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1. Awards and Honours

- **DPIIT** Announces **6th National Startup Awards** with 12 New Categories. the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), **under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MoC&I),** launched the 6th edition of the National Startup Awards (NSA 6.0) under the Startup India initiative to recognise innovation, entrepreneurship and outstanding contributions to India's startup ecosystem.

2. Appointments & Person in News

- **Three-Time Asian Para Games Gold Medallist Neeraj Yadav Passed Away.**42-year-old Indian Paralympian and three-time Asian Para Games gold medallist Neeraj Yadav passed away in New Delhi. Diagnosed with post-polio residual paralysis at age seven, he initially played wheelchair tennis (2005–2012) before moving to para-athletics**. He secured three Asian Para Games gold medals: javelin (2018 Jakarta), and discus and javelin (2023 Hangzhou).**



- Sanjay Singhal assumed additional charge as Director General of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).
- Anish Dayal Singh has been appointed as the new Secretary of the National Security Council Secretariat (NSCS).

3.Polity, Govt Scheme, Policies and Welfare Initiatives

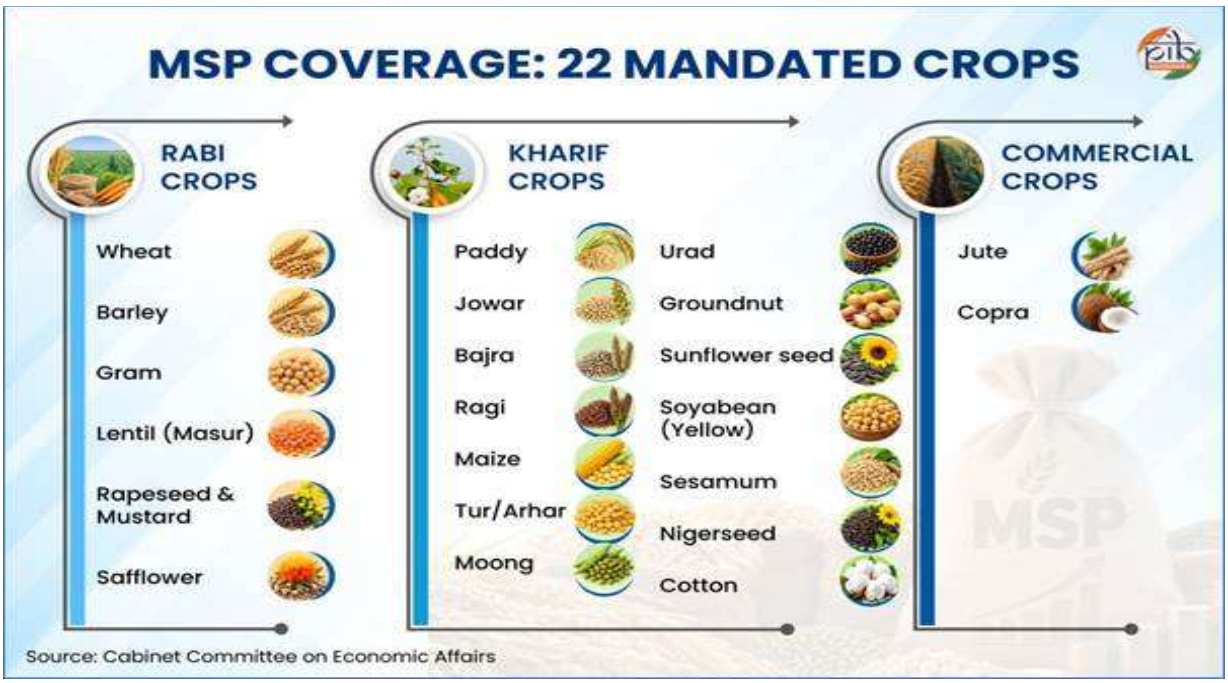


- Recently, elections to the **State Legislative Councils (MLCs)** in four major states—**Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra, Bihar, and Karnataka**—were **conducted using ballot papers rather than EVMs.** ****Article 169:** Enables Parliament to create or abolish a State Legislative Council following a resolution passed by the State Legislative Assembly with a special majority. Parliament can then enact the law by a simple majority

Election and Nomination of Members

- **Strength Limits:** The total number of members in the Legislative Council cannot exceed one-third of the total strength of the State Assembly, but it must have a minimum of 40 members.
- **Indirect Elections:** Members are indirectly elected or nominated:
  - **1/3rd** elected by local authorities (municipalities, district boards).
  - **1/3rd** elected by members of the Legislative Assembly (from non-members).
  - **1/12th** elected by graduates of three years' standing residing in the state.
  - **1/12th** elected by teachers (secondary school or above) with at least three years of experience.
- **Nomination:** The remaining **1/6th** are nominated by the Governor for special knowledge in literature, science, art, cooperative movement, or social service.

- The **Ministry of Agriculture** launched a special digital outreach portal for real-time monitoring of Rabi crop sowing and fertilizer distribution.
- On 30 September 2026, the Government approved increased MSPs for all mandated Rabi crops for the **Rabi Marketing Season (RMS) 2027-28**, with an estimated **₹90,962 crore** to be paid to farmers for 324 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of produce.



4. Sports and Games

- **LA28** Unveils **"Stars Align"** as Official Slogan for 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games. The IOC and LA28 unveiled "Stars Align" as the official slogan for the 2028 **Olympic (14–30 July) and Paralympic (15–27 August) Games**. Announced by Casey Wasserman and Alex Merchán, the slogan highlights global unity**. LA will host the Summer Olympics for the third time**—a historic first for its Paralympics—featuring 353 medal events.



- At the 2026 World Boxing U19 Championships in Budva, India secured four medals, with young boxer Aditya winning a gold medal in the men's 55 kg category.
- **Uma Kashvi** Became the youngest player in history to be signed in Women's Premier League (WPL) auction history at 15 years old.



5. Science Space and Technology

- **The Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026** concluded its three-day run at **Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from October 27 to October 29, 2026.** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the event on October 27, 2026. The theme was ***"Creative Minds, Catalysing Science, Empowering Technologies"***



- HQ Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) signed a 5-year MoU with Sarvam AI to develop sovereign, air-gapped AI capabilities for the Indian Armed Forces.
- **Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL**) successfully launched the **4th Indigenous Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) 'Srishti' for the Indian Navy.**



6. Summits, Bills and International Affairs

- **India ranked 88th** in the **World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2026,** which was topped by Denmark. SAXC



- **Indian Naval Ship (INS) Sahyadri**, an indigenously designed and built guided-missile stealth frigate, arrived at Busan Naval Harbour in South Korea, to participate in the **India–Republic of Korea Navy (IN-RoKN)** Bilateral Maritime Exercise.



7. Books, Authors and Important days

- **World Thrift Day (Observed in India): Celebrated on October 30 in India** (and globally on October 31) to promote the habit of saving money, financial literacy, and responsible financial management.
- **National Unity Day (Rashtriya Ekta Diwas)** preparations gathered momentum nationwide ahead of **October 31**.

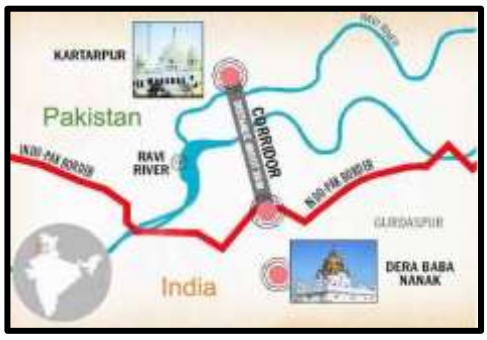


8. Miscellaneous

- The **14th edition of the International Tourism Mart (ITM),** organised by the **Ministry of Tourism**, Government of India, in association with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh and other North Eastern States, commenced today **at Tawang, Arunachal Pradesh.** The three-day Mart, being held from 29 to 31 October 2026, aims to showcase the tourism potential of the eight North Eastern States and strengthen business engagement with domestic and international tourism markets.



- The **Kartarpur Corridor** is a visa-free border crossing and religious pathway that connects **Gurdwara Dera Baba Nanak in Gurdaspur, Punjab, India, with Gurdwara Darbar Sahib in Narowal, Pakistan.**





9. West Bengal Current Affairs

- **The West Bengal Cabinet** approved strict regulations **barring newly appointed School Service Commission (SSC) teachers from contesting parliamentary, civic, and panchayat elections or engaging in active party politics**.

West Bengal Vidhan Parishad
(West Bengal Legislative Council)

Formation and Composition (1952)

- Established on **5 June 1952**, the Council initially had 51 members and operated as a permanent body where one-third retired biennially.

Abolition (1969)

- Political tensions in the late 1960s culminated in the Assembly passing an abolition resolution on **21 March 1969** under Article 169.
- Parliament enacted the abolition act, leading to the Council's dissolution on **1 August 1969**

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Q1. What is the official slogan unveiled for the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games?
A) Passion in Action
B) Stars Align
C) New Horizons
D) United We Win
Answer: **B) Stars Align**

Q2. Who became the youngest player in history to be signed in Women's Premier League (WPL) auction history at 15 years old?
A) Uma Kashvi
B) Priya Sharma
C) Ananya Roy
D) Neha Singh
Answer: **A) Uma Kashvi**

Q3. What was the theme for the Emerging Science, Technology and Innovation Conclave (ESTIC) 2026 held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi?
A) Innovation for a Sustainable Future
B) Creative Minds, Catalysing Science, Empowering Technologies
C) Science and Technology for Global Welfare
D) Advancing Frontiers in Science
Answer: **B) Creative Minds, Catalysing Science, Empowering Technologies**

Q4. Which country topped the World Justice Project (WJP) Rule of Law Index 2026, where India ranked 88th?
A) Norway
B) Finland

C) Denmark
D) Sweden
Answer: **C) Denmark**

Q5. What new regulation did the West Bengal Cabinet approve regarding newly appointed School Service Commission (SSC) teachers?
A) Barring them from contesting parliamentary, civic, and panchayat elections or engaging in active party politics
B) Mandating them to complete a two-year rural posting
C) Restricting them from pursuing higher education degrees
D) Bypassing regular performance evaluations for five years
Answer: **A) Barring them from contesting parliamentary, civic, and panchayat elections or engaging in active party politics**

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