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Awards & Honours

- **International Blue Flag Award 2026–27:** Three Konkan beaches in Maharashtra - **Ladghar** and **Guhagar** (Ratnagiri) and **Shrivardhan** (Raigad)-earned the state's first-ever International Blue Flag eco-label, taking India's total certified beaches for the 2026–27 season to 22.
- **10th Swachh Survekshan Awards (2025–26, New Delhi):** Presented by President Droupadi Murmu; **Navi Mumbai** named cleanest city (ahead of Surat & Vijayawada), **Greater Visakhapatnam** topped the greater than 10 lakh population category, and **Madhya Pradesh** won the most awards (9).



Appointments & Persons in News

- **Justice M.V. Muralidaran:** Named Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Commission.



Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **Stand-Up India Scheme:** The Union Cabinet approved the extension of the scheme until 31 March 2031.
- **Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU):** The Union Cabinet approved its continuation with a corpus of ₹5,000 crore to support loans under the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY).
- **Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS):** The Union Cabinet approved fertiliser subsidy rates amounting to approximately ₹62,370 crore for the Rabi 2026–27 season.



Science, Space & Technology

- **India–France Space Dialogue:** Vikram Misri and Martin Briens co-chaired the 3rd India–France Strategic Space Dialogue in Paris to strengthen cooperation in space, critical technologies and cybersecurity.
- **ETH Zurich's Quantum Memory:** Researchers developed a quantum memory system using superconducting qubits and mechanical resonators, potentially enabling smaller and more efficient quantum computers.



- **Dwarf Galaxy NGC 4449:** NASA's Hubble observations highlighted how stellar winds and supernovae release oxygen and other heavy elements into intergalactic space.

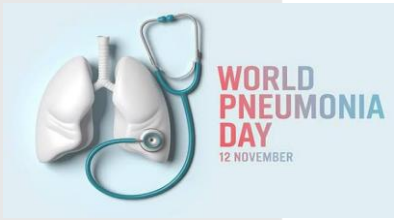


Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention:** External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and West Bengal Chief Minister Suvendu Adhikari jointly launched the official website, pbdindia.gov.in, on 11 November 2026.
- **Bharat Ko Janiye (BKJ) Quiz:** A special PBD quiz was launched on 11 November to connect the Indian diaspora and foreigners with India's heritage and culture.

Books, Authors & Observations on the Date

- **World Pneumonia Day (Nov 12):** Observed globally to raise awareness about pneumonia prevention, vaccination, early diagnosis, and respiratory care.



Defence Update

- **Exercise Sea Vigil-26:** The Indian Navy coordinated the fifth edition of the Pan-India Coastal Defence Exercise, scheduled from 11 to 19 November 2026.
- **INS Betwa Refit Contract:** The Ministry of Defence signed a contract worth approximately ₹498.58 crore with Cochin Shipyard Limited for the normal refit and repowering of INS Betwa.
- **Exercise Naseem Al Bahr 2026:** The 15th edition of the India–Oman bilateral maritime exercise, conducted from 8 to 11 November, concluded on 11 November 2026.



West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Convention:** Kolkata was officially announced as the host city for the 19th PBD Convention, scheduled for 7–9 January 2027.

Practice Questions

1. With the addition of three Konkan beaches in Maharashtra, what is India's total number of International Blue Flag certified beaches for the 2026–27 season?
A) 18
B) 20
C) 22
D) 25
Answer: C) 22

2. Which city was named the cleanest city at the 10th Swachh Survekshan Awards (2025–26)?
A) Surat
B) Navi Mumbai
C) Vijayawada
D) Greater Visakhapatnam
Answer: B) Navi Mumbai

3. Who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Tamil Nadu SC/ST Commission?
A) Justice M.V. Muralidaran
B) Vikram Misri
C) Martin Briens
D) Dr. S. Jaishankar
Answer: A) Justice M.V. Muralidaran

4. Until what date has the Union Cabinet approved the extension of the Stand-Up India Scheme?
A) 31 March 2028
B) 31 March 2029
C) 31 March 2030
D) 31 March 2031
Answer: D) 31 March 2031

5. What is the approved corpus for the continuation of the Credit Guarantee Fund for Micro Units (CGFMU) to support loans under PMMY?
A) ₹2,500 crore
B) ₹5,000 crore
C) ₹10,000 crore
D) ₹62,370 crore
Answer: B) ₹5,000 crore

6. Which Indian city has been officially announced as the host for the 19th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) Convention in January 2027?
A) New Delhi
B) Mumbai
C) Kolkata
D) Varanasi
Answer: C) Kolkata

7. Exercise Naseem Al Bahr 2026, which concluded on 11 November 2026, is a bilateral maritime exercise between India and which country?
A) France
B) Oman

C) UAE
D) Qatar
Answer: B) Oman

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