

National News

1. PM Modi Marks UPSC Centenary Celebrations at Bharat Mandapam

Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the centenary celebrations of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.

• Key Highlights:

- **Releases:** Commemorative coin, postage stamp, and a book compiling landmark judicial pronouncements on public services.
- **i-GOT Karmayogi Platform:** PM highlighted civil services reform initiatives including continuous learning via the i-GOT (Integrated Government Online Training) platform under Mission Karmayogi.
- **Inclusivity:** Women candidates' selection in UPSC increased from 3% in 1952 to over 30% in recent batches.
- **Exam Pointer:** UPSC is a constitutional body established under Article 315 of the Constitution of India.

2. Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act Comes Into Force

The Ministry of Home Affairs officially brought into force key provisions of the Registration of Births and Deaths (Amendment) Act.

• Key Provisions:

- **Single Document Proof:** A digital birth certificate will now serve as a single document to prove date and place of birth for admission to educational institutions, issuance of driving licenses, voter lists, Aadhaar, registration of marriage, and government appointments.
- **National Database:** Mandates the creation of a centralized National and State-level

database of births and deaths to update real-time records (voter lists, ration cards, etc.).

3. FASTag Annual Pass Crosses 1 Crore Milestone

The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) announced that over 1 crore FASTag Annual Passes have been issued since its August 2025 launch.

- **Details:** Priced at ₹3,075, the pass offers 1-year validity or 200 toll plaza crossings across approximately 1,150 fee plazas nationwide.

International News

1. Fatima Zahra El Mansouri Appointed First Female Prime Minister of Morocco

King Mohammed VI of Morocco appointed Fatima Zahra El Mansouri as the country's first female Prime Minister following the parliamentary elections.

- **Background:** Mansouri is a leader of the centrist Authenticity and Modernity Party (PAM). She previously served as the Mayor of Marrakech and Minister of National Planning, Urban Planning, Housing, and Urban Policy.
- **Exam Pointer:** Capital of Morocco: Rabat | Currency: Moroccan Dirham.

2. Edward Rukidi Nyabongo I Crowned King of Tooro Kingdom (Uganda)

Journalist Edward Rukidi Nyabongo I was crowned as the new traditional King of the Tooro Kingdom in Uganda.

- **Context:** The Tooro Kingdom is one of the four traditional constitutional monarchies located in southwestern Uganda.



Economics & Banking

1. Bank of India Launches User-Level Programmable CBDC with Auto-Issuance

Bank of India (BOI) introduced user-level programmable features for the Central Bank Digital Currency (e₹ - Digital Rupee) with auto-issuance capabilities.

• Features:

- Allows retail users to program recurring payments (e.g., utility bills, subscriptions) in e₹ while restricting token usage strictly to intended purposes.

- Static Context:** The RBI initiated wholesale CBDC (e₹-W) on Nov 1, 2022, and retail CBDC (e₹-R) on Dec 1, 2022.

2. JNPA Partners with IFC for India's First Blue Financing

Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) collaborated with the International Finance Corporation (IFC) to secure India's first **Blue Financing** loan worth **\$70 Million (~₹672 Crore)**.

- Objective:** To establish Shore Power Supply (SPS) infrastructure across port terminals, enabling docked ships to run on onshore grid electricity instead of diesel generators.
- Loan Details:** 10-year USD-linked External Commercial Borrowing (ECB) without any sovereign guarantee.

3. Apple Pay Launched in India via Axis Bank

Apple officially launched Apple Pay services in India in partnership with Axis Bank, supporting Visa and Mastercard credit cards.

- Note:** The initial deployment is card tokenization-based and does not currently integrate UPI or RuPay cards.

Appointments

Name	Role / Position	Organization / Country
Anup Kumar Saha	Managing Director & CEO	Kotak Mahindra Bank (Approved by RBI)
Fatima Zahra El Mansouri	Prime Minister (1st Female PM)	Kingdom of Morocco
Edward Rukidi Nyabongo I	Traditional King	Tooro Kingdom, Uganda

Defense News

1. Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) Complete 25 Years

The Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) commemorated its Silver Jubilee (25th Anniversary).

- Theme:** "Future readiness through jointness & Integration".
- Highlights:** Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General N. S. Raja Subramani and Chief of Integrated Defence Staff Air Marshal Tejinder Singh addressed the "Trishakti Manthan" seminar. Released a silver jubilee book and presented CDS Unit Citations.
- Origin:** HQ IDS was created on October 1, 2001, following recommendations of the Kargil Review Committee.

2. Defence Accounts Department (DAD) 279th Annual Day

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated new digital initiatives during the 279th Annual

Day of the Defence Accounts Department at DRDO Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Key Digital Platforms:**
 - SAKSHAM Integration:** Linked with the Army's IAFIS (Indian Army Financial Information System).
 - PRISM:** Comprehensive payments platform integrated directly with the RBI's **e-Kuber** portal for institutional defence disbursements.

Govt Schemes, Policies & MoUs

1. PM-RKVY Sanction and "Khet Bachao Abhiyan"

The Central Government sanctioned over ₹1,200 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) across 10 states.

- Campaign Launch:** Announced the upcoming **Khet Bachao Abhiyan** (Oct 22 – Nov 30) focusing on restoring soil health and promoting balanced fertilizer application.

2. MoU Between MoMSME and MoSPI

The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI).

- Objective:** To integrate MSME administrative databases directly into the **Statistical Business Register (SBR)** for real-time tracking of enterprise health.

Art, Culture & Festivals

1. India Adds 5 Cultural Sites to UNESCO Tentative List

India added 5 new cultural sites to its UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List, raising the national total to **78 sites**.

- Bagh Cave Paintings** (Madhya Pradesh - Buddhist rock-cut murals)
- Group of Temples of the Chambal Valley** (Madhya Pradesh)
- Udayagiri Caves** (Madhya Pradesh - Gupta-era rock-cut sanctuary)
- Ginnorgarh Fort & Tribal Heritage** (Madhya Pradesh)
- Sites of Satyagraha** (Serial transnational proposal connecting India & South Africa)

2. Jharkhand's Folk Instrument 'Mandar' Awarded GI Tag

The Geographical Indications Registry (Chennai) granted the GI Tag to '**Mandar of Jharkhand**'.

- Significance:** Mandar is a two-sided percussion instrument integral to tribal folk music and harvest festivals (such as Sarhul and Karma) in Jharkhand.

Sports News

Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Woman Grandmaster (WGM)

11-year-old Indian-origin prodigy **Bodhana Sivanandan** (playing for England) created history by becoming the youngest-ever Woman Grandmaster at the 46th Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

- Performance:** Scored 8 points across 11 rounds playing on England's top board.

Important Days & Themes

Date	Observance	Theme 2026 / Details
1 October	International Day of Older Persons	"The Age of Longevity: Rethinking"

Date	Observance	Theme 2026 / Details
		<i>Systems for Longer Lives"</i> (Established by UNGA Res 45/106)
1 October	International Coffee Day	<i>"Coffee is Part of the Solution"</i>
1 October	National Voluntary Blood Donation Day	<i>"One Drop of Humanity. Give Blood. Save Lives."</i> (National event at Lady Hardinge Medical College)

Birth & Death Anniversaries

Birth Anniversary: Sivaji Ganesan (1 October 1928)

- Profile:** V. Chinnaiya Manrayar Ganesamoorthy (popularly known as **Sivaji Ganesan**) was one of Tamil cinema's most iconic actors.
- Honors:** Dadasaheb Phalke Award (1997), Chevalier of the Ordre des Arts et des Lettres (1995), and Padma Bhushan (1984).

Practice MCQs for Upcoming Exams

Q1. Which public sector bank launched user-level programmable Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) with auto-issuance capabilities on October 1, 2026?

- (A) State Bank of India
- (B) Bank of Baroda
- (C) Bank of India

(D) Punjab National Bank

Answer: (C) Bank of India

Explanation: Bank of India launched user-level programmable e₹ (CBDC) enabling users to schedule recurring payments with designated end-use restrictions.

Q2. Who among the following was appointed as Morocco's first female Prime Minister in October 2026?

- (A) Najla Bouden
- (B) Fatima Zahra El Mansouri
- (C) Sheikh Hasina
- (D) Judith Suminwa

Answer: (B) Fatima Zahra El Mansouri

Explanation: Fatima Zahra El Mansouri was appointed by King Mohammed VI as Morocco's first female Prime Minister.

Q3. Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA) secured India's first Blue Financing loan of \$70 million from which international organization?

- (A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- (B) World Bank
- (C) New Development Bank (NDB)
- (D) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Answer: (D) International Finance Corporation (IFC)

Explanation: JNPA partnered with the IFC (World Bank Group) for \$70M blue financing to build Shore Power Supply (SPS) infrastructure.

Q4. What is the theme for the International Day of Older Persons observed on 1st October 2026?

- (A) Digital Equity for All Ages
- (B) The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives
- (C) Fulfilling the Promises of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

(D) Resilience of Older Persons in a Changing World

Answer: (B) The Age of Longevity: Rethinking Systems for Longer Lives

Explanation: Designated by UN Resolution 45/106, the 2026 theme focuses on rethinking healthcare, social security, and urban systems for expanding longevity.

National News & Governance

Q1. Which state received India's first "PRAMAAN" forest certification handed over by Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupender Yadav?

- A) Madhya Pradesh
- B) Andhra Pradesh
- C) Uttarakhand
- D) Odisha

Answer: B) Andhra Pradesh

Explanation: Union Minister Bhupender Yadav launched India's first national forest certification scheme, **PRAMAAN** (Programme for Recognition and Accreditation of sustainable Management practices for Agroforestry And Natural forestry resources). Under this framework, the country's first official forest certification was formally handed over to the state of **Andhra Pradesh**. PRAMAAN aims to standardize and incentivize sustainable forestry, agroforestry, and timber supply chain management in alignment with global climate standards.

Q2. The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 (AFSPA) for a further six months, effective 1 October 2026, in notified areas of which set of states?

- A) Assam, Meghalaya, and Nagaland
- B) Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh

C) Jammu & Kashmir, Punjab, and Himachal Pradesh

D) Tripura, Mizoram, and Assam

Answer: B) Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation: The Ministry of Home Affairs extended the operational scope of **AFSPA, 1958** in designated "disturbed areas" of **Manipur, Nagaland, and Arunachal Pradesh** for six months starting 1 October 2026. The periodic review evaluates security dynamics, counter-insurgency parameters, and border stability across northeastern states.

Q3. Which initiative was recently identified by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) to target model urban cleanliness across 50 selected cities?

- A) SWACHH-50
- B) PRAGATI-50
- C) NIDHI-50
- D) AMRUT-CLEAN 50

Answer: B) PRAGATI-50

Explanation: The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) introduced the **PRAGATI-50 initiative**, identifying 50 cities across India to establish benchmark practices in municipal waste management, continuous urban sanitation monitoring, and automated public cleanliness frameworks.

Q4. The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) launched five new digital initiatives at 'Aadhaar Samvaad' in Kolkata to mark which milestone day?

- A) 10th Aadhaar Day
- B) 15th Aadhaar Day
- C) 17th Aadhaar Day
- D) 20th Aadhaar Day

Answer: C) 17th Aadhaar Day

Explanation: UIDAI commemorated the issuance of the first Aadhaar number (originally issued on 29 September 2010) during the **17th Aadhaar Day** event held in Kolkata. During the 'Aadhaar Samvaad' conference, UIDAI rolled out five key technical upgrades: Face Authentication for ePDS, SWIK Portal 2.0, Sub-AUA/Sub-KUA (LITE) framework, a revamp of the UIDAI website, and a New Token Management System.

Q5. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the PRAHAAR Counterterrorism (CT) Policy Conference and launched an online portal dedicated to which process?

- A) Arms Licensing
- B) Extradition Portal
- C) Cyber Incident Reporting
- D) Border Passports

Answer: B) Extradition Portal

Explanation: At the **PRAHAAR CT Policy Conference**, Union Minister Amit Shah launched a dedicated **Extradition Portal**. The portal streamlines multi-agency tracking, diplomatic document management, and international legal assistance requests (MLATs) to expedite the extradition of fugitive criminals and terror suspects back to India.

Banking & Economics

Q6. Apple launched its contactless payment service, Apple Pay, in India in partnership with which banking institution?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) State Bank of India
- C) Axis Bank
- D) ICICI Bank

Answer: C) Axis Bank

Explanation: Apple officially launched **Apple Pay in India**. The initial launch is card-based, supporting **Axis Bank Visa and Mastercard credit cards**. The service initially excludes RuPay cards and direct Unified Payments Interface (UPI) integration.

Q7. Which Public Sector Bank became the first in India to launch User-Level Programmable Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) with Auto-Issuance?

- A) Punjab National Bank
- B) Bank of Baroda
- C) Bank of India
- D) Canara Bank

Answer: C) Bank of India

Explanation: Bank of India (BOI) launched a **User-Level Programmable Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) with Auto-Issuance**. This mechanism allows retail and corporate users to set conditional, purpose-bound automated payments using the retail Digital Rupee (*eINR - R*), such as fuel allowances or educational stipends.

Q8. Sagarmala Finance Corporation launched India's first-ever "Blue Bond" to raise ₹600 crore primarily for which sector?

- A) Solar power installations
- B) Maritime and coastal infrastructure
- C) High-speed railway corridors
- D) Telecom network expansion

Answer: B) Maritime and coastal infrastructure

Explanation: Sagarmala Finance Corporation issued India's debut **Blue Bond** targeting ₹600 crore. Proceeds are restricted to sustainable maritime development, including port decarbonization, green shipping lanes, shore-to-ship power infrastructure, and coastal ecosystem restoration.

Q9. According to recent Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, India's net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) hit a five-year high of \$7.35 billion during which month?

- A) May 2026
- B) June 2026
- C) July 2026
- D) August 2026

Answer: C) July 2026

Explanation: RBI monthly bulletin figures recorded that India's net FDI inflows reached USD 7.35 billion in July 2026, registering a 5-year single-month peak. The surge was driven by manufacturing, digital infrastructure, renewable energy, and financial services.

Q10. Which ministry released the trial Sub-Sectoral Index of Services Production (ISP) covering 19 sub-sectors?

- A) Ministry of Finance
- B) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)
- D) NITI Aayog

Answer: C) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI)

Explanation: MoSPI released the trial Index of Services Production (ISP) for 19 key sub-sectors. The ISP measures real-time output trends in services like IT, logistics, healthcare, and financial intermediation, serving as a high-frequency economic tracking tool alongside the Index of Industrial Production (IIP).

International News

Q11. Which country officially concluded its 12-year military mission and completed the full withdrawal of its forces from air bases in Iraq?

- A) United Kingdom

- B) United States
- C) France
- D) Australia

Answer: B) United States

Explanation: The United States completed the complete drawdown and withdrawal of all American troops from military airbases in Iraq under a bilateral accord signed between Baghdad and Washington, ending a 12-year combat and anti-ISIS advisory mission.

Q12. India and the European Union (EU) signed and operationalized a bilateral agreement on resilient semiconductor supply chains under which joint institutional mechanism?

- A) India-EU Free Trade Agreement Council
- B) Trade and Technology Council (TTC)
- C) Indo-Pacific Digital Forum
- D) Global Partnership on AI

Answer: B) Trade and Technology Council (TTC)

Explanation: India and the European Union operationalized a strategic agreement to secure resilient semiconductor supply chains under the framework of the India-EU Trade and Technology Council (TTC). The pact facilitates joint research, raw material supply sharing, and chip manufacturing collaboration.

Q13. Former media personality and anchor Edward Rukidi Kijangoma was recently crowned as the King of which traditional kingdom?

- A) Buganda Kingdom (Uganda)
- B) Tooro Kingdom (Uganda)
- C) Zulu Kingdom (South Africa)
- D) Ashanti Kingdom (Ghana)

Answer: B) Tooro Kingdom (Uganda)

Explanation: Former TV anchor **Edward Rukidi Kijanangoma** was crowned as the traditional monarch of the historic **Tooro Kingdom** in **Uganda**, marking an important cultural and traditional succession event in East Africa.

Q14. According to a joint global report by UN-Water and UNICEF, how many school-going children in India lacked basic hygiene services in 2025?

- A) 5 million
- B) 10 million
- C) 20 million
- D) 50 million

Answer: C) 20 million

Explanation: The UN global assessment on WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) in schools highlighted that out of 362 million children globally without basic hygiene services, **20 million were from India**. The report emphasizes targeted infrastructure funding under national school hygiene programs.

Defense News

Q15. Where was the 2nd edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2026 held from 29 September to 1 October 2026?

- A) Eastern Naval Command, Visakhapatnam
- B) Western Naval Command, Mumbai
- C) Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi
- D) INS Mandovi, Goa

Answer: C) Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi

Explanation: The senior leadership of the Indian Navy convened at **Nausena Bhawan, New Delhi**, for the **2nd Naval Commanders' Conference of 2026**. The conference reviewed operational readiness in the Indian Ocean Region (IOR), indigenization milestones, and maritime security dynamics.

Q16. The 9th edition of the joint military exercise "KAZIND-2026" between India and Kazakhstan was organized at which venue?

- A) Umroi, Meghalaya
- B) Oskemen, Kazakhstan
- C) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand
- D) Almaty, Kazakhstan

Answer: B) Oskemen, Kazakhstan

Explanation: The 9th edition of Exercise **KAZIND-2026**—the annual joint military exercise between the Indian Army/Air Force and the Kazakhstan Armed Forces—took place at **Oskemen, Kazakhstan**. The drill focuses on counter-terrorism operations under UN mandates in semi-urban and mountainous terrain.

Q17. "Tarang Shakti 2026", a major multinational air exercise featuring air forces from 40 nations, was hosted by the Indian Air Force at which air base?

- A) Ambala
- B) Jodhpur
- C) Hasimara
- D) Bareilly

Answer: B) Jodhpur

Explanation: The Indian Air Force conducted its flag-ship multinational air exercise **Tarang Shakti 2026** at **Air Force Station Jodhpur**. The exercise saw participation from over 40 countries, demonstrating complex fighter maneuvers, air-to-air refueling, and joint interoperability.

Q18. Under which shipbuilding program did the Indian Navy construct its modern stealth guided-missile destroyers with over 75% indigenous content?

- A) Project 17A

- B) Project 15B
- C) Project 28
- D) Project 75I

Answer: B) Project 15B

Explanation: Project 15B (Visakhapatnam-class destroyers) represents the Indian Navy's flagship stealth guided-missile destroyer class. Built with over 75% domestic components at Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL), these ships feature BrahMos supersonic missiles and anti-submarine warfare suites.

Sports News

Q19. At the 2026 Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, the Indian women's compound archery team won the gold medal by defeating which country in the final?

- A) South Korea
- B) China
- C) Chinese Taipei
- D) Kazakhstan

Answer: B) China

Explanation: The Indian women's compound archery team—comprising Jyothi Surekha Vennam, Prithika Pradeep, and Chikitha Thaniparthi—secured the gold medal by defeating China with a score of 238-234.

Q20. Which Indian shooting pair won the gold medal in the mixed trap shooting event at the 2026 Asian Games?

- A) Manu Bhaker and Saurabh Chaudhary
- B) Neeru Dhanda and Kynan Chenai
- C) Esha Singh and Anish Bhanwala
- D) Rajeshwari Kumari and Manavjit Singh Sandhu

Answer: B) Neeru Dhanda and Kynan Chenai

Explanation: Indian shooters Neeru Dhanda and Kynan Chenai clinched the gold medal in the mixed trap team event at the Asian Games, defeating their final opponents in a target shoot-out.

Q21. Where will the 2026 Asian Para Games be held from 18 to 24 October 2026, marking India's 5th appearance at the event?

- A) Hangzhou, China
- B) Aichi-Nagoya, Japan
- C) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- D) Bangkok, Thailand

Answer: B) Aichi-Nagoya, Japan

Explanation: The 5th Asian Para Games are scheduled to take place in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, from 18 to 24 October 2026. India will send a large contingent across disciplines including para-athletics, para-archery, and para-badminton.

Art, Culture, Festivals & GI Tags

Q22. The traditional folk musical instrument "Mandar" was recently granted a Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It belongs to which Indian state?

- A) Odisha
- B) Jharkhand
- C) Chhattisgarh
- D) West Bengal

Answer: B) Jharkhand

Explanation: The "Mandar", a traditional double-headed drum made of clay and animal hide integral to tribal folk music and dances (like Sarhul and Sohrai), was awarded the official Geographical Indication (GI) tag for Jharkhand by the GI Registry in Chennai.

Q23. India added five new sites to its UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List. Which among the



following rock-cut cave complexes in Madhya Pradesh was included?

- A) Ajanta Caves
- B) Bagh Caves
- C) Elephanta Caves
- D) Badami Caves

Answer: B) Bagh Caves

Explanation: The **Bagh Caves** (a group of nine rock-cut Buddhist caves on the banks of the Baghni River in Dhar district, MP) and **Udaigiri Caves** near Bhopal were formally included in India's **UNESCO Tentative List for World Heritage Sites**.

Q24. Media accreditation opened on 1 October 2026 for the 57th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI), hosted in which venue?

- A) Mumbai, Maharashtra
- B) Panaji, Goa
- C) Kolkata, West Bengal
- D) New Delhi

Answer: B) Panaji, Goa

Explanation: The **57th edition of IFFI** will take place from 20 to 28 November 2026 in **Panaji, Goa**. The Press Information Bureau (PIB) opened the online registration portal for media delegate accreditation on 1 October 2026.

Science, Tech & Environment

Q25. Which Indian institution developed the "Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager" to map nanoscale magnetic fields in semiconductor integrated circuits?

- A) IISc Bengaluru
- B) IIT Bombay
- C) IIT Madras
- D) TIFR Mumbai

Answer: B) IIT Bombay

Explanation: Researchers at **IIT Bombay** developed the **Quantum Diamond Microchip Imager**. Using nitrogen-vacancy (NV) centers in synthetic diamonds, the tool non-invasively maps microscopic magnetic fields and current flows in semiconductor chips.

Q26. Recent amendments notified to the Wetland Conservation and Management Rules focus on creating which digital tool for urban water bodies?

- A) Satellite-linked fishing permits
- B) Digital inventory of urban water bodies
- C) Mandatory commercial aquaculture licensing
- D) Ban on indigenous boat operations

Answer: B) Digital inventory of urban water bodies

Explanation: Amendments to the **Wetland Conservation and Management Rules** mandate state wetland authorities to build a **digital inventory of urban water bodies** using GIS mapping to halt encroachments and monitor ecological degradation.

Q27. Hyderabad-based space technology startup TakeMe2Space is developing India's first networked orbital data centre planned for launch aboard which rocket?

- A) PSLV-C60
- B) LVM3
- C) SpaceX Falcon 9
- D) Ariane 6

Answer: C) SpaceX Falcon 9

Explanation: Space startup **TakeMe2Space** is engineering India's first **networked orbital data centre constellation** scheduled for a 2028 launch on a **SpaceX Falcon 9** mission, allowing edge AI data processing directly in orbit.

Awards & Important Days

Q28. Which national academy announced 20 awards at the 65th National Exhibition of Art?

- A) Sangeet Natak Akademi
- B) Sahitya Akademi
- C) Lalit Kala Akademi
- D) National School of Drama

Answer: C) Lalit Kala Akademi

Explanation: Lalit Kala Akademi (National Academy of Art) selected 20 artists for the National Award at the 65th National Exhibition of Art, honoring excellence in painting, sculpture, graphic art, and contemporary installation design.

Q29. International Day of Older Persons is observed globally every year on 1 October. Which UN General Assembly resolution established this observance?

- A) Resolution 40/10
- B) Resolution 45/106
- C) Resolution 50/200
- D) Resolution 55/12

Answer: B) Resolution 45/106

Explanation: The UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 45/106 on 14 December 1990, designating 1 October as the International Day of Older Persons. It was first observed globally on 1 October 1991 to raise awareness about elder care and healthy aging.

Q30. Which annual awareness day, established in 1977 by the North American Vegetarian Society (NAVS), is celebrated worldwide on 1 October?

- A) World Vegan Day
- B) World Food Safety Day
- C) World Vegetarian Day

D) Global Nutrition Day

Answer: C) World Vegetarian Day

Explanation: World Vegetarian Day is observed annually on 1 October. Founded by the North American Vegetarian Society in 1977 and endorsed by the International Vegetarian Union in 1978, the day promotes plant-based nutrition and sustainable food habits.

