

Schemes (2)

• **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.
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• **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).
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Polity/Bodies (1)

• **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.
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IR/Diplomacy (2)

• **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.
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• **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.
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Defence (10)

• **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.

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• **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.

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• **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.

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• **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.

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• **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).

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• **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 Adamya-class Fast Patrol Vessels; over 50% indigenous content. Roles: coastal/offshore surveillance, SAR, anti-smuggling, pollution response.

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

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• **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.

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• **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).

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• 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.
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• 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.
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Environment (2)

• 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).
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• 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).
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Sci/Tech (2)

• 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).
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• 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.
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Infra (4)

• 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.
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• 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'.
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• 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.
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• 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.
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