Vidya Pravesh** (3-month school-readiness, 2021) has covered **5 crore+ children in 8.8 lakh schools, Jaadui Pitara** (play kit of 53 items, Feb 2023, 22 languages), **e-Jaadui Pitara** (2024).
Lineage: launched **5 Jul 2021** to deliver the foundational stage of the **5+3+3+4** structure introduced by **NEP 2020**, which first brought ages **3-6** into the school continuum.
Exam hook: NIPUN is a mission **inside Samagra Shiksha**, not standalone; match tool to purpose.
 PIB 2291340 · 2026-07-29

• Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana - floating solar with storage

Body: Ministry of New & Renewable Energy - Cabinet approval **31 Jul 2026**.
Detail: PM-SSY builds **5,000 MW of floating solar** on reservoirs with co-located **energy storage (min 2 hrs, 10,000 MWh)**; outlay **Rs 5,070 crore**, sanctions FY 2026-27 to 2030-31; CFA **Rs 1 crore per MW** post-commissioning; cuts about **10 Mt CO2/yr**.
Lineage: NISE assessed floating-solar potential at **102.18 GWp**; installed floating solar today only about **700 MW**.
Exam hook: **Surya Sarovar** (floating solar on water) vs **Surya Ghar** (rooftops); what PM-SSY develops, with what outlay.
 PIB 2292433 · 2026-07-31

• Green Credit Programme - ICFRE-run, 40% canopy rule

Body: **ICFRE Dehradun is the Administrator**; Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change; **CAMPA** released **Rs 7.28 crore** to ICFRE for it.
Law: **Green Credit Rules, 12 Oct 2023** under the **Environment (Protection) Act 1986**.
Detail: tree-plantation credits claimable only after **5 years** and **40% canopy density**; degraded forest parcels come from State Forest Departments; supports **Mission LiFE**; detailed in Parliament replies (Mar and 3 Aug 2026)..
Exam hook: two-statement - administrator + parent Act / **Green Credit (voluntary, ICFRE, plantation)** vs **Carbon Credit/CCTS (compliance, BEE)**.
 PIB 2293887 · 2026-08-03

• PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana crosses 50 lakh rooftop installations

Body: MNRE - the world's largest rooftop-solar programme.
Detail: on **4 Aug 2026** crossed **50.06 lakh** rooftop-solar households (30 lakh in Feb) - **14.8 GW** commissioned, about 19 lakh zero-bill homes, 1 lakh new households every 6 days..
Lineage: launched **Feb 2024**; outlay **Rs 75,021 crore**; target **1 crore households**; subsidy plus up to **300 free units/month**.
Exam hook: **Surya Ghar** = household rooftops vs **PM-KUSUM** = farm solar vs the new **PM-SSY** = floating solar; 50-lakh milestone / free-units figure.
 PIB 2294208 · 2026-08-04

• GOBARDhan - Rs 23,731 crore national unified Compressed Biogas scheme

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas (MoPNG).
Detail: Cabinet approved **GOBARDhan, the National Circular Bioenergy Scheme (6 Aug 2026)** - outlay **Rs 23,731 crore**, FY 2026-27 to 2035-36, about **10x CBG growth** via assured offtake at an administered price of **Rs 2,110/MMBTU**; CBG blending obligation **3% (2026-27)**, **4%**, then **5%** in CNG/PNG segments; 200+ CBG plants already run.
Lineage: absorbs SATAT-era support; supersedes the old GOBARDhan of **2018** under Jal Shakti (sanitation).
Exam hook: ministry swap - 2018 Jal Shakti version vs the unified MoPNG scheme; 2026 outlay / nodal ministry.
 PIB 2295480 · 2026-08-06

• One Stop Centres - 991 operational, 15.2 lakh women assisted

Body: **MWCD; SAMBAL** vertical of **Mission Shakti**; tracked on the real-time Mission Shakti Dashboard.
Detail: **One Stop Centres (OSC)** bundle medical, legal, police, counselling and temporary-shelter support under one roof for women affected by violence; Aug 2026 answer - **1,033 approved, 991 operational, 15.20 lakh+ women assisted** since inception (**1 Apr 2015**).
Exam hook: OSC vertical + services it bundles / **OSC sits in Sambal (safety), not Samarthya (empowerment)**; Nari Adalat is the separate GP (Gram Panchayat)-level forum.
 PIB 2296046 · 2026-08-07

• Jiyo Parsi - the population-revival outlier

Body: Ministry of **Minority Affairs**; tally in an Aug 2026 answer.
Detail: **Jiyo Parsi** (from **2013**) exists to arrest the **decline of the Parsi population** - fertility treatment, childcare and elderly-care assistance; **534 births since 2014-15, Rs 37.43 crore** spent since the 2013 start.
Exam hook: the only minority scheme aimed at **raising a community's population** - options describing it as a scholarship or housing scheme are wrong; Parsis are the **smallest notified minority**; which community + which unique objective.
 PIB 2297027 · 2026-08-10

• Vibrant Villages Programme-II: the paired-scheme trap

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA).
Detail: **VVP-II** - approved **2 Apr 2025** as a **Central Sector** scheme, **Rs 6,839 crore till FY 2028-29** - covers **1,954 villages in 334 blocks** on International Land Borders across **17 States/UTs** (Parliament, 12 Aug 2026).
Lineage: **VVP-I**, approved **15 Feb 2023** as a **Centrally Sponsored** scheme, covers **46 blocks on the northern border** - Arunachal, HP, Ladakh, Sikkim, Uttarakhand; 2,906 projects sanctioned, Rs 959.66 crore released.
Exam hook: **VVP-I** = northern border + centrally sponsored vs **VVP-II** = other land borders + central sector; two-statement scheme type + border coverage.
 PIB 2298329 · 2026-08-12

• DAJGUA / PM-JUGA - 25 interventions, 17 ministries, 63,843 villages

Body: Ministry of Tribal Affairs anchors; **25 interventions** delivered by **17 line ministries**.
Detail: **Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan (DAJGUA)**, also called **PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan (PM-JUGA)**, saturates **63,843 villages** benefiting **5+ crore tribals in 549 districts, 2,911 blocks, 30 States/UTs** over 5 years (monsoon-session answers, Aug 2026).
Lineage: launched **2 Oct 2024**.
Exam hook: **DAJGUA** covers **all ST-majority villages** while **PM-JANMAN** covers **only 75 PVTGs**; the numbers **17/25 (DAJGUA)** vs 9 ministries (**JANMAN**) get swapped; launch date + counts.
 PIB 2298082 · 2026-08-12

• SBM (Grameen) Phase II - ODF Plus and liquid waste

Body: Department of **Drinking Water and Sanitation**, Ministry of **Jal Shakti**.
Detail: **SBM (Grameen) Phase II** focuses on **ODF sustainability plus Solid and Liquid Waste Management**, taking villages from ODF to **ODF Plus (Model)**; an Aug 2026 answer put **5.63 lakh of 5.87 lakh villages** with liquid-waste-management arrangements.
Lineage: Phase II runs from **1 Apr 2020**.
Exam hook: Phase II objective (ODF Plus) + parent ministry - **SBM-G = Jal Shakti**, **SBM-Urban = Housing and Urban Affairs**; the two halves of Swachh Bharat have different parents.
 PIB 2298960 · 2026-08-13

• Jal Jeevan Mission at 7 years - tap coverage 16.7% to 82%

Body: Department of Drinking Water & Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
Detail: rural tap coverage **16.72% (3.23 crore homes, 2019) to 82.24% (15.91 crore)**; **2.04 lakh villages** Har Ghar Jal-certified; standard **55 lpcd** of BIS:10500-quality water via Functional Household Tap Connections; extended to **Dec 2028**; **JJM 2.0** shifts to service delivery on reform-linked state MoUs..
Lineage: launched **15 Aug 2019**; completed **7 years on 15 Aug 2026**.
Exam hook: **JJM** = rural taps (Jal Shakti) vs **AMRUT** = urban water (MoHUA); launch date / current coverage.
 PIB 2299487 · 2026-08-14

• The four Labour Codes - regional rollout conferences

Body: Labour Ministry; the **5th Regional Conference on Labour Codes** opened **27 Feb 2026** at **EPFO HQ, New Delhi** with **10 north-eastern/northern States-UTs**, pushing Centre-State implementation.

Law: the four codes - **Wages 2019; Industrial Relations 2020; Social Security 2020; OSH and Working Conditions 2020** - subsume **29 central labour laws**, in force since **21 Nov 2025**.

Detail: perks include a free annual **ESIC** health check-up for workers **40+**.
Exam hook: which code is NOT of 2020 - only the **Code on Wages is 2019**; how many laws subsumed; enforcement (Nov 2025) came five years after enactment.

PIB 2233532 · 2026-02-27

• NHRC Advisory 2.0 on transgender persons

Body: NHRC, statutory under the **Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993**; issued **Advisory 2.0** on transgender welfare (**May 2026**) to ministries and Chief Secretaries.

Law: builds on the **Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Act, 2019** and **NALSA v. Union of India (2014)**, which recognised the third gender.

Exam hook: pair the 2014 judgment with the 2019 Act - **NALSA 2014 = judgment, TG Act 2019 = statute, NCTP = the advisory council**; three different instruments.

PIB 2262820 · 2026-05-19

• West Bengal - 36th and last to join PM-JAY

Body: NHA MoU - on **8 Jun 2026** West Bengal became the **36th State/UT** to implement **AB PM-JAY**, completing nationwide adoption; about **1.43 crore families** added.

Detail: PM-JAY launched **September 2018**, the world's largest government-funded health assurance at **Rs 5 lakh per family per year**; **12 crore treatments worth Rs 1.82 lakh crore** so far; out-of-pocket spend down from **64.6% to 43.4%**; **portability** lets migrants use any empanelled hospital.

Lineage: late joiners in order - **Odisha and Delhi (2025), West Bengal last (2026)**.

Exam hook: which State joined last.

PIB 2270375 · 2026-06-08

• Sickle cell mission - 7 crore screened early

Body: **National Sickle Cell Anaemia Elimination Mission** - screens ages **0-40 in tribal-focus districts**; goal, elimination as a public-health problem by 2047.

Detail: **19 Jun 2026**, International Sickle Cell Day at **Omkareshwar, Madhya Pradesh** - the President announced the screening target met ahead of schedule: **7 crore people screened**, about **2.5 lakh patients** and **20 lakh+ carriers** identified.

Lineage: launched **2023** from **Shahdol (MP)**; one of the world's largest genetic screening drives.

Exam hook: target year **2047 (not 2030)** / screening band **0-40 years** / screened count.

PIB 2275074 · 2026-06-19

Polity/Bodies (14)

• NCST at 23 - Article 338A commission's Foundation Day

Body: NCST - National Commission for Scheduled Tribes, a **constitutional body** reporting to the President; Tribal Affairs Minister **Jual Oram** released the first '**NCST Handbook**'; chairperson (2026) **Antar Singh Arya**.

Law: **Article 338A**, inserted by the **89th Constitutional Amendment Act, 2003**, carving NCST out of the combined SC/ST commission; commission **constituted in 2004**.

Detail: Foundation Day marked **19 Feb 2026** in New Delhi - the commission was constituted on **19 Feb 2004**.

Exam hook: Art 338 = NCSC, 338A = NCST, 338B = NCBC (**102nd Amendment, 2018**) - the classic article-matching trap; year constituted.

PIB 2230380 · 2026-02-19

• 'Kerala' to 'Keralam' - Cabinet clears the renaming route

Body: Union Cabinet, **24 Feb 2026**, acting on the Kerala Assembly's unanimous resolution of **24 Jun 2024**.

Law: proviso to **Article 3** - the President refers the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 to the State Assembly for views; Parliament then passes it by simple majority, amending the First Schedule.

Detail: 'Keralam' is the Malayalam name of the State; Kerala Piravi **1 Nov 1956**.

Exam hook: renaming needs a parliamentary law under Arts 3-4, NOT an Art 368 amendment; the Assembly gives views only, consent not required - two-statement on procedure + schedule amended.

PIB 2232093 · 2026-02-24

• Delimitation Bill and Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026

Body: **Home Minister's** Lok Sabha reply, Apr 2026.

Law: delimitation rests on **Articles 81, 82, 170**; seats frozen by the **42nd Amendment (1976)**, extended by the **84th (2001)** till the first Census after 2026.

Detail: **Delimitation Bill 2026** and **Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill 2026** - Lok Sabha seats proposed to rise from **543 to about 816**; the package operationalises the **women's reservation (106th Amendment)**.

Exam hook: Delimitation Commission orders are **final and non-justiciable**; the freeze-extender is the **84th, NOT the 44th**; which amendment froze seats + new seat total.

PIB 2253186 · 2026-04-17

• National Panchayati Raj Day and the e-Panchayat suite

Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj; **RGSA**-backed digital tools showcased.

Law: **24 Apr** marks the **73rd Constitutional Amendment** in force, **1993 - Part IX, Art 243**.

Detail: **24 Apr 2026** National Panchayati Raj Day; the 12-year review (**15 Jun**) reported **4.10 crore** elected representatives/functionaries trained; suite - **eGramSwaraj, Meri Panchayat, AuditOnline, Gram Manchitra, SabhaSaar** (AI Gram Sabha transcripts, **23 languages**).

Lineage: **RGSA** introduced **2018-19**, revamped **2022-23**.

Exam hook: **73rd (Panchayats, 1993) vs 74th (Municipalities)** - date-pairing them is the classic trick; which Article/Amendment backs Panchayati Raj Day.

PIB 2255182 · 2026-04-24

• Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls - Phase III

Body: ECI - Election Commission of India; **BLOs** enumerate house-to-house, then draft roll and claims/objections.

Law: **Article 324** with **Section 21, RP Act 1950**.

Detail: **SIR Phase III ordered 14 May 2026 in 16 states + 3 UTs**; enumeration began **30 May** in **Odisha, Mizoram, Sikkim, Manipur**; the Vice-President filed his own form in Delhi.

Lineage: **Phase I was Bihar (2025)**, Phase II nine states + 3 UTs.

Exam hook: electoral rolls = **RP Act 1950**, conduct of elections = **RP Act 1951** - the year swap is the trap; which Act/section powers SIR; Phase I state.

PIB 2267217 · 2026-05-31

• Rajya Sabha biennial elections 2026 - 27 seats

Body: ECI announced the polls, Jun 2026.

Law: Rajya Sabha under **Article 80** - max **250 (238 elected + 12 nominated)**, actual **245**; elected by MLAs via **proportional representation by single transferable vote**; **one-third retire every 2 years**.

Detail: **27 Rajya Sabha seats - 24 biennial across 10 states** plus byes in **Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Odisha** - and Legislative Council MLA-quota seats in **Bihar (9+1)** and **Karnataka (7)**.

Exam hook: RS is permanent - **never dissolved**; **Legislative Councils (Art 171)** are state chambers, a separate election; Art 80 numbers + election method.

PIB 2267512 · 2026-06-01

• Census 2027 Phase I - Houselisting rolls across states

Body: RGI - Registrar General of India, under MHA.

Law: Census Act 1948.

Detail: by mid-June 2026 23 states/UTs had completed Phase I (Houselisting & Housing Census); field work began in Himachal on 16 June, while self-enumeration (portal se.census.gov.in, with an SE ID) ran in Kerala and Nagaland; population-count reference date 1 March 2027, 1 October 2026 for snow-bound areas.

Lineage: Census 2027 is India's first digital census and the first with caste enumeration.

Exam hook: Phase I lists houses, not people - population enumeration is Phase II (Feb 2027); 'Census 2026' is the wrong label.

PIB 2273506 · 2026-06-16

• Samvidhan Hatya Diwas - 50 years of the Emergency

Body: Culture Ministry, through CCRT.

Law: the 1975 proclamation was made under Article 352 on grounds of 'internal disturbance'.

Detail: Samvidhan Hatya Diwas commemorated 25 June 2026, marking 50 years of the 1975 Emergency; the observance was notified in 2024 to mark every 25 June.

Exam hook: the 44th Amendment (1978) replaced 'internal disturbance' with 'armed rebellion' and added safeguards (written Cabinet advice) - post-1978 an identical Emergency is impossible; date-year pair.

PIB 2278042 · 2026-06-25

• Telecom Act 2023 authorisation regime goes live

Body: DoT - Department of Telecommunications.

Law: the Telecommunications Act, 2023, which replaced the Indian Telegraph Act 1885 and the Wireless Telegraphy Act 1933; 'authorisation' replaces the licence as its core concept.

Detail: online applications for service authorisations opened with rules notified 23 Jun 2026; existing licences migrate via the Telecom eServices Portal (25 Jun 2026).

Exam hook: the TRAI Act 1997 survives - the 2023 Act did not repeal it, though options list it among the repealed laws; which colonial laws were replaced.

PIB 2277786 · 2026-06-25

• Ministry of Cooperation completes five years

Body: Ministry of Cooperation - carved out July 2021 with Amit Shah as its first minister; works through PACS transformation, digital cooperatives and bodies like NDDB/NAFED.

Law: constitutional footing for cooperatives came via the 97th Amendment (2011) - Art 43B and Part IXB.

Detail: week-long celebrations 29 June-6 July 2026 marked five years, culminating at Bharat Mandapam; vision 'Sahakar se Samridhhi'.

Lineage: Cooperation was earlier a department under the Agriculture Ministry; the 2021 move made it a full ministry, not a new statutory body.

Exam hook: founding year/minister; which amendment covers cooperatives.

PIB 2279435 · 2026-06-30

• 16th Finance Commission - Rs 4.35 lakh crore for rural local bodies

Body: Sixteenth Finance Commission (2026-31), chaired by Arvind Panagariya; grants flow through the Department of Expenditure's operational guidelines; taken up at a national workshop of state Panchayati Raj ministers, July 2026.

Law: the Finance Commission is constitutional under Article 280, constituted every five years.

Detail: recommendation devolves Rs 4,35,236 crore to Rural Local Bodies (RLB) over 2026-27 to 2030-31.

Exam hook: Art 280 FC (Union) vs State Finance Commissions under Art 243-I/243-Y for panchayats/municipalities; award period + RLB figure; who chairs the 16th FC.

PIB 2280902 · 2026-07-03

• Eight constitutional amendments in twelve years - the official list

Body: listed in a Lok Sabha reply of 25 July 2026.

Law: amendment procedure sits in Article 368.

Detail: the eight in twelve years - 99th (NJAC, 2014), 100th (India-Bangladesh boundary, 2015), 101st (GST, 2016), 102nd (NCBC, 2018), 103rd (EWS, 2019), 104th (SC/ST reservation extension, 2019), 105th (states' OBC lists, 2021), 106th (women's reservation, 2023); the 106th (Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam) awaits delimitation for effect.

Exam hook: the 99th was struck down by the SC in the NJAC judgment (2015) - enacted yet inoperative; a 'which pair is wrongly matched' option loves this list.

PIB 2289474 · 2026-07-25

• Ninth Schedule - Karnataka Reservation Act inclusion deferred

Body: Centre's reply in Lok Sabha, 25 July 2026.

Law: the Ninth Schedule was created by the First Amendment (1951), with Article 31B shielding listed laws from fundamental-rights challenge.

Detail: inclusion of the Karnataka SC/ST Reservation Act 2022 - providing 56% reservation - stands deferred, the Act being sub judice before the Karnataka High Court.

Exam hook: two-statement - which amendment created it + the I.R.

Coelho (2007) rule that laws inserted after 24 April 1973 face basic-structure review, so the shield is no longer absolute.

PIB 2289463 · 2026-07-25

• Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026

Law: amends Section 3, Prevention of Insults to National Honour Act 1971; passed in the Monsoon Session 2026.

Detail: extends anthem-grade protection to the National Song 'Vande Mataram' against wilful disruption of its singing; the 1971 Act until now covered the National Anthem, the flag and the Constitution.

Lineage: Constituent Assembly, 24 January 1950 - Dr Rajendra Prasad accorded Vande Mataram equal status with Jana Gana Mana; Independence Day 2026 theme '150 Years of Vande Mataram'.

Exam hook: what the amendment adds / it enters by amendment, not a fresh Act / the 24 Jan 1950 pin.

PIB 2291781 · 2026-07-30

Economy (20)

• India-GCC FTA negotiations launched

Body: GCC = 6 Gulf states (Saudi Arabia, UAE, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain, Oman); Joint Statement signed by Goyal and GCC Secretary-General Jasem Mohamed Albudaiwi.

Detail: FTA negotiations launched via a Joint Statement signed 24 Feb 2026, Terms of Reference signed 5 Feb 2026; GCC is India's largest trading-partner bloc - trade USD 178.56 bn (FY 2024-25), 15.42% of India's total; ~10 million Indian diaspora.

Exam hook: which bloc is India's largest trading partner - negotiations only launched, not signed; UAE (2022) and Oman (2026) already have separate bilateral CEPAs in force.

PIB 2232327 · 2026-02-24

• India's FTA network reaches nine agreements

Body: MoC&I - Ministry of Commerce & Industry, 6 Mar 2026.

Detail: India's FTA network reached nine agreements spanning 38 countries; newest are India-EU (27 Jan 2026) and the US interim framework (07 Feb 2026).

Lineage: Mauritius CECPA (2021), UAE CEPA (2022), Australia ECTA (2022), EFTA TEPA (signed 2024, in force Oct 2025), UK CETA (Jul 2025), Oman CEPA (Dec 2025), NZ (Dec 2025), EU (Jan 2026), US interim (Feb 2026); EFTA = Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, with a USD 100 bn investment pledge.

Exam hook: acronym-partner mismatch - ECTA=Australia, TEPA=EFTA, CECPA=Mauritius, CETA=UK, CEPA=UAE/Oman/Japan/Korea.

PIB 2236134 · 2026-03-06

• **WTO MC-14 held at Yaounde, Cameroon**

Body: WTO - established 1995, HQ Geneva; the **Ministerial Conference** is its **highest decision-making body**, meeting about every two years.
Detail: **14th Ministerial Conference (MC-14)** held **26-29 Mar 2026** at **Yaounde** under **Cameroon's** chairmanship; Goyal met EU Trade Commissioner Maros Sefcovic on the sidelines.
Lineage: **MC-13 Abu Dhabi (2024); MC-12 Geneva (2022)** adopted the **Fisheries Subsidies Agreement**.
Exam hook: match Ministerial Conference number to host city - Yaounde (MC-14) vs Abu Dhabi (MC-13) vs **Nairobi (MC-10, 2015)**; Cameroon, not Kenya, hosted 2026.
 PIB 2245162 · 2026-03-25

• **Income-tax Act, 2025 in force from 1 April 2026**

Body: CBDT - statutory under the **Central Boards of Revenue Act 1963**; notified the **Income-tax Rules 2026** on 20 March 2026.
Law: **Income-tax Act 2025** in force **1 April 2026**, replacing the six-decade-old **1961 Act**; passed 12 Aug 2025, assent 21 Aug 2025; an **Income-Tax (Amendment) Ordinance 2026** was later replaced by an Act in the Monsoon Session.
Detail: simplifies language and structure **without changing tax policy or slabs**.
Exam hook: two-statement - effective date + what changed; it replaces the **1961 Act**, not the **1922 Act**, and simplification is NOT a tax-rate change.
 PIB 2248005 · 2026-04-01

• **SEBI's 38th Foundation Day and 'Mission Jagrook'**

Body: SEBI - securities market regulator, HQ Mumbai; the Finance Minister spoke at its **38th Foundation Day**, 25 Apr 2026, Mumbai.
Law: SEBI **constituted 12 Apr 1988**, made statutory by the **SEBI Act, 1992**; mandate - protect investors, develop and regulate the securities market.
Detail: launch of '**Mission Jagrook**', a nationwide investor-awareness drive; FM also pushed SEBI on **cybersecurity** and action against unregistered **fin-fluencers**.
Exam hook: **1988 vs 1992** - constituted year vs statutory year; name the investor-awareness mission.
 PIB 2255490 · 2026-04-25

• **UPI at 10: Rs 314 lakh crore in FY26**

Body: NPCI (incorporated 2008) - the RBI-IBA umbrella non-profit that operates UPI; **RBI regulates**.
Law: authorised under the **Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007**.
Detail: **UPI completed 10 years** (launched **11 Apr 2016**): FY 2025-26 logged **24,162 crore transactions worth Rs 314 lakh crore**; **55.49 crore users** by Jun 2026; about **49% of global real-time payments**; IMF calls UPI the world's largest retail fast-payment system.
Exam hook: who runs UPI + its launch year - NPCI **operates**, RBI **regulates**; NPCI is neither a bank nor a regulator.
 PIB 2257087 · 2026-04-30

• **Sugarcane FRP Rs 365/qlt for 2026-27**

Body: CCEA, on CACP advice (fixed 5 May 2026).
Law: **Sugarcane (Control) Order, 1966**.
Detail: sugarcane **FRP Rs 365/qlt** for sugar season 2026-27 (**Oct-Sep**) at a **10.25% basic recovery rate**; premium **Rs 3.56/qlt per extra 0.1%** recovery; floor **Rs 338.3/qlt** where recovery is below 9.5%; **2.81% above 2025-26**; covers **~5 crore sugarcane farmers** and **~5 lakh mill workers**.
Exam hook: FRP vs MSP vs SAP matching - **FRP** (sugarcane, Centre), **MSP** (kharif/rabi crops), **SAP** (State Advised Price, set by states).
 PIB 2258113 · 2026-05-05

• **Eight Core Industries (ICI): April 2026 at +1.7%**

Body: Office of Economic Adviser, DPIIT (Commerce Ministry).
Detail: combined Index of Eight Core Industries (ICI) rose 1.7% in April 2026, cumulative FY26 2.7%; the eight - Coal, Crude Oil, Natural Gas, Refinery Products, Fertilizers, Steel, Cement, Electricity; combined weight 40.27% of the IIP; base 2011-12; Refinery Products carries the highest weight.
Exam hook: ICI comes from DPIIT, not MoSPI, and neither index is an RBI release; 'which is NOT a core industry' / highest-weight sector.
 PIB 2263287 · 2026-05-20

• **GDP: FY26 growth 7.7% on revised 2022-23 base**

Body: NSO/MoSPI - Provisional Estimates released 5 Jun 2026.
Detail: FY 2025-26 real GDP growth 7.7%, fastest major economy, on the **revised National Accounts series, base 2022-23**; manufacturing about **14.8% of GVA**, FY23-FY26 manufacturing CAGR **10.88%** on the new series.
Lineage: new base **2022-23** released Feb 2026, replacing **2011-12**.
Exam hook: match index to new base year + the FY26 growth figure - three base revisions landed in 2026: National Accounts **2022-23**, CPI **2024**, **WPI 2022-23**.
 PIB 2269597 · 2026-06-05

• **CPI rebased to 2024=100 (from 2012)**

Body: MoSPI/NSO.
Detail: new CPI series, **base 2024=100**, released **12 Feb 2026**; May 2026 retail inflation 3.93%, food (CFPI) 4.78%; basket enlarged **299 to 358 items**, weights from **HCES 2023-24**; prices from **1,465 rural + 1,395 urban markets across 434 towns plus 12 online markets**.
Lineage: old CPI base was **2012**.
Exam hook: new base year + the weight-source survey - **2011-12** belongs to WPI/IIP, and RBI's **4% (+/-2%)** target tracks CPI-Combined, never WPI.
 PIB 2272112 · 2026-06-12

• **New WPI series (base 2022-23) and first Producer Price Indices**

Body: DPIIT - its Office of the Economic Adviser compiles the **WPI**; released 15 Jun 2026.
Detail: **revised WPI, base 2022-23**, plus the first **Producer Price Indices** - Output **PPI**, trial Input **PPI** and **Service PPI for 7 services** (banking, insurance, railways, telecom, etc.); basket items up **697 to 957**; solar, wind and nuclear power added under Electricity.
Lineage: on the old series, **April 2026 WPI inflation had spiked to 8.3%** on Fuel & Power; WPI to be **phased out for PPI in 5 years**, per IMF-aligned practice.
Exam hook: WPI carries **no services** - the new **Service PPI** is what covers them; WPI-to-PPI transition + new base year.
 PIB 2272872 · 2026-06-15

• **India-UK CETA and Double Contribution Convention in force 15 Jul 2026**

Detail: India-UK **CETA** and the **Double Contribution Convention (DCC)** both entered into force **15 Jul 2026**; CETA signed **24 Jul 2025 in London**, DCC signed **10 Feb 2026**; zero duty on about **99% of Indian exports** to the UK by value; **30 chapters** including government procurement (a bilateral first); **137 services sub-sectors**; DCC social-security exemption extended **3 to 5 years**; **1,800 annual mobility slots** for Indian chefs, yoga instructors and classical musicians.
Lineage: groundwork - **Enhanced Trade Partnership (May 2021)** and **Roadmap 2030**.
Exam hook: two-statement - entry date + what DCC exempts; DCC covers **social security contributions**, not double taxation (that is DTAA).
 PIB 2274280 · 2026-06-17

• **India world's No.1 ship recycler in 2025**

Body: UNCTAD - source of the ranking.
Law: India's **Recycling of Ships Act, 2019**, aligning it with the **Hong Kong Convention**, in force since **Jun 2025**.
Detail: India topped global ship recycling in 2025 with a **35.4% share** (up from 30.1%), recycling **2.99 million GT** - the **MIV 2030 target achieved 5 years early** (22 Jun 2026); hub is **Alang-Sosiya, Gujarat**, the world's largest ship-breaking yard.
Exam hook: India's share + which report - the rank is from the **UNCTAD** report, not IMO or Lloyd's.
 PIB 2276739 · 2026-06-22

• **Nine Years of GST - the consolidated fact-sheet**

Body: **GST Council** (GST 2.0 cleared at the **56th Council**); **GSTN** is **50:50 Centre-State owned**.
Law: GST from **1 Jul 2017** under the **101st Constitutional Amendment**; subsumed **17 taxes and 13 cesses**; destination-based consumption tax.
Detail: taxpayers up from **66.5 lakh (2017) to 1.65 crore**; FY26 gross collections about **Rs 22.27 lakh crore**; GST 2.0 (from 22 Sep 2025) left two main slabs - **5% and 18%** - plus **40%** on luxury/sin goods.
Exam hook: which levy is **NOT** subsumed - alcohol for human consumption is **outside** GST and five petroleum goods await Council notification ('outside' vs 'zero-rated').
 PIB 2279318 · 2026-06-30

India joins WTO Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies

Body: WTO; India deposited its Instrument of Acceptance on 20 Jul 2026, the 123rd member to do so.

Law: Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies, adopted by consensus at MC-12, Geneva, Jun 2022 - the first WTO agreement with an environmental-sustainability objective; in force 15 Sep 2025 after two-thirds acceptance.

Detail: bars subsidies for IUU fishing and overfished stocks; scope = marine wild-capture fishing only.

Exam hook: aquaculture and inland fisheries are OUTSIDE it, so India's shrimp exports are untouched - two-statement on scope + adopting conference.

PIB 2286763 · 2026-07-20

11th Agricultural Census (2021-22) field work done

Body: MoA&FW with the States (Lok Sabha answer, 21 Jul 2026).

Detail: 11th Agricultural Census, reference year 2021-22, begun in 2022 - field work and data collection complete for all three phases; run every five years; Phase I is complete enumeration of holdings; classifies holdings marginal to large.

Lineage: first agricultural census 1970-71.

Exam hook: Agriculture Census (holdings, 5-yearly, MoA&FW) vs

Population Census (decennial, RGI/MHA) vs Livestock Census (5-yearly, DAHD) - periodicity + conducting ministry.

PIB 2287251 · 2026-07-21

RRBs post highest-ever profit of Rs 10,177 crore

Body: RRBs are sponsored by commercial banks and supervised by NABARD; shareholding Centre 50 : sponsor bank 35 : State 15.

Law: RRB Act, 1976.

Detail: Regional Rural Banks posted their highest-ever net profit of Rs 10,177 crore in FY 2025-26 (DFS, 28 Jul); consolidated to 28 RRBs under "One State-One RRB" from 1 May 2025.

Lineage: first RRB - Prathama Bank, 1975.

Exam hook: shareholding ratio / One State-One RRB count - supervision is NABARD's, not RBI's or SIDBI's.

PIB 2290397 · 2026-07-28

Smartphones become India's top exported commodity

Body: MeitY (Lok Sabha answer, 29 Jul 2026).

Detail: smartphones became India's top individually exported commodity in FY 2025-26, surpassing petroleum products and gems and jewellery; electronics exports Rs 4.24 lakh crore.

Lineage: PLI for Large Scale Electronics Manufacturing (2020) overshot targets - production Rs 11.6 lakh crore, 142%; 99.2% of phones used in India are made in India; India is the 2nd-largest mobile maker by volume.

Exam hook: top single commodity = smartphones, not petroleum; India is second, not first, in mobile-making volume.

PIB 2291171 · 2026-07-29

Advance tax devolution of Rs 1,09,019 crore to states

Body: the Centre, on Finance Commission formula - the 15th FC award (41%) ran 2021-26, the 16th FC (chair Arvind Panagariya) covers 2026-31.

Detail: advance devolution instalment of Rs 1,09,019 crore released 1 Aug 2026, over and above the monthly tranche, to front-load state capex; Uttar Pradesh got the most (Rs 19,208 crore); devolution shares the divisible pool.

Exam hook: 16th FC chair and award period; largest recipient state - devolution is untied and formula-driven, distinct from FC grants-in-aid and from centrally sponsored scheme transfers.

PIB 2292912 · 2026-08-01

SIDBI expansion: 71 new branches, credit up 36.8%

Body: SIDBI - Small Industries Development Bank of India, the principal financial institution for the MSME sector; figures reported by DFS, 4 Aug 2026.

Law: SIDBI Act, 1989; bank established 2 Apr 1990, HQ Lucknow.

Detail: 71 new branches since Apr 2024; direct credit up 36.8% to Rs 51,687 crore; refinance book Rs 4.5 lakh crore; plus NBFC co-lending.

Lineage: MUDRA Ltd is a SIDBI subsidiary.

Exam hook: match apex FI to sector - SIDBI (MSME), NABARD (agriculture/rural), EXIM Bank (trade), NHB (housing).

PIB 2294261 · 2026-08-04

Bangladesh's new PM Tarique Rahman - Om Birla at swearing-in

Body: Lok Sabha - Speaker Om Birla represented India at the swearing-in of Bangladesh's new Prime Minister Tarique Rahman, Dhaka, 17 Feb 2026, and handed over PM Modi's invitation to visit India.

Detail: Rahman leads the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) and is the son of former PM Khaleda Zia; Birla also met the President of Maldives and the PM of Bhutan on the sidelines.

Exam hook: India sent the Lok Sabha Speaker, not the PM or President; the Awami League no longer rules; which party Rahman leads.

PIB 2229289 · 2026-02-17

Visit of Greek PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis (18-19 Feb)

Body: Greek PM Kyriakos Mitsotakis visited India, 18-19 Feb 2026.

Detail: Greece is formally the Hellenic Republic; the India-Greece-Cyprus (IGC) trilateral and its Business & Investment Council run alongside the bilateral track.

Lineage: PM Modi had visited Athens on 25 Aug 2023.

Exam hook: grouping trap - IGC = India-Greece-Cyprus, not I2U2 (India-Israel-UAE-USA); IGC members: which is NOT.

PIB 2230371 · 2026-02-19

India joins the US-led 'Pax Silica' coalition

Body: US-led coalition of trusted democracies - India formally joined the Pax Silica coalition on 20 Feb 2026 at the AI Impact Summit, deepening technology and supply-chain cooperation with the United States.

Detail: it secures the 'silicon stack' - from critical minerals through semiconductor fabrication to AI systems - and works to cut supply-chain over-concentration and resist economic coercion.

Exam hook: Pax Silica is a tech/supply-chain coalition, not a defence pact and not a UN body; 'silica/silicon' pins it to chips - options may mislink it to space or climate.

PIB 2230648 · 2026-02-20

New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact - 92 endorsers, 7 pillars

Body: MeitY - adopted at the close of the AI Impact Summit, 21 Feb 2026.

Detail: the New Delhi Declaration on AI Impact, endorsed by 92 countries and international organisations; built on seven pillars ('chakras') - among them democratising AI resources, secure and trusted AI, AI for science - under the credo 'Sarvajana Hitaya, Sarvajana Sukhaya'.

Lineage: MeitY separately unveiled the New Delhi Frontier AI Commitments (companies) and the India AI Governance Guidelines (India's domestic framework).

Exam hook: three distinct outcomes options mix up - Declaration (92 states/orgs) vs Frontier AI Commitments (companies) vs Governance Guidelines; how many endorsed; which is NOT a pillar.

PIB 2231208 · 2026-02-21

PM Modi's State visit to Israel (25-26 Feb; Yad Vashem)

Body: PM Modi hosted by Israeli PM Benjamin Netanyahu, State visit 25-26 Feb 2026.

Detail: he visited Yad Vashem, the World Holocaust Remembrance Centre in Jerusalem; the first round of India-Israel FTA talks concluded during the visit.

Lineage: Modi was the first Indian PM ever to visit Israel, in 2017.

Exam hook: instrument trap - the FTA is only under negotiation, while the separate BIA entered into force on 4 Jul 2026; which specific site did the PM visit.

PIB 2232225 · 2026-02-24

India-GCC FTA: Terms of Reference + Joint Statement

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry - signed by Piyush Goyal; counterpart the Gulf Cooperation Council.

Detail: Terms of Reference (ToR) for an India-GCC FTA signed 5 Feb 2026, Joint Statement on 24 Feb; GCC established 1981, HQ Riyadh, exactly 6 members - Saudi Arabia, UAE, Qatar, Kuwait, Oman, Bahrain.

Exam hook: member-list trap - Iraq, Yemen and Jordan are NOT GCC members; a ToR is not a concluded FTA.

PIB 2232327 · 2026-02-24

- **Nepal: peaceful elections, RSP's rise, Lamichhane's Delhi visit**
Body: MEA - PM Modi congratulated Nepal's people and government on peacefully conducted elections (**Mar 2026**); the RSP Chairman later met PM Modi and HM Amit Shah.

Law: open border with India under the **1950 Treaty of Peace and Friendship**; Nepal a federal democratic republic since **2008**.

Detail: the named electoral success is the **Rastriya Swatantra Party (RSP)**; Chairman **Rabi Lamichhane** visited Delhi **2-3 Jun**.

Exam hook: party trap - the **RSP**, not Nepali Congress or **UML**, was the party named; treaty year **1950**.

PIB 2236387 · 2026-03-07

- **India hosts the AI Impact Summit at Bharat Mandapam**

Body: India hosted the **AI Impact Summit**, **16-21 Feb 2026**, at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, which stands in **Pragati Maidan**.

Detail: theme '**Sarvajan Hitaya, Sarvajan Sukhaya**' (welfare for all, happiness of all); the **first global AI summit hosted in the Global South**.
Lineage: follows the UK's **Bletchley Park AI Safety Summit (2023)** and the **AI Seoul Summit (2024)**.

Exam hook: venue trap - **Bharat Mandapam**, not **Yashobhoomi (Dwarka)**; two-statement: theme + venue.

PIB 2238206 · 2026-03-11

- **ROK President Lee Jae Myung's State visit; 2028-29 Friendship Year**

Body: Republic of Korea President **Lee Jae Myung** on a State visit, **20 Apr 2026**; a **Joint Strategic Vision** for the India-ROK Special Strategic Partnership adopted.

Detail: ROK to join the **International Solar Alliance (ISA)**, India to join the **GGGI**; talks to upgrade the India-ROK **CEPA** resumed.

Lineage: **2028-29** declared the '**Year of India-ROK Friendship**'.

Exam hook: the Friendship Year is **2028-29** (future-dated), not **2026-27**; a **CEPA** upgrade is not a new **FTA**; two-statement: **ISA/GGGI** cross-joins + friendship year.

PIB 2253753 · 2026-04-20

- **Vietnam's To Lam: election + State visit opening at Bodh Gaya**

Body: Socialist Republic of Vietnam - General Secretary & President **To Lam**, congratulated on his election as President **7 Apr 2026**; State visit around **6 May**, beginning at **Bodh Gaya**.

Detail: ties rose to an '**Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**'.

Lineage: Vietnam was India's **first Comprehensive Strategic Partner in ASEAN (2016)**.

Exam hook: opening-site trap - **To Lam** began at **Bodh Gaya**, exactly as Myanmar's President did on **30 May**; match leader to visit and to partnership label.

PIB 2258346 · 2026-05-06

- **India to host the 4th India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV)**

Detail: India to host the **4th India-Africa Forum Summit (IAFS-IV)** in **2026**, with an **India-Africa Business Dialogue & Exhibition** on the sidelines; preparatory meetings held in **Ethiopia**.

Lineage: IAFS is India's apex summit platform with African partners and the **African Union**; **IAFS-III was held in New Delhi in 2015**; the AU became a full **G20** member under India's **2023** presidency.

Exam hook: gap trap - no IAFS was held between **2015 and 2026**; IAFS-III venue and year.

PIB 2261202 · 2026-05-14

- **PM Modi's UAE visit: defence framework + USD 5 bn + SPR**

Body: MEA / Ministry of Defence - PM Modi visited the **UAE on 15 May 2026**, hosted by President **Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed**; a **Strategic Defence Partnership framework** was signed.

Detail: UAE entities announced **USD 5 billion** of investment in India; the linked **strategic petroleum reserve (SPR)** capacity was raised to **30 million barrels**; PM backed safe transit through the **Strait of Hormuz**.

Exam hook: figure swap - **USD 5 bn** is investment, **30 million barrels** is SPR capacity.

PIB 2261393 · 2026-05-15

- **Sweden's Royal Order of the Polar Star to PM Modi**

Body: conferred by **Crown Princess Victoria** of Sweden.

Detail: PM Modi received the '**Royal Order of the Polar Star, Degree Commander Grand Cross**' at **Gothenburg, 17 May 2026** - Sweden's highest honour for foreign Heads of Government.

Lineage: Modi is the **first Asian leader** to receive it.

Exam hook: honour-to-country match - **Polar Star = Sweden**; the **Grand Cross of the Order of Merit = Norway**, received the very next day; who conferred it.

PIB 2262091 · 2026-05-17

- **Norway's Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit to PM Modi**

Body: Kingdom of Norway - conferred by **King Harald V** at **Oslo, 18 May 2026**.

Detail: the '**Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit**' is Norway's highest honour bestowed on foreign **Heads of Government**; conferred by the **monarch** - unlike Sweden's, conferred by the **Crown Princess**.

Exam hook: city-date pairing - **Gothenburg 17 May** (Sweden) vs **Oslo 18 May** (Norway); Norway is in **NATO** but **not the EU**; which King conferred it.

PIB 2262483 · 2026-05-18

- **Indian War Memorial inaugurated in Seoul**

Body: Raksha Mantri **Rajnath Singh** with ROK's Minister of Patriots and Veterans Affairs.

Detail: **Indian War Memorial inaugurated in Seoul, 21 May 2026**; it commemorates India's **60 Parachute Field Ambulance**, the medical unit deployed under the UN flag (**1950-53**).

Lineage: India's Korean War contribution was **medical, not combat**.

Exam hook: country trap - the memorial is in **Seoul (South Korea)**; unit number **60**, not **50**; which Indian unit is commemorated in Seoul.

PIB 2263556 · 2026-05-21

- **India's BRICS Chairmanship 2026**

Body: India in the chair; PM Modi met **BRICS NSAs and senior security officials in New Delhi on 23 Jun**; working groups ran all year.

Detail: **India holds the BRICS Chairmanship for 2026**, taking over from Brazil; stated focus - the **Global South** and practical cooperation.

Lineage: **Brazil chaired BRICS 2025 (Rio Summit)**; the grouping has expanded - **Ethiopia** in the earlier intake, **Indonesia in 2025**.

Exam hook: the Leaders' Summit under India's chairship had **not yet been held by 15 Aug 2026**; two-statement: **2025 chair + 2026 chair**.

PIB 2264402 · 2026-05-22

- **First Official Visit of Myanmar's President U Min Aung Hlaing**

Body: MEA - first Official Visit by Myanmar's President **U Min Aung Hlaing, 30 May-3 Jun 2026**, opening at **Bodh Gaya**.

Detail: Myanmar is the **only ASEAN country sharing a land border with India**; sits at the confluence of **Neighbourhood First, Act East and MAHASAGAR**; pending connectivity - **Kaladan Multi-Modal project** and the **India-Myanmar-Thailand trilateral highway**; **Mekong-Ganga ICCR scholarships raised from 36 to 100**; **Rupee-Kyat settlement running since May 2024** (Kyat = Myanmar's currency).

Exam hook: two-statement on the only-ASEAN-land-border claim + scholarship numbers (**36 vs 100**); the Bodh Gaya opener mirrors Vietnam's **To Lam (May)**.

PIB 2267644 · 2026-06-01

- **Denmark: Frederiksen's third term and the Green Strategic Partnership**

Body: Kingdom of Denmark - **Mette Frederiksen** assumed office as **Prime Minister** for a **third consecutive term, 3 Jun 2026**; congratulated by PM Modi.

Detail: India-Denmark ties run under the **Green Strategic Partnership** - the **only** bilateral partnership India brands 'Green'.

Lineage: **Green Strategic Partnership launched 2020**.

Exam hook: partnership-name trap - **Green Strategic Partnership = Denmark**, not Sweden or Norway (those two gave Modi honours in **May**).

PIB 2268573 · 2026-06-03

- **Foreign campuses: Liverpool, Bristol, York, UNSW**

Body: UGC - Letters of Approval handed by the Higher Education Secretary and UGC Chairman **Vineet Joshi, Jun 2026**.

Law: **UGC Foreign HEI Campus Regulations 2023**; LoI precedes LoA.

Detail: **Liverpool - Bengaluru (4 Jun)**; **Bristol and York - Mumbai, UNSW - Bengaluru (9 Jun)**, UNSW opening **Aug 2026** at **Manyata Park**.

Lineage: **Southampton (Gurugram, 2024)** was the first under these regulations; York's Mumbai campus is its first overseas campus.

Exam hook: **Deakin and Wollongong** sit in **GIFT City under IFSCA**, not the UGC route; match university to Indian city.

PIB 2270836 · 2026-06-09

• **PM Modi in Nice: Special Global Strategic Partnership with France**

Body: PM Modi and President **Macron** at **Villa Kerylos, Nice, 14 Jun 2026**.

Detail: first meeting since ties were elevated to a 'Special Global Strategic Partnership' earlier in 2026; outcomes - **India-France Innovation Roadmap 2030**, a joint **AI Working Group**, expanded **UPI acceptance in France**, a High-level Mechanism to **double bilateral trade in 5 years**, and an **ISRO-CNES** letter on human spaceflight.

Lineage: the **Horizon 2047** roadmap continues underneath.

Exam hook: document trap - Innovation Roadmap 2030 vs Horizon 2047, two different India-France documents; partnership label + roadmap names. [PIB 2272748 · 2026-06-14](#)

• **Bharat Innovates 2026: maiden edition held in Nice, France**

Body: Union **Ministry of Education** - a Government of India deep-tech innovation platform.

Detail: maiden edition of **Bharat Innovates 2026** inaugurated jointly by **PM Modi** and President **Macron** at the **Palais des Expositions de Nice, France, 14 Jun 2026**; EAM **Jaishankar**, NSA **Doval** and PSA **Ajay Kumar Sood** attended.

Exam hook: venue trap - despite the 'Bharat' name the first edition was staged in **France, not India**; parent ministry is **Education**, not Commerce. [PIB 2272726 · 2026-06-14](#)

• **Slovakia elevated to Comprehensive Partnership at Bratislava**

Body: Slovak Republic - PM Modi visited **Bratislava on 15 Jun 2026**;

talks with PM **Robert Fico** at **Bratislava Castle** elevated ties to a **Comprehensive Partnership**.

Detail: outcomes - the **first-ever ICCR Chair in Artificial Intelligence** at the Technical University of **Kosice**, an MoU on **labour migration**, and a Joint Working Group on **counter-terrorism**.

Lineage: Slovakia had stood by India after the **Pahalgam attack (Apr 2025)**.

Exam hook: **Slovakia (Fico, Bratislava)** vs **Slovenia (Jansa, Ljubljana)** - the standard confusable; ties elevated to **WHAT** level, with which country. [PIB 2273102 · 2026-06-15](#)

• **India at the G7 Summit, Evian (France), 16-18 Jun**

Body: PM Modi at the **G7 Summit Outreach, Evian, France, 16-18 Jun 2026**.

Detail: spoke in sessions on rebuilding international solidarity, balanced-shared-sustainable growth, and a **safe, rapid AI rollout**; sideline bilaterals with the **US President**, UK PM **Keir Starmer**, Canada's **Carney**, UAE President **Sheikh Mohamed**, Germany's **Chancellor**, and the **European Council and Commission presidents**.

Lineage: India is **not a G7 member** - it attends as an invited outreach partner.

Exam hook: host trap - **France (Evian)** hosted G7 2026; India sat in outreach sessions, not at the core table; G7 2026 host + India's status. [PIB 2273799 · 2026-06-16](#)

• **Ethiopia: Abiy Ahmed's Prosperity Party returned**

Body: Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia - PM **Abiy Ahmed Ali** and the **Prosperity Party** returned in a decisive parliamentary win, **23 Jun 2026**.

Detail: capital **Addis Ababa**, seat of the **African Union**; **landlocked**; a **BRICS** member from the grouping's expansion; Abiy won the **2019 Nobel Peace Prize**.

Lineage: PM Modi recalled his own **2025 visit to Ethiopia**.

Exam hook: two-hat trap - Addis Ababa is both Ethiopia's capital AND the **AU headquarters**; two-statement on AU seat + BRICS membership. [PIB 2277217 · 2026-06-23](#)

• **'Guardian of the Blue Horizon' - first-ever conferment, on PM Modi**

Body: Republic of Seychelles - President **Herminie** conferred the Presidential Distinction '**Guardian of the Blue Horizon**' on PM Modi, **28 Jun 2026**.

Detail: citation covers **Blue Economy** and green leadership, climate action, advocacy for **Small Island Developing States**, the **International Solar Alliance** and **Mission LiFE**.

Lineage: the **first time the honour was ever bestowed**.

Exam hook: honour-country match - Blue Horizon = **Seychelles**; **Bintang Adipurna** = **Indonesia (Jul)**; **Polar Star** = **Sweden (May)**.

[PIB 2278598 · 2026-06-28](#)

• **16th India-Japan Annual Summit: PM Takaichi's first India visit**

Body: Japan's PM **Takaichi**, Japan's first woman Prime Minister, on her first India visit.

Detail: **16th India-Japan Annual Summit, 2 Jul 2026**; a **Joint Declaration on Economic Security** (semiconductors, critical minerals, AI, clean energy, pharma), an **AI cooperation Joint Statement**, an energy-resilience pact on strategic stockpiling, and a biogas MoC targeting **1,000 plants**.

Lineage: **2027 - the 75th anniversary of diplomatic relations** - to be celebrated as the '**India-Japan Year of Shared Horizons**'.

Exam hook: year trap - the 75th-anniversary year is **2027**, not 2026; Takaichi hails from **Nara**; two-statement: first woman PM + anniversary year.

[PIB 2280591 · 2026-07-02](#)

• **India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement in force**

Body: Ministry of Finance, **Department of Economic Affairs (DEA)**.

Law: **India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA)** - signed **8 Sep 2025** in **New Delhi**, entered into force **4 Jul 2026**.

Detail: protects investors while retaining sovereign policy space; the separate **India-Israel FTA** stayed under negotiation - its **second round concluded 24 Jul 2026**.

Exam hook: instrument trap - the **BIA is in force**, the **FTA is not** (two rounds done); signing date vs entry-into-force date.

[PIB 2280989 · 2026-07-04](#)

• **PM Modi's State Visit to Indonesia: ION on ONDC rails**

Body: MEA - PM Modi's **State Visit to Indonesia, 7 Jul 2026**, received by President **Prabowo Subianto** at the **Istana Merdeka, Jakarta**.

Detail: the **Indonesia Open Network (ION)** was launched, **built on India's ONDC**; 2027, the centenary of **Tagore's** Indonesia visit, declared the '**Tagore-Dewantara Year for Cultural and Educational Diplomacy**'.

Lineage: their first meeting since **Prabowo** was **Chief Guest at India's 76th Republic Day (Jan 2025)**.

Exam hook: stack trap - ION is modelled on **ONDC**, not **UPI**; which Indian platform ION rides on.

[PIB 2281978 · 2026-07-07](#)

• **'Bintang Adipurna': Indonesia's highest civilian award to PM Modi**

Body: Republic of Indonesia - President **Prabowo Subianto** conferred the '**Bintang Adipurna**', the **highest civilian award of Indonesia**, on PM Modi, **7 Jul 2026**.

Lineage: it completed a 2026 run of foreign honours for Modi - Sweden's **Polar Star** (May), Norway's **Grand Cross of the Order of Merit** (May), Seychelles' **Guardian of the Blue Horizon** (Jun).

Exam hook: award-country match - **Bintang Adipurna** belongs to **Indonesia**, not **Brunei** or **Malaysia**; highest civilian award of which country.

[PIB 2281994 · 2026-07-07](#)

• **IIM Bangalore campus at Singhasari SEZ, Indonesia**

Body: Ministry of Education / **IIM Bangalore** - announced **7 Jul 2026** during the PM's Indonesia visit (President **Prabowo Subianto**).

Detail: IIM Bangalore's **first international campus**, at **Singhasari SEZ, Malang**; **Phase 1** executive education, **Phase 2** degree programmes; curriculum spans **five areas** including **AI and Healthcare Management**. **Lineage:** joins **IIM Ahmedabad (Dubai)**, **IIT Delhi (Abu Dhabi)** and **IIT Madras (Zanzibar - the first IIT abroad)**.

Exam hook: IIM-B goes to **Indonesia**, IIM-A is the **Dubai** one - options swap the two; match institute to overseas campus country.

[PIB 2281935 · 2026-07-07](#)

• **3rd India-Australia Annual Summit, Melbourne: uranium era opens**

Body: PM Modi with Australian PM **Anthony Albanese**.

Detail: **3rd India-Australia Annual Summit, Melbourne, 9 Jul 2026**; outcomes - a **Joint Declaration on Defence and Security Cooperation**, an Administrative Arrangement **operationalising the 2014 Civil Nuclear Agreement**, enabling **uranium supply to India**, the **PACTS** cyber/critical-tech partnership, and a push to close **CECA**.

Lineage: marks **6 years of the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**; the defence declaration renews the **2009** one.

Exam hook: year trap - nuclear pact signed **2014**, operationalised **2026**; the summit was the **3rd**, at **Melbourne**; what the 2026 nuclear arrangement enables.

[PIB 2282736 · 2026-07-09](#)

• India-New Zealand ties elevated to Strategic Partnership

Body: MEA - PM Modi held talks with NZ PM Christopher Luxon at **Government House, Auckland, 11 Jul 2026**, after a traditional **Maori welcome**; the relationship was **elevated to a Strategic Partnership**.
Detail: both sides pushed early implementation of the **India-New Zealand FTA** and set a target to **double bilateral trade by 2030**; outcomes include navy-to-navy **mutual logistics support** and a **counter-terrorism JWG**.
Exam hook: label trap - New Zealand got **Strategic Partnership**, Slovakia (Jun) got **Comprehensive Partnership**; trade-doubling target year.
 PIB 2283531 · 2026-07-11

• Codex adopts three India-shaped spice standards

Body: Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC49), Geneva, 6-10 Jul 2026; Codex is the joint **FAO-WHO** food-standards body (1963).
Detail: global standards adopted for **large cardamom, coriander and vanilla**; India hosts the **Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH)** with the **Spices Board as Secretariat**; large cardamom is indigenous to the **NE Himalaya**.
Lineage: the three standards were finalised at **CCSCH-8, Guwahati (Oct 2025)**.
Exam hook: CCSCH sits with the **Spices Board (Kochi, MoC&I)**, NOT **FSSAI**; India largely **imports** vanilla; which three spices got Codex standards.
 PIB 2285471 · 2026-07-16

• President Murmu's 3-nation Europe tour: two historic firsts

Body: Rashtrapati Bhavan - President **Murmu** made State Visits to **Moldova (Chisinau), North Macedonia (Skopje) and Romania (Bucharest), 20-25 Jul 2026**.
Detail: first-ever Indian President's visits to **Moldova (President Maia Sandu) and North Macedonia (President Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova)** - Murmu addressed the **Assembly** and unveiled a **Gandhi bust** in Skopje; the Romania leg (President **Nicusor Dan, Cotroceni Palace**) was the first in **nearly 3 decades**; she flagged the **India-EU FTA's** promise.
Exam hook: 'first-ever' fits **Moldova and North Macedonia - not Romania**; match president to country.
 PIB 2286601 · 2026-07-20

• UK changes PM: Burnham in, CETA just in force

Body: **Andy Burnham** assumed office as **UK Prime Minister, 21 Jul 2026**, succeeding **Keir Starmer**; PM Modi congratulated him and Burnham telephoned PM Modi on **31 Jul**.
Detail: the **India-UK CETA entered into force on 15 Jul 2026**, signed **Jul 2025**.
Lineage: Starmer had represented the UK at the **Evian G7** in June.
Exam hook: sequence trap - CETA took effect **15 Jul**, BEFORE Burnham assumed office, and he assumed office rather than winning a general election; who was UK PM when CETA took effect.
 PIB 2286881 · 2026-07-21

• 8th BRICS Heads of Prosecution Services meeting - AGI presides

Body: Department of Legal Affairs, under India's **BRICS Chairship 2026**.
Law: the **Attorney General of India (AGI) under Article 76** - India's first law officer, appointed by the **President**, right of audience in all courts, may speak in Parliament but **cannot vote**.
Detail: **8th Meeting of BRICS Heads of Prosecution Services**, virtual, **20-21 Jul**, presided over by Attorney General **R. Venkataramani**.
Exam hook: the AGI is **not a government servant** and holds **no fixed tenure**; the **Solicitor General** is a different, **non-constitutional** office.
 PIB 2287430 · 2026-07-21

• BRICS 2026 ministerials: the host-city match list

Body: India's **BRICS Chairship**; ministerials rolled across Indian cities **Jun-Aug 2026**.
Detail: match list - **Agriculture: 16th, Indore ('Indore Declaration', 13 Jun 2026); Energy: 11th, Gurugram; Transport: 3rd, Nagpur; Labour: 12th, Hyderabad; Health: 16th, Chandigarh; Industry: 10th and Trade: 16th, both Jaipur; Education: 13th, Bhubaneswar; Culture Ministers: XI (11th), Bhopal ('Bhopal Declaration', 8 Aug 2026); first-ever BRICS MSME Forum, Agra; 13th Urbanisation Forum, New Delhi**.
Exam hook: city swap - Jaipur hosted **BOTH Industry and Trade**; declarations - **Indore = agriculture, Bhopal = culture**; match BRICS ministerial to host city.

• Cadet Training Ship 'Krishna' launched at L&T Kattupalli

Body: **L&T shipyard, Kattupalli (Chennai)** - indigenously designed and built by L&T for the Indian Navy.
Detail: **Krishna (Yard 18003)**, first of **3 Cadet Training Ships (CTS)**, launched **16 Feb 2026** by Mrs Anupama Chauhan in the presence of **CDS Gen Anil Chauhan**; delivery to the Navy due end-2026; the class gives **officer cadets - including women - and cadets of friendly foreign countries** their first sea training.
Exam hook: which yard launched Krishna; builder + role - a dedicated cadet TRAINING ship class, not the sail training ships **INS Sudarshini/Tarangini** and not the sailor-entry training base **INS Chilka**.
 PIB 2228944 · 2026-02-17

• International Fleet Review 2026 at Visakhapatnam - 'United Through Oceans'

Body: Indian Navy; reviewed by **President Droupadi Murmu as Supreme Commander**.
Detail: **International Fleet Review (IFR) 2026 off Visakhapatnam, 18 Feb 2026**; navies of **70+ countries**; theme '**United Through Oceans**'; ran alongside **Exercise MILAN 2026** in the same port.
Lineage: an IFR gathers **FOREIGN** navies for review by the President; India's earlier IFRs **2001 (Mumbai) and 2016 (Visakhapatnam)** - 2026 is **Visakhapatnam's second**.
Exam hook: match event-city-theme / which city hosted IFR twice; **IFR (international, occasional) vs President's Fleet Review (only Indian ships, once per President's tenure); MILAN is the multilateral EXERCISE, IFR is the REVIEW**.
 PIB 2229534 · 2026-02-18

• Exercise MILAN 2026 - 74 countries at Visakhapatnam

Body: Indian Navy - hosted by **Eastern Naval Command at Visakhapatnam**.
Detail: **Exercise MILAN 2026**, Feb 2026, the Navy's premier multilateral naval exercise - **74 countries**; harbour phase + sea phase; closing ceremony aboard **INS Vikrant**, alongside an **International Fleet Review**; billed '**Maritime Mahakumbh**', aligned to the **MAHASAGAR** vision (evolution of **SAGAR**).
Lineage: began **1995 at Port Blair**; now biennial.
Exam hook: MILAN is India-HOSTED multilateral - not RIMPAC (US-hosted), not **TROPEX** (all-Indian theatre-level exercise); two-statement on host city + participating count.
 PIB 2230212 · 2026-02-19

• Exercise VAYU SHAKTI 2026 at Pokhran

Body: IAF firepower demonstration, witnessed by the **President - Supreme Commander** of the Armed Forces.
Detail: **Vayu Shakti 2026** held **27 Feb 2026** at **Pokhran range, Jaisalmer (Rajasthan)**; platforms included **Tejas, Rafale, Jaguar, Mirage-2000, Su-30 MKI, Apache, Chinook** and **LCH**, with **Akash** and **SpyDer** air-defence systems; the President also flew in the indigenous **LCH Prachand**.
Lineage: previous edition **Vayu Shakti-2024, 17 Feb 2024** at the same range; 2026 was the **first** edition flown to a single defined operational storyline.
Exam hook: Vayu Shakti (IAF firepower display at Pokhran) vs **Gagan Shakti** (IAF's pan-India operational exercise) - match exercise to service / venue.
 PIB 2233778 · 2026-02-27

• IMEX TTX 2026 - India takes IONS chair 2026-28

Body: **IONS = Indian Ocean Naval Symposium**, launched by India in **2008**; venue **Maritime Warfare Centre, Southern Naval Command, Kochi**.
Detail: **IONS Maritime Exercise (IMEX) 2026 table-top exercise, 27 Mar 2026**, with **12 member navies** - participants included **Bangladesh, France, Kenya, Tanzania, Timor-Leste**.
Lineage: India assumes the **IONS Chairmanship for 2026-28**, after a **16-year gap**.
Exam hook: two-statement IONS full form + India's chairmanship cycle; **IONS (navies' forum, 2008) vs IORA (governments' association)** are different bodies, and **IMEX is IONS's own exercise**.
 PIB 2246627 · 2026-03-29

• **NGOPV 'Shachi' launched at Goa Shipyard**

Body: Indian Navy; built by **Goa Shipyard Ltd (GSL)**, MoD shipyard.
Detail: **Shachi (Yard 1280)** launched **31 Mar 2026** - **FIRST of 11 Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPV)** for the Navy; Navy NGOPVs built concurrently at **GSL Goa and GRSE Kolkata**; names from Indian mythology - Shachi = 'one who renders assistance'; crest shows **Ursa Major** and a lighthouse.
Lineage: a **SEPARATE 6-ship NGOPV** project runs for the **Coast Guard** - contract **Dec 2023**, keels of two laid at **Ratnagiri, Mar 2026**.
Exam hook: first Navy NGOPV's name / builder; Navy **11** vs ICG **6**.
 PIB 2247343 · 2026-03-31

• **Defence exports record Rs 38,424 crore (FY 2025-26)**

Body: Ministry of Defence - **DPSUs** plus private industry, **145 exporters**.
Detail: defence exports at an all-time high **Rs 38,424 crore in FY 2025-26**, up **62.66%** over **Rs 23,622 crore**; split **DPSUs Rs 21,071 crore (+151%)**, **private sector Rs 17,353 crore**; reaching **80+ countries**; **BrahMos** and **Tejas** are the flagship export items.
Lineage: targets **Rs 50,000 crore exports and Rs 3 lakh crore production by 2029**.
Exam hook: in FY25-26 **DPSUs (54.84%) overtook the private sector (45.16%) in EXPORT share** - production share is the reverse story (private only **24%**).
 PIB 2248124 · 2026-04-02

• **Operation Sindoor - first anniversary commemorations**

Body: Ministry of Defence, tri-service; **PM and HM** saluted the forces, **RM** later released a commemorative book of soldiers' testimonies (**29 May**).
Detail: one year of **Operation Sindoor (May 2025 cross-border strikes)** marked **07 May 2026**; an **'88-hours' commemorative run** held **07-10 May**.
Lineage: showcased as a short-duration, deep-penetration, high-impact **JOINT** operation on indigenous systems - **Akash SAM, BrahMos, Pinaka** and **Akashsteer** air-defence control; **Republic Day 2026** tri-service tableau theme **'Victory Through Jointness'**.
Exam hook: **Op Sindoor (2025 strikes) vs Op Snow Leopard** (standing northern-borders vigilance) - both cited in 2026 speeches; which indigenous systems were used.
 PIB 2258583 · 2026-05-07

• **Scramjet combustor 1,200-second test, DRDL**

Body: **DRDO - DRDL (Defence Research & Development Laboratory)**, **Hyderabad**; Scramjet Connect Pipe Test facility.
Detail: actively-cooled full-scale **scramjet combustor run for over 1,200 seconds on 9 May 2026**; burns indigenous endothermic liquid hydrocarbon fuel.
Lineage: builds on a **700+ second run of Jan 2026** - a **GROUND** test, not a missile flight-test.
Exam hook: scramjet = supersonic-combustion ramjet, the air-breathing engine for **hypersonic (Mach 5+)** cruise missiles; two-statement on definition + hypersonic link.
 PIB 2259482 · 2026-05-09

• **Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (Retd) appointed CDS**

Body: **Chief of Defence Staff (CDS)** - doubles as **Secretary, Department of Military Affairs (DMA)** and Permanent Chairman, Chiefs of Staff Committee.
Detail: **Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (Retd)** appointed the next CDS (announced **09 May 2026**), succeeding **Gen Anil Chauhan**, whose tenure ended **30 May 2026**; Subramani was earlier **Vice Chief of Army Staff**, from the **Garhwal Rifles**.
Lineage: post created **Jan 2020**; first CDS **Gen Bipin Rawat**.
Exam hook: CDS is the single-point military ADVISER heading DMA - NOT in the operational chain of command of the services; two-statement on CDS office functions + succession.
 PIB 2259242 · 2026-05-09

• **Agni-1 SRBM training launch by SFC**

Body: **Strategic Forces Command (SFC)** - tri-service, under the **Nuclear Command Authority (NCA)**; missile developed by **DRDO**.
Detail: **Agni-1** surface-to-surface **SRBM, ~700-900 km** - the **SHORTEST-range Agni**; user **training launch 22 May 2026** from **Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha**.
Exam hook: Agni-1 is an **SRBM**, not an **IRBM**; **SFC** conducts user launches, **DRDO** the developmental ones; match Agni variant to range class.
 PIB 2264317 · 2026-05-22

• **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan - 27th Chief of the Naval Staff**

Body: Indian Navy - **Chief of the Naval Staff (CNS)**.
Detail: **Admiral Krishna Swaminathan** assumed charge as **27th CNS on 31 May 2026**, succeeding **Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi**; a **Communication and Electronic Warfare specialist**; commanded aircraft carrier **INS Vikramaditya** and the Western Fleet, was **FOC-in-C Western Naval Command** and earlier Vice Chief of Naval Staff; **NDA Khadakwasla** alumnus, commissioned **1987**.
Exam hook: who is the 27th CNS and whom did he succeed; announced the same day (**09 May**) as the CDS pick - Swaminathan = Navy chief, Raja Subramani = CDS.
 PIB 2267227 · 2026-05-31

• **VAdm Vineet McCarty - 20th C-in-C Andaman & Nicobar Command**

Body: **Andaman & Nicobar Command (ANC)** - created **2001**, India's **ONLY tri-service operational command**; HQ at **Sri Vijaya Puram** (Port Blair, renamed 2024).
Detail: **Vice Admiral Vineet McCarty** took over as **20th Commander-in-Chief on 01 Jun 2026**; came from tri-service posts at **HQ IDS**; was 10th Commandant, Indian Naval Academy.
Exam hook: ANC is the only tri-service **OPERATIONAL** command, while **Strategic Forces Command** is tri-service but **FUNCTIONAL**; two-statement on ANC's uniqueness + its HQ city.
 PIB 2267569 · 2026-06-01

• **First NDA women cadets commissioned - 17 officers**

Body: **National Defence Academy (NDA)**, **Khadakwasla**; commissioning by the service academies - **IMA Dehradun, AFA Dundigal, INA Ezhimala**.
Law: women first **JOINED NDA in Aug 2022** after the **Supreme Court's 2021 orders**.
Detail: the **FIRST** batch of NDA-trained women - **17 cadets of the 148th Course** - commissioned **May-Jun 2026**: **9 Army (IMA POP, 13 Jun, reviewed by the President)**, **5 IAF (AFA, 217 Course CGP, 13 Jun)**, **3 Navy (INA, 28 May)**.
Exam hook: the **17 women split 9-5-3** across Army-IAF-Navy; AFA's parade also had **37 women among 231 total cadets** - do not conflate the two figures; commissioning follows service-academy pre-commission training, not directly from NDA.
 PIB 2272587 · 2026-06-13

• **Gen Dhiraj Seth takes over as Chief of the Army Staff**

Body: Indian Army - **Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)**.
Detail: **Gen Dhiraj Seth** took over w.e.f. **30 Jun 2026** (appointment announced **13 Jun**), succeeding **Gen Upendra Dwivedi** on superannuation; **NDA Khadakwasla** alumnus, commissioned into the **Armoured Corps (Dec 1986)**; commanded the **Sudarshan Chakra Corps** (strike corps) and - rare distinction - **TWO Army Commands** (South Western and Southern); Vice Chief from **Apr 2026**.
Lineage: predecessor Dwivedi's tenure is tied to **Op Sindoor** and **Op Snow Leopard**.
Exam hook: new COAS - parent arm is the **Armoured Corps, not Infantry**; career chain **VCOAS (Apr) then COAS (Jun)**; name the predecessor.
 PIB 2272460 · 2026-06-13

• **NCC State Directorates raised from 17 to 19**

Body: Ministry of Defence - **NCC (National Cadet Corps)**.
Law: **NCC Act 1948**, under which the Corps was established in **1948** with **20,000 cadets**.
Detail: two new independent **NCC State Directorates - Andhra Pradesh and Jharkhand** - created **15 Jun 2026**, taking the total from **17 to 19**; NCC is now the **world's largest uniformed youth organisation** with **20 lakh+ cadets in 750+ districts, 6 lakh cadets added between 2014 and 2025**.
Exam hook: directorates went **17 to 19** - options may say 18, or claim the new states were 'added to NCC' (NCC already operated there under composite directorates); which two states got new directorates.
 PIB 2272881 · 2026-06-15

• **Procurement rulebooks: DAP 2020, DPM 2025, draft DAP 2026**

Body: Ministry of Defence / **DAC** (Defence Acquisition Council).
Law: acquisition rulebook line-up - **DPP 2016 to DAP 2020 (capital)** to **DPM 2025 (revenue, notified Oct 2025)** to **draft DAP 2026**.
Detail: DAP 2020 prioritised **Buy (Indian-IDDM)**; DPM 2025 streamlined about **Rs 1 lakh crore** of revenue procurement; draft DAP 2026 proposes indigenous content **up to 60%** and simpler categories; DAC has accorded **Rs 6 lakh crore+ of AoNs** for indigenously designed and made platforms, including **97 Tejas Mk-1A (Rs 62,000 crore)** and **156 LCH Prachand (Rs 62,700 crore)**, both from HAL.
Exam hook: **DAP governs CAPITAL buys, DPM governs REVENUE buys** - reversing them is the standard wrong option; match document to procurement type.
 PIB 2273854 · 2026-06-17

• **iDEX and ADITI schemes - the innovation pair**

Body: Ministry of Defence - the **Defence Innovation Organisation (DIO)** runs iDEX.
Detail: **iDEX** (Innovations for Defence Excellence, 2018) had engaged **676 start-ups/MSMEs** and signed **551 design-and-development contracts** by **Mar 2026**; outlay **Rs 498.78 crore (2021-26)**.
Lineage: **ADITI** (Acing Development of Innovative Technologies with iDEX) is its deep-tech add-on, outlay **Rs 750 crore (2023-26)**.
Exam hook: **ADITI sits UNDER the iDEX umbrella** - not a separate ministry scheme; funding flows via **DIO, not DRDO**; two-statement iDEX parent body + ADITI outlay.
 PIB 2273854 · 2026-06-17

• **Exercise KHAAN QUEST 2026 - 23rd iteration, Mongolia**

Body: Indian Army contingent - **40 personnel, Jat Regiment**; hosted by Mongolia, multilateral peacekeeping exercise.
Detail: **KHAAN QUEST, 20 Jun-03 Jul 2026**, Five Hills Training Area, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia - the **23rd iteration**; trains contingents for **UN Chapter VII** peace support - checkpoints, cordon-and-search, casualty evacuation, counter-IED.
Lineage: began **2003 as a US-Mongolia bilateral**, multilateral since **2006**.
Exam hook: Khaan Quest (multilateral, Mongolia-hosted) vs **Nomadic Elephant** (the India-Mongolia BILATERAL exercise) - both in Mongolia.
 PIB 2274656 · 2026-06-18

• **PM tri-commissioning at Kolkata: Dunagiri, Sanshodhak, Agray**

Body: GRSE-built, designed by the **Warship Design Bureau**; tri-commissioning by **PM Modi** at Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata, **21 Jun 2026**.
Detail: **THREE ships** commissioned together - stealth frigate **INS Dunagiri (5th P-17A)**, survey vessel **INS Sanshodhak (4th and final SVL)** and **INS Agray (Arnala-class ASW-SWC)**; **75%+ indigenous**, **200+ MSMEs**; date coincided with **World Hydrography Day** and **Yoga Day**.
Lineage: Sanshodhak completes the **4-ship Sandhayak-class** survey programme (Sandhayak, Nirdeshak, Ikshak earlier); the **eight-ship Arnala class** is Arnala, Androth, Anjadip, Amini, Abhay, **Agray**, Akshay, Ajay.
Exam hook: match Dunagiri/Sanshodhak/Agray to ship type - three DIFFERENT ship types, one yard (GRSE), one ceremony.
 PIB 2276015 · 2026-06-21

• **Netra AEW&C gets Final Operational Clearance**

Body: **DRDO** - built by its **CABS (Centre for Air Borne Systems)**; certificate handed to the **IAF** at Bengaluru.
Detail: **Final Operational Clearance (FOC)** for the indigenous 'Netra' AEW&C granted **25 Jun 2026**; Netra = Airborne Early Warning & Control radar aircraft on an **Embraer** jet; used in Balakot and Op Sindoor.
Lineage: **IOC came in 2017**.
Exam hook: Netra (DRDO radar on Embraer) vs the IAF's **Phalcon** AWACS (Israeli radar on IL-76); **FOC 2026** vs **IOC 2017**; two-statement on developer + IOC/FOC years.
 PIB 2277899 · 2026-06-25

• **23 individuals designated terrorists under UAPA**

Body: **Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA)** is the designating authority - **not NIA**.
Law: individual designation entered law via the **UAPA Amendment Act 2019**, which added the **Fourth Schedule** to the **UAPA 1967**; organisations sit in the **First Schedule**.
Detail: **23 more individuals designated terrorists, 4 July 2026 - 17 Pakistani and 6 Indian nationals** operating from **Pakistan/PoK**, under the zero-tolerance policy.
Exam hook: before **2019 only organisations** could be banned - individuals-as-terrorists is the post-2019 power; which amendment allowed it; the **17+6** split.
 PIB 2280998 · 2026-07-04

• **INS Mahendragiri commissioned - 6th P-17A in 1.5 years**

Body: Indian Navy; built by **MDL** (Mazagon Dock, Mumbai), commissioned with the **Raksha Mantri** presiding.
Detail: stealth frigate **INS Mahendragiri** commissioned into the **Eastern Fleet at Visakhapatnam, 11 Jul 2026** - the **6th Project 17A frigate inducted in about 1.5 years** (delivered by MDL on **30 Apr 2026**); about **6,670 t, 28 knots, BrahMos-capable, 75%+ indigenous**.
Lineage: P-17A induction order - **Nilgiri (Jan 2025)**, **Udaygiri and Himgiri (Aug 2025)**, **Taragiri (Apr 2026)**, **Dunagiri (Jun 2026)**, **Mahendragiri (Jul 2026)**.
Exam hook: **MDL Mumbai build but EASTERN Fleet basing**; sister **Dunagiri was GRSE-built and PM-commissioned at Kolkata**; sequence/count of P-17A commissionings.
 PIB 2283586 · 2026-07-11

• **Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 with CMF at Kochi**

Body: Indian Navy at **Southern Naval Command, Kochi**, with the **Combined Maritime Forces (CMF)** - a **40+ nation** partnership.
Detail: **Operation Southern Readiness 26-2, a 4-day multinational maritime-security TRAINING engagement, 20-23 Jul 2026**, run under the **Indian Navy-led Combined Task Force 154 (CTF 154)**, CMF's dedicated Training Task Force; modules on maritime law, counter-narcotics, boarding, damage control.
Exam hook: despite the name it is a **training event, not a combat operation**; **CTF 154 (training)** differs from CMF's **counter-piracy/narcotics task forces (150/151)**; which CMF task force does India lead.
 PIB 2285282 · 2026-07-16

• **Exercise PITCH BLACK 2026 - IAF Rafales at Darwin**

Body: Indian Air Force (IAF) with the **Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF)**.
Detail: **Exercise Pitch Black 2026, 20 Jul-07 Aug**, at **RAAF Base Darwin, Australia**; IAF fielded **Rafale fighters with C-17 Globemaster-III and IL-78 refuellers**; Large Force Employment drills.
Lineage: RAAF's premier **biennial multinational air combat exercise**, named for its emphasis on NIGHT flying; IAF took part in **2018, 2022 and 2024**.
Exam hook: Pitch Black = Australia (air) vs **AUSTRAHIND (Army)** vs **AUSINDEX (Navy)** - match Australia exercises to service.
 PIB 2286254 · 2026-07-19

• **Ex-Agniveer quota in CAPFs - 50 percent of Constable(GD) vacancies**

Body: **MHA** - a dedicated **Ex-Agniveer wing** coordinates progression (Lok Sabha reply, **21 Jul 2026**).
Detail: **Ex-Agniveer category** created for Constable (General Duty)/Rifleman recruitment in **CAPFs and Assam Rifles - 50% of vacancies reserved**, 3-year upper-age relaxation (**5 years for the first batch**), **exemption from PST, PET and the written exam**.
Lineage: under **Agnipath (2022)**, up to **25% of each batch** is retained in the regular armed forces after **4 years**.
Exam hook: the **50% CAPF quota** is an MHA provision for **EX-Agniveers**, distinct from the **25% retention** within the military; two-statement on quota percentage + exemptions.
 PIB 2287043 · 2026-07-21

• **'Samudra Pradakshina' - all-women tri-service circumnavigation**

Body: Ministry of Defence - tri-service expedition, flagged in by the Raksha Mantri (RM).

Detail: India's **first tri-service all-women circumnavigation**; **9 women officers** aboard IASV Triveni (an Indian ARMY sailing vessel) sailed **314 days and about 25,500 nautical miles**, out of Mumbai **11 Sep 2025**, back **22 Jul 2026**; rounded the **Three Great Capes** - Leeuwin, Horn, Good Hope.

Exam hook: Samudra Pradakshina (tri-service, IASV Triveni) vs **Navika Sagar Parikrama II** (Navy, INSV Tarini, two officers) - match expedition to vessel and composition.

PIB 2287716 · 2026-07-22

• **Territorial Army - 44,400 personnel, 59 units**

Body: Ministry of Defence - **Territorial Army (TA)**; RM chaired the MoD **Parliamentary Consultative Committee** on it, **06 Aug 2026**.

Law: **Territorial Army Act 1948**; TA raised **1949**.

Detail: about **44,400 personnel and 59 units**; 'Citizen-Soldier' reserve - civilians who train and can be embodied for duty; its **Ecological Task Forces** have planted **~10 crore saplings**; TA assisted in Kerala floods, Odisha cyclone and Assam floods.

Exam hook: TA is the ARMY's reserve structure, not a CAPF and not the NCC (youth organisation); two-statement on TA concept + strength/units.

PIB 2295354 · 2026-08-06

• **India-US Navy EOD Exercise - 8th edition at Kochi**

Body: Indian Navy with the US Navy - **Southern Naval Command, Kochi**.

Detail: **Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise 2026**, the **8th edition, 10-14 Aug 2026**; format: Subject Matter Expert Exchanges, cross-training and scenario drills between specialist diving/EOD teams.

Lineage: the two navies have held joint **Salvage and EOD exercises** since **2005**.

Exam hook: which is the specialist India-US diving/EOD series - separate from the headline set **Malabar** (Navy), **Yudh Abhyas** (Army), **Cope India** (Air Force), **Tiger Triumph** (tri-service).

PIB 2296842 · 2026-08-09

• **Defence FDI 74% and licensing liberalisation**

Body: Ministry of Defence (Department of Defence Production); the revamped **Defence Exim Portal** digitises export-import authorisations end to end.

Law: industrial licence validity extended from **7(+3) to 15 (+3, max 18) years**, with **LIFETIME validity** now possible under the **Arms Act**.

Detail: defence **FDI inflows Rs 6,670.59 crore by Mar 2026** under the liberalised regime - **74% automatic route, up to 100% via government route**.

Exam hook: **74% is AUTOMATIC-route FDI; 100% needs**

GOVERNMENT approval - '100% automatic' is the planted error; two-statement FDI routes + licence validity.

PIB 2299449 · 2026-08-14

• **Defence corridors: UPDIC and TNDIC investment scores**

Body: Ministry of Defence with the **Uttar Pradesh** and **Tamil Nadu** state governments.

Detail: by **Apr 2026** the **UP Defence Industrial Corridor (UPDIC)** had drawn **Ns 42,057 crore** in commitments (**Rs 4,409 crore grounded**); the **Tamil Nadu corridor (TNDIC)** **Rs 32,699 crore (Rs 6,446 crore realised)**; **UPDIC 6 nodes** incl **Lucknow, Kanpur, Jhansi**; **TNDIC 5 nodes** incl **Coimbatore, Hosur, Tiruchirappalli**; the **BrahMos Integration & Testing Facility at Lucknow** has begun producing missiles.

Lineage: India's **ONLY two** defence corridors, announced **2018**.

Exam hook: which node belongs to which corridor - **BrahMos manufacturing sits in the UP corridor (Lucknow)**, **NOT in Tamil Nadu**.

PIB 2299449 · 2026-08-14

• **Positive Indigenisation Lists: 10 lists, 5,521 items**

Body: Ministry of Defence - **Department of Military Affairs (DMA)** and **Department of Defence Production (DDP)**.

Detail: till **May 2026**, **10 Positive Indigenisation Lists - 5 of DMA + 5 of DDP** - covering **5,521 items** notified, import banned beyond set dates; DMA lists cover weapons/platforms for the Services, DDP lists cover DPSU line-replacement units and components.

Lineage: matching indigenisation marketplace is the **SRIJAN (DEEP) portal - 41,000+ vendors, 2.7 lakh products** (May 2026).

Exam hook: **TWO parallel list families (DMA vs DDP)** - '5 lists' alone is a half-truth; two-statement on list count + which department.

PIB 2299449 · 2026-08-14

Environment (26)

• **International Solar Alliance - 125 member and signatory countries**

Body: **International Solar Alliance (ISA)** - the **first treaty-based intergovernmental organisation headquartered in India**; HQ **Gurugram**.

Lineage: launched by **India and France at COP21, Paris (2015)**.

Detail: **Foundation Day (Mar 2026)** marked **125 member/signatory countries**; runs **One Sun One World One Grid (OSOWOG)**;

membership now open beyond the tropics.

Exam hook: **ISA HQ Gurugram vs CDRI (Delhi) vs IBCA (India)** - India-based bodies get swapped; launch venue + HQ.

PIB 2238741 · 2026-03-12

• **India's 7th National Report to the CBD**

Body: MoEFCC - India's **7th National Report to the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)**, submitted **16 Mar 2026**.

Law: **CBD** opened at the **Rio Earth Summit 1992**, India ratified **1994**; **KM-GBF** adopted at **COP15, Montreal (2022)**.

Detail: report maps progress on the **30x30 target** - protect **30%** of land and sea by **2030**; **NBSAP 2024-30** is the national plan.

Exam hook: **CBD COP15 (Montreal, biodiversity)** vs **UNFCCC COP15 (Copenhagen, climate)** - the numbering trick.

PIB 2240576 · 2026-03-16

• **Indian Carbon Market Portal launched at Prakriti 2026**

Body: **Ministry of Power** - the Union Power Minister launched the **Indian Carbon Market Portal** at the **Prakriti 2026** conference, **New Delhi (21 Mar 2026)**; administered by the **Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE)** with MoEFCC.

Law: **Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS), 2023**, flowing from the **Energy Conservation (Amendment) Act 2022**; compliance + offset mechanisms.

Detail: **CCTS** also showcased at **WTO Trade & Environment Week (Jun 2026)**; the **PAT** scheme is its precursor.

Exam hook: **CCTS** (compliance carbon market, BEE) is **NOT** the **Green Credit Programme** (voluntary, plantation-based, ICFRE) - a favourite confusion pair; which ministry launched the portal.

PIB 2243377 · 2026-03-21

• **Himalayan glaciers and GLOF early-warning systems**

Body: **NCPOR (Goa)** monitors benchmark glaciers in the western and eastern Himalaya; **NDMA** issued **GLOF** guidelines in **2020**.

Lineage: the work sits under the **National Mission for Sustaining the Himalayan Ecosystem (NMSHE)**, one of the **NAPCC (2008, 8 missions)**.

Detail: an **April 2026** reply outlined **GLOF early-warning systems** being installed across Himalayan states.

Exam hook: **NCPOR** (polar + Himalayan cryosphere) vs **Wadia Institute** (Dehradun, geology) - the monitoring agency is the pin; which **NAPCC** mission carries **GLOF** work.

PIB 2247526 · 2026-04-01

• **Ocean conservation in mission mode - Deep Ocean Mission answers**

Body: **MoES** - Parliament replies of **Apr 2026** and again the **5 + 12 Aug PQs**.

Detail: marine biodiversity protection rides on the **Deep Ocean Mission (DOM)**, **2021**, **MoES** - **Samudrayaan / Matsya-6000** crewed submersible, an expanding ocean-observation network and **NCCR microplastic studies**; linked to the **Blue Economy** policy.

Law: **BBNJ 'High Seas Treaty'**, which India signed in **2024**.

Exam hook: **BBNJ** governs biodiversity **beyond national jurisdiction** - not the **EEZ**; **Samudrayaan** is **MoES**, not **ISRO**; **DOM** ministry + **BBNJ** scope.

PIB 2248426 · 2026-04-02

• **Great Nicobar Project - ecology of Galathea Bay**

Law: clearances under the **Forest (Conservation) Act** and **CRZ** norms.

Detail: the **Great Nicobar** holistic project - transshipment port, airport, township, power - citing about **166.1 sq km** forest diversion with compensatory afforestation; **Galathea Bay** is the **leatherback-turtle** nesting site, and the **Nicobar megapode** plus the **Shompen (PVTG)** and **Nicobarese** peoples are the ecological/tribal stakes.

Exam hook: **leatherback = largest sea turtle**, nests at Galathea - **Olive Ridley's** mass-nest at **Odisha's Gahirmatha**, a classic swap; "Galathea Bay is famous for -".

PIB 2257323 · 2026-05-01

- International Big Cat Alliance - 1st Summit set for New Delhi**
Body: MoEFCC - launched the IBCA website and logo (6 May 2026) and announced the **1st IBCA Summit, 1-2 Jun 2026, New Delhi; HQ in India, DG S.P. Yadav.**
Detail: the **International Big Cat Alliance** treaty covers 7 big cats - tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, cheetah, jaguar, puma.
Lineage: launched by **PM Modi in Apr 2023**, marking **50 years of Project Tiger.**
Exam hook: only 5 of the 7 occur in India - jaguar and puma are American; a 'which big cat is NOT found in India' natural.
 PIB 2258491 · 2026-05-06
- Project Cheetah - 53 cheetahs; Botswana becomes third source country**
Body: MoEFCC **Project Cheetah** at **Kuno NP, Madhya Pradesh.**
Detail: population **53 (33 Indian-born)** by Mar 2026; **9 cheetahs from Botswana** - the third source country - released **28 Feb 2026**; President **Murmu** visited Kuno NP (**21 Jun 2026**); **Project Cheetah Annual Report (Sep 2024-Dec 2025)** released **28 Jun.**
Lineage: founders came from **Namibia (Sep 2022)** and **South Africa (Feb 2023)**; second site **Gandhisagar WLS (MP)**; future sites **Banni grasslands (Gujarat)** and **Nauradehi WLS (MP).**
Exam hook: Kuno and Gandhisagar are both **Madhya Pradesh**, Banni is Gujarat - 'which state' options rotate these; match source country to year.
 PIB 2262834 · 2026-05-19
- Ken-Betwa link - first project of the interlinking plan**
Body: reviewed in the PM's PRAGATI meeting, **27 May 2026** (Jal Shakti / NWDA project).
Detail: the **Ken-Betwa Link** joins **Ken (MP)** to **Betwa (UP)** via the **Daudhan Dam**, serving **Bundelkhand** - the only **National Perspective Plan** interlinking project in execution; Daudhan Dam partly sits inside **Panna Tiger Reserve** (conditional clearance); foundation laid **Dec 2024.**
Lineage: **NPP (1980)** lists **30 links - 16 peninsular, 14 Himalayan.**
Exam hook: Ken and Betwa are **Yamuna tributaries** and Ken flows **MP to UP** - direction / tributary statements are the usual traps; first interlinking project under NPP.
 PIB 2266065 · 2026-05-27
- CAQM invokes-then-revokes GRAP Stage-I in May - a summer first**
Body: **CAQM** - statutory under its **Act of 2021**, which replaced **EPCA**; **AQI** forecasts from **IMD/IITM.**
Detail: its **GRAP** sub-committee **invoked Stage-I on 19 May 2026** as Delhi's **AQI** worsened, then **revoked it on 29 May** at **AQI 123** ('Moderate') - a rare summer use of **GRAP**; **GRAP** has **4 stages** tied to **AQI** bands, **Stage-I 'Poor' (201-300)** up to **Stage-IV 'Severe+' (450+).**
Exam hook: **CAQM** covers **NCR and adjoining areas** only - not a national body like **CPCB**; **CAQM** statute + **GRAP** stage-to-AQI match.
 PIB 2266802 · 2026-05-29
- Solid Waste Management Rules 2026 in force - four-stream segregation**
Body: MoEFCC notified the Rules; the **Jal Shakti Ministry** ran the national **IEC** campaign and the '**Swachh Gaon, Surakshit Jalvayu**' village drive (**1 Jun 2026**).
Law: **Solid Waste Management (SWM) Rules 2026**, notified under the **Environment (Protection) Act 1986**; took effect **1 Apr 2026.**
Detail: **four-stream source segregation**, bulk-waste-generator duties, legacy-waste management.
Lineage: replace the **SWM Rules 2016.**
Exam hook: the **2026 Rules** now govern - options citing '2016 Rules' as current are the trap; plastic waste has its own separate rules; commencement date.
 PIB 2267715 · 2026-06-01
- India's 100th Ramsar site - Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal), Ballia, UP**
Body: MoEFCC designation announced on **World Environment Day, 5 Jun 2026.**
Law: **Ramsar Convention** signed **1971 at Ramsar, Iran**; India a party since **1 Feb 1982.**
Detail: **Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary (Surha Tal), Ballia, Uttar Pradesh** = India's **100th Ramsar site**; **Shekha Jheel (UP)** was the **99th**; network grew from **26 sites (2014) to 100 (2026)**; both UP sanctuaries lie on the **Central Asian Flyway.**
Exam hook: Ramsar **SITES** are not Ramsar '**Wetland Cities**' - **Indore and Udaipur** were India's first accredited cities; match site to state.
 PIB 2269189 · 2026-06-05

- Project GIB - captive stock reaches 94 Great Indian Bustards**
Body: MoEFCC with the Wildlife Institute of India and the Rajasthan Forest Department - conservation-breeding centres at **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.**
Law: the **Great Indian Bustard (GIB)**, *Ardeotis nigriceps*, is **Critically Endangered** and on **Schedule I of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, WPA 1972.**
Detail: by **14 Jun 2026** the programme had hatched **26 chicks in its 4th year - 18 by artificial insemination** - lifting captive stock to **94**; **3 wild chicks** hatched through the egg-exchange 'jumpstart'; State bird of Rajasthan (**Godawan**).
Exam hook: GIB survives mainly in the **Thar (Rajasthan)**, not the Deccan grasslands options; the **lesser florican** is a different bustard; captive numbers / breeding-centre state.
 PIB 2272725 · 2026-06-14
- Desertification Day 2026 - Bonn Challenge 21.76 of 26 million ha**
Body: **UNCCD** observance - **World Day to Combat Desertification, 17 Jun.**
Detail: India reported **21.76 million ha** under restoration against its **26 million ha by 2030 Bonn Challenge** pledge; the **Aravalli Green Wall** beat its 2025-26 targets; **ISRO-SAC Atlas: 29.77%** of India degraded; 2026 theme '**Rangelands: Recognize. Respect. Restore.**', 2026 also the **International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists.**
Lineage: **UNCCD COP14** was hosted by **India (New Delhi, 2019).**
Exam hook: **UNCCD** (land, **1994**) is one of three Rio Conventions with **UNFCCC** and **CBD** - options swap their subjects; Bonn pledge / 2026 theme.
 PIB 2273884 · 2026-06-17
- ABS pays out - Rs 145 crore shared; Nagoya first national report**
Body: **National Biodiversity Authority (NBA)**, set up **2003, HQ Chennai**; **10,500+ Biodiversity Management Committees** and State Biodiversity Boards below it.
Law: **Biological Diversity Rules 2024** - NBA passes **85-90%** to State Biodiversity Boards; India filed its **1st Nagoya Protocol National Report.**
Detail: **Access & Benefit Sharing (ABS)** has realised **Rs 266 crore** since **2008**, ~**Rs 145 crore** disbursed to those committees and to farmers; **Red Sanders alone** = **45%** of receipts.
Exam hook: **Nagoya Protocol (ABS, 2010)** vs **Cartagena Protocol (biosafety / LMOs, 2000)** - both under the **CBD**; largest **ABS-earning** resource.
 PIB 2275777 · 2026-06-20
- Sariska completes 18 years of tiger reintroduction - 56 tigers**
Body: **NTCA** - **National Workshop on Tiger Re-introduction** at **Alwar (28 Jun 2026)**; **NTCA** released a **Road Map on Active Management of Tigers.**
Detail: **18 years** of the Sariska programme - from local extinction (**2005**) to **56 tigers**; tiger reserves rose **46 to 58** in a decade.
Lineage: **Sariska (Rajasthan)** hosted the **world's first scientific tiger reintroduction (2008)**; reintroduction also succeeded at **Panna (MP).**
Exam hook: it **FAILED** at **Satkosia TR (Odisha)** for want of community support - the odd-one-out option; where it first succeeded.
 PIB 2278589 · 2026-06-28
- Namami Gange - 19th Empowered Task Force; dolphin ambulance first**
Body: **NMCG** under **Jal Shakti** - **19th Empowered Task Force (ETF) on Ganga Rejuvenation, 2 Jul 2026**, chaired by the Jal Shakti Minister; apex **National Ganga Council** is chaired by the **PM.**
Detail: **524 projects worth Rs 43,031 crore** sanctioned (**363 complete**); Ganga basin's **Ramsar wetlands** now **35**; India's **first Dolphin Ambulance** rescue lauded; **100 MLD Agra** and **55 MLD Varanasi STPs** highlighted.
Lineage: **Namami Gange** began **2014-15.**
Exam hook: three tiers, three chairs - **National Ganga Council (PM)** vs **ETF (Minister)** vs **NMCG (executing mission)**; first dolphin ambulance.
 PIB 2280512 · 2026-07-02

• **NBWL Standing Committee 91st meeting - Pygmy Hog enters Species Recovery Programme**

Body: National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) - chaired by the PM, its Standing Committee by the Environment Minister; recovery programmes sit under IDWH.

Law: clearances flow from the Wild Life (Protection) Act 1972.

Detail: the 91st Standing Committee (9 Jul 2026, Coimbatore) reviewed a Rhino DNA Indexing-based strategy and GIB plans, and added the Pygmy Hog to the Species Recovery Programme.

Exam hook: pygmy hog = world's smallest wild pig, found in Assam (Manas) - not the wild boar; board vs standing-committee chairs also swap; which species was newly added to the Species Recovery Programme.
PIB 2282792 · 2026-07-09

• **Ethanol blending hits E20 - five years ahead of original plan**

Body: Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas - FAQs of 10 Jul 2026 answering the E20 rollout debate point-by-point.

Law: National Policy on Biofuels 2018, amended 2022 to advance the E20 target from 2030 to ESY 2025-26.

Detail: 20% ethanol blending (E20) achieved in ESY 2025-26 - from ~1.5% in 2014 and 19.2% in ESY 2024-25; feedstocks sugarcane, maize, damaged grains.

Exam hook: E20 = 20% ethanol in petrol - diesel blending is the separate biodiesel programme; ESY runs Nov-Oct, not April-March.

PIB 2283118 · 2026-07-10

• **CAMPA Governing Body - new projects for dolphin, snow leopard, rhino, wild buffalo**

Body: 7th Governing Body of National CAMPA, 10 Jul 2026, Coimbatore (MoEFCC).

Law: CAMPA funds flow from the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act 2016.

Detail: approved a River Dolphin recovery plan, Project Snow Leopard Phase-II with a 2nd population estimation, a Rhinoceros action plan, a pan-India wild water buffalo approach and continued Sangai support; first snow-leopard estimate (SPAI, 2024) counted 718; Sangai = Manipur's brow-antlered deer of the Keibul Lamjao floating park.

Exam hook: Project Dolphin (2020, river+marine) vs this CAMPA-funded riverine recovery study; Sangai is Manipur, not Sikkim; match species to new CAMPA project.

PIB 2283233 · 2026-07-10

• **Mission LiFE - UNEA and Ramsar resolutions, 7 themes**

Body: MoEFCC - Rajya Sabha reply, 23 Jul 2026; India co-chairs the 10YFP board.

Detail: Mission LiFE tally - 7.3 crore participants, 40 lakh events, 12 lakh+ Eco-Clubs; 7 themes (energy, water, waste, e-waste, single-use plastic, healthy lifestyles, sustainable food); LiFE is a qualitative NDC goal; India's lifestyle resolutions adopted at UNEA-6 (Nairobi 2024) and Ramsar COP15 (Zimbabwe 2025).

Lineage: concept floated at COP26 Glasgow (2021), mission launched Oct 2022.

Exam hook: the 2021 float vs the 2022 launch get swapped; how many themes; resolution-venue match.

PIB 2288318 · 2026-07-23

• **Global Tiger Day 2026 - 3,682 tigers, 58 reserves, 70% of world total**

Body: NTCA - Global Tiger Day (29 Jul) event; NTCA Eco-tourism webpage launched.

Detail: 3,682 tigers (All India Tiger Estimation 2022) across 58 tiger reserves on ~2.56% of India's area - nearly 70% of the world's wild tigers.

Lineage: day originates from the St Petersburg Tiger Summit, Nov 2010 (13 range countries, TX2 goal); tiger = National Animal since 1972; Project Tiger 1973.

Exam hook: extinct subspecies are Bali, Javan, Caspian - Sumatran survives; India's share of wild tigers.

PIB 2290935 · 2026-07-29

• **Glaw Lake (Kamlang Tiger Reserve) - 101st Ramsar site, Arunachal's FIRST**

Body: MoEFCC - designated 3 Aug 2026.

Law: Ramsar designation; wetlands are regulated under MoEFCC's Wetlands (Conservation and Management) Rules 2017.

Detail: Glaw Lake, a perennial-stream-fed freshwater lake inside Kamlang Tiger Reserve & Wildlife Sanctuary (Eastern Himalaya), is India's 101st Ramsar site and Arunachal Pradesh's first; site + catchment hold 150+ tree species and 49 orchid species.

Exam hook: Arunachal's first Ramsar site is Glaw Lake, not Sela or Tawang lakes; the 100th was Surha Tal (UP) - do not swap the two milestones.

PIB 2294036 · 2026-08-03

• **World Lion Day - Asiatic lions up from 523 (2015) to 891 (2025)**

Body: MoEFCC - World Lion Day, 10 Aug 2026.

Detail: 16th census counts 891 Asiatic lions in 2025 (vs 523 in 2015, 674 in 2020); range up from ~30,000 to ~35,000 sq km; census every 5 years; the world's only wild Asiatic lions live in Gujarat's Gir landscape.

Lineage: Project Lion announced 15 Aug 2020.

Exam hook: Project Lion (2020) vs Project Tiger (1973) vs Project Elephant (1992) launch years; lions occur ONLY in Gujarat - no other state option is right.

PIB 2296978 · 2026-08-10

• **2035 NDC approved + first Biennial Transparency Report; non-fossil share 54.18%**

Body: Union Cabinet approved India's 2031-35 NDC (25 Mar 2026); filed with the UNFCCC by MoEFCC.

Detail: 47% emissions-intensity cut from 2005, 60% non-fossil power capacity, 3.5-4.0 bn tonnes added carbon sink by 2035; India's first Biennial Transparency Report went to UNFCCC in Apr 2026.

Lineage: 50% non-fossil capacity crossed Jun 2025 (5 years early) and 54.18% by 30 Jun 2026; intensity already down 37.38% (2005-22); net-zero year stays 2070.

Exam hook: 2030 goals (45% intensity cut, 50% non-fossil) vs the new 2035 goals (47%, 60%) - options mix the two sets.

PIB 2299186 · 2026-08-13

• **World Elephant Day 2026 at Visakhapatnam - Gaj Gaurav Awards**

Body: MoEFCC Project Elephant - national World Elephant Day (12 Aug) held at Visakhapatnam; 23rd Project Elephant Steering Committee met.

Detail: Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026 conferred; a Rs 500 crore Regional HEC (human-elephant conflict) Action Plan for Southern India and '30 Giant Steps' released; India has 33 elephant reserves, 150 identified corridors, ~60% of the world's wild Asian elephants.

Lineage: Project Elephant, 1992 (Centrally Sponsored); elephant = National Heritage Animal (2010).

Exam hook: Gaj Gaurav (elephants) vs NTCA awards (tigers); Asian elephant is IUCN Endangered, not Vulnerable; venue / number of reserves.

PIB 2298830 · 2026-08-13

Sci/Tech (25)

• **Mission Mausam - BharatFS and radar expansion**

Body: Ministry of Earth Sciences; executed by IMD, IITM-Pune and NCMRWF.

Detail: Mission Mausam progress (Mar 2026, again in Jul-Aug PQs) - 53 Doppler weather radars, 60 radiosonde stations, and the new Bharat Forecast System (BharatFS) at about 6 km resolution.

Lineage: launched Sep 2024, about Rs 2,000 crore, to make India 'Weather Ready & Climate Smart'.

Exam hook: two-statement - launch year + implementing bodies; MoES, NOT MoEFCC; Mission Mausam (weather mission) vs the Mausam portal; BharatFS is a forecast model, not a satellite.

PIB 2241700 · 2026-03-18

• **PFBR Kalpakkam attains first criticality**

Body: operated by BHAVINI, designed by IGCAR.
Detail: the **500 MWe Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor (PFBR)** at Kalpakkam attained **first criticality on 6 Apr 2026** - India's first commercial fast reactor, making India the **2nd country after Russia** to run one at commercial scale; Uranium-Plutonium **MOX fuel** with a **U-238 blanket breeding Pu-239**; about **90 percent** indigenous content.
Lineage: starts **Stage II** of the three-stage nuclear programme.
Exam hook: two-statement - operator + fuel/stage; operator is **BHAVINI**, not **NPCIL**; thorium/U-233 belongs to Stage III, not the current core.
 PIB 2249537 · 2026-04-07

• **National Quantum Mission - 1,000-km link and 4 T-Hubs**

Body: **NQM (National Quantum Mission)** under the Department of Science & Technology; **four Thematic Hubs** - Computing (led by **IISc Bengaluru**), Communication, Sensing and Metrology, Materials and Devices.
Detail: **1,000-km secure quantum communication** link achieved within 3 years of launch; T-Hubs run **14 Technical Groups** and back **17 quantum startups**.
Lineage: approved **2023**, outlay about **Rs 6,003 crore (2023-31)**.
Exam hook: number of T-Hubs (**FOUR**, not the 25 hubs of **NM-ICPS**) + which institute leads the computing hub; **QKD** secures key exchange, it is not faster internet.
 PIB 2250162 · 2026-04-08

• **ABDM - 100 crore records, 25 crore OPD tokens**

Body: **NHA (National Health Authority)** under **MoHFW**.
Detail: **ABDM (Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission)** crossed **100 crore health records linked to ABHA (May)** and **25 crore OPD registrations** via Scan and Share (Aug); **NHA review Chintan Shivir** in Jul; pillars - **14-digit ABHA ID**, Healthcare Professionals Registry, Health Facility Registry.
Lineage: launched **27 Sep 2021**, after the **2020 NDHM** pilot in UTs.
Exam hook: **ABDM** launch year + **ABHA** digits - **14-digit ABHA** vs **12-digit APAAR** student ID; **NHA** also runs **PM-JAY**, two schemes under one authority.
 PIB 2264241 · 2026-05-22

• **Kavach 4.0 nationwide sanction wave**

Body: Indian Railways.
Detail: **Kavach** = **indigenous Automatic Train Protection (ATP)** - prevents **Signal Passing at Danger (SPAD)**, auto-applies brakes, controls overspeed; rollout rides an **LTE communication backbone**.
Lineage: **Version 4.0** sanctioned across divisions - Ahmedabad **Rs 140 cr/598 route-km**, Ambala **Rs 201 cr**, East Coast **Rs 270 cr/631 km**, Northern **Rs 206 cr/680 km**, Izzatnagar **Rs 295 cr/660 km**.
Exam hook: **Kavach** protects against **SPAD/collision** - it is **not** an anti-derailment or fog-vision device; what **Kavach** does + current version.
 PIB 2272922 · 2026-06-15

• **Tarapur 1-2 - world's oldest operating power reactors get 10 more years**

Body: run by **NPCIL**; the **10-year life extension** was **AERB**-approved and reviewed by the **AEC Chairman** in **Jun 2026**.
Detail: **Tarapur Atomic Power Station (TAPS) Units 1-2**, commissioned **1969**, are the **world's oldest operating commercial power reactors** and are **boiling-water reactors (BWRs)**.
Lineage: **Tarapur** was **India's first nuclear power station** and the first in **Asia outside the Soviet bloc**.
Exam hook: oldest-reactor superlative + reactor type - **BWR**, while most of **India's fleet** is **PHWR**; operator is **NPCIL**, unlike **BHAVINI's PFBR**.
 PIB 2274057 · 2026-06-17

• **ABC, NCrF and APAAR - 26.30 crore student IDs**

Body: **UGC** set a **30 Jun 2026** deadline for HEIs to upload credits.
Detail: by Jun 2026, **26.30 crore APAAR** IDs stood generated; **APAAR** = **Automated Permanent Academic Account Registry**, a **12-digit** One Nation One Student ID in **DigiLocker**.
Lineage: the **Academic Bank of Credits (ABC)** was notified **2021**, **UGC**-regulated, storing credits valid **up to 7 years**; **NCrF (2023)** puts school, higher and vocational learning on one credit scale.
Exam hook: **APAAR** is **12-digit**, **ABHA** is the **14-digit** health ID; credits lapse after 7 years; full form + digit count.
 PIB 2279321 · 2026-06-30

• **CSIR-TKDL access agreement with IP Australia**

Body: **CSIR** (with the **AYUSH** side); partner **IP Australia**.
Detail: agreement gives Australian patent examiners access to the **Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)**; signed at the **3rd India-Australia Annual Summit, Melbourne (9 Jul 2026)** - one of **18 summit outcomes**.
Lineage: **TKDL** is a first-of-its-kind **prior-art database**, created **2001** after the turmeric/ neem patent fights; access already shared with major patent offices.
Exam hook: **TKDL** purpose + newest partner country - **TKDL PREVENTS** wrongful patents on Indian traditional knowledge, it does not grant or hold patents.
 PIB 2283119 · 2026-07-10

• **Semicon 2.0 approved - Rs 1,27,500 crore, six pillars**

Body: Union Cabinet approved **Semicon 2.0 (15 Jul 2026)**.
Detail: outlay **Rs 1,27,500 crore** to deepen India's chip ecosystem on **six pillars** - design; machines and materials; more fabs; **ATMP/OSAT**; R&D; talent.
Lineage: under **ISM 1.0 (2021, Rs 76,000 crore)**, **12 units** stand approved with **Rs 1.64 lakh crore** investment; **Micron**, **Kaynes** and **CG Semi** are already in commercial production; India's **first silicon fab** is slated for **2028**.
Exam hook: **Semicon 2.0** = **Rs 1,27,500 crore** vs **ISM 1.0** = **Rs 76,000 crore** - outlays get swapped; which is **NOT** a **Semicon 2.0** pillar.
 PIB 2284784 · 2026-07-15

• **India's first hydrogen fuel cell trainset**

Body: Ministry of Railways.
Detail: **India's first hydrogen fuel cell trainset** - about **2,600-passenger** capacity, **75 kmph**, slated for the **Jind-Sonipat** section, **Haryana**; power is generated **onboard** from hydrogen and oxygen, so it needs **no overhead wire**, and the only by-product is **water vapour**.
Lineage: world's **first hydrogen train** = Germany's **Coradia iLint (2018)**; India's claim is scale/capacity.
Exam hook: two-statement - by-product + planned section; first vs largest.
 PIB 2285240 · 2026-07-16

• **Vikram-1 / Mission Aagaman - India's first private orbital launch**

Body: **Skyroot Aerospace**, enabled by **IN-SPACE**; founders **Pawan Kumar Chandana** and **Bharath Daka**.
Detail: **Vikram-1 ('Mission Aagaman')** reached **Low Earth Orbit** from **Sriharikota** on **18 Jul 2026** - **first orbital launch by an Indian private company** from Indian soil; about **22 m** tall, **350 kg** to **LEO**; India's first all-carbon-composite orbital rocket, fully **3D-printed liquid engine** in the Orbital Adjustment Module.
Lineage: **Vikram-S (2022, Mission Prarambh)** and **Agnikul's Agnibaan (2024)** were **SUB-orbital**.
Exam hook: first-private-orbital - company + mission name; sub-orbital vs **ORBITAL**.
 PIB 2286087 · 2026-07-18

• **e-Shram - 31.78 crore registered, One-Stop-Solution**

Body: Ministry of Labour and Employment - portal launched **26 Aug 2021**.
Detail: by **14 Jul 2026**, **31.78 crore unorganised workers** were registered on **e-Shram**, per a Parliament answer; it builds the **National Database of Unorganised Workers**, incl. gig and platform workers, and issues a **UAN** on self-declaration.
Lineage: the **One-Stop-Solution (21 Oct 2024)** integrates **15 central schemes**; state microsites since Jan 2025.
Exam hook: **e-Shram registers and links** - it does not itself pay a pension (that is **PM-SYM**) or insurance (**PMSBY/PMJJBY**); launch year; what the One-Stop-Solution does.
 PIB 2286757 · 2026-07-20

• **Qdenga - India's first approved dengue vaccine**

Body: **CDSKO** granted the marketing authorisation (**21 Jul 2026**); supports the **National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control** programme.
Law: **CDSKO** acts under the **Drugs and Cosmetics Act 1940**.
Detail: **Qdenga (Takeda, Japan; manufactured in Germany)** is **India's first dengue vaccine** - for ages **4-60**, two doses at **0** and **3 months**; live attenuated **tetravalent** recombinant vaccine on a **dengue-2 backbone**; already approved in **42 countries** and **WHO-prequalified**.
Exam hook: which vaccine; imported vs indigenous - **Qdenga** is **imported**, India's own candidate **DengiAll** is still in trials; approval is by **CDSKO**, not **ICMR**.
 PIB 2286883 · 2026-07-21

• RDI Fund - Rs 1 lakh crore for private-sector R&D

Body: operates under the ANRF umbrella; **Technology Development Board (TDB) and BIRAC** are the first Second-Level Fund Managers.
Detail: the **Rs 1 lakh crore Research, Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund** began deploying - **Rs 500 crore to TDB** in Mar 2026 and **22 projects approved**; targets deep-tech, quantum, space, AI, biotech and strategic indigenisation via low-cost long-term financing.
Lineage: Cabinet approval **1 Jul 2025**; PM-launched **3 Nov 2025**.
Exam hook: RDI Fund (Rs 1 lakh crore, private-sector R&D) vs ANRF's own **Rs 50,000 crore 2023-28** envelope - two different numbers; corpus + fund managers.

PIB 2288307 · 2026-07-23

• Three-year launch scorecard - 100 launches, SPADEX, NISAR

Body: ISRO, in a **July 2026 Rajya Sabha** reply; four operational launchers - PSLV, GSLV, LVM3 (GSLV Mk III), SSLV.
Detail: **12 launch-vehicle missions, 11 national and 9 foreign-customer satellites in 3 years**; the **100th launch from Sriharikota**; India became the **4th country to demonstrate space docking (SPADEX)**; SSLV technology transferred to Indian industry after its **3rd** development flight; **NISAR** (joint NASA-ISRO radar satellite) flew on **GSLV**.
Exam hook: which is **NOT** an operational ISRO launcher; NISAR flew on **GSLV, not PSLV or LVM3**; docking club - US, Russia, China, then India.

PIB 2288300 · 2026-07-23

• Aditya-L1 - first CME-onset spectroscopy; NOT a space-weather mission

Body: ISRO; the government formally states Aditya-L1 is a solar physics mission, NOT a space-weather mission.
Detail: first-ever spectroscopic signatures of CME onset - the onset of a Coronal Mass Ejection; iron-fluorescence analysis across 47 X-class flares of Solar Cycle 25; studies solar wind, corona and the interplanetary magnetic field.
Lineage: India's first solar observatory, launched on PSLV (2023) into a halo orbit around the Sun-Earth L1 point for a continuous solar view.
Exam hook: solar physics vs space weather is a ready-made true/false - two-statement on orbit point + mission category.

PIB 2288304 · 2026-07-23

• BioE3 policy in implementation - Mulankur Bio-AI Hubs

Body: DBT-BIRAC led, with a **MeitY** tie-up for AI infrastructure.
Detail: **BioE3 = Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment**, fostering high-performance **BIOMANUFACTURING** via Biofoundries, Biomanufacturing Hubs and a Strain Resource Centre; **270+ projects** recommended across **six thematic sectors, 17 bioenabler facilities** funded and **15 'Mulankur' Bio-AI Hubs** recommended.
Lineage: BioE3 policy cleared by Cabinet, **Aug 2024**.
Exam hook: expand BioE3 and count its E's; it is a **POLICY** for biomanufacturing - distinct from **BIRAC** (a DBT PSU) and from the **Bio-RIDE** scheme.

PIB 2288306 · 2026-07-23

• GSI gets its first woman Director General

Body: **Geological Survey of India (GSI)** under the **Ministry of Mines** - founded **1851**, HQ **Kolkata**; maps India's geology and mineral resources.
Detail: **Smt Varsha Ashok Aglawe** took charge as the **54th Director General (31 Jul 2026)**, the **first woman** to head GSI since its founding in **1851**; a palaeontology-palynology specialist who reported a new dinosaur nesting site in Central India.
Exam hook: first-woman-head + parent ministry - **MINES, not MoES** (which owns IMD/INCOIS), and GSI is not the **Survey of India** (Dept of S-and-T, maps).

PIB 2292720 · 2026-07-31

• Pigeonpea 'Asha' - India's first T2T reference genome

Body: ICAR - work at **ICAR-National Institute for Plant Biotechnology**.
Detail: India's **first fully annotated telomere-to-telomere (T2T) reference genome**, for pigeonpea (arhar/tur) variety '**Asha**', now approved as the crop's **global reference genome (Aug 2026)**; assembly spans **752.65 million base pairs** across all **11 chromosomes**, enabling climate-resilient, high-yield pulse breeding.
Lineage: the same institute published the **world's first pulse-crop draft genome (pigeonpea, 2011)**.
Exam hook: which crop got India's first T2T genome; **T2T = gapless end-to-end chromosome assembly**, not gene editing, and pigeonpea is a **PULSE, not an oilseed**.

PIB 2294441 · 2026-08-04

• Nuclear Energy Mission - 100 GWe by 2047

Detail: the **Nuclear Energy Mission** (announced in Budget 2025-26, provision **Rs 20,000 crore**) targets **100 GWe nuclear capacity by 2047** and at least **5 indigenous Small Modular Reactors by 2033**.
Law: private entry opens under the **SHANTI Act**.
Lineage: implementation rides on BARC's **BSMR-200/SMR-55** demonstrators, a hydrogen-oriented **HTGCR**, and a **10 x 700 MWe PHWR** fleet in progress.
Exam hook: 100 GWe is the **2047 NUCLEAR** target - not the 500 GW non-fossil by 2030; mission money (Rs 20,000 crore) differs from Gaganyaan's **Rs 20,193 crore**.

PIB 2294813 · 2026-08-05

• SHANTI Act 2025 - nuclear law rewritten

Law: **SHANTI Act - Sustainable Harnessing and Advancement of Nuclear Energy for Transforming India**, notified **21 Dec 2025**; a single coherent statute for the sector, recurring in **2026** Parliament replies.
Detail: opens nuclear energy to **private participation under licence**, reforms liability with a **graded regime**, and grants **statutory status to AERB** while retaining sovereign control.
Lineage: AERB had been only an **executive-order regulator since 1983**, and was not statutory under the **Atomic Energy Act 1962**.
Exam hook: full form + what changed for AERB; liability is **graded by facility, not uniform**.

PIB 2294813 · 2026-08-05

• Bharatiya Antariksh Station - 5 modules, operational by 2035

Detail: India's space station **Bharatiya Antariksh Station (BAS)** will have **five modules**; development and launch of the first module **BAS-01** stands approved, with operationalisation targeted by **2035**.
Lineage: BAS rides on the **Gaganyaan follow-on programme** (same **Rs 20,193 crore, 8-mission** envelope); the long-term goal pairs with an **Indian crewed Moon landing by 2040** under **Space Vision 2047**.
Exam hook: 2035 = **space STATION**, 2040 = **Indian on the MOON** - the two Amrit Kaal space dates are routinely swapped; module count + target year.

PIB 2294771 · 2026-08-05

• Deep Ocean Mission - Matsya-6000 trials and 4 hydrothermal vents

Body: **Ministry of Earth Sciences**; **NIOT Chennai** builds the submersible (crewed programme named **Samudrayaan**), **CMLRE Kochi** does the biology, new research vessel contracted to **GRSE Kolkata**.
Detail: submersible **MATSYA-6000** finished crewed wet-harbour trials at **Kattupalli near Chennai**; Indian expeditions discovered **4 hydrothermal vent fields** on the **Central and Southwest Indian Ridges**; DOM has **6 verticals**; CMLRE documented **201 deep-sea species (43 possibly new)**; an Advanced Marine Station for Ocean Biology is coming up at **Nemmeli, Chennai**.
Lineage: **Deep Ocean Mission** launched **2021**.
Exam hook: ministry + submersible-name pairing - **MoES, not the Ministry of Fisheries** and not **ISRO's DoS**.

PIB 2294734 · 2026-08-05

• IndiaAI Mission - sovereign models and 1.1-EFLOPS compute

Body: **MeitY** runs the **IndiaAI Mission** (approved **7 Mar 2024**, **Rs 10,371.92 crore**).
Detail: backing **20 indigenous foundation models (12 large multimodal + 8 small language)** - Sarvam's **105-billion-parameter** model, BharatGen's **Param2-17B** - plus a **1.1-EFLOPS** AI supercomputer at **NIC Shastri Park, Delhi**.
Lineage: pillars include **Compute (15 empanelled providers, 93.18 lakh GPU-hours sanctioned)**, **58 approved AI Centres of Excellence**, and **Safe-and-Trusted-AI** projects.
Exam hook: IndiaAI sits under **MeitY**, not **DST**; model IP stays with the startups, not the government; mission ministry + outlay + model counts.

PIB 2295477 · 2026-08-06

• Gaganyaan roadmap - Vyommitra flight in Q4 2026

Body: ISRO / Department of Space; stated in the **Rajya Sabha** by **Dr Jitendra Singh**.

Detail: first **uncrewed Gaganyaan mission** carrying **half-humanoid Vyommitra targeted Q4 2026**; two more uncrewed flights and the first crewed mission by **2027**; launcher is the human-rated **HLVM3**; **TV-D1** abort test and **two Integrated Air Drop Tests** complete; partners - **ESA** (ground network), **Australia** (crew recovery), **France-CNES** (flight surgeons), **Russia-Roscosmos** (training, crew seat).

Lineage: Cabinet approved **Rs 20,193 crore for 8 missions (Sep 2024)**.

Exam hook: match partner country to Gaganyaan role; **Vyommitra flies on the UNCREWED mission**, not as a crew member of the crewed flight.

PIB 2295557 · 2026-08-06

Infra (5)

• Bascule Bridge renovation at Kolkata (SMP) Port

Body: Kolkata Port, renamed **Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port in 2020**; Government approved renovation of the historic **Bascule Bridge** in **Mar 2026**.

Detail: Bascule = movable **drawbridge**; the port is **India's only riverine Major Port** (on the **Hooghly**) and its **oldest**, constituted in **1870**.

Exam hook: two-statement riverine port + rename year; oldest Major Port = **Kolkata (1870)**, not **Mumbai (1873)** - a classic pairs question.

PIB 2237477 · 2026-03-10

• Jammu-Srinagar direct rail link via USBRL

Body: **USBRL (Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla Rail Link)**, dedicated by the PM on **6 Jun 2025**.

Detail: the Srinagar-Katra **Vande Bharat** was extended to **Jammu Tawi on 30 Apr 2026** = first-ever direct Jammu-Kashmir passenger train; coaches raised **8 to 20**; on this line **Chenab bridge** is the world's highest railway arch bridge (**359 m** above the river) and **Anji** is India's first cable-stayed rail bridge.

Exam hook: match bridge to type - **Chenab (arch)** vs **Anji Khad (cable-stayed)** - and the **USBRL** full form.

PIB 2257073 · 2026-04-30

• Bullet train: third mountain tunnel breakthrough (MT-07)

Body: **NHSRCL** builds **MAHSR**, India's **first high-speed rail** - a **508-km** Mumbai-Ahmedabad corridor using Japanese **Shinkansen** technology with **JICA** funding.

Detail: third mountain-tunnel breakthrough in **5 months** - **MT-07 (417 m long, 14.4 m wide)** at **Ambesari, Palghar district, Maharashtra (2 Jun 2026)**.

Exam hook: two-statement implementing agency + technology partner; mountain tunnels sit in **Palghar**, while the **21-km undersea tunnel** section runs **BKC-Shilphata** - options mix the two.

PIB 2267962 · 2026-06-02

• Zojila Tunnel main-tube breakthrough

Body: built by **NHIDCL**; the **main-tunnel breakthrough** at the eastern portal, **Minamarg (Kargil)**, was witnessed by **Gadkari** on **9 Jun 2026**.

Detail: about **14-km bi-directional tunnel** on **NH-1** between **Baltal (J&K)** and **Minamarg (Ladakh)** at **2,900-3,310 m** altitude, ~**Rs 6,800 crore** - **Asia's longest bi-directional tunnel** when complete; gives all-weather **Srinagar-Ladakh** access.

Exam hook: connects which two UTs / executing agency; confuse-set - **Zojila (J&K-Ladakh, NH-1)** vs **Atal Tunnel (Manali-Lahaul, Himachal)** vs **Z-Morh/Sonamarg tunnel** (opened Jan 2025).

PIB 2270874 · 2026-06-09

• Nam0 Bharat RRTS corridor fully operational

Body: **NCRTC**, a JV of the Centre with **Delhi/UP/Rajasthan/Haryana**.

Detail: India's **first Regional Rapid Transit System** - the **82.15-km Delhi-Ghaziabad-Meerut Nam0 Bharat** corridor (incl. **23-km Meerut Metro**) - **fully operational** since **Feb 2026**; **3.8 crore** riders, **99% punctuality**.

Lineage: Phase-1 corridors are **Delhi-Meerut**, **Delhi-Gurugram-Alwar** and **Delhi-Panipat**.

Exam hook: first RRTS corridor connects which cities; **Nam0 Bharat** (RRTS train) vs **Vande Bharat** (express) vs **Amrit Bharat** (budget LHB) - the classic name-swap.

PIB 2295676 · 2026-08-06

Culture/Sport (45)

• Ol Chiki script centenary - Raghunath Murmu's gift at 100

Body: Ministry of Culture, New Delhi; centenary inaugurated by President **Droupadi Murmu**, **16 Feb 2026**.

Law: Santali entered the **Eighth Schedule** in **2003 (92nd Amendment)**, with **Bodo, Dogri and Maithili**.

Detail: **Ol Chiki**, script of the **Santali language**, invented **1925** by **Pandit Raghunath Murmu**; Santali was earlier written in **Roman, Devanagari, Odia and Bengali** scripts.

Exam hook: **Ol Chiki is a SCRIPT**; **Santali is the LANGUAGE** in the Eighth Schedule; inventor **Raghunath Murmu** is no relation of the President - surname bait.

PIB 2228822 · 2026-02-16

• International Mother Language Day - Constitution in Gujarati and Tamil

Body: **UNESCO / UN observance**, marked **21 Feb 2026**.

Detail: the **Constitution** released in **Gujarati and Tamil** diglot editions, plus an **English-Hindi Legal Glossary**.

Lineage: the Day honours the **1952 Bengali language movement of Dhaka**; **2008 = International Year of Languages**.

Exam hook: **Mother Language Day 21 Feb** vs **Hindi Diwas 14 Sep** vs **World Hindi Day 10 Jan** - three different observances; date + origin.

PIB 2231333 · 2026-02-21

• Rajaji bust unveiled at Rashtrapati Bhavan

Body: **Rashtrapati Bhavan** - the President unveiled a bust of **C.**

Rajagopalachari ('Rajaji') and graced '**Rajaji Utsav**', **23 Feb 2026**.

Detail: **Rajaji = first and only Indian Governor-General (1948-50)**, first CM of **Madras State**, founder of the **Swatantra Party**.

Lineage: among the **first three Bharat Ratna recipients (1954)**, with **C.V. Raman** and **S. Radhakrishnan**.

Exam hook: **Mountbatten** was first Governor-General of **FREE India**; **Rajaji** was the first **Indian** in the office - and its last holder.

PIB 2231850 · 2026-02-23

• 'Boong' wins BAFTA 2026 - Manipuri film first

Detail: Manipuri film '**Boong**' won the **Children's & Family Film** award at the **BAFTA Film Awards 2026** - a **first Indian win in the category**; the film is **NFDC-supported** and set in **Manipur**.

Lineage: **BAFTA = British Academy of Film and Television Arts**.

Exam hook: the win is at **BAFTA (UK)**, not the **Oscars**; the language/state pin is **Manipuri / Manipur**, not **Assamese** - which Indian film won at **BAFTA 2026 / its state**.

PIB 2231794 · 2026-02-23

• J&K's maiden Ranji Trophy title

Body: **BCCI** - the **Ranji Trophy** is India's premier **domestic first-class cricket** championship.

Detail: **Jammu & Kashmir** won the **Ranji Trophy for the first time ever**, **Feb 2026**; PM and Home Minister congratulated the team.

Lineage: named after **K.S. Ranjitsinhji**; first played **1934-35**.

Exam hook: **Ranji** (first-class, red ball) vs **Vijay Hazare Trophy** (List-A/50-over) vs **Syed Mushtaq Ali (T20)** - match the format.

PIB 2233994 · 2026-02-28

• ASMITA women's league at 250 venues on Women's Day

Body: **Khelo India / SAI** with **MY Bharat**; staged on **International Women's Day**, **8 Mar 2026**.

Detail: nationwide **ASMITA athletics league** at **250 locations**; **ASMITA = Achieving Sports Milestone by Inspiring Women Through Action**.

Lineage: running since **2021**; **2,600+ women's leagues** across **34 disciplines** in **550+ districts**, doubling as talent identification.

Exam hook: **ASMITA** is the women's-league **programme under Khelo India** - not a scholarship, not the **Khelo India Youth Games**; full form / parent programme.

PIB 2234585 · 2026-03-02

• 2026 - UN International Year of Women Farmers

Body: declared by the **UN General Assembly** (India co-championed); **Delhi** conference by the **Ministry of Agriculture with FAO**.

Detail: **2026 = UN International Year of Women Farmers**; **New Delhi** hosted the **Global Conference on Women in Agri-Food Systems**, **12-14 Mar 2026**.

Lineage: **2023 = International Year of Millets**, also India-moved.

Exam hook: **2026 = Women Farmers** vs **2023 = Millets** - reversing the two is the standard wrong option; match the year to its UN observance.

PIB 2238318 · 2026-03-11

• Sahitya Akademi Awards 2025 in 24 languages

Body: Sahitya Akademi, National Academy of Letters - autonomous body under the **Ministry of Culture**.

Detail: 2025 awards announced **16 Mar 2026** in **24 languages - 8 poetry, 4 novels, 6 short-story collections**; winners include Navtej Sarna (English novel 'Crimson Spring') and Mamta Kalia (Hindi memoir).

Lineage: est **1954**; award = engraved copper plaque + shawl + **Rs 1,00,000**.

Exam hook: the Akademi's **24 languages = 22 Eighth-Schedule languages + English + Rajasthani**, not just the 22; two-statement language count + parent ministry.

PIB 2240704 · 2026-03-16

• Inaugural Khelo India Tribal Games 2026

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports - newest member of the **Khelo India** event family.

Detail: **first-ever Khelo India Tribal Games**, **25 Mar - 6 Apr 2026**, about **3,800 athletes**; showcases tribal sporting talent alongside indigenous games.

Lineage: Khelo India **Winter Games (2020)** and **Beach Games (2025)** started earlier.

Exam hook: 2026's new event is the **Tribal Games** - not a Para event; which Khelo India Games debuted in 2026.

PIB 2245447 · 2026-03-25

• Bharat Tribes Fest 2026 - Aadi Mahotsav renamed

Body: TRIFED, Ministry of **Tribal Affairs**.

Detail: **Bharat Tribes Fest 2026** at **Sunder Nursery, New Delhi**; platform for tribal artisans, SHGs and **Van Dhan Kendras**; included a **Van Dhan Conclave** and a **Bharat Tribes Business Conclave**.

Lineage: the re-envisioned, expanded form of **Aadi Mahotsav**.

Exam hook: which festival under which ministry - vs **Lok Samvardhan Parv** (Minority Affairs) and **Divya Kala Mela** (Divyangjan).

PIB 2246691 · 2026-03-29

• Asha Bhosle passes away - Parliament obituary

Body: Ministry of **I&B** confers the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award**, India's **highest cinema honour** (instituted **1969**).

Detail: legendary playback singer **Asha Bhosle** passed away in **Apr 2026**; both Houses of **Parliament** made obituary references; honours included the **Padma Vibhushan**, the **Dadasaheb Phalke Award** and **National Film Awards**.

Exam hook: the Phalke Award comes from **I&B**, **not the Ministry of Culture**; do not confuse it with the private '**Phalke Excellence**' events - which body gives it.

PIB 2252580 · 2026-04-16

• Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 - the new national sports policy

Body: Ministry of **Youth Affairs & Sports**; anchored the '**Srinagar Khel Sankalp**' vision launched **Apr 2026**.

Detail: **Khelo Bharat Niti (2025)** - the athlete-centric national sports policy; pillars - **excellence, economic growth via sports, sports as a mass movement**; guides the revamped **Khelo India Scheme**.

Lineage: replaces the **National Sports Policy 2001**.

Exam hook: **Khelo Bharat Niti** (policy) vs **Khelo India** (scheme) vs **National Sports Governance Act 2025** (law) - three different instruments; which document replaced NSP 2001.

PIB 2255687 · 2026-04-26

• Piprahwa Buddha relics exposition in Ladakh

Body: ASI / Ministry of Culture; relics held at the **National Museum, Delhi (20)** and **Indian Museum, Kolkata (2)**.

Detail: **Piprahwa relics of the Buddha** exhibited in **Ladakh, 1-14 May 2026**, theme '**Peace in Times of Conflict**', timed to **Buddha Purnima**.

Lineage: **Piprahwa (Siddharthnagar, UP)** identified with ancient **Kapilavastu**; excavated **1898 (W.C. Peppe)** and **1971-77 (K.M. Srivastava, ASI)**.

Exam hook: Buddha's **OWN** relics vs those of his **disciples** **Sariputra-Maudgalyayana sent to Mongolia (May-Jun 2026)**; match relic site to state / which museum.

PIB 2257009 · 2026-04-30

• Chola bronzes repatriated from the Smithsonian

Body: returned by the **Smithsonian's National Museum of Asian Art (USA)**, celebrated **13 May 2026**; **ASI** provenance research underpinned the return.

Detail: three temple bronzes, all traced to **Tamil Nadu** temples - **Chola Shiva Nataraja** (c. 990 CE), **12th-century Somaskanda**, **16th-century Vijayanagara Saint Sundarar with Paravai**.

Lineage: ASI used archives and **1950s-60s temple photographs**; part of the wider drive that has repatriated hundreds of antiquities **since 2014**.

Exam hook: returned from the **USA (Smithsonian)**, not the **UK**; **Nataraja = Chola, Sundarar = Vijayanagara** - match dynasty to bronze; which museum returned the Nataraja.

PIB 2260755 · 2026-05-13

• Goa Statehood Day - 30 May, the 25th State

Body: Vice-President **C P Radhakrishnan** marked **Goa Statehood Day** at **Panaji, 30 May 2026**, and opened an exhibition on cartoonist **Mario Miranda**.

Law: **56th Amendment** made Goa India's **25th State** on **30 May 1987**;

71st Amendment (1992) put **Konkani** into the **Eighth Schedule**.

Detail: carved from the **UT of Goa, Daman and Diu**, which stayed a **UT**; **Konkani** is Goa's official language.

Exam hook: **Statehood Day (30 May 1987)** vs **Goa Liberation Day (19 Dec 1961, Operation Vijay)** - the two Goa dates options swap; which number State + year.

PIB 2266930 · 2026-05-30

• 39th National Games 2027 - Meghalaya's turn

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports - Minister **Mansukh**

Mandaviya reviewed readiness at **Shillong, 30 May 2026**; Games run with the **Indian Olympic Association, IOA** President **P T Usha** attending.

Detail: **39th National Games, 2027**, in **Meghalaya** - the State's first time as host; **Rs 150-crore high-altitude training centre** announced for it.

Lineage: **38th Games - Uttarakhand (2025)**; **37th - Goa (2023)**;

Guwahati/Assam hosted the **33rd Games (2007)**.

Exam hook: Meghalaya is a first-time **HOST** state, not the first **Northeast** edition; edition number + host; where were the 38th.

PIB 2266991 · 2026-05-30

• IDY 2026 - Yoga for Healthy Ageing, Kolkata

Body: Ministry of **Ayush**, with **MDNIY** organising; **UNGA** proclaimed **IDY** in **2014** on India's initiative.

Detail: **21 Jun 2026 - 12th International Day of Yoga**, theme '**Yoga for Healthy Ageing**'; PM led the national event from **Red Road, Kolkata**; countdown **Yoga Mahotsavs (Khajuraho)** and a **Guinness record** for the largest YouTube live yoga stream preceded it.

Lineage: first observed **21 Jun 2015** - the **summer solstice**; 2015 venue **Rajpath**.

Exam hook: the theme is of the **year**, not permanent; 2026 venue **Kolkata** vs 2015 **Rajpath** - theme-year-venue match.

PIB 2267598 · 2026-06-01

• Janjatiya Gaurav Utsav and Birsa Lives in New Bharat Week

Body: Ministry of Tribal Affairs; President **Murmu** met about **200 tribal scholarship beneficiaries**.

Detail: **Janjatiya Gaurav Utsav** ran **10 May-9 Jun 2026**, with **Birsa Lives in New Bharat Week (25 May-2 Jun)**.

Lineage: marks **Bhagwan Birsa Munda's death anniversary (9 Jun)**.

Exam hook: **15 Nov** (birth anniversary) = **Janjatiya Gaurav DIWAS**; **9 Jun** (death anniversary) closed the **Gaurav UTSAV** - the date-swap is the obvious distractor.

PIB 2267361 · 2026-06-01

• WAVES ecosystem - OTT crosses 1 crore users

Body: **WAVES OTT = Prasar Bharati's** streaming platform; **WAVES Summit** = the **I&B** Ministry mega-event.

Detail: crossed **1 crore registered users** on **2 Jun 2026**, under **2 years** from its **Nov 2024 launch**; **24,000+ titles**, **140+ live channels**, **130+ countries**; **BRICS WAVES Bazaar (Aug 2026)** drew **500+ delegates** under India's **BRICS** chairship.

Lineage: **WAVES** = the Government's audiovisual/entertainment-summit brand - first **WAVES Summit 2025 (Mumbai)**, next edition **2027** with '**Create in India Challenge**' Season 2.

Exam hook: **WAVES OTT** (Prasar Bharati app) vs **WAVES Summit** (I&B mega-event) vs **WAVES Film Bazaar** (at **IFFI**) - three different things; whose OTT platform is **WAVES**.

PIB 2268091 · 2026-06-02

• National Sports Tribunal under NSG Act 2025

Body: National Sports Tribunal (NST) - statutory sports-dispute body headquartered in New Delhi.

Law: National Sports Governance Act, 2025; service terms under the NST Rules, 2026.

Detail: Jun 2026 - Government invited applications for **two Members**, picked by a **Search-cum-Selection Committee** under the Act; mandate is to adjudicate sports-related disputes.

Exam hook: NST settles disputes; the National Sports BOARD grants recognition to federations - the two new NSG Act bodies are easily swapped; two-statement on parent Act + mandate.

PIB 2268529 · 2026-06-03

• National Sports Board selection panel - Somanathan chair

Body: National Sports Board (NSB) - central authority granting recognition to National Sports Bodies and enforcing governance and financial standards.

Law: National Sports Governance Act 2025.

Detail: 15 Jun 2026 - Centre constituted the 5-member

Search-cum-Selection Committee, chaired by Cabinet Secretary Dr T.V. Somanathan, with awardees Gagan Narang and N. Kunjarani Devi among members.

Exam hook: panel headed by the Cabinet Secretary, not the Sports Minister; NSB recognises federations, NST decides disputes - who heads the NSB selection panel.

PIB 2273130 · 2026-06-15

• 19th MIFF 2026 - Golden Conch to Polish film 'Silver'

Body: run by NFDC under the Ministry of I&B; held at the NFDC Complex, Mumbai.

Detail: 19th Mumbai International Film Festival (MIFF), 15-21 Jun 2026 - **Golden Conch** for Best Documentary to the Polish film 'Silver'; FTII's 'Small Clouds' took a **Silver Conch (Best Indian Short Fiction)**.

Lineage: MIFF = South Asia's oldest festival for non-feature films - documentary, short fiction, animation; top prize = **Golden Conch**.

Exam hook: MIFF's Conch vs IFFI's **Golden Peacock** - do not swap the festivals' trophies.

PIB 2276323 · 2026-06-21

• Padma Awards 2026 conferred in two investiture ceremonies

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs administers; conferred by President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Detail: Padma Awards 2026 given at Civil Investiture Ceremony-I (25 May) and Ceremony-II (23 Jun 2026); three classes in order - Padma Vibhushan > Padma Bhushan > Padma Shri.

Lineage: instituted 1954; announced every **Republic Day**, presented months later.

Exam hook: announced 25-26 Jan but PRESENTED mid-year; **Bharat Ratna is a separate award**, not the top Padma class; order of precedence / who confers.

PIB 2277220 · 2026-06-23

• 20th Statistics Day - administrative data theme

Body: MoSPI (Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation).

Detail: 20th Statistics Day, 29 Jun 2026; theme 'Unlocking the Potential of Administrative Data'; marks the 133rd birth anniversary of P.C. Mahalanobis.

Lineage: observed every 29 June since 2007; Mahalanobis - architect of Indian statistics, founder of ISI Kolkata, mind behind the **Second Five-Year Plan's Mahalanobis model**.

Exam hook: National Statistics Day (29 Jun, annual) vs **World Statistics Day (20 Oct, once in 5 years)**; theme + whose birth anniversary.

PIB 2279114 · 2026-06-29

• PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2026 nominations

Body: Ministry of Women & Child Development; conferred by the President around Republic Day.

Detail: Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2026 nominations ran through July on awards.gov.in, deadline extended to 15 Aug 2026; India's highest civilian honour for **children aged 5-18** - sports, social service, science & technology, environment, art & culture and **bravery**.

Lineage: the bravery category is now **INSIDE PMRBP** - the old separate **National Bravery Awards** were subsumed.

Exam hook: age band 5-18 + awarding ministry (WCD, not Home or Education).

PIB 2280233 · 2026-07-02

• Durand Cup 2026 - President unveils three trophies

Body: conducted with the **Armed Forces**; trophies unveiled and flagged off by **President Murmu** at **Rashtrapati Bhavan**, 7 Jul 2026.

Detail: Durand Cup 2026 adds a **Sri Lankan team**; winners claim three trophies together - **Durand Cup, President's Cup and Shimla Trophy**.

Lineage: first played 1888 at Shimla - **Asia's oldest football tournament**. **Exam hook:** oldest in Asia = **Durand**, the **IFA Shield** is younger; the three-trophy list is the classic which-is-NOT option.

PIB 2281949 · 2026-07-07

• CWG 2030 - centenary Games in Ahmedabad

Body: **Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF)**, which awards the Games; Ahmedabad's award was confirmed in **mid-2026**.

Detail: 2030 **Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad** - the centenary edition; rowing, absent since **CWG 1986**, may return in 2030.

Lineage: first British Empire Games 1930, **Hamilton, Canada** - so 2030 marks **100 years**; India's calendar - Asian Games 2026 (**Aichi-Nagoya**), LA Olympics 2028, **2036 Olympic bid**.

Exam hook: CWG 2026 = **Glasgow** vs **CWG 2030 = Ahmedabad** - reversing the hosts is the obvious wrong option; match edition to host city.

PIB 2283122 · 2026-07-10

• 72nd National Film Awards (2024) - 'Article 370' best film

Body: **Ministry of I&B** (Information & Broadcasting); 72nd **National Film Awards** for 2024, announced 18 Jul 2026.

Detail: Best Feature '**Article 370**'; Best Actress **Yami Gautam**; Best Actor **SHARED** by **Mammootty ('Bramayugam')** and **Kartik Aaryan ('Chandu Champion')**; Best Debut Director **Randeep Hooda ('Swatantrya Veer Savarkar')**; Best Non-Feature '**Bhangaar**'.

Lineage: Best Feature carries the **Swarna Kamal** and **Rs 3,00,000**.

Exam hook: the 2026 announcement covers films of 2024 - the year-lag is the standard trick, and Best Actor was shared; which film/actor won at the 72nd NFA.

PIB 2286143 · 2026-07-18

• Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana and the 7 Zonal Cultural Centres

Body: **Ministry of Culture**; detailed in a **Jul 2026** Parliament answer, 2026-27 applications opened 2 Jul.

Detail: Kala Sanskriti Vikas Yojana (KSVY) - umbrella for aiding artists and cultural organisations; a **Central Sector Scheme (100% central funding)**; folk and tribal arts also promoted through 7 **Zonal Cultural Centres** headquartered at **Patiala, Udaipur, Nagpur, Thanjavur, Kolkata, Dimapur, Prayagraj**.

Lineage: ZCCs set up 1985-86.

Exam hook: ZCC count = 7, and they sit under the **Ministry of Culture**, **not state governments**; which is NOT a ZCC headquarters.

PIB 2286592 · 2026-07-20

• Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2025 nominations

Body: **Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**; nominations on the **National Awards Portal**, presented alongside the **National Sports Awards**.

Detail: Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Award 2025 nominations open 21 Jul - 20 Aug 2026; India's **highest adventure honour**, ranked **equivalent to the Arjuna Award**; four categories - **Land, Water (Sea), Air and Lifetime Achievement**; bronze statuette + **Rs 15 lakh**.

Exam hook: named after Everest pioneer **Tenzing Norgay**; equal to the **Arjuna**, **not the Khel Ratna**; covers adventure, not competitive sport - categories / equivalence.

PIB 2287049 · 2026-07-21

• Sarnath inscribed - India's 45th World Heritage Site

Body: **World Heritage Committee**, 48th session, **Busan (South Korea)**; inscribed 25 Jul 2026.

Detail: '**Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath**' (**Varanasi, UP**) - India's 45th WHS; serial property of 2 parts - **Chaukhandi Stupa** + archaeological remains (**Dhamekh** and **Dharmarajika** stupas, **Ashokan pillar**); site of **Buddha's first sermon (Dharmachakra Pravartana)**; tally 45 = 37 cultural + 7 natural + 1 mixed.

Lineage: the 44th site (2025) was **Maratha Military Landscapes**; the only mixed site remains **Khangchendzonga NP**; Sarnath's old names - **Rishipatana / Mrigadava**.

Exam hook: which number / which session city.

PIB 2289399 · 2026-07-25

• Anahat Singh - world junior squash champion

Detail: Anahat Singh - first Indian ever to win the World Junior Squash Championship title, gold in Jul 2026 (PM's praise, 26 Jul); Delhi-born teen prodigy already holding Asian Games 2022 and national senior titles.

Lineage: squash takes its Olympic debut at LA 2028.

Exam hook: first Indian world junior squash champion - earlier Indian world junior wins were in other racquet sports; a junior crown, **not a WSF senior world title**.

PIB 2289594 · 2026-07-26

• Cabinet's Rs 36,441 crore revamped Khelo India Scheme

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports; approved by the Union Cabinet on 31 Jul 2026.

Detail: revamped Khelo India Scheme + enhanced Assistance to National Sports Federations; combined Rs 36,441 crore outlay for 2026-27 to 2030-31, nearly 8 times the previous outlay; 2026-27 ministry allocation Rs 4,479.88 crore.

Lineage: Khelo India began 2017, merging Rajiv Gandhi Khel Abhiyan + Urban Sports Infrastructure Scheme + National Sports Talent Search; aligned to Khelo Bharat Niti 2025 and NEP 2020.

Exam hook: Rs 36,441 crore = 5-year, two-scheme total, **not an annual budget**; outlay figure + period.

PIB 2292439 · 2026-07-31

• Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 to Ajit Doval

Body: Pune's Tilak Smarak Mandir Trust - a private trust's annual honour, not a government award.

Detail: Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 presented by Amit Shah to NSA Ajit Doval in Pune on 1 Aug 2026, Tilak's death anniversary.

Lineage: PM Modi received the same award in 2023; Doval is India's longest-serving NSA and founding chairman of the Multi Agency Centre (MAC), the internal-security intelligence backbone.

Exam hook: who received the 2026 award / what MAC is / trust award vs government honour.

PIB 2293016 · 2026-08-01

• CWG 2026 gold-winners - the names that pin questions

Body: Commonwealth Games Glasgow 2026, India's medallist roll.

Detail: women's boxing swept 5 golds - Preeti (54kg), Sakshi (51kg), Jasmine Lamboria (57kg), Priya Ghangas (60kg), Arundhati Choudhary (70kg); men's boxing golds Sachin Siwach and Ankush Panghal; judo golds Asmita Dey (48kg) and Harsh Singh; para golds Sharmila (shot put F57) and Dilip Gavit (100m T47).

Lineage: boxing and judo were India's top gold sources; Lovlina Borgohain silver (75kg); Neeraj Chopra javelin SILVER.

Exam hook: Neeraj Chopra's Glasgow medal is silver, **not gold** - the obvious wrong option; match medallist to event and colour.

• Pingali Venkayya - 150th birth anniversary

Body: PM Modi's tribute, 2 Aug 2026, for 'giving the nation the Tricolour'.

Detail: Andhra-born freedom fighter Pingali Venkayya, 150th birth anniversary; presented his flag design to Gandhi at the 1921 Vijayawada AICC session.

Lineage: the design evolved into the Tricolour adopted 22 Jul 1947, Ashoka Chakra replacing the charkha.

Exam hook: Venkayya DESIGNED the precursor - the Constituent Assembly adopted the final flag; the chakra comes from the Sarnath lion capital's abacus.

PIB 2293516 · 2026-08-02

• CWG Glasgow 2026 - India's 39 medals, 13 gold

Body: Indian contingent at the Commonwealth Games 2026, Glasgow (23 Jul - 2 Aug).

Detail: 39 medals including 13 gold; Mirabai Chanu opened the account with her 3rd consecutive CWG gold; the Army contingent alone took 16 medals (8 gold).

Lineage: India's 19th CWG appearance, a run begun 1934; a slimmed Glasgow programme cut hockey, badminton and shooting, concentrating Indian medals in weightlifting, boxing, judo, athletics.

Exam hook: 39/13 at GLASGOW 2026 vs 61/22 at Birmingham 2022 - a smaller Games, so raw tallies mislead; Neeraj Chopra took javelin SILVER here, **not gold** - the standard wrong option.

PIB 2293569 · 2026-08-03

• Gyan Bharatam Mission - 1.19 crore manuscripts surveyed

Body: Ministry of Culture - Gyan Bharatam Mission (not Education).

Detail: National Manuscript Survey, launched Mar 2026, has recorded over 1.19 crore manuscripts; 4.40 lakh digitised manuscripts live on the Gyan Bharatam portal; aims at survey, digitisation, conservation and a National Digital Repository, working through Cluster and Independent Centres.

Lineage: announced in Union Budget 2025-26 with Rs 491.66 crore for 2025-31; supersedes the older National Mission for Manuscripts' role.

Exam hook: mission-ministry pairing (Culture, not Education) + the crore figure.

PIB 2293807 · 2026-08-03

• Deepavali - India's 16th UNESCO intangible heritage element

Body: Ministry of Culture / UNESCO Intergovernmental Committee; Parliament answer 6 Aug 2026.

Law: UNESCO 2003 Convention on Intangible Cultural Heritage; India ratified 2005.

Detail: Deepavali = India's 16th element on the Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage; decided at 20.COM, Red Fort, New Delhi, 8-13 Dec 2025 - the first ICH Committee session India hosted; about 1,200 delegates from 130 countries.

Lineage: earlier entry Garba (15th, 2023).

Exam hook: ICH list (2003 Convention) vs World Heritage List (1972 Convention) - Deepavali is NOT a World Heritage Site; which element is India's 16th ICH entry.

PIB 2295431 · 2026-08-06

• Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 and the Suryapath Tiranga relay

Body: Ministry of Culture; Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 ran 9-17 Aug, its 5th year, dedicated to 150 years of Vande Mataram.

Detail: new 'Suryapath Tiranga' relay carried the flag across 54 Indian missions from Suva (Fiji) to San Francisco on I-Day; India Post's first-ever drone delivery of a Tiranga.

Lineage: campaign began 2022 under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav; Flag Code amendment (2021) allows polyester / machine-made flags.

Exam hook: Suryapath followed the rising sun, east to west - Fiji first, San Francisco last; which ministry runs Har Ghar Tiranga / what is Suryapath.

PIB 2295801 · 2026-08-06

• 12th National Handloom Day - Sant Kabir awards

Body: Ministry of Textiles; President Murmu graced the 12th National Handloom Day, 7 Aug 2026.

Detail: presented the Sant Kabir Handloom Awards and National Handloom Awards 2025; 4 commemorative stamps released.

Lineage: 7 August marks the launch of the SWADESHI Movement in 1905 against the Bengal Partition; Day observed since 2015.

Exam hook: the date honours the Swadeshi Movement (1905), NOT Quit India (8 Aug 1942) - the neighbouring August anniversary; why 7 August / which awards.

PIB 2296051 · 2026-08-07

• 80th Independence Day - Vande Mataram sung from Red Fort

Body: Government of India, Red Fort - 80th Independence Day, 15 Aug 2026.

Detail: themes '150 Years of Vande Mataram' and 'Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047'; in a first, Vande Mataram sung from the Red Fort ramparts; about 5,000 special guests.

Lineage: Vande Mataram composed by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, 1875, published in 'Anandamath' (1882), first sung at the 1896 Congress session; permanent exhibition on its journey opened at IIAS, Shimla (Jul 2026).

Exam hook: Vande Mataram = National SONG; Jana Gana Mana = National ANTHEM - two-statement song-vs-anthem + the 150-year math.

PIB 2297232 · 2026-08-10

• Sangeet Natak Akademi honours for 2024 and 2025

Body: Sangeet Natak Akademi (SNA) = National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, Ministry of Culture; conferred by President Murmu on 13 Aug 2026 (names announced June).

Detail: Fellowships and Awards for 2024-25 - 7 new Fellows (Akademi Ratna), 108 Akademi Puraskar awardees, 106 Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar artists.

Lineage: awards since 1952; Fellowship capped at 40 living Fellows, purse Rs 3,00,000; Award purse Rs 1,00,000; Yuva Puraskar Rs 25,000.

Exam hook: Akademi Ratna (Fellowship, rarer) vs Akademi Puraskar (Award); Yuva Puraskar named after Ustad Bismillah Khan (shehnai); cap on Fellows.

PIB 2298868 · 2026-08-13

- **Adopt a Heritage 2.0 and PRASHAD - the running numbers**

Body: Adopt a Heritage 2.0 = ASI, Ministry of Culture; PRASHAD and Swadesh Darshan = **Ministry of Tourism**.

Detail: 30 MoUs signed under Adopt a Heritage 2.0 (as of **Mar 2026**), 13.59 million visitors at adopted monuments in **FY 2024-25**; 54 sanctioned PRASHAD projects worth Rs 1,726.74 crore, 32 complete.

Lineage: Adopt a Heritage 2.0 launched **Sep 2023**, fields 'Monument Mitras' for visitor amenities; PRASHAD = Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive.

Exam hook: Culture/ASI side vs Tourism side - scheme-ministry matching.

PIB 2299368 · 2026-08-14

- **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2026**

Body: Ministry of Culture - exhibitions across **Delhi, Amritsar and Kolkata**.

Detail: 14 Aug 2026 observed as **Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**; commemorates the displacement and violence of the **1947 Partition**, one of history's largest forced migrations.

Lineage: instituted by the PM's announcement in **2021**.

Exam hook: falls on **14 Aug** (Partition eve), not **15 Aug**; a remembrance, not a public holiday.

