1. National News

A. Bharat Renewable Energy Summit and Expo 2026

- **Context:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the summit in New Delhi, which runs through November 5.
- **Key Details:** The summit hosts the **9th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly** and the **4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen**. It serves as a global platform for discussing clean energy transitions, battery storage, and energy security under the framework of Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam (The World is One Family).
- **Exam Anchor:**
  - International Solar Alliance (ISA) HQ: Gurugram, Haryana.
  - Significance: India's ambitious target of achieving 500 GW of non-fossil fuel energy capacity by 2030.

B. Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express

- **Context:** Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the third **Vande Bharat Sleeper Express** from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru.
- **Key Details:** Numbered 27652/27651 under the South Western Railway, the 16-coach rake has a capacity of 823 passengers. It connects tech hubs Bengaluru and Mumbai, operating six days a week with stoppages including Pune, Solapur, and Kalaburagi.
- **Exam Anchor:**
  - First Vande Bharat Sleeper routes include Howrah–Guwahati and Varanasi–New Delhi. Designed for overnight long-distance travel with world-class passenger safety and amortized jerk-free travel.

2. International News

A. Union Minister Kiren Rijiju at Gelephu Mindfulness City, Bhutan

- **Context:** Union Minister Kiren Rijiju represented India at the historic consecration of **108 stupas** at Gelephu Mindfulness City in Bhutan.
- **Key Details:** Each stupa stands 15 metres tall along an 11.7-km stretch of the Aie River. Notably, **stupa number 76 was dedicated to the Indian Prime Minister**, highlighting deep spiritual, cultural, and diplomatic ties between India and Bhutan.
- **Exam Anchor:**
  - Bhutan Capital: Thimphu; Currency: Bhutanese Ngultrum. Gelephu Mindfulness City is envisioned as a carbon-neutral economic hub focusing on mindfulness and sustainable investments.

B. UN Peacekeeping Mission in Western Sahara (MINURSO) Update

- **Context:** The UN chief announced that the 35-year-old UN peacekeeping mission in Western Sahara (**MINURSO**) faces conclusion after the Security Council failed to renew its mandate.
- **Exam Anchor:**
  - MINURSO: Mission for the Organization of a Referendum in Western Sahara, established in 1991. Important for UPSC International Relations (UN Peacekeeping operations and territorial disputes).

3. Economics and Banking

A. Gross GST Collection for October 2026

- **Context:** The Ministry of Finance released GST data showing robust economic growth.

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- **Key Details:** Gross GST collections for October 2026 surged by **22.9% year-on-year to ₹2,31,290 crore**, marking the second-highest monthly collection ever recorded (behind April 2026's ₹2.43 lakh crore). Domestic GST rose by 15.8% (₹1,59,044 crore), and Import GST jumped by 42.2% (₹72,246 crore).
- **Exam Anchor:**
  - GST is an indirect tax introduced via the **101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016**, implemented on July 1, 2017. Governed by the GST Council, chaired by the Union Finance Minister.

B. High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat

- **Context:** The Ministry of Finance constituted a High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat.
- **Key Details:** Chaired by **Suresh N. Patel** (former Central Vigilance Commissioner), the 6-month tenure committee will review the banking sector and recommend structural, institutional, and regulatory reforms to make Indian banks globally competitive by 2047.
- **Exam Anchor:**
  - Focus areas include financial inclusion, digitalization, asset quality, and capital adequacy norms for a developed economy framework (Viksit Bharat 2047).

C. UPI Milestone: Daily Transaction Value Crosses ₹1 Lakh Crore

- **Context:** Unified Payments Interface (UPI) achieved a historic milestone in October 2026.
- **Key Details:** Average daily transaction value crossed **₹1,00,871.30 crore** for the first time. Total transactions for the month stood at 25.47 billion, valued at roughly ₹31.5 lakh crore.
- **Exam Anchor:**
  - UPI is regulated and managed by the **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)**, set up under the Payments and Settlement Systems Act, 2007.

4. Defence News

A. New IAF Leadership: Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

- **Context: Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit** took over as the **29th Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)**, succeeding Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh.
- **Key Details:** Upon taking charge, he unveiled his strategic vision titled **'VAYU'** (Vigilance and readiness, Aatmanirbharta, Yukti [ingenuity], and Unity of effort).
- **Other Major Defence Appointments:**
  - **Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia** assumed charge as the new **Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS)**.
  - **Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal** took over as the Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C) of the Eastern Air Command (HQ: Shillong).

B. ISRO Successfully Launches NVS-03 Navigation Satellite

- **Context:** ISRO successfully placed the **NVS-03 navigation satellite** into orbit.
- **Key Details:** Launched aboard **GSLV-F18** from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota, this is the third satellite in India's next-generation navigation series (NavIC) utilizing indigenous rubidium atomic clocks.
- **Exam Anchor:**

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- NavIC (Navigation with Indian Constellation) provides regional satellite navigation over India and a region extending 1,500 km around it.

5. Appointments

Name	Position / Designation	Exam Relevance
Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit	29th Chief of the Air Staff (CAS)	SSC / Railways / UPSC
Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia	Vice Chief of the Air Staff (VCAS)	Defence Exams / CDS / NDA
Jatin Kumar Nayak	Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of IREDA	Banking / PSU Exams
Suresh N. Patel	Chairperson, High-Level Committee on Banking for Viksit Bharat	Banking / UPSC Mains

6. Sports News

A. Badminton: Double Gold at Hylo Open 2026

- **Context:** Indian shuttlers dominated the **Hylo Open Super 500** tournament held in Saarbrücken, Germany.
- **Key Details:**
  - **P.V. Sindhu** won the women's singles title (her second title of the season) by defeating Denmark's Line Kjaersfeldt (21-12, 21-14).
  - **Lakshya Sen** claimed the men's singles title by outclassing Indonesia's Jonatan Christie (21-17, 21-10).

B. Hockey: Asian Champions Trophy 2026

- **Context:** India continued its stellar form in the Asian Champions Trophy.
- **Key Details:** India defeated Malaysia **4-2**, driven by a masterclass hat-trick from captain **Harmanpreet Singh** (two penalty corners, one penalty stroke) alongside a field goal by Sukhjeet Singh. This marked India's fourth consecutive victory in the tournament.

7. Important Days and Observances

- **Date: November 2**
- **Day Name: International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists**
- **Significance & History:** Proclaimed by the UN General Assembly in 2013 (Resolution A/RES/68/163), this day draws attention to the low global conviction rate for crimes against journalists. The date was chosen to commemorate the assassination of two French journalists in Mali on November 2, 2013.
- **Upcoming Key Days in November to Remember for Exams:**
  - November 5: World Tsunami Awareness Day
  - November 7: National Cancer Awareness Day
  - November 11: National Education Day (Birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad)
  - November 14: Children's Day / World Diabetes Day
  - November 15: Janjatiya Gaurav Divas (Birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda)

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Section 1: National & International News

Q1. The Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, also hosts which major international assembly?

A) 5th International Bioenergy Conference

B) 9th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly

C) 12th Global Clean Energy Ministerial

D) 7th World Wind Energy Conference

- **Answer:** B) 9th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly
- Explanation: The summit hosts the 9th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen.

Q2. Which premier train service was recently flagged off from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru, providing overnight high-speed connectivity to Mumbai?

A) Vande Bharat Express (Chair Car)

B) Amrit Bharat Sleeper Express

C) Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express

D) Dakshin Superfast Express

- **Answer:** C) Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express
- Explanation: Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw flagged off the Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express, linking Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Maharashtra.

Q3. Which police force was recently honored with the prestigious "President's Colour" award during its Diamond Jubilee celebrations?

A) Delhi Police

B) Mumbai Police

C) Chandigarh Police

D) Bengaluru City Police

- **Answer:** C) Chandigarh Police
- Explanation: Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the President's Colour to the Chandigarh Police during their 60th Raising Day (Diamond Jubilee) celebrations.

Q4. The spiritual consecration of 108 stupas along the Aie River was recently held in which country, featuring a stupa dedicated to the Indian Prime Minister?

A) Nepal

B) Bhutan

C) Sri Lanka

D) Myanmar

- **Answer:** B) Bhutan
- Explanation: The consecration took place in Bhutan's Gelephu Mindfulness City project, where 108 stupas were consecrated along an 11.7-km stretch.

Q5. The Gelephu Mindfulness City project, frequently seen in the news, is a visionary regional economic hub initiative envisioned by the King of which nation?

A) Bhutan

B) Thailand

C) Cambodia

D) Japan

- **Answer:** A) Bhutan
- Explanation: Gelephu Mindfulness City is a special administrative and economic zone envisioned by Bhutan's King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck near the Indian border.

Q6. Which United Nations peacekeeping mission was officially dissolved after 35 years of

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operation following a failure to renew its Security Council mandate?

A) UNMISS (South Sudan)

B) MONUSCO (DR Congo)

C) MINURSO (Western Sahara)

D) UNIFIL (Lebanon)

- **Answer:** C) MINURSO (Western Sahara)
- Explanation: The UN peacekeeping mission in Western Sahara (MINURSO) was dissolved after 35 years as the UN Security Council failed to renew its mandate.

Section 2: Economy, Banking & Finance

Q7. What was India's gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection for October 2026?

A) ₹1,85,420 crore

B) ₹2,03,356 crore

C) ₹2,31,290 crore

D) ₹2,50,110 crore

- **Answer:** C) ₹2,31,290 crore
- Explanation: Gross GST collections registered a strong 22.9% year-on-year growth to reach ₹2,31,290 crore in October 2026, marking the second-highest monthly mop-up ever.

Q8. In October 2026, the average daily transaction value on the UPI network crossed which major milestone for the first time?

A) ₹50,000 crore

B) ₹75,000 crore

C) ₹1 lakh crore

D) ₹2 lakh crore

- **Answer:** C) ₹1 lakh crore
- Explanation: The average daily transaction value on the UPI network crossed ₹1 lakh crore (specifically ₹1,00,871.30 crore) in October 2026.

Q9. To boost capital expenditure across states, the Central Government recently released an additional tax devolution installment amounting to:

A) ₹50,000 crore

B) ₹1,09,019 crore

C) ₹1,50,400 crore

D) ₹2,00,000 crore

- **Answer:** B) ₹1,09,019 crore
- Explanation: An additional tax devolution installment of ₹1,09,019 crore was released to states, with Uttar Pradesh and Bihar receiving the highest allocations.

Q10. Where is the headquarters of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) located?

A) New Delhi, India

B) Gurugram, India

C) Paris, France

D) Geneva, Switzerland

- **Answer:** B) Gurugram, India
- Explanation: The International Solar Alliance (ISA) is headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana, India.

Section 3: Defense & Appointments

Q11. Who took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) of the Indian Air Force?

A) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh

B) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

C) Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal

D) Air Chief Marshal V.R. Chaudhari

- **Answer:** B) Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit

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- Explanation:* Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took charge as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff, succeeding Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh.

Q12. Upon assuming command as the new Air Chief, Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit unveiled which strategic vision centered on self-reliance and operational readiness?

A) 'TEJAS'

B) 'VIJAY'

C) 'VAYU'

D) 'AKASH'

- **Answer:** C) 'VAYU'
- Explanation: The 'VAYU' vision focuses on operational readiness, self-reliance (Atmanirbharta), jointness, and technological innovation.

Q13. Under the revised Central Industrial Security Force (CISF) command structure, where is the national Coal sector security headquarters established?

A) Dhanbad

B) Ranchi

C) Kolkata

D) Bhubaneswar

- **Answer:** B) Ranchi
- Explanation: The national Coal sector security headquarters of the CISF has been established at Ranchi, while the Steel sector headquarters is set at Bhilai.

Q14. Who assumed charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) under the Ministry of Mines?

A) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir

B) Mehtab Singh Deswal

C) Rajesh Kumar Verma

D) Alok Sharma

- **Answer:** A) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir
- Explanation: Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir took over as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI).

Q15. Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal was recently appointed to which key position in the Indian Air Force?

A) Vice Chief of the Air Staff

B) Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), Eastern Air Command

C) Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Air Command

D) Commandant of the National Defence Academy

- **Answer:** B) Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (AOC-in-C), Eastern Air Command
- Explanation: Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal was appointed as the AOC-in-C of the Eastern Air Command.

Section 4: Sports News

Q16. Which Indian shuttlers created history by winning both the Men's and Women's singles titles at the BWF HYLO Open 2026 in Germany?

A) Kidambi Srikanth and Saina Nehwal

B) Lakshya Sen and P.V. Sindhu

C) Prannoy H.S. and PV Sindhu

D) Chirag Shetty and Satwiksairaj Rankireddy

- **Answer:** B) Lakshya Sen and P.V. Sindhu
- Explanation: P.V. Sindhu (Women's Singles) and Lakshya Sen (Men's Singles) won titles at the BWF World Tour Super 500 event in Saarbrücken, Germany.

Q17. In the Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy 2026, India defeated which country in a

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match highlighted by captain Harmanpreet Singh's hat-trick?

A) Pakistan

B) South Korea

C) Malaysia

D) Japan

- **Answer:** C) Malaysia
- Explanation: India defeated Malaysia 4-2 with a hat-trick from captain Harmanpreet Singh at the Men's Hockey Asian Champions Trophy.

Q18. The inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship was held in which Indian city, where India completed a clean sweep in both men's and women's categories?

A) New Delhi

B) Pune

C) Ahmedabad

D) Mumbai

- **Answer:** C) Ahmedabad
- Explanation: The inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship took place in Ahmedabad, Gujarat, with India winning both titles.

Section 5: Science, Technology, Environment & Important Days

Q19. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) tracked a severe cyclonic storm named which formed over the west-central Bay of Bengal?

C) Murasu D) Dana

- **Answer:** C) Murasu
- Explanation: Cyclone Murasu formed over the west-central Bay of Bengal, heading towards the southern coast of Andhra Pradesh.

Q20. Trial runs for Digi Yatra for international passengers officially commenced using which primary identification document for eligible Indian citizens?

A) PAN Card

B) Aadhaar Card

C) e-Passports

D) Voter ID Card

- **Answer:** C) e-Passports
- Explanation: Digi Yatra international trials started across seven major airports for eligible Indian citizens holding e-passports.

Q21. When is the "International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists" observed globally?

A) October 15

B) November 2

C) November 14

D) December 10

- **Answer:** B) November 2
- Explanation: November 2 is designated by the UN General Assembly to draw attention to low global conviction rates for crimes against journalists, commemorating two French journalists killed in Mali in 2013.

Q22. The International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists was established by the UN General Assembly via which resolution?

A) Resolution 68/163

B) Resolution 70/112

C) Resolution 55/201

D) Resolution 62/90

- **Answer:** A) Resolution 68/163
- Explanation: The UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 68/163 to proclaim

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November 2 as the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists.

Q23. Where is the national Steel sector security headquarters of the CISF located under the revised command structure?

A) Rourkela

B) Bhilai

C) Jamshedpur

D) Durgapur

- **Answer:** B) Bhilai
- Explanation: The CISF established its Steel sector security headquarters at Bhilai and the Coal sector headquarters at Ranchi.

Q24. Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit succeeded whom as the Chief of the Air Staff?

A) Air Chief Marshal R.K.S. Bhadauria

B) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh

C) Air Chief Marshal B.S. Dhanoa

D) Air Chief Marshal Arup Raha

- **Answer:** B) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh
- Explanation: Air Chief Marshal Ashutosh Dixit succeeded Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh as the 29th Chief of the Air Staff.

Q25. Which airport terminal served as the departure point for the inaugural run of the Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express?

A) Kempegowda International Airport

B) Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru

C) Bengaluru City Railway Station

D) Yesvantpur Junction

- **Answer:** B) Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal, Bengaluru
- Explanation: The Bengaluru–Mumbai Vande Bharat Sleeper Express was flagged off from Sir M. Visvesvaraya Terminal (SMVT), Bengaluru.

Q26. What was the net GST collection in October 2026 after accounting for refunds?

A) ₹1,90,120 crore

B) ₹2,03,356 crore

C) ₹2,15,400 crore

D) ₹2,20,105 crore

- **Answer:** B) ₹2,03,356 crore
- Explanation: While gross GST collection reached ₹2,31,290 crore, the net collection after refunds stood at ₹2,03,356 crore.

Q27. The 9th International Solar Alliance (ISA) Assembly coincides with which major conference held in India?

A) 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen

B) Global Climate Summit 2026

C) World Nuclear Energy Forum

D) International Biofuels Conference

- **Answer:** A) 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen
- Explanation: The Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026 hosts both the 9th ISA Assembly and the 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen.

Q28. Which two states received the highest share of the additional tax devolution installment of ₹1,09,019 crore released by the Centre?

A) Maharashtra and Gujarat

B) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

C) Tamil Nadu and Karnataka

D) West Bengal and Madhya Pradesh

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- **Answer:** B) Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
- Explanation: Uttar Pradesh and Bihar received the highest allocations among states in the additional tax devolution installment to boost capital expenditure.

Q29. What type of tournament victory did P.V. Sindhu and Lakshya Sen achieve at the BWF HYLO Open 2026 in Germany?

A) BWF World Tour Super 300

B) BWF World Tour Super 500

C) BWF World Tour Super 750

D) BWF World Tour Super 1000

- **Answer:** B) BWF World Tour Super 500
- Explanation: Both Indian shuttlers won titles at the BWF World Tour Super 500 event held in Saarbrücken, Germany.

Q30. The assassination of two French journalists on November 2, 2013, which inspired the UN to observe the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, took place in which African country?

A) Somalia

B) Mali

C) Sudan

D) Democratic Republic of the Congo

- **Answer:** B) Mali
- Explanation: The day commemorates the assassination of two RFI journalists in Kidal, Mali, on November 2, 2013.

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