

Government Schemes & Governance

Cabinet Approves GOBARdhan: National Unified Compressed Biogas (CBG) Scheme

The Union Cabinet approved **GOBARdhan**, designated as India's National Unified Scheme for Compressed Biogas, with a total financial outlay of **₹23,731 crore** for the period from FY 2026–27 to FY 2035–36.

- **Administered By:** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoP&NG).
- **Core Objective:** Convert agricultural residue, cattle dung, organic municipal waste, and biomass into clean fuel (CBG) and organic manure.
- **Key Mechanisms:**
 - Introduces an administered CBG benchmark price of **₹2,110 per MMBTU** (Metric Million British Thermal Unit).
 - Establishes a **Credit Guarantee Mechanism** for MSME-based CBG projects to reduce collateral constraints.
 - Mandates a **CBG Procurement Trajectory** for City Gas Distribution (CGD) entities: 3% in FY 2026–27, 4% in FY 2027–28, and 5% from FY 2028–29 onwards.
 - Sets up a **Dedicated CBG Ecosystem Challenge Fund** for district-level feedstock mapping and infrastructure.

NITI Aayog Report on Care Economy

NITI Aayog released a report titled "Reimagining Care: Strategies for Empowering Caregivers in Viksit Bharat @2047".

- Recommends setting up a **National Carer Council (NCC)** to standardize, regulate, and professionalize caregiving services across formal and informal care sectors in India.

- Focuses on integrating social security and institutional support for domestic and health caregivers.

Task Force on Examination Reforms

Prime Minister Narendra Modi constituted a high-powered task force headed by **Nandan Nilekani**. The panel is tasked with recommending tech-driven, tamper-proof reforms to restructure India's national competitive examination system.

Practice Question (Govt Schemes)

Q1. What is the total financial outlay approved by the Union Cabinet for the GOBARdhan National Unified Scheme for Compressed Biogas?

- (A) ₹15,200 crore
(B) ₹18,500 crore
(C) ₹23,731 crore
(D) ₹28,450 crore

Answer: (C) ₹23,731 crore

Explanation: The Cabinet approved the GOBARdhan scheme with an outlay of ₹23,731 crore, covering implementation from FY 2026–27 through FY 2035–36.

Economics & Banking Affairs

RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) Review – August 2026

The Reserve Bank of India's MPC maintained a steady course during its August 2026 policy announcement:

Parameter	Policy Rate / Projection
Repo Rate	Maintained at 5.25% (Unanimous decision)



Parameter	Policy Rate / Projection
Monetary Policy Stance	Retained " Neutral "
FY27 Real GDP Projection	Upgraded by 10 bps to 6.7% (from 6.6%)
FY27 CPI Inflation Projection	Revised down to 5.0% (from 5.1%)
Core Inflation Estimate	Revised down to 4.3%

- **Key Takeaway:** Growth remains resilient driven by services and manufacturing, while core inflation stays anchored, giving space to maintain rate stability.

Regulatory & Corporate Banking Developments

- **Perpetual AD-II Licence:** RBI granted a perpetual **Authorised Dealer Category II (AD-II)** licence to fintech entities Niyo Forex and GlobalPay under FEMA regulations, enabling expanded cross-border remittance facilities.
- **Supreme Court Directions on Cyber Fraud:** The Supreme Court ordered RBI, MHA, and telecom agencies to establish standard operating procedures (SOPs) to freeze **mule accounts** and prevent "digital arrest" extortion scams.

Practice Question (Economics & Banking)

Q2. As per the RBI Monetary Policy decision of August 2026, what is the revised GDP growth projection for India for FY 2026-27?

- (A) 6.4%

(B) 6.5%

(C) 6.7%

(D) 7.0%

Answer: (C) 6.7%

Explanation: RBI upgraded India's GDP growth forecast for FY 2026-27 (FY27) by 10 basis points to 6.7%.

International News & Multilateral Events

BRICS Summits & Track-II Engagements under India's 2026 Chairship

India holds the **BRICS Presidency in 2026** and hosted multiple high-level sectoral meetings:

- **13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting:** Convened in **Bhubaneswar, Odisha**.
- **BRICS Meeting of Heads of NSOs:** National Statistical Offices (NSOs) met in **Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh** around the theme "Quality Statistics as a Driver of Change".
- **3rd BRICS Culture Working Group (CWG) Meeting:** Held in **Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh**.
- **2nd BRICS Anti-Corruption Working Group (ACWG) Meeting:** Organized in **Hyderabad, Telangana**.

UN Secretary-General Straw Poll

The UN Security Council (UNSC) initiated its first informal straw poll for selecting the next **United Nations Secretary-General (UNSG)**. The successful candidate's 5-year term will commence on **1 January 2027**.

Practice Question (International Affairs)

Q3. Which Indian city hosted the 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting under India's 2026 Chairship?

(A) Lucknow

(B) Bhubaneswar

(C) Bhopal

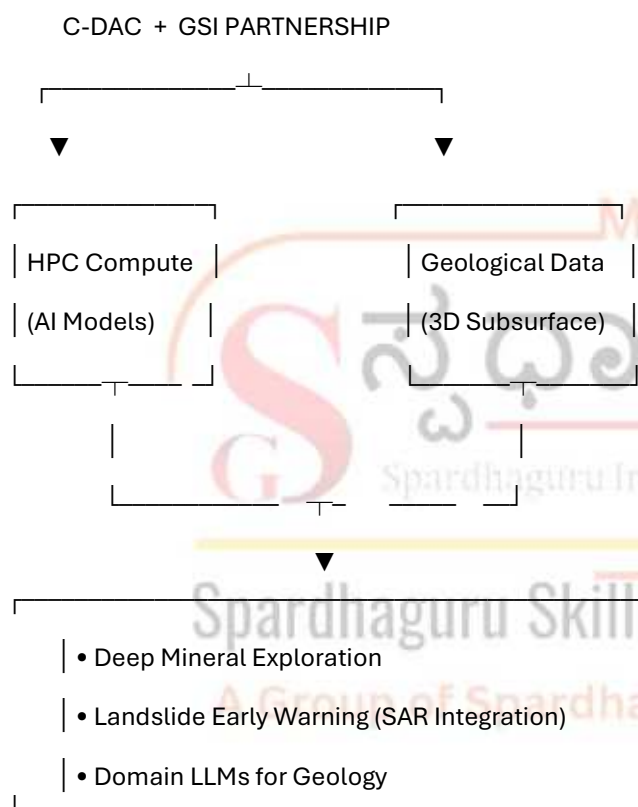


(D) Hyderabad

Answer: (B) Bhubaneswar

Explanation: Under India's 2026 BRICS Presidency, Bhubaneswar hosted the 13th BRICS Education Ministers' Meeting.

MoUs, Science & Technology



C-DAC and GSI Strategic MoU

The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) signed an MoU with the Geological Survey of India (GSI) in the presence of MeitY officials.

- **Key Focus:** Combines C-DAC's High-Performance Computing (HPC) with GSI's mapping data for **3D subsurface geological mapping**, mineral target generation, and Synthetic Aperture Radar (SAR)-based landslide early warning platforms.

Nuclear Training Programme: 'ANUGYAN'

- **Partnership:** IIT Hyderabad launched **ANUGYAN** (Nuclear Technology Orientation Programme) in collaboration with Crimson Energy Experts.
- **Significance:** Represents India's first industry-academia training initiative structured for nuclear tech skill enhancement.

Agriculture Genetics Milestone

- **ICAR Pigeonpea Genome:** Scientists at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) successfully sequenced the first fully annotated **Telomere-to-Telomere (T2T) reference genome** for the Asha variety of pigeonpea (*Cajanus cajan*).
- **Impact:** Identified 36,557 genes to aid in breeding climate-resilient and high-yielding pulse varieties.

Practice Question (Science & Tech)

Q4. 'ANUGYAN', India's first industry-academia nuclear technology training initiative, was launched by which institution in collaboration with Crimson Energy Experts?

- (A) IIT Bombay
- (B) IIT Madras
- (C) IIT Hyderabad
- (D) IISc Bengaluru

Answer: (C) IIT Hyderabad

Explanation: IIT Hyderabad launched the 'ANUGYAN' Nuclear Technology Orientation Programme alongside Crimson Energy Experts.

Defense & National Security

IAF Procurement for Garud Special Forces

The Indian Air Force (IAF) issued a formal Request for Information (RFI) to procure advanced sniper rifles tailored specifically for its elite **Garud Special Forces**.



Extradition & Fugitive Economic Offenders Data

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) presented data to Parliament indicating that India successfully brought back **274 fugitive criminals** from **36 countries** between 2019 and 2026.

Context: *Under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEOA), 2018, a fugitive economic offender is defined as an individual against whom an arrest warrant is issued for scheduled economic offenses involving ₹100 crore or more.*

Practice Question (Defense)

Q5. What is the threshold economic offense amount required to declare an individual a 'Fugitive Economic Offender' under Indian law?

- (A) ₹20 crore
- (B) ₹50 crore
- (C) ₹100 crore
- (D) ₹250 crore

Answer: (C) ₹100 crore

Explanation: *Under the Fugitive Economic Offenders Act, 2018, an individual facing arrest warrants for financial fraud involving ₹100 crore or more can be declared an FEO.*

Appointments, Awards & Art & Culture

Key Appointments

1. **Prasanta Mahapatra:** Assumed charge as Executive Director (ED) of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He oversees the Corporation Finance Investigation Department (CFID) and Recovery & Refund Department (RRD).
2. **Dua Lipa:** Appointed curator for the **2026 London Literature Festival** hosted at the Southbank Centre.

Environment & Wildlife Action

- **Clouded Leopard Conservation Action Plan:** Approved during the 91st Standing Committee meeting of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) to establish targeted scientific monitoring and habitat protection across Northeast India.

Practice Question (Appointments)

Q6. Prasanta Mahapatra has recently been appointed as the Executive Director of which regulatory body?

- (A) RBI
- (B) SEBI
- (C) IRDAI
- (D) PFRDA

Answer: (B) SEBI

Explanation: *Prasanta Mahapatra took charge as SEBI Executive Director overseeing CFID and RRD.*

Sports News

- **Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships:** Yashaswini Ghorpade clinched the Gold medal in the Women's Singles event.
- **BWF Para World Circuit:** Para shuttler Biri Takar from Arunachal Pradesh secured a double medal finish.
- **BWF World Championship Seedings:** PV Sindhu received 9th seed in Women's Singles, while the men's doubles duo Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty were seeded 5th.

Practice Question (Sports)

Q7. Yashaswini Ghorpade recently won the Women's Singles Gold Medal in which sport?

- (A) Badminton
- (B) Table Tennis

- (C) Squash
(D) Lawn Tennis

Answer: (B) Table Tennis

Explanation: *Yashaswini Ghorpade won gold in the Women's Singles category at the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships.*

Important Days & Historical Context

Hiroshima Day (6th August)

Observed globally every year on **August 6** to mark the anniversary of the 1945 atomic bombing of Hiroshima, Japan.

Historical Factsheet: Hiroshima Atomic Bombing (6 August 1945)	
Aircraft ("Enola Gay")	US B-29 Superfortress
Bomb Codename	"Little Boy" (Uranium-235 weapon)
Focal Memorial Site	Genbaku Dome (Peace Memorial Park)
UNESCO Status	Designated World Heritage Site (1996)

Practice Question (Important Days)

Q8. The Genbaku Dome, a symbol associated with Hiroshima Day, was designated as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in which year?

- (A) 1985
(B) 1991
(C) 1996
(D) 2001

Answer: (C) 1996

Explanation: The Genbaku Dome (Hiroshima Peace Memorial), the primary structural survivor of the 1945 blast, became a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1996.

National News

Q1 Which institution released the report titled "Reimagining Care: Strategies for Empowering Caregivers in Viksit Bharat @2047" recommending the establishment of a National Carer Council?

- A) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
B) NITI Aayog
C) Quality Council of India
D) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Answer: B) NITI Aayog

Explanation: NITI Aayog advocated creating a National Carer Council (NCC) to standardize, regulate, and professionalize caregiving services across India.

Q2 Where was the Meeting of Heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of BRICS member countries hosted by India in August 2026?

- A) New Delhi
B) Bengaluru
C) Lucknow
D) Hyderabad

Answer: C) Lucknow

Explanation: India hosted the BRICS Heads of NSOs meeting in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, focusing on statistical cooperation.

Q3 In August 2026, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry clarified that India does NOT import ethanol for fuel blending from which nation?

- A) Brazil
B) United States
C) Australia



D) Indonesia

Answer: B) United States

Explanation: The Commerce Ministry clarified that 100% of the ethanol used under the Ethanol Blended with Petrol (EBP) Programme is sourced domestically, denying rumors of US imports.

International News

Q4 Air India signed a major codeshare agreement in August 2026 with which national airline to connect Delhi/Mumbai to Baku?

- A) Qatar Airways
- B) Azerbaijan Airlines (AZAL)
- C) Emirates
- D) Gulf Air

Answer: B) Azerbaijan Airlines (AZAL)

Explanation: Air India partnered with Azerbaijan Airlines to place its 'AI' code on flights connecting Delhi and Mumbai with Baku.

Q5 According to Ministry of Home Affairs data, how many fugitive criminals were brought back to India from overseas between 2019 and 2026?

- A) 150
- B) 274
- C) 320
- D) 512

Answer: B) 274

Explanation: MHA reported that India extradited or brought back 274 fugitive offenders from 36 different countries between 2019 and 2026.

Q6 Hiroshima Day, observed annually on August 6, commemorates the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in which year?

- A) 1942

B) 1944

C) 1945

D) 1948

Answer: C) 1945

Explanation: On August 6, 1945, the atomic bomb "Little Boy" was dropped on Hiroshima, Japan. August 6, 2026, marked its 81st anniversary.

Banking & Finance

Q7 Which entity received a perpetual Authorised Dealer Category II (AD II) licence from the Reserve Bank of India under updated FEMA 2026 regulations?

- A) Paytm Payments Bank
- B) Niyo Forex
- C) PhonePe Solutions
- D) Razorpay Financial

Answer: B) Niyo Forex

Explanation: RBI granted perpetual AD Category II licences to Niyo Forex (via Kanji Forex) and WSFx GlobalPay under the 2026 FEMA framework.

Q8 In August 2026, the Central Government released an additional tax devolution of ₹1,09,019 crore to states. Which state received the largest share?

- A) Bihar
- B) Maharashtra
- C) Uttar Pradesh
- D) West Bengal

Answer: C) Uttar Pradesh

Explanation: Uttar Pradesh received the highest devolution share at ₹19,208 crore, followed by Bihar at ₹10,845 crore.



Q9 Who was appointed as Deputy Governor of the Reserve Bank of India to succeed T. Rabi Sankar?

- A) Swaminathan J.
- B) Rohit Jain
- C) Michael Patra
- D) M. Rajeshwar Rao

Answer: B) Rohit Jain

Explanation: Rohit Jain, previously Executive Director in charge of Department of Supervision, was cleared for appointment as RBI Deputy Governor.

Defense News

Q10 Who became the FIRST woman fighter pilot in the Indian Air Force to successfully complete the Fighter Combat Leader (FCL) course?

- A) Avani Chaturvedi
- B) Mohana Singh
- C) Bhawana Kanth
- D) Shivangi Singh

Answer: C) Bhawana Kanth

Explanation: Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth cleared the Fighter Combat Leader (FCL) course on August 6, 2026, becoming India's first woman pilot to achieve this milestone.

Q11 India successfully test-fired which nuclear-capable intermediate-range ballistic missile from Chandipur, Odisha, on August 6, 2026?

- A) Agni-1
- B) Agni-3
- C) Agni-4
- D) Pralay

Answer: C) Agni-4

Explanation: The Strategic Forces Command successfully conducted a user test-launch of the

nuclear-capable Agni-4 ballistic missile from Chandipur.

Defense & Tech MoU

Q12 An Umbrella MoU was signed in August 2026 between C-DAC and which national scientific organisation to boost supercomputing in mineral exploration?

- A) ISRO
- B) Geological Survey of India (GSI)
- C) DRDO
- D) Survey of India

Answer: B) Geological Survey of India (GSI)

Explanation: C-DAC and GSI signed an umbrella MoU at Electronics Niketan, New Delhi, to leverage advanced computing in geoscience and mineral mapping.

Appointments

Q13 Who was recommended by the AIFF Technical Committee as the head coach of the India U-15 men's national football team?

- A) Igor Stimac
- B) Manolo Marquez
- C) Bibiano Fernandes
- D) Mahesh Gawli

Answer: C) Bibiano Fernandes

Explanation: Bibiano Fernandes was appointed as head coach for the India U-15 men's team for the inaugural FIFA U15 tournament.

Q14 Ravi Shankar was appointed Executive Director at the RBI, heading which department?

- A) Department of Supervision
- B) Department of Statistics and Information Management (DSIM)
- C) Financial Stability Unit
- D) Foreign Exchange Department

Answer: B) Department of Statistics and Information Management (DSIM)

Explanation: Career central banker Ravi Shankar was elevated to Executive Director in charge of DSIM at the RBI.

Awards & Honors

Q15 Which scientist received the prestigious COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal for contributions to space research and astrophysics?

- A) Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam
- B) Dr. S. Somanath
- C) Dr. V. Narayanan
- D) Dr. Tessy Thomas

Answer: A) Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam

Explanation: Prof. Annapurni Subramaniam, Director of the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, was awarded the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal.

Q16 Late Dr. D. Y. Patil, who passed away in August 2026, was awarded the Padma Shri in 1991 for his achievements in which field?

- A) Medicine & Surgery
- B) Literature & Journalism
- C) Education & Social Service
- D) Civil Services

Answer: C) Education & Social Service

Explanation: D. Y. Patil ("Shikshanmaharshi") was awarded the Padma Shri in 1991 for his contributions to education and social work.

Government Schemes

Q17 What is the name of India's first industry-academia nuclear technology orientation program launched by IIT Hyderabad and Crimson Energy?

- A) PARAMANU
- B) ANUGYAN
- C) ATOM-INDIA
- D) NUCLEUS-2026

Answer: B) ANUGYAN

Explanation: IIT Hyderabad and Crimson Energy launched 'ANUGYAN' (Nuclear Technology Orientation Programme) to bridge academic training and industrial application in nuclear technology.

Q18 Under Union Budget 2026-27 allocations for textiles, which initiative focuses on strengthening khadi, handloom, ODOP, and rural youth empowerment?

- A) PM-MITRA Scheme
- B) Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative
- C) SAMARTH Scheme
- D) Silk Samagra 2.0

Answer: B) Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative

Explanation: The Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative integrates khadi, handloom, ODOP, and rural youth skilling with global market linkages.

MoUs & Industry

Q19 Jupiter Wagons Limited partnered with which country's Lucchini RS Holding to establish India's first integrated private-sector railwheel plant?

- A) Germany
- B) Japan
- C) Italy
- D) France

Answer: C) Italy



Explanation: JWL partnered with Italy's Lucchini RS Holding S.p.A. and SIMEST to form Jupiter Tatravagonka Railwheel Factory.

Science & Agriculture

Q20 Scientists at ICAR developed India's first fully annotated Telomere-to-Telomere (T2T) reference genome for which crop variety?

- A) Wheat variety 'PBW 343'
- B) Pigeonpea (Arhar) variety 'Asha'
- C) Rice variety 'IR 64'
- D) Mustard variety 'Varuna'

Answer: B) Pigeonpea (Arhar) variety 'Asha'

Explanation: ICAR decoded the high-precision T2T reference genome of Pigeonpea (*Cajanus cajan*) variety 'Asha', deposited in NCBI.

Sports

Q21 The AIFF Executive Committee confirmed a high-profile international friendly between the Indian Men's Football Team and 5-time FIFA World Champions Brazil in October 2026 at which venue?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi
- B) Salt Lake Stadium (VYBK), Kolkata
- C) Kalinga Stadium, Bhubaneswar
- D) EMS Stadium, Kozhikode

Answer: B) Salt Lake Stadium (VYBK), Kolkata

Explanation: India will play five-time World Champions Brazil in an international friendly in Kolkata on October 3, 2026.

Important Days

Q22 National Handloom Day is celebrated every year on August 7 in India to commemorate which historical movement launched in 1905?

- A) Non-Cooperation Movement
- B) Quit India Movement

- C) Swadeshi Movement
- D) Civil Disobedience Movement

Answer: C) Swadeshi Movement

Explanation: National Handloom Day (August 7) marks the formal launch of the Swadeshi Movement at Town Hall, Calcutta, in 1905.

Important Days & Anniversaries

Q23 August 5, 2026, marked the 125th birth anniversary of which prominent nationalist leader and founder of Bharatiya Jana Sangh?

- A) Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya
- B) Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee
- C) Veer Savarkar
- D) Lala Lajpat Rai

Answer: B) Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

Explanation: Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee's 125th birth anniversary coincided with seven years of the abrogation of Article 370 on August 5.

Art & Culture

Q24 is the name of the national hackathon launched by the Ministry of Textiles on the occasion of National Handloom Day 2026?

- A) TexHack 2026
- B) Handloom Hackathon 2026 - 'Weaving Innovation'
- C) Smart Handloom Challenge
- D) Bunkar Viksit Hackathon

Answer: B) Handloom Hackathon 2026 - 'Weaving Innovation'

Explanation: The Ministry of Textiles launched 'Weaving Innovation' to invite solutions for sustainability, digital technology, and branding in handloom.

Q25

Q25 What digital tool used in handloom weaving allows flexible and automated manipulation of individual warp threads to create complex designs?

- A) Fly shuttle
- B) Electronic Jacquard
- C) Drop spindle
- D) Hand Charkha

Answer: B) Electronic Jacquard

Explanation: Electronic jacquards utilize digital controls to manipulate warp threads, modernizing handloom weaving productivity.

Books & Publications

Q26 Who published the thematic reference compilation titled "Building New India: Reforms, Resilience, Transformation" in August 2026?

- A) Reserve Bank of India
- B) Press Information Bureau (PIB)
- C) NITI Aayog
- D) Sahitya Akademi

Answer: B) Press Information Bureau (PIB)

Explanation: PIB Delhi released the backgrounder volume capturing India's journey toward *Atmanirbharta* and *Viksit Bharat 2047*.

Birth & Death Anniversaries

Q27 Padma Shri D. Y. Patil, who passed away in August 2026, served as the Governor of which Indian state(s)?

- A) Bihar and Tripura
- B) Uttar Pradesh and MP
- C) Rajasthan and Gujarat
- D) Maharashtra and Goa

Answer: A) Bihar and Tripura

Explanation: D.Y. Patil served as the Governor of Tripura (2009–2012) and Governor of Bihar (2012–2014).

Government Policies & Legal

Q28 Under the Fugitive Economic Offenders (FEO) Act 2018, what is the minimum threshold of economic offense required to declare an individual an FEO?

- A) ₹10 crore
- B) ₹50 crore
- C) ₹100 crore
- D) ₹500 crore

Answer: C) ₹100 crore

Explanation: An FEO is defined as an individual facing arrest warrants for scheduled economic offenses involving ₹100 crore or more who has left India to avoid prosecution.

National News & Defence

Q29 What is the primary function of the Territorial Army (TA) in India, highlighted by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in August 2026?

- A) Elite commando force for international missions
- B) Citizen reserve force combining civilian employment with military service
- C) Maritime border patrol force
- D) Specialized cyber security intelligence unit

Answer: B) Citizen reserve force combining civilian employment with military service

Explanation: The Territorial Army is a reserve force composed of gainfully employed civilians who undergo annual military training to support the regular Armed Forces.

Economy & Budget 2026

Q30 Which scheme introduced under Union Budget 2026-27 aims specifically to modernise

**traditional textile clusters with capital support
for technology upgrades?**

- A) National Fibre Scheme
- B) Textile Expansion and Employment Scheme
- C) PM-MITRA Scheme
- D) Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS)

Answer: B) Textile Expansion and Employment Scheme

Explanation: Modernization of traditional textile clusters and common testing centers is supported under the Textile Expansion and Employment Scheme.

