

1. International News

2026 Nobel Peace Prize Awarded to Navi Pillay

- **Key Update:** The Norwegian Nobel Committee announced South African jurist and human rights champion **Navanethem "Navi" Pillay** as the recipient of the **2026 Nobel Peace Prize**.
- **Detailed Background:** Navi Pillay is of Indian Tamil origin and has a distinguished career in international law. She served as the **United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (UNHCR)** from 2008 to 2014 and has also served as a judge on international criminal tribunals (including the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda).
- **Exam Relevance (UPSC/SSC):** Questions regarding Nobel laureates, international bodies, human rights mandates, and eminent personalities of Indian origin globally.

2. National News & Governance

MHA Notifies Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) Act, 2026

- **Key Update:** The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) officially notified the **Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Act, 2026**, bringing it into force.
- **Key Provisions:** The act outlines regulatory frameworks and administrative procedures concerning deputation guidelines, establishing that specified percentages of senior managerial slots (such as IG and ADG levels) involve Indian Police Service (IPS) deputation quotas.
- **Exam Relevance:** Internal Security, governance structure of paramilitary forces, and federal polity frameworks under UPSC GS Paper III.

Andhra Pradesh Declares Drought in 21 Districts

- **Key Update:** Following an alarming monsoon rainfall deficit, the Andhra Pradesh government officially declared drought conditions across **21 out of its 26 districts**.
- **Economic & Administrative Impact:** Triggers relief packages, input subsidies, and crop insurance disbursements under national frameworks like PMFBY.

3. Economics & Banking

Highlights of RBI's 4th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy (FY 2026-27)

- **Key Update:** The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), headed by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, concluded its bimonthly review:
 - **Repo Rate Raised:** Increased by 25 basis points (bps) to **5.50%**.
 - **Stance Shift:** Shifted from neutral to *calibrated tightening* to contain persistent inflationary pressures and maintain price stability alongside growth.
- **Static Banking Fact:** The MPC comprises 6 members (3 from RBI and 3 external members appointed by the Central Government).

Paytm Payments Bank Limited (PPBL) Excluded from Scheduled Banks List

- **Key Update:** Following prior license cancellations and regulatory actions, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) officially removed Paytm Payments Bank Limited from the **Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934**.

4. Defense & Aerospace News

HAL Achieves Milestone: 2,000th Aero-Engine Delivered



- **Key Update:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL), through its Koraput Division, rolled out its **2,000th aero-engine**.
- **Future Roadmap:** Announced the creation of a second production line for **Shakti helicopter engines** and scaled up indigenous manufacturing targets for AL-31FP engines (used in the Su-30MKI fleet) to achieve **63% indigenization**.

5. Sports News

IFA Shield 2026: Mohun Bagan Wins Title

- **Key Update:** Mohun Bagan triumphed over arch-rivals East Bengal 1-0 to secure their **22nd IFA Shield title**.
- **Static GK:** The IFA Shield is one of the oldest football tournaments in India, organized annually by the Indian Football Association (West Bengal).

International Badminton: Anmol Kharb Claims Title

- **Key Update:** Rising Indian shuttler **Anmol Kharb** clinched the women's singles title at the **Türkiye International Challenge**, defeating compatriot Aakarshi Kashyap in the final.

6. Important Days & Events

World Mental Health Day

- **Date:** 10 October (Observed globally every year).
- **2026 Theme:** *"Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change"*.
- **Objective:** To raise global awareness regarding mental health issues and mobilize community, corporate, and governmental assistance for psychological well-being.

7. Agreements, MoUs & Government Schemes

NCRTC Partners with IGNCA for Cultural Integration

- **Key Update:** The National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA) to showcase Indian art, heritage, and culture across **Namo Bharat rapid rail stations**.

World Bank Backs Kerala Climate Resilient Agri-Value Chain (KERA) Project

- **Key Update:** The World Bank extended financial and technical backing to establish a dedicated **Carbon Credit Cell** under the Department of Agriculture as part of the ₹2,365 crore KERA Project.

8. Birth and Death Anniversaries

Birth Anniversaries

1. **R. K. Narayan (1906–2001):** Legendary Indian writer known for his fictional works set in the South Indian town of Malgudi (*Swami and Friends*, *The Guide*).
2. **John Lennon (1940–1980):** Iconic English singer, songwriter, and peace activist who co-founded The Beatles.

Exam-Oriented Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQs)

Question 1 (Banking/Economics)

Following the 4th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee meeting of FY 2026-27, what is the revised policy repo rate?

- A) 5.25%
- B) 5.50%
- C) 5.75%
- D) 6.00%

Answer: B) 5.50%



Explanation: The RBI raised the repo rate by 25 basis points to 5.50% with a shift towards calibrated tightening.

Question 2 (International Awards)

Who has been named the recipient of the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize for 2026?

- A) Claudia Sheinbaum
- B) Navanethem "Navi" Pillay
- C) Denis Mukwege
- D) Narges Mohammadi

Answer: B) Navanethem "Navi" Pillay

Explanation: South African jurist of Indian origin Navi Pillay was awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize for her contributions to international law and human rights.

Question 3 (Important Days)

What is the theme of World Mental Health Day observed on October 10, 2026?

- A) Mental Health in an Unequal World
- B) Make Mental Health & Well-Being for All a Global Priority
- C) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change
- D) Mental Health is a Universal Human Right

Answer: C) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change

Explanation: The global focus for World Mental Health Day 2026 centered on honoring lived experiences and real voices.

Q1. Who has been awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize by the Norwegian Nobel Committee?

- (a) Narges Mohammadi
- (b) Navanethem "Navi" Pillay

(c) Maria Ressa

(d) Denis Mukwege

Q2. The Ministry of Home Affairs recently notified which Act that came into force on October 8, 2026?

- (a) Central Reserve Police Force Act, 2026
- (b) Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Act, 2026
- (c) Border Security Force Reorganisation Act, 2026
- (d) National Security Guard Service Act, 2026

Q3. What is the newly revised Policy Repo Rate set by the Reserve Bank of India's MPC in October 2026?

- (a) 5.25%
- (b) 5.50%
- (c) 6.00%
- (d) 6.25%

Q4. Which company was officially excluded by the RBI from the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934?

- (a) Paytm Payments Bank Limited
- (b) Airtel Payments Bank
- (c) Fino Payments Bank
- (d) Jio Payments Bank

Q5. The Canadian author Anne Carson was awarded which 2026 Nobel Prize category?

- (a) Physics
- (b) Chemistry
- (c) Literature
- (d) Economic Sciences

Q6. What is the name of the 3rd indigenously built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) commissioned into the Indian Navy?

- (a) INS Arnala
- (b) INS Androth
- (c) INS Mangrol
- (d) INS Kadmatt

Q7. The 57th GST Council meeting proposed to omit which section of the CGST Act, 2017 to eliminate arrest powers for specified offences?

- (a) Section 132
- (b) Section 69
- (c) Section 125
- (d) Section 73

Q8. What target budget allocation has the Commerce Ministry proposed for the RoDTEP scheme for FY 2026-27?

- (a) ₹10,000 crore
- (b) ₹15,000 crore
- (c) ₹23,000 crore
- (d) ₹30,000 crore

Q9. Project Seabird is the Indian Navy's flagship base development project located at which coastal city?

- (a) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- (b) Karwar, Karnataka
- (c) Kochi, Kerala
- (d) Port Blair, Andaman & Nicobar

Q10. What is the theme of World Mental Health Day 2026 observed on October 10?

- (a) Mental Health in an Unequal World
- (b) Mental Health is a Universal Human Right
- (c) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change
- (d) Make Mental Health & Well-being for All a Global Priority

Q11. Which public university from the USA was granted a Letter of Intent (LoI) by UGC to establish a campus in Hyderabad?

- (a) University of California, Berkeley
- (b) University of Colorado Denver
- (c) Columbia University
- (d) University of Texas at Austin

Q12. Under National PNG Drive 3.0 launched by Hardeep Singh Puri, what is the key target for new domestic PNG connections?

- (a) 25 lakh
- (b) 50 lakh
- (c) 75 lakh
- (d) 1 crore

Q13. Which organization signed an MoU with NCRTC to promote Indian art and heritage at Namu Bharat stations?

- (a) Archaeological Survey of India (ASI)
- (b) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)
- (c) Sahitya Akademi
- (d) Lalit Kala Akademi

Q14. Indian mathematician Prof. Mahesh Kakde (IISc Bengaluru) was awarded the 2026 DST-ICTP-IMU Ramanujan Prize for work in which field?

- (a) Differential Geometry
- (b) Algebraic Number Theory
- (c) Fluid Dynamics
- (d) Quantum Information Theory

Q15. Where was the 153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Assembly held, attended by an Indian delegation led by Harivansh?

- (a) Geneva, Switzerland
- (b) Arusha, Tanzania

(c) Vienna, Austria

(d) Nairobi, Kenya

Q16. The World Bank backed the creation of a Carbon Credit Cell under the ₹2,365 crore KERA Project in which Indian state?

(a) Tamil Nadu

(b) Kerala

(c) Karnataka

(d) Gujarat

Q17. Quick-commerce platform Blinkit partnered with which government scheme to list handcrafted items directly on its platform?

(a) PM SVANidhi

(b) PM Vishwakarma

(c) Stand-Up India

(d) PM Employment Generation Programme

Q18. How many total medals did India win at the 2026 Asian Games held in Aichi-Nagoya, securing 4th rank?

(a) 107 medals

(b) 95 medals

(c) 85 medals

(d) 70 medals

Q19. What total figure did India's defense exports touch in FY 2025-26, as announced at the 8th SIDM Annual Session?

(a) ₹21,083 crore

(b) ₹38,424 crore

(c) ₹50,000 crore

(d) ₹18,210 crore

Q20. Indian commercial pilot Captain Smit Machhar was selected for the Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism by which country?

(a) UAE

(b) Israel

(c) France

(d) Qatar

Q21. Under the 57th GST Council proposals, what is the proposed new monetary threshold for launching criminal prosecution?

(a) ₹2 crore

(b) ₹3 crore

(c) ₹5 crore

(d) ₹10 crore

Q22. National Postal Week in India is celebrated in which month?

(a) September

(b) October

(c) November

(d) August

Q23. Which Indian-born cheetah gave birth to five cubs at Kuno National Park, bringing India's cheetah population to 60?

(a) Jwala

(b) Asha

(c) KJP21

(d) Dhatri

Q24. What is the current share target aimed by the Union Ministry for private sector participation in domestic defense production?

(a) 30%

(b) 40%

(c) 50%

(d) 60%

Q25. Which foreign aerospace manufacturer signed an MoU with Bengaluru-based Hical Technologies to set up a Joint Venture in India?

(a) Airbus

(b) Safran Aerosystems

(c) Dassault Aviation

(d) Thales Group

Q26. Who chaired the 63rd and 4th Bi-monthly Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting of FY 2026-27?

(a) Shaktikanta Das

(b) Sanjay Malhotra

(c) Michael Patra

(d) Urjit Patel

Q27. What percentage of Inspector General (IG) posts in CAPFs are reserved for IPS deputation under the CAPF Act 2026?

(a) 33%

(b) 50%

(c) 67%

(d) 75%

Q28. Which shipyard built the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) INS Mangrol?

(a) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)

(b) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)

(c) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)

(d) Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)

Q29. The Strategy for Environmental-Economic Accounts in India for 2026-2030 was released by which Ministry?

(a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change

(b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation

(c) Ministry of Finance

(d) NITI Aayog

Q30. Who was the first Indian woman to win an individual recurve archery Gold medal in the Asian Games?

(a) Deepika Kumari

(b) Ankita Bhakat

(c) Kumkum Anil Mohod

(d) Komalika Bari

Answer Key & Explanations

1. **(b) Navanethem "Navi" Pillay** — Awarded the 2026 Nobel Peace Prize for her outstanding work in international law and human rights.
2. **(b) Central Armed Police Forces (General Administration) Act, 2026** — Notified by MHA effective 8 October 2026.
3. **(b) 5.50%** — The RBI MPC hiked the Repo Rate by 25 bps from 5.25% to 5.50%.
4. **(a) Paytm Payments Bank Limited** — Excluded from the 2nd Schedule of the RBI Act following license cancellation.
5. **(c) Literature** — Canadian poet Anne Carson won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature.
6. **(c) INS Mangrol** — Commissioned as the 3rd ASW-SWC built by CSL.
7. **(b) Section 69** — Proposed for omission to remove arrest powers under CGST law.
8. **(c) ₹23,000 crore** — Commerce Ministry proposed increasing RoDTEP outlay from ₹10,000 cr to ₹23,000 cr.
9. **(b) Karwar, Karnataka** — Project Seabird forms INS Kadamba at Karwar.
10. **(c) Lived Experiences Heard: Real Voices, Real Change** — Official WHO theme for World Mental Health Day 2026.
11. **(b) University of Colorado Denver** — Received UGC LoI to establish a degree-granting campus in Hyderabad.



12. **(b) 50 lakh** — National PNG Drive 3.0 targets 50 lakh new domestic PNG connections.
13. **(b) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (IGNCA)** — Partnered with NCRTC for Namo Bharat cultural integration.
14. **(b) Algebraic Number Theory** — Prof. Mahesh Kakde won the Ramanujan Prize for algebraic number theory.
15. **(b) Arusha, Tanzania** — Host city for the 153rd IPU Assembly.
16. **(b) Kerala** — World Bank approved Carbon Credit Cell funding under the KERA project in Kerala.
17. **(b) PM Vishwakarma** — Micro-entrepreneurs' handcrafted goods will sell on Blinkit.
18. **(c) 85 medals** — India finished 4th with 21 Gold, 27 Silver, and 37 Bronze.
19. **(b) ₹38,424 crore** — India's defense exports hit a record high in FY 2025-26.
20. **(b) Israel** — Conferred Presidential Award for Civilian Heroism on Captain Smit Machhar.
21. **(c) ₹5 crore** — GST Council recommended raising criminal prosecution threshold from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore.
22. **(b) October** — Celebrated annually from 9 to 15 October.
23. **(c) KJP21** — Indian-born cheetah gave birth to 5 cubs at Kuno National Park.
24. **(c) 50%** — Ministry aims to increase private sector defense production share to 50% by 2029.
25. **(b) Safran Aerosystems** — Partnered with Hical Technologies for an aerospace manufacturing JV.
26. **(b) Sanjay Malhotra** — RBI Governor who chaired the 63rd MPC meeting.
27. **(b) 50%** — Reserved for IPS deputation at the IG level under the new CAPF Act 2026.
28. **(c) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)** — Built INS Mangrol with over 80% indigenous content.
29. **(b) Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation** — Released the roadmap strategy for 2026-2030.
30. **(c) Kumkum Anil Mohod** — Created history by winning individual recurve archery Gold at the Asian Games.

