

Schemes (4)

• Atal Tinkering Labs in J&K

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

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

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

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

PIB 2263225 · 2026-05-20

• Ayush Anudan Portal

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

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

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

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

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• Mission Coffees of Nagaland

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

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

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

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

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• Mission Arunachal Kiwi

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

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

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

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

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Welfare (1)

• 79th World Health Assembly

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

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

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

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

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Polity/Bodies (3)

• UIDAI new CEO

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

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

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

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

PIB 2262302 · 2026-05-18

• Kerala CM oath

Body: Government of Kerala (Keralam).

Detail: **Shri V.D. Satheesan** took oath as **Chief Minister of Kerala**; congratulated by PM Modi.

Lineage: congratulatory messages on assumption of constitutional office are routine PIB items used for current office-holder questions.

Exam hook: current Kerala CM (V.D. Satheesan).

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• Sikkim 51st Statehood Day

Body: Government of Sikkim; attended by **Vice-President C.P.**

Radhakrishnan (first Sikkim visit after taking office), Union DoNER Minister Scindia and CM **P.S. Tamang**.

Law: Sikkim became India's **22nd state on 16 May 1975** via the **36th Constitutional Amendment**.

Detail: **51st Statehood Day** (16 May); '**Mission Sikkim Organics**' launched as the state's USP.

Lineage: Sikkim is **India's first fully organic state (2016)**.

Exam hook: 22nd state / 36th Amendment-1975 / first-organic-state / who attended (VP).

PIB 2261802 · 2026-05-16

Economy (2)

• 68th APO Governing Body

Body: **Asian Productivity Organization (APO)**; session hosted by India (APO Chair) at **Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, 20-22 May 2026.

Detail: APO National Awards recognised productivity champions.

Lineage: **APO founded 1961**, headquartered in **Tokyo**; India is a **founding member**.

Exam hook: APO HQ (Tokyo) / founding year (1961) / India founding-member / venue.

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• Eight Core Industries Index

Body: released by the **Ministry of Commerce & Industry** for April 2026 (base year 2011-12 = 100).

Detail: the **eight core industries** = coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertilizers, steel, cement, electricity.

Lineage: they carry ~40% weight in the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**.

Exam hook: the eight sectors / base year (2011-12) / ~40% IIP weight / which ministry.

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IR/Diplomacy (11)

• PM Modi UAE visit

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

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

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

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

PIB 2261393 · 2026-05-15

• PM Modi Netherlands visit

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

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

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

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

PIB 2261884 · 2026-05-17

• 3rd India-Nordic Summit

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

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

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

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

PIB 2262936 · 2026-05-19

• India-Italy Special Strategic Partnership

Body: hosted by PM **Giorgia Meloni** (official visit 19-20 May 2026).

Detail: ties elevated to a **Special Strategic Partnership**; anchored by the **India-Italy Strategic Action Plan.**

Lineage: shared initiatives include **IMEC (India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor)** and the **Mattei Plan**; Italy hosted the **2024 G7 (Apulia)** attended by Modi.

Exam hook: new partnership level (Special Strategic) / IMEC+Mattei Plan / which-G7-host.

PIB 2263405 · 2026-05-20

• Royal Order of the Polar Star (Sweden)

Body: conferred by **Crown Princess Victoria** in **Gothenburg.**

Detail: '**Royal Order of the Polar Star, Degree Commander Grand Cross**' - Sweden's highest honour for foreign Heads of Government - conferred on PM Modi.

Lineage: an 18th-century Swedish chivalric order; adds to Modi's foreign honours (UAE's Order of Zayed, Russia's Order of St Andrew).

Exam hook: which country (Sweden) / who conferred / name of order.

PIB 2262091 · 2026-05-17

• Royal Norwegian Order of Merit

Body: conferred by **King Harald V** in **Oslo** during the India-Nordic Summit visit.

Detail: '**Grand Cross of the Royal Norwegian Order of Merit**' - Norway's highest honour for foreign Heads of Government.

Lineage: India-Norway cooperate on **ocean economy and clean energy**; **CSIR signed five agreements** in Norway during this visit.

Exam hook: which country (Norway) / who conferred (King Harald V) / linked CSIR deals.

PIB 2262483 · 2026-05-18

• FAO Agricola Medal

Body: conferred by **FAO Director-General Dr Qu Dongyu** at **FAO Headquarters, Rome.**

Detail: **FAO Agricola Medal for 2026** to PM Modi for leadership on **food security, sustainable agriculture and rural development**; Modi dedicated it to Indian farmers.

Lineage: **FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization), founded 1945,** Rome-headquartered; the Agricola Medal is among its highest honours.

Exam hook: **FAO HQ (Rome)** / founding year (1945) / who conferred / name of medal.

PIB 2263509 · 2026-05-20

• Kimberley Process Intersessional

Body: **Kimberley Process Intersessional Meeting 2026** concluded in **Mumbai** under **India's 2026 chairship.**

Detail: focus on the future of the natural diamond sector, transparency and governance.

Lineage: the **Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (2003)** curbs trade in conflict ('blood') diamonds; **Surat** is the world's largest diamond cutting-and-polishing hub.

Exam hook: what-it-curbs (blood diamonds) / India-chair-2026 / KPCS year (2003) / Surat link.

PIB 2261301 · 2026-05-15

• Uganda swearing-in (Special Envoy)

Body: India represented by **Union MoS (I/C) Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Jayant Chaudhary** as Special Envoy.

Detail: attended the **Uganda Presidential swearing-in ceremony.**

Lineage: sending a Union Minister as Special Envoy to foreign inaugurations is standard diplomatic courtesy; Uganda hosts a large Indian-origin community.

Exam hook: who represented India / which event / Special-Envoy convention.

PIB 2261584 · 2026-05-15

• BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship (Indore)

Body: **BRICS Youth Entrepreneurship Working Group**; meeting concluded in **Indore, Madhya Pradesh** under **India's BRICS 2026 chairship.**

Detail: young entrepreneurs deliberated on innovation and inclusion.

Lineage: **BRICS = Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa** plus the 2024-25 expansion members; coordinates emerging-economy cooperation.

Exam hook: India-chair-2026 / venue (Indore) / BRICS members.

PIB 2263798 · 2026-05-21

• BRICS Justice Ministers (ADR)

Body: **Department of Legal Affairs** convened a **BRICS Ministers of Justice** meeting under **India's BRICS 2026 chairship.**

Law: India's **Mediation Act, 2023** institutionalises mediation.

Detail: focus on strengthening **Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)** via capacity building in mediation and arbitration; ADR reduces court backlog.

Exam hook: ADR full form / Mediation Act 2023 /

India-BRICS-chair-2026.

PIB 2263902 · 2026-05-21

Defence (7)

• Exercise PRAGATI 2026

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

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

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

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

PIB 2263122 · 2026-05-20

• NGOPV Sanghmitra (GRSE)

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

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

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

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

PIB 2263508 · 2026-05-20

• ULPGM-V3 trials (DRDO)

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

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

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

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

PIB 2263045 · 2026-05-19

• AMCA facilities (Andhra Pradesh)

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

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

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

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

PIB 2261387 · 2026-05-15

• IOS Sagar / INS Sunayna

Body: Indian Navy; flagged in at **Kochi** on 20 May 2026.
Detail: **INS Sunayna (designated IOS Sagar)** concluded a multinational IOR deployment with **38 personnel from 16 partner nations**, a model of cooperative maritime security with mixed crews from littoral states.
Lineage: reinforces India as **Preferred Security Partner** under the **SAGAR-to-MAHASAGAR** vision - SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region; MAHASAGAR is its expanded successor.
Exam hook: which ship (INS Sunayna) / SAGAR full form / MAHASAGAR-vs-SAGAR.
 PIB 2263352 · 2026-05-20

• Indian War Memorial, Seoul

Body: inaugurated by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh with RoK Minister Kwon Oh-eul.
Detail: **Indian War Memorial at Imjingak Park, Seoul**, marking the 75th anniversary of the **Korean War** and honouring Indian troops' role.
Lineage: India's **60 Parachute Field Ambulance** served in the **Korean War (1950-53)**; the **Custodian Force India (CFI)** under **Gen Thimayya** handled POW repatriation; India was non-belligerent but provided medical support.
Exam hook: which war (Korean) / 60 Para Field Ambulance / Gen Thimayya-CFI link / venue (Imjingak).
 PIB 2263556 · 2026-05-21

• India-Korea defence talks (Seoul)

Body: Rajnath Singh with the **RoK Minister of National Defence**, Seoul.
Detail: MoUs in defence cooperation covering **autonomous systems, semiconductors, quantum and space-based capabilities**.
Lineage: South Korea is a defence-industry partner - the **K9 Vajra-T** self-propelled howitzer in Indian service is a **Hanwha-L&T** collaboration; visit was part of a **Vietnam-South Korea** tour.
Exam hook: K9 Vajra-Hanwha link / themes of MoUs / part-of-which-tour.
 PIB 2263304 · 2026-05-20

Environment (1)

• Project Cheetah review

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

Sci/Tech (3)

• World Metrology Day 2026 / e-Maap

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

• India-Norway CSIR agreements

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

• Rajasthan first semiconductor plant

Body: by **Sahasra Semiconductors Pvt Ltd**; virtually inaugurated by Minister **Ashwini Vaishnaw** at **Bhiwadi, Rajasthan**, with an **ELCINA Electronics Manufacturing Cluster (EMC)** at Salarpur.
Detail: India's first **SME-led semiconductor (ATMP/OSAT) facility** - **ATMP/OSAT = Assembly, Testing, Marking & Packaging / Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test**.
Lineage: under the **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** and **Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS)**.
Exam hook: which state-first / ATMP-OSAT full form / which company / ISM-ECMS link.
 PIB 2261509 · 2026-05-15

Infra (2)

• Chola Copper Plates restitution

Body: restituted by **Leiden University Library**, Netherlands.
Detail: a set of **24 plates (21 large, 3 small)**, 11th-century; royal charters (**tamra-sasanas**) in **Tamil and Sanskrit** recording the gift of **Anaimangalam village** to the **Chulamanivarma-vihara Buddhist monastery at Nagapattinam, Tamil Nadu**.
Lineage: Chola copper-plate charters are key sources for **medieval South Indian administration**; Nagapattinam was a major Chola maritime port linked to Southeast Asian Buddhism.
Exam hook: how-many plates / which dynasty / Tamil+Sanskrit / Nagapattinam-Buddhist link.
 PIB 2261879 · 2026-05-16

• CWG 2030 Ahmedabad

Body: Commonwealth Games Federation; host baton handed to **Ahmedabad (Amdavad), Gujarat**.
Detail: Ahmedabad will host the **centenary Commonwealth Games in 2030**; marked by **Fit India Sundays on Cycle 'Commonwealth Games Day'** from Ahmedabad.
Lineage: 2030 marks **100 years of the CWG** (first held 1930, **Hamilton, Canada**); India hosted the **2010 CWG (Delhi)**; **CWG 2026 is in Glasgow**.
Exam hook: centenary host (Ahmedabad-2030) / first CWG (1930 Hamilton) / 2026-Glasgow / 2010-Delhi.
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