1. International News

Houthi Security Escalation in the Middle East

- **Context:** Flashpoint escalations in Middle Eastern aviation hubs and urban infrastructure following continuous missile and drone attacks targeting regional transport hubs.
- **Key Details:** Security alerts were triggered across major Gulf nodes following targeted strikes. The UN urged respect for peaceful assemblies and fundamental human rights amidst local law enforcement detentions in sensitive operational regions.
- **Exam Relevance (UPSC GS-2 / SSC):**
  - Focus on international relations and regional security dynamics in West Asia.
  - Geographical mapping: Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, Red Sea trade route, and Saudi Arabian major transit points.

2. National News

Supreme Court Ruling on Public Transport & Protests

- **Context:** The Supreme Court of India issued key directions to authorities regarding protest-related restrictions on public transport.
- **Key Details:** A Supreme Court bench directed government authorities to immediately remove undue restrictions on public transport facilities during civil demonstrations. The Chief Justice of India noted that judicial platforms should not be dragged into political disputes.
- **Exam Relevance (UPSC GS-2 / Polity):**
  - Article 19(1)(b) & Article 19(1)(d) of the Indian Constitution (Freedom to assemble peacefully and Freedom of movement).
  - Fundamental Rights vs. Reasonable Restrictions imposed under Article 19(2).

3. Economics & Banking

Railway Infrastructure & Capacity Expansion Schemes

- **Context:** Government approval of railway infrastructure initiatives budget allocations totalling ₹750 crore.
- **Key Details:**
  - **Capital Outlay:** ₹750 Crore.
  - **Objective:** Modernization of passenger facilities, track doubling, and line capacity enhancement to ease freight handling.
  - **Recruitment Announcement:** The Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) issued notifications for **3,548 graduate-level Non-Technical Popular Categories (NTPC)** positions (e.g., Goods Train Manager, Senior Clerk-cum-Typist).
- **Exam Relevance (Banking / Railways / SSC CGL):**
  - Sectoral allocation towards infrastructure (Capital Expenditure / CapEx).
  - Government recruitment schemes and administrative expansion.

4. Defense News & MoUs

Defense Manufacturing: Precision Artillery Tech Partnership

- **Context:** Sigma Advanced Systems signed an exclusive Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Munitions India Limited (MIL).
- **Key Highlights:**
  - **Focus Area:** Integration and indigenous manufacturing of **155 mm artillery Course Correction Fuzes (CCF)**.

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- **Technical Specs:** Development of GPS/Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) guidance sensor suites, control actuators, and proximity/impact fuzes to convert unguided 155mm shells into precision-guided munitions.
- **Strategic Goal:** Strengthening domestic manufacturing capabilities under the Atmanirbhar Bharat and Make in India initiatives.

5. Sports News

India vs West Indies T20I Series

- **Context:** India defeated West Indies in the 3rd T20 International held at Holkar Cricket Stadium, Indore.
- **Key Highlights:**
- **Match Outcome:** India won by 14 runs to take a **2–1 lead** in the 5-match series.
- **Key Performers:** Bowler Arshdeep Singh claimed 3 wickets, while Naman Dhir took 2 key wickets.

BRICS Traditional & Indigenous Demonstration Games 2026

- **Context:** Demonstration of traditional games scheduled in Gujarat.
- **Key Highlights:**
- **Host Location:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Objective:** Platform to showcase traditional/native sports among BRICS member nations, fostering cultural exchanges and international athletic bonds.

6. Important Days & Events

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) 33rd Foundation Day

- **Date:** 12 October
- **Establishment Year:** 12 October 1993 (under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993).
- **Statutory Body Details:**
- **Type:** Statutory Autonomous Body.
- **Headquarters:** New Delhi.
- **Composition:** Chairperson (former CJI or Supreme Court Judge) + Judicial and Non-Judicial Members.

World Arthritis Day

- **Date:** 12 October
- **Objective:** Global awareness day aimed at raising understanding about musculoskeletal diseases and Rheumatic and Musculoskeletal Diseases (RMDs).

7. Birth & Death Anniversaries

Birth Anniversary of Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan (JP)

- **Date:** October 11 / October 12 Remembrance
- **Key Contributions & History:**
- **Total Revolution (Sampoorna Kranti):** Launched in 1974 calling for a peaceful transformation in society and politics.
- **Awards:** Awarded the **Bharat Ratna** posthumously in 1999 for social service and opposition to the 1975 Emergency.
- **Key Movements:** Actively associated with the Quit India Movement (1942), Sarvodaya Movement, and Bhoodan Movement alongside Vinoba Bhave.

8. Exam Practice Questions (UPSC / SSC / Banking)

Q1. (Polity / Important Days)

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With reference to the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), consider the following statements:

1. It is a constitutional body established under Article 300A of the Indian Constitution.
2. The Chairperson of NHRC can be a retired Chief Justice of India or a Judge of the Supreme Court. Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- **(A)** 1 only
- **(B)** 2 only
- **(C)** Both 1 and 2
- **(D)** Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: (B) 2 only (NHRC is a statutory body created under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993, not a constitutional body).

Q2. (Defense / MoUs)

Munitions India Limited (MIL) recently partnered with Sigma Advanced Systems for the indigenous manufacturing of which defense equipment?

- **(A)** BrahMos Cruise Missiles
- **(B)** 155 mm Artillery Course Correction Fuzes
- **(C)** PINAKA Rocket Launcher Tubes
- **(D)** Air Defense Radars

Answer: (B) 155 mm Artillery Course Correction Fuzes

Q3. (Modern Indian History / Persons in News)

Who among the following national leaders advocated the call for "Total Revolution" (Sampoorna Kranti) in the 1970s?

- **(A)** Ram Manohar Lohia
- **(B)** Acharya Narendra Deva
- **(C)** Jayaprakash Narayan
- **(D)** Vinoba Bhave

Answer: (C) Jayaprakash Narayan

Q1. Who among the following was appointed as the new Governor of Karnataka in October 2026?

A) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

B) Om Prakash Mathur

C) Dr. Sudha Yadav

D) Dushyant Gautam

Q2. The 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel was jointly awarded to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford for their work on:

A) Empirical analysis of asset prices

B) Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization

C) Experimental approaches to alleviating global poverty

D) Auction theory and improvements to auction formats

Q3. Which two nations participate in the bilateral naval exercise 'Indra-2026'?

A) India and Japan

B) India and Russia

C) India and France

D) Russia and China

Q4. Which state government approved the 'Bhagini Nivedita Scheme' in October 2026?

A) Madhya Pradesh

B) Odisha

C) West Bengal

D) Assam

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Q5. Guruvayur Dorai, who passed away recently, was a renowned master of which musical instrument?

A) Tabla

B) Sitar

C) Mridangam

D) Veena

Q6. According to the World Wildlife Fund's Living Planet Report 2026, by what average percentage have monitored wildlife populations declined?

A) 63%

B) 73%

C) 83%

D) 53%

Q7. Which venue in Delhi was removed from the designated list for holding public protests by Delhi Police in October 2026?

A) Ramlila Maidan

B) Jantar Mantar

C) Boat Club

D) Red Fort Lawns

Q8. Where will the India - New Zealand Under-20 Rugby Series 2026 be held?

A) Rajgir, Bihar

B) New Delhi

C) Patna, Bihar

D) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Q9. Which city will host the 'Cybertech Asia 2027' summit?

A) New Delhi

B) Hyderabad

C) Bengaluru

D) Mumbai

Q10. Where was the Forest Rights Act (FRA) Review Meeting 2026 held?

A) Kolkata, West Bengal

B) Bhubaneswar, Odisha

C) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

D) Ranchi, Jharkhand

Q11. Which documentary won as the national winner at the Asian Academy Creative Awards 2026?

A) Elephant Whisperers

B) All That Breathes

C) Pandharpur Wari - In the Footsteps of the Saints

D) Writing with Fire

Q12. Where was the official 'Drug-Free India 2029 Roadmap' launched?

A) Panaji, Goa

B) Mumbai, Maharashtra

C) New Delhi

D) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh

Q13. Who was appointed as the Governor of Tamil Nadu in October 2026?

A) Om Prakash Mathur

B) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

C) Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen

D) Braj Mohan Ram

Q14. What is the name of the Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV - Yard 3040) launched by GRSE in Kolkata?

A) INS Vikrant

B) Shreyas

C) ICGS Ajit

D) INS Sahyadri

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Q15. Loknayak Jayaprakash Narayan, remembered on his birth anniversary in October, led which famous movement?

A) Chipko Movement

B) Total Revolution (Sampoorna Kranti)

C) Bhoodan Movement

D) Narmada Bachao Andolan

Q16. Om Prakash Mathur was transferred from Sikkim to serve as the Governor of which state?

A) Odisha

B) Uttarakhand

C) Keralam (Kerala)

D) Karnataka

Q17. Who took over as the new Governor of Sikkim following recent presidential appointments?

A) Dushyant Gautam

B) Braj Mohan Ram

C) Dr. Sudha Yadav

D) Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen

Q18. Who was appointed as the Governor of Uttarakhand in October 2026?

A) Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen

B) Braj Mohan Ram

C) Dushyant Gautam

D) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar

Q19. Braj Mohan Ram was appointed as the new Governor of which Indian State?

A) Odisha

B) Karnataka

C) Uttarakhand

D) Kerala

Q20. Indian Navy Ship (INS) Sahyadri arrived at which Russian port city for exercise Indra-2026?

A) Murmansk

B) Vladivostok

C) St. Petersburg

D) Kaliningrad

Q21. Which river in Nepal experienced severe flash flooding along Gorkha district due to upstream landslides?

A) Koshi River

B) Budhi Gandaki River

C) Karnali River

D) Gandak River

Q22. The Indian Ministry of Railways sanctioned an infrastructure package of what total outlay in October 2026?

A) ₹500 crore

B) ₹750 crore

C) ₹1,200 crore

D) ₹2,000 crore

Q23. Which Indian bowler won the 'Player of the Match' award in the T20 match against West Indies after picking up 3 wickets?

A) Jasprit Bumrah

B) Arshdeep Singh

C) Mohammed Siraj

D) Kuldeep Yadav

Q24. In which country did a major road accident in Mkambarani, Morogoro region, claim 28 lives?

A) Kenya

B) Tanzania

C) Uganda

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D) Zambia

Q25. Which Article of the Indian Constitution prohibits the State from conferring titles other than military or academic distinctions?

A) Article 14

B) Article 18

C) Article 19

D) Article 21

Q26. Which official Nobel awarding institution confers the Prize in Economic Sciences?

A) Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences

B) Sveriges Riksbank

C) Norwegian Nobel Committee

D) Karolinska Institutet

Q27. Who is the current Chief Election Commissioner (CEC) of India leading electoral administration reforms?

A) Rajiv Kumar

B) Gyanesh Kumar

C) Sukhbir Singh Sandhu

D) Sushil Chandra

Q28. What is the target year set by the Union Government for achieving a 'Drug-Free India' under its national roadmap?

A) 2028

B) 2029

C) 2030

D) 2035

Q29. Which entity was awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar for sports development?

A) Sports Authority of India

B) Army Paralympic Node, Pune

C) Tata Steel Sports Academy

D) Khelo India Mission

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

A) 1991

B) 1999

C) 2001

D) 2014

Answer Key & Explanations

Q#	Answer	Explanation
1	**C) Dr. Sudha Yadav**	Appointed by President Droupadi Murmu as Governor of Karnataka.
2	**B) Microeconomic foundations...**	Hall and Woodford received the Nobel in Economics for micro-foundations in macroeconomic stabilization.
3	**B) India and Russia**	Indra is the long-standing bilateral military/naval exercise between India and Russia.
4	**C) West Bengal**	Approved to empower local female self-help groups across West Bengal.
5	**C) Mridangam**	Guruvayur Dorai was a maestro of the Carnatic percussion instrument, Mridangam.
6	**B) 73%**	The WWF Living Planet Report 2026

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		highlights a 73% drop in monitored wildlife populations.
7	B) Jantar Mantar	Circular issued by Delhi police removing Jantar Mantar as an approved protest location.
8	A) Rajgir, Bihar	Rajgir Sports Complex in Bihar is selected to host the U-20 India vs NZ Rugby clash.
9	C) Bengaluru	Bengaluru chosen as the hub for the Cybertech Asia 2027 international summit.
10	B) Bhubaneswar, Odisha	Bhubaneswar hosted the nationwide Forest Rights Act Review Conference.
11	C) Pandharpur Wari...	Won national winner status at the Asian Academy Creative Awards 2026.
12	A) Panaji, Goa	The Drug-Free India 2029 initiative roadmap was inaugurated in Panaji, Goa.
13	B) Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar	Transferred from Kerala/Keralam to assume charge in Tamil Nadu.
14	B) Shreyas	Yard 3040 'Shreyas' launched by GRSE

Q#	Answer	Explanation
		Kolkata as part of NGOPV class vessels.
15	B) Total Revolution	Jayaprakash Narayan spearheaded 'Sampoorna Kranti' (Total Revolution) in 1974.
16	C) Keralam (Kerala)	Om Prakash Mathur shifted from Sikkim to Keralam.
17	A) Dushyant Gautam	Named the new Governor of Sikkim.
18	A) Dr. Dhal Singh Bisen	Appointed as the Governor of Uttarakhand.
19	A) Odisha	Braj Mohan Ram assumed office as Governor of Odisha.
20	B) Vladivostok	INS Sahyadri docked at Vladivostok in the Russian Far East.
21	B) Budhi Gandaki River	Landslide triggered flash floods along the Budhi Gandaki river in Nepal.
22	B) ₹750 crore	Multi-scheme projects worth ₹750 crore approved for line capacity expansions.
23	B) Arshdeep Singh	Took 3 wickets for 4 overs against West Indies.

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24	B) Tanzania	Bus-truck collision in Mkambarani, Tanzania resulted in 28 casualties.
25	B) Article 18	Article 18 prohibits titles, allowing only military and academic achievements.
26	B) Sveriges Riksbank	Established the prize in memory of Alfred Nobel in 1968.
27	B) Gyanesh Kumar	Gyanesh Kumar serves as Chief Election Commissioner of India.
28	B) 2029	The roadmap targets a nation completely free of illegal drug abuse by 2029.
29	B) Army Paralympic Node, Pune	Awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar for promoting para-sports.
30	B) 1999	Jayaprakash Narayan was awarded the Bharat Ratna posthumously in 1999 for public service.

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