

## Schemes (2)

• **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

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• **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)

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## Polity/Bodies (2)

• **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

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• **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

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## IR/Diplomacy (3)

• **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)

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• **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)

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• **PM Modi visit to UAE — outcomes**

**Body:** PMO / Ministry of External Affairs

**Detail:** Outcomes included a Strategic Framework for Defence Industrial collaboration, ISPRIL–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.; ISPRIL = Indian Strategic Petroleum Reserves Ltd.

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## Defence (8)

• **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

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• **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

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• **INS Sanghamitra (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 Sanghamitra, daughter of Emperor Ashoka

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

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• **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'

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• **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)

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• **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

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• **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

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## • 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  
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## • 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  
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## Environment (2)

### • 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  
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### • 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  
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## Sci/Tech (3)

### • 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  
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### • 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  
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### • 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  
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## Infra (2)

### • 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)  
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