

1. International News

AIIB 11th Annual Governors Meeting Concludes in Doha

- **Context & News:** Union Minister for Finance and Corporate Affairs Nirmala Sitharaman led the Indian delegation to the **11th Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)** held in Doha, Qatar.
- **Key Details:**
 - **Theme:** "Tomorrow's Infrastructure: Impact and Innovation".
 - India participated as the **second-largest shareholder** in the AIIB after China.
 - The discussions focused on mobilizing private capital for green infrastructure, scaling up climate finance, and deploying Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) globally.
- **Exam Relevance (UPSC/SSC/Banking):**
 - **AIIB HQ:** Beijing, China | **Established:** 2016 | **Largest Shareholder:** China (~26.6% voting power), followed by **India** (~7.6%).

Practice Question: Q1. Where was the 11th Annual Meeting of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) held?

- (A) Beijing, China
- (B) New Delhi, India
- (C) Doha, Qatar
- (D) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

Answer: (C) Explanation: The 11th Annual Meeting of the AIIB Board of Governors was hosted in Doha, Qatar, focusing on sustainable infrastructure, climate finance, and digital innovation.

2. National News

Union Ministry of Steel Establishes the Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC)

- **Context & News:** The Ministry of Steel announced the formation of the **Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC)** as an apex body to enforce standardized safety codes across public and private steel plants in India.
- **Key Details:**
 - SISC will establish uniform safety protocols, audit frameworks, and zero-harm workplace operational norms for all blast furnace and rolling mill facilities nationwide.
 - It will conduct mandatory quarterly safety compliance audits to minimize industrial accidents in heavy manufacturing zones.
- **Exam Relevance:** Steel production safety standards, National Safety Council, and ESG compliance in primary manufacturing industries.

Practice Question: Q2. Which apex body was launched by the Ministry of Steel to standardize safety protocols across all manufacturing plants?

- (A) National Metallurgy Council
- (B) Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC)
- (C) Industrial Hazard Regulatory Board
- (D) Indian Steel Regulatory Authority

Answer: (B) Explanation: The Ministry of Steel set up the Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC) as an apex body to drive unified safety and zero-accident policies across the nation's steel plants.

3. Economics & Banking News

1. India's Net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) Inflow Hits 5-Year High

- **Context & News:** According to the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) monthly bulletin, net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) into India reached **USD 7.35 billion**, marking a 5-year monthly high.

- **Key Drivers:** Strong equity capital inflows into computer software/hardware, manufacturing, services, and renewable energy sectors.

2. Launch of India's First Blue Bond by SMFCL

- **Context & News:** SMFCL launched India's first **Blue Bond**, raising ₹600 crore dedicated strictly to sustainable water management, marine ecology preservation, and clean water infrastructure.

3. SEBI Reforms Portfolio Management Services (PMS) Rules

- **Context & News:** SEBI introduced the **PRIM (Portfolio Risk & Investment Management) route**, permitting PMS entities to invest client assets directly into Specialized Investment Funds (SIFs) and mutual fund schemes with a minimum ticket size of ₹25 lakh.

Practice Question: Q3. What is the target fund amount raised through India's first Blue Bond introduced by SMFCL?

- (A) ₹250 crore
- (B) ₹500 crore
- (C) ₹600 crore
- (D) ₹1,000 crore

Answer: (C) Explanation: SMFCL launched India's maiden Blue Bond with a total target issue size of ₹600 crore focused on sustainable marine and clean water infrastructure.

4. Defense News

1. Exercise KAZIND-2026 Commences in Kazakhstan

- **Context & News:** The 9th edition of the Joint Military Exercise **KAZIND-2026** between the Indian Army and the Kazakhstan Army commenced at **Oskemen, Kazakhstan**

(running from September 28 to October 11, 2026).

• Key Details:

- **Indian Contingent:** 60 personnel, primarily drawn from the **Garhwal Rifles** battalion alongside Indian Air Force personnel.
- **Focus:** Joint counter-terrorism operations, counter-UAS (unmanned aerial systems) tactics, and air-mobility maneuvers in semi-urban/mountainous terrain.

2. HAL Signs ₹2,491 Crore MoU with SkyPulse

- **Context & News:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) inked a **₹2,491 crore MoU** with SkyPulse for a joint 30-helicopter manufacturing and maintenance program.

Practice Question: Q4. Where is the 9th edition of the Joint Military Exercise KAZIND-2026 being held?

- (A) Umroi, Meghalaya
- (B) Oskemen, Kazakhstan
- (C) Almaty, Kazakhstan
- (D) Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand

Answer: (B) Explanation: The 9th edition of Exercise KAZIND-2026 between India and Kazakhstan is hosted at Oskemen, Kazakhstan.

5. Sports News

1. Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Woman Grandmaster (WGM) in History

- **Context & News:** 11-year-old Indian-origin British chess player **Bodhana Sivanandan** achieved her third and final norm at the **46th Chess Olympiad** in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, becoming the youngest Woman Grandmaster in history.
- **Record:** She surpassed the previous record set in 2002 by Kateryna Lagno (12 years, 4 months).

2. Ancy Sojan Edappilly Wins Silver at Asian Games

- **Context & News:** Indian long jumper **Ancy Sojan Edappilly** secured the Silver Medal in the Women's Long Jump event with a best jump of **6.53 metres**. China's Huang Yingying took Gold (6.55m).

Practice Question: Q5. Bodhana Sivanandan became the youngest Woman Grandmaster (WGM) in chess history at which event?

- (A) FIDE World Cup 2026
- (B) 46th Chess Olympiad, Samarkand
- (C) Tata Steel Chess Tournament
- (D) World Youth Chess Championship

Answer: (B) Explanation: Bodhana Sivanandan secured her final WGM norm at age 11 during the 46th Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan.

6. Appointments & Resignations

Key Governance & Financial Appointments

- **Delhi Udyog Mitra Platform:** Launched under Chief Minister Rekha Gupta to establish single-window operational clearances for industrial and commercial sectors.
- **IndusInd Bank GCC Vertical Leadership:** IndusInd Bank formally established a dedicated **Global Capability Centres (GCC) Banking Vertical** to manage cross-border enterprise funding, treasury services, and digital payments.

Practice Question: Q6. Which Union Territory/State launched the 'Udyog Mitra' portal to provide a single-window platform for industrial licenses and NOCs?

- (A) Maharashtra
- (B) Delhi NCT

- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Karnataka

Answer: (B) Explanation: The Delhi state administration launched the 'Delhi Udyog Mitra' single-window clearance portal for streamline issuance of NOCs and operational licenses.

7. Awards & Honors

1. WorldSkills Shanghai 2026: India Ranks 10th

- **Context & News:** India achieved **10th position** overall at the **48th WorldSkills Competition** held in Shanghai, China.
- **Medal Tally:** India bagged **6 Silver Medals** and **20 Medals for Excellence**, marking an improvement from 13th rank at Lyon 2024.

2. National Industrial Relations & Labour Awards 2026

- **Context & News:** Union Minister for Labour & Employment Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya presented the **National Labour & Industrial Relations Awards 2026** during a national convention in New Delhi.

Practice Question: Q7. What rank did India secure at the 48th WorldSkills Competition held in Shanghai, China?

- (A) 5th
- (B) 8th
- (C) 10th
- (D) 13th

Answer: (C) Explanation: India finished 10th overall at WorldSkills Shanghai 2026, claiming 6 Silver Medals and 20 Medals for Excellence.

8. Government Schemes & MoUs

1. Livestock Insurance Portal Digital Launch

- **Context & News:** Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched the national **Livestock Insurance Portal** under the

Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

- **Objective:** Digitizes livestock claims, issuance of digital policies, and verification via animal UID tagging to protect farmers against animal mortality risk.

2. Seva First Innovation Challenge (SFIC)

- **Context & News:** Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the South Zone **Seva First Innovation Challenge** at IISc Bengaluru to mentor youth-led grassroots innovations.

Practice Question: Q8. The newly launched Livestock Insurance Portal functions under which Union Ministry?

- (A) Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare
- (B) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying
- (C) Ministry of Rural Development
- (D) Ministry of Finance

Answer: (B) Explanation: The digital portal was inaugurated by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying.

9. Important Days (National & International)

1. International Translation Day (30 September)

- **Observance:** Celebrated annually by the United Nations and the International Federation of Translators (FIT).
- **Significance:** Commemorates the feast day of St. Jerome, the patron saint of translators who translated the Bible into Latin (Vulgate).
- **Objective:** Honors the crucial role of language professionals in facilitating

international dialogue, diplomacy, and world peace.

2. International Podcast Day (30 September)

- **Observance:** Worldwide celebration of digital broadcasting and audio media creation.

Practice Question: Q9. International Translation Day is observed annually on September 30 to honor the feast day of which historical translation figure?

- (A) St. Peter
- (B) St. Jerome
- (C) St. Augustine
- (D) St. Francis

Answer: (B) Explanation: September 30 marks the feast day of St. Jerome, known for translating the Bible into Latin, and is celebrated globally as International Translation Day.

10. Art, Culture & Festivals

'Seva Hi Sanskriti' Cleanliness & Cultural Outreach Campaign

- **Context & News:** Under the nationwide Swachhata Hi Seva (SHS) 2026 drive, the Ministry of Culture rolled out the 'Seva Hi Sanskriti' initiative.
- **Highlights:**
 - Combined heritage preservation with sanitation at over 500 ASI (Archaeological Survey of India) protected monuments.
 - Engaging over 2 lakh community volunteers in cultural awareness programs, folk performances, and public site maintenance.

Practice Question: Q10. Which initiative was launched by the Ministry of Culture under Swachhata Hi Seva 2026 to align cleanliness with heritage preservation?

- (A) Cultural Swachh Bharat
- (B) Seva Hi Sanskriti
- (C) Virasat Aur Swachhata
- (D) Swachh Monument Mission

Answer: (B) Explanation: 'Seva Hi Sanskriti' was organized by the Ministry of Culture to promote cleanliness, public participation, and cultural heritage awareness.

11. Birth & Death Anniversaries / Historical Notes

- **Ann Jarvis (Birth Anniversary - 30 Sept 1832):** Social activist who inspired the establishment of Mother's Day.
- **Shaheed Bhagat Singh & Lata Mangeshkar:** Tributes paid nationwide on their Birth Anniversaries (late September).
- **Historical Event - Latur Earthquake (30 Sept 1993):** A 6.2 magnitude earthquake struck the Latur-Killari region of Maharashtra.

Practice Question: Q11. The devastating 6.2 magnitude earthquake in Maharashtra's Latur district occurred on September 30 in which year?

- (A) 1988
- (B) 1993
- (C) 1999
- (D) 2001

Answer: (B) Explanation: The Latur earthquake occurred on 30 September 1993, causing significant loss of life and leading to major reforms in India's disaster management protocols.

Detailed Current Affairs Summary: 30 September 2026

1. International News

- **23rd ASEAN-India & 14th East Asia Summit (EAS) Economic Ministers Meetings:** Held in Manila, Philippines. India-ASEAN bilateral trade reached **\$128.38 billion in FY 2025-26**, contributing **10.55%** to India's total global trade volume.
- **WorldSkills Shanghai 2026:** India achieved **10th position globally** at the 48th WorldSkills Competition in Shanghai, China, securing **6 Silver Medals** and **20 Medals for Excellence**. This reflects an upward trajectory from 13th rank at Lyon 2024.
- **India-Vietnam Diplomatic Milestone:** Both nations agreed during the 19th Joint Commission Meeting to designate **2027 as the "Year of India-Vietnam Friendship"**, commemorating 55 years of bilateral diplomatic relations.

2. National News & Policy Updates

- **Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC):** The Union Ministry of Steel established the **SISC** as an apex regulatory body to formulate, enforce, and audit safety protocols across India's primary and secondary steel plants.
- **Status of Policing in India Report (SPIR) 2026:** Released jointly by Common Cause and Lokniti-CSDS, highlighting a **17.9% surge in cybercrimes** nationwide (with 54% cases involving financial fraud), despite a 6% decline in total conventional registered crimes.
- **'Delhi Udyog Mitra' Portal:** Launched by Delhi CM Rekha Gupta under the Ease of Doing Business framework, offering a unified single-window digital clearance for industrial licenses and No-Objection Certificates (NOCs).

3. Economics, Banking & Corporate Affairs

- **5-Year High Net FDI Inflow:** RBI's monthly bulletin reported that India's net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) hit **\$7.35 billion in July 2026**, the highest single-month net inflow since May 2021 (\$8.80 billion).
- **SEBI PMS-Mutual Fund Reforms (PRIM):** SEBI introduced the PRIM route, allowing Portfolio Management Service providers to allocate client funds into direct Mutual Funds and Specialised Investment Funds (SIFs) with a minimum ticket size of **₹25 lakh**.
- **India's First Blue Bond:** Issued by **SMFCL** targeting to raise **₹600 crore** exclusively for sustainable water management, marine ecosystem preservation, and clean water supply initiatives.
- **IndusInd Bank's GCC Vertical:** Launched a dedicated institutional banking arm tailored for Global Capability Centers (GCCs) operating out of India.

4. Defense News

- **HAL & SkyPulse Helicopter MoU:** Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) executed a **₹2,491 crore MoU** with SkyPulse to co-manufacture and supply **30 multi-role helicopters**.
- **Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2026:** Bilateral joint military exercise between the **Indian Army** and **Mongolian Army** held at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand, focusing on counter-terrorism and high-altitude warfare tactical maneuvers.

5. Government Schemes & MoUs

- **Livestock Insurance Portal:** Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh (Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying) launched a centralized portal to digitize livestock insurance issuance, claim tracking, and verification for livestock farmers.

- **Seva First Innovation Challenge (SFIC):** Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the South Zone edition at **IISc Bengaluru** to promote youth innovation in solving grassroots socio-economic problems.
- **Delhi Govt & ICCR MoU:** A strategic MoU was executed between the Delhi Government and the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) to expand global platforms for local Delhi artists and promote cultural tourism.

6. Appointments & Honors

- **CBSE Chairperson:** **Lokhande Prashant Sitaram** was appointed Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE).
- **Presidential ADC:** Major Navya Shekhawat became the first female military officer appointed as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to President Droupadi Murmu.

7. Sports News

- **Youngest Woman Grandmaster (WGM):** 11-year-old **Bodhana Sivanandan** (Indian-origin British prodigy) became the youngest WGM in chess history at the 46th Chess Olympiad in Samarkand, Uzbekistan, surpassing Kateryna Lagno's 2002 record.
- **Asian Games 2026 Milestones:**
 - **Srihari Nataraj** set a new Indian National Record in the men's 200m backstroke.
 - **Dhiraj Bommadevara** broke the Asian Games Record with **698 points** in the men's recurve individual archery qualification event.

8. Art & Culture, Days & Anniversaries

- **Tulu Official Language Status:** Karnataka state cabinet declared **Tulu** as the second

official language for Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts.

- **117th Birth Anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh:** Commemorated nationwide on **28 September 2026**.
- **World Contraception Day (26 September 2026):** Theme — "No Barriers, Just Choices".
- **International Day for Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons:** Observed globally on **26 September**.

Q1. Where was the 23rd ASEAN-India Economic Ministers Consultation and 14th East Asia Summit Economic Ministers' Meeting held in September 2026?

- A) Jakarta, Indonesia
- B) Manila, Philippines
- C) Bangkok, Thailand
- D) Singapore

• **Answer: B) Manila, Philippines**

- **Explanation:** The 14th EAS-EMM and 23rd ASEAN-India consultations took place in Manila, Philippines. India-ASEAN trade reached \$128.38 billion in FY26, forming 10.55% of India's total foreign trade.

Q2. What was India's final rank at the 48th WorldSkills Competition held in Shanghai, China in September 2026?

- A) 07th
- B) 10th
- C) 13th
- D) 15th

• **Answer: B) 10th**

- **Explanation:** India finished 10th globally with 6 Silver Medals and 20 Medals for Excellence, improving from 13th rank at Lyon 2024.

Q3. India and Vietnam agreed during their 19th Joint Commission Meeting to designate which year as the "Year of India-Vietnam Friendship"?

- A) 2026
- B) 2027
- C) 2028
- D) 2030

• **Answer: B) 2027**

- **Explanation:** To mark 55 years of formal diplomatic ties, both nations designated 2027 as the "Year of India-Vietnam Friendship".

Q4. Which Union Ministry announced the creation of the Steel Industry Safety Council (SISC) to enforce industrial safety norms?

- A) Ministry of Heavy Industries
- B) Ministry of Labour and Employment
- C) Ministry of Steel
- D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

• **Answer: C) Ministry of Steel**

- **Explanation:** The Ministry of Steel constituted the SISC as an apex-level council to mandate standard safety codes and monitor workplace safety across steel production facilities.

Q5. According to the Status of Policing in India Report (SPIR) 2026, by what percentage did cybercrimes increase despite a 6% drop in overall crime?

- A) 11.2%
- B) 14.5%
- C) 17.9%
- D) 21.0%

• **Answer: C) 17.9%**

- **Explanation:** SPIR 2026 reported a 17.9% surge in cybercrime cases, with financial fraud accounting for 54% of cybercrime victims.

Q6. Which Chief Minister launched the 'Delhi Udyog Mitra' portal under the Ease of Doing Business framework?

- A) Rekha Gupta
- B) Atishi Marlena
- C) Arvind Kejriwal
- D) Devendra Fadnavis

- **Answer: A) Rekha Gupta**

- **Explanation:** Delhi CM Rekha Gupta introduced the single-window 'Delhi Udyog Mitra' digital platform to process trade licenses and NOCs smoothly.

Q7. According to RBI data released in September 2026, India's net Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) hit a 5-year high of \$7.35 billion in which month?

- A) May 2026
- B) June 2026
- C) July 2026
- D) August 2026

- **Answer: C) July 2026**

- **Explanation:** In July 2026, net FDI rose to \$7.35 billion, reaching its highest level since May 2021 (\$8.80 billion).

Q8. Under SEBI's 'PRIM' framework, what is the minimum investment threshold for PMS providers to allocate funds into Specialised Investment Funds (SIFs)?

- A) ₹10 lakh
- B) ₹25 lakh
- C) ₹50 lakh
- D) ₹1 crore

- **Answer: B) ₹25 lakh**

- **Explanation:** SEBI allowed PMS managers to invest client assets in mutual funds and SIFs with a minimum ticket size set at ₹25 lakh.

Q9. Which entity launched India's first Blue Bond targeting to raise ₹600 crore for water and ocean conservation?

- A) NABARD
- B) REC Limited
- C) SMFCL
- D) SIDBI

- **Answer: C) SMFCL**

- **Explanation:** SMFCL launched India's maiden Blue Bond structure to direct funds toward sustainable marine projects and clean water supply infrastructure.

Q10. Which private bank established a dedicated 'GCC Banking Vertical' with 5 core capabilities in September 2026?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) IndusInd Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) Axis Bank

- **Answer: B) IndusInd Bank**

- **Explanation:** IndusInd Bank set up its specialized GCC Banking Vertical to address the distinct transaction and payroll needs of Global Capability Centers.

Q11. 11-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan became the youngest Woman Grandmaster (WGM) in history at the 46th Chess Olympiad held in which city?

- A) Budapest, Hungary
- B) Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- C) Baku, Azerbaijan

D) Chennai, India

- **Answer: B) Samarkand, Uzbekistan**
- **Explanation:** Bodhana Sivanandan scored her third WGM norm at Samarkand, Uzbekistan, breaking Kateryna Lagno's 2002 world record.

Q12. Which Indian swimmer set a new National Record in the men's 200m backstroke event at the 2026 Asian Games?

- A) Sajjan Prakash
B) Srihari Nataraj
C) Kushagra Rawat
D) Viradhawal Khade

- **Answer: B) Srihari Nataraj**
- **Explanation:** Srihari Nataraj set a new Indian national record in the 200m backstroke during the Asian Games 2026 at Aichi-Nagoya.

Q13. Who set a new Asian Games Record of 698 points in the men's recurve individual archery qualification round in September 2026?

- A) Atanu Das
B) Tarundeep Rai
C) Dhiraj Bommadevara
D) Pravin Jadhav

- **Answer: C) Dhiraj Bommadevara**
- **Explanation:** Indian archer Dhiraj Bommadevara shot 698 out of 720 points, setting an all-time Asian Games qualification record.

Q14. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE) in September 2026?

- A) Nidhi Chhibber
B) Rahul Singh

C) Lokhande Prashant Sitaram

D) Sanjay Kumar

- **Answer: C) Lokhande Prashant Sitaram**
- **Explanation:** Lokhande Prashant Sitaram took charge as the Chairperson of CBSE following an official Cabinet notification.

Q15. Major Navya Shekhawat created history by becoming the first female military officer appointed to which position?

- A) Military Secretary to the Prime Minister
B) Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to President Droupadi Murmu
C) Defense Attaché to USA

D) Director General of Military Intelligence

- **Answer: B) Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to President Droupadi Murmu**
- **Explanation:** Major Navya Shekhawat became the first woman armed forces officer to serve as ADC to the President of India.

Q16. Which Indian carrier won the 'Best Low-Cost Airline in India & South Asia' title while ranking 61st globally in September 2026?

- A) SpiceJet
B) Air India Express
C) IndiGo
D) Akasa Air

- **Answer: C) IndiGo**
- **Explanation:** IndiGo retained its ranking as the premier low-cost airline across South Asia and placed 61st worldwide.

Q17. The 2nd India International WASH Conference was held under the umbrella of which major event in September 2026?

A) 5th World Water Forum

B) 9th India International Water Week (IIWW 2026)

C) National Jal Jeevan Summit

D) Global Water Leadership Expo

• **Answer: B) 9th India International Water Week (IIWW 2026)**

• **Explanation:** The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation hosted the 2nd WASH Conference and India-Africa roundtable as part of 9th IIWW 2026.

Q18. Which international institute authored the research paper titled "Integrating Energy Security, Industrial Clusters, and Trade Policies for Regional Growth"?

A) NITI Aayog

B) ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)

C) Asian Development Bank

D) World Economic Forum

• **Answer: B) ERIA (Economic Research Institute for ASEAN and East Asia)**

• **Explanation:** ERIA presented this study detailing industrial trade synergy and clean energy transition across East Asia.

Q19. The Status of Policing in India Report (SPIR) 2026 was released jointly by Lokniti-CSDS and which non-profit organization?

A) Common Cause

B) Association for Democratic Reforms (ADR)

C) Transparency International

D) Amnesty International India

• **Answer: A) Common Cause**

• **Explanation:** Common Cause and Lokniti-CSDS co-publish the SPIR annual reports analyzing Indian law enforcement metrics.

Q20. HAL signed an MoU worth ₹2,491 crore with SkyPulse for manufacturing and delivering how many helicopters?

A) 15

B) 20

C) 30

D) 50

• **Answer: C) 30**

• **Explanation:** HAL signed a ₹2,491 crore pact with SkyPulse to co-manufacture 30 multi-role utility helicopters.

Q21. Exercise Nomadic Elephant 2026 was conducted between the armies of India and which nation at Pithoragarh, Uttarakhand?

A) Kazakhstan

B) Mongolia

C) Uzbekistan

D) Kyrgyzstan

• **Answer: B) Mongolia**

• **Explanation:** Exercise Nomadic Elephant is a bilateral tactical training exercise between India and Mongolia.

Q22. Which digital portal was launched by Union Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh on 30 September 2026 for livestock owners?

A) E-Pashudhan Portal

B) Livestock Insurance Portal

C) PM Matsya Sampada Portal

D) Pashu Sanjeevani Portal

• **Answer: B) Livestock Insurance Portal**

• **Explanation:** The Livestock Insurance Portal digitizes claim processes, underwriting, and policy purchases for cattle rearers.

Q23. Union Education Minister Pralhad Joshi launched the South Zone 'Seva First Innovation Challenge' at which institute?

- A) IIT Madras
- B) IISc Bengaluru
- C) NIT Surathkal
- D) IIT Hyderabad

- **Answer: B) IISc Bengaluru**
- **Explanation:** SFIC was inaugurated at IISc Bengaluru to promote youth-led solutions for local socio-economic issues.

Q24. Which organization signed an MoU with the Delhi Government to provide international exposure to Delhi's local artists?

- A) Sahitya Akademi
- B) Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)
- C) Sangeet Natak Akademi
- D) CCRT

- **Answer: B) Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)**
- **Explanation:** The Delhi Govt-ICCR agreement facilitates global cultural exchange programs for Delhi's performing artists.

Q25. What was the global theme for World Contraception Day observed on 26 September 2026?

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- A) Universal Choice for All
- B) No Barriers, Just Choices
- C) Reproductive Autonomy First
- D) Informed Choices, Better Health

- **Answer: B) "No Barriers, Just Choices"**

- **Explanation:** The 20th anniversary of World Contraception Day was observed globally under the theme "No Barriers, Just Choices".

Q26. On which date is the UN International Day for the Total Elimination of nuclear weapons observed annually?

- A) 21 September
- B) 24 September
- C) 26 September
- D) 30 September

- **Answer: C) 26 September**

- **Explanation:** Designated by the UN General Assembly, 26 September is observed globally for global nuclear disarmament awareness.

Q27. Which birth anniversary of revolutionary freedom fighter Shaheed Bhagat Singh was commemorated on 28 September 2026?

- A) 115th
- B) 117th
- C) 120th
- D) 125th

- **Answer: B) 117th**

- **Explanation:** Born on 28 September 1907 in Banga, Bhagat Singh's 117th birth anniversary was commemorated in 2026.

Q28. Which state cabinet granted second official language status to Tulu for its Dakshina Kannada and Udupi districts?

- A) Kerala
- B) Tamil Nadu
- C) Karnataka
- D) Andhra Pradesh

- **Answer: C) Karnataka**



- **Explanation:** Karnataka accorded second official language status to Tulu in coastal Karnataka (Udupi and Dakshina Kannada).

Q29. Tata Communications established a Centre of Excellence in Cybersecurity & Digital Forensics at which university?

- A) Mysuru University, Karnataka
- B) SASTRA Deemed University, Thanjavur
- C) Cochin University, Kerala
- D) SRM University, Chennai

- **Answer:** B) SASTRA Deemed University, Thanjavur

- **Explanation:** Tata Communications inaugurated the CoE at SASTRA Deemed University, Thanjavur, Tamil Nadu.

Q30. Which Indian spacetechn startup announced plans to launch India's first networked orbital data center on SpaceX's Falcon 9?

- A) Skyroot Aerospace
- B) Agnikul Cosmos
- C) TakeMe2Space
- D) Pixxel

- **Answer:** C) TakeMe2Space

- **Explanation:** TakeMe2Space announced its mission to deploy India's first orbital data processing system aboard SpaceX Falcon 9.

