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1. RSETI Training: Madhya Pradesh Plans to Train Over 50,000 Rural Youth in 2026-27

- Full form of RSETI: Rural Self Employment Training Institute
- Union ministry: Ministry of Rural Development
- National training target: 635,000 rural youth
- Madhya Pradesh target for 2026-27: More than 50,000 rural youth
- RSETI centres in Madhya Pradesh: 53

The Ministry of Rural Development has set a national RSETI training target of 635,000 youth for 2026-27, and Madhya Pradesh is preparing to train more than 50,000 rural youth through its 53 centres, making it one of the largest state-level targets.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7665-rseti-training-madhya-pradesh-plans-train-50000-rural

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2. Rajasthan Fenugreek Production Rises 27% in 2024-25; Nagauri Paan Methi Awaits GI Tag

- Full form of GI: Geographical Indication
- Cultivated area, 2023-24: 77,771 hectares
- Cultivated area, 2024-25: 92,961 hectares
- Production, 2023-24: 102,107 metric tonnes
- Production, 2024-25: 129,809 metric tonnes

The Rajasthan government released updated fenugreek cultivation and production figures in the Assembly, showing a sharp one-year increase, while the GI tag application for Nagauri Paan Methi remains pending at the Chennai registry.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7667-rajasthan-fenugreek-production-rises-27-2024-25-nagauri

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3. Madhya Pradesh Accounts for 319 of 488 Artefacts Stolen From Centrally Protected Monuments

- Full form of ASI: Archaeological Survey of India
- Madhya Pradesh share: Approximately 65% of recorded stolen artefacts
- Jabalpur division cases: 6 cases; recoveries in 2
- Indore division cases: 3
- Missing Gwalior cannon: 3.5 tonnes

The Archaeological Survey of India supplied detailed theft records to the Madhya Pradesh state archaeology department on 13 November, revealing that the state accounts for nearly two-thirds of all artefacts stolen from

centrally protected monuments since the 1960s.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7666-madhya-pradesh-accounts-319-488-artefacts-stolen-centrally

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4. India's Rice Export Sustainability: Virtual Water, Groundwater Stress and 2025-26 Export Data

- Full form of APEDA: Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
- Full form of AWD: Alternate wetting and drying
- Full form of DSR: Direct-seeded rice
- Rice production, 2025-26: 154.02 million tonnes, estimated
- Total rice exports, 2025-26: 21.57 million tonnes; $11.54 billion

An analysis published in The Hindu on November 16, 2026, highlights the sustainability challenge of India's rice exports, proposing a water-carbon-value framework to assess exports by value, water use, emissions and farmer income rather than volume alone.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7632-india-rice-export-sustainability-virtual-water-groundwater-stress

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5. Alirajpur Crop Loss Survey Under RBC 6-4 After Nearly 52% Rainfall Deficit

- Relief provision: Revenue Book Circular 6-4
- Alirajpur rainfall deficit: Nearly 52% below normal
- Severely rain-deficit districts: At least 11
- Dahi project cost: ₹1,353.18 crore
- Planned irrigation coverage: 47,000 hectares

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav announced a crop loss survey in Alirajpur, the state's worst rain-deficit district, and directed financial assistance under Revenue Book Circular 6-4, making it a key relief measure for farmers hit by nearly 52% below-normal rainfall.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7633-alirajpur-crop-loss-survey-rbc-6-4-nearly

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6. Polluter Pays Principle: Supreme Court Sets Aside 2017 Yamuna Floodplain Verdict

- Land-allotting authority: Delhi Development Authority
- Appellant: Vyakti Vikas Kendra India

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- Festival dates: 11-13 March 2016
- Tribunal judgment: December 2017
- Current context: Supreme Court set aside the tribunal judgment on 22 August

The Supreme Court set aside the National Green Tribunal's 2017 judgment on the Yamuna floodplain damage, ordering the Delhi Development Authority to refund the ₹5 crore deposit, and reaffirmed that the polluter pays principle requires clear attribution of harm.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7634-polluter-pays-principle-supreme-court-sets-aside-2017

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7. Citizenship by Descent: Gujarat Woman's Birth Registered Under Section 4 After 26 Years

- Responsible ministry: Ministry of Home Affairs
- Citizenship provision: Section 4(2), Citizenship Act, 1955
- Consular registration rule: Rule 11, Citizens (Registration at Indian Consulates) Rules, 1956
- Place and date of birth: Xai-Xai, Mozambique; 18 February 2000
- Office memorandum: 3 October 2026

Dolly Vadalia, a 26-year-old woman born in Mozambique to Indian parents, received an Indian passport on November 11 after the Ministry of Home Affairs ordered retrospective registration of her birth under Section 4(2) of the Citizenship Act, resolving a long-standing citizenship documentation issue.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7639-citizenship-descent-gujarat-woman-birth-registered-section-4

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8. Uttar Pradesh Electricity Billing Portal Flags High Consumption and Bills Above ₹10,000 per kW

- Consumption threshold: More than 24 units per kW per day or 26.67 units per kVA per day
- Current bill threshold: More than ₹10,000 per kW per month
- Total outstanding threshold: More than ₹5 lakh per kW per month
- Advance balance threshold: Outstanding balance below −₹15,000
- Current context: Meter Read Review and Billing Portal introduced for technically held bills

The Uttar Pradesh electricity department has launched a new billing portal with automated checks to hold unusually high bills before they are issued, directly addressing consumer complaints about arbitrary billing and meter reading errors.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7660-uttar-pradesh-electricity-billing-portal-flags-high-consumption

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9. BRICS Women Leadership Summit 2026: Five-Day Programme Planned at Banasthali, Rajasthan

- Indian organising institution: Banasthali Vidyapith
- Summit dates: 19-23 November 2026
- Expected women leaders: 120 from 20 countries
- Expected delegates and participants: 140 delegates and 2,000 participants
- Current context: BRICS Women Leadership Summit 2026 is scheduled at the Banasthali campus.

The first BRICS Women Leadership Summit in India is scheduled at Banasthali Vidyapith from 19 to 23 November 2026, marking a new platform for women's leadership discussions within the BRICS framework.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7664-brics-women-leadership-summit-2026-five-day-programme

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10. Form 6 and Electoral Rolls: Election Commission Clarifies Section 31 Risk for Omitted Voters

- Full form of SIR: Special Intensive Revision
- Responsible body: Election Commission of India
- Relevant provision: Section 31, Representation of the People Act, 1950
- Application form: Form 6
- Guidelines issued: 6 November

The Election Commission clarified in an affidavit before the Supreme Court that previously registered voters omitted from the draft roll can reapply through Form 6 without facing a case under Section 31 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950, and issued guidelines on 6 November for their inclusion during Special Intensive Revision.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7659-form-6-electoral-rolls-election-commission-clarifies-section

16 November 2026 | Economy

11. Digital Personal Data Protection Act: Early Compliance, Consumer Trust and May 2027 Enforcement

- Full form of DPDP: Digital Personal Data Protection
- Expected enforcement: May 2027
- Cisco survey: law awareness: 37% of Indian respondents in 2024
- Cisco survey: favourable view: 66% of Indian respondents aware of the law

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- PwC survey: device privacy: 83% of Indian respondents

The Digital Personal Data Protection Act is expected to be enforced in May 2027, and an opinion piece argues that early compliance can give firms a competitive edge by building consumer trust and improving retention, supported by survey data on privacy-conscious consumer behaviour.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7638-digital-personal-data-protection-act-early-compliance-consumer

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16 November 2026 | Science & Tech | UPSC

12. AI Data Centres: India's 20% Data Share, 3% Global Facilities and Resource Challenges

- Full form of LLM: Large Language Model
- Full form of GPU: Graphics Processing Unit
- Visakhapatnam campus investment: $15 billion planned
- Global data centre share: United States: nearly half
- US ballot measures: 46 of 47 rejected expansion or approved greater scrutiny

The US midterm elections and the resulting tech stock sell-off, along with court challenges to the planned $15 billion Adani-Google data centre campus in Visakhapatnam, have brought global and local opposition to AI data centres into focus.

Full story, analysis and quiz: https://supercurrentaffairs.com/en/story/7640-ai-data-centres-india-20-data-share-3

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Practice questions

1. Which Union ministry entered into an MoU with the National Academy of RUDSETI for rural self-employment training?

(A) Ministry of Rural Development

(B) Ministry of Education

(C) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

(D) Ministry of Finance

2. Consider the following statements about RSETI training in Madhya Pradesh:

1. The state has 53 RSETI centres.

2. In 2024-25, 27,754 youth were trained against a target of 35,044.

3. Training includes agriculture and entrepreneurship development.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 and 2 only

(B) 2 and 3 only

(C) 1 and 3 only

(D) 1, 2 and 3

3. Which registry is handling the application process for Nagauri Paan Methi's geographical indication?

(A) Geographical Indications Registry, Jodhpur

(B) Geographical Indications Registry, Nagaur

(C) Geographical Indications Registry, Chennai

(D) Geographical Indications Registry, Jaipur

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4. Consider the following statements about Rajasthan's fenugreek cultivation:

1. The cultivated area rose from 77,771 hectares in 2023-24 to 92,961 hectares in 2024-25.

2. Production fell between 2023-24 and 2024-25.

3. Nagauri Paan Methi has already received a GI tag.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) 2 only
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 1 only
(D) 2 and 3 only

5. The Archaeological Survey of India records on stolen artefacts cover which category of sites?

(A) State museums alone
(B) Industrial machinery
(C) Centrally protected monuments
(D) Private handicraft workshops

6. Consider the following statements about heritage theft in Madhya Pradesh:

1. Gwalior division recorded seven theft cases, with no recovery.

2. Jabalpur division recorded six cases, with recovery in two.

3. The Nataraja and Chamunda sculptures stolen from Barkheda were recovered.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

7. Which authority provided the 2025-26 Basmati and non-Basmati rice export data?

(A) Centre for Ecological Economics and Natural Resources
(B) International Rice Research Institute
(C) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority
(D) Institute for Social and Economic Change

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8. Consider the following statements about India's rice economy:

1. India has remained the world's largest rice exporter since 2012.

2. Non-Basmati rice earned less aggregate export value than Basmati rice in 2025-26.

3. Flooded rice fields can generate methane.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

9. Which administrative authority was directed to conduct the announced crop loss survey in Alirajpur?

(A) Dhar District Collector
(B) Madhya Pradesh Governor
(C) Alirajpur District Collector
(D) Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister

10. Consider the following statements about rainfall deficit and irrigation in Madhya Pradesh:

1. Alirajpur recorded nearly 52% less rainfall than normal.

2. The Dahi Micro Lift Irrigation Project aims to use Narmada water.

3. The announced Alirajpur survey has already resulted in compensation being paid to farmers.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 2 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

11. Which authority allotted the Yamuna floodplain land used for the 2016 World Culture Festival?

(A) Vyakti Vikas Kendra India
(B) Supreme Court of India
(C) National Green Tribunal
(D) Delhi Development Authority

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12. Consider the following statements about the Yamuna floodplain case:

1. The World Culture Festival took place on 25 hectares of active floodplain.

2. The National Green Tribunal judgment holding the organisers responsible was delivered in December 2017.

3. The Supreme Court upheld the tribunal's judgment.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 2 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

13. Which ministry's Citizenship Wing issued the 2026 memorandum concerning Dolly Vadalia's birth registration?

(A) Ministry of Home Affairs
(B) Ministry of External Affairs
(C) Ministry of Education
(D) Ministry of Finance

14. Consider the following statements about Dolly Vadalia's citizenship documentation:

1. She was born in Mozambique to Indian parents.

2. Her retrospective birth certificate was issued by the Indian High Commission in Maputo.

3. She received her passport before the birth certificate was issued.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 2 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

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15. Which unit expresses the connection load used in the Uttar Pradesh Meter Read Review and Billing Portal thresholds?

(A) Rupee

(B) Kilowatt

(C) Kilowatt-hour

(D) Day

16. Consider the following statements about the Uttar Pradesh Meter Read Review and Billing Portal:

1. A current monthly bill exceeding ₹10,000 per kW is held.

2. A connection up to 4 kW is flagged when recorded maximum demand reaches 14 kW or more.

3. Daily consumption above 24 units per kW is automatically approved for issue.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only

(B) 2 and 3 only

(C) 1 and 2 only

(D) 1, 2 and 3

17. What type of institution is Banasthali Vidyapith, a joint organiser of the BRICS Women Leadership Summit 2026?

(A) Legislative council

(B) University

(C) Management group

(D) Foreign ministry

18. Consider the following statements about the planned BRICS Women Leadership Summit 2026:

1. The summit is scheduled at Banasthali from 19 to 23 November.

2. Its opening is scheduled for 19 November.

3. Technology and sustainability are among its main discussion themes.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) 1 only

(B) 2 and 3 only

(C) 1 and 3 only

(D) 1, 2 and 3

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19. Which body issued the clarification on Form 6 applications by previously registered voters omitted from the draft electoral roll?

(A) Chief Electoral Officers of the states
(B) Supreme Court of India
(C) Booth Level Officers
(D) Election Commission of India

20. Consider the following statements about the Election Commission of India's electoral roll clarification:

1. A previously registered voter omitted from the draft roll will automatically face a case merely for submitting Form 6 again.

2. Chief Electoral Officers were directed to publicise the clarification through various channels, including local languages.

3. The guidelines seek to include eligible omitted voters while preventing duplicate entries.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

21. Which institution conducted the shopping study in which participants made real purchases and saw retailers' privacy information?

(A) Cisco researchers
(B) Apple researchers
(C) Carnegie Mellon University researchers
(D) PwC researchers

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22. Consider the following statements about data privacy surveys and research:

1. Cisco's 2024 survey found that 66% of all Indian respondents knew about the country's privacy law.

2. PwC's 2024 survey found that 67% of Indian respondents typically opted out of marketing while browsing or purchasing.

3. In the Carnegie Mellon shopping study, some shoppers paid a premium for stronger privacy protection.

Which of the statements given above are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 1 and 2 only
(C) 2 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

23. Which document estimates that India generates nearly 20% of the world's data but hosts about 3% of global data centres?

(A) Economic Survey 2023-24
(B) Economic Survey 2022-23
(C) Economic Survey 2025-26
(D) Economic Survey 2024-25

24. Consider the following statements about AI data centres:

1. Inference is the computing required to generate responses to user prompts.

2. Direct-to-chip cooling necessarily eliminates all water consumption at a facility.

3. The location of a data centre can affect the laws governing data access and security.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

(A) 1 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2 and 3

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Answer key

1. (A) Ministry of Rural Development

The Ministry of Rural Development entered into the MoU with the National Academy of RUDSETI. The other ministries are not the ministry identified for this MoU.

2. (C) 1 and 3 only

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: Madhya Pradesh has 53 centres, and both categories are included in training. Statement 2 is incorrect: 35,859 youth were trained, while 27,754 settlements were recorded.

3. (C) Geographical Indications Registry, Chennai

The GI application process is underway at the registry in Chennai. Nagaur is associated with the product, while Jaipur and Jodhpur are locations in Rajasthan rather than the registry named here.

4. (C) 1 only

Statement 1 is correct: cultivated area rose to 92,961 hectares. Statement 2 is incorrect because production increased, and statement 3 is incorrect because the GI tag is awaited.

5. (C) Centrally protected monuments

The 488-object figure concerns thefts from centrally protected monuments. The figure is not a count limited to state museums, machinery or handicraft workshops.

6. (B) 1 and 2 only

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Gwalior recorded seven cases without recovery, and Jabalpur recorded six with recovery in two. Statement 3 is incorrect because the Barkheda sculptures remain missing.

7. (C) Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority provided the 2025-26 export figures. The other bodies are research institutions or centres rather than the authority identified for these data.

8. (C) 1 and 3 only

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: India has led rice exports since 2012, and flooded fields can generate methane. Statement 2 is incorrect: non-Basmati export value was marginally higher than Basmati export value in 2025-26.

9. (C) Alirajpur District Collector

The Alirajpur District Collector was directed to conduct the survey and help affected farmers. The direction concerned Alirajpur rather than Dhar; the Chief Minister announced it, while the Governor attended the irrigation project inauguration.

10. (C) 1 and 2 only

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Alirajpur's rainfall was nearly 52% below normal, and the Dahi project aims to use Narmada water. Statement 3 is incorrect because the survey and financial assistance have only been announced; compensation has not yet been paid.

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11. (D) Delhi Development Authority

The Delhi Development Authority allotted the floodplain land and holds it in trust for the public. The National Green Tribunal and the Supreme Court adjudicated the dispute, while Vyakti Vikas Kendra India was the appellant.

12. (C) 1 and 2 only

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: the festival occupied 25 hectares and the tribunal judgment was delivered in December 2017. Statement 3 is incorrect because the Supreme Court set aside that judgment.

13. (A) Ministry of Home Affairs

The Citizenship Wing of the Foreigners Division of the Ministry of Home Affairs issued the memorandum. The Ministry of External Affairs received it; the other ministries did not issue it.

14. (C) 1 and 2 only

Statements 1 and 2 are correct: Vadalia was born in Mozambique, and the High Commission in Maputo issued her certificate. Statement 3 is incorrect: the certificate was issued on 21 October 2026, before the passport arrived on 11 November.

15. (B) Kilowatt

Kilowatt expresses the connection load used in the thresholds. Kilowatt-hour measures energy, while rupees measure money and days measure time.

16. (C) 1 and 2 only

Statements 1 and 2 correctly describe the current bill and maximum-demand checks. Statement 3 is incorrect because consumption above 24 units per kW per day triggers a hold, not automatic approval.

17. (B) University

Banasthali Vidyapith is a university in Rajasthan. The other options describe different kinds of bodies, including institutions involved in organising the summit.

18. (C) 1 and 3 only

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: the five-day programme is planned at Banasthali and includes technology and sustainability. Statement 2 is incorrect because the opening is scheduled for 20 November.

19. (D) Election Commission of India

The Election Commission of India clarified the position in an affidavit before the Supreme Court. State Chief Electoral Officers were directed to publicise it, while Booth Level Officers receive enumeration forms under the guidelines.

20. (C) 2 and 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: reapplication by an omitted voter will not itself lead to a case. Statements 2 and 3 are correct: the clarification is to be publicised widely, and roll correction seeks inclusion without duplication.

21. (C) Carnegie Mellon University researchers

Carnegie Mellon researchers built the shopping service used in the study. Cisco and PwC conducted consumer surveys, while Apple introduced standardised app privacy labels.

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22. (C) 2 and 3 only

Statement 1 is incorrect: 37% knew about the law, while 66% of those aware viewed the laws favourably. Statements 2 and 3 are correct: the PwC survey recorded a 67% marketing opt-out figure, and some study participants paid more for stronger protection.

23. (C) Economic Survey 2025-26

The Economic Survey 2025-26 gives the nearly 20% and about 3% estimates. The other options refer to earlier editions of the Economic Survey.

24. (C) 1 and 3 only

Statements 1 and 3 are correct: inference generates responses, and location influences the applicable legal framework. Statement 2 is incorrect because heat must still be dissipated elsewhere, so direct-to-chip cooling does not necessarily eliminate water use.

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