

1. National News & Governance

- **ISRO's Expansion Plan for 2029:**
 - Details: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), led by Chairman V. Narayanan, announced plans to expand India's launch capabilities to **four functional launch pads by 2029**.
 - Key Highlight: A massive 2,000-acre Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV) complex is being developed at **Kulasekarapattinam in Tamil Nadu** to cater to the exponentially rising global demand for commercial small-satellite deployment.
- **National Crisis Management Committee (NCMC) Review:**
 - Details: Cabinet Secretary Dr. T. V. Somanathan chaired an NCMC meeting to review disaster preparedness and mitigation strategies for a **potential cyclonic storm brewing in the Bay of Bengal**.
 - Exam Fact: The NCMC is the apex national body responsible for handling major crises and coordinating disaster response across Union Ministries and State governments.
- **Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave 2026:**
 - Details: Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the marquee conclave at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, designed to foster international research partnerships, industry-academia collaboration, and lab-to-market translation of indigenous innovations.

re-election as the President of Brazil for a historic fourth term with 51.8% of the total votes.

- Exam Fact: Brazil is a founding member of BRICS and South America's largest economy; election outcomes here heavily influence global climate agreements and trade geopolitics.
- **SpaceX & Starlink Controversy:**
 - Details: SpaceX founder Elon Musk publicly criticized Ukraine over alleged violations of Starlink's terms of service, following statements from President Volodymyr Zelenskyy regarding satellite internet access limitations on the battlefield.

3. Economics, Banking & Business

- **Indian Railways Extends Optional Travel Insurance (OTI):**
 - Details: Indian Railways expanded its OTI scheme directly to reserved ticket counters. Passengers booking reserved tickets can now opt for travel insurance coverage of up to **₹10 lakh by paying a nominal premium of just 45 paise per person** (inclusive of taxes).
- **Decline in Fertilizer Sales:**
 - Details: Government data revealed that fertilizer sales across India dropped significantly between April and September 2026 due to irregular monsoon patterns and El Niño impacts. Complex fertilizer sales dropped by 22.2%, while Muriate of Potash (MOP) sales fell by 11.7%.
- **30th Meeting of FSDC:**
 - Details: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman chaired the 30th meeting of the **Financial Stability and Development Council (FSDC)** in New Delhi. The apex body reviewed macro-financial stability, systemic risks, and regulatory coordination among

2. International News

- **Brazil Presidential Election:**
 - Details: Left-wing leader **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** secured a decisive victory, winning

financial sector watchdogs (RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA).

4. Defense News & Security

- **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) Approvals:**
 - Details: The DAC approved capital acquisition proposals worth a staggering **₹2.12 lakh crore** to boost indigenous military hardware and procurement for the armed forces.
- **Land Warfare Doctrine Released:**
 - Details: Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the updated **Land Warfare Doctrine** during the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi. This doctrine provides a strategic framework to prepare the Indian Army for multi-domain operations, hybrid warfare, and futuristic security challenges.

5. Sports News

- **2029 Weightlifting World Championships:**
 - Details: India has been officially awarded the hosting rights for the **2029 Weightlifting World Championships**, which will take place in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**. The decision was finalized during the International Weightlifting Federation Executive Board meeting in Ningbo, China.
- **Cricket Updates:**
 - Details: The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced that Indian batter **Ishan Kishan** has been ruled out of the third T20I against New Zealand due to a low-grade right adductor strain.
- **FIDE Survey on Women in Chess:**
 - Details: The International Chess Federation (FIDE) released its first comprehensive global survey on women in

chess, revealing that 76% of female respondents faced discrimination or harassment, highlighting ongoing systemic challenges in sports governance.

6. Appointments, Awards & Obituaries

- **New Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir:**
 - Details: The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) appointed **Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav**, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, as the new Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of J&K.
- **Oskar Klein Medal 2026:**
 - Details: Renowned theoretical physicist **Ashoke Sen** made history by becoming the **first Indian physicist to win the prestigious Oskar Klein Medal**, awarded by the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences for seminal contributions to string theory and theoretical physics.
- **Obituaries:**
 - **Chef K. Damodaran (Chef Damu):** Celebrated Tamil culinary artist, TV personality, and Padma Shri awardee passed away at the age of 72.
 - **Jogen Chowdhury:** Veteran Indian modernist painter and former Rajya Sabha Member of Parliament passed away at 87.

7. Important Days, Art & Culture

- **Infantry Day (Shaurya Diwas) – 27 October:**
 - Details: The Indian Army observes October 27 annually as **Infantry Day** (marked as the 80th observance in 2026).
 - Historical Significance: It commemorates the historic landing of the 1st Battalion of the Sikh Regiment at Srinagar Airfield on October 27, 1947, to protect Jammu and

Kashmir from tribal raiders—marking the first airborne military operation of independent India.

30 Practice MCQs for UPSC, SSC, Banking & Railway Exams

Q1. Who released the updated "Land Warfare Doctrine" during the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi in October 2026?

- (a) General Upendra Dwivedi
- (b) Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh
- (c) Chief of Defence Staff General Anil Chauhan
- (d) Prime Minister Narendra Modi

Q2. What total procurement value was granted Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) by the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) in October 2026?

- (a) ₹1.45 lakh crore
- (b) ₹1.82 lakh crore
- (c) ₹2.12 lakh crore
- (d) ₹3.05 lakh crore

Q3. What proportion of the military capital hardware sanctioned by the Defence Acquisition Council in October 2026 will be procured from domestic Indian defense vendors?

- (a) 50%
- (b) 65%
- (c) 82%
- (d) 95%

Q4. Which fuel standard was newly approved alongside E85 by the Government of India for flex-fuel vehicles in October 2026?

- (a) E10
- (b) E20
- (c) E50
- (d) E100

Q5. What was the theme or key call given by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the 5th edition of the naval innovation seminar 'Swavalamban'?

- (a) Make in India 2.0
- (b) Atmanirbharta 2.0
- (c) Maritime Vision 2047
- (d) Blue Economy Transformation

Q6. What redemption price per gram was set by the RBI for the Sovereign Gold Bonds (SGB) 2018-19 Series II maturing in October 2026?

- (a) ₹10,250
- (b) ₹12,800
- (c) ₹14,425
- (d) ₹16,100

Q7. The Reserve Bank of India's new ₹169-crore Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute was inaugurated in which city?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) Bhubaneswar
- (d) Mumbai



Q8. The world's first integrated Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory (AATAL) was established at which institute?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IITM, New Delhi
- (c) IISc Bengaluru
- (d) CSIR-NEERI Nagpur

Q9. Which region was declared India's first 100% organic Union Territory in October 2026?

- (a) Andaman and Nicobar Islands
- (b) Puducherry
- (c) Lakshadweep
- (d) Ladakh

Q10. President Droupadi Murmu gave royal assent to the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) Bill 2026. How many districts of Eastern Nagaland are governed under this authority?

- (a) 4
- (b) 6
- (c) 8
- (d) 10

Q11. Sauj Jheel, which was recognized as India's 103rd Ramsar Site in October 2026, is located in which district of Uttar Pradesh?

- (a) Ballia
- (b) Mainpuri
- (c) Lakhimpur Kheri
- (d) Gorakhpur

Q12. Which wetland was designated as India's 100th Ramsar Site in June 2026?

- (a) Sukhna Wetland
- (b) Glaw Lake
- (c) Surha Tal (Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary)
- (d) Haiderpur Wetland

Q13. Who was re-elected as the President of Brazil for a fourth non-consecutive term in October 2026?

- (a) Jair Bolsonaro
- (b) Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva
- (c) Michel Temer
- (d) Dilma Rousseff

Q14. Where was the 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum held in October 2026?

- (a) Johannesburg, South Africa
- (b) Kazan, Russia
- (c) New Delhi, India
- (d) Brasilia, Brazil

Q15. Who was appointed by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) as the Chief Secretary of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir in October 2026?

- (a) Atal Dulloo
- (b) Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav
- (c) B.V.R. Subrahmanyam
- (d) Umang Narula



Q16. Justice P. Sam Koshy has been recommended by the Supreme Court Collegium to serve as the Chief Justice of which High Court?

- (a) Gujarat High Court
- (b) Calcutta High Court
- (c) Delhi High Court
- (d) Uttarakhand High Court

Q17. Who won the Men's Ballon d'Or award in October 2026?

- (a) Vinícius Júnior
- (b) Erling Haaland
- (c) Harry Kane
- (d) Jude Bellingham

Q18. Who was the last Englishman before Harry Kane to win the Ballon d'Or back in 2001?

- (a) David Beckham
- (b) Wayne Rooney
- (c) Steven Gerrard
- (d) Michael Owen

Q19. Which female footballer won the Ballon d'Or Féminin 2026?

- (a) Aitana Bonmatí
- (b) Alexia Putellas
- (c) Sam Kerr
- (d) Megan Rapinoe

Q20. What was India's final rank in the overall medal tally at the 5th Asian Para Games (Aichi-Nagoya 2026)?

- (a) 2nd

(b) 3rd

(c) 4th

(d) 5th

Q21. How many total medals did India win at the 5th Asian Para Games in Japan?

- (a) 100
- (b) 114
- (c) 127
- (d) 145

Q22. Which country topped the medal tally at the 5th Asian Para Games (Aichi-Nagoya 2026)?

- (a) Japan
- (b) South Korea
- (c) Uzbekistan
- (d) China

Q23. Which city hosted the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament in October 2026 at the Olympian Surjit Singh Hockey Stadium?

- (a) Amritsar
- (b) Jalandhar
- (c) Patiala
- (d) Ludhiana

Q24. Team MRF Tyres won its 4th FIA European Rally Championship (ERC) Teams' title in 5 years in October 2026. In which country was the final round held?

- (a) Spain
- (b) Italy



(c) Portugal

(d) France

Q25. Who became the first Indian physicist to win the prestigious Oskar Klein Medal in October 2026?

(a) Thanu Padmanabhan

(b) Ashoke Sen

(c) C. N. R. Rao

(d) Ajay K. Sood

Q26. Who authored/released the book titled "Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World", released by VP C. P. Radhakrishnan in October 2026?

(a) Shashi Tharoor

(b) C. P. Radhakrishnan

(c) Dr. S. Jaishankar

(d) Raghuram Rajan

Q27. Which edition of Infantry Day was commemorated by the Indian Army on 27 October 2026?

(a) 75th

(b) 78th

(c) 80th

(d) 82nd

Q28. The United Nations Disarmament Week is observed every year during which dates?

(a) October 1 to 7

(b) October 15 to 21

(c) October 24 to 30

(d) October 27 to November 2

Q29. Chef K. Damodaran (Chef Damu), who passed away in October 2026, was awarded the Padma Shri in which year?

(a) 2020

(b) 2022

(c) 2024

(d) 2025

Q30. Jogen Chowdhury, who passed away in October 2026 at the age of 87, was associated with which field?

(a) Classical Music

(b) Painting & Visual Arts

(c) Architecture

(d) Cinema Direction

Answer Key & Explanations

Question	Answer	Key Explanation
Q1	(b)	Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the Land Warfare Doctrine during the Army Commanders' Conference.
Q2	(c)	The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) worth ₹2.12 lakh crore .
Q3	(c)	Approximately 82% of the sanctioned capital procurement will come from domestic Indian industries.

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Q4	(d)	E100 (100% pure ethanol) was approved as a flex-fuel standard alongside E85.
Q5	(b)	Rajnath Singh launched Atmanirbharta 2.0 at the 5th Swavalamban naval indigenisation seminar.
Q6	(c)	The final redemption price for Sovereign Gold Bond (SGB) 2018-19 Series II was set at ₹14,425 per gram .
Q7	(c)	The RBI's ₹169-crore Data Centre and Cybersecurity Training Institute was opened in Bhubaneswar, Odisha .
Q8	(b)	AATAL was inaugurated by Dr. Jitendra Singh at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM), New Delhi .
Q9	(d)	Ladakh was officially declared India's first 100% organic Union Territory by LG Vinai Kumar Saxena.
Q10	(b)	FNTA covers 6 eastern districts of Nagaland (Tuensang, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak, Shamator).
Q11	(b)	Sauj Jheel is situated in Mainpuri district , Uttar Pradesh.

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Q12	(c)	Surha Tal (Jai Prakash Narayan Bird Sanctuary) in Ballia district, UP, became the 100th Ramsar Site in June 2026.
Q13	(b)	Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva was elected President of Brazil for his 4th term.
Q14	(c)	The 12th BRICS Parliamentary Forum took place in New Delhi .
Q15	(b)	Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav (1995-batch AGMUT IAS officer) was appointed J&K Chief Secretary.
Q16	(c)	Justice P. Sam Koshy was recommended as Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court .
Q17	(c)	Harry Kane won the Ballon d'Or 2026.
Q18	(d)	Michael Owen was the last Englishman to win the award back in 2001.
Q19	(b)	Alexia Putellas won the Ballon d'Or Féminin for the third time.
Q20	(c)	India finished 4th in the medal tally at the Asian Para Games 2026.
Q21	(b)	India won 114 medals (30 Gold, 35 Silver, 49 Bronze).



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Q22	(d)	China topped the Asian Para Games medal table with 435 total medals.
Q23	(b)	Jalandhar , Punjab, hosted the Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament.
Q24	(c)	The final round of the ERC took place in Portugal .
Q25	(b)	Ashoke Sen became the first Indian physicist to win the Oskar Klein Medal.
Q26	(b)	Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan released the book <i>Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World</i> .
Q27	(c)	27 October 2026 marked the 80th Infantry Day (Shaurya Diwas).
Q28	(c)	UN Disarmament Week is celebrated annually from October 24 to 30 .
Q29	(d)	Chef K. Damodaran (Chef Damu) was conferred the Padma Shri in 2025 .
Q30	(b)	Jogen Chowdhury was a renowned painter, visual artist, and former MP .

