

1. International News

1. Saudi Civil Aviation Extends King Khalid International Airport Closure

- **Key Detail:** The Saudi Civil Aviation Authority extended the operational closure of King Khalid International Airport (Riyadh) following recent regional aerial attacks.
- **Static GK/Exam Relevance:**
 - **Capital of Saudi Arabia:** Riyadh | **Currency:** Saudi Riyal.
 - Important airports in the Middle East region often feature in geographic matching questions in SSC/UPSC exams.

2. Geopolitical Stance on Iran & US Foreign Policy

- **Key Detail:** The US administration clarified diplomatic positions regarding East Asia/Eurasia relations, affirming that major powers like China and Russia maintain trade boundaries to preserve stability amid ongoing Middle East tensions.

2. National News

1. PM GatiShakti National Master Plan Reaches Key Milestones

- **Key Detail:** As observed around **World Standards Day (14 October)**, the Network Planning Group (NPG) under the PM GatiShakti framework evaluated 421 infrastructure projects valued at approximately ₹20.23 lakh crore.
- **Core Framework:** Developed by BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geo-informatics).
- **Integrations:** Integrates over 1,800 geospatial data layers across 58 Central Ministries/Departments and 28 States/8 UTs.

- **Exam Key Point:** PM GatiShakti operates on 6 pillars: Comprehensiveness, Prioritization, Optimization, Synchronization, Analytical Capabilities, and Dynamic Visibility.

2. MHA & BIMSTEC Regional Cooperation Drive

- **Key Detail:** The Union Home Minister emphasized strengthening anti-terror mechanisms and maritime security frameworks within BIMSTEC member states.
- **BIMSTEC Overview:**
 - **Full Form:** Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation.
 - **Headquarters:** Dhaka, Bangladesh.
 - **Members (7):** Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand.

3. Economics & Banking

1. IMF World Economic Outlook (WEO) Raises India's GDP Growth

- **Key Detail:** The International Monetary Fund (IMF) published its updated World Economic Outlook, upgrading India's FY27 GDP growth forecast to **7.0%**.
- **Inflation Forecast:** India's retail CPI inflation is projected at **5.0%** for FY27 and **4.4%** for FY28.
- **Static Takeaway:** IMF Headquarters: Washington, D.C. | MD: Kristalina Georgieva.

2. NPCI Postpones MDR Implementation on High-Value UPI Transactions

- **Key Detail:** The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) deferred the proposed Merchant Discount Rate (MDR) implementation on person-to-merchant (P2M) transactions above ₹2,000 to post-Diwali 2026.

- **Exam Relevance for Banking:**
- **NPCI Established:** 2008 (Under Section 25 of Companies Act 1956 / Sec 8 of Companies Act 2013).
- **Headquarters:** Mumbai | Promoted by RBI & IBA.

4. Awards & Honors

1. ICC Players of the Month for September 2026

- **Men's Category:** Shubman Gill (India) — awarded for the record 5th time.
- **Women's Category:** Shafali Verma (India) — recognized for standout performances in the Asia Cup & Asian Games.

2. Highest Civilian Bravery Award (Israel)

- **Recipient:** Indian Pilot **Smit Machchhar** was designated for Israel's Highest Civilian Bravery Honor for heroic actions during emergency humanitarian operations.

3. Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences 2026 (Nobel Memorial)

- **Laureates:** Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford (USA) for advancing macroeconomic stabilization models.

5. Defense & Security News

1. Indian Navy Commissions INS Mangrol (P82)

- **Key Detail:** Indian Navy commissioned **INS Mangrol**, the 3rd of eight Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Crafts (ASW-SWC).
- **Builder:** Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi.
- **Commissioning Site:** Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.

2. Bilateral Naval Exercise 'KONKAN-26'

- **Participants:** Indian Navy & UK Royal Navy.

- **Location:** United Kingdom maritime region.

6. Government Schemes & MoUs

Scheme / Initiative	Key Highlights & Objectives
PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana	Completed 1 year of implementation; focuses on holistic crop yield enhancement, soil health management, and storage infrastructure.
Boeing Sukanya Programme (STEM Lab)	Inaugurated in Bargarh district, Odisha, by Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati to build STEM & aeromodelling skills among girl students.
Bharat Rice for Defense Forces	Launched by the Indian Army to integrate fortified, high-nutrition rice into regular military ration lines.

7. Appointments & Reshuffles

- **Major Gubernatorial Appointments (6 States):**
- **Tamil Nadu:** Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar (Full-time Governor).
- **Keralam (Kerala):** Om Prakash Mathur.
- Governors also appointed/reshuffled for Karnataka, Odisha, Sikkim, and Uttarakhand.

8. Sports News

- **World Bowls Champion of Champions 2026:** Putul Sonowal (Assam) created history by securing India's **first-ever Bronze medal** in the Men's Singles Category in Barham, Australia.



- **Revival of Hockey India League (HIL):** The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports constituted a 7-member panel to restructure and relaunch the league.

9. Important Days & Anniversaries

World Standards Day — 14 October

- **Observed By:** ISO (International Organization for Standardization), IEC, and ITU.
- **Static Facts:**
 - **ISO HQ:** Geneva, Switzerland (Est. 1947).
 - **National Standards Body of India:** Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) under the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Practice Multiple-Choice Questions (Exam-Oriented)

Q1. INS Mangrol, recently commissioned into the Indian Navy at Mumbai, belongs to which class of naval vessels?

- A) Visakhapatnam-class Destroyer
- B) Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft
- C) Kalvari-class Submarine
- D) Nilgiri-class Frigate

Answer: B / INS Mangrol is the 3rd of 8 Mahe-class ASW-SWC vessels built by Cochin Shipyard Limited.

Q2. Who among the following won India's first-ever medal at the World Bowls Champion of Champions 2026 held in Australia?

- A) Putul Sonowal
- B) Lovely Choubey
- C) Nayanmoni Saikia
- D) Pinki Singh

Answer: A / Putul Sonowal from Assam won the historic Bronze medal in the Men's Singles event.

Q3. As per the October 2026 World Economic Outlook report by the IMF, what is the projected GDP growth rate for India in FY 2026-27?

- A) 6.5%
- B) 6.8%
- C) 7.0%
- D) 7.3%

Answer: C / The IMF raised India's GDP growth forecast for FY27 to 7.0%.

Q1. India hosted the inaugural BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting in October 2026 in New Delhi. Which joint declaration was adopted during this meeting?

- (a) Bangkok Declaration
- (b) New Delhi Security Pact
- (c) Delhi Declaration
- (d) Dhaka Charter

Answer: (c) Delhi Declaration

Explanation: The 1st BIMSTEC Home Ministers' Meeting chaired by Amit Shah adopted the Delhi Declaration to step up cooperation in counter-terrorism, cybercrime, and disaster response.

Q2. Where is the proposed BIMSTEC Disaster Management Centre going to be set up as announced during the October 2026 BIMSTEC summit?

- (a) Dhaka, Bangladesh
- (b) Jamnagar, Gujarat
- (c) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Colombo, Sri Lanka

Answer: (b) Jamnagar, Gujarat

Explanation: To boost regional disaster response coordination, India proposed establishing the BIMSTEC Disaster Management Centre at Jamnagar, Gujarat.

Q3. In which year was BIMSTEC established, and where is its permanent Secretariat located?

- (a) 1995; New Delhi
- (b) 1997; Dhaka
- (c) 2001; Bangkok
- (d) 1999; Kathmandu

Answer: (b) 1997; Dhaka

Explanation: BIMSTEC was established in 1997 under the Bangkok Declaration; its permanent Secretariat operates out of Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Q4. According to the IMF's October 2026 World Economic Outlook (WEO), what is India's projected GDP growth rate for FY2026-27 (FY27)?

- (a) 6.5%
- (b) 6.8%
- (c) 7.0%
- (d) 7.3%

Answer: (c) 7.0%

Explanation: The IMF upgraded India's GDP growth forecast for FY27 to 7.0%, up by 60 basis points.

Q5. Which organization released the "Trade and Development Report 2026: The Geoeconomics of Development", projecting India's economic growth at 7.3% for 2026?

- (a) World Bank
- (b) UNCTAD
- (c) Asian Development Bank
- (d) World Economic Forum

Answer: (b) UNCTAD

Explanation: UNCTAD (United Nations Conference on Trade and Development) projected India's economy to grow at 7.3% in 2026.

Q6. The Prime Minister Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana (PMDDKY) focuses on boosting agricultural productivity and infrastructure across how many selected districts?

- (a) 50 districts
- (b) 75 districts
- (c) 100 districts
- (d) 150 districts

Answer: (c) 100 districts

Explanation: PMDDKY targets 100 identified agricultural districts across India to improve yield, irrigation, credit, and post-harvest management.

Q7. The 2026 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel was awarded to Robert E. Hall and Michael Woodford for their work in which domain?

- (a) Behavioral Economics and Nudge Theory
- (b) Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization
- (c) Analysis of auction formats and market design
- (d) Empirical microeconomics and labor market dynamics

Answer: (b) Microeconomic foundations of macroeconomic stabilization

Explanation: Hall and Woodford won the Economic Sciences Nobel Prize for explaining how household/firm micro-decisions influence macroeconomic policy and inflation stabilization.

Q8. Which Indian Navy vessel, commissioned at Naval Dockyard Mumbai in October 2026, is the

3rd Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC)?

- (a) INS Mahe
- (b) INS Malvan
- (c) INS Mangrol
- (d) INS Arnala

Answer: (c) INS Mangrol

Explanation: INS Mangrol (P82) is the 3rd ASW-SWC vessel built by Cochin Shipyard Limited for the Indian Navy.

Q9. Bilateral maritime naval exercise 'KONKAN-26' is conducted between India and which foreign nation?

- (a) United States
- (b) France
- (c) United Kingdom
- (d) Japan

Answer: (c) United Kingdom

Explanation: Exercise KONKAN is the annual bilateral maritime exercise between the Indian Navy and the UK Royal Navy.

Q10. Putul Sonowal created history in October 2026 by winning India's first-ever Bronze Medal at the World Bowls Champion of Champions. Which state does he hail from?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Assam
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Nagaland

Answer: (b) Assam

Explanation: Assam's lawn bowls player Putul Sonowal secured India's historic bronze medal in Australia.

Q11. Who amongst the following was named Knight of France's Legion of Honour (*Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur*) in October 2026?

- (a) Anand Mahindra
- (b) Sunil Bharti Mittal
- (c) N. Chandrasekaran
- (d) Mukesh Ambani

Answer: (b) Sunil Bharti Mittal

Explanation: Bharti Enterprises Chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal was bestowed with France's prestigious civilian honor.

Q12. Who were named ICC Men's and Women's Players of the Month for September 2026?

- (a) Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana
- (b) Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma
- (c) Rohit Sharma and Harmanpreet Kaur
- (d) Yashasvi Jaiswal and Deepti Sharma

Answer: (b) Shubman Gill and Shafali Verma

Explanation: Shubman Gill won his 5th ICC Player of the Month award while Shafali Verma won her 2nd.

Q13. The Boeing Sukanya Programme inaugurated a STEM Laboratory and Aeromodelling Training Centre in which state to foster female participation in aviation?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Gujarat

Answer: (c) Odisha

Explanation: Odisha Governor inaugurated the STEM lab under the Boeing Sukanya initiative at Kosala School in Bargarh district.

Q14. According to the WWF Living Planet Report 2026, what percentage of monitored



wildlife populations experienced a decline between 1970 and 2022?

- (a) 58%
- (b) 65%
- (c) 73%
- (d) 81%

Answer: (c) 73%

Explanation: The World Wildlife Fund reported a 73% average decline in monitored species populations globally.

Q15. In October 2026, Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar was appointed as the Governor of which Indian state?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (b) Tamil Nadu

Explanation: President Murmu reshuffled state governors, appointing Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar as Governor of Tamil Nadu and Om Prakash Mathur as Governor of Kerala.

Q16. Which Indian pilot was selected to receive Israel's highest civilian bravery award in October 2026?

- (a) Abhinandan Varthaman
- (b) Smit Machchhar
- (c) Avani Chaturvedi
- (d) Mohana Singh

Answer: (b) Smit Machchhar

Explanation: Israel announced its highest civilian bravery award for Indian pilot Capt. Smit Machchhar.

Q17. On which date is the International Day of the Girl Child observed annually across the world?

- (a) October 8
- (b) October 11
- (c) October 12
- (d) October 14

Answer: (b) October 11

Explanation: UN International Day of the Girl Child is celebrated worldwide on October 11.

Q18. What is the overarching theme or focus of the World Arthritis Day observed on October 12, 2026?

- (a) Early Diagnosis & Rheumatic Health
- (b) Movement for All
- (c) Bone Health in Old Age
- (d) Preventive Healthcare Infrastructure

Answer: (a) Early Diagnosis & Rheumatic Health

Explanation: World Arthritis Day is observed on October 12 every year to generate awareness regarding musculoskeletal diseases.

Q19. Hypersonic weapons travel at speed equal to or exceeding which threshold?

- (a) Mach 3
- (b) Mach 5
- (c) Mach 7
- (d) Mach 10

Answer: (b) Mach 5

Explanation: Hypersonic weapons are classified by their capacity to maneuver and travel at speeds of Mach 5 (five times the speed of sound) or higher.

Q20. What special platform was launched during the 10th edition of the India Mobile

Congress (IMC 2026) to promote Indian technology brands globally?

- (a) Bharat Tech 2030
- (b) Viksit Tech 47 (VT47)
- (c) Digital India 2.0
- (d) TechVanguard India

Answer: (b) Viksit Tech 47 (VT47)

Explanation: IMC 2026 unveiled "Viksit Tech 47" to nurture promising Indian tech brands to compete in global markets.

Q21. Which article of the Constitution of India mandates the State to promote equal justice and provide free legal aid to economically weaker sections?

- (a) Article 32
- (b) Article 39A
- (c) Article 44
- (d) Article 50

Answer: (b) Article 39A

Explanation: Article 39A (Directive Principles of State Policy) directs free legal aid to ensure equal opportunity for justice.

Q22. The term "Forever Chemicals", frequently discussed in environmental reports, refers to which group of chemical substances?

- (a) Chlorofluorocarbons (CFCs)
- (b) Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)
- (c) Microplastics
- (d) Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons (PAHs)

Answer: (b) Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)

Explanation: PFAS are synthetic chemicals resistant to heat, water, and oil that degrade extremely slowly in nature, earning them the nickname "forever chemicals".

Q23. Which government scheme covers ropeway development across hilly terrains in India?

- (a) Setu Bandhan Scheme
- (b) Parvatmala Pariyojana
- (c) Sagarmala Programme
- (d) Bharatmala Pariyojana

Answer: (b) Parvatmala Pariyojana

Explanation: National Ropeways Development Programme, known as Parvatmala, aims to construct ropeways in mountainous areas.

Q24. What is the global economic growth rate projected by the IMF for CY2026 in its latest World Economic Outlook?

- (a) 2.6%
- (b) 3.1%
- (c) 3.4%
- (d) 4.0%

Answer: (b) 3.1%

Explanation: The IMF marginally raised its global growth projection for 2026 to 3.1%.

Q25. Which district in Bihar was awarded the National Excellence Award for its performance under the PM Dhan-Dhaanya Krishi Yojana?

- (a) Purnia
- (b) Gaya
- (c) Muzaffarpur
- (d) Rohtas

Answer: (b) Gaya

Explanation: Gaya (Bihar), Nagaur (Rajasthan), and Umari (Madhya Pradesh) were awarded national excellence awards under PMDDKY.

Q26. Who chaired the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium held in New Delhi in October 2026?

- (a) Ashwini Vaishnaw
- (b) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Nirmala Sitharaman

Answer: (b) Jyotiraditya M. Scindia

Explanation: Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia inaugurated and chaired the 3rd International Bharat 6G Symposium.

Q27. Under which initiative did the Indian Army introduce specialized high-nutrition ration supply chains for defense forces in October 2026?

- (a) Defense Anna Yojana
- (b) Bharat Rice for Defense Forces
- (c) Shaurya Nutri-Ration
- (d) Veera Dhanya Scheme

Answer: (b) Bharat Rice for Defense Forces

Explanation: The Indian Army launched 'Bharat Rice' for defense personnel to standardize high-quality ration supply.

Q28. Which shipbuilding company is constructing the 8 Mahe-class Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) for the Indian Navy?

- (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- (b) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- (c) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)
- (d) Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)

Answer: (c) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)

Explanation: Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) in Kochi is executing the project to manufacture the 8 Mahe-class ASW-SWC vessels.

Q29. What was the central topic of UNCTAD's Trade and Development Report 2026?

- (a) Supply Chain Resiliency

- (b) The Geoeconomics of Development
- (c) Climate Finance Disparities
- (d) Digital Trade Infrastructures

Answer: (b) The Geoeconomics of Development

Explanation: UNCTAD titled its flagship 2026 report "The Geoeconomics of Development".

Q30. The Legal Services Authorities Act in India, which established National and State Legal Services Authorities (NALSA/SALSA), was enacted in which year?

- (a) 1976
- (b) 1987
- (c) 1995
- (d) 2002

Answer: (b) 1987

Explanation: The Legal Services Authorities Act was passed in 1987 to give statutory backing to free legal assistance programs under Article 39A.

