

1. International News

- **IPU Climate Resolution & Parliamentary Oversight**
 - **Detail:** The Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) passed a resolution strengthening parliamentary oversight of climate action and climate finance accessibility. The resolution focuses on simplifying equitable access to international climate finance for developing nations and managing debt burdens stemming from post-disaster rebuilding.
 - **Exam Takeaway:** IPU Headquarters is in Geneva, Switzerland.
- **Riyadh Airport Attack & Middle East Escalation**
 - **Detail:** A drone/missile attack targeted King Khalid International Airport in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, leading to casualties and temporary flight suspensions.

2. National News

- **Agri-Food AI Framework Initiative**
 - **Detail:** The Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) and the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), in collaboration with the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), FAO, IFAD, and WFP, hosted an initiative to build interoperable, farmer-centred AI frameworks. Key applications focus on precision farming, crop disease detection, and reducing post-harvest losses.
- **DRI Anti-Smuggling Operations**
 - **Detail:** The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) seized 7.8 kg of smuggled foreign-origin gold worth ₹11.50 crore across the eastern region and intercepted 5.753 kg of crystal methamphetamine under the NDPS Act, 1985.

3. Economics & Banking

- **Cooperative Pledge-Finance Pilots**
 - **Detail:** India explored post-harvest storage-backed credit models using decentralized village-level warehouses. Farmers can pledge stored agricultural produce as collateral to access institutional credit, preventing distress sales post-harvest.
- **Foreign Exchange Risk Reserves**
 - **Detail:** Discussions on RBI exchange risk reserves and currency hedging protocols aimed to shield domestic exporters and commercial borrowers from exchange rate volatility.

4. Government Schemes & MoUs

- **Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses Completes 1 Year**
 - **Detail:** Launched on 11 October 2025 with a total budget outlay of ₹11,440 crore (2025–26 to 2030–31), the mission completed its first year.
 - **Target:** To reach 350 lakh tonnes of pulse production by 2030–31 by improving yield to 1,130 kg/hectare across 489 cluster districts.
 - **Implementation:** Procurement and distribution through NCCF and NAFED.

5. Appointments & Person in News

- **Smriti Mandhana Appointed UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate**
 - **Detail:** On International Day of the Girl Child (11 October), UNICEF India announced Indian women's cricket team captain **Smriti Mandhana** as its Celebrity Advocate for child rights and adolescent girls' empowerment.
- **IOA Athletes' Commission Nominations**



- **Detail:** The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) finalized nomination rules for its 10-member Athletes' Commission ahead of its upcoming elections.

6. Important Days & Anniversaries

Date	Event / Observance	Details & Theme
11 October	International Day of the Girl Child	Designated by the UN to promote girls' rights and address gender inequality.
11 October	Birth Anniversary: Jayaprakash Narayan (JP)	Lok Nayak JP (born 11 Oct 1902) launched the <i>Sampoorna Kranti</i> (Total Revolution) movement in 1974. Awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1999.
11 October	Birth Anniversary: Nanaji Deshmukh	Social activist and leader in rural development, education, and health. Awarded Bharat Ratna posthumously in 2019.

7. Art, Culture & Defense

- **Ayodhya Ram Temple Certification**
 - **Detail:** The Ayodhya Ram Temple received the 'Eat Right Place of Worship' certification from FSSAI (Food Safety and Standards Authority of India) for maintaining high

hygiene and safety standards in Prasadam preparation.

- **Defense Update:** Ongoing naval and joint security posture reviews across Indian coastal sectors to strengthen maritime interdiction and counter-smuggling efforts.

Multiple Choice Questions (Practice Quiz)

Q1. What is the total budget outlay allocated for the 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses' for the period 2025–26 to 2030–31?

- (A) ₹8,500 crore
(B) ₹11,440 crore
(C) ₹15,200 crore
(D) ₹20,000 crore

Answer: (B) ₹11,440 crore

Explanation: The scheme was sanctioned with ₹11,440 crore over six years to fund high-yielding seed kits, cluster cultivation in 489 districts, and local processing infrastructure.

Q2. Who was appointed as the Celebrity Advocate for UNICEF India on the International Day of the Girl Child (11 October 2026)?

- (A) Harmanpreet Kaur
(B) Mithali Raj
(C) Smriti Mandhana
(D) P.V. Sindhu

Answer: (C) Smriti Mandhana

Explanation: Indian women's cricket captain Smriti Mandhana was named UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate to support child rights, education, and adolescent girls' empowerment.

Q3. Which Indian leader's birth anniversary on 11 October is associated with the 'Total Revolution' (Sampoorna Kranti) movement?

- (A) Acharya Vinoba Bhave



- (B) Jayaprakash Narayan
(C) Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia
(D) Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

Answer: (B) Jayaprakash Narayan

Explanation: Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan was born on 11 October 1902. He led the Total Revolution movement against central authoritarianism in 1974.

Q4. Under the NDPS Act, 1985, what is the threshold quantity for methamphetamine to be categorized as a 'commercial quantity'?

- (A) 10 grams
(B) 25 grams
(C) 50 grams
(D) 100 grams

Answer: (C) 50 grams

Explanation: Under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985, any seizure of methamphetamine exceeding 50 grams is classified as commercial quantity.

Q1. What is the target crude steel production capacity proposed in India's Draft Steel Policy for the year 2047?

- (a) 300 Million Tonnes
(b) 450 Million Tonnes
(c) 604 Million Tonnes
(d) 750 Million Tonnes

Answer: (c)

Detailed Explanation: According to the draft steel policy released by the Ministry of Steel, India aims to scale up its crude steel manufacturing capacity from nearly 220 MT to **604 Million Tonnes by 2047** while reducing carbon emission intensity from 2.54 to 1.54 tonnes of CO₂ per tonne of steel produced.

Q2. What is the revised daily minimum Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) maintenance requirement mandated by the RBI starting October 16?

- (a) 85%
(b) 90%
(c) 95%
(d) 99%

Answer: (d)

Detailed Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) directed all scheduled banks to maintain a minimum of **99%** of their required CRR on a daily basis (up from 90%) to manage interbank liquidity and short-term volatility.

Q3. Exercise 'Tarang Shakti 2026', a major multinational air exercise hosted by the Indian Air Force, was conducted at which Air Force Station?

- (a) AFS Ambala
(b) AFS Jodhpur
(c) AFS Jamnagar
(d) AFS Hasimara

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026 was hosted by the Indian Air Force at **Air Force Station Jodhpur**, bringing together 7 participating foreign air forces and 32 observer nations.

Q4. Which international nation recently signed the Artemis Accords for cooperative civil space exploration?

- (a) Indonesia
(b) Vietnam
(c) Philippines
(d) Thailand

Answer: (c)



Detailed Explanation: The **Philippines** officially signed the **Artemis Accords**, joining international efforts led by **NASA** for transparent, safe, and sustainable lunar and deep-space exploration protocols.

Q5. What distance was successfully achieved in the indigenous Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) test validated by DRDO over optical fiber?

- (a) 50 km
- (b) 100 km
- (c) 150 km
- (d) 250 km

Answer: (c)

Detailed Explanation: DRDO successfully demonstrated quantum communication using an indigenous Quantum Key Distribution system over a **150 km** fiber-optic link, marking a major milestone for defense communication security.

Q6. The 'Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses' completed one year on October 11, 2026. What is its targeted pulse production level by 2030-31?

- (a) 250 lakh tonnes
- (b) 300 lakh tonnes
- (c) 350 lakh tonnes
- (d) 400 lakh tonnes

Answer: (c)

Detailed Explanation: Launched in October 2025 with a budget of ₹11,440 crore, the Mission aims to achieve self-sufficiency by reaching a production target of **350 lakh tonnes** by 2030-31.

Q7. Who among the following was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2026 for promoting human rights and international law?

- (a) Mary Robinson
- (b) Navi Pillay
- (c) Volodymyr Zelenskyy
- (d) Svetlana Tikhanovskaya

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: Former United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights **Navi Pillay** was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2026 in recognition of her lifetime work advancing international legal standards, human rights protection, and accountability.

Q8. The Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana specifically focuses on boosting agricultural growth in how many Aspirational Agricultural Districts?

- (a) 50 districts
- (b) 75 districts
- (c) 100 districts
- (d) 115 districts

Answer: (c)

Detailed Explanation: The PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana completed one year on October 11, 2026. It targets structural intervention and output acceleration across **100 Aspirational Agricultural Districts** nationwide.

Q9. Which organization published the global update on forest carbon sinks and canopy cover shifts highlighted in environmental assessments?

- (a) UNEP
- (b) FAO
- (c) IPCC
- (d) WWF

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: The Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) issued its updated global

assessment on forest canopy resilience, primary forest stress factors, and shifting carbon sink dynamics.

Q10. Target demographic support under the expanded PM-VIKAS framework primarily focuses on which community?

- (a) Gig Economy Workers
- (b) Traditional Artisans and Craftspeople
- (c) Micro Agri-entrepreneurs
- (d) Handloom Weavers only

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: PM-VIKAS (Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Kaushal Samman) targets **traditional artisans and craftspeople**, providing them with credit access, skill integration, and modern toolkit subsidies.

Q11. Every year, October 11 is internationally observed as which important day?

- (a) World Mental Health Day
- (b) International Day of the Girl Child
- (c) World Food Day
- (d) World Habitat Day

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: UN-designated **International Day of the Girl Child** is observed globally on **October 11** to promote empowerment, education, human rights, and equal opportunity for girls.

Q12. Social reformer Jayaprakash Narayan, whose birth anniversary falls on October 11, was associated with which prominent political call?

- (a) Quit India Resolution
- (b) Sampoorna Kranti (Total Revolution)
- (c) Bhoodan Movement
- (d) Bardoli Satyagraha

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: Jayaprakash Narayan (Lok Nayak) led the historic **Sampoorna Kranti** movement in 1974 against misgovernance and political corruption in India.

Q13. The National Critical Minerals Mission operates under which Union Ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Steel
- (b) Ministry of Mines
- (c) Ministry of Power
- (d) Ministry of Heavy Industries

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: The National Critical Minerals Mission is established under the **Ministry of Mines** to accelerate domestic exploration, extraction, processing, and stockpiling of energy-critical elements.

Q14. Which agencies serve as the primary implementing co-operatives for the seed distribution under Mission for Aatmanirbharta in Pulses?

- (a) TRIFED & FCI
- (b) NAFED & NCCF
- (c) NABARD & KVIC
- (d) APEDA & MPEDA

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: **NAFED** (National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation) and **NCCF** (National Cooperative Consumers' Federation) execute seed mini-kit distribution and procurement initiatives under the pulses mission.

Q15. India condemned recent drone attacks directed against King Khalid International Airport, which is located in which city?

- (a) Abu Dhabi



- (b) Riyadh
- (c) Jeddah
- (d) Doha

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: King Khalid International Airport is located in **Riyadh, Saudi Arabia**. India officially condemned the military strikes targeting civilian airport infrastructure.

Q16. Bharat Ratna Nanaji Deshmukh, born on October 11, was a pioneer in which of the following domains?

- (a) Space technology
- (b) Rural self-reliance and Chitrakoot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya
- (c) Nuclear physics
- (d) Banking reforms

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: Nanaji Deshmukh was a social activist who established India's first rural university (*Chitrakoot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya*) and advocated for **rural self-reliance** (*Gram Swaraj*).

Q17. How many foreign air forces actively participated in Exercise Tarang Shakti 2026?

- (a) 5
- (b) 7
- (c) 12
- (d) 15

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: A total of **7 foreign air forces** (including Australia, France, Germany, USA, UAE, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh) participated operationally alongside the Indian Air Force, with 32 observer nations.

Q18. Under the draft Steel Policy target for 2047, what is the projected demand for Coking Coal?

- (a) 120 million tonnes
- (b) 236 million tonnes
- (c) 500 million tonnes
- (d) 772 million tonnes

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: The policy draft estimates that reaching 604 MT steel production capacity will require **236 million tonnes of coking coal** and 772 million tonnes of iron ore by 2047.

Q19. Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) is maintained by commercial banks in India in which form?

- (a) Government Securities
- (b) Physical Gold
- (c) Unencumbered cash balance with the RBI
- (d) Special Drawing Rights

Answer: (c)

Detailed Explanation: CRR represents the specified percentage of Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL) that commercial banks must maintain strictly as **cash balances with the Reserve Bank of India**.

Q20. What is the standard physical mechanism behind Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) technology?

- (a) Radio Frequency Modulation
- (b) Quantum Entanglement & Photonic States
- (c) Classical Fiber Multiplexing
- (d) Ultrasonic Pulse Transmission

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: QKD relies on fundamental principles of **quantum mechanics** (specifically single photons and quantum

entanglement) to create cryptographic keys that detect any eavesdropping attempt instantly.

Q21. Asia's largest technology conference, India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2026, was jointly organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and which body?

- (a) NASSCOM
- (b) Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI)
- (c) FICCI
- (d) ASSOCHAM

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: IMC is co-hosted annually by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI) to showcase telecom innovations.

Q22. In cricket news, Mitchell Santner was appointed captain for which team's upcoming tour of India?

- (a) Australia
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) England
- (d) South Africa

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: All-rounder Mitchell Santner leads the New Zealand ODI squad for their bilateral series against India.

Q23. What is the targeted carbon emission intensity reduction set for the domestic crude steel sector by 2047?

- (a) From 3.50 to 2.00 tonnes CO₂/tonne crude steel
- (b) From 2.54 to 1.54 tonnes CO₂/tonne crude steel

(c) From 1.80 to 0.50 tonnes CO₂/tonne crude steel

(d) From 4.00 to 2.10 tonnes CO₂/tonne crude steel

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: The draft steel strategy mandates reducing average emissions intensity from 2.54 tonnes down to 1.54 tonnes of CO₂ per tonne of crude steel.

Q24. What type of economic asset does Lithium, Cobalt, and Nickel fall under within the National Critical Minerals Mission?

- (a) Bulk Commodities
- (b) Strategic / Critical Minerals
- (c) Minor Non-Metallic Minerals
- (d) Precious Decorative Metals

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: Lithium, Cobalt, and Nickel are classified as Critical Minerals essential for clean energy, electric vehicle batteries, space applications, and advanced electronics manufacturing.

Q25. Which statutory body under the Ministry of Finance executes enforcement against illegal gold and drug smuggling, such as recent cross-border contraband seizures?

- (a) Enforcement Directorate (ED)
- (b) Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)
- (c) Serious Fraud Investigation Office (SFIO)
- (d) Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI)

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) is the premier anti-smuggling intelligence agency under the Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs (CBIC), Ministry of Finance.

Q26. In banking terminology, what does NDTL stand for when calculating daily CRR maintenance?

- (a) Net Demand and Time Liabilities
- (b) National Deposit and Term Loans
- (c) Net Domestic Transfer Limits
- (d) Nominated Demand and Treasury Liquidity

Answer: (a)

Detailed Explanation: Net Demand and Time Liabilities (NDTL) is the difference between total demand/time liabilities of a bank and its deposits held with other banks, forming the base for CRR and SLR calculations.

Q27. What is the name of the ongoing central scheme created to support 100 agricultural districts that completed its 1st anniversary on 11 Oct 2026?

- (a) PM Kisan Samman Nidhi
- (b) PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana
- (c) PM Fasal Bima Yojana
- (d) PM Krishi Sinchayee Yojana

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana completed one year on October 11, 2026, aimed at holistic yield elevation in Aspirational Agricultural Districts.

Q28. Which law in India governs cross-border enforcement against narcotics and synthetic psychotropic drug trafficking?

- (a) Prevention of Money Laundering Act, 2002
- (b) Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985
- (c) Conservation of Foreign Exchange Act, 1974
- (d) Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, 1967

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: Synthetics, narcotics, and illegal drug interdictions are executed under the NDPS Act, 1985.

Q29. The Artemis Accords framework for lunar governance is built upon the foundation of which historical UN treaty?

- (a) Antarctic Treaty 1959
- (b) Outer Space Treaty of 1967
- (c) UNCLOS 1982
- (d) Chicago Convention 1944

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: The Artemis Accords build upon principles grounded in the 1967 Outer Space Treaty to ensure safe, transparent, and peaceful civil space operations.

Q30. Jayaprakash Narayan was posthumously conferred India's highest civilian honor, the Bharat Ratna, in which year?

- (a) 1991
- (b) 1999
- (c) 2014
- (d) 2019

Answer: (b)

Detailed Explanation: Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan was posthumously awarded the Bharat Ratna in 1999 in recognition of his role in the Indian independence movement and post-independence political awakening.

