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Awards & Honours

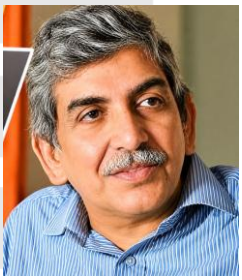


- **Booker Prize 2026:** British author **M. John Harrison** won for '**The End of Everything'** and became the **oldest-ever** Booker Prize winner at 81 on 10th November.



- **Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025–26: President Droupadi Murmu** presented **60 Swachh Survekshan 2025–26 awards** in New Delhi, honoring top cleanest cities including Navi Mumbai, Surat, Vijayawada, Visakhapatnam, Jabalpur, and Lucknow.

Appointments & Persons in News



- **New Health Advisor:** The West Bengal government has appointed **Arun Kumarendu Singh** as its **health advisor for maternal and child care** on 10th November.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **Stand-Up India Scheme:** The initiative is extended until 31 March 2031 with a ₹4,111 crore credit guarantee corpus, targeting 2.5 lakh additional women and SC/ST entrepreneurs.



- **Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS):** The Union Cabinet approved ₹62,370.02 crore for Rabi 2026–27 P&K fertiliser subsidies, applicable from 1 October 2026 to 31 March 2027 to ensure affordable fertilisers for farmers.

- **Lithium-ion Battery Black Mass:** DGFT prohibited export of specified lithium-ion battery waste/scrap, including black mass, to promote domestic recycling and critical mineral recovery.

Sports & Games



- **India's 100th Chess Grandmaster: Anuj Shrivatri** (Madhya Pradesh), winner of the 7th ASEAN+ Individual Open Chess Championship, Philippines on 10th november.

- **ISSF World Championship 2026 (Doha):** India's **Niraj Kumar** won Bronze in the Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions, securing an LA 2028 Olympic quota for India.

Science, Space & Technology

- **4G Saturation Project:** Villages without 4G connectivity declined from 45,180 (2022) to 11,372 (2026) — nearly 75% reduction; BSNL's 18,000+ 4G sites contributed to expansion.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs



- **First BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting:** The event held in **Colombo**, members adopted the **2026–2030 Public Health Plan**, while India committed to hosting a **Traditional Medicine Centre in Jamnagar** and providing 100 ambulances and 50 Health ATMs to Sri Lanka.

Important fact about Day

- **11 November - National Education Day (India)**: **Birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad**, India's first Education Minister (1947–1958).
- **12 November – World Pneumonia Day**
  - 2026 theme: **A New Era of Pneumonia Control**.

Banking Affairs

- **AMFI October Data:** According to AMFI's October 2026 data, monthly SIP inflows stood at ₹32,160 crore (down slightly from ₹32,490 crore in September), while equity mutual funds recorded net inflows of ₹32,994 crore.

Defence Update



- **Sea Vigil-26 Exercise:** Coordinated by the Indian Navy, the 5th edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise Sea Vigil-26 commenced on 11 November 2026, bringing together 21 agencies until 19 November 2026.
- **CDS Tanzania Visit:** Following the recent **India-Tanzania Army Staff Talks**, Chief of Defence Staff **General NS Raja Subramani** embarked on a three-day official visit to Tanzania to expand military cooperation, training programs, and institutional ties.

Miscellaneous



- **Goa Vande Bharat:** Scheduled for flag-off by PM Narendra Modi on 13 November 2026, the **Yesvantpur–Madgaon Vande Bharat Express (26655/26656)** will commence regular service via Mangaluru with 12 intermediate stops on 15 November 2026.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **Bengal Tax Surge:** West Bengal recorded a **168%** jump in **Panchayat property tax collection** to ₹118 crore (up from ₹44.05 crore) during April–October 2026, alongside a 17% year-on-year rise in October GST revenue to ₹6,055 crore.



- **Ujjal Biswas Passes:** Former West Bengal minister and senior TMC leader **Ujjal Biswas** passed away in Kolkata at the age of 72 on 11 November 2026.

Practice Questions

1. Who won the Booker Prize 2026 for 'The End of Everything' and became the oldest-ever winner at age 81?
A) Julian Barnes
B) M. John Harrison
C) Alan Hollinghurst
D) Salman Rushdie
Answer: B) M. John Harrison

2. Which of the following cities was NOT among the top cleanest cities honored at the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2025–26?
A) Navi Mumbai
B) Surat
C) Indore
D) Vijayawada
Answer: C) Indore

3. Until what date has the Stand-Up India Scheme been extended with a ₹4,111 crore credit guarantee corpus?
A) 31 March 2028
B) 31 March 2030
C) 31 March 2031
D) 31 March 2032
Answer: C) 31 March 2031

4. Who became India's 100th Chess Grandmaster after winning the 7th ASEAN+ Individual Open Chess Championship in the Philippines?
A) Niraj Kumar
B) Anuj Shrivatri
C) Arun Kumarendu Singh
D) Pranav Venkatesh
Answer: B) Anuj Shrivatri

5. Under the commitments made at the First BIMSTEC Health Ministers' Meeting in Colombo, where will India host a Traditional Medicine Centre?
A) New Delhi
B) Colombo
C) Jamnagar
D) Lucknow

Answer: C) Jamnagar

6. How many agencies are participating in the 5th edition of the pan-India coastal defence exercise 'Sea Vigil-26' coordinated by the Indian Navy?
A) 15 agencies
B) 18 agencies
C) 21 agencies
D) 25 agencies
Answer: C) 21 agencies

7. By what percentage did West Bengal's Panchayat property tax collection surge during April–October 2026?
A) 17%
B) 75%
C) 118%
D) 168%
Answer: D) 168%

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