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1. Awards and Honours

- 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.
- Kochi architecture student won the 28th Charles Correa Gold Medal 2026 for the undergraduate thesis 'Energy Commons'.

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.
- NSTFDC, NSIC, and SAIL signed a tripartite MoU to promote tribal youth entrepreneurship in Odisha.
- **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.
- UNEP released the Emissions Gap Report 2026 titled 'The Point of Return', calling for 45% global emission cuts by 2035.

6. Summits, Bills and International Affairs

- Poland reaffirmed its strong support for India's permanent membership in a reformed UN Security Council (UNSC) and a non-permanent seat for 2028-29.
- 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**.
- International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week (ILPPW) 2026 is observed from October 18 to 24 with the theme 'From Detection to Prevention'.

8. Miscellaneous

- Veteran Hollywood actor Tom Skerritt passed away at the age of 93.
- 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. 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

Q2. 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

Q3. 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

Q4. 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)

Q5. What is the title of the UNEP Emissions Gap Report 2026 released recently?

A) Closing the Window

B) The Point of Return

C) Code Red for Climate

D) Ambition Gap 2026

Answer: B) The Point of Return

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