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Awards & Honours



- **Order of Princess Olga (First Class) - Ukraine:** Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky conferred Ukraine's prestigious state decoration, the Order of Princess Olga (First Class), on US First Lady Melania Trump. The honor recognized her role and humanitarian efforts in facilitating a local ceasefire that enabled the evacuation of nearly 800 civilians from the Russian-occupied town of Oleshky.



- **25th Asia Edition of Asian Leadership Awards:** Edtech platform **MYCPE ONE** received two major corporate honors during the 25th Asian Leadership Awards held in the region.

Appointments & Persons in News



- **Abdul El-Sayed:** Won the Michigan U.S. Senate race, becoming the first Muslim elected to the U.S. Senate.



- **Keisha Lance Bottoms:** Elected Governor of Georgia, marking the first Black woman elected governor in U.S. history.
- **Pia Dandiya:** Former high school principal elected to the U.S. House of Representatives from Florida's 22nd congressional district.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **VISTAR Scheme** – Union Cabinet approved Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research for 2026–27 to 2030–31.
- **Critical Mineral Processing Scheme** – Cabinet approved ₹2,814 crore capex support for lithium and nickel processing.
- **Grid-Scale Energy Storage Scheme** – ₹14,500 crore Viability Gap Funding approved for developing 92 GWh energy storage systems.

- **Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs)** – Cabinet approved continuation of the centrally sponsored scheme for speedy trials of rape and POCSO cases.
- **Coastal & Inland Waterways** – Government aims to increase their share in India's freight movement from 6% to 12% by 2047.



Sports & Games

- **Hockey (Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026):** The Indian men's hockey team routed **South Korea 8–0** in their final league-stage encounter to finish at the top of the points table unbeaten and book their spot in the semifinals.



Science, Space & Technology

- **TRAI launched Network Anubhav Platform** – A platform for telecom network experience-related information.



Books, Authors & Observations on the Date

- **Death Anniversary of Dr. Bhupen Hazarika (5 November):** Assam and the nation observe the death anniversary of the iconic music maestro, lyricist, and filmmaker, posthumously honored with the **Bharat Ratna (2019)**.



Banking Affairs of the Day

- **RBI VRRR Auction:** ₹50,000 crore overnight Variable Rate Reverse Repo auction conducted on 4 November.
- **SBI Q2 FY27:** Net profit increased 14.28% to ₹23,038 crore; Gross NPA declined to 1.39%.



Defence Update of the Day

- **Agniveer absorption:** Union Cabinet created a pathway for Agniveers to be absorbed into the Defence Forces.
- **Defence exports:** India's defence exports reached ₹38,424 crore in FY 2025–26.
- **Defence Budget 2026–27:** ₹7.85 lakh crore, including ₹2.19 lakh crore capital outlay.



Miscellaneous

- **Services PMI:** India's Services PMI increased to 55.8 in October 2026, a four-month high.
- **Hurun Gazelle Index 2026:** India ranked third globally with 51 gazelle startups (valued between $500 million and $1 billion).



West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **Panchayat recruitment:** West Bengal CM Suvendu Adhikari announced recruitment of approximately 7,200 permanent Panchayat and Rural Development Department employees.
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Practice Questions

1. Which country conferred the prestigious state decoration ‘Order of Princess Olga (First Class)’ on US First Lady Melania Trump?

(A) Poland

(B) Ukraine

(C) France

(D) Germany

Answer: (B) Ukraine

2. What is the full form of the 'VISTAR' scheme approved by the Union Cabinet for 2026–27 to 2030–31?

(A) Viksit India Scheme for Technology, Agriculture & Research

(B) Vision for Infrastructure, Science, Technology & Advanced Research

(C) Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research

(D) Village Initiative for Social Transformation, Agriculture & Reforms

Answer: (C) Viksit Bharat Initiative for Statistical Transformation, Analytics & Research

3. By which year does the Government of India target to increase the share of coastal and inland waterways in domestic freight movement to 12%?

(A) 2030

(B) 2035

(C) 2040

(D) 2047

Answer: (D) 2047

4. The 'Network Anubhav Platform', aimed at providing information related to telecom network experience, was launched by which body?

(A) TRAI

(B) ISRO

(C) NITI Aayog

(D) C-DOT

Answer: (A) TRAI

5. The death anniversary of music maestro and Bharat Ratna awardee Dr. Bhupen Hazarika is observed on which date?

(A) 2 October

(B) 5 November

(C) 14 November

(D) 1 December

Answer: (B) 5 November

6. What was the rank of India globally in the Hurun Gazelle Index 2026 with 51 gazelle startups?

(A) First

(B) Second

(C) Third

(D) Fourth

Answer: (C) Third

7. In the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 hockey tournament, which team did the Indian men's team defeat 8–0 in their final league encounter?

(A) Japan

(B) Pakistan

(C) Malaysia

(D) South Korea

Answer: (D) South Korea

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