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Awards & Honours

International Honours & Global Recognitions

- **70th Ballon d'Or 2026 (London):** The 70th edition of the Ballon d'Or ceremony concluded at the Palladium Theatre in London, co-organised by UEFA and Groupe Amaury. Bayern Munich and England captain Harry Kane won the Men's Ballon d'Or, becoming the first Englishman to win the award in 25 years (since Michael Owen in 2001) and the fifth in football history.
- **Individual Gold Medals at European Chess Club Cup 2026:** Indian Grandmasters Nihal Sarin and Koneru Humpy won individual gold medals on top boards at the 41st European Chess Club Cup and 30th European Women's Chess Club Cup held in Budva, Montenegro.

Appointments & Persons in News

National Appointments (India)

- **Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir:** Dr. Sajjan Singh Yadav, a 1995-batch IAS officer of the AGMUT cadre, was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir by the Ministry of Home Affairs, succeeding Atal Dulloo upon his superannuation on October 31.

International Appointments & World Leaders

- **President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):** Milton Dick, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives, was officially elected as the 32nd President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) for a three-year tenure, steering parliamentary cooperation ahead of the 154th IPU Assembly.

Persons in News & Notable Demises

- **Abhishek Sharma Sets World T20 Century Record:** Indian dynamic batter Abhishek Sharma smashed a 35-ball century against New Zealand in the 3rd T20I, recording his 11th career T20 hundred to surpass Virat Kohli's record (10 centuries) and become the Indian batter with the most centuries in T20 cricket history.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

Central Government Schemes & National Policies

- **Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 (26 October - 1 November):** The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) observed nationwide Vigilance Awareness Week 2026 under the official theme 'Probity for Prosperity' ('सत्यनिष्ठा से समृद्धि') to commemorate Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's birth anniversary, mandating e-Integrity Pledges and preventive vigilance reviews across central ministries.
- **PM-KUSUM Next-Phase Agrivoltaics Expansion:** Union Minister Pralhad Joshi announced the rollout of a dedicated large-scale agrivoltaics programme under the upcoming phase of PM-KUSUM, incentivizing farmers to integrate solar photovoltaic generation with farming crops on agricultural land.
- **NLCIL ₹37,000 Crore Thermal & Renewable MoU (Odisha):** Navratna PSU NLC India Limited (NLCIL) signed MoUs with IPICOL in Mumbai to invest ₹37,000 crore in Odisha,

comprising a 3,200 MW (4x800 MW) ultra-supercritical coal-fired thermal power plant in Jharsuguda (₹35,000 crore) and a 400 MW solar park.

State Government Welfare Initiatives

- **Robotics and AI Park Approval (Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh):** The Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the establishment of a state-of-the-art Robotics and AI Park in Greater Noida, projected to generate over 1 lakh direct and indirect high-skill jobs and contribute ₹2,000 crore annually to the state's technology ecosystem.
- **AMRUT 2.0 Water & Sewerage Approvals (Lucknow & Varanasi):** The UP State Cabinet sanctioned seven major drinking water and wastewater infrastructure schemes in Lucknow and Varanasi under AMRUT 2.0 with a combined outlay of ₹2,562.82 crore.

Sectoral Policies, Labour & Social Welfare

- **Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) ₹2.12 Lakh Crore AoN:** The Defence Acquisition Council (DAC), chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, accorded Acceptance of Necessity (AoN) for capital acquisitions worth ₹2.12 lakh crore for the Armed Forces, with 82% of procurement earmarked from indigenous domestic industry under 'Make in India'.

Indian Railways & Transport Infrastructure

- **Tatanagar Railway Station Mega Upgradation Master Plan:** The Ministry of Railways sanctioned a comprehensive station redevelopment master plan for Tatanagar Railway Station (South Eastern Railway, Jamshedpur, Jharkhand), expanding platforms from five to nine, laying four new multi-tracking lines, and developing dedicated maintenance depots to berth and operate originating Vande Bharat Express trainsets.
- **RRB JE 2026 CBT-1 Examination Execution (CEN 04/2026):** Railway Recruitment Boards (RRBs) conducted the nationwide Computer Based Test (CBT-1) on 27–28 October 2026 across all zones for 4,029 vacancies of Junior Engineer (JE), Depot Material Superintendent (DMS), and Chemical & Metallurgical Assistant (CMA), enforcing mandatory Aadhaar-based biometric verification.
- **Railway Operations Review Post Cyclone 'Arnab' Landfall:** South Central Railway (SCR) and East Coast Railway (ECoR) deployed heavy track restoration units and tower wagons across Anakapalli, Kakinada, and Visakhapatnam after Cyclone 'Arnab' crossed the Andhra coast, ensuring zero derailments and swift re-opening of the Howrah–Chennai coastal rail route.

Sports & Games

Cricket

- **India Seals T20I Series Win vs New Zealand:** India chased down a 199-run target in 13.2 overs behind Abhishek Sharma's record-breaking century to win the 3rd T20I match and clinch the bilateral trophy in New Zealand.

Hockey & Football

- **9th Hero Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 Kickoff:** The 9th edition of the Men's Asian Champions Trophy commenced with high-scoring clashes as Malaysia defeated China 5-4, and Japan edged past Korea 3-2 in preliminary group stage fixtures.

Chess, Badminton & Tennis

- **Denmark Open 2026 Badminton Finals:** South Korea's An Se-young defeated India's PV Sindhu (16-21, 21-11, 21-12) in a hard-fought three-game women's singles final, while France's Christo Popov clinched the men's singles title.

Formula 1, Shooting & Multi-Sport Events

- **U-19 World Boxing Championships 2026 Gold:** Indian junior boxer Aditya won the world title by defeating Russia's Islam Magomedov 4-1 in the final, securing India's first gold medal of the championship edition.

Science, Space & Technology

Space Exploration & Satellite Missions

- **Expansion Roadmap for Four Functional Space Launch Pads by 2029:** ISRO and IN-SPACe announced the development roadmap establishing four fully functional orbital launch pads by 2029 (including the dedicated SSLV spaceport at Kulasekharapatnam, Tamil Nadu) to support commercial and Gaganyaan human launches.

Artificial Intelligence, Quantum & Computing

- **Inauguration of RBI Data Centre & Cybersecurity Training Institute (Bhubaneswar):** Prime Minister Narendra Modi and RBI Governor inaugurated the Reserve Bank of India's state-of-the-art Enterprise Computing & Cybersecurity Training Institute in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, establishing sovereign cloud infrastructure for India's financial sector.

Defense Technology, Biotechnology & Health Innovations

- **Conclusion of 33rd Bilateral Maritime Exercise SIMBEX-2026:** The Indian Navy and Republic of Singapore Navy (RSN) successfully concluded the 33rd edition of the Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise (SIMBEX-2026) off Visakhapatnam. Assets deployed included stealth frigate INS Nilgiri, ASW corvette INS Kamorta, P-8I aircraft, and RSN's Formidable-class frigate RSS Supreme.
- **Atmospheric Chemistry and Aerosol Toxicity Analysis Lab (AATAL):** Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated AATAL at the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) in New Delhi to analyze aerosol-induced cellular toxicity and ultra-fine particulate matter chemical signatures.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

International Summits & Conferences

- **7th Agrivoltaics World Conference (AWC 2026, New Delhi):** Union Ministers Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Pralhad Joshi inaugurated AWC 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, gathering global agricultural and solar scientists to accelerate dual-use solar farming models.
- **19th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference Concluded (Bhubaneswar):** Organized by MoHUA and the Government of Odisha, the 19th UMI Conference concluded in Bhubaneswar, emphasizing electric bus depot infrastructure, urban rapid rail integration, and the second National Urban Conclave.

Bills, Legislation & Parliamentary Developments

- **Release of the Indian Army Land Warfare Doctrine:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh formally released the updated Land Warfare Doctrine in New Delhi, setting strategic readiness parameters for multi-domain warfare, cyber-kinetic integration, and grey-zone conflict resilience.

International Affairs & Bilateral Agreements

- **India–Sri Lanka SAMHiTA Manuscript Digitisation Project:** India and Sri Lanka launched the SAMHiTA (South Asian Manuscript Histories and Textual Archive) Project at Gangaramaya Temple in Colombo to digitally preserve over 100 ancient Buddhist and historical palm-leaf manuscripts.
- **India–Mexico PTA Negotiations Progress:** Bilateral trade delegations from India and Mexico held formal talks in New Delhi under the Preferential Trade Agreement (PTA) framework, expanding tariff concessions on automotive parts, chemicals, and pharmaceuticals.

Books, Authors & Important Days

Books & Authors

- **English Translation of 'The Story of Vande Mataram':** Former Governor Arif Mohammed Khan unveiled the English translation of the historical volume 'The Story of Vande Mataram' at a commemorative literary gathering in New Delhi.

Important Days & Themes

- **International Animation Day (28th October):** Celebrated globally on October 28, proclaimed by ASIFA (Association Internationale du Film d'Animation) to mark the first public performance of Charles-Émile Reynaud's Théâtre Optique in Paris in 1892, celebrating digital arts, VFX, and animation technology.
- **Vigilance Awareness Week Observance (28th October Milestone):** Mid-week national observance of Vigilance Awareness Week across all central government undertakings under the CVC theme 'Probity for Prosperity' ('सत्यनिष्ठा से समृद्धि').

Miscellaneous (GI Tags, Superlatives, UNESCO Heritage & Dance Personalities)

Superlatives (India & World: Firsts, Largest, Highest)

- **Most Centuries in T20 Cricket History by an Indian:** Abhishek Sharma established a new Indian superlative record with 11 career T20 centuries, surpassing Virat Kohli's milestone of 10.
- **First English Ballon d'Or Winner in 25 Years:** Harry Kane became the first English football player since Michael Owen (2001) to be awarded the prestigious Ballon d'Or.

ENVIRONMENT

- **Landfall of Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Arnab' on Andhra Coast:** Severe Cyclonic Storm 'Arnab' crossed the Andhra Pradesh coast near Kakinada and Yanam on 28 October 2026, generating storm surges of 1.5 to 2.5 metres and torrential rainfall exceeding 200 mm across Anakapalli and Visakhapatnam districts, prompting the prior evacuation of over 1.8 lakh people.
- **Ladakh UT Organic Farming Mandate Notification:** The Administration of Ladakh UT enforced a total prohibition on the sale, distribution, and agricultural application of chemical fertilizers and synthetic pesticides, progressing towards 100% certified organic agricultural status.

Practice Questions

1. Who won the Men's Ballon d'Or at the 70th Ballon d'Or ceremony in 2026?

A. Kylian Mbappé
B. Harry Kane
C. Jude Bellingham
D. Erling Haaland

Answer: B. Harry Kane

2. Who was appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir?

A. Atal Dulloo
B. Sajjan Singh Yadav
C. Prakash Rajpurohit
D. Rajiv Gauba

Answer: B. Sajjan Singh Yadav

3. What was the official theme of Vigilance Awareness Week 2026?

A. Integrity for a Developed Nation
B. Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity
C. Probity for Prosperity
D. Vigilant India, Prosperous India

Answer: C. Probity for Prosperity

4. The proposed large-scale agrivoltaics programme is associated with which government scheme?

A. PM-Surya Ghar
B. PM-KUSUM
C. PM-KISAN
D. PM-Fasal Bima Yojana

Answer: B. PM-KUSUM

5. NLC India Limited signed MoUs to invest ₹37,000 crore in which state?

A. Jharkhand
B. Chhattisgarh
C. Odisha
D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: C. Odisha

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