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Awards and Honours

1. President Of India Graces The Balidan Shatabdi Samaroh Of Swami Shraddhanand Ji At Kurukshetra

- **President Droupadi Murmu** addressed the **Balidan Shatabdi Samaroh in Kurukshetra**, honoring Swami Shraddhanand Ji on the centenary of his martyrdom. She highlighted his tireless advocacy for national unity and communal harmony, famously symbolized by his address from **Delhi's Jama Masjid**.
- President Murmu also emphasized his dedication to eradicating untouchability and uplifting Dalits, noting his firm belief that social discrimination directly contradicts Vedic principles and that true national advancement requires absolute social equality.



2. Ministry of Coal Star Rating Awards (India)

Organised by the Government of India, the Ministry of Coal hosts its formal Star Rating Awards ceremony on November 2 in Raipur, Chhattisgarh, to recognize exemplary achievements in coal and lignite mining efficiency, safety, and environmental sustainability.

3. Pradyumna Bal Memorial Awards (India)

- Presented annually in early November to commemorate the legacy of the prominent journalist and politician, the honorees (including veteran journalists and women trailblazers) are officially announced on November 2.

4. Prasar Bharati Engineer Wins ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026

Prasar Bharati engineer Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh won the ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026 for his technological innovations, including the DDPlayout software and DDSlowMo replay system.



Appointments and Persons in News

1. IREDA Appoints Jatin Kumar Nayak as Chairman and Managing Director

- On 30 October 2026, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet appointed Jatin **Kumar Nayak as the Chairman and Managing Director of IREDA**.
- He previously served as the Executive Director (Finance) at REC Limited, a prominent Maharatna public sector enterprise under the Ministry of Power.



2. Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia Appointed as Next Vice Chief of the IAF

- Air Marshal Inderpal Singh Walia became Vice Chief of the Air Staff on 1 November 2026, succeeding Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit. Formerly the head of Eastern Air Command, Walia was commissioned in 1988 and is an experienced fighter pilot who has commanded major fighter squadrons and TACDE. His decorated service includes stints as Defence Attaché to Japan and South Korea, earning him the Vayu Sena Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.



Government Schemes

1. PM Narendra Modi inaugurates ESTIC 2026 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi

PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the second ESTIC 2026 at New Delhi's Bharat Mandapam, organized by CSIR and CSIR-NIIST. The conclave focused on 12 thematic domains, including AI, quantum communication, and biotechnology.



2. MoLE Constitutes National Social Security Board for Unorganised, Gig and Platform Workers

The Ministry of Labour and Employment constituted two National Social Security Boards for unorganised, gig, and platform workers under the Code on Social Security, 2020. Chaired by **Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya**, the boards serve a three-year tenure to recommend and monitor welfare schemes.



Summits

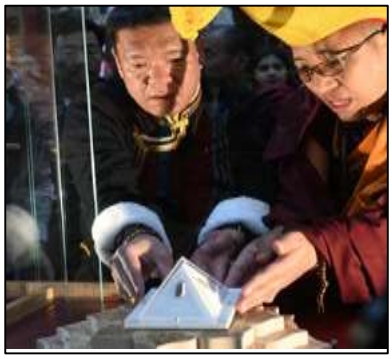
1.Commerce Secretary Shri Rajesh Agrawal holds high-level meetings with European Commission officials and industry representatives in Brussels



- Commerce Secretary **Rajesh Agrawal** held high-level meetings in Brussels to advance **India-EU FTA negotiations**, focusing on market access and supply chain resilience. He discussed sustainable development, clean energy, and digital customs with EU Directors-General to facilitate smoother trade movement.

Miscellaneous

1. Sacred Relics of Lord Buddha Arrive at Tawang Monastery; Exposition Marks a Significant Moment in Arunachal Pradesh's Buddhist Heritage



- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat received the Holy Relics of Shakyamuni Buddha at Tawang Monastery for a month-long exposition during Lhabab Duchen. The historical Piprahwa relics will be exhibited across Tawang, Bomdila, and Namsai through November. Praised by PM Modi, the initiative includes the "Unearthing the Sacred

Piprahwa" exhibition and an international conference on Himalayan Buddhism to promote peace, compassion, and global spiritual connections.

2. Hon'ble Union Minister Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh to Visit Gangtok and Mangan Districts of Sikkim on 2–3 November 2026



- Union Minister **Rajiv Ranjan Singh** is visiting Sikkim to boost the livestock and dairy sectors. He will inaugurate an NPDD-funded microbiology lab, launch 72 new Dairy Cooperative Societies under White Revolution 2.0, and unveil a traceability system for local Churpi cheese. The visit highlights ongoing Central funding, including **₹27.63 crore for indigenous Siri cattle conservation and ₹1 crore for high genetic merit yak bulls**, aimed at enhancing market access, supply chain safety, and farmer livelihoods.

3. Unearthing the Chola Legacy: Bronze Masterpieces of Nagapattinam

the Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA) has unearthed 12th-century bronze alloy idols of Lord Nataraja and Goddess Sivagami in Nagapattinam, highlighting the religious traditions and advanced metallurgical skills of the Chola period.

- **Location:** Nagapattinam district, Tamil Nadu.
- **Discovering Agency**: Tamil Nadu State Department of Archaeology (TNSDA).
- **Period**: Chola period (approximately 12th century AD).
- **Depth of Discovery**: The idols were unearthed at a depth of approximately one metre.
- **Material**: Bronze alloy.



4. Cyclone 'Murasu' forms over Bay of Bengal, southern Odisha on high alert



- The deep depression over the Bay of Bengal on Sunday (November 1, 2026) intensified into **cyclonic storm 'Murasu'**, prompting the Odisha government to step up preparedness in the southern region of the State, officials said. In its latest bulletin, the IMD said cyclone 'Murasu' has formed over the Bay of Bengal and is likely to make landfall on the Andhra Pradesh coast on November 3.

5. PM Modi cites World Bank report to highlight 'historic' fall in India's extreme poverty



- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** has applauded a World Bank report that said that India has recorded one of the fastest poverty declines in the world. In a post on Instagram, Mr. Modi highlighted that the "historic" drop in poverty represents a generational surge in opportunities.

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Who addressed the Balidan Shatabdi Samaroh of Swami Shraddhanand Ji at Kurukshetra on 1 November 2026?

(a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
(b) President Droupadi Murmu
(c) Union Home Minister Amit Shah
(d) Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan
Answer: (b) President Droupadi Murmu

2. Who won the ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026 for technological innovations such as DDPlayout and DDSlowMo?

(a) Jatin Kumar Nayak
(b) Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh
(c) Rajesh Agrawal
(d) Inderpal Singh Walia
Answer: (b) Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh

3. Who was appointed as the Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) on 30 October 2026?

(a) Jatin Kumar Nayak
(b) Rajesh Agrawal
(c) Mansukh Mandaviya
(d) Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh
Answer: (a) Jatin Kumar Nayak

4. Cyclone Murasu, which formed over the Bay of Bengal in November 2026, is likely to make landfall along the coast of which Indian state?

(a) Odisha
(b) West Bengal
(c) Andhra Pradesh
(d) Tamil Nadu
Answer: (c) Andhra Pradesh

5. The recently discovered bronze alloy idols of Lord Nataraja and Goddess Sivagami in Nagapattinam belong to which historical period?

(a) Pallava Period
(b) Chola Period
(c) Pandya Period
(d) Vijayanagara Period
Answer: (b) Chola Period

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