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National and State News



- **India's TB Mortality Reduction:** Union Health Minister Shri J.P. Nadda highlighted India's 38% reduction in tuberculosis mortality since 2015 (per the WHO Global Tuberculosis Report 2026) and reiterated the government's resolve for a TB-Mukt Bharat.
- **COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium in Mysuru, Karnataka, on November 13, 2026, marking the launch of India's first LED dome planetarium.

Government Scheme & Policies

- **Defence Industrial Licences:** The Ministry of Commerce and Industry clarified that both the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) and the Department of Commerce (DoC) are authorised to issue defence industrial licences under the Industries (Development and Regulation) Act, 1951.

Banking & Financial News



- **Paytm Wallet Licence Nod:** Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL) received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to issue and operate Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs), including digital wallets, pushing Paytm shares to a record high.
- **Arihant Capital Mutual Fund Approval:** Arihant Capital Markets received SEBI's in-principle approval to set up an Asset Management Company (AMC) and enter the mutual fund business.
- **Record Monthly Exports in October 2026:** India's total exports rose by 29.9% year-on-year to reach a record monthly peak of USD 89.99 billion in October 2026, helping narrow the country's trade deficit.

International News

- **Thailand's WORPT Crypto App:** Thailand officially launched WORPT, a cryptocurrency payment application under the TouristDigiPay sandbox that allows foreign tourists to convert digital assets into Thai baht for local QR payments.

Awards & Honours



- **Plant Genome Saviour Awards 2026**: Bibi Fathima Self-Help Group (SHG) and Karnataka farmers (including Eshwaragouda Patil, C.P. Krishna, and Asma Banu) were honoured with the Plant Genome Saviour Awards 2026 by PPVFRA for indigenous seed conservation.

Summits & Conferences

- **First SCO Civilisational Dialogue Forum:** India will host the inaugural Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Civilisational Dialogue Forum in New Delhi from November 20 to 22, 2026.

Science & Tech



- **Odisha School Robotics Labs & NIPUN App**: Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi inaugurated robotics laboratories across 807 government schools and launched the NIPUN App to strengthen foundational literacy and numeracy.

Defence News



- **Exercise Mitra Shakti 2026:** The 12th edition of the annual India–Sri Lanka joint military exercise, 'Exercise Mitra Shakti', commenced at the Army Training School in Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.

Sports News



- **2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games:** India concluded the 2026 Summer Youth Olympic Games in Dakar, Senegal, with 10 medals - comprising 2 gold, 3 silver, and 5 bronze.
- **Youngest Men's T20 Captain:** Bihar cricketer Vaibhav Sooryavanshi became the youngest captain in men's T20 history at 15 years and 232 days during the 2026–27 Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy.

Important Days

- **International Day for Tolerance:** The International Day for Tolerance is observed annually on November 16 to promote mutual respect and understanding among diverse cultures.

Practice Questions

Q1. Where was India's first LED dome planetarium, the COSMOS-Mysuru Planetarium, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 13, 2026?

(A) Bengaluru, Karnataka

(B) Mysuru, Karnataka

(C) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala

(D) Hyderabad, Telangana

Answer: (B) Mysuru, Karnataka

Q2. Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the 12th edition of 'Exercise Mitra Shakti 2026'?

1. It is an annual bilateral military exercise between India and Sri Lanka.
2. The 2026 edition commenced at the Army Training School in Maduru Oya, Sri Lanka.
3. The Indian contingent is drawn primarily from a battalion of the Rajputana Rifles.

(A) 1 only

(B) 1 and 2 only

(C) 2 and 3 only

(D) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: (D) 1, 2, and 3

Q3. Thailand recently launched a cryptocurrency payment app under its 'TouristDigiPay' sandbox that allows foreign visitors to convert digital assets into Thai baht for local QR payments. What is the name of this app?

(A) PromptCrypto

(B) WORPT

(C) SiamPay

(D) BahtChain

Answer: (B) WORPT

Q4. Which Self-Help Group (SHG) from Karnataka was honoured with the Plant Genome Saviour Community Award 2026 (carrying a cash prize of ₹10 lakh) by the PPVFRA for conserving indigenous seeds?

(A) Kudumbashree SHG

(B) Bibi Fathima SHG

(C) Lijjat Gramodyog SHG

(D) Navadarshanam SHG

Answer: (B) Bibi Fathima SHG

Q5. Which Paytm subsidiary received in-principle approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) in November 2026 to issue and operate Prepaid Payment Instruments (PPIs), including digital wallets?

(A) Paytm Money Limited

(B) Paytm Payments Bank Limited

(C) Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL)

(D) Paytm Insuretech Private Limited

Answer: (C) Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL)

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