

International News

- **UNGA Declares November 27 as International Day for the Elimination of Child Marriage**

Detail: The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) has adopted a milestone resolution declaring **November 27** as the International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage. India was among the 70 co-sponsoring nations. The global day initiative was spearheaded by Fatima Maada Bio (First Lady of Sierra Leone and President of OAFIAD) alongside child rights activist Bhuwan Ribhu (founder of Just Rights for Children). The resolution aims to mobilize international resources and policy focus toward ending forced youth marriages globally by 2030 in line with SDG Goal 5.

Belgium PM's State Visit to India: Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever conducted high-level delegation talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New Delhi. Focus areas included supply chain resilience in critical minerals, semiconductor technology, green hydrogen, and defense manufacturing collaboration.

Exam Practice Question Q. Which date has been designated by the UN General Assembly as the International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage?

- A) September 8
- B) October 11
- C) November 27
- D) December 18

Answer: C) November 27

Explanation: Co-sponsored by 70 countries including India, the UNGA officially declared November 27 to generate global action against early and forced marriages.

National News

- **IIT Madras's Bodhan AI Launches 4 Multilingual AI Models for Education**

◦ **Detail:** Bodhan AI, a Centre of Excellence in AI for Education at IIT Madras, launched four open-weight multilingual foundational AI models in partnership with AI4Bharat. The suite covers Automatic Speech Recognition (ASR), Text-to-Speech (TTS), Machine Translation (MT), and Optical Character Recognition (OCR). Released as part of the **Bharat Education Artificial Intelligence (EduAI) Stack**, these models serve as Digital Public Goods to assist regional language learning across India.

- **Commemorative Stamp Issued for 75th Anniversary of 'Dinamalar'**

◦ **Detail:** Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp marking 75 years of the prominent Tamil daily newspaper Dinamalar in Chennai. He also lauded its student awareness supplement Pattam and launched the India Valve Registry to track transcatheter cardiac interventions nationwide.

Exam Practice Question Q. The 'Bodhan AI' project, which recently launched 4 open-weight multilingual AI models under the Bharat EduAI Stack, is hosted by which institution?

- A) IIT Bombay
- B) IIT Madras
- C) IISc Bengaluru
- D) IIT Delhi

Answer: B) IIT Madras

Explanation: Bodhan AI at IIT Madras, collaborating with AI4Bharat, developed speech-to-text, translation, and OCR models as Digital Public Goods for the education sector.



Defense News

- **DAC Approves ₹1.10 Lakh Crore Capital Acquisition Proposals**
 - **Detail:** The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh, granted Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for proposals worth ₹1,10,000 crore across the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force. Over 98% of the procurement value will be executed under indigenous 'Buy (Indian-IDDMM)' categories.
 - **Army:** CBRN (Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear) Reconnaissance Vehicles, High-Mobility Vehicles, and Self-Propelled Mechanical Mine Layers.
 - **Navy:** Arudhra Radars and indigenous Marine Gas Turbine design & development.
 - **Air Force:** Ground-Based Multi-Purpose Jammers and the RFID-based DEFSAC secure access system.

Exam Practice Question Q. Under the Defence Acquisition Procedure (DAP) 2020, what is the first in-principle approval stage granted by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)?

- A) Request for Proposal (RFP)
- B) Contract Negotiation Committee (CNC)
- C) Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)
- D) Technical Evaluation Report (TER)

Answer: C) Acceptance of Necessity (AoN)

Explanation: AoN is the mandatory initial administrative approval step required before issuing tenders/RFPs for defense procurement.

Government Schemes & MoUs

- **NITI Aayog Launches 'PACT' for Zero-Emission Freight**
 - **Detail:** NITI Aayog launched PACT (Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport) and the

ZET Marketplace under the existing e-FAST India initiative. Developed alongside the Ministry of Heavy Industries and MoRTH, PACT acts as a demand aggregator connecting e-truck manufacturers, fleet operators, financiers, and charge-point operators (CPOs) to accelerate medium and heavy-duty electric commercial vehicles.

- **Munitions India Ltd Signs MoU with Drogo Aerospace**
 - **Detail:** Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU) Munitions India Limited (MIL) inked an MoU with Drogo Aerospace to co-develop indigenous Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and loitering munitions.

Exam Practice Question Q. What does the acronym 'PACT', launched by NITI Aayog under the e-FAST India platform, stand for?

- A) Program for Advanced Clean Transportation
- B) Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport
- C) Partnership for Accelerated Alternative Carbon Technology
- D) Policy Action for Clean Mobility & Transit

Answer: B) Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport

Explanation: PACT aggregates commercial EV demand to enable faster adoption of zero-emission freight transport.

Economics & Banking

- **FATF Flags Tech-Driven 'Digital Hawala' Risks**
 - **Detail:** The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) released a report highlighting the emergence of Digital Hawala. Nearly 70% of surveyed jurisdictions reported illicit shadow-banking networks leveraging decentralized crypto assets, end-to-end encrypted messaging apps, and in-game

token economies to move illicit capital rapidly across borders without traditional banking oversight.

- **India's Carbon Credit Trading Scheme (CCTS) Wins UK CBAM Recognition**
 - **Detail:** The UK officially recognized India's domestic Carbon Credit Trading Scheme framework under its upcoming Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism (CBAM), easing cross-border carbon tariff penalties for Indian steel and aluminum exporters.

Exam Practice Question Q. Which international body recently issued a global warning regarding the proliferation of 'Digital Hawala' using virtual assets and encrypted communication networks?

- A) World Bank
- B) Financial Action Task Force (FATF)
- C) International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- D) Bank for International Settlements (BIS)

Answer: B) Financial Action Task Force (FATF)

Explanation: FATF highlighted how money laundering networks adapt hawala principles into digital ecosystems.

Sports, Appointments & Awards

- **Sports Update:**
 - **T20 International Connection:** The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a landmark bilateral T20 initiative with the Japan Cricket Association to expand cricket in East Asia ahead of the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics.
 - **US Open 2026:** Defending champions Aryna Sabalenka and Carlos Alcaraz advanced into the singles quarterfinals.
- **Awards & Pageantry:** Miss Grand International 2026 proceedings saw India's

candidate (Nikita Porwal from Ujjain) secure a spot in the Top 40.

Exam Practice Question Q. Nikita Porwal, who represented India in Miss Grand International 2026, hails from which Indian city?

- A) Jaipur
- B) Ujjain
- C) Indore
- D) Bhopal

Answer: B) Ujjain

Explanation: Nikita Porwal represents Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh.

Important Days, Art & Culture, & Anniversaries

- **International Literacy Day (September 8)**
 - **Context:** Celebrated annually on September 8 by UNESCO since 1967 to emphasize literacy as a matter of dignity and human rights.
 - **Focus:** Expanding multilingual education, leveraging digital public infrastructure (like India's EduAI stack), and closing the global adult literacy gap.
- **Obituary / Cultural Note:**
 - Tribute paid to veteran Carnatic music scholar and vocalist **K.V. Narayanaswamy** legacy discussions during lecture-demonstration revivals at Chennai Music Season forums.

Exam Practice Question Q. International Literacy Day is observed globally on which date every year under the aegis of UNESCO?

- A) September 5
- B) September 8
- C) September 15

D) October 2

Answer: B) September 8

Explanation: UNESCO declared September 8 as International Literacy Day in 1966 to combat global illiteracy.

1. What is the official theme for International Literacy Day 2026, observed on September 8?

- A) Literacy and Multilingualism
- B) Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity
- C) Transforming Literacy Learning Spaces
- D) Promoting Literacy for a World in Transition

Answer: B) Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity

Explanation: Observed annually on September 8, International Literacy Day 2026 marks its 60th anniversary since UNESCO proclaimed it in 1966. The official theme for 2026 is "**Literacy for people, the planet and prosperity**". It underscores literacy as a fundamental human right that promotes social inclusion, environmental awareness, and economic opportunities worldwide.

2. Where was UNESCO's main global celebration for the 60th anniversary of International Literacy Day organized on September 8-9, 2026?

- A) Paris, France
- B) New Delhi, India
- C) Chiapas, Mexico
- D) Geneva, Switzerland

Answer: C) Chiapas, Mexico

Explanation: UNESCO hosted its flagship international event marking the 60th anniversary of International Literacy Day in Chiapas, Mexico, in collaboration with the Mexican government. The conference gathered education ministers, global experts, and

teachers, and hosted the official presentation of the UNESCO International Literacy Prizes.

3. On September 8, 2026, the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, approved capital acquisition proposals worth over how much for the Indian Armed Forces?

- A) ₹50,000 Crore
- B) ₹85,000 Crore
- C) ₹1.10 Lakh Crore
- D) ₹2.25 Lakh Crore

Answer: C) ₹1.10 Lakh Crore

Explanation: The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for various capital acquisition proposals totaling over **₹1.10 lakh crore** on September 8, 2026. The approvals focus on enhancing the combat readiness of the Indian Army, Navy, and Air Force through indigenous procurement.

4. Munitions India Limited (MIL), a leading Defence Public Sector Undertaking (DPSU), signed an MoU with which aerospace company to jointly develop indigenous UAVs and loitering munitions?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Drogo Aerospace
- C) Agnikul Cosmos
- D) IdeaForge Dynamics

Answer: B) Drogo Aerospace

Explanation: Defence PSU Munitions India Limited (MIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Hyderabad-based Drogo Aerospace Private Limited in Pune. The partnership focuses on the indigenous design, technological development, and mass production of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) and loitering munition systems.

5. Which defence startup set a national record for electric interceptor drones with its 'Ahuti Mk II' platform in September 2026?

- A) Apollyon Dynamics
- B) Garuda Aerospace
- C) Tonbo Imaging
- D) NewSpace Research & Technologies

Answer: A) Apollyon Dynamics

Explanation: Indian defence startup **Apollyon Dynamics** established a national speed record with its electric interceptor drone named **Ahuti Mk II**. The platform achieved high-velocity intercept speeds designed for anti-drone and perimeter defence operations.

6. Which country's Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister, Xavier Bettel, publicly backed India's bid for a permanent UNSC seat on September 8, 2026?

- A) Belgium
- B) Luxembourg
- C) Netherlands
- D) Austria

Answer: B) Luxembourg

Explanation: Luxembourg Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Xavier Bettel reaffirmed strong backing for India's inclusion as a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Bettel called the current UNSC veto mechanism a "relic of WWII" and advocated expanding permanent seats to global actors like India and Brazil.

7. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopted a resolution co-sponsored by India designating November 27 annually as which global day?

- A) International Day for Clean Energy Freight
- B) International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage
- C) World Day Against Cyber Fraud
- D) Global Day for Universal Primary Education

Answer: B) International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage

Explanation: Co-sponsored by India and 70 other UN member nations, the UNGA passed a historic resolution declaring **November 27** as the International Day for the Elimination of Child, Early and Forced Marriage. The initiative was spearheaded by Sierra Leone's First Lady Fatima Maada Bio and JRC founder Bhuwan Ribhu.

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration of the newly built BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir via video conference in which European capital?

- A) London, UK
- B) Berlin, Germany
- C) Paris, France
- D) Rome, Italy

Answer: C) Paris, France

Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the inauguration ceremony of the BAPS Swaminarayan Hindu Mandir in **Paris, France**. Hailing the event, the Prime Minister described the temple as a iconic architectural symbol strengthening cultural ties between India and France.

9. During the visit of Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever to India in September 2026, bilateral talks were conducted around which "3 Ts" framework?

- A) Technology, Tourism, and Trade
- B) Trade, Technology, and Talent

C) Transport, Telecom, and Textiles

D) Trust, Transparency, and Trade

Answer: B) Trade, Technology, and Talent

Explanation: Belgian Prime Minister Bart De Wever's official visit to India focused on bilateral expansion under the "3 Ts" framework: **Trade, Technology, and Talent**. Highlights included the India-Belgium Defence CEOs Roundtable and progress discussions on the India-EU Free Trade Agreement.

10. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) on September 7-8, 2026?

A) Kaishab Bihari

B) Bhagwat Prasad Makwana

C) Sushma Gaudiyal

D) Ravi Ramu Kalose

B) Bhagwat Prasad Makwana

Explanation: The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment appointed **Shri Bhagwat Prasad Makwana** as Chairperson of the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK). Shri Kaishab Bihari was named Vice-Chairperson, alongside Sushma Gaudiyal and Ravi Ramu Kalose as Commission Members.

11. Which Andhra Pradesh-headquartered financial institution was included in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, in September 2026?

A) Coastal Local Area Bank Limited

B) Capital Local Area Bank

C) Krishna Bhima Samruddhi LAB

D) Subhadra Local Area Bank

Answer: A) Coastal Local Area Bank Limited

Explanation: Coastal Local Area Bank Limited, headquartered in Vijayawada, was officially

included in the Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934. This status confers Scheduled Bank privileges, enabling expanded credit facilities and institutional banking services across its regions of operation.

12. Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) received RBI approval in September 2026 to increase its equity stake in which private sector lender up to 9.99%?

A) HDFC Bank

B) ICICI Bank

C) Axis Bank

D) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer: B) ICICI Bank

Explanation: The RBI granted regulatory approval to Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) to raise its shareholding in ICICI Bank up to 9.99% of paid-up capital or voting rights. LIC previously held a 4.35% stake and was given a one-year window to complete the acquisition.

13. Under its 'Bottles for Change' corporate sustainability initiative, Bisleri International partnered with which public sector bank in September 2026?

A) Punjab National Bank B) State Bank of India

C) Bank of Baroda D) Canara Bank

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Answer: B) State Bank of India

Explanation: Bisleri International signed a Letter of Association (LoA) with **State Bank of India (SBI)** for the 'Bottles for Change' movement. The initiative establishes structured plastic waste segregation, collection, and recycling channels across SBI's corporate offices to support net-zero goals.

14. The Central Government upgraded the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) and monitoring

framework for which major scholarship scheme on September 7, 2026?

- A) PM YASASVI Scheme
- B) Post-Matric & Pre-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes
- C) Maulana Azad National Fellowship
- D) Central Sector Scheme of Top Class Education for SCs

Answer: B) Post-Matric & Pre-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes

Explanation: The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment enhanced the tracking, delivery, and transparency mechanisms for Centrally Sponsored **Post-Matric and Pre-Matric Scholarships for Scheduled Castes (SC) and Others**. Central scholarship funds are now disbursed directly into Aadhaar-seeded accounts of eligible applicants.

15. Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport (PACT), launched to boost zero-emission freight deployment, operates under which initiative of NITI Aayog?

- A) Shoonya Campaign
- B) e-FAST India
- C) Atal Innovation Mission
- D) Grand Challenge 3.0

Answer: B) e-FAST India

Explanation: NITI Aayog's flagship **e-FAST India** (Electric Freight Accelerator for Sustainable Transport) launched **PACT** (Platform for Aggregating Clean Transport). The initiative consolidates demand from logistics operators and fleet management firms to scale electric freight trucks nationwide.

16. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty won India's first-ever Men's Doubles title at which BWF World Tour tournament in September 2026?

- A) All England Open
- B) China Masters
- C) Malaysia Open
- D) Denmark Open

Answer: B) China Masters

Explanation: India's star badminton pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated China's He Ji Ting and Ren Xiang Yu (11-21, 21-13, 21-17) in Shenzhen to win the **China Masters Men's Doubles title**, securing India's historic first title at the event.

17. The Indian Men's Football Team qualified for the main tournament of the AFC U20 Asian Cup for the first time in how many years after defeating Bangladesh 3-0?

- A) 10 years
- B) 15 years
- C) 20 years
- D) 25 years

Answer: C) 20 years

Explanation: India qualified for the **AFC U20 Asian Cup** main tournament for the first time in **20 years**. In their final Group B qualifying clash in Tashkent, India defeated Bangladesh 3-0, with Danny Meitei Laishram opening the scoring.

18. Indian tennis player Karan Singh won the Men's Singles title at the ITF Men's World Tour M15 tournament held in which location in September 2026?

- A) Bali, Indonesia
- B) Bangkok, Thailand
- C) Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- D) Colombo, Sri Lanka

Answer: A) Bali, Indonesia

Explanation: Fourth-seeded Indian tennis player Karan Singh (from Karnal, Haryana) defeated Japan's Isao Okamura to win the **ITF Men's World Tour M15** singles title in Bali, Indonesia. This marked his 4th career ITF title and 3rd title of the 2026 season.

19. Who was crowned Miss World 2026 at the 73rd edition of the global beauty pageant held in Nha Trang, Vietnam?

- A) Elisabeth Reynes Alabern
- B) Joheirry Mola
- C) Taanusiya Chetty
- D) Nikita Porwal

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Answer: B) Joheirry Mola

Explanation: Joheirry Mola of the Dominican Republic won the 73rd Miss World title in Nha Trang, Vietnam, becoming the second woman from her nation to win the crown after Mariasela Álvarez (1982). India's representative Nikita Porwal finished in the Top 40.

20. India joined the United States and how many other nations in a major international initiative focused on 6G telecom technology in September 2026?

- A) 12
- B) 18
- C) 24
- D) 30

Answer: C) 24

Explanation: India officially joined the United States and **24 other countries** in a global technology partnership aimed at shaping standardizations, interoperability, and cybersecurity frameworks for next-generation **6G wireless networks**.

21. Spectrum, Europe's first privately developed orbital rocket, was launched from Andøya Spaceport in Norway by which aerospace manufacturer?

- A) Skyrora
- B) Isar Aerospace
- C) Rocket Factory Augsburg
- D) PLD Space

Answer: B) Isar Aerospace

Explanation: German space company **Isar Aerospace** successfully launched its **Spectrum** rocket from Andøya Spaceport in Norway. This marked the first successful orbital attempt by a fully privately built European rocket from mainland European soil.

22. Bodhan AI, a Centre of Excellence in AI for Education based at IIT Madras, launched how many multilingual AI models as Digital Public Goods?

- A) 2 models
- B) 4 models
- C) 6 models
- D) 8 models

Answer: B) 4 models

Explanation: Bodhan AI at IIT Madras, in partnership with AI4Bharat, launched **4 foundational multilingual AI models** (Speech Recognition, Text-to-Speech, Machine Translation, and OCR) as open Digital Public Goods, covering up to 27 Indian languages.

23. Botanists from the Botanical Survey of India (BSI) discovered a new flowering plant species, Osbeckia ulotricha, in which biosphere reserve?

- A) Nilgiri Biosphere Reserve
- B) Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve
- C) Gulf of Mannar Biosphere Reserve



D) Pachmarhi Biosphere Reserve

Answer: B) Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve

Explanation: Researchers from the Botanical Survey of India discovered *Osbeckia ulotricha*, a new flowering plant species belonging to the family Melastomataceae, in the shola grasslands of the **Agasthyamala Biosphere Reserve** (spanning Kerala and Tamil Nadu).

24. The inaugural edition of the International Film Festival of Jammu & Kashmir (IFFJK) opened on September 7-8, 2026, at which venue?

- A) Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar
- B) Tagore Hall, Srinagar
- C) Zorawar Singh Auditorium, Jammu
- D) Royal Springs Golf Course, Srinagar

Answer: A) Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC), Srinagar

Explanation: The 4-day inaugural **International Film Festival of Jammu and Kashmir (IFFJK)** commenced at the iconic Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) on the banks of Dal Lake in Srinagar.

25. Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp in Chennai marking the 75th year of publication of which Tamil daily?

- A) Daily Thanthi
- B) Dinamalar
- C) Dinamani
- D) The Hindu Tamil

Answer: B) Dinamalar

Explanation: Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan released a commemorative postage stamp celebrating the 75th publication anniversary (Amrut Mahotsav) of the Tamil daily **Dinamalar**

at Valluvar Kottam in Chennai. The paper was established in 1951 by T.V. Ramasubbaiyer.

26. What was Coal India Limited's (CIL) total coal supply dispatch during the April-August period of FY 2026-27?

- A) 280.50 Million Tonnes
- B) 302.60 Million Tonnes
- C) 322.90 Million Tonnes
- D) 355.10 Million Tonnes

Answer: C) 322.90 Million Tonnes

Explanation: Coal India Limited (CIL) dispatched **322.90 Million Tonnes (MT)** of coal during April-August 2026. This represents a **6.70% growth** compared to the 302.60 MT dispatched during the same period in the previous fiscal year.

27. S.R. Janakiraman, who passed away in September 2026 at the age of 98, was a revered scholar in which field?

- A) Hindustani Classical Vocal
- B) Carnatic Music
- C) Kathakali Dance
- D) Classical Violin

Answer: B) Carnatic Music

Explanation: Veteran scholar, musicologist, and vocalist **S.R. Janakiraman** passed away at the age of 98. He was widely renowned for his seminal lecture-demonstrations that simplified complex Carnatic ragas and musical theory.

28. World Physical Therapy Day (World PT Day) is observed globally every year on which date?

- A) September 5
- B) September 8
- C) September 12
- D) September 15

Answer: B) September 8



Explanation: World Physical Therapy Day is observed annually on **September 8**. It generates awareness regarding the essential role physical therapists play in maintaining mobility, health, and functional recovery worldwide.

29. In the Women's T20 Asia Cup held in Dubai, India defeated Pakistan by 7 wickets after bowling them out for their lowest-ever T20I total of:

- A) 42 runs
- B) 55 runs
- C) 68 runs
- D) 72 runs

Answer: B) 55 runs

Explanation: India's bowling attack, led by spinners Shree Charani and Prema Rawat (3 wickets each), bowled out Pakistan for **55 runs in 18.1 overs**—Pakistan's lowest total in Women's T20Is—securing a 7-wicket victory.

30. Which Ministry oversees the National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), whose leadership appointments were issued in September 2026?

- A) Ministry of Home Affairs
- B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
- D) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Explanation: The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) operates as a non-statutory/statutory advisory body under the **Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, evaluating welfare initiatives and working conditions of sanitation workers in India.