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8 November 2026 | Polity | JPSC | JSSC

1. JPSC 14th Civil Services Exam: CID Finds OMR Sheets Tampered, Candidates Got More Marks Than Answered

- Exam Involved: JPSC 14th Civil Services Examination
- Investigating Agency: CID (Criminal Investigation Department), Jharkhand
- Key Evidence Type: CCTV footage vs. OMR sheet comparison
- Number of Candidates Named: Six
- Key Accused: Budheshwar Bhagat

CID investigation into the JPSC 14th Civil Services Examination has uncovered systematic OMR sheet tampering. CCTV footage shows candidates solving far fewer questions than what was later recorded on their OMR sheets, indicating post-exam manipulation of answer sheets by accused persons.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5607-jpsc-14th-civil-services-exam-cid-finds-omr

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8 November 2026 | Economy | UPSC | SSC | Bank

2. 10 Years Post-Demonetisation: Cash in Circulation Unchanged, Fake ₹500 Notes Rise, UPI Grows

- Event: Demonetisation announced on 8 Nov 2016
- Cash demonetised: 86% of cash in circulation
- Key outcome (unmet): Cash usage unchanged, fake notes on rise
- Counterfeit note trend: Increase in fake ₹500 notes
- Digital payments trend: UPI transactions as % of GDP growing

Ten years after the 2016 demonetisation, RBI data shows the move failed to reduce cash usage or curb fake currency. Detection of counterfeit ₹500 notes has risen, while UPI transactions as a share of GDP have grown steadily.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5601-10-years-post-demonetisation-cash-circulation-unchanged-fake

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8 November 2026 | Economy | UPSC | SSC

3. DPIIT Pushes Indigenisation of 100 Critical Items: Tunnel Boring Machines, Solar Cells, Petrochemicals

- Nodal Body: Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)
- India Solar Module Capacity: ~233 GW (annual)
- India Solar Cell Capacity: ~30 GW (annual)
- India Ingot-Wafer Capacity: ~2 GW (installed)
- India-China Trade Deficit (FY 2026-27): Over $100 billion

DPIIT's indigenisation drive targets strategic sectors like solar, capital goods, and core petrochemicals, with

domestic production plans underway in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5647-dpiit-pushes-indigenisation-100-critical-items-tunnel-boring

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8 November 2026 | Security & Defence | UPSC | SSC | Defence

4. India's Defence Exports Cross ₹38,424 Crore; Private Sector Share Reaches 45.2%

- Defence exports (2025-26): ₹38,424 crore
- Private sector share in exports: 45.2%
- Private sector export growth (5 yrs): 138.7%
- DRDO technologies transferred: 2,372
- Nodal body: Ministry of Defence

India's defence exports have surged 4.5 times in five years to ₹38,424 crore in FY 2025-26, exceeding the ₹37,047 crore spent on foreign capital defence purchases for the first time. The private sector contributed 45.2% of exports, driven by DRDO's transfer of 2,372 technologies to private industry.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5633-india-s-defence-exports-cross-38424-crore-private

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8 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC | BSSC

5. Bihar: 125 Units Free Electricity Per Month for All; Voluntary Opt-Out Campaign from 1 Dec

- Scheme Benefit: 125 units free electricity per month per household
- Current Context: CM Samrat Choudhary announced a voluntary opt-out campaign starting 1 December 2026
- Related Event: PM Modi's proposed Bihar visit on 21 November 2026 for NDA govt's first anniversary

Bihar's government provides 125 units of free electricity per month to every household under a scheme attributed to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and former Chief Minister Nitish Kumar. From 1 December 2026, a campaign will encourage financially able families to voluntarily opt out, with savings redirected to children's education. PM Modi is also scheduled to visit Vaishali on 21 November for the NDA government's first anniversary.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5672-bihar-125-units-free-electricity-per-month-all

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8 November 2026 | Miscellaneous | SSC | MPPSC | MPESB

6. Anuj Shrivatri Becomes India's 100th Chess Grandmaster; First GM from Madhya Pradesh

- Full form of FIDE: Fédération Internationale des Échecs (International Chess Federation)
- Nodal body: All India Chess Federation (AICF)
- First Indian GM: Viswanathan Anand (1987)
- 99th Indian GM: VS Rathanvel (July 2026)

- Current context: Anuj Shrivatri won the 7th ASEAN+ Individual Chess Championships 2026 in Ozamiz City, Philippines, on 8 November 2026.

Anuj Shrivatri of Madhya Pradesh has become India's 100th chess Grandmaster by winning the 7th ASEAN Plus Individual Open Chess Championship in the Philippines. He is the first GM from Madhya Pradesh. India got its first GM, Viswanathan Anand, in 1987.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5677-anuj-shrivatri-becomes-india-s-100th-chess-grandmaster

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8 November 2026 | Environment | UPSC

7. Harmonic Distortion: A Hidden Cause of Electrical Fires in Indian Hospitals and Buildings

- Delhi fires from electrical faults: Over 80%
- Mumbai fires from electrical faults (5-year data): Nearly 75%
- Rise in Delhi residential fires (2026 vs 2025): 37%
- Hospital fire outbreaks due to short circuit (2010-2023 study): 89%
- India's peak electricity demand (April 25, 2026): 256.11 GW

A poorly understood factor — harmonic distortion from modern electronics like inverter ACs and medical devices — could be causing neutral wires to overheat and ignite. India's new building code (NBCS 2026) addresses harmonics but applies only to new buildings, leaving the vast existing stock at risk.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5670-harmonic-distortion-hidden-cause-electrical-fires-indian-hospitals

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8 November 2026 | Infrastructure | UKPSC | UKSSSC

8. Uttarakhand's Bugdiyar Near China Border Gets Electricity for First Time After Decades, UPCL Completes Line in 6 Months

- Nodal Body: Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL)
- Location: Bugdiyar and Ragadi, Munsyari tehsil, Pithoragarh district, near India-China border
- Project Timeline: Power line work started March 2026; completed in six months (around September 2026).
- Planned Line: 62 km from Lilam at ₹21 crore to connect 8+ migration villages
- Current Context: First Diwali with electric lights celebrated in Bugdiyar, November 2026

Bugdiyar and Ragadi, remote migration villages in Munsyari tehsil near the India-China border, have received electricity for the first time since Independence. The Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL) completed the power line in six months, ending decades of reliance on lanterns and candles, including for the first Diwali with electric lights.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5665-uttarakhand-s-bugdiyar-near-china-border-gets-electricity

8 November 2026 | Polity | MPPSC | MPESB

9. Madhya Pradesh Sets Up Urban Disaster Management Authority in 16 Cities for Rapid Response

- Full form of UDMA: Urban Disaster Management Authority
- Nodal ministry: Home Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh
- Objective: Strengthen disaster response at city level in 16 municipal corporations
- Chairperson: Municipal Commissioner of the concerned city
- Vice-chairperson: District Collector of the concerned district

Madhya Pradesh has constituted an Urban Disaster Management Authority (UDMA) in 16 municipal corporations to handle city-specific emergencies like floods, fires and gas leaks. Each UDMA will have a dedicated secretariat and a 24x7 Emergency Operations Centre, with the Municipal Commissioner as chairperson and the District Collector as vice-chairperson. The authority can acquire private vehicles and property for relief operations and inspect unsafe constructions.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5666-madhya-pradesh-sets-up-urban-disaster-management-authority

8 November 2026 | Economy | UPSC | SSC

10. Indian Oil Corporation to Acquire Crude and LPG Ships Amid West Asia Shipping Disruptions

- Company: Indian Oil Corporation (IOC)
- Objective: Acquire crude oil and LPG carriers to secure energy supply chain
- Key Disruption: Shipping disruptions near Strait of Hormuz due to West Asia tensions
- Crude Sourcing H1 FY27: Russia 55%, Middle East 24%, Africa 10%, Brazil 7%, US 2-5%, Venezuela 3-4%
- Spot Imports H1 FY27: 87% of crude sourcing (vs 50% previous fiscal)

Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) plans to buy crude oil and LPG carriers to secure its energy supply chain as geopolitical tensions in West Asia disrupt shipping near the Strait of Hormuz, pushing freight rates and war-risk insurance costs sharply higher. The move includes exploring domestic shipbuilding under Make in India and optimising charter arrangements.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5662-indian-oil-corporation-acquire-crude-lpg-ships-west

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8 November 2026 | Economy | UPSC | Bank

11. ED Raids CoinDCX and Delta Exchange in Bengaluru for FEMA Violations, Illegal Crypto Derivative Trading

- Agency Conducting Raid: Enforcement Directorate (ED)
- Platforms Raided: CoinDCX and Delta Exchange
- Location of Raids: Bengaluru (3 locations)
- Key Law Violated: Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)
- Stablecoin Used for Transfers: USDT (Tether)

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) raided CoinDCX and Delta Exchange in Bengaluru on Nov 4-5, 2026, finding evidence of FEMA violations involving thousands of crores of rupees in unauthorised international crypto transactions. The platforms allegedly used the USDT stablecoin to bypass banking oversight and send money abroad illegally, also violating SEBI and RBI regulations.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5655-ed-raids-coindcx-delta-exchange-bengaluru-fema-violations

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8 November 2026 | Polity | JPSC | JSSC

12. Jharkhand to Distribute 1 kg Chana Dal Monthly to 66.92 Lakh Families Under NFSA and JSFSS

- Scheme Names: National Food Security Act (NFSA) and Jharkhand State Food Security Scheme (JSFSS)
- Nodal Directorate: Food and Consumer Affairs Directorate, Government of Jharkhand
- Monthly Entitlement: 1 kg chana dal per ration card
- Total Beneficiary Families: 66.92 lakh
- Earnest Money Deposit: ₹12.82 crore

Jharkhand's Food and Consumer Affairs Directorate has invited online tenders for the supply of chana dal under the Public Distribution System (PDS) for FY 2026-27. The dal will be distributed monthly at 1 kg per ration card to about 66.92 lakh eligible families under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) and the Jharkhand State Food Security Scheme (JSFSS).

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5652-jharkhand-distribute-1-kg-chana-dal-monthly-6692

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8 November 2026 | Polity | SSC | Bank | Railway

13. RRB NTPC Graduate Recruitment 2026: Apply Today for 3,548 Posts; Last Date 8 Nov

- Total Posts: 3,548
- Nodal Body: Railway Recruitment Board (RRB)
- Application Deadline: 8 November 2026 (11:59 PM)

- Correction Window: 9 to 18 November 2026
- Expected Exam (CBT-1): December 2026 (4th week)

The Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) has extended the deadline to 8 November 2026 for its NTPC Graduate Level recruitment (CEN 06/2026) for 3,548 posts including Goods Train Manager, Chief Commercial cum Ticket Supervisor, Junior Account Assistant cum Typist, and Senior Clerk cum Typist. This is a critical opportunity for graduates seeking central government jobs, with the Tier-1 (CBT-1) exam expected in December 2026.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5627-rrb-ntpc-graduate-recruitment-2026-apply-today-3548

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8 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC | BSSC

14. Bihar Legislative Council Recruitment Scam: Blacklisted Agency Conducted Exam, HC Probe Ordered

- Institution: Bihar Legislative Council Secretariat
- Agency Involved: CS Data Meshan Research Service Pvt Ltd
- Court Action: Agency blacklisted by Patna High Court for 3 years
- Appointments in Question: Over 125
- Re-test Date: 18 November 2026

Over 125 appointments in the Bihar Legislative Council Secretariat have been mired in controversy. The recruitment was conducted by an agency (CS Data Meshan Research Service Pvt Ltd) that had been blacklisted by the Patna High Court for three years due to irregularities in a previous recruitment. New appointees did not appear for the shorthand test, and the Council has now barred their entry and ordered an internal probe.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5623-bihar-legislative-council-recruitment-scam-blacklisted-agency

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8 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC | BSSC | Bihar SI

15. Bihar Police Restructured: 20 New Posts Created, Zonal IG and DIG Offices at Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Bhagalpur

- Total new posts created: 20
- New zonal offices with IG + DIG: Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, Bhagalpur
- Annual estimated cost: ₹3.46 crore
- Nodal department: Home Department (Police Branch), Government of Bihar

The Bihar government has approved the creation of 20 new police posts across seven categories, restructuring the police into four zonal offices at Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga and Bhagalpur. Each zone will now have an Inspector General (IG) and a Deputy Inspector General (DIG). The annual cost of this restructuring is estimated at ₹3.46 crore.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5624-bihar-police-restructured-20-new-posts-created-zonal

8 November 2026 | Culture & History | UPSC

16. Siddi Community: PVTG of Gujarat, Their History, Culture, and Khushbu Darjada's Youth Olympics Silver in Judo

- Tribal Classification: Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in Gujarat
- Population (2025, Gujarat): 12,959 (as per central govt survey, Rajya Sabha July 2025)
- Concentration Area: 18 villages of Talala taluka, Gir Somnath district, Gujarat
- Key Athlete: Khushbu Rajakbhai Darjada – Youth Olympics silver (judo, 63 kg), Dakar 2026
- Traditional Dance: 'Dhamal' – performed only by men, dedicated to Baba Gor

The Siddis are a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in Gujarat of African origin, concentrated in 18 villages of Talala taluka, Gir Somnath district. Khushbu Darjada became the first Siddi athlete to win a Youth Olympics medal (silver in judo, Dakar 2026). The community's history involves migration as slaves or strongmen, they are predominantly Muslim with Sufi influences, and are known for the 'dhamal' dance. Their ST status applies only in Saurashtra; outside it they are SEBC.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5648-siddi-community-pvtg-gujarat-their-history-culture-khushbu

8 November 2026 | Polity | RPSC RAS | RSSB

17. Rajasthan's New TDR Policy: Double Floor Area Ratio for Land Acquisition, No Cash Compensation

- Full form of TDR: Transferable Development Rights
- Nodal body: Urban Development Department, Government of Rajasthan
- Key change: Cash compensation replaced by TDR certificates for land acquisition
- Extra construction right: Up to double the area surrendered
- Exempted area: Heritage city and dense old settlements (e.g., Jaipur's Parkota/Chardiwari)

The Rajasthan government is revising its Transferable Development Rights (TDR) policy for land acquisition in cities. Instead of cash compensation at market rates, affected landowners will get TDR certificates for up to double the area surrendered, allowing additional construction. The policy exempts heritage city areas like Jaipur's walled city (Parkota/Chardiwari).

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5646-rajasthan-s-new-tdr-policy-double-floor-area

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8 November 2026 | Infrastructure | JPSC | JSSC

18. ₹607 Crore Mega Lift Irrigation Scheme Approved for 9,336 Hectares in Jharkhand

- Scheme name: Neemdeeh-Kukdu Mega Lift Irrigation Scheme
- Sanctioned cost: ₹607.03 crore
- Irrigated area: 9,336 hectares
- Nodal department: Jharkhand Water Resources Department (Jal Sansadhan Vibhag)
- Water source: Chandil Dam (reservoir)

The Jharkhand government has approved the Neemdeeh-Kukdu Mega Lift Irrigation Scheme worth ₹607 crore to lift water from the Chandil Dam and irrigate 9,336 hectares of farmland in Seraikela-Kharsawan district, freeing farmers from rain-dependent mono-cropping and enabling multi-cropping.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5635-607-crore-mega-lift-irrigation-scheme-approved-9336

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8 November 2026 | Social Issues | MPPSC | MPESB

19. Madhya Pradesh State Social Audit Committee to Audit 92,520 Government Schools in 5 Years

- Total schools to be audited: 92,520
- Duration of audit cycle: 5 years
- Annual audit target: 20% (about 18,500 schools)
- Nodal body: Madhya Pradesh State Social Audit Committee
- Partner body: State Education Centre, Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh will conduct a social audit of all 92,520 government schools over five years, inspecting 20% (about 18,500) annually. The Madhya Pradesh State Social Audit Committee will check textbook and uniform distribution, teacher attendance, infrastructure, budget utilisation and grievance redressal.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5643-madhya-pradesh-state-social-audit-committee-audit-92520

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8 November 2026 | Science & Tech | SSC | Railway

20. RCF Kapurthala's 16-Coach Vande Bharat Gets Conditional Approval for 160 km/h Speed

- Train Type: 16-coach Vande Bharat chair car (Alstom propulsion)
- Manufacturing Unit: Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala
- Maximum Approved Speed: 160 km/h (conditional)
- Trial Speed Achieved: 180 km/h (Mathura-Nagda section)
- Traction Motor Capacity: 270 kW (vs. 210 kW Medha, 225 kW Siemens variants)

The Railway Board has granted conditional approval for the first 16-coach Vande Bharat trainset built at Rail Coach

Factory (RCF), Kapurthala, with Alstom propulsion, to run at a maximum speed of 160 km/h. Although the train completed trials at 180 km/h on the Mathura-Nagda section, safety-related improvements have been mandated before commercial deployment.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5644-rcf-kapurthala-s-16-coach-vande-bharat-gets

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8 November 2026 | Infrastructure | UPSC | BPSC | BSSC

21. Bihar CM Announces 83 km Marine Drive, Target to End Migration by 2030

- Marine Drive Length: 83 km
- Route: Munger to Bhagalpur
- Construction Start: Within 2 months
- Migration End Target Year: 2030
- Entrepreneur Target: 1 crore families in 5 years

Bihar Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary announced the construction of an 83 km Marine Drive between Munger and Bhagalpur, and set a target to end forced out-migration for employment by 2030. The state also aims to create 1 crore entrepreneurs and provide jobs to 1 crore youth, alongside a central agreement for Ganga desilting and irrigation.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5637-bihar-cm-announces-83-km-marine-drive-target

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8 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC | CTET | BPSC TRE | Bihar STET

22. Bihar Government to Colour-Code 78,000 Govt Schools: Pink for Classes 1-8, Grey for 9-12

- Nodal Ministry: Bihar Education Department
- Coverage: ~78,000 government schools in Bihar
- Colour for Classes 1-8: Pink
- Colour for Classes 9-12: Grey
- Key Objective: Uniform identity, better learning environment, reduce dropouts

The Bihar government has decided to give a uniform identity to all its ~78,000 government schools by colour-coding buildings: pink for primary and upper-primary (Classes 1-8) and grey for secondary and senior-secondary (Classes 9-12). Walls will also feature motivational quotes and educational content. The aim is to improve the learning environment, reduce dropouts, and boost parental trust in the public school system.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5640-bihar-government-colour-code-78000-govt-schools-pink

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8 November 2026 | Environment | UPSC | DSSSB

23. Delhi's Online Emission Monitoring: 54% of Industrial Units Breach Norms, 45% OCEMS Offline

- Full form of OCEMS: Online Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems
- Nodal body: Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
- Total industrial units in Delhi (conforming areas): 30,672
- Highly-polluting units required to install OCEMS: 128
- OCEMS installed in Delhi: 87

Over half of Delhi's industrially monitored units breach emission limits, with 45% of OCEMS offline. The CAQM has set a November 30 deadline for compliance, flagging metal-processing units and PM as key concerns. This raises questions about industrial pollution tracking in the Capital.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5649-delhi-s-online-emission-monitoring-54-industrial-units

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8 November 2026 | Health & Education | UPSC

24. Delhi Utilises Only 47.4% of NTEP TB Budget, ₹56.95 Crore Unspent in 2025

- Scheme: National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) – renamed Revised National TB Control Programme
- Nutritional support: Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana (NPY): ₹1,000/month per patient (doubled from ₹500 in Nov 2024)
- Delhi budget utilisation (2025): 47.4% – ₹51.32 crore spent of ₹108.27 crore approved
- National utilisation (2023-24): 62.5% – ₹1,179.68 crore spent of ₹1,888.82 crore
- TB cases notified in Delhi (2025): 1,12,977

Delhi spent only 47.4% (₹51.32 crore) of its ₹108.27 crore NTEP budget in 2025, leaving ₹56.95 crore unspent. The underutilisation highlights systemic gaps in Aadhaar linkage, procurement delays and administrative bottlenecks, even as 1.13 lakh TB cases were notified. The CAG had earlier flagged similar deficiencies.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5650-delhi-utilises-only-474-ntep-tb-budget-5695

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8 November 2026 | Polity | UPSC

25. Bombay HC: Transgender Woman Entitled to Legal Protection Under BNS Sexual Assault Provisions

- Court and Bench: Bombay High Court, Nagpur bench
- Judge: Justice Mehroj K. Pathan
- Key Legal Provision: BNS Section 75 (sexual assault against women)
- Core Principle Affirmed: Right to self-identified gender identity
- Current Context: Accused, an Agniveer in the Indian Army, sought to quash FIR alleging sexual assault on a transgender woman

The Bombay High Court's Nagpur bench ruled that a transgender woman who identifies as female is entitled to the legal protections against sexual assault under the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS). The court rejected an accused's plea to quash the case on the ground that the victim is not biologically female, affirming the right to self-identified gender identity.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5613-bombay-hc-transgender-woman-entitled-legal-protection-bns

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8 November 2026 | Science & Tech | UPSC

26. Physical AI: AI Systems Operating in the Physical World, Trillion-Dollar Economic Value Projected by 2040

- What is Physical AI?: AI systems that operate in and interact with the physical world, not just digital environments.
- Key companies adopting physical AI: ADNOC (with G42, OpenAI), Shell (with C3.ai), BP, Chevron, Foxconn
- Projected economic value by 2040: At least $1 trillion (McKinsey estimate)
- Primary sectors for value creation: Manufacturing and logistics
- Current context: ADNOC-OpenAI-G42 deal signed at ADIPEC 2026 conference in Abu Dhabi (Nov 2, 2026)

Physical AI refers to AI systems that operate in and interact with the physical world — robots, self-driving cars, AI-powered factories — moving beyond digital chatbots and image generators. Major energy firms (ADNOC, Shell, BP, Chevron) and manufacturers (Foxconn) are deploying physical AI to improve operational efficiency, reduce costs, and tackle the monetisation challenge of AI. McKinsey projects physical AI and robotics will create at least a trillion dollars in economic value by 2040, mostly in manufacturing and logistics.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5604-physical-ai-ai-systems-operating-physical-world-trillion

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8 November 2026 | Social Issues | UPSC | SSC

27. FSSAI Seizes 3,280 Tonnes of Adulterated Food Worth ₹82 Crore in 66-Day Nationwide Drive

- Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- Regulatory Body: Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- Establishment Year: 2008
- Enabling Act: Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006
- Operation Duration: 66 days (1 Sep – 5 Nov 2026)

The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) conducted a 66-day nationwide operation from 1 September to 5 November 2026, inspecting 56,431 shops and seizing 3,280 tonnes of adulterated food items worth ₹82 crore. 314 shops were sealed. This highlights the scale of food adulteration in India and the role of FSSAI under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5636-fssai-seizes-3280-tonnes-adulterated-food-worth-82

8 November 2026 | International Relations

28. US Military Task Force to Disrupt Iran Land Routes, Expands Naval Blockade Amid Hormuz Crisis

- Task force size: 20 members
- Task force location: Florida
- US command responsible: US Central Command (CENTCOM)
- US naval blockade impact: Prevented Iran from exporting over $25 billion in crude oil
- Iranian countermeasure: Blocked Strait of Hormuz

The US military has announced a 20-member task force to disrupt land routes into Iran used for weapons and illicit materials, expanding on an existing naval blockade of Iranian ports. The move escalates the eight-month US-Iran war, during which Iran has blocked the Strait of Hormuz, choking global energy supplies.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5669-us-military-task-force-disrupt-iran-land-routes

8 November 2026 | Polity | UPPSC | UPTET

29. UP Primary Teacher Seniority List: Appointment Date vs Joining Date Basis for Promotion Under Rule 1981

- Governing Rule: Uttar Pradesh Basic Education (Teacher) Service Rules, 1981
- Correct Basis for Seniority: Date of original appointment
- Wrong Basis Used in Some Districts: Date of joining duty at the school
- Teachers Facing Salary Stop Notice: 429 teachers in Prayagraj district
- App for Sensitisation Videos: Prashast 2.0

Uttar Pradesh is preparing seniority lists for promotion of primary and upper-primary school teachers. The Uttar Pradesh Basic Education (Teacher) Service Rules, 1981 specify that seniority should be based on the date of original appointment, but some districts are using the date of joining duty instead, leading to disputes and potential litigation.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5663-up-primary-teacher-seniority-list-appointment-date-vs

8 November 2026 | Economy | UPSC | Bank

30. RBI's Monetary Policy Dilemma: Inflation vs Growth vs Rupee Defence

- RBI rate action (Oct 2026): 25 bps repo rate hike
- Inflation target band: 2%-6% (upper tolerance)
- Daily forex market turnover (2025): $185 billion
- FPI net equity inflow (1st week Nov 2026): $4.1 billion
- Brent crude price (as of article): $98 per barrel

The RBI faces a trilemma of controlling inflation, supporting growth, and defending the rupee. It raised the repo rate by 25 bps in October 2026, but with inflation likely above the 6% upper tolerance band and real interest rates

negative, the policy response has been questioned. A recent easing of external pressures — falling oil prices, ebbing AI euphoria, and US bond yield softening — has provided some relief, but the structural trade-offs remain.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5676-rbi-s-monetary-policy-dilemma-inflation-vs-growth

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8 November 2026 | Polity | UPSC | RPSC RAS | RSSB

31. 30 Lakh Voters Missing from Rajasthan Local Body Voter Lists Due to SIR Gap

- Voter count in final SIR list (Feb 2026): 5.15 crore
- Voter count in SEC local body list: ~5.45 crore
- Names removed during SIR: 44.28 lakh
- Names added during SIR: 12.91 lakh
- Gap between two lists: ~30 lakh voters

Around 30 lakh voter names appear on the Rajasthan State Election Commission's local body voter lists but are missing from the final Special Intensive Revision (SIR) list published by the Election Commission of India. This gap has raised questions about the updating of electoral rolls for urban and panchayat elections in Rajasthan.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5664-30-lakh-voters-missing-rajasthan-local-body-voter

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8 November 2026 | Polity | HPSC HCS | HSSC

32. Punjab and Haryana High Court: Screening Test Concession Bars Claim to Unreserved Seat in HPSC Assistant Professor Recruitment

- Court: Punjab and Haryana High Court
- Judge: Justice Harpreet Singh Barad
- Recruitment body: Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC)
- Post: Assistant Professor (History)
- Total vacancies: 123

Punjab and Haryana High Court ruled that a candidate who passes the screening test using relaxed standards for their reserved category cannot later claim an unreserved (General) seat, even if their final marks exceed the General cutoff. The verdict upholds the principle that reservation benefits at one stage restrict competition for open seats at later stages.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5667-punjab-haryana-high-court-screening-test-concession-bars

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8 November 2026 | Polity

33. Gujarat HC Fines Ahmedabad Collector ₹1 Lakh from Salary for Defying Court Order on Land Use

- Court: Gujarat High Court
- Judge: Justice M K Thakker
- Petitioner: Bhumika Rao
- Costs imposed: ₹1 lakh from collector's own salary
- Provision involved: Section 65, Gujarat Land Revenue Code, 1879

The Gujarat High Court has ordered the Ahmedabad collector to personally pay ₹1 lakh in litigation costs from his own salary for repeatedly rejecting a woman's application for non-agricultural land use on grounds the court had already set aside. This judgment reinforces the principle that government functionaries must obey judicial orders strictly, and deliberate defiance can lead to personal financial liability.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5671-gujarat-hc-fines-ahmedabad-collector-1-lakh-salary

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8 November 2026 | Polity | UPPSC | UPTET

34. Allahabad HC Warns Basic Education Secretary Over Contempt in 69,000 Teacher Recruitment Case

- Nodal Body: Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Council (Parishad)
- Court: Allahabad High Court
- Judge: Justice Piyush
- Recruitment: 69,000 teacher posts in UP basic schools
- Key Order Date: August 25, 2021

The Allahabad High Court has taken serious note of deliberate disobedience of its orders in the 69,000 teacher recruitment case in Uttar Pradesh. It has directed the Basic Education Secretary to either present a favourable order by the next hearing or appear personally to face contempt proceedings.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5651-allahabad-hc-warns-basic-education-secretary-contempt-69000

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8 November 2026 | Polity | UPPSC | CTET | UPTET

35. Allahabad HC Dismisses Petition Against BLO Duty for UP Primary Teachers, Cites RTE Act Section 27

- Court: Allahabad High Court
- Petitioners: Assistant teachers of basic/upper primary schools, Saharanpur district, UP
- Key legal provision cited: Section 27, RTE Act, 2009
- Other legal provisions: Article 21-A (Right to Education), Article 324 (Election Commission powers), Section 13CC of Representation of the People Act, 1950

- Current context: Allahabad HC dismissed petition by Azra Parveen and four other teachers on 8 November 2026

The Allahabad High Court has dismissed a petition by UP primary school teachers seeking exemption from BLO (Booth Level Officer) duties, ruling that Section 27 of the Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009 permits deploying teachers in election-related work. The court held that electoral duties under the Representation of the People Act, 1950 and Article 324 of the Constitution override objections about non-academic work.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5626-allahabad-hc-dismisses-petition-against-blo-duty-up

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8 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC | BSSC

36. Patna Municipal Corporation Approves New Solid Waste Management Model with QR Code Tracking

- Nodal body: Patna Municipal Corporation
- Objective: To overhaul door-to-door waste collection and monitoring in Patna
- Key feature: QR code on every house scanned after waste collection
- New vehicles to be deployed: 1,939
- Estimated start date: February-March 2027

Patna Municipal Corporation has approved a new solid waste management framework that will use two agencies for door-to-door waste collection across six zones. Every house will get a QR code that sanitation workers must scan after collection to enable real-time monitoring. The new system is expected to begin by February-March 2027 after approval from the state urban development department.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5638-patna-municipal-corporation-approves-new-solid-waste-management

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8 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC

37. Bihar Govt Fixes Accountability for Delayed Responses in Court Cases, Cites HC Order

- Nodal Department: Bihar Law Department
- Key Order Date: 23 September 2026
- Court: Patna High Court (Civil Writ Jurisdiction Case)
- Target Action: Provide case facts/records to pleaders 2-3 days before hearing
- Current Context: Bihar Law Department Secretary Balram Dubey issued directives to all departments and district officers

The Bihar Law Department has mandated strict accountability for government officers who delay filing counter-affidavits or complying with court orders in government cases. Officers must now provide complete case facts and records to government pleaders 2-3 days before the hearing, or face disciplinary action.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5639-bihar-govt-fixes-accountability-delayed-responses-court-cases

8 November 2026 | Health & Education | JPSC | JSSC

38. Jharkhand to Introduce Robotic Surgery at Ranchi Sadar Hospital with ₹25 Crore Machine

- Hospital: Ranchi Sadar Hospital
- Machine Cost: ₹25 crore
- Target Start Time: Within 6 months of cabinet approval
- Announced By: Jharkhand Health Minister Dr. Irfan Ansari
- Current Status: Proposal with finance department; awaiting cabinet nod

Jharkhand's Ranchi Sadar Hospital will get robotic surgery capability with a ₹25 crore machine. The proposal is with the finance department; cabinet approval is pending. The goal is to start the service within six months, reducing the need for patients to go to private hospitals or outside the state.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5642-jharkhand-introduce-robotic-surgery-ranchi-sadar-hospital-25

8 November 2026 | Social Issues | RPSC RAS | RSSB

39. Rajasthan PG Medical Seats Rise 13.8% to 3,950, Rank 8th Nationally

- Total PG seats in Rajasthan (after increase): 3,950
- Increase in seats: 479 (13.8%)
- National rank of Rajasthan: 8th
- Government college share: 55%
- Private college share: 45%

The National Medical Commission (NMC) has released an updated PG seat matrix for 2026-27, increasing Rajasthan's postgraduate medical seats by 479 (13.8%) to a total of 3,950. This places Rajasthan eighth among Indian states in PG medical seats, with 55% of seats in government colleges and 45% in private institutions.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/5645-rajasthan-pg-medical-seats-rise-138-3950-rank

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Practice questions

1. Which state-level body conducts the civil services examination in which a CID probe found OMR sheet tampering?

(A) Bihar Public Service Commission (BPSC)

(B) Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC)

(C) Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC)

(D) Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission (MPPSC)

2. Consider the following statements:

1. CID investigation found that candidates solved more questions on CCTV than recorded on their OMR sheets.

2. Accused Budheshwar Bhagat's laptop contained a list of selected candidates.

3. All six candidates provided their carbon copies of OMR sheets to CID.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

3. Which institution is responsible for releasing data on cash in circulation and counterfeit note detection in India?

(A) National Payments Corporation of India

(B) Ministry of Finance

(C) Securities and Exchange Board of India

(D) Reserve Bank of India

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4. Consider the following statements regarding demonetisation:

1. Demonetisation was announced on 8 November 2016, invalidating 86% of the cash in circulation.

2. RBI data shows that cash in circulation has reduced significantly ten years after demonetisation.

3. Detection of counterfeit ₹500 notes has increased post-demonetisation.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

5. Which department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry is leading the indigenisation push for 100 critical items?

(A) Ministry of Finance
(B) Ministry of Heavy Industries
(C) Ministry of New and Renewable Energy
(D) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

6. Consider the following statements regarding India's solar manufacturing capacity:

1. India's annual solar module manufacturing capacity is about 233 GW.

2. India's solar cell manufacturing capacity is higher than its module capacity.

3. India's installed ingot and wafer manufacturing capacity is around 2 GW.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

7. Which organisation is primarily responsible for transferring defence technology to private industry in India?

(A) Ordnance Factory Board
(B) Defence Research and Development Organisation
(C) Bharat Electronics Limited
(D) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited

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8. Consider the following statements regarding India's defence exports:

1. India's defence exports in FY 2025-26 exceeded the country's foreign capital defence purchases.

2. The private sector contributed more than 50% of total defence exports in FY 2025-26.

3. DRDO receives a royalty of 2% to 5% on export orders placed by private companies using its technology.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

9. Which state government provides 125 units of free electricity per month to each household?

(A) Government of Uttar Pradesh
(B) Government of Madhya Pradesh
(C) Government of Jharkhand
(D) Government of Bihar

10. Consider the following statements regarding Bihar's free electricity scheme:

1. Every household in Bihar receives 125 units of free electricity per month.

2. The free electricity benefit is only for families below the poverty line.

3. A voluntary opt-out campaign will start from 1 December 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

11. Which organisation awards the Grandmaster title in chess?

(A) International Olympic Committee (IOC)
(B) All India Chess Federation (AICF)
(C) Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE)
(D) World Chess Council

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12. Consider the following statements:

1. Anuj Shrivatri is India's 100th chess Grandmaster.

2. Viswanathan Anand became India's first Grandmaster in 1987.

3. A player needs two GM norms and a rating of 2500 to become a Grandmaster.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 1 and 2
(C) Only 2 and 3
(D) All three

13. Which body publishes the National Building Construction Standards (NBCS) in India?

(A) Bureau of Indian Standards
(B) National Disaster Management Authority
(C) Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs
(D) Central Public Works Department

14. Consider the following statements regarding harmonic distortion in electrical systems:

1. Triplen harmonics in a three-phase system add up in the neutral conductor, causing it to overheat.

2. The National Building Construction Standards 2026 mandates arc-fault detection devices for all buildings.

3. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare's 2026 hospital fire guidelines address harmonic distortion as a fire risk.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

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15. Which state-owned utility is responsible for electrifying Bugdiyar and Ragadi villages near the India-China border?

(A) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL)

(B) Uttarakhand Jal Vidyut Nigam Limited (UJVNL)

(C) Power Grid Corporation of India Limited (PGCIL)

(D) National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC)

16. Consider the following statements:

1. Bugdiyar and Ragadi are migration villages in Munsyari tehsil of Uttarakhand.

2. The power line to these villages was completed in one year starting March 2026.

3. The electrification will also benefit the Army and ITBP stationed near the China border.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

17. Under which Act has the Urban Disaster Management Authority (UDMA) been constituted in Madhya Pradesh?

(A) National Security Act, 1980

(B) Disaster Management Act, 2005

(C) Environmental Protection Act, 1986

(D) Madhya Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1956

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18. Consider the following statements regarding the Urban Disaster Management Authority (UDMA) in Madhya Pradesh:

1. The Municipal Commissioner of the concerned city is the chairperson of the UDMA.

2. The District Collector is the chairperson of the UDMA.

3. The UDMA can acquire private vehicles and property for relief operations during emergencies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

19. Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is a state-owned company under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Power
(B) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas
(C) Ministry of Finance
(D) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

20. Consider the following statements regarding Indian Oil Corporation's shipping strategy:

1. IOC plans to acquire crude oil and LPG carriers to strengthen control over its energy supply chain.

2. IOC's board has approved the purchase of vessels and tenders have been issued.

3. IOC will completely stop using chartered vessels and rely only on owned ships.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

21. Which Indian law governs foreign exchange transactions and cross-border payments, and was allegedly violated by CoinDCX and Delta Exchange?

(A) Securities and Exchange Board of India Act, 1992
(B) Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)
(C) Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA)
(D) Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

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22. Consider the following statements regarding the ED raids on CoinDCX and Delta Exchange:

1. The raids were conducted on 4-5 November 2026 at three locations in Bengaluru.

2. The platforms used the USDT stablecoin to legally transfer funds abroad through the banking system.

3. The investigation also found violations of the SEBI Act, 1992 and the RBI Act, 1934.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

23. Which directorate of the Government of Jharkhand is responsible for the procurement and distribution of chana dal under the Public Distribution System?

(A) Directorate of Agriculture
(B) Directorate of Rural Development
(C) Directorate of Social Welfare
(D) Food and Consumer Affairs Directorate

24. Consider the following statements regarding the chana dal distribution in Jharkhand:

1. The dal will be distributed to all families holding ration cards under both NFSA and JSFSS.

2. The monthly entitlement is 1 kg of chana dal per family.

3. Suppliers are selected through e-tender only, without any reverse auction.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

25. Which body is responsible for conducting the NTPC Graduate Level recruitment for Indian Railways?

(A) Staff Selection Commission (SSC)
(B) Ministry of Railways
(C) Union Public Service Commission (UPSC)
(D) Railway Recruitment Board (RRB)

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26. Consider the following statements regarding RRB NTPC Graduate Level recruitment (CEN 06/2026):

1. The total number of posts advertised is 3,548.

2. The application fee for General/OBC/EWS candidates is ₹500 with no refund.

3. The correction window for applications is open from 9 to 18 November 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

27. Which institution conducted the recruitment for the Bihar Legislative Council Secretariat that is now under scrutiny?

(A) CS Data Meshan Research Service Pvt Ltd
(B) Staff Selection Commission
(C) Bihar Vidhan Sabha Secretariat
(D) Bihar Public Service Commission

28. Consider the following statements regarding the Bihar Legislative Council recruitment controversy:

1. The recruitment was for over 125 posts in the Bihar Legislative Council Secretariat.

2. The agency used was blacklisted by the Patna High Court for five years.

3. New appointees were called for a shorthand test and none appeared.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

29. Which department of the Government of Bihar issued the order for creating 20 new police posts?

(A) Personnel Department
(B) Finance Department
(C) General Administration Department
(D) Home Department (Police Branch)

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30. Consider the following statements regarding the Bihar Police restructuring:

1. The restructuring creates 20 new posts across seven categories.

2. New zonal IG offices have been created at Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, and Gaya.

3. The annual estimated expenditure for the new posts is ₹3.46 crore.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

31. Which ministry of the Government of India is primarily responsible for the classification and welfare of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of Rural Development
(C) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(D) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

32. Consider the following statements regarding the Siddi community of Gujarat:

1. The Siddis are classified as a Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Group (PVTG) in Gujarat.

2. The Siddis are eligible for Scheduled Tribe (ST) reservation benefits across the entire state of Gujarat.

3. The traditional 'dhamal' dance of the Siddis is performed only by men.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

33. Which department of the Rajasthan government is responsible for the new Transferable Development Rights (TDR) policy?

(A) Urban Development Department
(B) Department of Revenue
(C) Department of Housing and Urban Affairs
(D) Department of Rural Development

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34. Consider the following statements regarding Rajasthan's new TDR policy:

1. The new policy provides cash compensation at market rates for land acquired for public works.

2. Landowners will receive Transferable Development Rights certificates that can be sold to builders or private individuals.

3. The policy will not apply to heritage city areas like Jaipur's Parkota/Chardiwari.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 2 and 3
(D) All three

35. Which department of the Jharkhand government is the nodal agency for implementing the Neemdeeh-Kukdu Mega Lift Irrigation Scheme?

(A) Department of Planning and Finance
(B) Department of Rural Development
(C) Department of Agriculture
(D) Water Resources Department

36. Consider the following statements regarding the Neemdeeh-Kukdu Mega Lift Irrigation Scheme:

1. The scheme will irrigate 9,336 hectares of farmland in Seraikela-Kharsawan district.

2. Water will be drawn from the Subarnarekha River via a direct canal network.

3. The scheme is expected to enable farmers to grow rabi crops and vegetables in addition to kharif paddy.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

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37. Which body is primarily responsible for conducting the social audit of government schools in Madhya Pradesh?

(A) Madhya Pradesh School Education Department

(B) Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan

(C) State Education Centre

(D) Madhya Pradesh State Social Audit Committee

38. Consider the following statements regarding the school social audit in Madhya Pradesh:

1. All 92,520 government schools will be audited over a period of 5 years.

2. The audit will examine only the distribution of textbooks and uniforms.

3. The State Education Centre has issued directions to all District Collectors to cooperate.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

39. Which organization is primarily responsible for manufacturing the Vande Bharat trainset mentioned in the news?

(A) Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala

(B) Diesel Locomotive Works, Varanasi

(C) Integral Coach Factory, Chennai

(D) Chittaranjan Locomotive Works

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40. Consider the following statements regarding the Vande Bharat trainset built at RCF Kapurthala:

1. The Railway Board has granted unconditional approval for the train to run at a maximum speed of 180 km/h.

2. The trainset uses an Alstom propulsion system with a 270 kW traction motor.

3. The Board has mandated third-party audits under EN 45545 and EN 15227 standards.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 2 and 3
(D) All three

41. Which state government is responsible for implementing the 83 km Marine Drive project between Munger and Bhagalpur?

(A) Government of Uttar Pradesh
(B) Government of West Bengal
(C) Government of Bihar
(D) Government of Jharkhand

42. Consider the following statements regarding the Bihar government's recent announcements:

1. The 83 km Marine Drive will connect Munger and Bhagalpur.

2. The government aims to make 10 crore families entrepreneurs in the next 5 years.

3. A central agreement for Ganga desilting was signed on 2 November 2026.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

43. Which department is responsible for implementing the school colour-coding scheme in Bihar?

(A) Bihar Building Construction Department
(B) Bihar Education Department
(C) Bihar Rural Development Department
(D) Bihar Panchayati Raj Department

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44. Consider the following statements regarding the Bihar government's school colour-coding scheme:

1. The colour pink has been designated for school buildings catering to Classes 1 to 8.

2. The scheme aims to cover all government and private schools in Bihar.

3. One of the objectives is to reduce the dropout rate by making schools more attractive.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

45. Which statutory body is primarily responsible for air quality management in the National Capital Region?

(A) Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB)
(B) Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)
(C) Delhi Pollution Control Committee (DPCC)
(D) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)

46. Consider the following statements regarding the Online Continuous Emission Monitoring Systems (OCEMS) in Delhi:

1. As of November 2026, 54% of all installed OCEMS in Delhi were found exceeding permissible emission limits.

2. The CAQM has set a deadline of November 30, 2026 for industries to operationalise OCEMS and enable real-time camera feeds.

3. Suspended particulate matter (PM) was the most common pollutant found exceeding limits in the flagged industrial units.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 2 and 3
(D) All three

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47. Which ministry is primarily responsible for implementing the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) in India?

(A) Ministry of Women and Child Development
(B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
(C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(D) Ministry of Rural Development

48. Consider the following statements regarding the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP):

1. Delhi utilised 47.4% of its NTEP budget in 2025, leaving ₹56.95 crore unspent.

2. Under Ni-kshay Poshan Yojana, TB patients receive ₹500 per month as nutritional support.

3. The CAG audit of 2024 had flagged pending nutritional support of ₹72.94 crore for 2.60 lakh beneficiaries in Delhi.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

49. Which High Court delivered the recent judgment affirming that a transgender woman is entitled to legal protection under BNS sexual assault provisions?

(A) Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench
(B) Madras High Court
(C) Supreme Court of India
(D) Delhi High Court

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50. Consider the following statements regarding the recent Bombay High Court judgment on transgender rights:

1. The court ruled that a transgender woman who identifies as female is entitled to protection under BNS Section 75.

2. The court held that the term 'woman' under BNS Section 75 applies only to biological women.

3. The court stated that delay in obtaining an official transgender identity certificate does not bar legal protection.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

51. Which term describes AI systems that operate in and interact with the physical world, as opposed to purely digital AI?

(A) Physical AI
(B) Narrow AI
(C) Generative AI
(D) Supervised AI

52. Consider the following statements regarding Physical AI:

1. Physical AI systems operate only in digital environments and do not interact with the physical world.

2. Nvidia CEO Jensen Huang is credited with popularising the term 'physical AI' and predicting a second industrial revolution.

3. McKinsey projects physical AI and robotics will create at least $1 trillion in economic value by 2040.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 2 and 3
(D) All three

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53. The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) works under which ministry?

(A) Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution

(B) Ministry of Food Processing Industries

(C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

(D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

54. Consider the following statements:

1. FSSAI was established in 2008 under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006.

2. FSSAI can directly sentence offenders to imprisonment for food adulteration.

3. FSSAI is the central food regulatory body in India responsible for setting food safety standards.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

55. Which US military command is responsible for the newly announced task force to disrupt land routes into Iran?

(A) US Central Command (CENTCOM)

(B) US European Command (EUCOM)

(C) US Africa Command (AFRICOM)

(D) US Indo-Pacific Command (INDOPACOM)

56. Consider the following statements:

1. The US military announced a 20-member task force to disrupt land transit routes into Iran.

2. Iran has blocked the Strait of Hormuz in response to the US naval blockade.

3. The task force is based in Washington, D.C.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 2

(D) All three

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57. Which set of rules governs the seniority of primary school teachers in Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Uttar Pradesh School Education Act, 1975

(B) Right to Education Act, 2009

(C) Uttar Pradesh Education Service Rules, 1992

(D) Uttar Pradesh Basic Education (Teacher) Service Rules, 1981

58. Consider the following statements regarding teacher seniority in Uttar Pradesh:

1. The Uttar Pradesh Basic Education (Teacher) Service Rules, 1981 mandate that seniority should be based on the date of original appointment.

2. Using the date of joining duty at the school is the correct method for seniority determination.

3. Disputes over seniority lists can lead to litigation and administrative delays.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

59. Which institution is responsible for deciding the repo rate in India?

(A) Ministry of Finance

(B) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)

(C) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

(D) NITI Aayog

60. Consider the following statements regarding the RBI's monetary policy actions in 2026:

1. The RBI raised the repo rate by 25 basis points in October 2026.

2. Real interest rates in India have been kept positive to encourage savings.

3. The RBI's forex intervention to defend the rupee is constrained by the size of the daily forex market turnover.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

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61. Which constitutional body is responsible for conducting elections to local bodies (municipalities and panchayats) in Rajasthan?

(A) Rajasthan Legislative Assembly

(B) Election Commission of India

(C) Rajasthan State Election Commission

(D) Ministry of Home Affairs

62. Consider the following statements regarding voter list revision in Rajasthan:

1. The final SIR list published in February 2026 had 5.15 crore voters.

2. The Rajasthan SEC used the post-SIR voter list for local body elections.

3. The SIR process removed 44.28 lakh names from the voter list.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

63. Which constitutional article primarily empowers the state to make reservations in public employment for socially and educationally backward classes?

(A) Article 16(4A)

(B) Article 16(4)

(C) Article 14

(D) Article 15(4)

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64. Consider the following statements regarding the Punjab and Haryana High Court judgment on screening test concessions:

1. A candidate who uses reserved-category relaxed standards in the screening test cannot later claim a General seat even if their final marks exceed the General cutoff.

2. The judgment applies only to Assistant Professor recruitment and not to other HPSC exams.

3. The court held that only candidates who clear the screening test on General cutoff without concession can be adjusted to General seats.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

65. Which High Court imposed a personal cost on a district collector for defying a court order related to land use permission?

(A) High Court of Bombay
(B) Supreme Court of India
(C) Ahmedabad District Court
(D) Gujarat High Court

66. Consider the following statements regarding the Gujarat High Court's judgment:

1. The court ordered the Ahmedabad collector to pay ₹1 lakh in litigation costs from his own salary.

2. The collector had rejected the land-use application citing grounds that the High Court had already set aside.

3. The court held that government departments are exempt from complying with court orders if they face administrative difficulties.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 2
(D) All three

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67. Which body is primarily responsible for the implementation of the 69,000 teacher recruitment in Uttar Pradesh?

(A) Uttar Pradesh Secondary Education Council

(B) Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Council (Parishad)

(C) Ministry of Education, Government of India

(D) Uttar Pradesh Public Service Commission (UPPSC)

68. Consider the following statements regarding the Allahabad High Court's recent orders:

1. The court ordered that teachers in basic schools be exempted from BLO (Booth Level Officer) duties.

2. The court warned the Basic Education Secretary for non-compliance of its 2021 order in the 69,000 teacher recruitment case.

3. The court cited Section 27 of the RTE Act, 2009 to allow election duties for teachers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 2 and 3

(D) All three

69. Which section of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act, 2009 allows teachers to be deployed in election-related duties?

(A) Section 27

(B) Section 12

(C) Section 8

(D) Section 21

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70. Consider the following statements regarding the Allahabad High Court judgment on BLO duty for teachers:

1. The court dismissed the petition of primary teachers seeking exemption from BLO duty.

2. The court held that BLO duty violates Article 21-A of the Constitution.

3. The court cited Section 27 of the RTE Act, 2009 as allowing election-related work for teachers.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

71. Which local government body approved the new solid waste management model for Patna?

(A) Patna Municipal Corporation
(B) Bihar State Pollution Control Board
(C) Bihar Urban Development Department
(D) Patna Metropolitan Region Authority

72. Consider the following statements regarding Patna's new solid waste management model:

1. The model will deploy two agencies, each responsible for three of the six municipal zones.

2. Every household will receive a QR code that residents scan before handing over waste.

3. About 9,600 existing sanitation workers will be transferred to the payrolls of the selected agencies.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

73. Which department of the Bihar government issued the directive on timely filing of counter-affidavits in court cases?

(A) Bihar Home Department
(B) Bihar General Administration Department
(C) Bihar Law Department
(D) Bihar Finance Department

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74. Consider the following statements regarding the Bihar Law Department's directive:

1. The directive was issued following an order of the Patna High Court passed on 23 September 2026.

2. Officers must provide case facts and records to government pleaders on the same day as the hearing.

3. Non-compliance with court orders can lead to contempt petitions against the government.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

75. Which hospital in Jharkhand is planning to introduce robotic surgery with a ₹25 crore machine?

(A) Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, Jamshedpur
(B) Rajendra Institute of Medical Sciences, Ranchi
(C) Patliputra Medical College, Dhanbad
(D) Sadar Hospital, Ranchi

76. Consider the following statements regarding robotic surgery at Ranchi Sadar Hospital:

1. The robotic surgery machine costs ₹25 crore.

2. The proposal has already received cabinet approval.

3. The facility aims to help patients avoid going to private hospitals or outside the state.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1
(B) Only 2
(C) Both 1 and 3
(D) All three

77. Which body regulates medical education in India and released the updated PG seat matrix for Rajasthan?

(A) University Grants Commission (UGC)
(B) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
(C) Medical Council of India (MCI)
(D) National Medical Commission (NMC)

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78. Consider the following statements regarding PG medical seats in Rajasthan:

1. The total number of PG medical seats in Rajasthan increased to 3,950 after a 13.8% rise.

2. Rajasthan ranks fifth nationally in the number of PG medical seats.

3. Government colleges account for 55% of the total PG seats in the state.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

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Answer key

1. (C) Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC)

The tampering was found in the 14th Civil Services Examination of the Jharkhand Public Service Commission (JPSC). BPSC, UPPSC, and MPPSC are for other states.

2. (B) Only 2

Statement 1 is incorrect because candidates solved fewer questions on CCTV (30-40) than recorded on OMR sheets (90-100). Statement 2 is correct: Budheshwar's laptop had a list of selected candidates. Statement 3 is incorrect: candidates refused to provide carbon copies. Hence option B is correct.

3. (D) Reserve Bank of India

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is the central bank that manages currency and publishes data on cash in circulation and counterfeit notes. The Ministry of Finance oversees fiscal policy, NPCI handles digital payments, and SEBI regulates securities markets.

4. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: demonetisation was announced on 8 Nov 2016, targeting 86% of cash. Statement 2 is incorrect because RBI data shows cash in circulation remains high, not reduced. Statement 3 is correct: detection of fake ₹500 notes has risen. Hence option C is correct.

5. (D) Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT)

DPIIT has begun the push to indigenise 100 items. The Ministry of Finance is not involved. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy is handling solar module recycling guidelines, not the overall indigenisation drive.

6. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: India has ~233 GW of annual solar module manufacturing capacity. Statement 2 is incorrect: cell capacity is only ~30 GW, much lower than module capacity. Statement 3 is correct: ingot and wafer capacity is ~2 GW. Hence option C is correct.

7. (B) Defence Research and Development Organisation

DRDO is the premier defence R&D agency under the Ministry of Defence that develops technologies and transfers them to private industry. HAL, BEL, and OFB are production units, not the primary technology transfer agency.

8. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: exports (₹38,424 crore) exceeded foreign capital purchases (₹37,047 crore). Statement 2 is incorrect: the private sector share was 45.2%, not above 50%. Statement 3 is correct: DRDO gets 2% to 5% royalty on export orders.

9. (D) Government of Bihar

The Bihar government provides 125 units of free electricity per month to every household under a scheme of CM Samrat Choudhary and PM Modi. Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh have different electricity schemes.

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10. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: every household gets 125 units free. Statement 2 is incorrect: the scheme is for all households, not only BPL. Statement 3 is correct: a voluntary opt-out campaign begins 1 December 2026. Hence option C is correct.

11. (C) Fédération Internationale des Échecs (FIDE)

FIDE, the International Chess Federation, awards the Grandmaster title. The IOC oversees the Olympics, AICF is India's national body, and there is no World Chess Council.

12. (B) Only 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: Anuj Shrivatri is the 100th GM. Statement 2 is correct: Anand became India's first GM in 1987. Statement 3 is incorrect: a player needs three GM norms, not two.

13. (A) Bureau of Indian Standards

The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) is the national standards body of India that publishes the NBCS. The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs oversees housing policy but does not publish the code. The NDMA deals with disaster management, and CPWD handles central government construction projects.

14. (A) Only 1

Statement 1 is correct: triplen harmonics add up in the neutral conductor, causing overheating. Statement 2 is incorrect: the NBCS 2026 lists arc-fault detection (IS 17121) as a reference standard but does not mandate it in the operative text. Statement 3 is incorrect: the 2026 hospital fire guidelines do not mention harmonics or power quality. Hence option A is correct.

15. (A) Uttarakhand Power Corporation Limited (UPCL)

UPCL employees laid the power line to Bugdiyar. PGCIL handles interstate transmission, UJVNL deals with hydropower generation and NHPC is a central hydropower company, not the distribution utility for Uttarakhand.

16. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: these are migration villages in Munsyari tehsil. Statement 2 is incorrect: the work started in March 2026 and was completed in six months, not one year. Statement 3 is correct: the news mentions Army, ITBP and BRO will benefit. Hence option C is correct.

17. (B) Disaster Management Act, 2005

The UDMA has been constituted under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, which provides the legal framework for disaster management in India. The MP Municipal Corporation Act deals with municipal governance, while the Environmental Protection Act and National Security Act are not related to disaster management structures.

18. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the Municipal Commissioner is the chairperson. Statement 2 is incorrect: the District Collector is the vice-chairperson, not the chairperson. Statement 3 is correct: the authority can acquire private vehicles, premises and resources for relief operations. Hence option C is correct.

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19. (B) Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

IOC is a state-owned oil and gas company under the administrative control of the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas. The Ministry of Finance handles fiscal policy, the Ministry of Commerce deals with trade, and the Ministry of Power manages electricity, so B is correct.

20. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: IOC plans to acquire crude and LPG carriers. Statement 2 is correct: board approval and tenders have been issued. Statement 3 is incorrect: IOC is examining three approaches including optimising existing charter arrangements, not eliminating them. Hence option C is correct.

21. (B) Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA)

FEMA, enacted in 1999, regulates foreign exchange transactions, cross-border transfers, and foreign investment. The ED found evidence of FEMA violations by the two crypto platforms. PMLA deals with money laundering, SEBI Act with securities markets, and RBI Act with banking regulation.

22. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct as per the news: ED raided three locations in Bengaluru on 4-5 November 2026. Statement 2 is incorrect because the USDT was used to bypass banking oversight and send money illegally, not legally through the banking system. Statement 3 is correct: violations of SEBI Act 1992, Securities Contracts Act 1956, and RBI Act 1934 were also found.

23. (D) Food and Consumer Affairs Directorate

The Food and Consumer Affairs Directorate invited the tender for chana dal supply. Agriculture, Rural Development, and Social Welfare are separate departments not involved in PDS procurement.

24. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct as the dal is for NFSA and JSFSS beneficiaries. Statement 2 is correct: the provision is 1 kg per ration card per month. Statement 3 is incorrect because the selection process includes both e-tender and e-reverse auction.

25. (D) Railway Recruitment Board (RRB)

The Railway Recruitment Board (RRB) is the nodal body for recruiting Group C and Group D staff in Indian Railways. The Ministry of Railways is the parent ministry, while UPSC and SSC conduct other central government recruitments.

26. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: 3,548 posts are advertised. Statement 2 is incorrect because ₹400 is refunded after appearing in CBT-1, so the net fee is ₹100, not non-refundable. Statement 3 is correct: the correction window is 9 to 18 November 2026. Hence option C is correct.

27. (A) CS Data Meshan Research Service Pvt Ltd

The agency CS Data Meshan Research Service Pvt Ltd was given the responsibility to conduct the entire recruitment process. BPSC and SSC are not involved. Bihar Vidhan Sabha Secretariat is the employer, not the recruiter.

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28. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the news mentions over 125 appointments. Statement 2 is incorrect: the blacklisting was for three years, not five. Statement 3 is correct: none of the 7 appointees appeared for the shorthand test. Hence option C is correct.

29. (D) Home Department (Police Branch)

The Home Department (Police Branch) is the nodal department for police administration in Bihar. The Finance Department would approve the budget, but the order for restructuring and creation of posts is issued by the Home Department. The General Administration and Personnel departments handle other matters.

30. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct as 20 new posts in seven categories were sanctioned. Statement 2 is incorrect as the zonal offices are at Patna, Muzaffarpur, Darbhanga, and Bhagalpur, not Gaya; the Magadh range IG post was redesignated as DIG Gaya. Statement 3 is correct as the estimated annual cost is ₹3.46 crore.

31. (D) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs is the nodal ministry for all matters related to Scheduled Tribes and Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) in India. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment handles OBCs and other disadvantaged groups. The Ministry of Rural Development focuses on rural livelihoods, and the Ministry of Home Affairs handles internal security and the administration of Union Territories.

32. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the Siddis were declared a primitive tribal group (now PVTG) by the Government of India in 1982. Statement 2 is incorrect: their ST status is geographically limited to Saurashtra districts (Junagadh, Amreli, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Surendranagar, Bhavnagar); Siddis outside Saurashtra (e.g., Bharuch) are classified as SEBC. Statement 3 is correct: 'dhamal' is performed only by men, though both men and women participate in other Siddi dances. Hence option C is correct.

33. (A) Urban Development Department

The news explicitly states that the Urban Development Department is handling the TDR policy revision. The Department of Revenue handles land records, Rural Development focuses on village areas, and the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs is a central ministry, not a state department.

34. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect: the new policy replaces cash compensation with TDR certificates, not provides cash. Statement 2 is correct: TDR certificates can be sold. Statement 3 is correct: heritage areas like Parkota/Chardiwari are exempt from the policy. Hence option C is correct.

35. (D) Water Resources Department

The Water Resources Department (Jal Sansadhan Vibhag) will issue tenders and oversee the scheme. The Agriculture Department focuses on extension and inputs, not major irrigation infrastructure. Rural Development handles MGNREGA and rural roads, not lift irrigation projects. The Planning and Finance Department approves budgets but does not implement projects.

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36. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the scheme will irrigate 9,336 hectares. Statement 2 is incorrect: water will be lifted from Chandil Dam (a reservoir), not directly from the Subarnarekha River, and it will be distributed through underground pipelines, not a canal network. Statement 3 is correct: assured irrigation will allow rabi and vegetable cultivation alongside kharif paddy.

37. (D) Madhya Pradesh State Social Audit Committee

The Madhya Pradesh State Social Audit Committee has been assigned the task. The State Education Centre is a partner body that signed the contract. Samagra Shiksha Abhiyan is a national scheme. The School Education Department is the parent department but not the audit body.

38. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: 92,520 schools over 5 years. Statement 2 is incorrect: the audit covers five areas including textbooks, uniforms, teacher attendance, facilities, budget and grievances. Statement 3 is correct: the Director of the State Education Centre issued orders to all Collectors.

39. (A) Rail Coach Factory, Kapurthala

The news specifically reports that the first 16-coach Vande Bharat trainset with Alstom propulsion was built at Rail Coach Factory (RCF), Kapurthala. ICF Chennai is the original manufacturer of Vande Bharat but is not the unit mentioned here. DLW and CLW manufacture locomotives, not coaches.

40. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect because the approval is conditional, not unconditional, and the approved speed is 160 km/h, not 180 km/h. Statement 2 is correct: the trainset has an Alstom propulsion system with a 270 kW traction motor. Statement 3 is correct: the Board has ordered third-party audits under EN 45545 (fire safety) and EN 15227 (crashworthiness).

41. (C) Government of Bihar

The project is between Munger and Bhagalpur, both cities in Bihar. The announcement was made by the Chief Minister of Bihar. Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, and West Bengal are neighboring states but are not responsible for this project.

42. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct as the Marine Drive is between Munger and Bhagalpur. Statement 2 is incorrect because the target is 1 crore families, not 10 crore. Statement 3 is correct as the agreement with Nitin Gadkari was on 2 November 2026. Hence option C is correct.

43. (B) Bihar Education Department

The scheme is a state-level education initiative, and the news explicitly states that it was announced by the Education Department's minister. The Rural Development and Panchayati Raj departments are not involved in school infrastructure policy. The Building Construction Department may execute works but the nodal department is Education.

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44. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct as the news specifies pink for Classes 1-8. Statement 2 is incorrect because the scheme is for government schools only, not private schools. Statement 3 is correct as one of the stated social impacts is to attract children and reduce the dropout rate. Hence option C is correct.

45. (B) Commission for Air Quality Management in NCR and Adjoining Areas (CAQM)

The CAQM, constituted under the CAQM Act, 2021, is the nodal body for air quality management in the NCR. CPCB is a national body, DPCC is Delhi-specific, and MoEFCC is the ministry, but the CAQM has statutory oversight over NCR air quality.

46. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect because the 54% refers to units that were online and transmitting data, not all installed units. Statement 2 is correct: the CAQM directed industries to operationalise OCEMS by November 30, 2026. Statement 3 is correct: PM was the most common pollutant exceeding limits, found in 24 of the 26 flagged units.

47. (C) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

NTEP is a national health programme under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment handles welfare of SC/ST/OBC, not health. The Ministry of Rural Development manages rural schemes. The Ministry of Women and Child Development oversees maternal and child nutrition, not TB control.

48. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: Delhi spent 47.4% of its ₹108.27 crore NTEP budget. Statement 2 is incorrect: the monthly support under NPY was doubled to ₹1,000 in November 2024, not ₹500. Statement 3 is correct: the CAG audit of 2024 reported ₹72.94 crore pending for 2.60 lakh beneficiaries. Hence option C is correct.

49. (A) Bombay High Court, Nagpur Bench

The judgment was delivered by the Nagpur bench of the Bombay High Court, presided over by Justice Mehroj K. Pathan. The Supreme Court, Delhi High Court, and Madras High Court were not involved in this specific ruling.

50. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct because the court explicitly ruled that a transgender woman identifying as female can claim protection under BNS Section 75. Statement 2 is incorrect as the court rejected the argument that Section 75 applies only to biological women. Statement 3 is correct because the court stated that delay in obtaining an official certificate does not affect legal rights. Hence option C is correct.

51. (A) Physical AI

Physical AI refers to AI systems that perceive, reason, and act in the physical world using sensors and actuators. Generative AI creates digital content, narrow AI is task-specific, and supervised AI is a training method, not a category of deployment.

52. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect because physical AI operates in and interacts with the physical world, not only digital environments. Statement 2 is correct: Jensen Huang is widely credited with flagging the term. Statement 3 is correct: McKinsey's estimate is at least $1 trillion by 2040.

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53. (D) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

FSSAI is a statutory body under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. The Ministry of Consumer Affairs handles weights and measures and the Bureau of Indian Standards. The Ministry of Agriculture deals with farm produce standards. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries focuses on processing, not safety regulation.

54. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: FSSAI was established in 2008 under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Statement 2 is incorrect: FSSAI can investigate and prosecute, but only a court can impose imprisonment. Statement 3 is correct: it is India's central food regulatory body.

55. (A) US Central Command (CENTCOM)

US Central Command (CENTCOM) chief Brad Cooper announced the task force. EUCOM covers Europe, INDOPACOM covers the Indo-Pacific, and AFRICOM covers Africa, none of which are responsible for the Iran region.

56. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: the US military announced a 20-member task force. Statement 2 is correct: Iran blocked the Strait of Hormuz in response. Statement 3 is incorrect: the task force is based in Florida, not Washington, D.C.

57. (D) Uttar Pradesh Basic Education (Teacher) Service Rules, 1981

The Uttar Pradesh Basic Education (Teacher) Service Rules, 1981 specifically govern the service conditions of basic education teachers, including seniority determination. The other options are either for different services or not specifically for teacher seniority in UP.

58. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct as the 1981 Rules specify original appointment date. Statement 2 is incorrect because joining date is the wrong basis, not the correct one. Statement 3 is correct as disputes often result in court cases. Hence option C is correct.

59. (C) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

The repo rate is decided by the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the RBI. The Ministry of Finance handles fiscal policy, SEBI regulates securities markets, and NITI Aayog is a policy think tank. Hence option C is correct.

60. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the RBI raised the repo rate by 25 bps in October 2026. Statement 2 is incorrect: real interest rates have been negative, not positive, as inflation has been higher than the repo rate. Statement 3 is correct: the daily forex market turnover of $185 billion (2025 BIS data) limits the RBI's firepower for intervention. Hence option C is correct.

61. (C) Rajasthan State Election Commission

Under Article 243K and 243ZA of the Constitution, the State Election Commission (SEC) in each state is responsible for conducting elections to local bodies (municipalities and panchayats). The ECI conducts elections to Parliament and state legislatures. The Home Ministry and Assembly are not directly responsible for this function.

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62. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the final SIR list had 5.15 crore voters. Statement 2 is incorrect: the SEC used the pre-SIR list (last updated January 1, 2025), not the post-SIR list. Statement 3 is correct: 44.28 lakh names were removed during SIR. Hence option C is correct.

63. (B) Article 16(4)

Article 16(4) specifically empowers the state to make provisions for the reservation of appointments or posts in favor of any backward class of citizens that is not adequately represented. Article 15(4) covers educational institutions, Article 14 is the equality clause, and Article 16(4A) deals with promotion with consequential seniority for SC/ST.

64. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the court ruled that a screening-test concession bars a later claim to a General seat. Statement 3 is correct: only those reserved-category candidates who cleared the screening test on the General cutoff without concession were eligible for adjustment to General seats (18 candidates).

65. (D) Gujarat High Court

The Gujarat High Court, through Justice M K Thakker, imposed the personal cost on the Ahmedabad collector. The Supreme Court was not involved, and the order was passed by the High Court, not a district court or another state's High Court.

66. (C) Both 1 and 2

Statement 1 is correct: the court ordered the collector to pay ₹1 lakh from his own salary. Statement 2 is correct: the collector rejected the application on grounds the court had already quashed. Statement 3 is incorrect: the court explicitly held that departments must obey orders or seek legal remedies, not ignore them.

67. (B) Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Council (Parishad)

The Uttar Pradesh Basic Education Council (Parishad) is the nodal body for basic education (primary and upper primary) in the state and handles recruitment for such posts. UPPSC handles higher-level recruitment, while the Secondary Education Council deals with high school and intermediate. The Ministry of Education is a central body not directly involved in state teacher recruitment.

68. (C) Both 2 and 3

Statement 1 is incorrect because the court rejected the petition seeking exemption from BLO duty. Statement 2 is correct as the court warned the Secretary for non-compliance. Statement 3 is correct because the court relied on Section 27 of the RTE Act, 2009 to justify assigning election duties to teachers. Hence option C is correct.

69. (A) Section 27

Section 27 of the RTE Act, 2009 permits deployment of teachers for election-related duties. The explanation should not state that Section 27 also permits deployment for the population census.

70. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the Allahabad HC dismissed the petition. Statement 2 is incorrect: the court held that BLO duty does NOT violate Article 21-A, as Section 27 of the RTE Act permits it. Statement 3 is correct: Section 27 of the RTE Act allows teachers to be engaged in election duties.

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71. (A) Patna Municipal Corporation

The Patna Municipal Corporation (PMC) board meeting, chaired by Mayor Sita Sahu, approved the new solid waste management framework. The Urban Development Department will give final approval later.

72. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: two agencies will each manage three zones. Statement 2 is incorrect: the QR code is scanned by the sanitation worker after collection, not by the resident. Statement 3 is correct: about 9,600 workers will be transferred to the agencies' payrolls. Hence option C is correct.

73. (C) Bihar Law Department

The Bihar Law Department, headed by Secretary Balram Dubey, issued the directive. The Home Department handles police and internal security, the Finance Department handles state finances, and the General Administration Department handles administrative matters, none of which are primarily responsible for legal affairs and court case management.

74. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the directive cites the Patna HC order of 23 September 2026. Statement 2 is incorrect: the directive requires records to be provided 2-3 days before the hearing, not on the day of the hearing. Statement 3 is correct: non-compliance gives petitioners an opportunity to file contempt petitions, increasing the number of cases against the government.

75. (D) Sadar Hospital, Ranchi

The news specifically mentions Ranchi Sadar Hospital. RIMS is a different government hospital in Ranchi.

76. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: the machine costs ₹25 crore. Statement 2 is incorrect: the proposal is with the finance department and awaiting cabinet approval, not already approved. Statement 3 is correct: patients currently have to go to private hospitals or outside the state. Hence option C is correct.

77. (D) National Medical Commission (NMC)

The National Medical Commission (NMC), established under the NMC Act, 2019, is the apex regulator of medical education in India, replacing the MCI. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare oversees health policy, while UGC regulates higher education broadly. Hence, NMC is correct.

78. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct because the NMC matrix shows a rise from 3,471 to 3,950 seats (13.8%). Statement 2 is incorrect: Rajasthan ranks eighth, not fifth. Statement 3 is correct as 55% of seats are in government colleges. Hence option C is correct.

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