

1. International News & Relations

First-Ever BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting Hosted by India

- **Context:** India hosted the inaugural BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Home Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi.
- **Key Highlights:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the session, emphasizing regional security, counter-terrorism, combating trans-border crimes, and strengthening maritime security infrastructure across the Bay of Bengal region.
- **Static Takeaway:**
 - **BIMSTEC Established:** 6 June 1997 (Bangkok Declaration)
 - **Secretariat:** Dhaka, Bangladesh
 - **Member Countries (7):** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and Thailand.

BRICS Traditional & Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games 2026

- **Context:** Ahmedabad, Gujarat, hosted the first-ever BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games under the BRICS sports framework.
- **Key Highlights:** Promoted traditional disciplines unique to member and partner nations (e.g., India's Mallakhamba & Kalaripayattu) to foster cultural exchange.

2. National News & Policy Updates

Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026 — Released by WIPO

- **Context:** The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) released the 19th edition of the Global Innovation Index 2026.
- **Key Findings:**
 - **India's Rank:** 38th out of 139 economies.
 - **Group Ranking:** 1st among 36 lower-middle-income economies and 1st in Central & Southern Asia.
 - **Top Global Rank:** Switzerland (1st), Sweden (2nd), USA (3rd).
 - **Indian Clusters in Top Global Innovation Hubs:** Bengaluru (25th) and Delhi (27th).

Jantar Mantar Denotified as Designated Protest Site

- **Context:** Delhi Police officially removed Jantar Mantar from the list of designated protest sites in New Delhi due to security and urban management considerations.

3. Economics, Banking & Financial Sector

2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences

- **Context:** Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2026 was jointly awarded to American economists **Robert E. Hall** and **Michael Woodford**.
- **Reason:** For their pathbreaking contribution to the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization policies.
- **Prize Amount:** 12 million Swedish kronor (~US\$1.2 million).

RBI Regulatory & Monetary Updates

- **Paytm Payments Bank Excluded:** RBI excluded Paytm Payments Bank from the

Second Schedule of the RBI Act, 1934 under Section 42(6)(b) following its license cancellation and subsequent winding-up orders.

- **Special Dollar Window:** RBI opened a special US Dollar liquidity window for state-owned oil marketing companies to stabilize foreign exchange liquidity.
- **OMO Auction:** RBI executed an Open Market Operation (OMO) auction selling ₹50,000 crore worth of Government Securities (G-Secs) to absorb surplus liquidity.

Banking Products & Market Metrics

- **Verto Premium Savings Account:** Launched by Federal Bank, tailored for young professionals and entrepreneurs.
- **SEBI Notification:** SEBI notified the Settlement Regulations, 2026, simplifying and streamlining securities dispute settlement procedures.
- **MSME Credit Growth:** CRIF High Mark report indicated India's MSME credit portfolio expanded by 5% YoY, touching ₹47.4 trillion.

4. Government Schemes & MoUs

Bhagini Nivedita Scheme — West Bengal

- **Target Audience:** Unmarried women pursuing higher education.
- **Financial Assistance:** ₹50,000 over three years distributed in 3 annual installments to eliminate financial barriers to higher studies.

International MoU on Skill Development — Chhattisgarh

- **Context:** The Government of Chhattisgarh signed an MoU with ITE Education Services (ITEES), Singapore.

- **Objective:** Enhance technical and vocational education, modernizing ITIs and skill training centers across Chhattisgarh.

5. Defense & Military Logistics

Exercise INDRA 2026

- **Type:** Bilateral Naval Exercise between the Indian Navy and Russian Federation Navy.
- **Venue:** INS Sahyadri arrived in Vladivostok, Russia.
- **Schedule:** October 13–18, 2026.

Project Seabird Phase IIA Infrastructure Expansion

- **Organization:** Indian Navy.
- **Location:** INS Kadamba Naval Base at Karwar, Karnataka.
- **Key Detail:** Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) General N.S. Raja Subramani inaugurated utility and residential facilities. Covering over 11,000 acres, INS Kadamba is one of the largest naval bases in the Eastern Hemisphere.

'Bharat Rice' Logistics Initiative by Indian Army

- **Implemented by:** Directorate General of Supplies and Transport (DGST) in collaboration with FCI, NAFED, and the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution.
- **Objective:** Streamline grain delivery and forward positioning of military supplies in remote high-altitude regions like Ladakh and the Northeast.

6. Appointments & Resignations

Designation	Appointee	Notes / Previous Post
Deputy Election Commissioner	Prakash Rajpurohit (IAS)	2010-batch Rajasthan cadre officer; tenure till April 2030.
UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate	Smriti Mandhana	Indian cricketer; appointed alongside stepping into Indian T20/ODI team leadership roles.
Chief of the Air Staff (29th) (Upcoming Oct 31)	Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit	Succeeds incumbent CAS.

7. Awards & Honors

- Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur (Legion of Honour - France):** Conferred upon **Sunil Bharti Mittal** (Founder & Chairman, Bharti Enterprises) by French President Emmanuel Macron for strengthening Indo-French trade and telecom ties.
- 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Nobel Prize in Economics:** Awarded to **Robert E. Hall** and **Michael Woodford**.

8. Sports News

- Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix 2026:** Won by Red Bull's **Max Verstappen**. Charles

Leclerc (Ferrari) finished 2nd, and Kimi Antonelli (Mercedes) placed 3rd.

- Flagbearers for 2026 Asian Para Games (Aichi-Nagoya, Japan):** **Pramod Bhagat** (Para-Badminton) and **Bhavina Patel** (Para Table Tennis).

9. Art, Culture & Festivals

- BRICS Theatre Festival 2026:** Inaugurated by Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat at the National School of Drama (NSD), New Delhi.
- Participating Nations:** India, South Africa, Russia, Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam, Iran, Kazakhstan, and Ethiopia.

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Date	Day	Theme 2026 / Significance
13 October	International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction	Theme: "Resilience Starts at Home"
13 October	Metastatic Breast Cancer Awareness Day	Focuses on stage IV breast cancer awareness and support.
9-15 October	National Postal Week	Marks the founding anniversary of the Universal Postal Union (UPU, 1874).

11. Practice Multiple Choice Questions (Exam Pattern)



Q1. India ranked 38th in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026 released by WIPO. Which Indian city ranked highest among global innovation clusters in this report?

- (A) Hyderabad
- (B) Mumbai
- (C) Bengaluru
- (D) New Delhi

Q2. Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford were jointly awarded the 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences for their work on which domain?

- (A) Behavioral economics and decision-making
- (B) Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization
- (C) Auction theory and resource allocation
- (D) Empirical analysis of labor market dynamics

Q3. Exercise INDRA 2026 is a bilateral naval exercise conducted between the Indian Navy and the navy of which nation?

- (A) France
- (B) Japan
- (C) Russia
- (D) United States

Q4. Which state cabinet approved the 'Bhagini Nivedita Scheme' providing ₹50,000 financial support to unmarried women for higher education?

- (A) Assam
- (B) West Bengal
- (C) Odisha
- (D) Jharkhand

Q5. What is the theme for the International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction 2026 observed on 13th October?

- (A) Fighting Inequality for a Resilient Future
- (B) Early Warning and Early Action for All
- (C) Resilience Starts at Home
- (D) Investing in Disaster Risk Reduction

Answer Key with Explanations:

1. **(C) Bengaluru** — Bengaluru ranked 25th globally, followed by Delhi at 27th.
2. **(B) Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization** — Awarded by Sveriges Riksbank.
3. **(C) Russia** — Staged at Vladivostok featuring INS Sahyadri.
4. **(B) West Bengal** — Implemented through three ₹16,666 annual installments.
5. **(C) Resilience Starts at Home** — Designated by the United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction (UNDRR).

1. Economics & Banking

- **2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences Announced:** The Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel 2026 was awarded to **Robert E. Hall** (Stanford University) and **Michael Woodford** (Columbia University). They were recognized for their landmark work on the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization, explaining how household and business decisions impact monetary policy, inflation, and output volatility.
- **RBI Special Forex Facility for OMCs:** The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced a dedicated foreign exchange window to meet the 100% daily U.S. dollar requirement for state-run Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). This aims to protect the Indian Rupee (INR) from extreme volatility caused by sudden oil payment pressures.

- **57th GST Council Meeting:** Held in New Delhi, focusing on decriminalization measures for minor tax offenses, next-gen process reforms, and streamlining GST returns.

2. National News & Governance

- **PM Modi Launches ₹13,000 Crore Infrastructure Projects in Chennai:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid foundation stones for key projects in Tamil Nadu, including the Poonamallee-Vadapalani elevated stretch of Chennai Metro Rail Phase II (Corridor 4).
- **Project DRISHTI Approved for Delhi:** The Government of India approved the ₹65-crore DRISHTI (Delhi Revenue and Imaging Survey, Spatial Technology Initiative) project under PM-UDAY to fast-track spatial mapping and property ownership rights in unauthorized colonies.
- **Jantar Mantar Denotified as Protest Site:** Following recommendations from a Union Home Ministry committee, the Delhi Police denotified Jantar Mantar as an officially designated protest venue.

3. International News & Bilateral Agreements

- **Indo-Swiss Research Flagship (ISRF):** Unveiled during Swiss President Guy Parmelin's official visit to India. India and Switzerland signed five major MOUs focusing on scientific collaboration, sustainable technology, and mobility.
- **EAM S. Jaishankar's 3-Nation Africa Tour:** External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar concluded a high-level diplomatic tour covering Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ethiopia to strengthen South-South cooperation.

4. Defense News

- **GRSE Launches INS Shreyas (Yard 3040):** Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) launched INS Shreyas, the third of four Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs) for the Indian Navy at Kolkata, West Bengal, under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

5. Government Schemes

- **PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) Completes 1 Year:** Launched on 11 October 2025 across 100 selected agricultural districts, the scheme completes its first anniversary. Top performing districts awarded included Gaya (Bihar), Nagaur (Rajasthan), and Umari (Madhya Pradesh).

6. Sports, Appointments & Books

- **UNICEF India Celebrity Advocate:** Batter **Smriti Mandhana** was designated UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate and reclaimed the **No. 1 ranking** in ICC Women's ODI Batting Rankings.
- **Kisan Cricket League (KCL):** Prasar Bharati and In-Dot Sports launched the KCL in New Delhi to discover talent from rural India using AI-driven digital auditions.
- **Book Release:** Rag Rag Mein Cricket, chronicling former cricketer Sanjay Jagdale's journey, was formally released by legend Sunil Gavaskar.
- **Obituary:** Padma Shri awardee and legendary Mridangam maestro **Guruvayur Dorai** passed away at the age of 91.

Section 1: International News & Diplomacy

Question 1 Which two economists were jointly awarded the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences 2026?

- (a) Joel Mokyr and Philippe Aghion
(b) Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford

(c) Daron Acemoglu and James A. Robinson

(d) Claudia Goldin and Douglas Diamond

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The 2026 Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences was awarded to **Robert E. Hall** (Stanford University) and **Michael Woodford** (Columbia University) for their contribution to the microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization.

Question 2 The Indo-Swiss Research Flagship (ISRf) was unveiled during the bilateral visit of which Swiss leader to India in October 2026?

(a) Viola Amherd

(b) Guy Parmelin

(c) Alain Berset

(d) Ignazio Cassis

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The Indo-Swiss Research Flagship (ISRf) was launched during the official visit of Swiss President **Guy Parmelin** to New Delhi.

Question3 External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar conducted an official three-nation diplomatic visit in October 2026 to which group of African countries?

(a) Kenya, Tanzania, and Uganda

(b) Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ethiopia

(c) Nigeria, South Africa, and Egypt

(d) Senegal, Rwanda, and Namibia

Answer: (b)

Explanation: EAM S. Jaishankar visited **Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire, and Ethiopia** between 6–10 October 2026 to strengthen bilateral ties and trade partnerships.

Question 4 Which nation recently launched the Next-Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel

(NGOPV) program in collaboration with GRSE Kolkata?

(a) Sri Lanka

(b) Bangladesh

(c) India

(d) Maldives

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in Kolkata launched **INS Shreyas**, the 3rd indigenous NGOPV built for the Indian Navy.

Section 2: National News & Governance

Question 5 Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated infrastructure projects worth over ₹13,000 crore in which city? (a) Bengaluru

(b) Chennai

(c) Hyderabad

(d) Kochi

Answer: (b)

Explanation: PM Modi launched development projects valued at over ₹13,000 crore in **Chennai, Tamil Nadu**, including the Poonamallee–Vadapalani Metro stretch.

Question 6 What is the primary objective of Project 'DRISHTI' approved by the Government of India in October 2026?

(a) Enhancing maritime radar coverage along coastal states

(b) Accelerating property ownership rights in Delhi's unauthorized colonies

(c) Tracking deep-space satellite launches

(d) Monitoring agricultural output via satellite imagery

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Project **DRISHTI** (Delhi Revenue and Imaging Survey, Spatial Technology Initiative) uses spatial technology to expedite property rights under the PM-UDAY scheme in Delhi's unauthorized colonies.

Question 7 Following a recommendation by a Union Home Ministry committee, which iconic site in New Delhi was denotified as an official protest venue?

- (a) India Gate lawns
- (b) Ramlila Maidan
- (c) Jantar Mantar
- (d) Boat Club

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Delhi Police removed **Jantar Mantar** from the list of designated protest venues based on a committee report regarding urban regulation and public movement.

Question 8 Which Ministry initiated the launch of multilingual websites for the Department of Science & Technology (DST) to improve public access to science?

- (a) Ministry of Education
- (b) Ministry of Electronics & IT
- (c) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (d) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh launched the multilingual DST and MoS&T websites to enhance scientific communication across regional languages.

Section 3: Economics, Banking & Finance

Question 9 Why did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduce a dedicated foreign exchange facility for state-run Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in October 2026?

- (a) To finance oil exploration in offshore basins
- (b) To fulfill daily USD requirements and prevent extreme forex market volatility
- (c) To subsidize petroleum retail prices
- (d) To eliminate dollar usage in international trade

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The RBI opened a specialized FX window to meet the total daily dollar demand of state-run oil refiners directly, preventing sudden rupee volatility in the open currency market.

Question 10 The 57th GST Council Meeting held in New Delhi primarily recommended which major governance reform?

- (a) Imposition of a 30% uniform tax on all luxury items
- (b) Complete abolition of GST on healthcare insurance
- (c) Decriminalization measures for minor procedural offenses and next-gen process reforms
- (d) Creation of a separate State GST Tribunal in every district

Answer: (c)

Explanation: The 57th GST Council meeting focused on decriminalizing minor procedural tax infractions and easing compliance requirements through next-generation process reforms.

Question 11 Tata Power has partnered with which international firm to introduce membrane-based floating solar power technology in India?

- (a) Vestas (Denmark)
- (b) Ocean Sun (Norway)
- (c) First Solar (USA)



(d) Equinor (Norway)

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Tata Power partnered with Norway-based **Ocean Sun** to introduce innovative membrane-based floating solar power technology to Indian water bodies.

Question 12 Which AI company was selected by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) to build a unified Agentic AI platform for government services?

- (a) Sarvam AI
- (b) CoRover
- (c) Krutrim AI
- (d) OpenAI India

Answer: (b)

Explanation: MeitY selected **CoRover** to design and deploy a unified, conversational Agentic AI platform to streamline citizen access to public services.

Section 4: Defense & Security

Question 13 What is the name of the 3rd Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) launched for the Indian Navy at GRSE Kolkata?

- (a) INS Nirdeshak
- (b) INS Shreyas
- (c) INS Arnala
- (d) INS Ikshak

Answer: (b)

Explanation: **INS Shreyas** (Yard 3040) is the 3rd of four NGOPVs being indigenously constructed by GRSE for the Indian Navy.

Question 14 The NGOPV class vessels built by GRSE fall under which defense procurement initiative?

- (a) Project 75I
- (b) Make in India & Aatmanirbhar Bharat

(c) Strategic Partnership Model (SPM)

(d) Project 15B

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The NGOPV construction program is designed under the **Make in India** and **Aatmanirbhar Bharat** frameworks to promote domestic naval defense manufacturing.

Section 5: Government Schemes & Initiatives

Question 15 The Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY), which completed 1 year of implementation on 11 October 2026, targets how many selected agricultural districts?

- (a) 50 districts
- (b) 100 districts
- (c) 250 districts
- (d) 500 districts

Answer: (b)

Explanation: PMDDKY targets 100 identified agricultural districts to improve productivity, credit access, post-harvest infrastructure, and irrigation.

Question 16 Which of the following districts was recognized among the top-performing districts during the 1st anniversary celebration of PMDDKY?

- (a) Gaya (Bihar)
- (b) Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh)
- (c) Wayanad (Kerala)
- (d) Shimla (Himachal Pradesh)

Answer: (a)

Explanation: **Gaya** (Bihar), along with Nagaur (Rajasthan) and Umari (Madhya Pradesh), was felicitated for outstanding progress under PMDDKY.

Question 17 What is the total implementation duration approved for the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY)?

- (a) 3 years
- (b) 5 years
- (c) 6 years
- (d) 10 years

Answer: (c)

Explanation: The Union Cabinet approved PMDDKY for a duration of **6 years** starting from its launch on 11 October 2025.

Section 6: Sports Current Affairs

Question 18 Which Indian cricketer was designated as UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate in October 2026?

- (a) Harmanpreet Kaur
- (b) Smriti Mandhana
- (c) Shafali Verma
- (d) Deepti Sharma

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Star batter **Smriti Mandhana** was named UNICEF India's Celebrity Advocate to promote child rights and youth empowerment.

Question 19 Prasara Bharati partnered with which private entity to launch the 'Kisan Cricket League' (KCL) to scout rural sports talent?

- (a) Star Sports India
- (b) In-Dot Sports
- (c) Dream11 Foundation
- (d) Sports Authority of India

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Prasara Bharati and In-Dot Sports Private Limited launched the Kisan Cricket League (KCL) using AI screening to spot rural talent.

Question 20 Who won the Formula 1 Singapore Grand Prix 2026 title?

- (a) Lewis Hamilton
- (b) Charles Leclerc
- (c) Max Verstappen
- (d) Lando Norris

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Red Bull racer **Max Verstappen** claimed victory at the Singapore Grand Prix 2026.

Question 21 Who was recently elected as the first President of the Indian UniSport Federation?

- (a) Kalyan Chaubey
- (b) Prof. Achyuta Samanta
- (c) PT Usha
- (d) Rajyavardhan Singh Rathore

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Prof. Achyuta Samanta was elected as the first President of the newly established Indian UniSport Federation.

Section 7: Appointments & Resignations

Question 22 Which Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting recently submitted his resignation to step into full-time party organizational work in Tamil Nadu?

- (a) L. Murugan
- (b) K. Annamalai
- (c) Mansukh Mandaviya
- (d) Rajiv Chandrasekhar

Answer: (a)

Explanation: Union MoS **L. Murugan** resigned from his ministerial post and Rajya Sabha seat to focus on political work in Tamil Nadu.

Section 8: Books, Authors & Culture

Question 23 The book titled *Rag Rag Mein Cricket*, detailing the cricketing journey of Sanjay Jagdale, was released by which veteran cricketer?

- (a) Kapil Dev
- (b) Sachin Tendulkar
- (c) Sunil Gavaskar
- (d) Rahul Dravid

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Legendary batsman **Sunil Gavaskar** officially released *Rag Rag Mein Cricket*, an autobiographical biography on Sanjay Jagdale.

Question 24 Padma Shri awardee Guruvayur Dorai, who passed away in October 2026, was a master exponent of which classical instrument?

- (a) Veena
- (b) Mridangam
- (c) Flute
- (d) Shehnai

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Guruvayur Dorai was an acclaimed Carnatic **Mridangam** maestro and recipient of the Padma Shri award.

Question 25 Chandan Roy and Terence Lewis star in which upcoming socio-cultural feature film whose poster was released during Navratri 2026?

- (a) Mahishasur Mardini
- (b) Aaj Ka Mahishasur
- (c) Kolkata Files
- (d) Gramin Yodha

Answer: (b)

Explanation: Renowned choreographer Terence Lewis makes his acting debut in the feature film *Aaj Ka Mahishasur*.

Section 9: State Specific News & Regulatory Bans

Question 26 Which state government imposed a comprehensive 1-year ban on the production, storage, and sale of Gutkha and Pan Masala in October 2026?

- (a) Bihar
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The **Uttarakhand** state government imposed a strict one-year ban on the manufacture, storage, distribution, and sale of tobacco-infused gutkha and pan masala.

Question 27 Under Project DRISHTI, spatial tech surveys are being conducted using high-resolution drone mapping in which Union Territory?

- (a) Puducherry
- (b) Chandigarh
- (c) National Capital Territory of Delhi
- (d) Jammu & Kashmir

Answer: (c)

Explanation: Project DRISHTI specifically caters to the NCT of Delhi to accurately map unauthorized colony boundaries for PM-UDAY ownership rights.

Section 10: Miscellaneous & Important Days

Question 28 Which international organization observes World Sight Day globally during the

second week of October to raise awareness about vision impairment?

- (a) UNESCO
- (b) World Health Organization (WHO)
- (c) UNICEF
- (d) World Medical Association

Answer: (b)

Explanation: The WHO, in coordination with the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB), leads global advocacy for World Sight Day annually in October.

Question 29 In October 2026, the NPCI Steering Committee deferred the implementation of the 0.40% Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) charge on UPI transactions above ₹2,000 until after which festival?

- (a) Dussehra
- (b) Diwali
- (c) Chhath Puja
- (d) New Year

Answer: (b)

Explanation: To protect festive retail sentiment, the government deferred the proposal to charge a 0.40% MDR fee on high-value UPI transactions until Diwali.

Question 30 Which space institute invited applications for launching the regional Space Technology Incubation Centre (S-TIC) program in October 2026?

- (a) IISc Bengaluru
- (b) ISRO
- (c) DRDO
- (d) IIT Bombay

Answer: (b)

Explanation: ISRO continues its S-TIC expansion across premier technical institutes to foster space startup ecosystems in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.