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1. AWARDS AND HONOURS

- **EPFO Bhavishya Nidhi Awards 2026: Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO)** presented the Bhavishya Nidhi Awards 2026 on its **74th Foundation Day**, honoring regional offices and individual officers for excellence in grievance management, pension services, and the **PRAYAAS initiative**.



- **34th Ezhuthachan Award: Veteran Dogri writer**, screenwriter, and filmmaker **Methil Radhakrishnan** was selected for Kerala's highest literary honour. The announcement coincided with the **70th anniversary of Kerala's formation.**
- **Prasar Bharati received two major recognitions at the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union Prizes 2026,held in Colombo,Sri Lanka.**



  - **Award Categories**: The ABU Prizes recognised the best entries in 16 categories.
  - **Prasar Bharati's Recognition**: Prasar Bharati received two major honours-
    a. **Audio Public Service Announcement Special Commendation Award 2026** : Awarded to Prasar Bharati-Akashvani, Bengaluru for the programme Beyond the Call.
    b. **ABU Broadcast Engineering Excellence Award 2026**: Conferred upon Nongmaithem Nandakumar Singh of Prasar Bharati

2. APPOINTMENTS AND PERSONS IN NEWS

- **Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir:** Assumed charge as the **55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)**.



- **Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal:** Took charge as the **Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief** (AOC-in-C) of the **Eastern Air Command (EAC)** of the Indian Air Force.

- **Iliana Iotova:** Former Vice President Iliana Iotova became **Bulgaria's first elected female President.**
- **Jatin Kumar Nayak**: Approved by the central government as the new **Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of the Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA)**.



3. GOVT POLICIES AND WELFARE INITIATIVES

- **ScrollControl Child Digital Safety Programme:** The Indian Air Force (IAF) onboarded 42 Air Force Schools across India onto ScrollControl to protect students from cyber threats and strengthen child digital safety.
- **Digital Bharat Nidhi Partnership:** Digital Bharat Nidhi signed an agreement to expand BharatNet connectivity under the Aspirational Blocks Programme (ABP).
- **National School Wellness Teams Initiative:** School health initiatives mandated school wellness teams and peer-support counseling across secondary schools.

4. SPORTS AND GAMES

- **Inaugural Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026:** India emerged victorious claiming both Men's and Women's titles at the inaugural **Commonwealth Kabaddi Championship 2026** held in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.
- **Hylo Open 2026 Badminton:** Indian shuttler **Lakshya Sen** defeated Indonesia's Jonatan Christie 21-17, 21-10 to win the **men's singles title at the Hylo Open 2026 in Germany.**



- **Formula 1 World Championship:** Italian driver **Kimi Antonelli** became **the youngest Formula 1 World Champion** after securing third place at the Mexican Grand Prix.
- **Rahul Dravid & Saina Nehwal**: The Indian sports icons were formally **nominated to the 2030 Commonwealth Games Organising Committee** to steer structural planning.



5. SCIENCE, SPACE AND TECHNOLOGY

- **Project 18A Stealth Destroyer Programme:** The **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC)** approved **Project 18A** to construct next-generation stealth destroyers for the Indian Navy worth approx ₹80,000 crore.
- **New Species Discovery (Exostoma nasibarbatum):** A new species of rare **glyptosternine catfish**, named **Exostoma nasibarbatum**, was discovered in **Manipur.**
- **Next-Gen Warship Acquisition:** Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth ₹53,866.50 crore **with GRSE and GSL** to acquire eight next-generation warships for the **Indian Navy.**



6. SUMMITS, BILLS AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



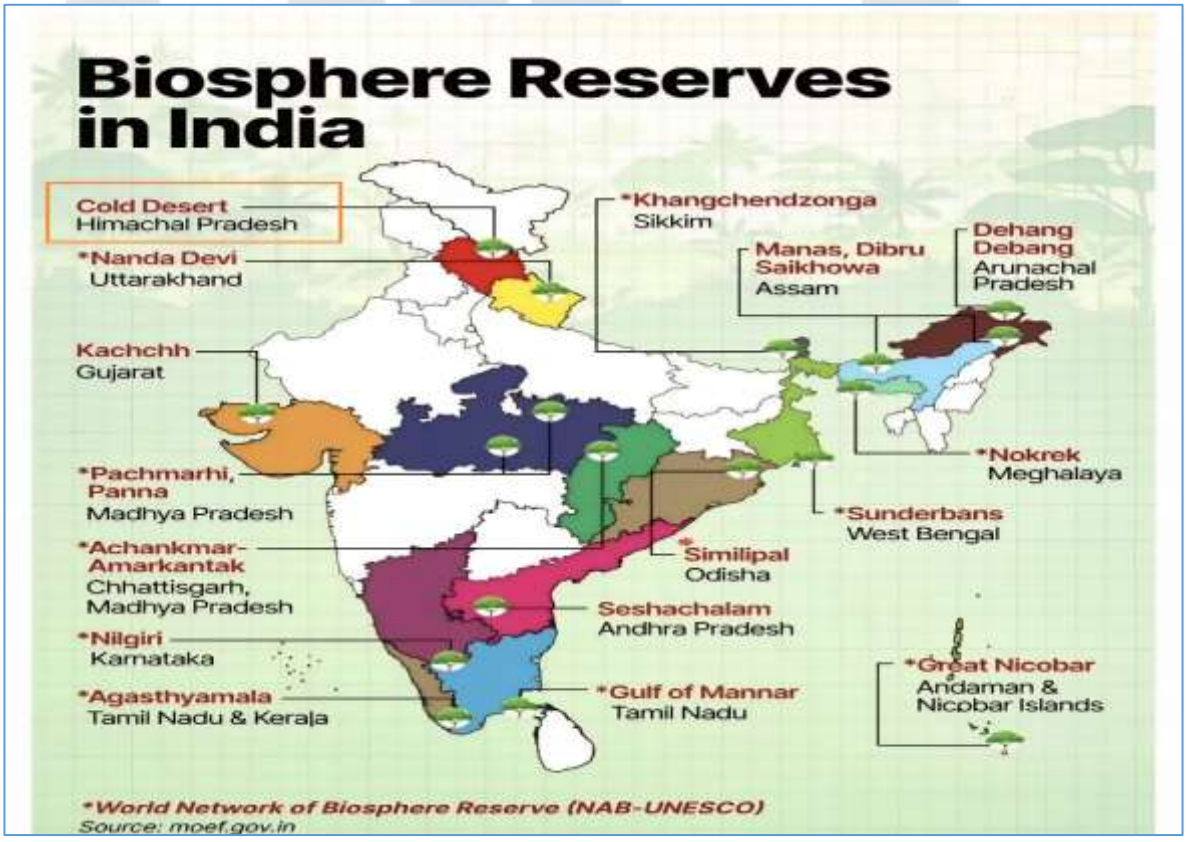


- **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026:** PM Narendra Modi inaugurated the summit at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, themed 'Invest. Innovate. Inspire.', with participation from over 130 countries.
- **BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise 2026:** India hosted the first-ever BIMSTEC Maritime Security Exercise bringing together all 7 member nations in the Andaman & Nicobar Islands.
- Indian Navy successfully liberated the fishing **vessel, *Azini***, from armed pirates. The operation culminated in the **safe rescue of all 20 crew members, with no casualties or injuries**.

7. BOOKS, AUTHORS AND IMPORTANT DAYS

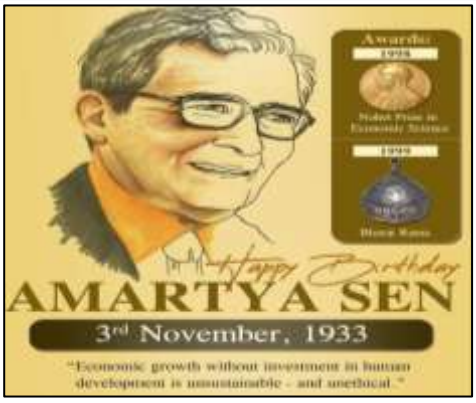
- **International Day for Biosphere Reserves is observed annually on 3rd November**. Proclaimed by **UNESCO**.

  As one of the world's **17 mega-biodiverse countries**, India accounts for approximately **7–8% of recorded species worldwide**, while it occupies only **2.4% of Earth's land area**.



- **3 November marks the birth anniversary of Amartya Kumar Sen**, one of India's most influential economists, philosophers and public intellectuals. Born on 3 November 1933 in

Santiniketan, West Bengal, **Amartya Sen received the 1998 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel for his contributions to welfare economics.**



1. One of Amartya Sen's most influential contributions is the **Capability Approach**, which evaluates development in terms of what individuals are actually able to do and become.
2. He developed the **Entitlement Approach**, which examines the resources and exchange arrangements through which individuals obtain food.

8. MISCELLANEOUS



- **Cyclone Murasu Hits Andhra Coast:** Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Murasu' commenced landfall along the Andhra Pradesh coast with heavy rains and high winds.
- **Sinhagad Fort Saffron Flag Project:** Pune Municipal Corporation proposed installing a 100-foot tall saffron (Bhagwa) flag at the historic Sinhagad Fort in Maharashtra.

9. WEST BENGAL CURRENT AFFAIRS

- **Delhi–Guwahati High-Speed Rail via Siliguri:** PM Narendra Modi approved the detailed project alignment for the **Delhi–Guwahati Bullet Train Corridor** passing **through Siliguri**, establishing North Bengal as a primary high-speed transit hub.
- **WB Green Energy Grid Integration:** West Bengal state power utilities participated in key bilateral talks during the **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit 2026** to accelerate **grid integration for solar and pump-storage projects** across **Purulia and Bankura.**

PRACTICE QUESTIONS

1. Who recently assumed charge as the 55th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)?

A) Air Marshal Mehtab Singh Deswal

B) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir

C) Jatin Kumar Nayak

D) Methil Radhakrishnan

Answer: B) Dinesh Vitthalrao Ganvir

2. Which country's former Vice President Iliana Iotova become its first elected female President?

A) Bulgaria

B) Romania

C) Greece

D) Serbia

Answer: A) Bulgaria

3. Which new species of rare glyptosternine catfish was recently discovered in Manipur?

A) Exostoma nasibarbatum

B) Exostoma manipurensis

C) Glyptothorax indicus

D) Neoglyptosternon siliguriensis

Answer: A) Exostoma nasibarbatum

4. International Day for Biosphere Reserves is observed annually across the globe on which date?

A) 1st November

B) 2nd November

C) 3rd November

D) 5th November

Answer: C) 3rd November

5. Which Indian economist and philosopher, born on November 3, 1933, in Santiniketan, West Bengal, received the Nobel Prize in Economic Sciences in 1998?

A) Abhijit Banerjee

B) Amartya Kumar Sen

C) Kaushik Basu

D) Jagdish Bhagwati

Answer: B) Amartya Kumar Sen

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