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1. Jharkhand Foreign Travel Rules Require Prior Approval and Four-Year Travel History

- Nodal department: Finance Department, Government of Jharkhand
- Service code provision: Appendix 13, paragraph 4 of the Jharkhand Service Code
- Private travel history: Previous four years
- Decision communication: Within 30 days after vigilance clearance
- Current context: Jharkhand Finance Department issued a resolution after state cabinet approval.

The Jharkhand Finance Department has issued a resolution, after cabinet approval, that tightens foreign travel rules for all state government employees, making prior permission compulsory even for privately funded trips and requiring a four-year travel history disclosure.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7361-jharkhand-foreign-travel-rules-require-prior-approval-four

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2. Haryana Land Pooling Policy 2022: Faridabad Plans 12 Sectors Across 4,500 Acres

- Implementing authority: Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran (HSVP)
- Policy: Haryana Land Pooling Policy 2022
- Planned area and villages: 4,500 acres across 19 villages
- Planned sectors: 12
- Collective landowner share: Minimum 30%; maximum 60% of equivalent saleable area

HSVP has started the land-pooling process for 12 new sectors in Faridabad, inviting online proposals until 30 November 2026. The move marks a shift from land acquisition to a participation model that gives landowners a share of developed plots.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7390-haryana-land-pooling-policy-2022-faridabad-plans-12

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15 November 2026 | Culture & History | UKPSC | UKSSSC

3. Uttarakhand Social Movements: Dola-Palki, Kuli-Begar and Women's Protests, 1919–1984

- Dola-Palki movement: 1923–1940; associated with Jayanand Bharati
- Kuli-Begar protest: 13–14 January 1921, Bageshwar
- Protest site: Saryu river bank, during the Uttarayani fair
- Nayak reform movement: 1919–1929
- Nayak Girls Protection Law: 1929

Uttarakhand's social reform movements — Dola-Palki, Kuli-Begar, Nayak reform, Kankata Bail and anti-liquor campaigns — addressed discrimination, exploitation and livelihood issues.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7366-uttarakhand-social-movements-dola-palki-kuli-begar-

women

15 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC

4. Patliputra University Multiple Exit: Undergraduate Certificate, Diploma and Degrees After 1–4 Years

- Full form of ABC: Academic Bank of Credits
- University: Patliputra University
- Policy framework: National Education Policy 2020
- Undergraduate exit awards: 1 year: certificate; 2: diploma; 3: degree; 4: honours or research degree
- Two-year postgraduate course: 1 year: postgraduate diploma; 2 years: postgraduate degree

Patliputra University has formally implemented the multiple-entry and multiple-exit framework under NEP 2020, making it the latest university in Bihar to offer students formal recognition for incomplete study stages.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7368-patliputra-university-multiple-exit-undergraduate-certificate-diploma

15 November 2026 | Social Issues | RPSC RAS | RSSB

5. Rajasthan Plans Mental Health Support for 7,000 Residents and 10,000 Other Doctors

- Relevant national body: National Medical Commission (NMC)
- Resident and senior resident doctors: Approximately 7,000
- Other doctors: Approximately 10,000
- Nursing and paramedical staff under pressure: Approximately 40,000
- Senior resident posts: Decision to increase to more than 5,500

Rajasthan is finalising a mental health support plan for doctors after three reported suicides in three to four months and concerns over 12–36 hour working shifts. The plan includes well-being centres, task forces and an increase in senior resident posts.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7388-rajasthan-plans-mental-health-support-7000-residents-10000

15 November 2026 | Infrastructure | RPSC RAS | RSSB

6. Rajasthan Plans 3,940 km Road Network; 394 km of Delhi-Mumbai Expressway Complete

- Full form of DPR: Detailed Project Report
- State expressways: 9 proposed; over 2,750 km
- State network estimated cost: ₹60,000 crore

- Central projects: 4 projects; 1,190 km; ₹40,520 crore
- Delhi-Vadodara-Mumbai section: 441 km in Rajasthan; 394 km completed by March 2026

The state and central governments have reported the status of Rajasthan's planned 3,940 km high-level road network, with 394 km of the Delhi-Vadodara-Mumbai Expressway already complete and the Amritsar-Jamnagar corridor section nearly finished, making this a major infrastructure update for the state.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7365-rajasthan-plans-3940-km-road-network-394-km

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15 November 2026 | Environment | MPPSC | MPESB

7. Madhya Pradesh Tiger Mortality: 57 Deaths by November 2026, Including 18 Under Two

- Full form of NTCA: National Tiger Conservation Authority
- State forest authority: Madhya Pradesh Forest Department
- 2026 data cutoff: 7 November 2026
- Deaths inside tiger reserves: 35
- Kanha CDV deaths: 8

The release of mortality data by the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department and NTCA shows that 57 tiger deaths by 7 November 2026 is the state's highest annual count, with a high proportion of young tigers and conflict-related deaths, raising concerns about population recruitment and reserve management.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7371-madhya-pradesh-tiger-mortality-57-deaths-november-2026

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15 November 2026 | Polity | BPSC | BSSC

8. Bihar Releases ₹137.03 Crore for Three Months of Panchayat Representatives' Pending Allowances

- Government releasing funds: Bihar government
- Amount released: ₹137.03 crore
- Representatives covered: Approximately 250,000
- Pending allowance period: Three months
- Payment destination: Representatives' bank accounts

The Bihar government has released ₹137.03 crore on the occasion of Chhath to clear three months of pending allowances for 2.50 lakh elected panchayat and village court representatives, addressing their long-pending demand for arrears.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7369-bihar-releases-13703-crore-three-months-panchayat-representatives

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15 November 2026 | Polity | JPSC

9. NIAMT Ranchi: Deemed University Status Since 2024 and Vice-Chancellor Selection Cancelled

- Full form of NIAMT: National Institute of Advanced Manufacturing Technology
- Responsible ministry: Ministry of Education
- Original institution: National Institute of Foundry and Forge Technology
- Institution location: Ranchi, Jharkhand
- Establishment and renaming: 1966 and 2020, respectively

The Ministry of Education cancelled the vice-chancellor appointment process for NIAMT Ranchi after interviews were held but no result was declared, leaving the deemed university without a permanent academic head more than a year after it was granted the status.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7370-niamt-ranchi-deemed-university-status-since-2024-vice

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15 November 2026 | Infrastructure

10. Bhopal–Bina Railway Track Improvements Raise Speed Limits to 90–130 km/h at Three Sections

- Railway division: Bhopal Railway Division
- Bina–Mahadevkhedi location: Km 975.400–975.700
- Karod–Agasod location: Km 984/17–984/19
- Bina–Kurai Kethora location: Km 974/25–974/19
- Current context: Track improvements completed on three Bhopal–Bina sections by 15 November 2026.

Bhopal Railway Division announced the removal of permanent speed restrictions at three sections of the Bhopal–Bina corridor after completing track engineering work, raising speed limits to between 90 and 130 km/h. The move directly affects train punctuality and capacity on the busy Delhi–Bhopal main route.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7386-bhopal-bina-railway-track-improvements-raise-speed-limits

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15 November 2026 | Polity | RPSC RAS | RSSB

11. Rajasthan Approves 225 Pharmacist Posts, Plans CSR Services Instead of Regular Recruitment

- Full form of CSR: Corporate Social Responsibility
- Responsible department: Medical Education Department, Rajasthan
- Approved pharmacist posts: 225, pay level L-10
- Financial year and coverage: 2026-27; hospitals in 30 districts
- Administrative and financial approval: 2 September 2026

The Medical Education Department's decision to seek CSR services for 225 approved permanent pharmacist

posts, instead of regular recruitment, has triggered debate over employment and accountability in Rajasthan's government hospitals.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7387-rajasthan-approves-225-pharmacist-posts-plans-csr-services

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15 November 2026 | Polity

12. Assam Encounter Inquiry: Supreme Court Direction Covers 171 Alleged Cases Since 2021

- Inquiry body: Assam Human Rights Commission (AHRC)
- Supreme Court direction: May 2025
- Petitioner: Advocate Arif Jwadder
- Commission vacancies: Two of three designated positions
- Current context: A suspect in a Guwahati hotel killing was shot dead by police in November 2026.

A fresh encounter killing in Guwahati in November 2026 has renewed focus on the Supreme Court's May 2025 direction to the Assam Human Rights Commission to probe 171 alleged fake encounters, which remains unimplemented due to vacancies in the commission.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7352-assam-encounter-inquiry-supreme-court-direction-covers-171

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15 November 2026 | International Relations | UPSC

13. India–China Trade Dependence: Deficit Reaches $112 Billion in 2025-26

- Bilateral trade, 2020-21: $86 billion
- Bilateral trade, 2025-26: $151 billion
- India's China trade deficit, 2020-21: $44 billion
- India's China trade deficit, 2025-26: $112 billion
- iPhone domestic value-addition projection: 35–40% by 2030-31

Fresh trade data show India's deficit with China has ballooned to $112 billion, prompting a debate on whether New Delhi should fast-track business with Beijing even as it tries to build domestic manufacturing and manage security sensitivities.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7355-india-china-trade-dependence-deficit-reaches-112-billion

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Practice questions

1. Which department issued Jharkhand's resolution clarifying foreign travel permissions for government employees in 2026?

(A) Finance Department

(B) Police Department

(C) Vigilance Department

(D) Office of the Chief Secretary

2. Consider the following statements about Jharkhand's foreign travel rules for government employees in 2026:

1. Prior approval is required for privately financed foreign travel.

2. Group C and D employees must obtain private-travel approval from the departmental minister.

3. Heads of departments need the Chief Minister's prior approval for privately financed foreign travel.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

3. Which authority is implementing land pooling for the planned Faridabad sectors under the Haryana Land Pooling Policy 2022?

(A) Participating landowners

(B) Participating land aggregators

(C) Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran

(D) Haryana state government valuation panel

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4. Consider the following statements about the Faridabad land-pooling plan under the Haryana Land Pooling Policy 2022:

1. The collective landowner entitlement has a minimum floor of 30% of equivalent saleable area.

2. HSVP will take up projects even when the landowner share exceeds 60%.

3. Owners may seek auction of their allotted plots through the authority's portal for a 1% fee.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

5. Which organisation led Uttarakhand's Nasha Nahin, Rozgar Do movement in 1984?

(A) Lakshmi Ashram
(B) Arya Samaj
(C) British administration
(D) Uttarakhand Sangharsh Vahini

6. Consider the following statements about Uttarakhand's social movements:

1. Jayanand Bharati organised the Shilpkar community during the Dola-Palki movement.

2. The Kuli-Begar protest took place on the bank of the Saryu in 1932.

3. The Nayak reform movement sought education and marriage opportunities for affected girls.

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 institution digitally stores the credits earned by students under the multiple-entry and multiple-exit framework at Patliputra University?

(A) Academic Bank of Credits
(B) National Education Policy
(C) Patliputra University postgraduate course
(D) Patliputra University examination office

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8. Consider the following statements about the multiple-entry and multiple-exit framework at Patliputra University:

1. An undergraduate student completing two years receives a diploma.

2. A one-year postgraduate course provides an intermediate exit award.

3. A two-year postgraduate course leads to a postgraduate diploma after one year.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

9. Which national body issued the anti-ragging and mental health task force recommendations referenced in Rajasthan's doctors' welfare plan?

(A) National Medical Commission
(B) Medical college grievance committees
(C) Rajasthan health department
(D) State-level mental health welfare cell

10. Consider the following statements about Rajasthan's 2026 doctors' mental health plan:

1. A state-level mental health welfare cell is proposed to monitor programmes in government medical colleges.

2. A separate mental health cell for nursing and paramedical staff has already been approved.

3. Government medical colleges are to have dedicated well-being centres with trained psychologists and counsellors.

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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11. What does DPR stand for in the planning of Rajasthan's proposed Jaipur Northern Ring Road?

(A) Detailed Project Report

(B) Detailed Public Route

(C) District Planning Road

(D) Development Project Route

12. Consider the following statements about Rajasthan's road projects in 2026:

1. Nine state greenfield expressways are proposed.

2. The proposed Jaipur Northern Ring Road is one of those nine expressways.

3. The Amritsar-Jamnagar Economic Corridor section in Rajasthan is nearly complete.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

13. Which authority is represented by the abbreviation NTCA in the Madhya Pradesh tiger mortality data?

(A) Kanha Tiger Reserve

(B) Madhya Pradesh Forest Department

(C) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve

(D) National Tiger Conservation Authority

14. Consider the following statements about Madhya Pradesh tiger mortality by 7 November 2026:

1. Conflict between tigers accounted for 19 deaths.

2. Bandhavgarh recorded more total tiger deaths than Kanha.

3. Five tigers younger than two died from canine distemper virus.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

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15. Which government released funds for the pending allowances of Bihar's panchayat and village court representatives in November 2026?

(A) Bihar government

(B) Districts

(C) Panchayats

(D) Village courts

16. Consider the following statements about Bihar's November 2026 allowance release:

1. The release covers elected representatives of panchayats and village courts.

2. The released funds cover three months of future allowances rather than arrears.

3. Village court members are among the intended beneficiaries.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

17. Which body approved the proposal to grant deemed-university status to NIAMT Ranchi at its 551st meeting?

(A) Ministry of Education

(B) University Grants Commission

(C) Government of Jharkhand

(D) United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization

18. Consider the following statements about NIAMT Ranchi:

1. It was established in 1966 with UNESCO cooperation.

2. It was declared a deemed-to-be university in 2021.

3. Its deemed-university notification was published in the Gazette of India on 30 March 2024.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

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19. Which railway division completed the engineering improvements on the Bhopal–Bina corridor in 2026?

(A) Karod Railway Division

(B) Bhopal Railway Division

(C) Bina Railway Division

(D) Mahadevkhedi Railway Division

20. Consider the following statements about the Bhopal–Bina track improvements in 2026:

1. The Bina–Mahadevkhedi down line limit increased to 110 km/h.

2. The Karod–Agasod down line limit increased to 130 km/h.

3. The Bina–Kurai Kethora up line had an insufficient transition length.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) Only 1

(B) Only 2

(C) Both 1 and 3

(D) All three

21. Which Rajasthan department issued administrative and financial approval for 225 pharmacist posts in 2026?

(A) Medical Education Department

(B) State Cancer Institute

(C) Medical and Health Department

(D) SMS Hospital

22. Consider the following statements about Rajasthan's pharmacist staffing plan for 2026-27:

1. The approved pharmacist posts are at pay level L-10.

2. Regular recruitment has already been completed for all 225 posts.

3. Hospitals in 30 districts are covered by the administrative and financial approval.

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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23. Which body did the Supreme Court direct in May 2025 to inquire into alleged fake encounters in Assam?

(A) Assam Police
(B) Assam Human Rights Commission
(C) Assam State Legal Services Authority
(D) Central Reserve Police Force

24. Consider the following statements about the Supreme Court-directed Assam encounter inquiry:

1. The petition alleged 171 fake encounters between May 2021 and August 2022.

2. The Supreme Court directed that public notice be published only in a national English daily.

3. The Court required contact details for accessing free legal aid to be included in the notice.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

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

25. Which grouping hosted the October 2024 summit alongside which the Indian and Chinese leaders met?

(A) House of Representatives
(B) BRICS
(C) United States Congress
(D) Senate

26. Consider the following statements about India–China economic relations:

1. Bilateral trade increased between 2020-21 and 2025-26.

2. India's trade deficit with China fell from $44 billion to $112 billion during this period.

3. The Indian and Chinese leaders endorsed a disengagement deal in October 2024.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

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

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Answer key

1. (A) Finance Department

The Finance Department issued the resolution after state cabinet approval. Police or vigilance authorities may provide clearance, while proposals for heads of departments are routed through the Chief Secretary.

2. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: private travel requires approval, and heads of departments approach the Chief Minister. Statement 2 is incorrect because Group C and D employees approach the authority competent to sanction their earned leave.

3. (C) Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran

Haryana Shahari Vikas Pradhikaran is organising the land-pooling process and proposed development. Empanelled valuers assess land, while landowners and aggregators can submit proposals.

4. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: the collective floor is 30%, and the portal auction option carries a 1% fee. Statement 2 is incorrect because HSVP will not take up projects with a share above 60%.

5. (D) Uttarakhand Sangharsh Vahini

Uttarakhand Sangharsh Vahini led the movement, which combined opposition to liquor with a demand for employment. Arya Samaj workers were associated with Nayak reform, while Lakshmi Ashram promoted women's education and self-reliance.

6. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: Bharati organised Shilpkars, and Nayak reform addressed girls' opportunities. Statement 2 is incorrect because the Bageshwar Kuli-Begar protest occurred in 1921; 1932 is associated with the Kankata Bail movement.

7. (A) Academic Bank of Credits

The Academic Bank of Credits stores earned academic credits digitally for later use. The university conducts courses, while the National Education Policy provides the policy framework.

8. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 correctly identify the two-year undergraduate diploma and the first-year postgraduate diploma. Statement 2 is incorrect because the one-year postgraduate course has no intermediate exit provision.

9. (A) National Medical Commission

The National Medical Commission's recommendations cover issues including weekly leave and duty hours. Rajasthan's health department, the proposed state cell and college committees have distinct roles in state-level implementation or monitoring.

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10. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 describe the proposed monitoring cell and college-level centres. Statement 2 is incorrect: a separate decision for nursing and paramedical staff is pending, and a cell may be considered.

11. (A) Detailed Project Report

DPR stands for Detailed Project Report, a document used in project planning. The other expansions do not represent this term.

12. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: the state has nine proposed expressways, and the Amritsar-Jamnagar section is nearly complete. Statement 2 is incorrect because the proposed Northern Ring Road is separate from the nine expressways.

13. (D) National Tiger Conservation Authority

NTCA stands for National Tiger Conservation Authority. The Madhya Pradesh Forest Department is a state department, while Kanha and Bandhavgarh are tiger reserves.

14. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: 19 deaths involved conflict, and five young tigers died from the virus. Statement 2 is incorrect because Kanha and Bandhavgarh each recorded 12 deaths.

15. (A) Bihar government

The Bihar government released the funds for the pending allowances. Panchayats and village courts are institutions whose elected representatives are covered; payments will reach representatives working across districts.

16. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: representatives of both institutions are covered, including village court members. Statement 2 is incorrect because the release covers pending allowances for three months.

17. (B) University Grants Commission

The University Grants Commission approved the proposal at its 551st meeting on 1 July 2021. The Ministry of Education later declared the status, while UNESCO had cooperated in the institute's establishment.

18. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: the institution dates to 1966 and the Gazette publication was on 30 March 2024. Statement 2 confuses the 2021 proposal approval with the declaration on 23 February 2024.

19. (B) Bhopal Railway Division

Bhopal Railway Division's engineering department completed the work. Bina, Karod and Mahadevkhedi identify places on the affected sections rather than the division responsible for the improvements.

20. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: the revised Bina–Mahadevkhedi limit is 110 km/h, and insufficient transition length was corrected on the Bina–Kurai Kethora up line. Statement 2 is incorrect because the Karod–Agasod limit is 90 km/h.

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21. (A) Medical Education Department

The Medical Education Department issued the approval on 2 September 2026. The Medical and Health Department was also discussed in connection with the appointments, while the State Cancer Institute and SMS Hospital are allocated facilities.

22. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: the posts are at L-10 and the approval covers hospitals in 30 districts. Statement 2 is incorrect because CSR-based services are being prepared rather than completed regular recruitment.

23. (B) Assam Human Rights Commission

The Supreme Court assigned the inquiry to the Assam Human Rights Commission. The Assam State Legal Services Authority is associated with legal services, while the Assam Police and Central Reserve Police Force were not assigned this inquiry.

24. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: the petition covered 171 alleged encounters and the notice was to include legal-aid contact details. Statement 2 is incorrect because a prominent vernacular newspaper in Assam was also required.

25. (B) BRICS

The leaders met alongside the BRICS summit in Russia. The United States Congress, House of Representatives and Senate are United States legislative institutions, not the summit grouping.

26. (C) Both 1 and 3

Statement 1 is correct: trade rose from $86 billion to $151 billion. Statement 2 is incorrect because the deficit rose rather than fell; statement 3 correctly identifies the October 2024 disengagement deal.

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