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- Entries are grouped by theme; every figure is drawn from in-window PIB press releases.

Schemes (6)

• **JANANI maternal-and-child-health platform**

Body: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

Detail: JANANI = Journey of Antenatal, Natal and Neonatal Integrated Care; upgraded version of the RCH portal; QR-enabled MCH cards; integrates with U-WIN & POSHAN.

Exam hook: JANANI replaces/upgrades the RCH portal; full form is the trap.

PIB 2258625 · 2026-05-07

• **Swasth Bharat Portal**

Body: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW).

Detail: Aggregator platform unifying fragmented digital-health programmes/data into one interface.

Exam hook: Swasth Bharat Portal = MoHFW health-data aggregator (not a hospital scheme).

PIB 2258283 · 2026-05-06

• **SEHAT Mission (agriculture–health convergence)**

Body: Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare + Ministry of Health (ICAR–ICMR partnership); launched by JP Nadda & Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Detail: New mission linking agriculture, nutrition and health for measurable public-health outcomes ('Healthy Food, Healthy Farms, Healthy India').

Exam hook: Note the two implementing research bodies — ICAR (agriculture) + ICMR (medical research); ministry-pairing trap.

PIB 2260013 · 2026-05-11

• **Mizoram Ginger Mission**

Body: Ministry of Development of North-Eastern Region (MDoNER); launched by Jyotiraditya Scindia with CM Lalduhoma.

Detail: Rs 189.79 crore convergence-led Mission for ginger cultivation & value-chain in Mizoram; leverages NABARD, ICAR, APEDA; built on GI-certified ginger cultivars.

Exam hook: State = Mizoram; nodal ministry = MDoNER; outlay Rs 189.79 crore; crop = ginger (GI-tagged).

PIB 2260850 · 2026-05-13

• **Mission 'Arunachal Kiwi'**

Body: Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER); launched by Jyotiraditya Scindia

Detail: Cluster-based Kiwi Cultivation and Value Chain Development Mission for Arunachal Pradesh; positions the state as India's premium organic kiwi destination

Lineage: Pairs with 'Coffees of Nagaland' and 'Mission Sikkim Organics' launched the same week

Exam hook: Crop–state pairing: Kiwi → Arunachal Pradesh; ministry = DoNER

PIB 2263399 · 2026-05-20

• **Mission 'Coffees of Nagaland'**

Body: Ministry of DoNER; launched by Jyotiraditya Scindia

Detail: Cluster-based Coffee Value Chain Development Mission for Nagaland

Exam hook: Crop–state pairing: Coffee → Nagaland (DoNER mission)

PIB 2262447 · 2026-05-18

Welfare (1)

• **PM-AJAY portal and mobile app launched**

Body: Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment (Dr Virendra Kumar)

Detail: PM-AJAY portal & app launched 26 May 2026; PM-AJAY = Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana, for Scheduled Caste welfare; three components — Adarsh Gram, Grants-in-Aid (GIA), and Hostels — with real-time, milestone-linked fund flow

Exam hook: PM-AJAY targets SCHEDULED CASTES under Min. of Social Justice & Empowerment; its 3 components are Adarsh Gram, GIA and Hostels.

PIB 2265530 · 2026-05-26

Polity/Bodies (9)

• **NITI Aayog Central Prabhari Officer (CPO) Portal**

Body: NITI Aayog; launched by CEO Nidhi Chhibber.

Detail: Real-time portal for Central Prabhari Officers to file field observations under the Aspirational Districts & Blocks Programme (ADP/ABP).

Exam hook: CPO Portal is tied to the Aspirational Districts/Blocks Programme; NITI CEO = Nidhi Chhibber.

PIB 2258230 · 2026-05-05

• **SC Judge strength raised to 37 (Amendment Bill 2026)**

Law: The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, amending the 1956 Act; Cabinet-approved 05 May 2026.

Detail: Raises SC judges from 33 to 37 (excluding the CJI); funded from Consolidated Fund of India.

Law: Article 124(1) of the Constitution establishes the Supreme Court.

Exam hook: 37 EXCLUDES the CJI (so 38 total with CJI); strength set by Parliament, not the Constitution.

PIB 2258133 · 2026-05-05

• **NITI Aayog new full-time members appointed**

Body: NITI Aayog; congratulated by PM Modi.

Detail: Dr R. Balasubramaniam and Dr Joram Aniya appointed full-time Members of NITI Aayog.

Exam hook: Full-time MEMBERS of NITI Aayog (Chairperson is the PM; CEO = Nidhi Chhibber).

PIB 2257591 · 2026-05-02

• **Prasar Bharati & CBFC chair appointments**

Body: Ministry of Information & Broadcasting.

Detail: Prasoon Joshi (lyricist) appointed Chairman, Prasar Bharati; consequently Shashi Shekhar Vempati appointed Chairperson, CBFC (3-year term).

Exam hook: Prasoon Joshi moved FROM CBFC chair TO Prasar Bharati; Vempati = new CBFC chair.

PIB 2257506 · 2026-05-02

• **National Florence Nightingale Awards 2026**

Body: President of India confers; Ministry of Health & Family Welfare.

Detail: 15 awardees honoured at Rashtrapati Bhavan (12 May 2026) — India's highest recognition for nursing professionals; tied to International Nurses Day (12 May).

Exam hook: International Nurses Day = 12 May (Florence Nightingale's birth anniversary); award conferred by the President.

PIB 2260185 · 2026-05-12

• **Sikkim 51st Statehood Day**

Body: Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan addressed celebrations at Gangtok; 'Mission Sikkim Organics' launched

Detail: Marks 51 years of Sikkim's statehood (16 May 1975); Sikkim is India's first fully organic state

Law: Sikkim became the 22nd state via the 36th Constitutional Amendment Act, 1975

Exam hook: Statehood Day = 16 May; 36th Amendment (1975); India's first organic state

PIB 2261802 · 2026-05-16

• Judges Inquiry Committee report

Body: Judges Inquiry Committee, presided by Justice Aravind Kumar (Supreme Court); report submitted to Lok Sabha Speaker
Law: Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968 — the statutory mechanism preceding a removal/impeachment motion under Articles 124(4)/217
Exam hook: Removal of judges procedure: inquiry committee under the Judges (Inquiry) Act, 1968
 PIB 2262562 · 2026-05-18

• National Sports Board & National Sports Tribunal Rules, 2026 notified

Body: Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports
Law: Notified under the National Sports Governance Act, 2025
Detail: Govt notified the National Sports Board Rules and National Sports Tribunal Rules, 2026 (26 May 2026); the Board (a Chairperson + 2 Members) is the central authority recognising National Sports Federations; the Tribunal is a dedicated body for fast, low-cost resolution of sports disputes, reducing reliance on civil courts
Exam hook: Parent law = National Sports Governance Act, 2025; Board = recognition/governance, Tribunal = disputes.
 PIB 2265248 · 2026-05-26

• DARPG launches NeSDA 2025 e-governance assessment portal

Body: Department of Administrative Reforms & Public Grievances (DARPG), Ministry of Personnel, PG & Pensions
Detail: NeSDA (National e-Governance Service Delivery Assessment) 2025 portal launched 25 May 2026; a BIENNIAL framework benchmarking online service delivery across States/UTs and central ministries; modelled on the UN e-Government Survey's Online Service Index (OSI)
Exam hook: NeSDA is DARPG's biennial e-gov benchmark (not annual); based on the UN OSI.
 PIB 2266244 · 2026-05-28

Economy (2)

• ASUSE 2025 — unincorporated enterprises survey

Body: Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) / NSO.
Detail: Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises 2025; 7.92 crore establishments (up 7.97%); ~12.81 crore workers; highest establishments in Uttar Pradesh (then WB, Maharashtra); 60%+ manufacturing units female-led.
Exam hook: ASUSE = MoSPI; most unincorporated establishments in Uttar Pradesh.
 PIB 2258362 · 2026-05-06

• Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC) completes 10 years

Body: Ministry of Corporate Affairs; Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI) is the regulator
Law: Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (in force from 2016)
Detail: IBC marked 10 years on 28 May 2026; as of March 2026, 1,419 cases yielded resolution plans, realising over Rs 4 lakh crore for creditors
Exam hook: IBC enacted 2016; regulator = IBBI; adjudicating authorities = NCLT (companies) and DRT (individuals/partnerships).
 PIB 2266350 · 2026-05-28

IR/Diplomacy (10)

• Vietnam President's State Visit to India

Body: PMO / Ministry of External Affairs.
Detail: State visit of Vietnam's President; India–Vietnam upgraded as Comprehensive Strategic Partnership; outcomes incl. interpretation centre at My Son UNESCO World Heritage Site; cooperation in 6G, AI, space, nuclear, marine science.
Exam hook: India–Vietnam = Comprehensive Strategic Partnership; My Son is a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Vietnam.
 PIB 2258431 · 2026-05-06

• 2nd BRICS Employment Working Group, Thiruvananthapuram

Body: Ministry of Labour & Employment; under India's 2026 BRICS Presidency.
Detail: Theme — 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'; partners ILO, ISSA, UN India; focus on social protection, FLFPR, skills, gig/platform workers.
Exam hook: India holds the BRICS Chair/Presidency in 2026; meeting hosted at Thiruvananthapuram.
 PIB 2258851 · 2026-05-07

• India–Canada CEPA — 2nd round concluded

Body: Ministry of Commerce & Industry (Department of Commerce).
Detail: Second round of India–Canada Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) negotiations concluded (4–8 May 2026) at Vanijya Bhawan, New Delhi; chapters covered goods, services, IP, rules of origin, SPS, TBT.
Exam hook: CEPA = Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (a type of FTA); partner = Canada.
 PIB 2259188 · 2026-05-08

• IOS Sagar port call at Chattogram, Bangladesh

Body: Indian Navy (IOS = Indian Offshore Patrol Vessel / Indian Naval Ship on overseas deployment).
Detail: IOS Sagar made a port call at Chattogram (Chittagong), Bangladesh during a multinational deployment (arrived 09 May, departed 12 May 2026).
Exam hook: Match ship-name to partner-port — Chattogram = Bangladesh; signals India's maritime outreach in the Bay of Bengal / IOR.
 PIB 2260266 · 2026-05-12

• India–Italy Special Strategic Partnership

Body: Ministry of External Affairs / PMO
Detail: During PM Modi's official visit to Italy (19–20 May 2026), India and Italy elevated ties to a 'Special Strategic Partnership'; builds on the Joint Strategic Action Plan 2025–2029 (adopted at G20 Rio, Nov 2024)
Lineage: Italian PM = Giorgia Meloni
Exam hook: New tier = 'Special Strategic Partnership' with Italy (datable to May 2026)
 PIB 2263405 · 2026-05-20

• 3rd India–Nordic Summit, Oslo

Body: Ministry of External Affairs / PMO
Detail: PM Modi attended the 3rd India–Nordic Summit at Oslo; bilateral pull-aside with Denmark advanced the India–Denmark Green Strategic Partnership (launched 2020)
Lineage: Nordic-5 = Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden; SLCR (Smart Laboratory on Clean Rivers) at Varanasi is an India–Denmark–IIT-BHU initiative
Exam hook: This is the 3rd edition; host city Oslo (Norway)
 PIB 2262928 · 2026-05-19

• PM Modi visit to UAE — outcomes

Body: PMO / Ministry of External Affairs
Detail: Outcomes included a Strategic Framework for Defence Industrial collaboration, ISPRL–ADNOC crude-storage MoU (up to 30 million barrels, incl. ADNOC oil in India's Strategic Petroleum Reserves at Visakhapatnam & Chandikol, Odisha)
Exam hook: ADNOC = Abu Dhabi National Oil Co.; ISPRL = Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd.
 PIB 2261385 · 2026-05-15

• 16th India–Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue, Singapore

Body: Ministry of Defence (India) & Ministry of Defence (Singapore)
Detail: 16th India-Singapore Defence Policy Dialogue (DPD) held in Singapore 28 May 2026; co-chaired by Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh and Singapore's Permanent Secretary (Defence) Joseph Leong; focus on cyber, AI, maritime security, unmanned systems; reaffirmed open, rules-based Indo-Pacific
Exam hook: DPD is the apex bilateral defence-policy mechanism; the recurring India-Singapore bilateral ARMY exercise is 'Bold Kurukshetra' and navy is 'SIMBEX'.
 PIB 2266391 · 2026-05-28

• Third India–Nordic Summit at Oslo

Body: Ministry of External Affairs (summit of India with the five Nordic states — Sweden, Denmark, Norway, Finland, Iceland)
Detail: Third India-Nordic Summit held at Oslo, Norway on 19 May 2026; focus on green technology, clean energy, blue economy, STEM, defence; ties to India's Arctic Policy
Lineage: First India-Nordic Summit 2018 (Stockholm); Second 2022 (Copenhagen)
Exam hook: 5 Nordic countries (Norway, Sweden, Denmark, Finland, Iceland); 3rd summit venue = OSLO.
 PIB 2265299 · 2026-05-26

• State visit of Cyprus President Christodoulides; outcomes signed

Body: Ministry of External Affairs / PMO

Detail: State visit of President of Cyprus H.E. Nikos Christodoulides to India (22 May 2026); MoUs signed including a Joint Working Group on counter-terrorism, diplomatic-training (Sushma Swaraj Institute of Foreign Service), Search-and-Rescue (SAR) coordination, higher education and culture

Exam hook: Cyprus = EU island state in the eastern Mediterranean, capital NICOSIA; SSIFS is India's diplomatic training academy under MEA.
PIB 2264136 · 2026-05-22

Defence (34)

• INS Mahendragiri delivered (Project 17A)

Body: Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Ltd (MDSL), Mumbai; designed by Warship Design Bureau · Indian Navy.

Detail: Sixth Project 17A (Nilgiri-class) stealth frigate, delivered 30 Apr 2026; 75% indigenous content; CODOG propulsion + IPMS.

Lineage: P17A is the successor to P17 Shivalik-class; lead ship Nilgiri delivered 20 Dec 2024.

Exam hook: Mahendragiri = Nilgiri-CLASS (P17A), NOT a class of its own; built at MDSL (not GRSE).

PIB 2257237 · 2026-05-01

• Exercise CINBAX-II 2026 (India–Cambodia)

Detail: 2nd edition India–Cambodia bilateral military exercise; held at Camp Basil, Kampong Speu Province, Cambodia, 04–17 May 2026; under UN Mandate Chapter VII.

Detail: Indian contingent 120 personnel, mainly Maratha Light Infantry; focus on counter-terrorism, drones, sniper/mortar tactics.

Exam hook: Partner = Cambodia (not Vietnam/Thailand); CINBAX = India–Cambodia.

PIB 2257604 · 2026-05-03

• INS Sagardhwani port call, Cam Ranh (Vietnam)

Detail: Oceanographic research vessel; arrived Cam Ranh, Vietnam 05 May 2026; to work with Institute of Oceanography, Nha Trang.

Lineage: Commissioned Jul 1994; key platform for marine acoustics / naval oceanography.

Exam hook: Sagardhwani = research/survey vessel, not a warship/frigate.
PIB 2258856 · 2026-05-07

• India–Algeria Joint Commission on defence (inaugural)

Body: Ministry of Defence; co-chaired by JS (International Cooperation) Amitabh Prasad & Algerian Naval Chief Maj Gen Kaid Nour Eddine.

Detail: Inaugural meeting, New Delhi, 05 May 2026; signed Rules of Procedure; builds on 2024 India–Algeria Defence MoU.

Exam hook: It is the FIRST/inaugural India–Algeria Joint Commission meeting.

PIB 2258326 · 2026-05-06

• DRDO opens CBRN Field Training & Demonstration Centre

Body: DRDO; inaugurated by Secretary DDR&D and Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V. Kamat, Delhi.

Detail: CBRN = Chemical, Biological, Radiological & Nuclear; includes radiological/nuclear test bed & heavy-ion research facility.

Exam hook: DRDO Chairman = Dr Samir V. Kamat.

PIB 2258463 · 2026-05-06

• BRO Project Deepak — 66th Raising Day

Body: Border Roads Organisation (BRO), under Ministry of Defence.

Detail: Raised 1961; HQ/celebration at Shimla; covers Shimla, Kinnaur, Kullu, Lahaul-Spiti (HP); built Hindustan-Tibet Road & part of Manali-Leh axis; 1,100+ km network.

Exam hook: Project Deepak operates in Himachal Pradesh (Western Himalayas).

PIB 2257901 · 2026-05-04

• President visits HQ Army Training Command (ARTRAC)

Detail: President & Supreme Commander Droupadi Murmu visited ARTRAC HQ, Shimla; received by GOC-in-C Lt Gen Devendra Sharma; ARTRAC runs 32 premier training establishments.

Exam hook: ARTRAC = Army Training Command, headquartered at Shimla.

PIB 2257210 · 2026-05-01

• First anniversary of Operation Sindoor

Detail: 07 May 2026 marks 1st anniversary of Operation Sindoor (cross-border strikes after the Pahalgalam terror attack); HM Amit Shah salutes armed forces.

Exam hook: Operation Sindoor launched 07 May 2025 in response to the Pahalgalam attack.

PIB 2258584 · 2026-05-07

• Advanced Agni missile with MIRV — flight-trial

Body: DRDO / Indian Army (MoD)

Detail: Successful flight-trial of an Advanced Agni missile fitted with Multiple Independently Targeted Re-Entry Vehicle (MIRV) system from Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island, Odisha on 08 May 2026; multiple payloads hit different targets in the Indian Ocean Region.

Lineage: MIRV first demonstrated on Agni-V under 'Mission Divyastra' (Mar 2024).

Exam hook: MIRV = ONE missile, MANY independently-targeted warheads. Test site is Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island (formerly Wheeler Island), off Odisha — not Sriharikota.

PIB 2259380 · 2026-05-09

• DRDO scramjet combustor — hypersonic milestone

Body: Defence Research & Development Laboratory (DRDL), DRDO; Chairman DRDO Dr Samir V. Kamat.

Detail: Actively Cooled Full Scale Scramjet Combustor ground-tested for over 1,200 seconds at the Scramjet Connect Pipe Test (SCPT) facility, Hyderabad on 09 May 2026; builds on an earlier 700+ second test (Jan 2026). Uses indigenous liquid hydrocarbon endothermic fuel.

Detail: Foundation for India's Hypersonic Cruise Missile Development Programme.

Exam hook: Scramjet = Supersonic Combustion Ramjet, an air-breathing engine for hypersonic (Mach 5+) flight; needs no onboard oxidiser.

PIB 2259482 · 2026-05-09

• TARA glide weapon — maiden flight-trial

Body: DRDO (Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad) + Indian Air Force.

Detail: Maiden flight-trial of Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation (TARA) weapon off the Odisha coast on 07 May 2026. India's first indigenous glide weapon system — a modular kit that converts unguided ('dumb') warheads into precision-guided weapons.

Exam hook: TARA full form + 'first indigenous glide weapon to convert unguided warheads into precision-guided weapons'; developed by RCI, Hyderabad.

PIB 2258934 · 2026-05-08

• Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani appointed CDS

Body: Ministry of Defence; CDS also serves as Secretary, Department of Military Affairs.

Detail: Lt Gen NS Raja Subramani (Retd) appointed Chief of Defence Staff; succeeds Gen Anil Chauhan (tenure ends 30 May 2026). An NDA & IMA alumnus, commissioned into 8th Battalion, Garhwal Rifles (1985).

Lineage: Post of CDS created in 2019 on Kargil Review Committee recommendation; Gen Bipin Rawat was the 1st CDS.

Exam hook: CDS = head of Dept of Military Affairs & permanent chairman of Chiefs of Staff Committee; single-point military adviser to govt.

PIB 2259242 · 2026-05-09

• Vice Adm Krishna Swaminathan appointed Navy Chief

Body: Ministry of Defence / Indian Navy.

Detail: Vice Admiral Krishna Swaminathan appointed Chief of the Naval Staff; succeeds Admiral Dinesh Kumar Tripathi (retiring 31 May 2026). A Communication & Electronic Warfare specialist; NDA alumnus; was 34th C-in-C Western Naval Command.

Exam hook: CNS heads the Indian Navy; appointee designation note — promoted from Vice Admiral. Don't confuse CNS with CDS (both announced same day, 09 May 2026).

PIB 2259243 · 2026-05-09

• ICGS Achal commissioned (Indian Coast Guard)

Body: Indian Coast Guard (under MoD); built by Goa Shipyard Limited.

Detail: ICGS Achal ('firm') commissioned on 09 May 2026 — latest of the new-generation Adamy-class Fast Patrol Vessels; over 50% indigenous content. Roles: coastal/offshore surveillance, SAR, anti-smuggling, pollution response.

Exam hook: Class = Adamy-class FPV; builder = Goa Shipyard Limited; 'ICGS' prefix = Indian Coast Guard Ship (not 'INS').

PIB 2259399 · 2026-05-09

• 5th & final Fleet Support Ship — steel cutting

Body: Indian Navy; built at Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL), Visakhapatnam.

Detail: Steel-cutting ceremony of the 5th and last of five Fleet Support Ships (FSS) on 08 May 2026; contract signed Aug 2023, deliveries from mid-2027. Displacement 40,000+ tonnes; replenish fuel/water/ammo/stores at sea; secondary HADR role.

Exam hook: FSS boost 'Blue Water' (open-ocean) capability via at-sea replenishment; builder = HSL Visakhapatnam.

PIB 2259193 · 2026-05-08

• 10th India–Australia Defence Policy Talks

Body: Ministry of Defence (India) + Australian Dept of Defence.

Detail: 10th edition held in New Delhi on 08 May 2026; reaffirmed the India–Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. First-ever India–Australia Joint Staff Talks to be held later in 2026; annual Defence Ministers' Dialogue established 2025.

Exam hook: Bilateral relationship tier = 'Comprehensive Strategic Partnership' (both Quad members).

PIB 2259170 · 2026-05-08

• Kalam & Kavach 3.0 defence conference

Body: Ministry of Defence; inaugurated by Raksha Rajya Mantri Shri Sanjay Seth.

Detail: Third edition held at Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi (14 May 2026), themed 'Taking JAI Forward With I²'. JAI = Jointness, Aatmanirbharta and Innovation; I² = Indigenisation and International Collaboration.

Exam hook: Decode JAI and I²; venue = Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi.

PIB 2260748 · 2026-05-13

• AMCA & naval projects at Puttaparthi

Body: Ministry of Defence; Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA); Bharat Dynamics Ltd (BDL).

Detail: Foundation stones (15 May 2026) at Puttaparthi, Sri Satya Sai district, Andhra Pradesh — ADA's Aircraft Integration & Flight Testing Centre to accelerate the Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA) programme, plus a BDL Naval Systems Manufacturing Facility in Anakapalli.

Exam hook: AMCA = India's 5th-generation stealth fighter, developed by ADA (HAL produces it); BDL = missile/underwater-weapons PSU.

PIB 2261042 · 2026-05-14

• Ex PRAGATI 2026

Body: Indian Army / Ministry of Defence

Detail: Multilateral military exercise commenced at Umroi Military Station, Meghalaya, with 12 nations (Bhutan, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Philippines, Seychelles, Sri Lanka, Vietnam); two-week focus on counter-terrorism in semi-mountainous/jungle terrain

Detail: PRAGATI = Partnership of Regional Armies for Growth And Transformation in the Indian Ocean Region

Exam hook: Venue is Umroi (Meghalaya), NOT a foreign country — it is multilateral, not bilateral

PIB 2263122 · 2026-05-20

• DRDO ULPGM-V3 trials

Body: DRDO; nodal lab Research Centre Imarat, Hyderabad; production partners BDL & Adani Defence

Detail: Completed final-configuration development trials of Unmanned Aerial Vehicle Launched Precision Guided Missile (ULPGM)-V3 in both Air-to-Ground (anti-tank) and Air-to-Air (anti-drone/helicopter) modes at test range near Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh

Exam hook: Full form of ULPGM and the dual air-to-ground + air-to-air capability is the likely MCQ

PIB 2263045 · 2026-05-19

• INS Sanghmitra (NGOPV) launched

Body: GRSE, Kolkata (Yard 3039) for Indian Navy

Detail: Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel launched 20 May 2026; one of 11 NGOPVs built concurrently at GSL Goa & GRSE Kolkata; named after Sanghmitra, daughter of Emperor Ashoka

Exam hook: NGOPV = Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel; ship is named after Ashoka's daughter (not the missionary monk alone)

PIB 2263508 · 2026-05-20

• IOS Sagar concludes (INS Sunayna)

Body: Indian Navy, Southern Naval Command, Kochi

Detail: Indian Ocean Ship SAGAR deployment on INS Sunayna flagged-in at Kochi 20 May 2026; multinational crew of 38 personnel from 16 partner nations; embodies 'SAGAR to MAHASAGAR' vision

Lineage: SAGAR = Security and Growth for All in the Region; MAHASAGAR = Mutual and Holistic Advancement for Security and Growth Across Regions; flagged off from Mumbai 02 Apr 2026

Exam hook: Expand SAGAR vs MAHASAGAR; ship is INS Sunayna deployed as 'IOS Sagar'

PIB 2263352 · 2026-05-20

• AMCA Flight Testing Centre foundation

Body: Ministry of Defence; Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA, affiliate of DRDO)

Detail: Raksha Mantri laid foundation at Puttaparthi, Andhra Pradesh for AMCA Core Integration & Flight Testing Centre (~Rs 2,000 cr) and Naval Systems Manufacturing Facility (BDL, Rs 480 cr); Drone City consortium in Kurnool

Detail: AMCA = Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft, India's fifth-generation fighter; total programme outlay ~Rs 15,000 cr

Exam hook: AMCA is 5th-gen; built by ADA under DRDO; flight-testing centre at Puttaparthi (AP)

PIB 2261387 · 2026-05-15

• Naval Sailing Node, Bhopal

Body: Indian Navy

Detail: Indian Navy inaugurated a Naval Sailing Node at Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh) to nurture sailing talent for Olympics/Asian Games, aligned with the National Sports Policy

Exam hook: First/landlocked-state sailing node detail — venue Bhopal, MP

PIB 2262037 · 2026-05-17

• Indian War Memorial, Seoul

Body: Ministry of Defence; with Republic of Korea's Ministry of Patriots & Veterans Affairs

Detail: Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurated an Indian War Memorial in Seoul honouring the 60 Para Field Ambulance unit's service in the Korean War; part of his Vietnam & South Korea visit

Lineage: 60 Para Field Ambulance = India's medical unit in the Korean War (1950s)

Exam hook: Links to India's role (60 Para Field Ambulance) in the Korean War

PIB 2263556 · 2026-05-21

• INS Sagardhwani at Port Klang

Body: Indian Navy; INS Sagardhwani is a marine acoustic research ship (Naval Physical & Oceanographic Laboratory, DRDO)

Detail: Arrived (15 May) and departed (16 May) Port Klang, Malaysia, on a Sagar Maitri / oceanographic research mission

Exam hook: INS Sagardhwani = oceanographic research vessel, not a combatant

PIB 2261504 · 2026-05-15

• Agni-1 ballistic missile test-launched from Chandipur

Body: DRDO / Strategic Forces Command (SFC), Ministry of Defence

Detail: Short-Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM) Agni-1 successfully test-launched 22 May 2026 from Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur, Odisha; ~700–900 km range, surface-to-surface, nuclear-capable

Lineage: Agni series under IGMP; Agni-1 inducted 2004; user-trial fired by SFC (the tri-service custodian of India's nuclear arsenal)

Exam hook: Agni-1 = SHORT-range (not Agni-V/ICBM); launch site is Chandipur (Dr APJ Abdul Kalam Island is for some other tests) and the firing agency is SFC, not DRDO alone.

PIB 2264317 · 2026-05-22

• INS Sudarshini completes first trans-Atlantic crossing (Lokayan 26)

Body: Indian Navy, Ministry of Defence

Detail: Sail Training Ship (STS) INS Sudarshini reached Antigua 27 May 2026 — her FIRST Atlantic crossing — during the global voyage 'Lokayan 26'; 19-day Mindelo (Cape Verde)→Antigua leg, crossed 10,000 nm since departing Kochi on 20 Jan 2026

Lineage: Last Indian sail-ship Atlantic crossing was INS Tarangini in 2007; next port Norfolk, USA for SAIL 250 events

Exam hook: Sudarshini is a SAIL TRAINING ship (not a warship); 'Lokayan 26' is the expedition name; theme invoked is Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam.

PIB 2266274 · 2026-05-28

• **Suryakiran Aerobatic Team marks 30 years**

Body: Indian Air Force (IAF), Ministry of Defence

Detail: Suryakiran Aerobatic Team (SKAT) marked its 30th anniversary at Air Force Station Bidar on 26 May 2026; raised 1996 at Bidar; flies the Hawk Mk-132 jet trainer in red-and-white livery; 800+ displays; motto 'Sadaiva Sarvottam' (Always the Best)

Lineage: IAF's official aerobatic team (compare: 'Sarang' is the IAF HELICOPTER display team flying Dhruv/ALH)

Exam hook: SKAT flies fixed-wing Hawk jets from BIDAR; do not confuse with the Sarang helicopter team.

PIB 2266121 · 2026-05-28

• **'Suryastra' 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System flagged off**

Body: Ministry of Defence (private-sector NIBE Group complex), inaugurated by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh & Maharashtra CM Devendra Fadnavis

Detail: India's FIRST 300-km Universal Rocket Launching System 'Suryastra' flagged off 23 May 2026 at a private Defence Manufacturing Complex at Shirdi, Maharashtra; indigenous TNT and RDX plant technologies also unveiled; NIBE–Black Sky MoU on satellite assembly

Exam hook: 'A nation that manufactures its own weaponry writes its own destiny' = Rajnath Singh; system name = Suryastra; theme = Aatmanirbharta in defence.

PIB 2264604 · 2026-05-23

• **IAF opens Technical Branch (Officer) entry via GATE scores**

Body: Indian Air Force, Ministry of Defence

Detail: IAF announced a new induction route into the Technical Branch (Officers' Cadre) on the basis of a valid GATE (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering) score — exempting such candidates from the AFCAT written test and directly shortlisting them for the Air Force Selection Boards (AFSBs)

Lineage: AFCAT remains the standard entry test for all IAF branches; GATE route is exclusive to the Technical Branch

Exam hook: GATE-route applies ONLY to the Technical Branch; AFCAT is still mandatory for other branches.

PIB 2265411 · 2026-05-26

• **Garud Special Forces Maroon Beret parade at Chandinagar**

Body: Indian Air Force, Ministry of Defence

Detail: Maroon Beret Ceremonial (passing-out) Parade for new 'Garud' commandos held 23 May 2026 at the Garud Regimental Training Centre (GRTC), Air Force Station Chandinagar

Lineage: Garud is the IAF's Special Forces unit (raised 2004); the maroon beret marks induction into airborne/special-forces ranks

Exam hook: Garud = IAF special forces (Army's are PARA-SF / Para Commandos; Navy's are MARCOS) — match the force to the right service.

PIB 2264454 · 2026-05-23

• **48th Flight Test Course graduates from AFTPS Bengaluru**

Body: Air Force Test Pilots School (AFTPS), Indian Air Force, Bengaluru

Detail: 17 officers (14 IAF, 1 Army, 2 Navy) of the 48th Flight Test Course graduated 23 May 2026 after a 48-week course; 'Suranjana Das Trophy' for best all-round Test Pilot awarded to Sqn Ldr KK Singh; graduates join the Aircraft & Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE)

Exam hook: AFTPS and ASTE are at Bengaluru; reviewing officer CAS Air Chief Marshal AP Singh is an alumnus of the 17th course.

PIB 2264765 · 2026-05-24

• **INA Ezhimala Spring Term 2026 Passing Out Parade**

Body: Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala, Kerala — Ministry of Defence

Detail: Spring Term 2026 Passing Out Parade held 28 May 2026; cadets commissioned into the Indian Navy, Indian Coast Guard and friendly-foreign-country maritime forces; Reviewing Officer VAdm Sameer Saxena, FOC-in-C Southern Naval Command

Lineage: INA Ezhimala is Asia's largest naval academy

Exam hook: INA is at EZHIMALA, Kerala (under Southern Naval Command, HQ Kochi).

PIB 2265068 · 2026-05-25

Environment (6)

• **1st International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit announced**

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change; Minister Bhupender Yadav launched logo/website; IBCA DG = S.P. Yadav.

Detail: 1st IBCA Summit, New Delhi, 1–2 June 2026; theme 'Save Big Cats, Save Humanity, Save Ecosystem'; outcome = the 'Delhi Declaration'.

Lineage: IBCA launched by PM Modi in 2023; conserves SEVEN big cats (Lion, Tiger, Leopard, Snow Leopard, Cheetah, Jaguar, Puma); HQ in India.

Exam hook: IBCA covers SEVEN big cats and is headquartered in India; summit outcome = Delhi Declaration.

PIB 2258491 · 2026-05-06

• **Lion Species Spotlight at Gir (Pre-IBCA Summit)**

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

Detail: 'Lion' Species Spotlight inaugurated at Sasan Gir, Gujarat (14 May 2026) as a Pre-Summit event for the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA) Summit 2026; tied to Project Lion for Asiatic lion conservation.

Lineage: IBCA launched by India in 2023 (covers 7 big cats); HQ in India. **Exam hook:** Asiatic lion sole home = Gir, Gujarat; IBCA = International Big Cat Alliance (India-led).

PIB 2260908 · 2026-05-14

• **International Day for Biological Diversity — Leopard focus**

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (event at Bhubaneswar, Odisha).

Detail: Leopard conservation event marking International Day for Biological Diversity (observed 22 May).

Exam hook: International Day for Biological Diversity = 22 May (UN); don't confuse with World Environment Day (5 June) or World Wildlife Day (3 March).

PIB 2260489 · 2026-05-13

• **Project Cheetah progress**

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (review chaired by Bhupender Yadav)

Detail: Population now 53 cheetahs, of which 33 India-born; founder population was 20 (Namibia + South Africa) plus 9 from Botswana; sites = Kuno National Park (MP) primary, Gandhisagar WLS additional; new sites planned at Banni grasslands (Gujarat) & Nauradehi WLS (MP)

Exam hook: Source countries = Namibia, South Africa, Botswana; primary site = Kuno NP, Madhya Pradesh

PIB 2262834 · 2026-05-19

• **First IBCA Summit rescheduled**

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change; International Big Cat Alliance

Detail: First IBCA Summit (was slated for New Delhi, 1 June 2026, alongside 4th India–Africa Forum Summit) postponed; new dates to follow **Lineage:** IBCA launched 2023; HQ in India; covers 7 big cats (tiger, lion, leopard, snow leopard, puma, jaguar, cheetah)

Exam hook: IBCA = International Big Cat Alliance; India-headquartered; first summit was to be in New Delhi

PIB 2263958 · 2026-05-21

• **International Day for Biological Diversity 2026; Project Cheetah**

Body: Ministry of Environment, Forest & Climate Change (MoEFCC) — Bhupender Yadav; national event at IIFM, Bhopal

Detail: International Day for Biological Diversity (IDB) observed 22 May; 2026 theme 'Acting Locally for Global Impact'; event flagged progress of Project Cheetah at Kuno (MP)

Lineage: 22 May designated by the UN/CBD; Project Cheetah began Sep 2022 (cheetahs from Namibia & South Africa to Kuno NP)

Exam hook: IDB date = 22 May; 2026 theme = 'Acting Locally for Global Impact'; Project Cheetah site = Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh.

PIB 2264014 · 2026-05-22

Sci/Tech (11)

• **Mission Drishti — GalaxEye OptoSAR satellite**

Body: GalaxEye (private Indian space-tech start-up); congratulated by PM Modi.

Detail: World's FIRST OptoSAR (optical + SAR fused) satellite; also India's LARGEST privately-built satellite.

Exam hook: Two firsts — world's-first OptoSAR AND India's-largest private satellite; company = GalaxEye, mission = Drishti.

PIB 2257625 · 2026-05-03

• Cell Broadcast System (CBS) launched

Body: Developed by C-DOT under Dept of Telecommunications (DoT), with NDMA & MHA; launched by Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia.

Detail: Geo-targeted disaster-alert system; integrated with CAP-based SACHET platform; works 2G–5G; alerts cannot be disabled by users.

Exam hook: CBS developer = C-DOT; platform = SACHET; replaces SMS-based warnings.

PIB 2257499 · 2026-05-02

• Mission Mausam — Urban Testbed & Aerosol Observatory, Chennai

Body: Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) Pune under Ministry of Earth Sciences; at SRMIST, Ramapuram, Chennai; inaugurated by MoES Secretary Dr M. Ravichandran.

Detail: First-of-its-kind comprehensive urban observatory in India; ~15 instruments (>Rs 60 crore), ~100 AWS, X-band/phased-array radar.

Lineage: Mission Mausam launched Sep 2024 by PM (MoES initiative).

Exam hook: Mission Mausam = Ministry of Earth Sciences (not IMD alone), launched 2024.

PIB 2258435 · 2026-05-06

• C-ART Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed, Visakhapatnam

Body: Ministry of Earth Sciences; open-field observatory at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam.

Detail: C-ART = Coastal Atmospheric Research Testbed; for coastal weather/atmospheric observations.

Exam hook: C-ART sited at Andhra University, Visakhapatnam (MoES).

PIB 2257296 · 2026-05-01

• National Technology Day 2026 (11 May)

Body: PMO / Ministry of Science & Technology.

Detail: Observed every 11 May to mark the 1998 Pokhran-II nuclear tests ('Operation Shakti'); CSIR & ICMR transferred indigenous technologies to industry.

Lineage: Day instituted by PM Vajpayee in 1999; 'Father of Indian missiles' Dr APJ Abdul Kalam led Pokhran-II.

Exam hook: Date 11 May ↔ Pokhran-II/Operation Shakti (1998); not to be confused with National Science Day (28 Feb, Raman Effect).

PIB 2259658 · 2026-05-11

• India hosts ISO space-systems subcommittee (first time)

Body: Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) — India's National Standards Body (Ministry of Consumer Affairs).

Detail: India hosted, for the first time, the 35th Plenary of ISO TC 20/SC 14 'Space Systems and Operations' at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi; 131 delegates from 13 countries; focus on debris mitigation & mission safety.

Exam hook: BIS = National Standards Body (set up under BIS Act); ISO = International Organisation for Standardisation, HQ Geneva.

PIB 2259005 · 2026-05-08

• UMMID Programme dedicated to nation

Body: Department of Biotechnology (Min. of Science & Technology); Minister Dr Jitendra Singh

Detail: UMMID = Unique Methods of Management of Inherited Disorders — national programme for rare genetic disorders; ~3 lakh individuals screened; ~30 NIDAN Kendras established

Exam hook: Full form of UMMID and that NIDAN Kendras are its diagnostic centres

PIB 2263736 · 2026-05-21

• Rajasthan's first semiconductor plant

Body: Ministry of Electronics & IT; Sahasra Semiconductors at Bhiwadi (Salarpur, Khushkhera)

Detail: India's first SME-led semiconductor (ATMP/OSAT) facility inaugurated; Rajasthan's first semiconductor plant; Electronics Manufacturing Cluster by ELCINA also inaugurated

Lineage: ATMP/OSAT = Assembly, Testing, Marking & Packaging / Outsourced Semiconductor Assembly and Test

Exam hook: Which-state-first = Rajasthan (Bhiwadi); first SME-led semicon unit

PIB 2261509 · 2026-05-15

• CSIR-AMPRI SODAR tech transfer

Body: CSIR-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute (AMPRI), Bhopal — 46th Foundation Day

Detail: Transferred indigenous SODAR (Sonic Detection And Ranging) system technology to industry

Exam hook: SODAR = acoustic remote-sensing of wind/atmosphere; CSIR-AMPRI is at Bhopal

PIB 2261496 · 2026-05-15

• India Semiconductor Mission launches 'Investors Support' portal

Body: India Semiconductor Mission (ISM), Ministry of Electronics & IT (MeitY)

Detail: ISM launched the 'Investors Support' online portal (ism.gov.in/investment) on 26 May 2026; under the Semicon India Programme 12 fab/package projects and 24 chip-design projects approved so far

Lineage: ISM set up 2021 under MeitY to build a chip ecosystem

Exam hook: ISM is under MeitY; 'Semicon India Programme' is the umbrella; portal aids investors with schemes/approvals and grievances.

PIB 2265285 · 2026-05-26

• CSIR-IHBT Palampur and the Himalayan bioeconomy push

Body: Ministry of Science & Technology; CSIR-Institute of Himalayan Bioresource Technology (IHBT), Palampur (HP) — Dr Jitendra Singh

Detail: Govt spotlighted Himalayan bioresources as new engines of economic value (28 May 2026); the tulip from CSIR-IHBT featured in the Ayodhya 'Pran Pratishtha' offering

Exam hook: CSIR-IHBT is at PALAMPUR, Himachal Pradesh; CSIR is an autonomous body under the Ministry of Science & Technology (DSIR).

PIB 2266281 · 2026-05-28

Infra (14)

• India's first Multi-Lane Free Flow (MLFF) tolling

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

Detail: First MLFF barrier-less tolling at Chorayasi Toll Plaza, Surat–Bharuch section, NH-48, Gujarat; uses ANPR + FASTag; ~41,500 vehicles day one.

Exam hook: First MLFF tolling = Gujarat (NH-48); barrier-less, uses Automatic Number Plate Recognition.

PIB 2257491 · 2026-05-02

• Cabinet: Ship Repair Facility at Vadinar, Gujarat

Body: Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA); by Deendayal Port Authority + Cochin Shipyard Ltd (CSL).

Detail: Rs 1,570 crore brownfield facility, Vadinar (Gujarat); can repair vessels up to 300 m; under Maritime India Vision 2030 / Maritime Amrit Kaal Vision 2047.

Exam hook: Vadinar ship-repair = Gujarat; partners DPA + Cochin Shipyard.

PIB 2258143 · 2026-05-05

• Cabinet: three Railway multitracking projects

Body: CCEA / Ministry of Railways; under PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

Detail: Rs 23,437 crore; ~901 km added across 19 districts in MP, Rajasthan, UP, Karnataka, AP, Telangana; lines — Nagda–Mathura, Guntakal–Wadi, Burhwal–Sitapur (3rd/4th lines).

Exam hook: Projects sit under PM Gati Shakti; ~901 km / 6 states.

PIB 2258124 · 2026-05-05

• Buddha relics exposition, Leh (Buddha Purnima)

Body: Ministry of Home Affairs; inaugurated by HM Amit Shah in Leh, Ladakh.

Detail: Sacred relics of Lord Buddha return to Ladakh after 75 years, on Buddha Purnima; Ladakh's four traditions — Nyingma, Kagyu, Sakya, Gelug.

Exam hook: Buddha Purnima marks Buddha's birth, enlightenment and Mahaparinirvana on the same day.

PIB 2257370 · 2026-05-01

• Yoga Mahotsav — 50-day countdown to IDY 2026

Body: Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), Ministry of Ayush; held at Kanha Shanti Vanam, Hyderabad.

Detail: 6,000+ performed Bhujangasana (Asia Book of Records); marks 50-day countdown to International Day of Yoga 2026 (21 June); 'Yoga 365' campaign launched.

Exam hook: International Day of Yoga = 21 June; mass asana = Bhujangasana (cobra pose).

PIB 2257461 · 2026-05-02

• Padma Doree textile initiative launched

Body: NEHDC, under Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER).

Detail: Cross-regional fusion of Eri (Ahimsa) silk of NE India with Chanderi weaving of Madhya Pradesh; under 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'.

Exam hook: Padma Doree blends Eri silk (NE) + Chanderi (MP); Eri = Ahimsa silk.

PIB 2257390 · 2026-05-01

• Nagpur International Airport modernisation (PPP)

Body: Union Cabinet (Ministry of Civil Aviation).

Detail: Cabinet approved upgradation & modernisation of Nagpur (Dr Babasaheb Ambedkar) International Airport via long-term licence under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) on 13 May 2026.

Exam hook: State = Maharashtra; mode = PPP; airport named after Dr B.R. Ambedkar.

PIB 2260629 · 2026-05-13

• India's first mega greenfield shipyard at Thoothukudi

Body: MoU signed for a greenfield shipyard at Thoothukudi (Tuticorin), Tamil Nadu.

Detail: Landmark MoU for India's first mega greenfield shipyard, boosting maritime/shipbuilding capacity under Maritime India vision.

Exam hook: Site = Thoothukudi, Tamil Nadu; 'first mega greenfield shipyard'.

PIB 2260712 · 2026-05-13

• Somnath Temple — 75 years of restoration

Body: PMO; PM Modi at Somnath Amrut Mahotsav, Prabhas Patan, Gujarat.

Detail: Marks 75 years since the 1951 inauguration of the restored Somnath Temple.

Lineage: Reconstruction driven by Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel; inaugurated by President Rajendra Prasad (1951). One of 12 Jyotirlinga shrines of Shiva.

Exam hook: Somnath (Veraval/Prabhas Patan, Gujarat) = first of the 12 Jyotirlingas; reconstruction linked to Sardar Patel.

PIB 2259791 · 2026-05-11

• SAI–MyBharat run-up to Commonwealth Games

Body: Sports Authority of India (SAI) + MY Bharat (Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports).

Detail: Nationwide engagement initiatives launched ahead of the Commonwealth Games.

Lineage: Next edition — CWG 2026 hosted by Glasgow, Scotland (a slimmed-down programme).

Exam hook: Host city of upcoming Commonwealth Games = Glasgow (2026); SAI is the apex national sports body under MoYAS.

PIB 2260164 · 2026-05-12

• World Metrology Day 2026

Body: Ministry of Consumer Affairs; CSIR-NPL is India's National Metrology Institute

Detail: Observed 20 May; 2026 theme 'Metrology: Building Trust in Policy Making'; e-Maap unified digital platform launched

Lineage: 20 May marks the signing of the Metre Convention (1875)

Exam hook: Day→date→theme: World Metrology Day = 20 May; commemorates the Metre Convention (1875)

PIB 2263329 · 2026-05-20

• Obituary: Maj Gen B. C. Khanduri

Body: Condolences by PM and Vice President

Detail: Major General Bhuwan Chandra Khanduri (Retd.) — former Uttarakhand Chief Minister and former Union Minister (Road Transport & Highways); noted for road connectivity work

Exam hook: Army officer → CM of Uttarakhand → Union Highways Minister

PIB 2262701 · 2026-05-19

• International Day of Yoga 2026 — Kolkata main event, theme announced

Body: Ministry of AYUSH

Detail: IDY 2026 main event to be held at Kolkata, West Bengal on 21 June 2026; theme announced as 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'; 25-day countdown launched from the UNESCO World Heritage Site Khajuraho (MP)

Lineage: IDY declared by UN in 2014, first observed 21 June 2015; India-led resolution

Exam hook: IDY date = 21 June; 2026 theme = 'Yoga for Healthy Ageing'; 2026 main venue = KOLKATA.

PIB 2265716 · 2026-05-27

• Indian wrestlers top 2026 U23 Asian Championships

Body: PMO congratulations; Wrestling Federation of India contingent

Detail: At the 2026 U23 Asian Wrestling Championships in Da Nang, Vietnam, India's Men's Freestyle and Women's teams won the TEAM TITLES; Men's Freestyle took 9 medals (4 gold) — India's best-ever haul at this event; Women won 10 medals (6 gold); Greco-Roman took 8

Exam hook: Venue = Da Nang, Vietnam; India won both Men's Freestyle and Women's team titles at the U23 Asian Championships 2026.

PIB 2266397 · 2026-05-28