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1. Awards and Honors



- President **Droupadi Murmu** released a **Rs 200** commemorative coin in Raipur to mark the bicentenary of a famous Sindhi saint **Mata Sahib Hasi Devi Ji**.

2. Appointments & Person in News



- **Sunil Kumar** has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) as the next Chairman of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) for a 3-year term.
- Anca-Maria Verma has been appointed as the Ambassador-at-Large of UN IIMSAM for India for a 5-year term (Oct 20, 2026 – Oct 19, 2031).

3. Govt Scheme Policies and Welfare Initiatives



- The **Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare (MoAFW)** launched the **'Khet Bachao Abhiyan – Rabi 2026'** campaign to run till November 30.
- **OpenAI** partnered with **Karmayogi Bharat** to strengthen AI training and capacity building across **India's civil services via OpenAI Academy**.

4. Sports and Games



- **India competed in the 2026 Asian Para Games, held in Nagoya, Aichi, Japan, from 18 to 24 October 2026**. The record haul of 114 medals surpassed India's previous best of 108 medals(originally 111) from Hangzhou 2023.
- **Sheetal Devi** emerged as India's most successful athlete at the Asian Para Games 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, winning **three total medals including two gold and one silver.**

5. Science Space and Technology

- **TakeMe2Space** announced plans to launch **India's first networked orbital data-centre** mission in 2028 using **SpaceX Falcon 9** carrying NVIDIA Thor GPUs.

- **SDAL** successfully delivered the indigenous anti-tank **'Nagastra 2 Loitering Munition System'** to the Indian Army.

6. Summits, Bills and International Affairs

- **Greece**'s Parliament approved legislation **banning social media use for children under 15**, effective January 1, 2027.

7. Books, Authors and Important days



- Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day is observed annually across India on 24 October to commemorate its establishment in 1962.
- **United Nations Day 2026 is celebrated on 24 October, marking the 81st anniversary of the entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945.**

UN Secretary-General: - António Guterres.

8. Miscellaneous

- The Annual Survey of Industries (ASI) 2024–25 reported 2.7 lakh operational factories and 1.67 crore workers nationwide.
- GSMA released the India Consumer Scam Report 2026, highlighting that 12% of surveyed Indians experienced scams within a year.

9. West Bengal Current Affairs

- Indian **Durga Puja** celebrations in Finland were officially added to **Finland's National Inventory of Living Heritage.**

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

Q1. United Nations Day is observed globally every year on October 24 to mark the anniversary of which major milestone?

A) The signing of the UN Charter at the San Francisco Conference

B) The entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945

C) The adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

D) The first official meeting of the UN General Assembly

Answer: **B) The entry into force of the UN Charter in 1945** (marking its 81st anniversary in 2026)

Q2. Who has been approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) as the next Chairman of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC)?

A) Sanjeev Singh

B) Sunil Kumar

C) Arun Kumar Singh

D) Rajesh Verma

Answer*:* B) Sunil Kumar

Q3. The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare recently launched which campaign to run till November 30, 2026?

A) Khet Bachao Abhiyan – Rabi 2026

B) Kisan Suraksha Abhiyan 2026

C) Krishi Vikas Pakhwada

D) Annadata Kalyan Yojana

Answer*:* A) Khet Bachao Abhiyan – Rabi 2026

Q4. Which country's parliament recently approved legislation banning social media use for children under 15, effective January 1, 2027?

A) France

B) Australia

C) Greece

D) Germany

Answer: C) Greece

Q5. Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) Raising Day is observed annually across India on which date?

A) 15 August

B) 2 October

C) 24 October

D) 14 November

Answer: C) 24 October (commemorating its establishment in 1962)

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