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Important Days & Their Themes

1. The 117th birth anniversary of Homi Jehangir Bhabha was observed on which date in 2026?

2026 में होमी जहाँगीर भाभा की 117वीं जयंती कसि तथि को मनाई गई?

(a) 24 October
(b) 29 October
(c) 30 October
(d) 31 October
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 30 October

1. Homi Jehangir Bhabha was born on **30 October 1909** in Bombay. His 117th birth anniversary fell on **30 October 2026**; he is remembered as the Father of India's Nuclear Programme.
2. He founded the Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (**TIFR**) in **1945**. The institute helped develop the scientific research base needed for advanced work in physics and related fields.
3. Bhabha played a leading role in establishing the Atomic Energy Commission in **1948**. India's three-stage nuclear-power approach connects uranium resources with the longer-term use of thorium.
4. The Atomic Energy Establishment at Trombay was renamed the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre (**BARC**) in **1967**. Remember the sequence: **TIFR** in **1945**, the Commission in **1948** and the **BARC** name in **1967**.

RBI, SEBI & Banking News

2. What did the Supreme Court ask RBI to include in its proposed anti-cyberfraud framework?

सुप्रीम कोर्ट ने आरबीआई के प्रस्तावति साइबर धोखाधड़ी-रोधी ढाँचे में क्या शामलि करने को कहा?

(a) A blanket ban on online banking
(b) A clear bank liability clause
(c) Compulsory closure of all wallets
(d) Removal of transaction monitoring
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) A clear bank liability clause

1. At the **29 October 2026** hearing, the Supreme Court sought **a clear bank liability clause**. The request concerned accountability when a bank fails to exercise due diligence in a cyberfraud case.
2. The Bench led by Chief Justice Surya Kant called for compensation at least equal to the victim's loss where such failure is established. This was a judicial direction concerning a proposed framework, not a universal compensation already paid.
3. The case involved an elderly couple's alleged loss of Rs **1.05 crore**. The fraud reportedly used forged judicial documents, illustrating impersonation commonly described as a digital arrest scam.
4. Suggested safeguards included alerts for suspicious transactions, temporary pauses on unusual transfers and physical verification. **RBI** is the Reserve Bank of India; due diligence means taking the care and checks expected in the circumstances.

3. Which bank inaugurated the CyRIS Cybersecurity Centre of Excellence?

कसि बैंक ने CyRIS साइबर सुरक्षा उत्कृष्टता केंद्र का उद्घाटन कयिा?

(a) Punjab National Bank
(b) Bank of Baroda
(c) State Bank of India
(d) Canara Bank
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) State Bank of India

1. **State Bank of India** (**SBI**) inaugurated CyRIS to strengthen cybersecurity capabilities in the financial sector. It is a centre of excellence focused on cyber defence and related professional skills.
2. Sanjay Lohiya, Secretary in the Department of Financial Services, inaugurated the centre in the presence of **SBI** Chairman C. S. Setty. The

department is part of the Ministry of Finance.

3. The centre's three pillars are **THINK**, **INNOVATE** and **DEFEND**. Its work spans digital forensics, malware analysis, ethical hacking, fraud analytics and artificial intelligence security.

4. Digital forensics examines electronic evidence, while malware analysis studies harmful software. Together with threat detection and incident response, these capabilities help financial institutions investigate and contain attacks.

Economy & Finance

4. What real GDP growth did the Finance Ministry estimate for Q2 of FY 2026–27?

वित्त मंत्रालय ने वित्त वर्ष 2026–27 की दूसरी तिमाही के लिए वास्तविक जीडीपी वृद्धि का कितना अनुमान लगाया?

(a) 6.35%
(b) 7.35%
(c) 7.80%
(d) 8.35%
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) 7.35%

1. The Finance Ministry's estimate for real gross domestic product (**GDP**) growth in Q2 FY27 was **7.35%**. Q2 covers July–September **2026**; the assessment appeared in the report released on **29 October**.

2. This was a model-based estimate rather than the final official quarterly **GDP** release. First-quarter real **GDP** growth had been **7.8**%, providing the preceding-quarter context.

3. Nowcasting uses timely indicators to assess activity before complete national-accounts data are available. The model considered industrial output, energy use, Goods and Services Tax collections, port traffic and automobile sales.

4. Real growth adjusts for price changes, unlike nominal growth. Global inflation, crude-oil price movements and geopolitical tensions were identified as risks to the economic outlook.

Government Schemes & Policies

5. Under which law was the National Social Security Board for unorganised, gig and platform workers constituted?

असंगठित, गिग और प्लेटफॉर्म श्रमिकों के लिए राष्ट्रीय सामाजिक सुरक्षा बोर्ड किस कानून के तहत गठित हुआ?

(a) Code on Social Security, 2020
(b) Banking Regulation Act, 1949
(c) Companies Act, 2013
(d) Income-tax Act, 1961
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Code on Social Security, 2020

1. The Ministry of Labour and Employment constituted the Board on **30 October 2026** under the **Code on Social Security, 2020**. Its remit includes unorganised workers and gig and platform workers.

2. The Board recommends welfare schemes, advises the Central Government and monitors implementation. Recommending a scheme is distinct from directly delivering every benefit to each worker.

3. Its membership brings together governments, employers, aggregators, trade unions, civil society and worker representatives. An aggregator links service providers with users through a business or digital platform.

4. The Board also reviews relevant state records and fund expenditure. Social security concerns protection against specified livelihood risks, making coverage and implementation central to the Board's responsibilities.

6. Until which date was ESIC's New Amnesty Scheme 2025 extended in October 2026?

अक्टूबर 2026 में ईएसआईसी की नई माफी योजना 2025 को किस तिथि तक बढ़ाया गया?

(a) 30 September 2026
(b) 31 October 2026
(c) 30 November 2026
(d) 31 December 2026
(e) None of these

Answer: (d) 31 December 2026

1. The Employees' State Insurance Corporation (**ESIC**) extended the scheme to **31 December 2026**. The earlier closing date was **30** September **2026**, so the extension added three months.
2. The Ministry of Labour and Employment announced the extension on **29 October**. The scheme provides a route for eligible employers and insured persons to settle specified disputes and withdraw pending cases.
3. Covered matters include ad-hoc assessments, disputed damages, delayed contributions and failure to submit records. Eligibility and the scheme's conditions determine whether a particular matter can be resolved.
4. The scheme relates to the Employees' State Insurance Act, **1948**. Its title retains the year **2025** even though the revised validity extends into December **2026**.

7. Ayushman Vay Vandana extends AB PM-JAY benefits to all senior citizens in which age group?

आयुष्मान वय वंदना के अंतर्गत किस आयु वर्ग के सभी वरिष्ठ नागरिकों को एबी पीएम-जय का लाभ मिलता है?

(a) 60 years and above
(b) 65 years and above
(c) 70 years and above
(d) 75 years and above
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 70 years and above

1. The initiative covers senior citizens aged **70 years and above**, irrespective of income or socio-economic status. It completed two years on **29 October 2026** after its launch in **2024**.
2. **AB PM-JAY** expands to Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. The extension provides eligible beneficiaries annual health coverage of up to Rs **5 lakh** under the programme's applicable rules.
3. As of **20 October 2026**, **23.46 lakh** hospital admissions worth Rs **5,668.80 crore** had been authorised. These are admissions, so the figure should not be treated as a count of unique patients.
4. Cataract surgery accounted for **4.71 lakh** admissions. Percutaneous transluminal coronary angioplasty (**PTCA**) had the largest treatment expenditure, at about Rs **649 crore**.

State News

8. The Agartala Tea Auction Centre inaugurated at Gorkhabasti is located in which state?

गोरखाबस्ती में उद्घाटित अगरतला चाय नीलामी केंद्र किस राज्य में स्थित है?

(a) Assam
(b) Tripura
(c) Meghalaya
(d) Sikkim
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Tripura

1. Chief Minister Manik Saha inaugurated the centre at Gorkhabasti in Agartala, **Tripura**. The initiative aims to give local producers better access to buyers and organised marketing.
2. **Tripura** was described as India's fifth-largest tea-producing state and the Northeast's second-largest. The state has **54** tea gardens and produces roughly **7–10 million** kg annually.
3. An auction centre brings sellers and buyers into a structured price-discovery process. Its value depends on participation, quality assessment and access to a wider market.
4. The expected benefits include support for growers, employment and the state economy. For revision, connect the centre with **Tripura**, capital Agartala and the Gorkhabasti location.

National News

9. Which city will host the second India Art, Architecture and Design Biennale beginning in December 2026?

दिसंबर 2026 से शुरू होने वाला दूसरा इंडिया आर्ट, आर्किटेक्चर एंड डिजाइन बिएनाले किस शहर में होगा?

(a) Mumbai
(b) Jaipur

(c) New Delhi
(d) Kochi
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) New Delhi

1. The second edition is scheduled in **New Delhi** from **4 December 2026** to **21** March **2027**. The **108-**day programme is associated with the Ministry of Culture's vision for art, architecture and design.
2. Artists, architects and designers from India and more than **20** countries are expected to participate. The announcement concerns a future event rather than a programme already completed on **30 October**.
3. Venues include the Red Fort, Qutub Minar and National Museum, alongside other cultural and public spaces. Distributing activities across sites connects contemporary practice with historic settings.
4. The first edition took place at the Red Fort in **2023**. A biennale is generally an event held every two years, although the actual dates of an edition depend on its announced schedule.

Appointments

10. Christine Lagarde announced that she would step down as ECB President with effect from which date?

क्रिस्टीन लेगार्ड ने ईसीबी अध्यक्ष पद छोड़ने के लिए कौन-सी प्रभावी तिथि घोषित की?

(a) 7 February 2027
(b) 31 October 2026
(c) 1 January 2028
(d) 30 June 2027
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) 7 February 2027

1. Christine Lagarde announced on **29 October 2026** that she would leave office on **7 February 2027**. She remained President at the time of the announcement; the effective departure date is in the future.
2. **ECB** stands for European Central Bank. Headquartered in Frankfurt, Germany, it is responsible for monetary policy and price stability in the euro area.
3. The European Council appoints the **ECB** President through the treaty-based process. Consultation with the European Parliament and the **ECB** Governing Council forms part of that procedure.
4. The **ECB** President serves an eight-year, non-renewable term. Names discussed as possible successors should not be confused with a person formally selected and appointed to the position.

11. Who was appointed Chief Executive Officer of Hinduja Housing Finance on 30 October 2026?

30 अक्टूबर 2026 को हिंदुजा हाउसिंग फाइनेंस का मुख्य कार्यकारी अधिकारी किसे नियुक्त किया गया?

(a) Sachin Pillai
(b) Vivek Kannan
(c) Vijay Sankar
(d) Anant Goenka
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Vivek Kannan

1. **Vivek Kannan** was appointed Chief Executive Officer (**CEO**) of Hinduja Housing Finance. Before this appointment, he had served as its Chief Operating Officer (**COO**), a role he took up in **2020**.
2. Kannan brings more than two decades of financial-services experience. The announcement places his previous operational responsibilities in the context of the company's leadership transition.
3. He succeeds Sachin Pillai, who stepped down as Managing Director on **29 October 2026**. Pillai is to continue on the board as a non-executive director.
4. **CEO** and Managing Director are different designations, even when both involve senior executive leadership. A non-executive director participates in board oversight without the same day-to-day management role.

12. Who was named FICCI President-Elect for 2026–27?

2026–27 के लिए फिक्की का निर्वाचित अध्यक्ष किसे नामित किया गया?

(a) Sunil Bharti Mittal
(b) C. S. Setty

(c) Vijay Sankar
(d) Vivek Kannan
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Vijay Sankar

1. **Vijay Sankar**, Chairman of the Sanmar Group, was named President-Elect of the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (**FICCI**). He was serving as its Senior Vice President.
2. The decision followed **FICCI**'s National Executive Committee meeting and was announced on **29 October 2026**. President-Elect identifies the person designated to take over, rather than implying an immediate handover.
3. He is expected to succeed Anant Goenka after the Annual General Meeting and Annual Convention scheduled for **18–19 November 2026** in New Delhi.
4. **FICCI** was established in **1927**. As an industry association, it represents business interests and contributes to policy dialogue; it is not a statutory banking regulator.

13. Who was assigned additional charge as Director General of the ITBP from 31 October 2026?

31 अक्टूबर 2026 से आईटीबीपी महानदिशक का अतरिक्ति प्रभार कसिे सौंपा गया?

(a) Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor
(b) Sanjay Singhal
(c) Sanjay Lohiya
(d) Adnan Ahmed
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Sanjay Singhal

1. The Ministry of Home Affairs assigned **Sanjay Singhal** the additional charge of Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (**ITBP**). The arrangement takes effect on **31 October 2026**.
2. The change follows the retirement of Shatrujeet Singh Kapoor. Additional charge is an interim responsibility, lasting until a regular appointment or further orders.
3. Singhal is a **1993-**batch Indian Police Service (**IPS**) officer of the Uttar Pradesh cadre. He previously served in the **ITBP** at Deputy Inspector General and Inspector General levels between **2008** and **2015**.
4. The **ITBP** was established on **24 October 1962** after the India–China conflict. Remember the officer's appointment separately from the force's founding date and institutional role.

Reports & Rankings

14. Which organisation highlighted India's Ganges River dolphin recovery programme in Nature's Comeback?

नेचर्स कमबैक रपिोर्ट में भारत के गंगा नदी डॉल्फनि संरक्षण कार्यक्रम को कसि संगठन ने रेखांकति कयिा?

(a) UNESCO
(b) UNEP
(c) UNDP
(d) UNICEF
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) UNEP

1. The United Nations Environment Programme (**UNEP**) highlighted the recovery programme in its October **2026** restoration report. The initiative links ecosystem protection with benefits for communities.
2. The report covers restoration efforts across **149** countries, involving **252 million** hectares and more than one million green jobs. Those figures describe the wider international assessment, not India's dolphin habitat alone.
3. India's Comprehensive Action Plan for Dolphin Conservation runs from **2022** to **2047**. Habitat protection, population monitoring and reducing fishing-related mortality are major components.
4. The Ganges River dolphin, Platanista gangetica, became India's National Aquatic Animal in **2009**. The programme also fits within the **UN** Decade on Ecosystem Restoration, **2021–2030**.

15. According to TRAI, how many internet subscribers did India have at the end of June 2026?

ट्राई के अनुसार जून 2026 के अंत में भारत में इंटरनेट ग्राहकों की संख्या कितनी थी?

(a) 109.28 crore
(b) 108.75 crore
(c) 111.42 crore
(d) 66.61 crore
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) 111.42 crore

1. India's internet subscriptions reached **111.42 crore** at the end of June **2026**. The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (**TRAI**) reported growth of **1.96**% from **109.28 crore** in March.
2. Broadband accounted for **108.75 crore** subscriptions and narrowband for **2.67 crore**. The two components add up to the reported total, helping distinguish category figures from the overall base.
3. Urban areas had **66.61 crore** subscriptions and rural areas **44.81 crore**. Average monthly wireless data consumption was **28.39** gigabytes (**GB**) per subscriber.
4. A subscription count does not necessarily equal the number of unique individuals because a person may use more than one connection. Always retain the reporting date when comparing telecom statistics.

16. What extreme-poverty rate did the World Bank's October 2026 brief report for India in 2023?

वशि्व बैंक के अकट्ूबर 2026 ब्रीफ में भारत की 2023 की अत्यधकि गरीबी दर कतिनी बताई गई?

(a) 2.6%
(b) 16.1%
(c) 27.1%
(d) 57.7%
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) 2.6%

1. The reported extreme-poverty rate for **2023** was **2.6%**, compared with **27.1**% in **2011**. The brief estimated that **496 million** people moved out of extreme poverty over that period.
2. Using the separate lower-middle-income line of **USD 4.20** per person per day at **2021** purchasing power parity (**PPP**), poverty fell from **57.7**% to **16.1**%. Different thresholds produce different poverty rates.
3. **PPP** adjusts for differences in what currencies can buy across countries. It should not be read as a market-exchange-rate conversion of the stated dollar threshold.
4. The assessment linked progress with household consumption, employment and social protection. Regional gaps, youth unemployment and the quality of jobs remained concerns despite the improvement.

Science & Technology

17. Anil Menon and Joshua Kutryk installed which equipment during their 29 October 2026 spacewalk?

अनलि मेनन और जोशुआ कुट्रकि ने 29 अकट्ूबर 2026 की स्पेसवॉक में कौन-सा उपकरण स्थापति कयिा?

(a) A roll-out solar array
(b) A new lunar lander
(c) A Mars surface rover
(d) A deep-sea sensor
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) A roll-out solar array

1. **NASA** astronaut Anil Menon and Canadian Space Agency (**CSA**) astronaut Joshua Kutryk installed **a roll-out solar array** at the International Space Station (**ISS**). The work supports the station's electricity supply.
2. The **29 October** activity was Menon's fourth spacewalk and Kutryk's first. **NASA** designated it **US** spacewalk **100**; it was also the 285th spacewalk supporting station assembly, maintenance and upgrades.
3. The installed International Space Station Roll-Out Solar Array (**IROSA**) served the 2A power channel. Solar arrays convert sunlight to electricity for equipment and other station operations.
4. Menon joined **NASA**'s astronaut selection in **2021** and has experience in medicine, engineering and aviation. The mission illustrates how maintenance outside a spacecraft contributes to continued scientific

operations.

Obituaries

18. Sir Patrick Stewart, who died in October 2026, portrayed which character in Star Trek: The Next Generation?

अक्टूबर 2026 में दिवंगत सर पैट्रिक स्टीवर्ट ने स्टार ट्रेक: द नेक्स्ट जनरेशन में कौन-सा पात्र निभाया?

(a) Spock
(b) Jean-Luc Picard
(c) James T. Kirk
(d) Leonard McCoy
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) Jean-Luc Picard

1. Patrick Stewart was renowned for playing Captain **Jean-Luc Picard** in Star Trek: The Next Generation. He was also widely recognised as Professor Charles Xavier in the X-Men films.
2. The British actor died on **28 October 2026** at the age of **86**. Born on **13** July **1940** in West Yorkshire, England, he trained at Bristol Old Vic Theatre School.
3. He joined the Royal Shakespeare Company in **1966** and developed a substantial theatre career alongside screen work. His background connects classical stage performance with later international popularity.
4. Queen Elizabeth **II** knighted Stewart in **2010** for services to drama. The title Sir reflects that honour; the characters Picard and Xavier belong to different fictional franchises.

Sports & Games

19. Who won India's gold medal in the men's 55 kg category at the World Boxing U19 Championships 2026?

वशि्व बॉक्सगि अंडर-19 चैंपयिनशपि 2026 में पुरुष 55 कग्रिा वर्ग का भारतीय स्वर्ण पदक कसिने जीता?

(a) Aditya
(b) Harshika
(c) Prachi Tokas
(d) Megha Sheokand
(e) None of these

Answer: (a) Aditya

1. **Aditya** won the men's **55** kg gold medal in Budva, Montenegro. He defeated Russia's Islam Magomedov by a **4–1** decision in the final.
2. India finished with four medals: one gold, one silver and two bronze. A medal tally counts podium finishes, so the total must be distinguished from the number of gold medals.
3. Megha Sheokand won silver in the women's **80** kg category. Harshika and Prachi Tokas contributed the two bronze medals to the Indian total.
4. The championships featured **474** athletes and crowned **20** world champions. U19 denotes the under-**19** age category; weight divisions identify separate competition events.

20. Who became the first Indian bowler to reach 150 wickets in T20 Internationals?

टी20 अंतरराष्ट्रीय क्रकिेट में 150 वकिेट लेने वाले पहले भारतीय गेंदबाज कौन बने?

(a) Jasprit Bumrah
(b) Yuzvendra Chahal
(c) Arshdeep Singh
(d) Ravindra Jadeja
(e) None of these

Answer: (c) Arshdeep Singh

1. Left-arm fast bowler **Arshdeep Singh** reached **150** wickets in Twenty20 Internationals (T20Is). He achieved the landmark against New Zealand at Eden Park in Auckland.
2. The milestone came in his 103rd match and 99th bowling innings, when he dismissed Mitchell Santner. Matches and innings differ because a player does not necessarily bowl in every match.
3. He became the third fast bowler to reach **150** T20I wickets after Tim Southee and Mustafizur Rahman. The comparison concerns fast bowlers rather than every bowler across all formats.
4. For revision, connect Arshdeep with the Indian record, **150** T20I wickets and the Auckland venue. T20I records should be kept separate

from domestic or franchise T20 statistics.

Awards & Honours

21. Which country conferred the Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur on Sunil Bharti Mittal?

सुनील भारती मत्तिल को शेवालयि द ला लेजयिों दोनर सम्मान कसि देश ने प्रदान कयिा?

(a) Germany
(b) France
(c) Italy
(d) Spain
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) France

1. **France** honoured Sunil Bharti Mittal, Founder and Chairman of Bharti Enterprises, with the Chevalier de la Legion d'honneur. Chevalier denotes the Knight grade of the order.
2. French Ambassador to India Dr Thierry Mathou presented the distinction. It recognises contributions to India–**France** economic relations, telecommunications and digital infrastructure.
3. Mittal's business association with **France** dates to **1992**, when Compagnie Generale des Eaux partnered with Bharti in mobile telephony. He also serves as Vice-Chairman of satellite operator Eutelsat.
4. Napoleon Bonaparte established the Legion of Honour in **1802**. Remember the country, award and recipient together; the award's founding year is separate from the current recognition.

Agreements & MoUs

22. India Post partnered with which institution for doorstep KYC verification for mutual-fund investors?

म्यूचुअल फंड नविेशकों के लएि घर पर केवाईसी सत्यापन हेतु इंडयिा पोस्ट ने कसि संस्था के साथ साझेदारी की?

(a) SBI Life Insurance
(b) UTI Mutual Fund
(c) NABARD
(d) National Stock Exchange
(e) None of these

Answer: (b) UTI Mutual Fund

1. India Post and **UTI Mutual Fund** signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) to improve investor outreach. The collaboration uses the postal network to support doorstep verification.
2. The Pan-India **KYC** Verification Project is the implementation mechanism. **KYC** means Know Your Customer, the process of verifying a customer's identity under applicable requirements.
3. The initiative aims to reach rural, remote and underserved areas through India Post's last-mile connectivity. Better access to verification can reduce a practical barrier to using formal investment services.
4. Adnan Ahmed and Vetri Subramaniam signed the MoU in Mumbai. The agreement concerns service access and verification; it does not guarantee investment returns or remove mutual-fund risks.