1. International News

- **India Re-elected as President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA):**
  - **Details:** Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi announced that India has been re-elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for the 2026–2028 term, marking its third consecutive tenure. France was simultaneously re-elected as Co-President.
  - **Exam Context:** ISA is headquartered in Gurugram, Haryana, and was jointly launched by India and France during COP21 in Paris (2015).
- **WIPO Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026 Released:**
  - **Details:** The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) released the 19th edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII 2026) themed "Powering entrepreneurs at the frontier of science". Switzerland retained the 1st position globally, while India maintained its **38th rank** with an overall score of 40.1.
- **UNESCO Global Education Monitoring (GEM) Report 2026:**
  - **Details:** UNESCO's 2026 GEM Report highlighted that while Indian women now outpace men in higher education enrollment, a stark rural-urban divide leaves rural girls disadvantaged at the secondary school-completion stage. The report credited free school feeding programmes and gender-segregated WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) facilities for driving primary retention.
- **United States Skips UNHRC Universal Periodic Review:**
  - **Details:** The United States became the first country to skip the United Nations Human Rights Council's (UNHRC) Universal Periodic Review (UPR) process.
- **COP31 Climate Summit in Antalya, Turkey:**
  - **Details:** Global leaders convened at the 31st UN Climate Change Conference (COP31) in Antalya, Turkey, focusing on accelerated emission cuts and adaptation financing for climate-vulnerable nations.

2. National & State News

- **Ban on Export of Lithium-Ion Battery Black Mass:**
  - **Details:** Effective 11 November 2026, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry prohibited the export of specified lithium-ion battery waste and scrap, including "black mass" (ITC HS Code 85491400).
  - **Significance:** Black mass contains critical recoverable minerals such as lithium, cobalt, nickel, manganese, and graphite. The move strengthens domestic battery recycling and promotes a circular economy.
- **Supreme Court Declares National Book Trust (NBT) a 'State' Under Article 12:**
  - **Details:** The Supreme Court of India ruled that the National Book Trust (NBT) falls under the definition of "State" under Article 12 of the Constitution due to deep and pervasive government financial and administrative control, making it amenable to writ jurisdiction.
- **Andhra Pradesh Tops Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index (EVOI) 2026:**
  - **Details:** Released by IndiaTech.org in partnership with Consumer VOICE, Andhra

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Pradesh ranked 1st (score: 5.91/10) in the inaugural EVOI 2026, followed by Kerala (5.74), while Tamil Nadu and Delhi tied for 3rd (4.58). Uttar Pradesh ranked last (2.47).

- **Delhi Launches First Yamuna River Cruise ('Namo Yamuna River Safari'):**
  - **Details:** Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurated Delhi's first recreational river cruise on the Sonia Vihar–Jagatpur stretch of the Yamuna (designated as National Waterway-110).
- **Blackbuck Reintroduction in Chhattisgarh:**
  - **Details:** Conservation authorities initiated the reintroduction of the Indian Blackbuck (Antilope cervicapra) into Chhattisgarh's Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary to revive grassland biodiversity.

3. Economics, Banking & Finance

- **ADB Releases USD 21.6 Million First Tranche for Mizoram Healthcare:**
  - **Details:** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) disbursed the first tranche of USD 21.6 million to strengthen universal healthcare infrastructure and service delivery in Mizoram.
- **Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) Launches 'IOB Digital Rupee' App:**
  - **Details:** Public sector lender IOB launched its dedicated Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) mobile application, **'IOB Digital Rupee'**, featuring programmable e-Rupee capabilities for targeted government and corporate disbursements.
- **ICICI Prudential Life Launches 'EzyGrow' ULIP:**
  - **Details:** ICICI Life Insurance introduced ICICI Life EzyGrow on Policybazaar, a Unit-Linked Insurance Plan (ULIP) featuring 2X and 3X Waiver of Premium (WOP) options where the insurer funds double or triple the pending premiums in case of the policyholder's demise.

4. Government Schemes & Initiatives

- **Blue Economy Push in Island Territories Under PMMSY:**
  - **Details:** Under the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY)**, the Central Government allocated ₹393 crore (₹218 crore for Andaman & Nicobar Islands and ₹175 crore for Lakshadweep). Lakshadweep has been notified as a dedicated **Seaweed Cluster**, while Andaman & Nicobar is designated as a **Tuna Cluster**, leveraging the two territories' ~40% share of India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- **Vayo Samman Rashtriya Abhiyan:**
  - **Details:** Implemented under the **Atal Vayo Abhyuday Yojana (AVYAY)** by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, this nationwide campaign promotes inter-generational bonding and elder care awareness.

5. Defense & Security News

- **15th India–Oman Maritime Exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr 2026':**
  - **Details:** The Indian Navy's guided-missile destroyer **INS Surat** participated in the 15th edition of the bilateral naval exercise Naseem Al Bahr (Sea Breeze) alongside the Royal Navy of Oman off the coast of Muscat from 8 to 11 November 2026.

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- **CRPF to Acquire Indigenous Kamikaze Drones:**
  - **Details:** The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) initiated procurement of loitering munitions (kamikaze drones) equipped with high-explosive warheads, offering a minimum range of 15 km and 30 minutes of endurance for counter-insurgency operations.
- **President's Police Colour Conferred on Uttarakhand Police:**
  - **Details:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah presented the prestigious **President's Police Colour (Nishaan)** to the Uttarakhand State Police in recognition of its exemplary service, disaster response, and law enforcement record.

6. Awards & Honors

- **Booker Prize 2026 Won by M. John Harrison:**
  - **Details:** 81-year-old English author **M. John Harrison** won the **2026 Booker Prize** for his novel "The End of Everything" (published by Serpent's Tail), becoming the oldest author in history to receive the prestigious literary honor.
- **France Honors Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty:**
  - **Details:** The Government of France conferred the Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite (Knight of the National Order of Merit) upon Narayana Health Founder and Chairman **Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty** for his medical support to the French community in Bengaluru during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **2026 James Dyson Global Sustainability Award:**
  - **Details:** Filipino structural engineer **Aldrei Ong** won the 2026 James Dyson Global Sustainability Award for inventing Sentinel, a low-cost sensor capable of detecting hidden structural damage inside concrete buildings following earthquakes.

7. Sports News

- **Anuj Shrivatri Becomes India's 100th Chess Grandmaster:**
  - **Details:** Achieving a historic milestone for Indian chess, **Anuj Shrivatri** earned his final GM norm to officially become **India's 100th Chess Grandmaster**. (India's 1st Grandmaster was Viswanathan Anand in 1988).
- **2026 Formula 1 Brazilian Grand Prix:**
  - **Details:** McLaren's **Lando Norris** won the 2026 F1 São Paulo (Brazilian) Grand Prix at Interlagos, while **Mercedes** clinched the 2026 Constructors' Championship.
- **Indian Cricketer S. Meghana Retires:**
  - **Details:** Indian international batter and WPL 2024 title-winner (with RCB) **Sabbhineni Meghana** announced her retirement from all formats of cricket.
- **Chennai Likely to Host 2029 Asian Athletics Championships:**
  - **Details:** Following the Asian Athletics Federation Council meeting in Tokyo, Chennai's Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium emerged as the designated venue to host the 2029 Asian Athletics Championships.

8. Art, Culture & Heritage

- **Three Indian Manuscripts Added to UNESCO Memory of the World Register:**
  - **Details:** Three foundational ancient Indian texts—the **Mahabharata**, Kalhana's **Rajatarangini**, and Kautilya's **Arthashastra**—were officially inscribed on UNESCO's **Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register**.

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- **Bihar's Raniwas Mound Declared Monument of National Importance:**
  - **Details:** Under the Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1958, the Central Government declared **Raniwas Mound** (located near the Kesariya Stupa in East Champaran district, Bihar) a Monument of National Importance.
- **Collins Dictionary Word of the Year 2026:**
  - **Details:** Collins Dictionary selected the internet slang term **"Mogging"** (referring to outshining or appearing noticeably more attractive/dominant than someone else) as its Word of the Year 2026.
- **Gujarati New Year (Bestu Varas) Celebrated:**
  - **Details:** Celebrated right after Diwali, Bestu Varas marked the beginning of **Vikram Samvat 2083** across Gujarat.

9. Obituaries (Death Anniversaries / Recent Passings)

- **Arpita Singh (89):** Renowned Indian modernist painter and Padma Bhushan awardee passed away in New Delhi.
- **Sanjit 'Bunker' Roy (81):** Social activist, Padma Shri awardee (1986), and founder of the **Barefoot College** in Tilonia, Rajasthan (1972), passed away.
- **Gurdial Singh Bhangu (86):** Former chief coach of the Indian Women's National Hockey Team passed away.

10. Important Days & Anniversaries (November 9–11)

Date	Observance	Key Exam Facts & Theme
11 November	**National Education Day**	Commemorates the birth anniversary of **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad** (born 11 Nov 1888), independent India's first Education Minister (1947–1958) and founder of institutions like ICCR and Sangeet Natak Akademi.
10 November	**World Science Day for Peace and Development**	Proclaimed by UNESCO (first observed in 2002). **2026 Theme:** *"Common Ground Through Science Diplomacy".*
9 November	**National Legal Services Day**	Marks the enactment of the Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987, highlighting free legal aid by NALSA.
9 November	**Uttarakhand Foundation Day**	Celebrated 26 years of statehood (carved out of Uttar Pradesh as the 27th state of

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11. Practice MCQs for UPSC, SSC, Banking & Railways

Q1. Which three ancient Indian texts were recently inscribed on UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Regional Register?

A) Rigveda, Manusmriti, and Natyashastra

B) Mahabharata, Rajatarangini, and Arthashastra

C) Ramayana, Brihat Samhita, and Charaka Samhita

D) Upanishads, Panchatantra, and Harshacharita

Correct Answer: B (Mahabharata, Rajatarangini, and Arthashastra)

Q2. Effective 11 November 2026, the DGFT prohibited the export of "black mass" under ITC (HS) Code 85491400. What is black mass primarily derived from?

A) Coal tar distillation residue

B) Lithium-ion battery recycling scrap

C) Rare-earth monazite beach sands

D) Crude oil refining sludge

Correct Answer: B (Lithium-ion battery recycling scrap containing lithium, cobalt, nickel, and graphite)

Q3. Who won the 2026 Booker Prize for the novel "The End of Everything", becoming the oldest recipient in the award's history?

A) David Szalay

B) Percival Everett

C) M. John Harrison

D) Paul Lynch

Correct Answer: C (M. John Harrison, at age 81)

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Q4. Which Indian naval ship participated in the 15th edition of the India–Oman bilateral maritime exercise Naseem Al Bahr 2026?

A) INS Vikrant

B) INS Kolkata

C) INS Surat

D) INS Shivalik

Correct Answer: C (INS Surat)

Q5. Who recently achieved the milestone of becoming India's 100th Chess Grandmaster?

A) Pranav Anand

B) Anuj Shrivatri

C) Aditya Samant

D) Bharath Subramaniyam

Correct Answer: B (Anuj Shrivatri)

Q6. What is India's rank in the 19th edition of WIPO's Global Innovation Index (GII) 2026?

A) 34th

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B) 38th

C) 40th

D) 42nd

Correct Answer: B (38th, with a score of 40.1; Switzerland ranked 1st)

Q7. Which state secured the 1st position in India's inaugural Ease of Vehicle Ownership Index (EVOI) 2026?

A) Kerala

B) Tamil Nadu

C) Maharashtra

D) Andhra Pradesh

Correct Answer: *D* (Andhra Pradesh, with a score of 5.91/10)

Q8. National Education Day is observed annually on 11 November to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

A) Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

B) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

C) Dr. Zakir Husain

D) Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya

Correct Answer: B (Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, India's first Education Minister)

Part 1: International & National News

Q1. India was recently re-elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for which consecutive term?

A) First term

B) Second term

C) Third consecutive term

D) Fourth consecutive term

Answer: C) Third consecutive term

Explanation: Union Minister for New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) Pralhad Joshi announced that India has been re-elected as the President of the International Solar Alliance (ISA) for the **2026–2028 term**, marking its **third consecutive term**. Meanwhile, France was re-elected as the Co-President of the ISA. The ISA is a coalition of treaty-based member countries focused on promoting solar energy resource deployment.

Q2. What is India's rank in the 19th edition of the Global Innovation Index (GII 2026) released by WIPO?

A) 32nd

B) 35th

C) 38th

D) 42nd

Answer: C) 38th

Explanation: The World Intellectual Property Organisation (WIPO) released the 19th edition of the "Global Innovation Index (GII 2026): Powering entrepreneurs at the frontier of science". India retained its **38th position** with an overall score of 40.1. **Switzerland** retained the 1st position for the 16th consecutive year, followed by Sweden and the United States.

Q3. Which historical Indian texts were recently added to UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Register?

A) Rigveda, Ramayana, and Manusmriti

B) Mahabharata, Rajatarangini, and Arthashastra

C) Ashtadhyayi, Natyashastra, and Kamasutra

D) Charaka Samhita, Sushruta Samhita, and Panchatantra

Answer: B) Mahabharata, Rajatarangini, and Arthashastra

Explanation: In a major recognition of India's rich literary heritage, the ancient texts **Mahabharata, Rajatarangini (Kalhana's**

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chronicle of Kashmir), and Kautilya's **Arthashastra** were officially added to **UNESCO's Memory of the World Asia-Pacific Register**, highlighting their foundational historical, political, and philosophical value.

Q4. Which institution was recently declared as 'State' under Article 12 of the Indian Constitution by the Supreme Court?

A) Sahitya Akademi

B) National Book Trust (NBT)

C) Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts

D) Lalit Kala Akademi

Answer: B) National Book Trust (NBT)

Explanation: The Supreme Court of India ruled that the **National Book Trust (NBT)**—an autonomous body under the Ministry of Education—falls within the definition of **'State' under Article 12** of the Constitution, making it amenable to writ jurisdiction under Article 226 as it performs public functions closely linked to governmental duties.

Part 2: Economy, Banking & Government Schemes

Q5. Moody's revised India's growth forecast for the financial year 2026-27 (FY27) to what percentage?

A) 6.5%

B) 6.8%

C) 7.0%

D) 7.3%

Answer: C) 7.0%

Explanation: Global rating agency Moody's raised India's economic growth forecast for FY 2026-27 to **7.0%** (up from its previous estimate of 6.5%), driven by resilient domestic consumption, robust manufacturing activity, and strong capital expenditure frameworks.

Q6. For how many more years has the Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the Stand-Up India Scheme?

A) Two years

B) Three years

C) Five years

D) Seven years

Answer: C) Five years

Explanation: The Union Cabinet approved the continuation of the **Stand-Up India Scheme for another five years** (extending up to March 31, 2031). The scheme facilitates bank loans between ₹10 lakh and ₹1 crore to at least one Scheduled Caste (SC) or Scheduled Tribe (ST) borrower and one woman borrower per bank branch for greenfield enterprises.

Q7. Which international financial institution released the first tranche of USD 21.6 million for the Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme (MUHCS)?

A) World Bank

B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

C) New Development Bank

D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank

Answer: B) Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Explanation: The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** released the first tranche of **USD 21.6 million** under its USD 108 million results-based loan framework designed to strengthen and expand the Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme (MUHCS) to provide universal health coverage access across the state.

Q8. Which bank recently launched the 'IOB Digital Rupee' App featuring a programmable Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) facility?

A) State Bank of India

B) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)

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C) Bank of Baroda

D) Punjab National Bank

Answer: B) Indian Overseas Bank (IOB)

Explanation: Indian Overseas Bank (IOB) launched the **'IOB Digital Rupee' App**, incorporating advanced programmable CBDC capabilities that allow institutional and retail users to target specific use cases for digital currency transactions securely.

Part 3: Defence, Science & Technology

Q9. The 5th edition of the biennial nationwide coastal defence exercise, 'Sea Vigil-26', is scheduled from which dates?

A) 1st–7th November 2026

B) 11th–19th November 2026

C) 15th–22nd November 2026

D) 25th–30th November 2026

Answer: B) 11th–19th November 2026

Explanation: The **5th edition** of India's mega coastal defence exercise, **'Sea Vigil-26'**, is being conducted from **11th to 19th November 2026**. Conceptualized in 2018, this exercise spans India's entire coastline and exclusive economic zone, involving the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, state marine police, and other stakeholders to validate coastal security architecture.

Q10. INS Surat participated in the 15th edition of the bilateral maritime exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr 2026' held with which country?

A) UAE

B) Qatar

C) Oman

D) Saudi Arabia

Answer: C) Oman

Explanation: The Indian Navy stealth guided-missile destroyer **INS Surat** participated in the **15th edition of the India-Oman bilateral maritime exercise 'Naseem Al Bahr 2026'** held at Muscat, Oman. The exercise aims to enhance operational synergy and interoperability between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of Oman (RNO).

Q11. The Ministry of Defence signed a ₹498.58-crore contract with which shipyard to refit the naval warship INS Betwa?

A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders

B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers

C) Cochin Shipyard Limited

D) Goa Shipyard Limited

Answer: C) Cochin Shipyard Limited

Explanation: The Ministry of Defence signed a major contract worth **₹498.58 crore** with **Cochin Shipyard Limited** for the comprehensive mid-life upgrade and modernization/refit of **INS Betwa**, a Brahmaputra-class guided-missile frigate, to enhance its operational lifespan and combat readiness.

Q12. ISRO recently cleared a crucial 200-second test for which cryogenic engine destined for upcoming launch vehicle configurations?

A) CE-20

B) GSLV-F19 cryogenic engine

C) SCE-200 semi-cryogenic engine

D) C25 heavy cryogenic stage

Answer: B) GSLV-F19 cryogenic engine

Explanation: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully cleared the rigorous **200-second test of the GSLV-F19 cryogenic engine** at the Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre (LPSC) test facility, validating its performance parameters for future heavy-lift missions.

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Part 4: Appointments, Awards, Books & Authors

Q13. Who authored the memoir titled 'Belonging: A Journey of Love' released recently?

A) Priyanka Gandhi Vadra

B) Sonia Gandhi

C) Pratibha Patil

D) Margaret Alva

Answer: B) Sonia Gandhi

Explanation: Senior Indian politician and author **Sonia Gandhi's memoir, titled 'Belonging: A Journey of Love'**, was released. The book chronicles key moments of her personal life, her entry into Indian public service, and her decades-long association with the Indian National Congress.

Q14. Which prominent Indian healthcare leader was conferred France's 'Knight of the National Order of Merit' (Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite)?

A) Dr. Naresh Trehan

B) Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty

C) Dr. Prathap C. Reddy

D) Dr. Randeep Guleria

- **Answer: B) Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty**

Explanation: The Government of France conferred the **Chevalier de l'Ordre national du Mérite** on **Dr. Devi Prasad Shetty**, Founder and Chairman of Narayana Health, in recognition of his stellar contributions and support to the French community in Bengaluru during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Q15. Who won the prestigious 2026 Booker Prize for the novel 'The End of Everything'?

A) Paul Lynch

B) Shehan Karunatilaka

C) M. John Harrison

D) Richard Flanagan

- **Answer: C) M. John Harrison**

Explanation: British author **M. John Harrison** won the **2026 Booker Prize** for his acclaimed novel **'The End of Everything'**, published by Serpent's Tail, which mesmerized the literary jury with its profound prose and narrative structure.

Q16. Who won the 2026 James Dyson Global Sustainability Award for developing 'Sentinel', a low-cost concrete damage sensor?

A) Aldrei Ong (Philippines)

B) Wangari Maathai (Kenya)

C) Liam Murphy (Australia)

D) Carlos Alvarez (Spain)

- **Answer: A) Aldrei Ong (Philippines)**

Explanation: Filipino structural engineer **Aldrei Ong** won the **2026 James Dyson Global Sustainability Award** for inventing **'Sentinel'**, an affordable low-cost sensor system that detects hidden structural damage in concrete buildings following earthquakes.

Part 5: Sports News

Q17. Which tennis player won the singles title at the Chennai Open 2026 (WTA 250)?

A) Naomi Osaka

B) Magda Linette

C) Aryna Sabalenka

D) Jelena Ostapenko

- **Answer: B) Magda Linette**

Explanation: Polish tennis star **Magda Linette** emerged victorious at the **Chennai Open 2026 (WTA 250)** tournament, defeating her opponent

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in an exciting final to claim the prestigious singles trophy.

Q18. Which team clinched the 2026 FIA Formula One World Constructors' Championship following the Brazilian Grand Prix 2026?

A) Red Bull Racing

B) Ferrari

C) Mercedes

D) McLaren

- **Answer: C) Mercedes**

Explanation: Following the **Brazilian Grand Prix 2026** (won by driver Lando Norris), the **Mercedes** Formula One team officially clinched the **2026 World Constructors' Championship** title on the back of consistent podium finishes and stellar race strategies.

Q19. Which prominent Indian women's cricketer recently announced her retirement from all formats of international and domestic cricket?

A) Smriti Mandhana

B) S. Meghana

C) Poonam Yadav

D) Shikha Pandey

- **Answer: B) S. Meghana**

Explanation: Indian batswoman **S. Meghana** officially announced her retirement from all forms of competitive cricket, concluding a career where she represented India in multiple One-Day Internationals and T20 Internationals.

Q20. Who was the former Indian women's/men's hockey coach who passed away at the age of 86?

A) Maharaj Krishan Kaushik

B) Gurdial Singh Bhangu

C) Vasudevan Baskaran

D) Balkishan Singh

- **Answer: B) Gurdial Singh Bhangu**

Explanation: Former Indian hockey chief coach **Gurdial Singh Bhangu** passed away at the age of 86. He was widely remembered for his stellar tactical contributions to Indian hockey and his coaching tenure with national squads.

Part 6: Art, Culture, Environment & Important Days

Q21. The Union Cabinet approved an outlay of ₹3,230 crore to set up which major cultural institution in New Delhi?

A) Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum

B) National Heritage and Science Archive

C) Akhand Bharat Digital Museum

D) National Vedic and Tribal Culture Hub

- **Answer: A) Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum**

Explanation: The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved an outlay of **₹3,230 crore** for setting up the **Yuge Yugeen Bharat National Museum** in New Delhi, which will showcase India's 5,000-year civilizational history across a sprawling modern campus.

Q22. Blackbucks are set to be reintroduced into which wildlife sanctuary located in Chhattisgarh?

A) Achanakmar Wildlife Sanctuary

B) Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary

C) Sitanadi Wildlife Sanctuary

D) Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Answer: B) Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary**

Explanation: Plans were finalized to reintroduce **Indian Blackbucks (Antilope cervicapra)** into Chhattisgarh's **Gomarda Wildlife Sanctuary** to

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restore indigenous grassland ecosystems and boost regional biodiversity conservation.

Q23. What was the global theme for World Science Day for Peace and Development 2026?

A) Building Trust in Science

B) Science for a Sustainable Future

C) Common Ground Through Science Diplomacy

D) Open Science, Leaving No One Behind

- **Answer: C) Common Ground Through Science Diplomacy**

Explanation: Celebrated annually, **World Science Day for Peace and Development** focused on the 2026 theme **"Common Ground Through Science Diplomacy"**, underscoring how cross-border scientific collaboration and open research can address planetary challenges and ease geopolitical friction.

Q24. National Education Day is observed every year on November 11 to commemorate the birth anniversary of which leader?

A) Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan

B) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad

C) C. Rajagopalachari

D) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar

- **Answer: B) Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**

Explanation: National Education Day is celebrated on **November 11** across India to honor **Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, independent India's first Minister of Education, a visionary freedom fighter, and a key architect of modern Indian technical and higher educational institutions.

Q25. Which Gujarati New Year festival marks the beginning of the Vikram Samvat 2083 calendar year?

A) Labh Pancham

B) Bestu Varas

C) Bhai Dooj

D) Devuthani Ekadashi

- **Answer: B) Bestu Varas**

Explanation: Bestu Varas marks the traditional Gujarati New Year, coinciding with Shukla Paksha Pratipada of the Hindu month of Kartik, marking the official beginning of **Vikram Samvat 2083** with celebrations involving 'Chopda Pujan' (account book worship).

Part 7: Miscellaneous & Miscellaneous National/State Affairs

Q26. Which state topped the Access Equality Index (AEI) 2026 regarding accessibility parameters?

A) Kerala

B) Goa

C) Karnataka

D) Maharashtra

- **Answer: B) Goa**

Explanation: Goa secured the top position in the **Access Equality Index (AEI) 2026**, which evaluates infrastructure, public transport accessibility, and institutional frameworks for persons with disabilities.

Q27. Who was appointed as the Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Commission?

A) Justice M.V. Muralidaran

B) Justice K. Chandru

C) Justice T. Mathivanan

D) Justice P. Kalaiyarasan

- **Answer: A) Justice M.V. Muralidaran**

Explanation: Justice M.V. Muralidaran was appointed as the new Chairperson of the **Tamil Nadu State Scheduled Castes and Scheduled**

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Tribes (SC/ST) Commission to address grievances and safeguard constitutional rights.

Q28. Which town was recognized as Tamil Nadu's cleanest city in the Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 rankings?

A) Pollachi

B) Theni-Allinagaram

C) Udhagamandalam

D) Kumbakonam

- **Answer: B) Theni-Allinagaram**

Explanation: In the **Swachh Survekshan 2025-26** rankings, **Theni-Allinagaram** municipality bagged the title of Tamil Nadu's cleanest city, recognizing exemplary urban solid waste management and sanitation protocols.

Q29. Which manufacturing giant supplied the Coimbatore-made crew escape shroud for ISRO's Gaganyaan G2 mission?

A) Tata Advanced Systems

B) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)

C) Godrej & Boyce

D) Bharat Forge

- **Answer: B) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)**

Explanation: Engineering conglomerate **Larsen & Toubro (L&T)** successfully delivered the critical **crew escape shroud** manufactured at its Coimbatore facility for ISRO's upcoming **Gaganyaan G2 human spaceflight mission**.

Q30. Union Home Minister Amit Shah conferred the prestigious 'President's Police Colour' on the police force of which state?

A) Gujarat

B) Uttarakhand

C) Uttar Pradesh

D) Madhya Pradesh

- **Answer: B) Uttarakhand**

Explanation: Union Home Minister Amit Shah conferred the **President's Police Colour**—one of the highest honors bestowed upon a state police force for exceptional service, gallantry, and professionalism—to the **Uttarakhand State Police** at a ceremonial parade in Dehradun.

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