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AWARDS & RECOGNITIONS



70th Ballon d'Or Awards (2026)

- **Main Winners**: Harry Kane (Bayern Munich/England) won the Men's Ballon d'Or and Gerd Müller Trophy; Alexia Putellas (Spain) clinched her 3rd Women's Ballon d'Or.
- **Other Honors**: Lamine Yamal and Vicky Lopez won the Men's and Women's Kopa Trophies respectively; Bukayo Saka received the Socrates Award.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES

1.DoSJE Reports PM-DAKSH Progress



- **Performance**: 1.87 lakh candidates received skill training, and 96,162 secured placements under the PM-DAKSH Yojana.
- **Objective & Eligibility**: Central Sector Scheme (CSS) launched in FY 2020–21 for SCs, OBCs, EWS, DNTs, and Safai Karamcharis aged 18–45 years.
- **Financials & Implementation**: Allocated ₹276.47 Cr against an expenditure of ₹309.5 Cr; implemented via NSFDC, NBCFDC, and NSKFDC.

2.DAC Approves Defence Proposals Worth ₹2.12 Lakh Crore

- **Approval**: Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) approved Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) capital acquisitions, with ~82% sourced from Indian industry.
- **Service-Wise Focus**:
  - *Army*: HMVs, tracked gun systems, GSRS, and long-range drones/UAVs.
  - *Navy*: Active Offboard Decoy Systems (AODS) and indigenous combat platforms.
  - *Air Force*: Helicopters, air defence systems, and Mobile X-Band Doppler Weather Radars.

3.Ladakh Declared India's First Fully Organic UT



- **Declaration**: LG Vinai Kumar Saxena declared Ladakh India's 100% Organic UT following a complete chemical fertilizer ban in July 2026.
- **Crops & Impact**: Boosts economic prospects for apricots, sea buckthorn, barley, buckwheat, and local vegetables via organic certification and market linkages.

INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

India-Supported SAMHiTA Project in Sri Lanka



- **Initiative**: Partnership between India and Sri Lanka to digitize 100 ancient manuscripts at Gangaramaya Temple, Colombo.
- **Execution**: Undertaken by New Delhi's India International Centre (IIC) via GoI grant assistance to preserve shared South Asian religious and philosophical heritage.

SPORTS

1.Yonex French Open Badminton 2026

- Held at Arena Grand Paris; Christo Popov won men's singles, while An Se-young defeated India's P. V. Sindhu in the women's final.



2.European Chess Club Cup 2026

- **Medals**: Indian GMs Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy secured individual gold medals in Budva, Montenegro.

SCIENCE AND TECH

- **Scientists have discovered 128,000-year-old ice on Tibet's Guliya Plateau**, revealing the oldest mountain glacier archive outside the poles and proving these ice sheets survived the last ice age. By analyzing radioactive isotopes and ancient magnetic field reversals in cores drilled at 6,200 meters, researchers unlocked a continuous climate record spanning two glacial cycles. This pristine vault provides a critical baseline for tracking the Asian monsoon system and predicting how modern warming will affect global water supplies.



SUMMITS

1.153rd Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly

- **Location**: Arusha, Tanzania, under the theme "Enhancing good governance and empowering communities through inclusivity, trust and opportunities for all".
- **Leadership & Outcomes**: Australian Speaker Milton Dick elected 32nd IPU President; Indian delegation led by Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh adopted the Arusha Communique.

2.7th Agrivoltaics World Conference (AWC 2026)

- **Inauguration**: Held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, inaugurated by Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Pralhad Joshi.
- **Theme & Milestone**: "Powering the Global South"; hosted in India and the Global South for

the first time.
- **Key Announcements**: Launch of the AgriPV Policy Handbook, Decision-Making Tool, and Book of Abstracts, alongside plans for a large-scale agrivoltaics program under PM-KUSUM.

3.19th Urban Mobility India Conference & 2nd National Urban Conclave
- **Venue & Dates**: Held on October 23–25, 2026, in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, organized by MoHUA and the Government of Odisha.
- **Themes**: Focused on "Urban Accessibility and Liveability in Digital Age" (UMI) and "Urban Rising – Rethinking Urban Systems, Solutions and Delivery" (Conclave).

BOOKS & AUTHORS

English Translation of 'The Story of Vande Mataram' Unveiled
- **Launch**: Former Governor Arif Mohammed Khan released the English translation in New Delhi, originally written in Malayalam by Ranga Hari and translated by Dr. Mercy Jill.
- **Significance**: Traces the 1875 origins by Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay, its role in the Swadeshi Movement, and adoption as India's National Song.



IMPORTANT DAYS

1.World Day for Audiovisual Heritage 2026 – October 27
- **Details**: 21st anniversary of the UNESCO-proclaimed day.
- **Theme**: "Your Window to the World".

2.Dyslexia Awareness Month 2026 – October 1–31
- **Observances**: World Dyslexia Day observed on October 8; Awareness Week held from October 5–11, 2026.

3.Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 – October 26 to November 1
- **Leadership**: Organized by the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).
- **Theme**: "Probity for Prosperity".



MISCELLENEOUS

1.The CBIC has issued 8 new circulars for GST compliance

- Following the 57th GST Council meeting to streamline compliance. Key updates mandate that tax officers cannot raise speculative queries or reject registrations for co-working spaces, and biometric registration timelines are cut to 7 days. Additionally, multi-year Show-Cause Notices must break down tax demands by individual financial years, and fraud provisions cannot be invoked without evidence. These directives aim to ease business operations and curb aggressive tax department audits.

WEST BENGAL SPECIFIC

- **Gorkhaland Territorial Administration(GTA)** made it mandatory to perform a health checkup for tourists and trekkers before the journey.
- The checkup will be performed at The **Maneybhanjan Sub-Health Centre.** The tourism department of the GTA published a SOP on 25thOctober,2026



PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Who won the Men's Ballon d'Or at the 70th Ballon d'Or Awards (2026)?

(a) Lamine Yamal

(b) Harry Kane

(c) Bukayo Saka

(d) Gerd Müller

Answer: (b) Harry Kane

2. Under which scheme did 1.87 lakh candidates receive skill training and 96,162 secure placements?

(a) PM-KISAN

(b) PM-DAKSH Yojana

(c) PM Vishwakarma Yojana

(d) Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Grameen Kaushalya Yojana

Answer: (b) PM-DAKSH Yojana

3. Which Union Territory was declared India's first fully organic UT in 2026?

(a) Jammu and Kashmir

(b) Lakshadweep

(c) Ladakh

(d) Puducherry

Answer: (c) Ladakh

4. Who was elected the 32nd President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union at its 153rd Assembly?

(a) Harivansh Narayan Singh

(b) Milton Dick

(c) António Guterres

(d) Duarte Pacheco

Answer: (b) Milton Dick

5. Where is the Maneybhanjan Sub-Health Centre located, where health checkups were made mandatory for tourists and trekkers before their journey?

(a) Darjeeling, West Bengal

(b) Gangtok, Sikkim

(c) Kalimpong, West Bengal

(d) Shillong, Meghalaya

Answer: (a) Darjeeling, West Bengal