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MODULE 01

Science & Technology

1 ITEM

- 1** How many base stations does India currently have with speeds 10 times higher than in 2022?

Over 5.5 lakh

KEY

Speeds are 10 times higher than those recorded in 2022

MODULE 02

Reports & Rankings

1 ITEM

- 2** What is India's rank on the AI Readiness Index among emerging-market performers?

10th

KEY

India secured the rank with a score of 23.8 in the World Bank report

STATIC GK

World Bank was set up at Bretton Woods in 1944; HQ: Washington, D.C.

MODULE 03

Government Schemes

6 ITEMS

- 3** What is the target number of Indian youth to be brought into the AI space via the AIKOSH roadmap?

10 million

KEY

Roadmap links to AIKOSH and aims to address harms like deepfakes and psychological disorders

- 4** What is the name of the teams launched by the Union Health Minister to find tuberculosis cases?

JOSH

KEY

Each team comprises five NCC cadets and five MY Bharat volunteers

Government Schemes

6 ITEMS

5 Which digital tool was used by the Ministry of Education to identify 21 disability conditions?

PRASHAST

KEY 72 lakh teachers across 60,000 schools were trained to use the tool

6 How many additional girls per 1,000 births did the BBBP programme add in initial districts?

about 15

KEY Sex ratio rose from 919 in 2015-16 to around 930 on the BBBP dashboard

7 What is the outlay of the project to upgrade National Highway 10 in Sikkim?

₹993.64 crore

KEY Project covers the stretch from Rangpo to Ranipool to address Teesta River landslides

8 Which ministry issued the advisory to SLBCs/UTLBCs regarding SC beneficiary data?

Finance Ministry

KEY Advisory issued on October 5 to report data for Mudra Yojana, Stand Up India, and PM SVANidhi

Appointments

1 ITEM

9 Who replaced Harmanpreet Kaur as India's all-format captain in October 2026?

Smriti Mandhana

KEY Harmanpreet Kaur led India to their first World Cup title in November 2025

Important Days

1 ITEM

10 On which date is the Indian Air Force Day celebrated?

October 8

KEY President Droupadi Murmu and PM Narendra Modi extended greetings on this day in 2026

Awards & Honours

1 ITEM

11 Who won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature?

Anne Carson

KEY The prize is worth 12 million Swedish crowns (\$1.2 million)

STATIC GK Rabindranath Tagore (Gitanjali) won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1913, the first Indian Nobel laureate

Economy & Budget

2 ITEMS

12 What is the new prosecution threshold for GST officers approved by the GST Council?

₹5 crore

KEY The threshold was increased from ₹1 crore to ₹5 crore during the 57th GST Council meeting.

STATIC GK GST Council is a constitutional body under Article 279A, chaired by the Union Finance Minister

MODULE 10

Economy & Budget

2 ITEMS

13 Under which Act was Paytm Payments Bank Ltd removed from the Second Schedule by the RBI?

Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934

KEY Removal occurred on October 7, 2026, following a Delhi High Court winding order
STATIC GK RBI was established on 1 April 1935 under the RBI Act, 1934; HQ: Mumbai

MODULE 12

National & State News

2 ITEMS

14 Who set the Guinness World Record as the youngest male to publish a book?

Advay Jain

KEY Published 'Dino Learns Not To Waste Food' at age 3 years and 345 days

15 In which region of Ladakh was India's first high-altitude wildlife safari flagged off?

Rumbak, Shang, and Uley

KEY Project employs local residents as drivers and guides to link conservation with livelihoods

MODULE 15

Environment & Wildlife

2 ITEMS

16 According to the Living Planet Report, what is the percentage decline in the average size of monitored wildlife populations over the past 52 years?

73 percent

KEY Report released by the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

17 In which district of Odisha was the Shree Jagannath International Airport clearance granted?

Puri

KEY Project covers 471.348 ha in Sipasarubali and expects 4.6 million passengers per annum

MODULE 16

Obituaries

1 ITEM

18 Who was the actor who died of cardiac arrest on October 8, 2026, at the age of 75?

Nana Patekar

KEY Three-time National Award and four-time Filmfare winner

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9 questions from this PDF

ANSWER KEY AT THE END

1. Which digital tool was used by the Ministry of Education to identify 21 disability conditions?

- a PRASHAST
- b Integrated Transport and Logistics Authority
- c PM Surya Ghar—Muft Bijli Yojana
- d JOSH

2. Who replaced Harmanpreet Kaur as India's all-format captain in October 2026?

- a Puthichira Sam Koshy
- b Anup Bagchi
- c Smriti Mandhana
- d Ashutosh Dixit

3. Who won the 2026 Nobel Prize in Literature?

- a Uppala Prasad
- b Anne Carson
- c Basanth Peringode
- d Henri B. Kagan and Kenso Soai

4. Who set the Guinness World Record as the youngest male to publish a book?
a Advay Jain **b** Gursaran Prasad Talwar
c Francis Halzen **d** Umesh U.
5. Who was the actor who died of cardiac arrest on October 8, 2026, at the age of 75?
a Henri Kagan and Kenso Soai **b** Tiruchi R. Thayumanavan
c Nana Patekar **d** Palle Rama Rao
6. What is the name of the teams launched by the Union Health Minister to find tuberculosis cases?
a Finance Ministry **b** We Will Do It
c Jal Jeevan Mission **d** JOSH
7. In which region of Ladakh was India's first high-altitude wildlife safari flagged off?
a Rumbak, Shang, and Uley **b** Puri
c Johannesburg **d** Nisshin, Japan
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a Puri **b** Rumbak, Shang, and Uley
c Korogi Athletic Park **d** Nisshin, Japan
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a Jal Jeevan Mission **b** Finance Ministry
c PRASHAST **d** JOSH

Answer key: 1 a • 2 c • 3 b • 4 a • 5 c • 6 d • 7 a • 8 a • 9 b



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