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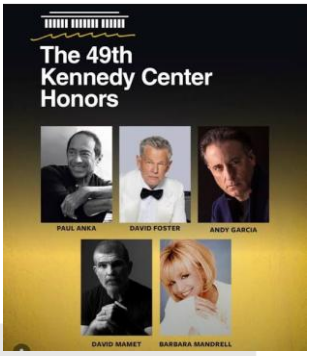
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Awards and Honours



- **Coal Mine Star Rating Awards 2024–25**: 50 coal mines received Five-Star Ratings; 10 top-performing mines scored above 93%.



- **The 49th Kennedy Center Honors:** President Donald Trump officially announced this year's class of legendary honorees:
  - **Paul Anka** (Singer-songwriter)
  - **David Foster** (Grammy-winning music producer)
  - **Andy Garcia** (Oscar-nominated actor)
  - **David Mamet** (Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright)
  - **Barbara Mandrell** (Country Music Hall of Fame member)

Appointments & Persons in News



- **Ambassador to Senegal: Inbasekar Sundaramurthi (IFS: 2004)**, former Consul General in Barcelona, has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal.

Government Schemes, Policies & Welfare Initiatives

- **VB–G RAM G Rules:** The Ministry of Rural Development notified the VB–G RAM G Grievance Redressal Rules, 2026, mandating enquiries within 7 working days, resolution within 15 days, and automatic escalation of unresolved complaints to higher levels.
- **FRRO Expansion Strategy:** The Ministry of Home Affairs aims to establish Foreigners Regional Registration Offices (FRRO) in all state capitals by 2027—expanding the current count to 20 with newly notified offices in Kohima, Agartala, and Bhubaneswar—supported by 35 online services via e-FRRO.



- **Organic Fisheries Cluster:** Soreng, Sikkim, became India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under PMMSY; SOP for organic fisheries certification in the North-East was launched.
- **TRAI Fourth Amendment Regulations, 2026:** Telecom complaint centres to provide 24×7 support; consumer appeal filing period reduced from 30 days to 15 days; penalties may reach ₹20 lakh per quarter per service area.

Sports & Games

- **India Tops ACT 2026**: India finished top of the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 league stage unbeaten with five straight wins, completing the round-robin with an 8–0 victory over South Korea in Jalandhar featuring a brace from Dilpreet Singh.

Science, Space & Technology

- **X-ray Astronomy Discovery:** Analyzing 24 years of observations of the ultraluminous X-ray source NGC 4490 ULX-8 has helped astronomers better understand the neutron stars and black holes powering these systems.

Summits, Bills & International Affairs

- **28th CHOGM 2026**: The 28th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) is taking place from November 1–4, 2026, in St. John's, Antigua and Barbuda, uniting 56 member nations under the theme "Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth."



- **India–EU FTA Talks:** Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal met European Commission officials in Brussels to discuss market access, supply-chain resilience, and implementation preparations for the India–EU Free Trade Agreement.

Books, Authors & Important Days

- **Journalist Impunity Day:** Observed on November 2 since its 2013 UN General Assembly establishment (Resolution A/RES/68/163), the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists marked its 2026 edition under the theme "Threats Evolve. Impunity Endures."

Banking Affairs

- **IDBI Bank Strike:** Over 10,000 employees across 2,000+ branches launched a nationwide two-day strike (November 2–3) against IDBI Bank's proposed privatization and stake sale to Fairfax Financial Holdings.

Defence Update

- **Next-Gen Corvettes Deal:** The Ministry of Defence signed contracts worth ₹53,866.50 crore with GRSE (5 corvettes) and Goa Shipyard Limited (3 corvettes) for eight indigenously designed Next-Generation Corvettes for the Indian Navy.
- **INS Sudarshini Expedition:** INS Sudarshini returned to Kochi on November 2 after completing *Lokayan 26*, a 10-month, 22,000+ nautical mile transoceanic expedition featuring two transatlantic crossings and visits to 17 ports across 11 countries.



Miscellaneous

- **Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026:** Inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
  - **Theme:** Invest. Innovate. Inspire.
  - **India's target:** 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030.



  - **Installed non-fossil capacity mentioned:** 308 GW.
  - 9th International Solar Alliance Assembly and 4th International Conference on Green Hydrogen held alongside.
- **1st International Maize Conference 2026:** Began in Hyderabad.
  - **Theme:** Maize Revolution for Food, Feed, Fodder, Fuel and Sustainability in the Changing World (M4FS).
  - **India's maize production:** approximately 55 million tonnes; target of 75 million tonnes over the next decade.
- **India Manufacturing PMI:** HSBC India Manufacturing PMI fell to 54.7 in October, from 55.1 in September; a reading above 50 indicates expansion.

West Bengal Specific Current Affairs

- **Mandatory e-tendering:** West Bengal Government issued Memo No. 4009-F(Y), dated 2 November 2026, directing 26 departments and their subordinate offices to use the new e-tender portal for all fresh tenders from 3 November 2026.

Practice Questions

1. Which Indian state launched India's first notified Organic Fisheries Cluster under PMMSY?
   (a) Assam
   (b) Sikkim
   (c) Arunachal Pradesh
   (d) Meghalaya
   Answer: (b) Sikkim

2. Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Senegal?
   (a) Inbasekar Sundaramurthi
   (b) Rajesh Agrawal
   (c) Satish Chandra Dubey
   (d) Narendra Dabholkar
   Answer: (a) Inbasekar Sundaramurthi

3. What is India's target for non-fossil energy capacity by the year 2030, highlighted at the Bharat Renewable Energy Summit & Expo 2026?
   (a) 308 GW
   (b) 400 GW
   (c) 500 GW
   (d) 750 GW
   Answer: (c) 500 GW

4. Where was the 1st International Maize Conference 2026 inaugurated?
   (a) New Delhi
   (b) Hyderabad
   (c) Bengaluru
   (d) Raipur
   Answer: (b) Hyderabad

5. Which naval sailing ship returned to Kochi on November 2, 2026, after completing the 22,000+ nautical mile transoceanic expedition 'Lokayan 26'?
   (a) INS Tarangini
   (b) INS Sudarshini
   (c) INS Vikrant

(d) INS Nilgiri

Answer: (b) INS Sudarshini

6. What is the theme of the 28th Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) 2026 held in Antigua and Barbuda?

(a) Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth
(b) Sustainable Growth and Resilient Futures
(c) Innovation for a Common Future
(d) Partnership for Global Security

Answer: (a) Accelerating Partnerships and Investment for a Prosperous Commonwealth

7. According to the TRAI Fourth Amendment Regulations, 2026, the consumer appeal filing period has been reduced from 30 days to how many days?

(a) 7 days
(b) 10 days
(c) 15 days
(d) 20 days

Answer: (c) 15 days

8. The HSBC India Manufacturing PMI fell to which value in October, while remaining above the 50-point expansion threshold?

(a) 52.3
(b) 54.7
(c) 55.1
(d) 56.8

Answer: (b) 54.7

9. Which West Bengal Government memo mandated 26 departments and subordinate offices to use the new e-tender portal for all fresh tenders starting November 3, 2026?

(a) Memo No. 4009-F(Y)
(b) Memo No. 2011-F(P)
(c) Memo No. 5055-F(B)
(d) Memo No. 1002-F(T)

Answer: (a) Memo No. 4009-F(Y)

10. Which country's team did India defeat with an 8-0 scoreline in the Men's Asian Champions Trophy 2026 round-robin stage?

(a) Pakistan
(b) Japan
(c) South Korea
(d) Malaysia

Answer: (c) South Korea

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