

GLOBAL HUNGER INDEX 2026

India ranks 100th among 122 countries

Score: 24.1 | Category: Serious

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No Security Without Food Security

1 INDIA SNAPSHOT



**India Rank**
100 / 122

**India Score**
24.1

**Category**
Serious hunger

**Pakistan Rank**
106 / 122

**Pakistan Score**
25.5

**Theme:** No Security Without Food Security

India shows long-term progress in child stunting, but child wasting remains a major concern.



2 INDIA'S KEY INDICATORS

**Child stunting**
29.3%

**Child wasting**
Nearly 19%
(highest percentage worldwide)

**Undernourishment**
proportion of people unable to meet dietary energy requirements

**Under-five mortality**
2.7% – 2.9%

Stunting reflects chronic malnutrition; wasting reflects acute malnutrition.

3 GLOBAL HIGHLIGHTS

**Global GHI score**
18.1

**Global hunger level**
Moderate

Around **645 million** hungry people worldwide

Hunger has worsened in **32 countries** since 2018

**57 countries** may fail to achieve low hunger by 2030 if current trends continue

Sub-Saharan Africa and South Asia remain the hardest-hit regions

SDG Zero Hunger progress is slowing due to conflict, climate change, and rising food prices

4 BEST AND WORST PERFORMERS

Best performance (rank 1–24 group)

#	Country
1	Armenia
2	Belarus
3	Bosnia & Herzegovina
4	Bulgaria
5	Chile
...	

24 countries with GHI scores below 5 are collectively ranked 1–24.

Worst performing countries

#	Country
122	Somalia
121	Dem. Rep. of the Congo
120	Chad
119	Madagascar
118	Haiti
...	

5 PAKISTAN SNAPSHOT



**Rank**
106 / 122

**Score**
25.5

**Category**
Serious hunger

Since 2000, score reduced from **36.2**, but the situation has deteriorated since 2018.

Key issues: economic instability, high food prices, climate factors.

Indicators mentioned in report:

**16.1%**
undernourishment

**33.6%**
child stunting

**9.8%**
child wasting

**5.6%**
under-five mortality

6 HOW GHI IS CALCULATED

Indicator	What it measures
 Undernourishment	percentage of people with insufficient dietary energy intake
 Child stunting	children under five who are short for their age
 Child wasting	children under five who are thin for their height
 Child mortality	deaths among children under five years old

 Higher GHI score = worse hunger situation.

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ASIAN PARA GAMES 2026
MEDAL TALLY
INDIA WINNERS

FULL LIST AND TABLE

India performed exceptionally well at the 2026 Asian Para Games held in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan, winning a total of **114** medals – 30 gold, **35** silver, and 49 bronze medals. The athletes broke world records, set new historic records and created an all-Indian medal feat in several sports disciplines.



India dispatched **168** para-athletes in 2026, compared to **309** at the previous edition.

INDIA'S MEDAL COUNT
AT THE ASIAN PARA GAMES 2026



GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
30	35	49	114

This performance exceeded that of India at the previous edition in Hangzhou in 2023. During Hangzhou 2022 (staged in 2023), India won 111 medals but had three medals stripped due to doping charges involving Neeraj Yadav and Parveen.

INDIA'S SPORT-WISE
MEDAL TALLY

Sport	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
Para Athletics	22	19	24	65
Para Badminton	3	5	8	16
Para Swimming	0	3	8	11
Para Archery	3	3	0	6
Shooting Para Sport	2	2	1	5
Para Judo	0	1	1	2
Para Powerlifting	0	2	0	2
Para Table Tennis	0	0	7	7
Total	30	35	49	114

ASIAN PARA GAMES 2026 MEDAL TALLY
(TOP 5 COUNTRIES)

Rank	Country/NPC	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	People's Republic of China	207	117	111	435
2	Japan	64	60	62	186
3	Uzbekistan	45	49	51	145
4	India	30	35	49	114
5	Republic of Korea	29	38	33	100



THEME / MOTTO

Imagine
One Heart
"Imagine One Heart"



MASCOT

Uzumin

A blue, water-themed mascot inspired by Aichi's rivers and the mythical Japanese Shachihoko, symbolizing energy, inclusivity, resilience, and sporting enthusiasm.



AICHI-NAGOYA, JAPAN



ALL EXAMS, **ONE** SUBSCRIPTION



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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

Key Government Schemes, Committees, Ministries, Initiatives & Important Figures

01 Sugarcane Farmers' Committee

- Union Government constituted a committee headed by former NITI Aayog member **Ramesh Chand** to examine sugarcane farmers' concerns and recommend measures.



Ramesh Chand

02 Productivity-Linked Bonus for Railway Employees

- Union Cabinet approved a 78-day Productivity-Linked Bonus worth **₹2,009.61 crore** for **11,40,770 eligible** railway employees for FY 2025–26.



03 Tribal Affairs Capacity Building Platform

- Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Karmayogi Bharat signed an MoU to develop the Tribal Affairs Capacity Building Platform under the iGOT Karmayogi framework.



04 Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2026

- Ministry of Cooperation mandated the Multi-State Co-operative Societies (Auditor's Report) Order, 2026 under the government's **Sahkar se Samridhi** vision.



05 Bharat Stage VII (BS-VII) Emission Standards

- Ministry of Road Transport and Highways proposed Bharat Stage VII (BS-VII) emission standards **from 1 April 2029** for new cars and SUVs.



06 Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS)

- National Statistics Office released the **18th Monthly Bulletin** of the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) for September 2026.



07 PM-SETU Scheme

- National Steering Committee of the PM-SETU Scheme approved five Strategic Investment Plans worth **₹1,194.92 crore** to upgrade ITI clusters in Maharashtra, Odisha and Jammu & Kashmir.



Maharashtra Odisha Jammu & Kashmir

08 PM-AJAY Scheme

- Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana (PM-AJAY) covered more than **47,200 villages**, benefiting over **47.79 lakh** citizens under its Adarsh Gram component.



47,200+ villages covered 47.79 lakh+ citizens benefited

09 Coin and Postage Stamp for Ghanshyam Dass Jain

- Government of India released a **₹100** commemorative coin and a **₹5** postage stamp honouring musician and cultural personality **Ghanshyam Dass Jain**.



10 Go-Delhi Foundation

- Delhi Government approved the Go-Delhi Foundation to promote startups, innovation and entrepreneurship.



Initial Budget
₹50 crore



11 National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS)

- Upgraded NMMS app introduced AI-based face verification, liveness detection and offline attendance for monitoring employment-scheme attendance.



12 Agri Welfare Portal

- Government of India launched the upgraded Agri Welfare Portal to provide farmers with access to schemes, financial assistance, weather updates, market prices and agricultural information.



13 Khet Bachao Abhiyan-Rabi 2026

- Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, launched **Khet Bachao Abhiyan-Rabi 2026** in Karnal, Haryana, for 22 October – 30 November 2026.



Shivraj Singh Chouhan
Union Agriculture Minister

22 October –
30 November 2026

14 National Snow Leopard Assessment

- India's first national snow leopard assessment estimated **718** snow leopards, including **477** in Ladakh; the coordinating institution was the Wildlife Institute of India.



718 snow leopards (estimated)
477 in Ladakh



15 Release of Great Indian Bustards

- India released four male Great Indian Bustards into the wild at Desert National Park near Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, as part of its conservation and rewilding programme.



Desert National Park
near Jaisalmer,
Rajasthan

16 Himachal Pradesh's First Battery-Powered Solar Power Project

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** inaugurated the first battery-powered solar power project in **Spiti Valley**, marking a step towards expanding renewable energy infrastructure in the high-altitude region.



Spiti Valley
Himachal Pradesh

Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
Chief Minister

17 Saddula Bathukamma Celebrated in Telangana

- Telangana celebrated **Saddula Bathukamma** on **18 October 2026**, marking the conclusion of its nine-day floral festival. Thousands of women gathered at **Hyderabad's Tank Bund** near **Hussain Sagar Lake** for celebrations featuring traditional songs, cultural performances, processions and floral immersion rituals.



18 October
2026

Hyderabad
Telangana

18 Delhi Institute for Transformation and Innovation (DITI)

- The Delhi Government established the **Delhi Institute for Transformation and Innovation (DITI)** as its premier policy advisory body, modelled on NITI Aayog, to support the vision of **Viksit Dilli by 2047**.



Vision
Viksit Dilli
by 2047



19 Dhal Singh Bisen Takes Oath as Uttarakhand Governor

- Dhal Singh Bisen** took oath as Uttarakhand Governor on **19 October 2026** at Lok Bhavan, **Dehradun**. The oath was administered by Acting Chief Justice **Manoj Kumar Tiwari** under Article 159 of the Indian Constitution.



Appointed by
President Droupadi Murmu
(on 12 October 2026)

Dhal Singh Bisen
Governor, Uttarakhand

Lok Bhavan, Dehradun
Uttarakhand

20 App-based Attendance for Government Doctors in Karnataka

- Karnataka introduced app-based, geofenced attendance monitoring for government doctors, with attendance after 9 pm required at taluk hospitals and Primary Health Centres (PHCs) from **1 November 2026**.

From
1 November
2026

Attendance after
9 pm mandatory
at taluk hospitals
and PHCs



Geofencing
Attendance

21 Uttar Pradesh Tops States in Mission Karmayogi Rankings

- Uttar Pradesh ranked first among states for implementation of **Mission Karmayogi**, followed by Rajasthan and Jammu & Kashmir.



22 Maharashtra Launches Mission Murghas

- Maharashtra launched **Mission Murghas** on **24 October 2026** to tackle drought-related fodder shortages. The initiative follows the state's Fodder Development Policy and includes seed distribution, fodder banks, grass cultivation, fodder trees and participation by women's self-help groups.

Maharashtra

24 October
2026

Fodder seed fund
₹62 crore



23 Tenkasi Expands Wildlife Ambassador Programme

- The Tenkasi Forest Division in Tamil Nadu proposed expanding its Golden Jackal Ambassadors programme to include the **Madras hedgehog** (*Paraechinus nudiventris*) to promote wildlife conservation through community participation.



Madras hedgehog
(*Paraechinus nudiventris*)

24 Kerala Plans Statewide Child Vulnerability Mapping

- The Kerala Women and Child Development Department announced statewide mapping to identify vulnerable children facing malnutrition, educational disruption, neglect or abuse.



Legal framework
Juvenile Justice
(Care and Protection of Children)
Act, 2015

Kerala





25 India's Diplomatic Mission in Costa Rica

- Ministry of External Affairs operationalised India's resident diplomatic mission in **San José**, the capital of **Costa Rica**, effective **10 October 2026**.



San José
Costa Rica

26 India–Myanmar Sign 5 MoUs under MGC

- India and Myanmar signed **five MoUs** to implement **Quick Impact Projects** under the **Mekong–Ganga Cooperation (MGC)** framework for **FY 2026–27**.



Mekong–Ganga
Cooperation (MGC)

27 India–Poland Agree to Double Trade by 2030

- India and Poland agreed to **double bilateral trade by 2030** during the **October 2026** visit of **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** to Poland.



Target
Double trade by 2030

28 India–UAE Bilateral Trade Crosses US\$100 Billion

- India and the UAE recorded bilateral trade of approximately **US\$101.25 billion** in **FY 2025–26**, following the implementation of the **Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)** on **1 May 2022**.

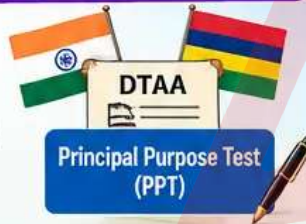


Bilateral Trade
US\$101.25 billion
(FY 2025–26)

CEPA effective
1 May 2022

29 India–Mauritius DTAA Amended

- The **India–Mauritius Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement** was amended to introduce the **Principal Purpose Test (PPT)** to prevent treaty abuse and tax avoidance.



Principal Purpose Test
(PPT)

30 Pakistan Named Chair of IMF and World Bank Boards

- Pakistan was named incoming Chair of the Boards of Governors of the **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** and **World Bank Group** for **2027**, according to the supplied report.



THE WORLD BANK

Incoming Chair
for 2027

31 Quad Leaders' Summit Expected in Manila

- The next **Quad** leaders' summit is expected to take place in **Manila, Philippines**, before the **end of 2026**.



The Quad comprises India, the United States, Japan and Australia.

Manila, Philippines
(before end of 2026)

32 US Designates Helium as Critical Material

- The United States Department of Energy designated **helium (He)** a **critical material** on **23 October 2026**. Helium has **atomic number 2** and is used in semiconductor manufacturing, medical imaging and space exploration.



Designated on
23 October 2026

33 Ukraine Joins NATO Procurement Partnership

- Ukraine joined the **NATO Support and Procurement Agency's Security Cooperation Support Partnership**, enabling its defence companies to participate in relevant procurement opportunities without granting Ukraine NATO membership.



34 China Imposes Export Controls on Tunnel-Boring Machines

- China announced export controls on **tunnel-boring machines**, effective **18 November 2026**, requiring exporters to obtain licences under the applicable rules.



Effective from
18 November 2026

35 India to Host 61st CIML Meeting

- India will host the **61st Meeting of the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML)** in **New Delhi** from **26 to 28 October 2026**.



New Delhi
26–28 October 2026

36 World Health Summit 2026 in Berlin

- The **World Health Summit 2026** was held in **Berlin, Germany**, from **11–13 October** under the theme **"From Crisis to Resilience: Innovating for Health."**



11–13 October 2026
Berlin, Germany

Theme:
From Crisis to Resilience:
Innovating for Health.

BANKING, ECONOMY & BUSINESS

Key Updates for IBPS, SBI, SSC, Railways & Other Exams

37 HSBC India's ₹200 Crore Financial Literacy Programme

- HSBC India announced a ₹200 crore philanthropic programme for 2026–2030 to strengthen financial literacy across India.



₹200 crore
(2026–2030)



38 Karnataka Bank Launches "Nava Dhamaka 2026"

- Karnataka Bank launched "Nava Dhamaka 2026 – Enhancing Banking Experience" in Bengaluru, introducing nine banking solutions across investments, digital banking, payments, customer engagement and lending.



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banking solutions

39 ₹3,000 Crore Currency Swap Facility for Maldives

- Government of India approved the rollover of a ₹3,000 crore currency swap facility for the Maldives to support its financial stability



₹3,000 crore
for Maldives

40 World Bank to Increase Support for Critical Minerals

- World Bank Group plans to increase its financial support for critical minerals fivefold, targeting US\$19 billion in financing between 2026 and 2030.



THE WORLD BANK

US\$19 billion
(2026–2030)



41 RBI Approves Amalgamation of Emirates NBD India with RBL Bank

- Reserve Bank of India approved the amalgamation of the Indian branches of Emirates NBD Bank with RBL Bank, effective 1 December 2026.



Emirates NBD



Effective from
1 December 2026

42 SBI Bids Global Finance Awards 2026

- State Bank of India won Global Finance magazine's World's Best Consumer Bank 2026 award for the second consecutive year and the Best Bank in India 2026 award.



43 Japan Largest Source of FDI in India in Q1 FY 2026–27

- Japan was India's largest source of foreign direct investment in Q1 FY 2026–27 (April–June 2026), with inflows of US\$5.71 billion.



US\$5.71 billion
(April–June 2026)



44 SEBI Approves 1 Finance AMC under MF Lite Framework

- SEBI granted in-principle approval to 1 Finance Private Limited to establish an Asset Management Company under the Mutual Funds Lite (MF Lite) framework.



Securities and Exchange Board of India

Mutual Funds Lite
(MF Lite)

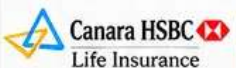
45 SEBI Revises Closing Auction Session (CAS)

- SEBI revised the Closing Auction Session (CAS) framework to improve transparency, price discovery and orderly market closing.



46 Canara HSBC Life Insurance Launches Global Wealth Plan

- Canara HSBC Life Insurance launched the Global Wealth Plan, a US-dollar-denominated, unit-linked life insurance-cum-savings plan through GIFT City, Gujarat.



Global Wealth Plan
GIFT City, Gujarat

47 "No UPI Day" Protest Withdrawn

- The All India Consumer Products Federation and the All India Mobile Retailers Association withdrew their proposed "No UPI Day" protest following a meeting with Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.



No UPI Day
(Protest withdrawn)

48 Subhas Chandra Lal Das Approved as FSIB Chairperson

- Appointments Committee of the Cabinet approved Subhas Chandra Lal Das, a retired 1992-batch IAS officer, as part-time Chairperson of the Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB).



FSIB
Financial Services
Institutions Bureau

49 Nagaraju Maddirala Appointed CMD of IL&FS

- Nagaraju Maddirala was appointed Chairman and Managing Director of Infrastructure Leasing & Financial Services (IL&FS) for two years.



Tenure
2 years

50 Lavanya R. Mundayur Appointed CMD of New India Assurance

- Central Government appointed Lavanya R. Mundayur as Chairman-cum-Managing Director of New India Assurance Company Limited.



NEW INDIA ASSURANCE
Company Limited

Lavanya R. Mundayur
CMD

51 CARE Ratings Sells 8% Stake in Subsidiary

- CARE Ratings signed agreements with SBI and NSE IFSC to sell an 8% stake in its subsidiary CareEdge Global International Financial Services Centre Limited.



8%
stake

52 RBI to Open ₹169-Crore Data Centre in Odisha

- Reserve Bank of India was scheduled to open a ₹169-crore data centre at Jatni, near Bhubaneswar, Odisha, on 25 October 2026 to strengthen digital infrastructure and operational resilience.



₹169 crore
Jatni, Odisha
(25 October 2026)



53 Leadership Changes at HDFC Bank

- Kaizad Bharucha, Deputy Managing Director of HDFC Bank, was scheduled to leave the bank on 31 December 2026, subject to RBI approval; Anup Bagchi had received RBI approval for a three-year MD and CEO term beginning 27 October 2026.



Kaizad Bharucha
Leaving on
31 December 2026
(Subject to RBI approval)



Anup Bagchi
RBI approved for 3-year
MD & CEO term from
27 October 2026



AGREEMENTS, MoUs & PARTNERSHIPS

Key Tie-ups and Collaborations for Banking, SSC, Railways & Other Exams

54 Karmayogi Bharat and OpenAI Sign MoU for AI Training

- Karmayogi Bharat and OpenAI signed an MoU to expand AI education and capacity building for Indian civil servants through the iGOT Karmayogi platform.



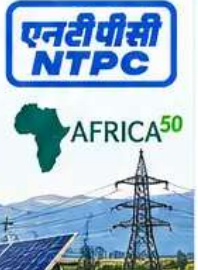
55 TDB to Provide ₹150 Crore Support to QNu Labs

- The Technology Development Board (TDB), under the Department of Science and Technology (DST), agreed to provide ₹150 crore in financial support to Bengaluru-based QNu Labs under the Research Development and Innovation (RDI) Fund.



56 NTPC Signs Agreement with Africa50

- NTPC Limited signed a cooperation agreement with Africa50 to jointly develop commercially viable power projects across Africa.



57 ADB and Japan Partner with AM Green Ammonia

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the Government of Japan signed financing agreements with AM Green Ammonia for a renewable-powered green ammonia plant in Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh.



Kakinada, Andhra Pradesh

58 C-DAC and Bank of India Sign MoU

- The Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) and Bank of India signed an MoU to explore quantum technologies, quantum-safe cryptography, AI, blockchain and cybersecurity for banking.



59 India-Canada Sign Agreements in Karnataka

- Indian and Canadian entities signed commercial agreements and MoUs in Karnataka in the presence of Canada's Minister of International Trade Maninder Sidhu.



60 Samsung and IISc Inaugurate Quantum Research Lab

- Samsung Semiconductor India Research and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) inaugurated a Quantum Research Lab in Bengaluru to strengthen quantum technology and semiconductor research.



Quantum Research Lab Bengaluru



APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

Key Appointments and Resignations for Banking, SSC, Railways & Other Exams

61 T. M. Balakrishnan Nair Elected Chair of IOCINDIO

- T. M. Balakrishnan Nair, Director of INCOIS, was elected Chair of UNESCO's Intergovernmental Oceanographic Commission (IOC) Sub-Commission for the Indian Ocean (IOCINDIO).



T. M. Balakrishnan Nair
Director, INCOIS



IOCINDIO
Sub-Commission
for the Indian Ocean

62 President Accepts Resignation of Murugan

- President Droupadi Murmu accepted the resignation of Murugan from the Union Council of Ministers with immediate effect.



Droupadi Murmu
President of India

Murugan
Resigned from the
Union Council of Ministers



63 Sunil Kumar Approved as Next ONGC Chairman

- Sunil Kumar, an Executive Director at ONGC, was approved as the next ONGC Chairman by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, with charge expected on or after 7 December 2026.



Sunil Kumar
Next Chairman, ONGC



Expected to assume charge
on or after
7 December 2026

64 Sharad Mathur Appointed MD & CEO of IndusInd General Insurance

- Sharad Mathur was appointed Managing Director and CEO of IndusInd General Insurance, subject to statutory approvals.



Sharad Mathur
MD & CEO

65 Faiz Ahmad Appointed CEO of Hinduja Tech Limited

- Faiz Ahmad was appointed CEO of Hinduja Tech Limited, effective 1 November 2026.



Effective from
1 November 2026

AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS

Important Awards, Honours and Recognitions for Banking, SSC, Railways & Other Exams

66 Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar (2024 & 2025)

Sangeet Natak Akademi selected **106** young artists for the Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar for 2024 and 2025; each recipient receives **₹25,000**, a **Tamrapatra** and an **Angavastram**.



106 young artists
₹25,000 each
Tamrapatra + Angavastram

67 Coal Controller Organisation Gets SKOCH Gold Award 2026

The Coal Controller Organisation received the **SKOCH Gold Award 2026** for its **SUVIKALP Mine Repurposing Tool**, which evaluates post-mining land-reuse projects.



For **SUVIKALP Mine Repurposing Tool**

68 Usha Mangeshkar to Receive Bhupen Hazarika National Award

Veteran singer **Usha Mangeshkar** was selected as the first recipient of the **Bharat Ratna Dr Bhupen Hazarika National Award** instituted by Assam, carrying **₹10 lakh** and a citation.



₹10 lakh + Citation
First recipient

69 Lionel Messi Gets 2026 Princess of Asturias Award

Argentine footballer **Lionel Messi** received the **2026 Princess of Asturias Award for Sports**, becoming the first footballer to receive the distinction individually.



Princess of Asturias Award for Sports 2026

First footballer to receive it individually

70 Ashoke Sen Receives 2026 Oskar Klein Medal

Indian theoretical physicist **Ashoke Sen** received the **2026 Oskar Klein Medal**, becoming the first Indian physicist to receive the honour.



First Indian physicist to receive the Oskar Klein Medal

DEFENCE NEWS

Key Defence Updates for Banking, SSC, Railways & Other Exams

71 INS Samarthak Commissioned

Indian Naval Ship **INS Samarthak**, the first-of-class Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV), was commissioned into the Indian Navy on **16 October 2026**.



INS Samarthak

72 14th India-Mongolia JWG Meeting

The 14th Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between the Defence Ministries of India and Mongolia was held in **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**, on **16 October 2026**.



Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

73 AUSTRAHIND 2026 Exercise

The fifth edition of India-Australia military exercise **AUSTRAHIND 2026** began on **19 October** at the Foreign Training Node, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, and will continue until **1 November 2026**.



Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

19 October – 1 November 2026

74 INDRA-2026 Naval Exercise

India and Russia conducted the 15th edition of naval exercise **INDRA-2026** at **Vladivostok** and the Sea of Japan.



Vladivostok & Sea of Japan

75 Exercise Akhand Prahar-II

The Indian Army conducted **Exercise Akhand Prahar-II** in **Jaisalmer, Rajasthan**, to assess combat readiness and operational coordination.



Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

76 DRDO Develops Indigenous Armour Panels

DRDO developed indigenous armour panels **20% lighter** than existing systems, designed to withstand **30 mm** armour-piercing ammunition and meet **STANAG 4569 Level 6** protection standards.



20% lighter

Withstands 30 mm ammunition

STANAG 4569 Level 6

77 Swavlamban 2026 Naval Seminar

The Indian Navy scheduled the fifth edition of **Swavlamban 2026**, its Naval Innovation and Indigenisation Seminar, for **26-27 October 2026** at the **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi**.



26-27 October 2026

Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi

78 IAF Evacuates Patient Using C-130J

The Indian Air Force used a **C-130J** aircraft to evacuate a critically ill civilian from **Leh** to **Palam, Delhi**.



Leh → Palam, Delhi

79 INS Sudarshini Visits Salalah, Oman

The Indian Navy's three-masted sail training ship **INS Sudarshini** visited **Salalah, Oman**, from **14-17 October 2026** as part of its transoceanic deployment **Lokayan-2026**.



14-17 October 2026

Salalah, Oman

INS Sudarshini

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Key Developments in Science & Tech for Banking, SSC, Railways & Other Exams



80 Gaganyaan Test Completed by ISRO

- ISRO completed Crew Module–Service Module separation tests for the Gaganyaan Mission at the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.


Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

81 JAXA Launches MMX Mission

- Japan's space agency JAXA launched the uncrewed Martian Moons eXploration (MMX) mission aboard an H3 rocket to collect samples from Phobos, one of Mars's moons.


H3
rocket

H3
Phobos
(Mars's moon)

82 Skyroot Aerospace–Reflect Orbital Sign Launch Contract

- Skyroot Aerospace signed a contract with US-based Reflect Orbital for two dedicated satellite launches using Skyroot's Vikram family of rockets.


Two dedicated
satellite launches
(Vikram series)

83 NASA Selects Dr Ramya Anche for PUFFINS Mission

- NASA selected Indian-origin scientist Dr Ramya Manjunath Anche to lead the PUFFINS mission, which will study interstellar dust using ultraviolet polarimetry.



Dr Ramya Manjunath Anche

US\$20 million
for the mission

Target launch
2030

84 Martian Analogue Sites Identified

- Researchers from the University of Kerala identified Melanterite in Neyveli, Tamil Nadu, and Gypsum in the Atacama Desert and Tiruchirappalli Badlands, establishing these locations as Martian analogue sites.

Melanterite
Neyveli,
Tamil Nadu

Gypsum
Atacama Desert,
Chile

Gypsum
Tiruchirappalli
Badlands,
Tamil Nadu

85 Vasuki indicus: Fossil of Giant Snake

- The extinct giant snake Vasuki indicus, identified from fossils at the Panandhro Lignite Mine in Gujarat's Kutch district, was estimated to have been 10.9–15.2 metres long and to have lived around 47 million years ago.


Length
10.9 – 15.2 metres

Lived around
47 million years ago

86 Zytorvi Approved for Advanced Oesophageal Cancer

- The Drugs Controller General of India approved Zytorvi (toripalimab) with cisplatin and paclitaxel as first-line treatment for specified advanced forms of oesophageal squamous cell carcinoma.


Drugs Controller
General of India
(DCGI)

Zytorvi
(toripalimab)

87 ISRO Targets Mid-2028 Launch for GSAT-7B

- ISRO targeted a mid-2028 launch for GSAT-7B, a dedicated military communication satellite for the Indian Army, under a project involving a ₹2,963-crore contract with NewSpace India Limited.


GSAT-7B
(for Indian Army)

₹2,963 crore
contract

88 Samsung and IISc Open Quantum Research Lab

- Samsung Semiconductor India Research and the Indian Institute of Science (IISc) inaugurated a Quantum Research Lab in Bengaluru to promote industry–academia collaboration in quantum computing and semiconductor research.


Indian Institute
of Science

Quantum
Research Lab
Bengaluru

REPORTS, RANKINGS & INDICES

Important Reports and Rankings for Banking, SSC, Railways & Other Exams



89 India Ranks 84th in Henley Passport Index

- India ranked 84th in the October 2026 Henley Passport Index, sharing the position with Algeria and Mauritania.


Shared with
Algeria and Mauritania

84th Rank
(October 2026)

90 India Ranks 100th in Global Hunger Index 2026

- India ranked 100th among 122 countries in the Global Hunger Index (GHI) 2026, with a score of 24.1, placing it in the serious hunger category.


100th
(among 122 countries)

Score
24.1

Theme
"No Security
Without Food Security"

91 India Ranks Third in Ipsos Quality of Care Perception Index 2026

- India ranked third in the Ipsos Quality of Care Perception Index 2026, behind Malaysia and Singapore. The survey covered 32 countries and 22,528 adults.



92 Jaipur Featured in National Geographic's Best of the World 2027

- The National Geographic list "Best of the World 2027" featured Jaipur, Rajasthan, among 25 destinations across six continents.


Jaipur, Rajasthan
Among 25 destinations


93 NITI Aayog Releases Data Centre Evaluation Framework

- NITI Aayog's Frontier Tech Hub released the Data Centre Evaluation Framework to help State governments plan and facilitate the sustainable growth of data centres.


Data Centre
Evaluation Framework



94 Mona Agarwal Wins Gold at Asian Para Games 2026

- India's Mona Agarwal won gold in women's 10-metre air rifle SH1 at the 2026 Asian Para Games with 250.0 points, setting a Games record; Avani Lekhara won silver with 249.6 points.



8 Mona Agarwal
Gold – 250.0
(Games record)

2 Avani Lekhara
Silver – 249.6

95 Sheetal Devi Equals World Record in Para Archery

- Indian para-archer Sheetal Devi scored 704/720 in the women's compound qualification round at the 2026 Asian Para Games, equalling the world record and setting an Asian record.



704/720
(World record,
Asian record)

96 Amruta Pujari Wins Silver at U-23 World Wrestling C'ships

- Amruta Pujari won silver in the women's 72 kg category at the 2026 U-23 World Wrestling Championships in Las Vegas, United States.



2 LAS VEGAS
USA

**Women's 72 kg
Silver**

97 India Win Record 114 Medals at Asian Para Games 2026

- India won a record 114 medals at the 2026 Asian Para Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan: 30 gold, 35 silver and 49 bronze.

30 Gold
35 Silver
49 Bronze

**Total Medals
114
(Record)**



98 Ayush Verma Wins Gold in Shot Put F53

- Ayush Verma won gold in men's shot put F53 at the 2026 Asian Para Games with a throw of 8.16 metres.



8.16 metres
Gold
(Men's shot put F53)

99 Praveen Kumar Wins Gold in High Jump T64

- Praveen Kumar won gold in the men's high jump T64 at the Asian Para Games with a Games-record jump of 2.05 metres.



2.05 metres
(Games record)

100 Sumit Antil Defends Javelin Gold

- Sumit Antil defended his Asian Para Games javelin gold with a throw of 72.46 metres; his F64 world record was 74.82 metres.



72.46 metres
(Asian Para Games gold)

74.82 metres
(F64 world record)

101 Pankaj Advani Wins 21st World Billiards Title

- Indian cueist Pankaj Advani won his 21st world billiards title and 29th combined world title in billiards and snooker at the 2026 WBL World Billiards Championship.



21st
World billiards
title

29th
Combined world title
(billiards & snooker)

102 Bodhana Sivanandan Becomes Youngest Female IM

- Bodhana Sivanandan, an 11-year-old British chess player of Indian origin, reportedly became the youngest female International Master on 23 October 2026.



**Youngest
female
International
Master**

**23 October
2026**

103 Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy Win Gold at European Chess Club Cup

- Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy won individual gold medals at the 2026 European Chess Club Cup in Montenegro.



**European
Chess Club Cup
2026
Montenegro**

**Nihal Sarin
Gold**

**Koneru Humpy
Gold**

104 Harry Brook Scores First Men's ODI Double Century for England

- Harry Brook scored 202 off 116 balls against Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi, becoming the first England batter to score a men's ODI double century; Sri Lanka won the match by two wickets.



**202 off
116 balls**

**First England batter
to score a men's
ODI double century**

105 S Meghana Announces Retirement

- Indian cricketer S Meghana announced retirement from all formats on 23 October 2026 after representing India in three ODIs and 17 T20Is.



**3
ODIs**

**17
T20Is**

106 ICC Schedules Cricket Qualifiers for Los Angeles 2028 Olympics



- The ICC scheduled the men's and women's qualifying tournaments for cricket at the Los Angeles 2028 Olympics for January–February 2028.

**January –
February 2028**



IMPORTANT DAYS

Key Dates and Themes for Banking, SSC, Railways & Other Exams

OCTOBER

107 World Standards Day

World Standards Day is observed on **14 October** to recognise the role of international standards in trade, economic development and cooperation.



108 International Day of Rural Women

International Day of Rural Women is observed on **15 October** to recognise the contributions, achievements and resilience of rural women and highlight their role in agriculture, food security and rural community development.



109 World Anaesthesia Day

World Anaesthesia Day is observed on **16 October** to commemorate the development of modern anaesthesia and recognise its importance in surgical care.



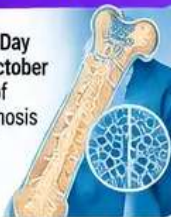
110 International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed on **17 October** to promote awareness and global action against poverty.



111 World Osteoporosis Day

World Osteoporosis Day is observed on **20 October** to raise awareness of the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of osteoporosis.



112 National Solidarity Day

National Solidarity Day is observed in India on **20 October** to commemorate the 1962 India-China War and honour the armed forces.



113 Police Commemoration Day

Police Commemoration Day is observed on **21 October** to honour police personnel who died in the line of duty, commemorating the deaths of ten CRPF personnel at Hot Springs in 1959.



114 World Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day

World Iodine Deficiency Disorders Prevention Day is observed on **21 October** to raise awareness of iodine deficiency and its health effects.



115 International Day of the Snow Leopard

International Day of the Snow Leopard is observed on **23 October** to promote conservation of the species and its mountain ecosystem.



116 United Nations Day

United Nations Day is observed on **24 October**, marking the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945.



UN Charter
(1945)

117 World Polio Day

World Polio Day is observed on **24 October**. The 2026 theme is "Together, We End Polio."

Theme 2026
"Together,
We End Polio."



118 World Development Information Day

World Development Information Day is observed on **24 October**. It was established by the UN General Assembly in 1972 through Resolution 3038 (XXVII).



Established in 1972
through Resolution
3038 (XXVII)

119 Global Media and Information Literacy Week

Global Media and Information Literacy Week is observed from **24-31 October**. The 2026 theme is "We All Play a Part – Media and Information Literacy for the People."

Theme 2026
"We All Play a Part –
Media and Information
Literacy for the People."



OBITUARIES

Important Personalities Who Passed Away for Exam Preparation



120 Devanesan Chokkalingam (Deva)

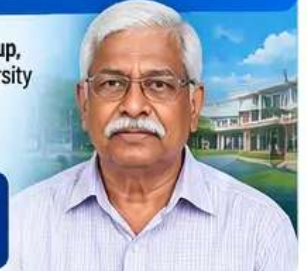
► Veteran Tamil film music director and composer **Devanesan Chokkalingam**, popularly known as **Deva** and nicknamed "Thenisai Thendral," died on **17 October 2026**, aged **75**, in Chennai.



Died: 17 October 2026
Age: 75
Place: Chennai

121 B. Madhusoodana Kurup

► Fisheries scientist **B. Madhusoodana Kurup**, founding Vice-Chancellor of Kerala University of Fisheries and Ocean Studies (KUFOS), died in Kochi on **18 October 2026**, aged **71**.



Died: 18 October 2026
Age: 71
Place: Kochi

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A IMPORTANT ORGANISATIONS AND HEADQUARTERS

Organisation	Headquarters / Key Fact	
01 United Nations (UN)	New York City, USA	
02 International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)	Paris, France	
03 Wildlife Institute of India (WII)	Dehradun, Uttarakhand	
04 Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS)	Hyderabad, Telangana	
05 ISRO	Bengaluru, Karnataka	
06 Financial Services Institutions Bureau (FSIB)	Focus on appointments to financial institutions; headquarters not specified in supplied files.	
07 Sangeet Natak Akademi	Performing arts; functions under the Ministry of Culture.	
08 World Bank Group	International development and poverty reduction.	
09 International Monetary Fund (IMF)	International monetary stability.	
010 Karmayogi Bharat	Government-owned, not-for-profit special purpose vehicle.	

B IMPORTANT CONSTITUTIONAL ARTICLES

Article	Subject	Key Point	
01 Article 155	Appointment of State Governors	Provides for the appointment of the Governor of a State by the President.	
02 Article 156	Term of office of the Governor	Specifies the term of office of the Governor and conditions related to it.	
03 Article 159	Oath or affirmation by the Governor	Provides for the oath or affirmation to be made by the Governor before entering upon the office.	
04 Article 21 October	Not a constitutional article	21 October is the date of Police Commemoration Day, not a constitutional article.	



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C IMPORTANT OFFICEHOLDERS (FROM SUPPLIED NEWS)

S.No.	Office	Name
01	 President of India	Droupadi Murmu 
02	 Prime Minister of India	Narendra Modi 
03	 Vice-President of India	P. Radhakrishnan 
04	 Union Defence Minister	Rajnath Singh 
05	 Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation	Amit Shah 
06	 Union Finance Minister	Nirmala Sitharaman 
07	 Union External Affairs Minister	S. Jaishankar 
08	 Union Agriculture Minister	Shivraj Singh Chouhan 
09	 Union Commerce and Industry Minister	Piyush Goyal 
10	 Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh	Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu 
11	 Chief Minister of Delhi	Rekha Gupta 



D IMPORTANT SCHEMES AND FULL FORMS

S.No.	Abbreviation	Full Form	Key Theme / Focus (Short Note)
01	PM-VBRY	Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana	Employment generation 
02	PM-AJAY	Pradhan Mantri Anusuchit Jaati Abhyuday Yojana	Welfare and development of Scheduled Castes 
03	PM-SETU	Pradhan Mantri Skilling and Employability Transformation through Upgraded Industrial Training Institutes	Skill development and employability 
04	PLFS	Periodic Labour Force Survey	Labour force data and employment indicators 
05	NPCSCB	National Programme for Civil Services Capacity Building	Capacity building for civil services 
06	iGOT	Integrated Government Online Training	Online training platform for civil servants 
07	NMMS	National Mobile Monitoring System	Monitoring and governance 
08	CEPA	Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement	Bilateral trade and economic cooperation 
09	DTAA	Double Taxation Avoidance Agreement	Prevents double taxation and tax avoidance 
10	SCOMET	Special Chemicals, Organisms, Materials, Equipment and Technologies	Export control regime for sensitive items 
11	MF Lite	Mutual Funds Lite	Simplified framework for mutual funds 
12	GHI	Global Hunger Index	Measures and tracks hunger levels worldwide 
13	SPAI	Snow Leopard Population Assessment in India	Assessment of snow leopard population in India 
14	GSLEP	Global Snow Leopard and Ecosystem Protection Programme	Conservation of snow leopards and their ecosystem 



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