

1. International News & Geopolitics

- **18th BRICS Summit Concludes with the Adoption of 'New Delhi Declaration 2026'**
 - **Event:** India hosted the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Attended by leaders including Russian President Vladimir Putin, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian, and UAE leadership.
 - **Key Highlights:**
 - Unanimously adopted the **New Delhi Declaration 2026**.
 - Called for immediate protection of civilian infrastructure and nuclear facilities under IAEA safeguards during armed conflicts.
 - Emphasized urgent reform of the UN Security Council (UNSC) to amplify the representation of the Global South.
 - PM Modi outlined **10 Proposals for Global Governance Reform**, urging the bloc to create a "BRICS Reform Roadmap".
 - **Bilateral Meetings:**
 - **India-China:** PM Modi met Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines (first visit to India by a Chinese President in 7 years) to review bilateral disengagement and border stability.
 - **India-Iran:** PM Modi and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian discussed West Asia peace, energy security, and freedom of navigation through the Strait of Hormuz.

2. National News, Art & Culture

- **Four New Indian Sites Included in the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List**
 - **Overview:** The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) announced that UNESCO has

officially added 4 new Indian heritage sites to its Tentative List:

1. **Colonial Penal Settlement of Andaman Islands** (Andaman & Nicobar Islands).
 2. **Nicobarese Cultural Continuity in Central Group of Nicobar Islands** (Andaman & Nicobar Islands).
 3. **Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble** (Assam).
 4. **The Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati** (Rajasthan).
- **Exam Context:** Inclusion in the Tentative List is the mandatory first step before a property can be nominated for official UNESCO World Heritage status.
 - **Infrastructure & Connectivity Approvals**
 - **Uttarakhand Ropeway:** ₹450 crore ropeway project approved between Rishikesh and Neelkanth Mahadev Temple, reducing travel time from 3 hours to 15 minutes.
 - **Industrial Cluster Infrastructure:** Central government sanctioned ₹735.70 crore for three industrial clusters—Bhiwadi (Rajasthan), Medchal (Telangana), and Meerut (Uttar Pradesh).

3. Economics, Banking & Finance

- **PhonePe Partners with Visa for Cross-Border QR Payments**
 - **Development:** PhonePe partnered with Visa at the Global Fintech Fest to launch **Cross Border Scan to Pay**, becoming the first Indian fintech app to enable international QR payments via Visa across 14 countries (including Singapore, Japan, Thailand, UAE, and South Korea).
 - **Additional Solutions Launched:** Tap to Pay and Smart Accept (enabling micro-



merchants to accept card payments via smartphones without POS hardware).

- RBI Launches Rural Consumer Confidence & Inflation Expectation Surveys**
 - Surveys:** Reserve Bank of India introduced the **Rural Consumer Confidence Survey (RCCS)** alongside expanding the **Inflation Expectations Survey of Households (IESH)** to 19 major cities.
 - Objective:** To assess rural economic sentiment, employment perceptions, and urban household inflation expectations.
- Unified Fintech Forum (UFF) Recognized as 2nd Fintech SRO**
 - Details:** RBI granted recognition to UFF as the second Self-Regulatory Organisation for the Financial Technology sector (SRO-FT), following FACE (Fintech Association for Consumer Empowerment).

4. Defense & Top Appointments

Designated Role	Appointed Officer	Key Details
Director General, Army Air Defense (DGAAD)	Lt. Gen. I.S. Panjerth	Assumed charge at Army HQ, overseeing ground-based air defense operations.
Commandant, Chetak Corps (Bathinda)	Lt. Gen. Vikrant Suresh Nyapande	Succeeded Lt. Gen. Shamsher Singh Wirk.
Director General Armed	Air Marshal	Took over as 47th

Designated Role	Appointed Officer	Key Details
Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)	Sandeep Thareja	DGAFMS; alumnus of AFMC Pune.
Air Officer-in-Charge Maintenance (AOM), IAF	Air Marshal KAA Sanjeeb	Succeeded Air Marshal Sanjeev Arora.

5. Important Days & Anniversaries (12 September)

- United Nations Day for South-South Cooperation (12 September)**
 - Theme:** Empowering the Global South through Digital Innovation and Sustainable Trade Partnerships.
 - Background:** Celebrates the adoption of the 1978 Buenos Aires Plan of Action (BPOA) for Promoting and Implementing Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries.

Question 1 (International / Geopolitics)

Which declaration was formally adopted during the 18th BRICS Summit hosted by India in September 2026?

- (A) Johannesburg II Declaration
- (B) New Delhi Declaration 2026
- (C) Kazan Multilateral Accord
- (D) Brasilia Charter

- Answer:** (B) New Delhi Declaration 2026
- Explanation:** Chaired by PM Narendra Modi in New Delhi, the 18th BRICS Summit adopted the New Delhi Declaration, focusing

on UNSC reforms, Global South representation, and West Asia peace.

Question 2 (Art & Culture / Heritage)

Which of the following sites was recently added to the UNESCO World Heritage Tentative List from Assam?

- (A) Charaideo Maidams
- (B) Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble
- (C) Majuli River Island
- (D) Temple of Kamakhya

- **Answer: (B) Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble**
- **Explanation:** In September 2026, UNESCO added 4 Indian properties to its tentative list, including Assam's Rangpur-Sivasagar Historic Ensemble and Rajasthan's Painted Haveli Towns of Shekhawati.

Question 3 (Banking & Financial Awareness)

Which Indian fintech platform became the first to offer Visa's 'Cross Border Scan to Pay' capability for international merchant transactions?

- (A) Paytm
- (B) BharatPe
- (C) PhonePe
- (D) Razorpay

- **Answer: (C) PhonePe**
- **Explanation:** PhonePe partnered with Visa at the Global Fintech Fest 2026 to launch Cross Border Scan to Pay, enabling Indian travellers to pay via QR codes across 14 international markets.

Question 4 (Defense Appointments)

Who has assumed charge as the Director General Army Air Defense (DGAAD) at the Indian Army Headquarters?

- (A) Lt. Gen. Vikrant Suresh Nyapande
- (B) Lt. Gen. I.S. Panjerth
- (C) Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja
- (D) Lt. Gen. Shamsheer Singh Wirk

- **Answer: (B) Lt. Gen. I.S. Panjerth**
- **Explanation:** Lt. Gen. I.S. Panjerth assumed charge as Director General Army Air Defense (DGAAD) to lead tactical ground-based air defense units.

International News

Q1. The 18th BRICS Summit was hosted under India's Chairmanship in New Delhi. Which major declaration was unanimously adopted by member nations during the summit to address global governance reforms?

- [A] New Delhi Declaration
- [B] Brasilia Consensus
- [C] Kazan Framework
- [D] Johannesburg Charter

Answer: [A] New Delhi Declaration

The Hindu

Detailed Explanation: During the 18th BRICS Summit hosted in New Delhi, member nations unanimously adopted the **New Delhi Declaration**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a strong pitch for global institutional reform, urging BRICS nations to transition from "rule-takers to rule-shapers". He outlined 10 key proposals for reforming global governance structures, financial institutions, and international trade mechanisms. The consensus was achieved following extensive diplomacy on complex geopolitical issues, including Middle

East conflicts and local currency trade mechanisms.

Q2. The 79th Session of the WHO Regional Committee for South-East Asia (RC79) was held in Dili, Timor-Leste. What was the key declaration adopted during this session?

- [A] Dili Declaration on Human Resources for Health
- [B] Southeast Asia Universal Health Accord
- [C] Timor Healthcare Equity Pact
- [D] ASEAN Health Resilience Declaration

Answer: [A] Dili Declaration on Human Resources for Health

Detailed Explanation: The 79th WHO Regional Committee Session for South-East Asia was chaired by Timor-Leste's Minister of Health. Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda represented India. The member states unanimously adopted the "**Dili Declaration on Human Resources for Health: Equity in Specialized Care**". The declaration focuses on closing skill gaps, expanding specialized healthcare access in rural areas, strengthening blood safety, resilient health infrastructure, and reaffirming commitment to end Tuberculosis by 2030 across the region.

Q3. Mocha (Al Mokha) Port, recently highlighted in global security news along the Red Sea coast, is situated in which country?

- [A] Djibouti
- [B] Yemen
- [C] Oman
- [D] Somalia

Answer: [B] Yemen

Detailed Explanation: Mocha (Al Mokha) Port is a historic port city located on the southwestern Red Sea coast of **Yemen**, near the strategic Bab-el-Mandeb Strait. The port gained renewed

global geopolitical significance due to territorial shifts along Yemen's maritime coastline. Historically, Mocha was world-famous between the 15th and 17th centuries as the primary global marketplace and export hub for coffee (giving rise to the term 'Mocha coffee').

Q4. Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim attended the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi under which capacity?

- [A] Full Member Nation
- [B] BRICS Partner Country
- [C] Special Observer State
- [D] Guest Dialogue Partner

Answer: [B] BRICS Partner Country

The Times of India

Detailed Explanation: Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim participated in the 18th BRICS Summit as a designated **BRICS Partner Country** upon invitation by host nation India. On the sidelines, bilateral discussions between India and Malaysia focused on expanding trade, deepening defense personnel training, and fostering cooperation in advanced manufacturing, specifically the semiconductor supply chain.

National News & Governance

Q5. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Operational Guidelines for DILRMP 3.0. What does 'DILRMP' stand for, and what is its budgetary allocation for 2026-2031?

- [A] Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme; ₹565.50 crore
- [B] Direct Indian Land Rights Management Plan; ₹1,200 crore
- [C] Digital Infrastructure & Land Registration Portal; ₹850 crore

- [D] Development of Indian Land Resources Management Program; ₹450 crore

Answer: [A] Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme; ₹565.50 crore

Detailed Explanation: The Ministry of Rural Development launched the operational guidelines for the **Digital India Land Records Modernisation Programme (DILRMP) 3.0**, a Central Sector Scheme with an outlay of **₹565.50 crore for the period 2026–2031**. DILRMP 3.0 aims to achieve complete digital mapping of land parcels using GIS, drone technology, unique land parcel identification numbers (Bhu-Aadhar), and seamless integration with institutional credit systems.

Q6. India achieved a milestone under the National HPV Vaccination Campaign by crossing how many total doses?

- [A] 50 Lakh
- [B] 80 Lakh
- [C] 1 Crore
- [D] 1.5 Crore

Answer: [B] 80 Lakh

Detailed Explanation: India officially crossed the milestone of **80 lakh Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccinations** under its nationwide preventive health drive targeted at cervical cancer prevention among adolescent girls. **Uttar Pradesh** emerged as the top-performing state, recording the highest number of overall vaccinations delivered.

Q7. The newly inaugurated India Photonics Association (IPA) was launched at the India Habitat Centre in New Delhi to strengthen which domain?

- [A] Solar cell manufacturing
- [B] Light-based technologies and photonics ecosystem

- [C] Space satellite imaging
- [D] Fiber-optic maritime cables

Answer: [B] Light-based technologies and photonics ecosystem

Detailed Explanation: The **India Photonics Association (IPA)** was launched in New Delhi as the country's first independent, ecosystem-led industry body dedicated to photonics. Supported by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), IPA aims to accelerate innovation, academic research, policy support, and commercial manufacturing in optical chips, lasers, fiber sensing, and advanced light-driven communication systems.

Economics & Banking

Q8. According to the amended Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) Rules, 2026, how is 'prior price' defined for comparative discount displays on e-commerce platforms?

- [A] Lowest price offered during the preceding 15 days
- [B] Lowest price offered during the preceding 30 days
- [C] Average price over the last 60 days
- [D] Maximum Retail Price (MRP) printed by the manufacturer

Answer: [B] Lowest price offered during the preceding 30 days

Detailed Explanation: The Department of Consumer Affairs (DoCA) introduced the **Consumer Protection (E-Commerce) (Amendment) Rules, 2026** to prevent deceptive pricing strategies (drip pricing and fake discounts). E-commerce platforms displaying discount comparisons must disclose the **'prior price,'** defined strictly as the **lowest price at which the product was offered during the preceding 30 days**.

Q9. What is the primary operational objective of the 'One Tag' facility launched by the Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways?

- [A] Universal toll waiver for electric vehicles
- [B] Portability of existing FASTag across different bank accounts without changing the vehicle sticker
- [C] Elimination of physical GPS tracking on commercial trucks
- [D] Linking vehicle insurance directly to FASTag wallet

Answer: [B] Portability of existing FASTag across different bank accounts without changing the vehicle sticker

Detailed Explanation: Union Minister Nitin Gadkari launched the 'One Tag' facility via the Rajmarg Yatra Mobile App. This feature enables **FASTag bank portability**. Vehicle owners switching their primary bank account do not need to peel off or purchase a new physical FASTag sticker; they can re-link their existing sticker seamlessly to the new bank account, reducing toll plaza processing times.

Q10. Based on the NSO's ASUSE 2025 survey release, which district recorded the highest female participation rate in the informal workforce?

- [A] Hathras, Uttar Pradesh
- [B] Nirmal, Telangana
- [C] Rudraprayag, Uttarakhand
- [D] Wayanad, Kerala

Answer: [B] Nirmal, Telangana

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Detailed Explanation: The National Statistical Office (NSO), MoSPI, released its first-ever district-level estimates from the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE 2025). **Nirmal district in Telangana** topped the

nation with an unprecedented **78% female participation rate** in informal unincorporated non-agricultural enterprises, highlighting local female entrepreneurship in rural-urban unorganized sectors.

Sports News

Q11. Under the Mukhyamantri Khel Protsahan Yojana, the Delhi Government approved financial assistance of how much per month for young athletes under the 'Grassroot Training Support Assistance'?

- [A] ₹1,000
- [B] ₹2,000
- [C] ₹3,500
- [D] ₹5,000

Answer: [B] ₹2,000

Detailed Explanation: The Delhi Government approved the '**Grassroot Training Support Assistance**' component under the Mukhyamantri Khel Protsahan Yojana. Under-14, Under-17, Under-19, and Under-21 athletes training at government stadiums will receive **₹2,000 per month** to cover essential expenses like basic sports equipment, local travel, nutrition, and medical needs.

Defense News & Space Technology

Q12. What is the edition and operational framework of 'Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026' conducted between the Indian Army and the US Army?

- [A] 20th Edition under 'Operation Sentinel'
- [B] 22nd Edition under 'Operation Pathways'
- [C] 18th Edition under 'Operation Pacific Shield'
- [D] 25th Edition under 'Operation Indra'

Answer: [B] 22nd Edition under 'Operation Pathways'

Detailed Explanation: The 22nd edition of Exercise Yudh Abhyas 2026 commenced between the Indian Army and the United States Army. Held under the overarching 'Operation Pathways' tactical framework, the exercise focuses on counter-terrorism, tactical interoperability, joint heliborne operations, and high-altitude warfare simulations.

Q13. ISRO successfully completed a hot test of the CE20 Cryogenic Engine at 220 kN thrust. Which major flagship mission does this test directly validate?

- [A] Chandrayaan-4 Lunar Sample Return
- [B] Gaganyaan Human Spaceflight Mission
- [C] Mangalyaan-2 Mars Orbiter
- [D] Aditya-L2 Solar Mission

Answer: [B] Gaganyaan Human Spaceflight Mission

Detailed Explanation: ISRO performed a successful hot test of the CE20 Cryogenic Engine at an uprated thrust level of 220 kN at the ISRO Propulsion Complex (IPRC). The test successfully qualified the Liquid Oxygen (LOX) Tank Pressurisation Module, a critical subsystem required to ensure structural safety and thrust stability for the Gaganyaan human spaceflight mission.

Q14. India held bilateral defense discussions with which African nation during the BRICS Summit, expanding engagement in military training and UN Peacekeeping?

- [A] Kenya
- [B] Ethiopia
- [C] Nigeria
- [D] Egypt

Answer: [B] Ethiopia

Detailed Explanation: PM Narendra Modi held bilateral talks with Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed Ali in New Delhi. The discussions focused on expanding defense industry collaboration, joint personnel training, mining investments, and UN Peacekeeping operations, signaling a new trajectory in India-Africa strategic relations.

Government Schemes & State Initiatives

Q15. Under the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) in Jharkhand, what Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) was established to manage the ₹1,684 crore project rollout?

- [A] Jharkhand Communication Network Limited (JCNL)
- [B] Jharkhand Digital Infrastructure Corporation Limited (JDICL)
- [C] Digital Bharat Nidhi Limited (DBNL)
- [D] Jharkhand Telecom Development Corporation (JTDC)

Answer: [B] Jharkhand Digital Infrastructure Corporation Limited (JDICL)

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Detailed Explanation: Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), under the Department of Telecommunications (DoT), signed a tripartite agreement with the Government of Jharkhand for implementing the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) with central funding of ₹1,684 crore. Jharkhand Digital Infrastructure Corporation Limited (JDICL) serves as the Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) executing last-mile optical fiber connectivity to gram panchayats.

Q16. Which central fund under the Telecommunications Act manages universal rural telecom service funding, including the Amended BharatNet Program?

- [A] Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)
- [B] Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)
- [C] National Telecom Development Infrastructure Fund (NTDIF)
- [D] Bharat Rural Broadband Corpus (BRBC)

Answer: [B] Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)

Detailed Explanation: Under the Telecommunications Act 2023, the former Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) was officially renamed and restructured as **Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN)**. DBN funds research, development, and telecom infrastructure expansion across underserved rural and remote areas in India.

MoUs & Institutional Partnerships

Q17. The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA) signed a 5-year MoU for holistic healthcare integration with which institute?

- [A] Isha Foundation
- [B] Heartfulness Institute
- [C] Patanjali Yogpeeth
- [D] Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga

Answer: [B] Heartfulness Institute

Detailed Explanation: ITRA Jamnagar signed a 5-year MoU with the **Heartfulness Institute**. The partnership aims to combine traditional Ayurvedic medical science with meditation, integrative research, and mental wellness programs.

Q18. National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT) partnered with which US-based platform to integrate digital resources into the National Digital University (NDU)?

- [A] MIT OpenCourseWare

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- [B] Saylor University

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- [C] Coursera Global Initiative
- [D] HarvardX Online

Answer: [B] Saylor University

Detailed Explanation: NIELIT signed a partnership with **Saylor University, USA**, inaugurated by MeitY Secretary S. Krishnan. The collaboration enables open-source, flexible, high-quality digital learning resources to be integrated directly into India's **National Digital University (NDU)** platform.

Science, AI & Technology

Q19. Google DeepMind unveiled the 'AlphaGenome Atlas.' What is its primary scientific purpose?

- [A] Mapping ocean microbial species
- [B] Predicting effects of genetic variations across 3 billion base pairs of human DNA
- [C] Simulating plant photosynthesis under high temperatures
- [D] Synthesizing artificial protein chains for agricultural pest control

Answer: [B] Predicting effects of genetic variations across 3 billion base pairs of human DNA

Detailed Explanation: Google DeepMind released the **AlphaGenome Atlas**, an AI-powered genomic resource. Human DNA contains ~3 billion base pairs, of which 98% is non-coding DNA. AlphaGenome computationally models and predicts the biological impact of nearly 9 billion possible single-nucleotide mutations across both coding and non-coding regions, accelerating precision medicine and disease research.

Q20. What was the official global theme for World EV (Electric Vehicle) Day?

- [A] Zero Emission, Zero Excuses
- [B] Switching Electric: driving down the cost of motoring
- [C] Charging Ahead: Clean Mobility for All
- [D] Electrify the Future: Battery First

Answer: [B] Switching Electric: driving down the cost of motoring

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Detailed Explanation: World EV Day (observed annually on September 9) focused on the 2026 global theme: **"Switching Electric: driving down the cost of motoring"**. Supported by global sustainability organizations like Green.TV, the campaign highlights affordability, battery lifecycle cost reduction, and expansion of charging infrastructure.

Appointments & Parliamentary Recognitions

Q21. Which members of the Rajya Sabha were recognized among parliamentarians for outstanding legislative performance?

- [A] Medha Vishram Kulkarni and Narhari Amin
- [B] Jagdambika Pal and Nishikant Dubey
- [C] P.P. Chaudhary and Shrikant Shinde
- [D] Derek O'Brien and Jairam Ramesh

Answer: [A] Medha Vishram Kulkarni and Narhari Amin

Detailed Explanation: Rajya Sabha MPs **Medha Vishram Kulkarni and Narhari Amin** were formally recognized for their active participation, attendance record, private member interventions, and parliamentary performance. Parliamentary Standing Committees on Agriculture, Finance, Rural

Development, and Coal & Mines were also recognized.

Q22. What primary legal limitation prevents the Election Commission of India (ECI) from automatically de-registering political parties that fail to contest elections?

- [A] Absence of budget allocations for tracking
- [B] Supreme Court precedents restricting de-registration powers to exceptional circumstances
- [C] Representation of the People Act does not define political parties
- [D] Mandatory approval required from the Ministry of Law & Justice

Answer: [B] Supreme Court precedents restricting de-registration powers to exceptional circumstances

Detailed Explanation: Under Section 29A of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, the ECI has the power to register political parties. However, **Supreme Court landmark rulings** have held that the ECI lacks statutory power to de-register a political party unless registration was obtained by fraud, or the party ceases to owe allegiance to the Constitution.

Art, Culture, Festivals & Important Days

Q23. Located in Jamnagar, Gujarat, ITRA holds a unique status in traditional Indian medicine. In which year was ITRA granted the 'Institute of National Importance' (INI) status by Parliament?

- [A] 2014
- [B] 2020
- [C] 2018
- [D] 2022

Answer: [B] 2020

Detailed Explanation: The Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda (ITRA), Jamnagar, was granted the status of **Institute of National Importance (INI)** through the Institute of Teaching and Research in Ayurveda Act, 2020, passed by the Parliament of India. It is the first and only Ayurvedic institution to hold the INI tag.

Q24. Mocha Port in Yemen, which sits near the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, connects the Red Sea to which major body of water?

- [A] Persian Gulf
- [B] Gulf of Aden
- [C] Mediterranean Sea
- [D] Mozambique Channel

Answer: [B] Gulf of Aden

Detailed Explanation: Mocha Port sits strategically at the southern entrance of the Red Sea near the Bab-el-Mandeb Strait, which connects the **Red Sea to the Gulf of Aden** and the broader Indian Ocean. This narrow choke-point handles approximately 10–12% of global seaborne trade and oil transit.

Q25. Which international healthcare day/observance initiative led to the adoption of the 'Dili Declaration' during WHO RC79?

- [A] World Health Assembly Special Summit
- [B] WHO Regional Committee Session for South-East Asia
- [C] Global Patient Safety Day
- [D] Universal Health Coverage Forum

Answer: [B] WHO Regional Committee Session for South-East Asia

Detailed Explanation: The **WHO Regional Committee Session for South-East Asia (79th Session)** held in Timor-Leste served as the official high-level governance body where

health ministers across 11 South-East Asian nations adopted the Dili Declaration.

Books, Authors & Economic Indicators

Q26. The Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE 2025) district-level report was published by which government body?

- [A] NITI Aayog
- [B] National Statistical Office (NSO), MoSPI
- [C] Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- [D] Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Answer: [B] National Statistical Office (NSO), MoSPI

Detailed Explanation: The **National Statistical Office (NSO)**, under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), compiled and published the first-ever district-level granular estimates under **ASUSE 2025**. The report offers insights into economic output, employment, and gender participation in unincorporated, non-agricultural informal enterprises.

Q27. Union Minister Piyush Goyal advocated for which economic mechanism during the BRICS Business Forum in New Delhi?

- [A] A single gold-backed BRICS currency
- [B] Linked digital payment systems and cross-border local currency trade settlement
- [C] Complete removal of import tariffs across member states
- [D] Creation of a unified BRICS Stock Exchange

Answer: [B] Linked digital payment systems and cross-border local currency trade settlement

Detailed Explanation: At the BRICS Business Forum, Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal emphasized removing trade barriers and creating **interoperable digital payment systems** (linking systems like UPI) to settle bilateral cross-border trade in local currencies, reducing transaction friction and exchange rate vulnerability.

Q28. The 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi marked the first visit of Chinese President Xi Jinping to India after how many years?

- [A] 3 years
- [B] 5 years
- [C] 7 years
- [D] 10 years

Answer: [C] 7 years

Detailed Explanation: Chinese President Xi Jinping arrived in New Delhi for the 18th BRICS Summit. This was his **first visit to India in 7 years** (since the 2019 Mamallapuram informal summit). During his visit, PM Modi and President Xi held structured bilateral talks aimed at stabilizing border disengagement and normalizing economic ties.

Q29. What is the execution body mandated under the Ministry of Rural Development for land record digitization in DILRMP 3.0?

- [A] Department of Land Resources (DoLR)
- [B] Survey of India
- [C] National Informatics Centre (NIC)
- [D] Land Development Corporation of India

Answer: [A] Department of Land Resources (DoLR)

Detailed Explanation: The **Department of Land Resources (DoLR)**, operating under the Ministry of Rural Development (MoRD), is the nodal central department responsible for

administering and monitoring the ₹565.50 crore **DILRMP 3.0 guidelines**.

Q30. Which judicial authority in India issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Saeed in connection with terror funding?

- [A] Delhi High Court
- [B] Special NIA Court, Jammu
- [C] Supreme Court of India
- [D] Special TADA Court, Mumbai

Answer: [B] Special NIA Court, Jammu

Detailed Explanation: A **Special National Investigation Agency (NIA) Court** located in **Jammu** issued a non-bailable arrest warrant against Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) founder Hafiz Muhammad Saeed. The warrant relates to terror financing cases, cross-border arms smuggling, and directing terrorist activities in the Kashmir Valley.