

1. National & International Important Days

- **United Nations Day (24 October):**
 - **Significance:** Celebrates the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945. It marks the formal establishment of the United Nations, dedicated to maintaining international peace and security, protecting human rights, and delivering humanitarian aid globally.
- **World Polio Day (24 October):**
 - **2026 Theme:** "Together, We End Polio" (Alternate focus: "One day, one focus: ending polio for good").
 - **Significance:** Commemorates the birthday of Dr. Jonas Salk, who led the team that developed the first polio vaccine. It highlights global vaccination efforts. India achieved its polio-free certification status in 2014, a monumental public health milestone.
- **65th Raising Day of Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP):**
 - **Date:** 24 October 2026.
 - **Significance:** The ITBP is a specialized Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), raised on 24 October 1962 in the wake of the Sino-Indian War, primarily tasked with guarding India's borders with China.

2. Appointments

- **Sunil Kumar (ONGC Chairman):**
 - The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the appointment of Sunil Kumar (currently Executive Director and Asset Manager of ONGC's Mehsana Asset) as the next Chairman of Oil and Natural Gas

Corporation Limited (ONGC) for a three-year tenure.

- **Anca-Maria Verma:**
 - Appointed as the Ambassador-at-Large of the United Nations Intergovernmental Institution for the use of Micro-algae Spirulina Against Malnutrition (IIMSAM) for India for a five-year term.

3. Defense News

- **Induction of Nagastra 2 into the Indian Army:**
 - Solar Defence and Aerospace Limited (SDAL) delivered the **Nagastra 2** indigenous man-portable anti-tank loitering munition system to the Indian Army.
 - **Key Specs:** Features a 4 kg tandem warhead and a fire-and-forget range of up to 50 km, significantly boosting tactical strike capabilities along borders.
- **ITBP Commemoration:**
 - Marking its 65th anniversary, the force re-emphasized high-altitude warfare training and border infrastructure reinforcement.

4. Economics & Banking

- **BSE and MMTC-PAMP Strategic Partnership:**
 - The Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE)—Asia's oldest stock exchange—partnered with MMTC-PAMP to expand the **Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs)** market in India.
 - **Objective:** To improve liquidity, market transparency, and retail investor participation by offering EGR contracts in multiple denominations (100 mg, 1 gm, 10 gm with 999/995 fineness).
- **UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2026:**
 - Released under the title '**The Point of Return**', the UN Environment Programme

report warns that a stringent global climate pathway requires greenhouse gas emissions to drop by **45% by 2035** compared to 2025 levels to avoid catastrophic tipping points.

5. Government Schemes & Campaigns

- **'Khet Bachao Abhiyan - Rabi 2026' Campaign:**
 - Launched by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) to support rabi crop preparation, soil management, and pesticide safety. The nationwide campaign runs through November, leveraging the Agricultural Technology Management Agency (ATMA) and Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs).

6. MoUs and Partnerships

- **NSTFDC, NSIC, and SAIL Tripartite MoU:**
 - Signed a tripartite agreement to promote tribal youth entrepreneurship, focusing on skill development, business incubation, and financial assistance models in mineral-rich states like Odisha.

7. International News

- **Global Climate Policy Updates:**
 - International climate dialogues emphasize scaling up adaptation finance ahead of upcoming COP milestones, with developing nations pushing for enhanced technology transfer frameworks.

8. Sports News

- **Golf & National Tournaments:**
 - Preparations are underway for premier national and international professional golf tours hosted across major Indian greens,

emphasizing sports tourism and corporate sponsorship growth.

9. Art & Culture, Festivals, Birth & Death Anniversaries

- **Cultural Festivities:**
 - Regional autumn festivals (pre-Diwali celebrations and harvest thanksgiving events) are seeing heightened tourist footfalls across northern and western India, supported by state culture boards.
- **Historical Legacy:**
 - Academic circles observed historical seminars revisiting the administrative reforms and institution-building milestones of post-independence India.

30 Current Affairs MCQs with Answers & Explanations

Q1. What is the title of the Emissions Gap Report 2026 released by the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP)?

- (a) Net Zero by 2050
- (b) The Point of Return
- (c) Climate Emergency 2026
- (d) Closing the Gap

Answer: (b) The Point of Return

Explanation: The UNEP released its Emissions Gap Report 2026 titled *"The Point of Return"*, highlighting the immediate global emission cuts required by 2035.

Q2. On 24 October 2026, which Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) observed its Raising Day?

- (a) BSF
- (b) CRPF
- (c) ITBP
- (d) CISF



Answer: (c) ITBP

Explanation: The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) celebrates its Raising Day on 24 October every year. It was raised in 1962 following the Sino-Indian dispute.

Q3. Who among the following was appointed as the Chairman of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in October 2026 for a 3-year term?

- (a) Arun Kumar Singh
- (b) Sunil Kumar
- (c) Rajesh Kumar Srivastava
- (d) Sandeep Kumar Gupta

Answer: (b) Sunil Kumar

Explanation: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Sunil Kumar, Executive Director of ONGC, as its next Chairman.

Q4. What was India's total medal count at the 2026 Asian Para Games held in Nagoya, Japan?

- (a) 107 medals
- (b) 111 medals
- (c) 114 medals
- (d) 120 medals

Answer: (c) 114 medals

Explanation: India finished the 2026 Asian Para Games with a historical best tally of 114 medals comprising 30 Gold, 35 Silver, and 49 Bronze, securing 4th position on the table.

Q5. Economic Explosives Limited recently delivered which indigenous loitering munition system to the Indian Army?

- (a) Nagastra 1
- (b) Nagastra 2
- (c) Agniastara 3
- (d) Surya 1

Answer: (b) Nagastra 2

Explanation: Solar Industries subsidiary SDAL/EEL delivered the advanced precision anti-tank loitering munition system 'Nagastra 2' to the Indian Army.

Q6. What is the theme for International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (ILPPW) observed from 18 to 24 October 2026?

- (a) Stop Lead Exposure Now
- (b) From Detection to Prevention
- (c) Clean Earth, Lead-Free Future
- (d) Protecting Children from Heavy Metals

Answer: (b) From Detection to Prevention

Explanation: The 14th edition of ILPPW was observed from 18 to 24 October 2026 under the theme "From Detection to Prevention".

Q7. Which public sector organisation signed a agreement with BSE to strengthen India's Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR) market?

- (a) MMTC-PAMP
- (b) NMDC
- (c) SBI Capital Markets
- (d) Gold Council of India

Answer: (a) MMTC-PAMP

Explanation: BSE signed an agreement with MMTC-PAMP to drive growth and liquidity in the Electronic Gold Receipt (EGR) domain.

Q8. Karmayogi Bharat signed an MoU with which AI tech firm to enhance AI modules on the iGOT platform?

- (a) Google DeepMind
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) OpenAI
- (d) Anthropic

Answer: (c) OpenAI

Explanation: Karmayogi Bharat collaborated with OpenAI to integrate AI learning modules into the iGOT Karmayogi digital platform for government employees.

Q9. Where was the corporate office of Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL), India's first dedicated maritime NBFC, inaugurated?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Chennai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Kolkata

Answer: (c) New Delhi

Explanation: Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated the corporate office of SMFCL in New Delhi.

Q10. Indian cueist Pankaj Advani won his 29th World Title at the World Billiards Championship held in which city?

- (a) London
- (b) Birmingham
- (c) Sheffield
- (d) Doha

Answer: (b) Birmingham

Explanation: Pankaj Advani defeated England's Rob Hall in the final at Birmingham to secure his 29th world title in cue sports.

Q11. Which Ministry launched the 'Khet Bachao Abhiyan – Rabi 2026' campaign?

- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (b) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers
- (d) Ministry of Rural Development

Answer: (b) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Explanation: The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW) launched the Rabi 2026 plant protection initiative running through 30 November 2026.

Q12. Under the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) guidelines, banks must maintain a Foreign Exchange Risk Reserve (FERR) of what percentage on eligible foreign exchange derivative contracts?

- (a) 10%
- (b) 15%
- (c) 20%
- (d) 25%

Answer: (c) 20%

Explanation: RBI mandates that commercial banks maintain a FERR equal to 20% of the rupee value of eligible forex derivative contracts within their CRR accounts.

Q13. The Union Government approved the operationalisation of the first Government Medical College for which Union Territory starting academic year 2027-28?

- (a) Puducherry
- (b) Ladakh
- (c) Jammu & Kashmir
- (d) Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Answer: (b) Ladakh

Explanation: Approval was granted by the Health Ministry to operationalise Ladakh's first Government Medical College in Leh.

Q14. Who was appointed as Ambassador-at-Large of UN IIMSAM for India for a 5-year tenure?

- (a) Ruchira Kamboj

- (b) Anca-Maria Verma
- (c) Preeti Saran
- (d) Geeta Sabharwal

Answer: (b) Anca-Maria Verma

Explanation: UN IIMSAM appointed Anca-Maria Verma as its Ambassador-at-Large for India for a 5-year tenure ending in 2031.

Q15. Tom Skerritt, who passed away in October 2026 at the age of 93, was associated with which profession?

- (a) Classical Music
- (b) Space Exploration
- (c) Hollywood Acting
- (d) Journalism

Answer: (c) Hollywood Acting

Explanation: Thomas Roy Skerritt (Tom Skerritt) was a renowned American veteran actor known for his roles in classics like *Alien* and *Top Gun*.

Q16. The Indian Institute of Corporate Affairs (IICA) signed an MoU with which body to mark upcoming milestones of the IBC and SARFAESI Act?

- (a) Indian Banks' Association (IBA)
- (b) Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)
- (c) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Board of India (IBBI)
- (d) NITI Aayog

Answer: (b) Association of Asset Reconstruction Companies (ARCs)

Explanation: IICA signed a 5-year MoU with the Association of ARCs in India to upgrade corporate capacity and research.

Q17. A tripartite MoU was signed between NSTFDC, NSIC, and SAIL to promote youth

entrepreneurship among tribal groups in which state?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Chhattisgarh
- (c) Odisha
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (c) Odisha

Explanation: National Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation (NSTFDC), NSIC, and SAIL inked an agreement to support tribal youth enterprises in Odisha.

Q18. DRDO laboratory ARDE shortlisted which two companies as Development-cum-Production Partners (DcPPs) for an indigenous 20mm aviation gun?

- (a) Tata Advanced Systems & L&T
- (b) SSS Defence & Kalyani Group
- (c) Bharat Forge & Ordnance Factory Board
- (d) Adani Defence & Mahindra Defence

Answer: (b) SSS Defence & Kalyani Group

Explanation: ARDE selected SSS Defence and Kalyani Group as partners to develop India's first indigenous 20mm aviation gun turret system.

Q19. President Droupadi Murmu released a ₹200 commemorative coin in Raipur to honor the bicentenary birth anniversary of a saint from which community?

- (a) Jain
- (b) Sindhi
- (c) Lingayat
- (d) Sikh

Answer: (b) Sindhi

Explanation: President Murmu released the ₹200 coin during a bicentenary celebration



commemorating a prominent Sindhi saint in Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Q20. According to the UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2026, global emissions need to drop by what percentage by 2035 compared to 2019 levels to limit warming to 1.5°C?

- (a) 30%
- (b) 45%
- (c) 50%
- (d) 65%

Answer: (b) 45%

Explanation: UNEP stated that deep decarbonisation requiring a 45% reduction in global GHG emissions by 2035 is necessary to retain a viable chance of reaching the 1.5°C goal.

Q21. Which paramilitary force operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs and is tasked with guarding the India-China border?

- (a) Assam Rifles
- (b) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)
- (c) SSB
- (d) BSF

Answer: (b) Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

Explanation: ITBP is the primary border-guarding organization deployed along India's northern border with Tibet (China).

Q22. In October 2026, who resigned as Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting?

- (a) Anurag Thakur
- (b) Dr. L. Murugan
- (c) Jitendra Singh
- (d) Nisith Pramanik

Answer: (b) Dr. L. Murugan

Explanation: Dr. L. Murugan tendered his resignation as MoS from MIB and vacated his Rajya Sabha seat.

Q23. Harmeet Desai and Yashaswini Ghorpade secured a historic mixed-doubles medal for India after 72 years in which sports event?

- (a) Badminton World Championships
- (b) Asian Table Tennis Championships
- (c) World Squash Championship
- (d) Commonwealth Games

Answer: (b) Asian Table Tennis Championships

Explanation: The pair reached the semifinals in Tashkent, securing India's first mixed-doubles medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships since 1954.

Q24. What type of bond was issued by Sagarmala Finance Corporation Limited (SMFCL) to raise funds for sustainable coastal and maritime infrastructure?

- (a) Green Bond
- (b) Blue Bond
- (c) Social Bond
- (d) Sovereign Gold Bond

Answer: (b) Blue Bond

Explanation: SMFCL issued India's first Blue Bond with a base size of ₹600 crore to fund greenfield ports and maritime projects.

Q25. What is the minimum gold unit denomination currently available for Electronic Gold Receipts (EGRs) on the BSE?

- (a) 10 mg
- (b) 100 mg
- (c) 1 gram
- (d) 10 grams

Answer: (b) 100 mg

Explanation: BSE offers EGR trading units starting at 100 mg, as well as 1 gram and 10 grams, with gold fineness of 999 and 995.

Q26. Nitesh Kumar won a Gold medal for India at the 2026 Asian Para Games in which sport?

- (a) Para Athletics
- (b) Para Archery
- (c) Para Badminton
- (d) Para Shooting

Answer: (c) Para Badminton

Explanation: Nitesh Kumar secured the gold medal in the men's singles SL3 Para Badminton event at the Asian Para Games.

Q27. United Nations Day is commemorated globally on which date every year?

- (a) 2 October
- (b) 16 October
- (c) 24 October
- (d) 10 November

Answer: (c) 24 October

Explanation: UN Day marks the anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945.

Q28. Centre for Development of Telematics (C-DOT) signed an MoU with which premier academic institute to set up a Center of Excellence for 5G Advanced & 6G?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT (BHU) Varanasi
- (c) IIT Madras
- (d) IISc Bengaluru

Answer: (b) IIT (BHU) Varanasi

Explanation: C-DOT signed an MoU with IIT (BHU) Varanasi for advanced joint research in 5G-Advanced and 6G telecom networks.

Q29. Nagastra-2 falls under which category of military assets?

- (a) Main Battle Tank
- (b) Loitering Munition System
- (c) Surface-to-Air Missile
- (d) Nuclear Submarine

Answer: (b) Loitering Munition System

Explanation: Nagastra-2 is an indigenous loitering munition system (kamikaze drone) designed for precise anti-tank target engagement.

Q30. Which platform serves as the digital learning portal for civil service capacity building under Mission Karmayogi?

- (a) DIKSHA
- (b) iGOT Karmayogi
- (c) SWAYAM
- (d) PRAGATI

Answer: (b) iGOT Karmayogi

Explanation: iGOT Karmayogi is the online portal under Mission Karmayogi designed for continuous learning and capability development of Indian government officials.