

Schemes (4)

• Mission for Cotton Productivity

Body: Ministry of Textiles; approved by the Union Cabinet.
Detail: Rs 5,659.22 crore outlay (FY2026-27 to 2030-31); aligns with the '5F' vision - Farm to Fibre to Factory to Fashion to Foreign; aims to raise lint productivity from 440 to 755 kg/ha by 2031; promotes Kasturi Cotton Bharat branding/traceability.
Exam hook: the five Fs in order / outlay & 5-year window / 440-to-755 kg/ha target / Kasturi Cotton link.
 PIB 2258111 · 2026-05-05

• Central Prabhari Officer (CPO) Portal

Body: NITI Aayog; launched by CEO Nidhi Chhibber.
Detail: supports real-time governance under the Aspirational Districts & Blocks Programme (ADP/ABP); lets Central Prabhari Officers submit field observations in real time via mobile, strengthening last-mile delivery.
Lineage: Aspirational Districts Programme launched by NITI Aayog in 2018.
Exam hook: which body (NITI Aayog) / ADP launch year 2018 / Prabhari Officer role.
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• JANANI platform (RCH upgrade)

Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.
Detail: JANANI = 'Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care'; an upgrade of the RCH (Reproductive and Child Health) portal for maternal-child health; features QR-enabled digital MCH cards; integrates with U-WIN (immunisation) and POSHAN and uses ABHA/Aadhaar identifiers.
Exam hook: JANANI full form / which portal it replaces (RCH) / U-WIN vs POSHAN linkage / ABHA identifier.
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• Swasth Bharat Portal

Body: Ministry of Health & Family Welfare; launched at the 10th National Summit.
Detail: a unified digital health portal to integrate fragmented health systems and power India's digital health transformation.
Lineage: part of the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) ecosystem.
Exam hook: name (Swasth Bharat Portal) / under ABDM / launch occasion (10th National Summit).
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Polity/Bodies (5)

• NITI Aayog school education report

Body: NITI Aayog; released by Vice Chairman Suman Bery and CEO Nidhi Chhibber.
Detail: report 'School Education System in India: Temporal Analysis and Policy Roadmap' - 14.71 lakh schools serving over 24.69 crore students (world's largest system); drew on UDISE+ 2024-25, PARAKH, NAS and ASER 2024; offers 13 recommendations.
Lineage: aligned with NEP 2020 and NIPUN Bharat.
Exam hook: 14.71 lakh schools / 24.69 cr students / UDISE+ vs ASER vs PARAKH sources / NEP 2020 alignment.
 PIB 2258645 · 2026-05-07

• CBFC Chairperson appointment

Body: Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.
Law: certifies films under the Cinematograph Act.
Detail: Shri Shashi Shekhar Vempati appointed CBFC Chairperson for three years; the post fell vacant after Prasoon Joshi moved to chair Prasar Bharati.
Exam hook: CBFC = 'censor board' under I&B / Cinematograph Act / Vempati-replaces-Joshi.
 PIB 2258356 · 2026-05-06

• Prasar Bharati Chairman appointment

Body: Prasar Bharati, India's public service broadcaster comprising Doordarshan and All India Radio (Akashvani).
Detail: lyricist and communication expert Shri Prasoon Joshi appointed Chairman.
Exam hook: Prasar Bharati = DD + AIR / Joshi's move from CBFC.
 PIB 2257506 · 2026-05-02

• NITI Aayog Full-time Members

Body: NITI Aayog (National Institution for Transforming India); PM is its ex-officio Chairperson.
Detail: Dr. R. Balasubramaniam and Dr. Joram Aniya appointed Full-time Members; congratulated by PM Modi.
Lineage: NITI Aayog replaced the Planning Commission in 2015.
Exam hook: replaced Planning Commission (2015) / PM as ex-officio Chair / Full-time Member role.
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• GRAI March 2026 rankings

Body: Grievance Redressal Assessment and Index (GRAI) published by the Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG).
Detail: the Insurance Division of the Department of Financial Services (Ministry of Finance) topped GRAI Group A for March 2026; GRAI assesses redressal under the CPGRAMS system.
Exam hook: publisher (DARPG) / CPGRAMS link / which division topped Group A.
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Economy (3)

• India Semiconductor Mission (12th unit)

Body: India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under MeitY; cleared by the Union Cabinet.
Detail: two new units - Crystal Matrix Ltd (Dholera) and Suchi Semicon (Surat), both Gujarat - take total ISM-approved projects to 12, cumulative investment ~Rs 1.64 lakh crore; CML builds India's first commercial Mini/Micro-LED display facility on GaN (Gallium Nitride) technology.
Lineage: ISM launched in 2021 to build a domestic chip ecosystem.
Exam hook: count (12) / both sites in Gujarat / GaN full form / ISM launch year 2021.
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• Sugarcane FRP 2026-27

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

• ECLGS 5.0

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

IR/Diplomacy (3)

• India-Vietnam Enhanced CSP

Body: Ministry of External Affairs; PM Modi hosted Vietnam's President on a State Visit.
Detail: ties upgraded to 'Enhanced Comprehensive Strategic Partnership'; new bilateral trade target of USD 25 billion by 2030; Vietnam joins the Indo-Pacific Oceans Initiative (IPOI).
Lineage: Vietnam was a 'Comprehensive Strategic Partner' since 2016; India-Vietnam Cultural Agreement dates to 1976; IPOI launched by PM Modi at the 2019 East Asia Summit.
Exam hook: exact tier name (Enhanced CSP) / 2016 vs 2026 / IPOI launch year & forum / USD 25 bn-by-2030 figure.
 PIB 2258363 · 2026-05-06

• India-Vietnam payments MoUs

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

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

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

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

PIB 2258363 · 2026-05-06

• CNS visit to Myanmar (IMNEX)

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

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

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

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Defence (7)

• Exercise CINBAX-II 2026 (India-Cambodia)

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

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

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

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

PIB 2257604 · 2026-05-03

• Frigate Mahendragiri (Project 17A)

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

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

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

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

PIB 2257237 · 2026-05-01

• India-Algeria Joint Commission

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

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

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

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

PIB 2258326 · 2026-05-06

• BEL Ground-Based EW contract

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

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

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

PIB 2258013 · 2026-05-05

• Operation Sindoor first anniversary

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

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

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

PIB 2258425 · 2026-05-06

• INS Sagardhwani & IOS SAGAR

Body: Indian Navy maritime-outreach deployments.

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

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

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

PIB 2258856 · 2026-05-07

• DRDO CBRN Training Centre

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

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

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

PIB 2258463 · 2026-05-06

Environment (1)

• International Big Cat Alliance Summit

Body: International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), headquartered in India; Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launched its website and logo.

Detail: India hosts the first IBCA Summit in New Delhi on 1-2 June 2026; covers seven big cats - Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma; theme 'Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem'; will adopt the 'Delhi Declaration'.

Lineage: IBCA launched by PM Modi in 2023.

Exam hook: seven species (which are/are NOT included) / IBCA HQ in India / 2023 launch / Delhi Declaration.

PIB 2258491 · 2026-05-06

Sci/Tech (2)

• GalaxEye Mission Drishti (OptoSAR)

Body: GalaxEye, an Indian space-tech startup (IIT Madras-incubated lineage); congratulated by PM Modi and HM Amit Shah.

Detail: carried the world's first OptoSAR satellite and India's largest privately-built satellite; OptoSAR fuses optical and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR) imaging for all-weather Earth observation.

Exam hook: 'world's first' OptoSAR / optical+SAR fusion meaning / private (not ISRO) build.

PIB 2257625 · 2026-05-03

• IndiaAI-ICMR MoU

Body: IndiaAI (under MeitY) signed an MoU with the ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research), the apex body for biomedical research.

Detail: MoU to accelerate responsible AI adoption in healthcare.

Lineage: IndiaAI Mission approved in 2024 to build India's AI ecosystem.

Exam hook: IndiaAI under MeitY / ICMR as apex biomedical body / IndiaAI Mission 2024.

PIB 2258786 · 2026-05-07

Infra (8)

• Vadinar Ship Repair Facility

Body: jointly implemented by Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) and Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL); under the Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

Detail: at Vadinar, Gujarat; Rs 1,570 crore investment; will repair vessels up to 300 m - India earlier lacked capacity beyond 230 m.

Lineage: supports Maritime India Vision 2030 and Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Exam hook: state (Gujarat) / DPA+CSL pair / 300 m capacity / MIV 2030 vs MAKV 2047.

PIB 2258115 · 2026-05-05

• MLFF Barrier-less Tolling (first)

Body: National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), under the Ministry of Road Transport & Highways.

Detail: India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling at Chorayasi Toll Plaza, Surat-Bharuch section of NH-48, Gujarat; ~41,500 vehicles on day one; uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) plus FASTag for non-stop tolling.

Lineage: NH-48 is the old NH-8 corridor (Delhi-Mumbai/Chennai).

Exam hook: 'first' MLFF site & state / ANPR+FASTag mechanism / NH-48 (ex NH-8).

PIB 2257491 · 2026-05-02

• **Railway multitracking (3 projects)**

Body: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA); Ministry of Railways.

Detail: three multitracking projects across Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, UP, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, spanning 19 districts; expand the network by ~901 km to ease congestion on saturated corridors.

Exam hook: ~901 km figure / 19 districts / which states / multitracking = parallel lines.

PIB 2258123 · 2026-05-05

• **Buddha relics exposition, Leh**

Body: Ministry of Culture; inaugurated by Home Minister Amit Shah; PM Modi welcomed it.

Detail: 'Sacred Exposition of the Holy Relics of the Tathagata' inaugurated in Leh (Ladakh) on Buddha Purnima 2026; Tathagata is an epithet of the Buddha.

Lineage: Indian Buddhist relics had earlier been sent for exposition to Vietnam, Thailand and other countries.

Exam hook: town (Leh) / occasion (Buddha Purnima) / 'Tathagata' meaning.

PIB 2257370 · 2026-05-01

• **National Maritime Heritage Complex, Lothal**

Body: Ministry of Ports, Shipping & Waterways.

Detail: NMHC under construction at Lothal, Gujarat, with a July 2026 Phase-1 target; India signed 10 MoUs (Netherlands, Denmark, Germany, South Korea, UAE, Portugal, Vietnam, Oman, Israel, Thailand); Phase 1B ~Rs 3,000 crore.

Lineage: Lothal was a major dockyard city of the Indus Valley (Harappan) Civilisation.

Exam hook: site (Lothal, Gujarat) / Harappan dockyard link / which ministry / 10-country MoU.

PIB 2258528 · 2026-05-06

• **Padma Doree textile initiative**

Body: launched by NEHHDC (North Eastern Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation) under the Ministry of DoNER.

Detail: blends Eri (Ahimsa) silk of Northeast India with the Chanderi weaving heritage of Madhya Pradesh; Eri is called Ahimsa silk as the moth is not killed.

Lineage: reflects the 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' vision.

Exam hook: Eri (NE) + Chanderi (MP) pairing / why Eri = Ahimsa silk / NEHHDC under DoNER.

PIB 2257390 · 2026-05-01

• **IFFI 57 Festival Director**

Body: International Film Festival of India (IFFI), under the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting; held annually in Goa.

Detail: filmmaker Shri Ashutosh Gowariker appointed Festival Director for the 57th IFFI.

Lineage: IFFI started in 1952; one of Asia's oldest film festivals.

Exam hook: IFFI venue (Goa) / 1952 origin / 57th edition.

PIB 2257218 · 2026-05-01

• **International Day of Yoga 2026 countdown**

Body: Ministry of AYUSH; Yoga Mahotsav marked the 50-day countdown.

Detail: countdown to International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2026, observed on 21 June; over 6,000 people set an Asia record performing Bhujangasana.

Lineage: IDY proclaimed by the UN in 2014 on India's initiative; first observed 21 June 2015.

Exam hook: date (21 June) / UN proclamation 2014, first observed 2015 / Bhujangasana record.

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