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1. Awards and Honours



- **2026 Oskar Klein Medal:** Renowned Kolkata-born theoretical physicist **Prof. Ashoke Sen** (ICTS-TIFR, Bengaluru) became the **first Indian physicist** to be honoured with the 2026 Oskar Klein Medal (awarded by Stockholm University and the Nobel Committee for Physics) for his pioneering contributions to String Theory.
- **1st Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award:** The Assam Cabinet instituted the Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhupen Hazarika National Award and named veteran playback singer **Usha Mangeshkar** as its inaugural recipient.



- **Power Creator Awards 2026:** Olympic medallist weightlifter **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** was conferred the ***'Sports Person of the Year'*** honour in Mumbai.

2. Appointments & Persons in News



- **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva (President of Brazil):** Leftist leader **Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva** (80) was re-elected President of Brazil for a fourth non-consecutive term.

3.Govt Schemes, Policies and Welfare Initiatives

- **NMMS 2.0 Mobile App (Rural Development):** Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the upgraded **National Mobile Monitoring System (NMMS) 2.0** app (developed with technical support from **IIT Madras**) featuring AI-based verification and offline attendance recording for rural employment works (VB-G RAM G).
- **Pradhan Mantri Samajik Sahayata Yojana (PMSSY):** The Union Cabinet extended and **renamed** the **National Social Assistance Programme (NSAP**) as **PMSSY** for 2026–31, aligning disability pension eligibility with the 40% benchmark disability under the RPwD Act, 2016.
- **Mandatory AEBS Proposal (MoRTH):** The **Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** proposed mandatory **Advanced Emergency Braking Systems (AEBS)** for all new M1 passenger car models from **1 October 2030**

4. Sports and Games

- **Indian Flag-Bearers at Asian Para Games:** Double gold medallists **Nishad Kumar** (Para-athletics) and **Mona Agarwal** (Para-shooting) were India's flag-bearers at the closing ceremony in Nagoya.
- **Fastest Double Century in Men's ODIs:** England captain **Harry Brook** smashed the fastest double century in Men's ODI cricket history (**200 off 114 balls**) against Sri Lanka in Rawalpindi, surpassing Indian batter Shubman Gill's 117-ball record..

5. Science, Space and Technology

- **World's First AATAL Facility (New Delhi):** Union MoS (IC) Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated the world's first **Integrated Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Laboratory (AATAL)** at the **IITM Branch in New Delhi**, integrated with the **AIRWISE** high-resolution (400m) air-quality forecasting system.

- **Indian Army's 'Land Warfare Doctrine 2026':** Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh released the updated **Land Warfare Doctrine** during the Army Commanders' Conference in New Delhi to prepare the Indian Army for hybrid and future multi-domain warfare.

6. Summits, Bills and International Affairs

- **Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) Bill 2026:** President Droupadi Murmu granted assent to the **FNTA Bill 2026**, establishing a 62-member autonomous body (with powers over 46 subjects) **for six Eastern Nagaland districts (*Tuensang, Mon, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak, and Shamator*)** while preserving safeguards under **Article 371A**.



Provision	State/Region
Article 371	Maharashtra & Gujarat
Article 371A	Nagaland
Article 371B	Assam
Article 371C	Manipur
Article 371D	Andhra Pradesh/Telangana
Article 371E	Central University in Andhra Pradesh
Article 371F	Sikkim
Article 371G	Mizoram
Article 371H	Arunachal Pradesh
Article 371I	Goa
Article 371J	Karnataka

- **14th India Chem 2026 (Mumbai):** Inaugurated by Union Minister J.P. Nadda at NESCO, Mumbai under the theme **"Advantage Bharat: An Emerging Global Chemicals Hub"**, with **Japan** as the Partner Country.

7. Books, Authors and Important Days

- **Book – *'Advantage India: Reshaping the Future for an Equitable World'*:** Released by Vice-President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** at Uprashtrapati Bhawan, New Delhi; authored by **Anil K. Antony** (published by Rupa Publications).

- **80th Infantry Day (Shaurya Diwas) – 27 October 2026:** Observed by the Indian Army on 27 October to commemorate the historic landing of the 1st Battalion of the Sikh Regiment at Srinagar Airfield on 27 October 1947.

- **World Day for Audiovisual Heritage – 27 October 2026:** Observed by UNESCO under the 2026 theme **"Your Window to the World"**.

8. Miscellaneous

- **Cyclone 'Arnab' (First North Indian Ocean Cyclone of 2026):** Formed over the Bay of Bengal and named **'Arnab'** by **Bangladesh** (next name : ***'Murasu'*** contributed by **India**), forecast to cross the Andhra Pradesh coast between Bapatla and Visakhapatnam as a Very

Severe Cyclonic Storm.

Annexure-I

New list of tropical cyclone names adopted by WMO/ESCAP Panel Member Countries in April 2020 for naming of tropical cyclones over North Indian Ocean including Bay of Bengal and Arabian Sea
(To be used after the name 'Amphan' from the previous list is utilised)

WMO/ESCAP Panel Member countries	Column 1		Column 2		Column 3		Column 4	
	Name	Pron'	Name	Pron'	Name	Pron'	Name	Pron'
Bangladesh	Nisarga	Nisarga	Biparjoy	Biporjoy	Arnab	Ornab	Upakul	Upokul
India	Gati	Gati	Tej	Tej	Murasu	Murasu	Aag	Aag
Iran	Nivar	Nivar	Hamoon	Hamoon	Akvan	Akvan	Sepand	Sepand
Maldives	Burevi	Burevi	Midhili	Midhili	Kaani	Kaani	Odi	Odi
Myanmar	Tauktae	Tau'Te	Michaung	Migjaum	Ngamann	Ngaman	Kyarthit	Kjathi
Oman	Yaas	Yass	Remal	Re-Mal	Sail	Sail	Naseem	Naseem
Pakistan	Gulab	Gul-Aab	Asna	As-Na	Sahab	Sa-Hab	Afshan	Af-Shan
Qatar	Shaheen	Shaheen	Dana	Dana	Lulu	Lulu	Mouj	Mouj
Saudi Arabia	Jawad	Jowad	Fengal	Feinjal	Ghazeer	Razeer	Asif	Aasif
Sri Lanka	Asani	Asani	Shakhti	Shakhti	Gigum	Gigum	Gagana	Gagana
Thailand	Sitrang	Si-Trang	Montha	Mon-Tha	Thianyot	Thian-Yot	Bulan	Bu-Lan
United Arab Emirates	Mandous	Man-Dous	Senyar	Sen-Yaar	Afoor	Aa-Foor	Nahhaam	Nah-Haam
Yemen	Mocha	Mokha	Ditwah	Ditwah	Diksam	Diksam	Sira	Sira

- **94th IAF Day Aerial Display ('Wings over Ganges'):** PM Narendra Modi attended the IAF Aerial Display-2026 at Namo Ghat, Varanasi under the theme **"Wings over Ganges"**, and inaugurated Arvind Ltd's garment manufacturing unit in Mirzamurad.
- **SC Ruling on Right to Internet Access:** The Supreme Court held that the right to access and use the internet is a **Fundamental Right under Article 21 read with Article 19(1)(a)** of the Constitution.

9. West Bengal Current Affairs

- **Justice Anindita Roy Saraswati SIT:** The West Bengal Government constituted a 6-member Special Investigation Team (SIT) headed by retired Calcutta High Court Judge **Justice Anindita Roy Saraswati** (with a 3-month deadline) to investigate the Chorbagan (North Kolkata) Durga Puja pandal stampede and recommend safety guidelines.
- **Passing of Bengal Art Maestro Jogen Chowdhury:** Celebrated painter, former Rajya Sabha MP from West Bengal (2014–2020), Santiniketan Kala Bhavana alumnus/professor, and ***Banga Bibhushan*** **(2012)** recipient **Jogen Chowdhury** passed away in Kolkata at age 87.



- **Bhagini Nivedita Scheme (WB Higher Education):** Approved by the West Bengal Cabinet led by CM Suvendu Adhikari (for implementation from January 2027), providing **₹50,000** over three years to unmarried women pursuing higher education.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Who became the first Indian physicist to be awarded the prestigious 2026 Oskar Klein Medal?

(a) Prof. Satyendra Nath Bose
(b) Prof. Ashoke Sen
(c) Prof. T. Padmanabhan
(d) Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar

Answer: (b) Prof. Ashoke Sen

2. The newly assented 'FNTA Bill 2026' is related to the autonomous governance structure of six districts in which state?

(a) Mizoram
(b) Nagaland
(c) Manipur
(d) Meghalaya

Answer: (b) Nagaland

3. Which country named the North Indian Ocean's first tropical cyclone of 2026, 'Arnab', formed over the Bay of Bengal?

(a) India
(b) Myanmar
(c) Oman
(d) Bangladesh

Answer: (d) Bangladesh

4. The late eminent painter and former Rajya Sabha MP Jogen Chowdhury was famously associated with which premier art institution and style?

(a) Visva-Bharati / Kala Bhavana, Santiniketan
(b) Rabindra Bharati University
(c) Government College of Art & Craft, Kolkata
(d) National Gallery of Modern Art

Answer: (a) Visva-Bharati / Kala Bhavana, Santiniketan

5. Which state government approved the 'Bhagini Nivedita Scheme' providing ₹50,000 financial assistance over three years to unmarried women pursuing higher education?

(a) Odisha
(b) West Bengal
(c) Tripura
(d) Kerala

Answer: (b) West Bengal