

Schemes (1)

• PM Internship Scheme expansion

Body: Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) runs the PM Internship Scheme (PMIS).
Detail: eligibility expanded to include final-year graduate and postgraduate students.
Lineage: PMIS, announced in the 2024-25 Budget, aims to place youth as interns in top companies over five years with a monthly stipend.
Exam hook: which ministry (MCA, not Labour) / new eligibility (final-year grad/PG) / Budget 2024-25 origin / monthly stipend.
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Welfare (1)

• SAMAVESH & SMILE-Beggary apps

Body: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (MoSJE); launched at the National Chintan Shivir, Chandigarh, 24-26 April 2026.
Detail: launched the SAMAVESH portal, NMBA 2.0 (Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan), SETU and the SMILE-Beggary survey mobile app; theme 'Antyodaya ka Sankalp, Amrit Kaal ka Pratibimb - Viksit Bharat ke Sankalp ke Saath'.
Lineage: SMILE = Support for Marginalised Individuals for Livelihood and Enterprise, covering transgender persons and persons engaged in begging; Antyodaya = upliftment of the last person (Deendayal Upadhyaya).
Exam hook: which ministry (MoSJE) / SMILE full form + coverage / NMBA 2.0 / Antyodaya meaning.
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Polity/Bodies (6)

• Panchayat Advancement Index 2.0

Body: Ministry of Panchayati Raj; released on National Panchayati Raj Day (24 April).
Law: 73rd Constitutional Amendment Act, 1992 (Part IX, Article 243) gave constitutional status to PRIs; in force 24 April 1993.
Detail: PAI 2.0 (FY 2023-24) ranks over 2.5 lakh Gram Panchayats against 150 indicators / 230 data points across nine LSDG themes; 3,635 GPs rated 'Front Runner'; 97.3% participation across 33 States/UTs (West Bengal did not participate); India's first nationwide data-driven GP ranking.
Exam hook: which ministry / nine LSDG themes / which state opted out / Article 243 - 73rd CAA link / LSDG = Localization of SDGs.
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• Online Gaming Rules 2026 (OGAI)

Body: Ministry of Electronics & Information Technology (MeitY); new regulator = Online Gaming Authority of India, an attached office at Delhi, chaired by Additional Secretary, MeitY.
Law: operationalises the Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming (PROG) Act, 2025 (enacted August 2025); Rules effective 1 May 2026.
Detail: bans all online money games (both chance and skill) but promotes e-sports and online social games; penalties up to 3 years jail / Rs 1 crore fine; second appeal lies to Secretary, MeitY.
Exam hook: which Act / which regulator / three segments (e-sports, social, money - last banned) / MeitY full form.
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• Census 2027 (first digital)

Body: Office of the Registrar General & Census Commissioner (RGI), under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
Law: Census Act, 1948; Census is a Union subject (Seventh Schedule, entry 69); Section 15 keeps individual data confidential.
Detail: India's first digital (mobile-based) census; 16th overall, 8th since independence; outlay Rs 11,718.24 crore; first with comprehensive caste enumeration (CCPA decision 30 April 2025) and an optional self-enumeration facility; Census Moment 00:00 hrs, 1 March 2027.
Lineage: first synchronous census was 1881; Phase I (Houselisting) Apr-Sep 2026, Phase II (Population Enumeration) Feb 2027.
Exam hook: which census number / Union subject + entry 69 / Census Act 1948 / reference date / first digital + first caste enumeration.
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• Indigenous Cell Broadcast System

Body: developed by C-DOT (DoT's R&D centre, Centre for Development of Telematics) with the NDMA.
Law: NDMA functions under the Disaster Management Act, 2005; it is chaired by the Prime Minister.
Detail: the Cell Broadcast (CB) System is under pan-India testing to push near real-time alerts to all phones in a geographic area; it supplements the SMS-based Integrated Alert System SACHET (operational in all 36 States/UTs, 134+ billion SMS alerts in 19+ languages).
Detail (tech): SACHET uses the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP) recommended by the ITU.
Exam hook: C-DOT full form / CB vs SACHET (SMS) / NDMA chaired by PM under DM Act 2005 / CAP-ITU link.
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• NITI Aayog reconstitution

Body: NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India); chaired ex-officio by the Prime Minister; CEO is the administrative head (Nidhi Chhibber).
Detail: Ashok Kumar Lahiri appointed Vice-Chairman; new Full-Time Members include Rajiv Gauba, Prof. K. V. Raju, Prof. Gobardhan Das, Prof. Abhay Karandikar and Dr M. Srinivas.
Lineage: replaced the Planning Commission on 1 January 2015; a non-statutory, non-constitutional advisory think tank promoting cooperative federalism.
Exam hook: who is Vice-Chairman / non-statutory + non-constitutional / replaced Planning Commission / PM is ex-officio Chairman.
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• Padma Awards 2027 nominations

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs; nominations only online on the Rashtriya Puraskar Portal.
Detail: nominations/recommendations for Padma Awards-2027 open till 31 July 2026; Padma Awards (Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, Padma Shri) are announced on the eve of Republic Day.
Lineage: instituted in 1954; the PM Rashtriya Bal Puraskar (also open) honours children for excellence and bravery.
Exam hook: deadline 31 July 2026 / Rashtriya Puraskar Portal / three Padma tiers / instituted 1954 / announced on Republic Day eve.
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Economy (2)

• World IP Day - sports IP fee waiver

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry (DPIIT); announced by Piyush Goyal on World IP Day.
Law: GI tags in India are governed by the Geographical Indications of Goods Act, 1999; World IP Day (26 April) marks the entry into force of the WIPO Convention (1970).
Detail: announced a 3-year fee waiver for Sports-Related IP registrations; the release flagged a sports product with a GI tag (Meerut sports-goods context); Kanpur/Agra leather footwear also hold GI.
Exam hook: which category gets the waiver (sports IP) / World IP Day date 26 April / GI Act 1999 / WIPO Convention 1970.
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• Sarvekshana 120th issue / NSS 80th round

Body: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI); surveys by the National Statistical Office (NSO).
Detail: Sarvekshana Journal 120th issue carried reports on the Household Consumption Expenditure Survey 2023-24 and Nutritional Intake in India 2022-23; the NSO's 80th round surveyed Household Social Consumption on Health.
Lineage: the CSO and NSSO were merged into the NSO in 2019; the PLFS is its key employment survey.
Exam hook: which journal (Sarvekshana) / 80th round = Health / MoSPI-NSO / 2019 CSO+NSSO merger.
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IR/Diplomacy (5)

• India-New Zealand FTA

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; signed by Piyush Goyal and NZ Trade Minister Todd McClay at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Detail: gives 100% duty-free access for India's exports to NZ, an NZ commitment of USD 20 billion investment, and a first-for-NZ Health & Traditional Medicine annexe covering AYUSH; dairy excluded; talks launched March 2025 and concluded in nine months.

Lineage: described as India's first 'women-led' FTA; NZ is India's second-largest Oceania trade partner.

Exam hook: which ministers / Bharat Mandapam venue / dairy carve-out / AYUSH annexe / NZ capital Wellington, PM Christopher Luxon, currency NZ dollar.

PIB 2255914 · 2026-04-27

• Raksha Mantri Europe visit (Germany)

Body: Ministry of Defence; Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's maiden visit.

Detail: held talks with the German counterpart in Berlin and addressed a Defence Investor Summit in Munich on 23 April 2026, inviting German industry to co-develop and co-produce in India and the German Air Force to join bilateral exercises; later held talks with the Kyrgyz, Kazakh and Belarusian counterparts in Bishkek.

Detail (geo): Germany capital Berlin (Chancellor heads government); Bishkek is the capital of Kyrgyzstan - Central Asian states engaged via the INSTC and SCO.

Exam hook: which country (Germany) / Munich investor summit / Bishkek = Kyrgyzstan capital / INSTC-SCO connectivity angle.

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• India-Italy defence talks

Body: Ministry of Defence; Rajnath Singh hosted Italy's Defence Minister in New Delhi on 30 April 2026.

Detail: charted future military engagements citing the two ancient civilisations' convergence; the Indian Coast Guard interacted with Italian shipbuilder Fincantieri.

Lineage: India-Italy upgraded ties to a Strategic Partnership; Italy is part of IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor) launched at the G20 Delhi summit.

Exam hook: which country / Fincantieri shipbuilder / IMEC membership / Italy capital Rome.

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• India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee (11th)

Body: Ministry of Defence; 11th India-Egypt Joint Defence Committee meeting held in Cairo.

Detail: built on the defence-cooperation MoU signed in September 2022 during the Raksha Mantri's Egypt visit.

Lineage: India-Egypt elevated ties to a Strategic Partnership in 2023; Egypt was a G20 guest and is a BRICS member.

Exam hook: which city (Cairo) / which meeting number (11th) / Egypt - Nile + Suez Canal, capital Cairo / BRICS membership.

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• India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee (10th)

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; 10th India-Kenya Joint Trade Committee meeting held in Nairobi.

Detail: aimed at strengthening bilateral trade and economic cooperation.

Lineage: Kenya is an East African Community member; India is a major trade and development partner in Africa.

Exam hook: which city (Nairobi) / Nairobi hosts UNEP and UN-Habitat HQ / which meeting number (10th).

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Defence (5)

• NASM-SR salvo launch

Body: DRDO + Indian Navy; developed at Research Centre Imarat (RCI), Hyderabad.

Detail: NASM-SR (Naval Anti-ship Missile-Short Range) salvo-launched (two missiles in quick succession) from a Navy helicopter off the Odisha coast over the Bay of Bengal; India's first salvo of an air-launched anti-ship missile; uses a fibre-optic gyro INS and jet-vane control.

Lineage: replaces the ageing Sea Eagle missile on Navy helicopters; longer-range NASM-MR is under development.

Exam hook: full form / which platform (helicopter) / 'first salvo' claim / DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat / ITR Chandipur as the missile test range.

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• IN-SLN DIVEX 2026 (India-Sri Lanka)

Body: Indian Navy + Sri Lanka Navy; held at Colombo, 21-28 April 2026.

Detail: fourth edition of the bilateral diving exercise; India's Diving Support & Submarine Rescue Vessel INS Nireekshak participated; mixed-gas dives beyond 55 metres over WWII wrecks SS Worcester and SS Perseus; aligned with the MAHASAGAR vision.

Detail (doctrine): MAHASAGAR = Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions, the successor to SAGAR.

Exam hook: which countries / which port / which vessel (INS Nireekshak) / MAHASAGAR vs SAGAR / Sri Lanka capitals - Colombo (commercial), Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte (administrative).

PIB 2256710 · 2026-04-29

• DRDO Advanced Armoured Platforms

Body: developed by the Vehicles Research & Development Establishment (VRDE); unveiled by DRDO Chairman Dr Samir V Kamat at Ahilyanagar, Maharashtra.

Detail: Tracked and Wheeled amphibious platforms with an indigenous 30 mm crewless turret (can launch ATGMs), STANAG Level 4/5 protection, 65% indigenous content (target 90%); industry partners Tata Advanced Systems and Bharat Forge.

Detail (terms): STANAG = NATO Standardization Agreement (armour protection levels); ATGM = Anti-Tank Guided Missile; Ahilyanagar is the renamed Ahmednagar.

Exam hook: which DRDO lab (VRDE) / STANAG meaning / crewless turret / Ahilyanagar = ex-Ahmednagar.

PIB 2255538 · 2026-04-25

• INS Sudarshini at Las Palmas

Body: Indian Navy sail training ship.

Detail: INS Sudarshini, a three-masted barque used for cadet sail training, made a historic maiden port call at Las Palmas (Canary Islands, Spain); in the same period the Indian Ocean Ship SAGAR arrived at Changi Naval Base, Singapore, on overseas deployment.

Exam hook: which ship (Sudarshini) / which port (Las Palmas) / three-masted barque / IOS SAGAR at Changi (do not confuse).

PIB 2255252 · 2026-04-24

• Op Netra 1.0 (Army eye camp)

Body: Indian Army; high-altitude civic-action operation.

Detail: Op Netra 1.0 was a mega ophthalmology (eye-care) camp conducted in Leh, Ladakh, serving the local population.

Lineage: such civic-action operations build civil-military relations in border areas.

Exam hook: what is Op Netra (eye camp, not surveillance) / where (Leh, Ladakh) / near the LAC with China.

PIB 2257028 · 2026-04-30

Environment (2)

• Shekha Jheel Ramsar site (99th)

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

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

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

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

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

PIB 2254357 · 2026-04-22

• Grassroots Biodiversity Governance project

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

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

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

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

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

PIB 2255611 · 2026-04-26

Sci/Tech (5)

• PFBR first criticality (Kalpakkam)

Body: built by BHAVINI, developed by IGCAR; at Kalpakkam, Tamil Nadu.

Detail: 500 MWe indigenous Prototype Fast Breeder Reactor achieved first criticality on 6 April 2026; uses uranium-plutonium mixed oxide (MOX) fuel; marks the start of Stage 2 of India's three-stage nuclear programme; India becomes the second country after Russia to run a commercial-level fast breeder reactor.

Lineage: three-stage plan conceived by Homi Bhabha - Stage 1 PHWRs (uranium), Stage 2 FBRs (plutonium), Stage 3 thorium-U233; new Nuclear Mission plans five SMRs; the SHANTI Act enables the private sector.

Exam hook: which stage / which fuel (MOX) / BHAVINI builds vs IGCAR designs / second-after-Russia claim / Bhabha three-stage logic.

PIB 2255978 · 2026-04-27

• Indigenous Silicon Photonics (IIT Madras)

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

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

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

Exam hook: which institute (IIT Madras) / PDK vs PPIC Test Engine / MeitY-backed / ISM linkage.

PIB 2255322 · 2026-04-24

• IIA Bengaluru building & telescopes

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

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

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

Exam hook: which institute / the four projects / Hanle high-altitude site / UVIT-AstroSat and Aditya-L1 links.

PIB 2256311 · 2026-04-28

• Global Innovation Index ranking

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

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

Lineage: Switzerland consistently tops the GII.

Exam hook: who publishes (WIPO, not WEF) / from 81 to 39 / Switzerland tops / WIPO HQ Geneva.

PIB 2255293 · 2026-04-24

• NITI Aayog DPI@2047 Roadmap

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

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

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

Exam hook: which body (NITI Aayog) / DPI stack components / DPI as a G20 deliverable.

PIB 2256122 · 2026-04-28

• Wind energy capacity addition

Body: Ministry of New & Renewable Energy.

Detail: India added a record 6.1 GW of wind in 2025-26, taking installed wind capacity above 56.1 GW; India ranks fourth globally in wind energy.

Lineage: China, USA and Germany lead in installed wind; part of the 500 GW non-fossil by 2030 target under the Panchamrit commitments (COP26 Glasgow).

Exam hook: the addition figure / fourth-global rank / Panchamrit / 500 GW non-fossil by 2030.

PIB 2254626 · 2026-04-22

• All-time peak power demand

Body: met via the integrated National Grid ('One Nation One Grid'); managed by Grid Controller of India (POSOCO).

Detail: India met an all-time-high peak power demand of about 256 GW without shortage, surpassing the previous peak of 250 GW (30 May 2024).

Lineage: India is the third-largest electricity producer/consumer in the world.

Exam hook: new peak figure vs old / POSOCO / One Nation One Grid / third-largest globally.

PIB 2256313 · 2026-04-28

• Indian cheesemakers at Mundial do Queijo

Body: Mundial do Queijo do Brasil 2026, a major international cheese contest held in Brazil; the PM congratulated the cheesemakers.

Detail: four Indian products won medals - 1 Super Gold, 2 Golds and 1 Silver.

Lineage: reflects India's growing artisanal dairy/cheese sector.

Exam hook: how many medals / top award (Super Gold) / which country hosts (Brazil).

PIB 2254683 · 2026-04-22

• 9th India International Water Week

Body: Ministry of Jal Shakti; launched by Minister C. R. Patil.

Detail: the 9th India International Water Week 2026 (five-day conference held in September) invited 150 countries; Reform-Linked MoUs under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0 were signed with Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Tripura.

Lineage: Jal Shakti runs the Jal Jeevan Mission (Har Ghar Jal) for tap-water connections.

Exam hook: who launched (C. R. Patil) / JJM 2.0 reform-linked MoU states / Har Ghar Jal tagline.

PIB 2254585 · 2026-04-22

• FTO Ranking Phase 2

Body: Ministry of Civil Aviation; released by Minister Ram Mohan Naidu.

Detail: the 2nd Phase of the Flying Training Organisation (FTO) Ranking, strengthening India's pilot-training ecosystem; FTOs are approved by the DGCA (Directorate General of Civil Aviation).

Lineage: growth in aviation has driven indigenous pilot training to cut dependence on foreign flying schools.

Exam hook: what is ranked (FTOs) / regulator DGCA / which minister.

PIB 2255276 · 2026-04-24

Infra (6)

• Buddha relics exposition in Ladakh

Body: Ministry of Culture; Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of Tathagata Buddha (Piprahwa relics).

Detail: relics arrived in Leh, Ladakh, coinciding with Buddha Purnima; part of India's Buddhist heritage diplomacy - they earlier travelled to Thailand, Mongolia, Vietnam, Russia, Singapore and Bhutan.

Lineage: Piprahwa (UP) is identified with ancient Kapilavastu; the relics are kept at the National Museum, Delhi; Ladakh became a UT in 2019.

Exam hook: which UT (Ladakh) / Piprahwa = Kapilavastu / Buddha Purnima (Vesak) marks birth, enlightenment and death / heritage-diplomacy angle.

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