

Schemes (2)

• **PM-AJAY Portal & App**

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

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

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

Exam hook: which ministry / SC target group / full form / 3 components.
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• **Mission Queen Pineapple (Tripura)**

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

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

Detail: Tripura's capital is Agartala.

Exam hook: which state / Rs 236 cr outlay / GI-tagged state fruit / capital Agartala.
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Polity/Bodies (4)

• **NeSDA 2025 Portal**

Body: **DARPG** (Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances), Ministry of Personnel.

Detail: **NeSDA** = National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment; portal assesses depth and effectiveness of **online service delivery** across States, UTs and identified Central Ministries.

Lineage: benchmarked on the **UN e-Government Survey's Online Service Index**.

Exam hook: NeSDA full form / DARPG nodal / UN OSI benchmark.
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• **IBC completes 10 years**

Law: **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, enacted 2016**; completed **10 years** (May 2026).

Body: administered via **IBBI** (regulator), **NCLT** and **NCLAT**; consolidated India's insolvency laws into a single code.

Detail: resolution process realised over **Rs 4 lakh crore** for creditors; **S&P Global** upgraded India's insolvency framework from **Group C to Group B**.

Exam hook: 2016 enactment / IBBI-NCLT-NCLAT roles / Rs 4 lakh cr / S&P Group C-to-B.

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• **Women representation in IAS**

Body: IAS recruited via the **UPSC Civil Services Examination**; **DoPT** (Ministry of Personnel) is the cadre-controlling authority.

Detail: women's representation in the IAS reached a record **41%** (highlighted May 2026 by Dr Jitendra Singh).

Exam hook: 41% record / UPSC recruitment / DoPT cadre-controlling authority.

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• **NITI Aayog E3 Committee**

Body: **NITI Aayog** (National Institution for Transforming India) convened the **first meeting** of the new High-Powered Standing Committee (May 2026).

Detail: the '**Education to Employment and Enterprise**' (**E3**) Standing Committee.

Lineage: NITI Aayog replaced the **Planning Commission in 2015**; chaired by the **PM**, with a Vice-Chairman and CEO.

Exam hook: E3 full form / NITI replaced Planning Commission 2015 / PM as chair.

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Economy (1)

• **IIP base year revision**

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

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

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

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IR/Diplomacy (7)

• **India-Cyprus (Strategic Partnership)**

Body: Ministry of External Affairs; hosted by President Droupadi Murmu, talks with PM Modi on 22 May 2026.

Detail: State Visit (20-23 May 2026) of Cyprus President Nikos Christodoulides; ties elevated from a Comprehensive to a **Strategic Partnership**; visit during Cyprus' Presidency of the Council of the EU.

Lineage: built on PM Modi's June 2025 visit to Cyprus.

Detail: Cyprus - EU island nation in the eastern Mediterranean; capital Nicosia; currency Euro.

Exam hook: whose visit / Comprehensive-vs-Strategic upgrade / capital Nicosia / EU Council presidency.

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• **3rd India-Nordic Summit (Oslo)**

Body: Ministry of External Affairs; PM-level summit with the five Nordic states.

Detail: held in **Oslo, Norway** (19 May 2026); ties transformed into a **Green Technology and Innovation Strategic Partnership**; Nordics = Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden.

Lineage: 1st India-Nordic Summit in 2018 (Stockholm).

Detail: linked to the India-EFTA TEPA and India's Arctic Policy.

Exam hook: host city Oslo / which 5 Nordic states / partnership name / EFTA-vs-Nordic confusion.

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• **Ethiopia WTO Accession Protocol**

Body: World Trade Organization, headquartered in **Geneva, Switzerland**; protocol signed by India.

Detail: India and Ethiopia signed the **Bilateral Accession Protocol** for Ethiopia's WTO membership; accession requires bilateral protocols with existing members; reaffirms support for developing countries' integration.

Lineage: India-Ethiopia ties elevated to a Strategic Partnership in an earlier PM visit.

Exam hook: which country / WTO HQ Geneva / bilateral accession protocol mechanism.

PIB 2264383 · 2026-05-22

• **India-Korea CEPA upgrade**

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; 12th round of upgrade negotiations held in New Delhi (May 2026).

Law/Detail: **CEPA** = Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement; new sub-groups agreed on **digital trade, supply chains and strategic industrial cooperation**; partner = Republic of Korea (South Korea).

Lineage: India-Korea CEPA originally signed in 2009.

Detail: Korea's capital Seoul; currency South Korean Won.

Exam hook: which country / CEPA full form / 2009 origin / capital Seoul.
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• **India-Canada CEPA talks**

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry; Minister **Piyush Goyal** visited Ottawa, met Canadian Trade Minister Maninder Sidhu.

Detail: advanced India-Canada CEPA talks; reaffirmed a **USD 50 billion** bilateral trade target; Canadian PM Mark Carney called the CEPA a 'game changer'.

Law: CEPA = Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement.

Detail: Canada's capital Ottawa; currency Canadian Dollar.

Exam hook: which minister / USD 50 bn target / CEPA full form / capital Ottawa.

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• Australia FM Penny Wong visit

Body: Ministry of External Affairs; Australian FM **Senator Penny Wong** met PM Modi (May 2026).

Detail: talks on defence, trade and technology under the India-Australia **Comprehensive Strategic Partnership**.

Lineage: ties elevated to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2020.

Detail: India and Australia are **Quad** partners with the US and Japan.

Exam hook: which FM / 2020 CSP upgrade / Quad membership.

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• BRICS Tourism Working Group

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

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

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

PIB 2265100 · 2026-05-25

Defence (5)

• Agni-1 missile test

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

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

Lineage: part of the Agni series of ballistic missiles.

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

PIB 2264317 · 2026-05-22

• INS Sudarshini (trans-Atlantic)

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

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

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

PIB 2266274 · 2026-05-28

• Suryakiran Aerobatic Team (30 yrs)

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

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

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

PIB 2266121 · 2026-05-28

• India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue

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

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

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

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

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• Universal Rocket Launching system

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

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

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

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

PIB 2264604 · 2026-05-23

Environment (2)

• Intl Day for Biological Diversity 2026

Detail: observed **22 May**; theme '**Acting Locally for Global Impact**'; national celebration in **Madhya Pradesh** (the 'Tiger State of India'), presided by CM Mohan Yadav.

Law: 22 May marks adoption of the **Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD)** text in **1992**.

Detail: India submitted its **7th National Report** to the CBD.

Exam hook: 2026 theme / 22 May date / CBD 1992 / host MP / Tiger State tag.

PIB 2264014 · 2026-05-22

• Greenhouse Gas inventory workshop

Body: **CSIR-Indian Institute of Petroleum (CSIR-IIP)**, Dehradun, with **MoEFCC** (the nodal climate ministry).

Detail: workshop (May 2026) to strengthen India's **greenhouse gas inventory** systems.

Lineage: India submits GHG inventories to the **UNFCCC** via its National Communications and Biennial reports.

Exam hook: CSIR-IIP Dehradun / MoEFCC nodal / UNFCCC reporting.

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Sci/Tech (4)

• ISM Investors Support Portal

Body: **India Semiconductor Mission (ISM)** under the Ministry of Electronics & IT (**MeitY**).

Detail: launched the **Investors Support Portal** (May 2026) for ecosystem players and investors.

Lineage: ISM set up in **2021** to build a semiconductor and display manufacturing ecosystem; fiscal support for **fabs, ATMP/OSAT and design** firms.

Exam hook: ISM under MeitY / 2021 setup / fab-ATMP-OSAT-design coverage.

PIB 2265285 · 2026-05-26

• Ebola PHEIC (WHO)

Body: **WHO** (HQ Geneva) declared a **Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC)**; **Africa CDC** separately declared a Public Health Emergency of Continental Security.

Detail: Ebola outbreak in the **Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and Uganda**; India (Health Min. J.P. Nadda) reviewed preparedness via **IDSP** and Airport Health Organizations.

Law: PHEIC is the WHO's highest alarm under the **International Health Regulations (2005)**.

Exam hook: which countries / PHEIC vs Africa CDC's continental emergency / IHR 2005.

PIB 2264688 · 2026-05-24

• IACS 150 years / Raman Effect

Body: **Indian Association for the Cultivation of Science (IACS)**,

Kolkata; Dr Jitendra Singh joined the 150-year celebration; inaugurated an indigenous solar-cell fabrication facility and the **RETINA** incubation centre.

Detail: **C.V. Raman** discovered the **Raman Effect** (scattering of light) at IACS, winning the **1930 Nobel Prize in Physics** - India's first science Nobel.

Lineage: IACS founded in **1876** by **Mahendralal Sarkar**.

Exam hook: IACS-Kolkata / Raman Effect / 1930 Nobel (first science) / 1876 founding / Sarkar.

PIB 2265476 · 2026-05-26

• Ancient wildfire evidence (BSIP)

Body: **Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP)**, Lucknow - an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology (DST).

Detail: found evidence of **ancient wildfires** preserved in coal from **Gondwana** forests (~250 million years ago); BSIP specialises in palaeobotany and palaeoclimate.

Lineage: Gondwana was the ancient southern supercontinent.

Exam hook: BSIP-Lucknow / under DST / Gondwana wildfires / palaeobotany focus.

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Infra (8)

• First indigenous hydrogen train

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

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

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

Exam hook: Jind-Sonipat (Haryana) section / 75 kmph / NGHM linkage.
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• International Day of Yoga 2026

Body: **Ministry of Ayush** is the nodal ministry.

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

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

Exam hook: 2026 theme / Kolkata host / 2014 proposal-2015 first / Ayush nodal.
PIB 2265716 · 2026-05-27

• Padma Awards ceremony

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

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

Exam hook: three Padma tiers in order / rank below Bharat Ratna / conferred by President.
PIB 2265244 · 2026-05-25

• U23 Asian Wrestling C'ships 2026

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

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

Exam hook: 10 medals / 6 golds (women) / WFI-UWW governance.
PIB 2266397 · 2026-05-28

• First World Yogasana Championship

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

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

Lineage: Yogasana recognised as a competitive sport in India in **2020**.
Exam hook: first edition / Ahmedabad host / 75 countries / 2020 sport recognition.
PIB 2265407 · 2026-05-26

• Kazipet Rail Manufacturing Unit

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

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

Detail: Telangana's capital is Hyderabad.

Exam hook: Kazipet-Telangana / intercity trains / rolling-stock indigenisation.
PIB 2266232 · 2026-05-28

• Tribal heritage diplomatic gifts

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

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

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

Exam hook: Tribal Affairs ministry / Birsa Munda 150th / Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (15 Nov).
PIB 2265275 · 2026-05-26

• National Register of Specified Dams 2026

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

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

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

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